

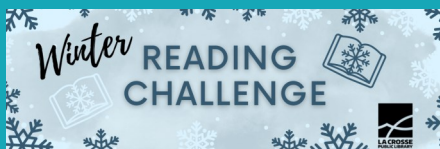
LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



February 2023

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JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 28

There's still time to enter our Winter Reading Challenge! Read five books of your choice by February 28 for the chance to win prizes!

Track your reading progress [online](#) or turn in a paper form, available at any of our locations. Earn bonus entries for attending library programs, signing up for our newsletter and more!

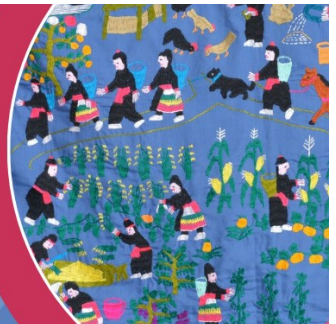
JANUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 28

HMONG DIASPORA

A SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION



LA CROSSE
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Exploration of the Hmong Folklore Dab Pog and XwbKab: The Origin of Hmong Spiritual Beliefs: Presented by Dr. Dia Cha

Tuesday,
February 7 ● 7:00 PM ● On Zoom

Hmong Diaspora: A Spotlight Collection Exhibit Guided Tour: Presented by Mai Tia Yang

Sunday,
February 19 ● 1:30 PM ● La Crosse Public
Library—Main



A Cloth Story: The History of Hmong People
Through Textile Presented by Mai Tia Yang

Tuesday,
February 21 ● 7:00 PM ● La Crosse Public Library—
Main and on Zoom

Registration is required for these events. Register by calling 608-789-7145, emailing programteam@lacrosselibrary.org, or on our [events calendar](#)

Main Library

800 Main Street
(608) 789-7100

Monday–Thursday 9 A.M.–7 P.M.
Friday 9 A.M.–5 P.M.
Saturday 9 A.M.–1 P.M.
Sunday 1 P.M.–5 P.M.

South Community Library

1307 16th Street South
(608) 789-7103

Monday 10 A.M.–2 P.M.
Tuesday 2 P.M.–6 P.M.
Wednesday 10 A.M.–2 P.M.

North Community Library

1552 Kane Street
(608) 789-7102

Tuesday 10 A.M.–2 P.M.
Wednesday 2 P.M.–6 P.M.
Thursday 2 P.M.–6 P.M.

MONDAY MORNINGS AT MAIN

FEBRUARY 6 - APRIL 24:

LPL MAIN HALL

10:00 - 11:00AM

Join us each Monday for lifelong learning for ages 50 and better!

Monday Mornings at Main is sponsored by the Gertrude Salzer Gordan Trust

February

- 6 **La Crosse Coulee Chordsmen: Barbershop Quartet**
- 13 **Decluttering and Downsizing** – presented by Sara Washburn
- 20 **Meet and Greet with Cheddar the LCPD Therapy Dog—meet in Auditorium**
- 27 **The Shovelmen** – presented by Reinhard Mueller

[Register on our Events Calendar](#), by emailing programteam@lacrosselibrary.org or by calling 608-789-7145.

**Exercise your mind and body,
while filling your cup with coffee
and camaraderie!**

Before each program, we'll be offering our **Chair Fitness class from 9:00-9:30 A.M.**, then having **coffee and conversation from 9:30-10:00 A.M.** At 10:00 A.M., we'll hear from a new speaker each week on a variety of topics, ranging from local history, health and wellness, to popular entertainment and more. Join us for one or all elements of the program! Registration is required.

BOOK CLUBS

Saturday, February 11

Hearthside Chapters: The Very Nice Box

10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

La Crosse Public Library–Main

Registration Required

This session of Chapters will find us getting cozy as we gather around the hearth of the library's fireplace to discuss a new title each month. This month's discussion will be on *The Very Nice Box* by Laura Blackett and Eve Gleichman. Register on our [events calendar](#), by calling 608-789-7130, or emailing lschoen@lacrosselibrary.org

Monday, February 20

Out In Print

5:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M.

*The Center: 7 Rivers LGBTQ
230 6th St S*

Out in Print is an LGBTQ+ book club that discusses books, short stories, films, graphic novels, and other media featuring a diverse array of LGBTQ+ narratives. Everyone in the greater La Crosse community is welcomed to participate in our monthly discussions. Please join us in February at The Center for a conversation on the historical, young adult romance novel *Like a Love Story*.

Thursday, February 23

B.Y.O.B. Bring Your Own Book (Club)

7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.

Online: Zoom

Registration Required

B.Y.O.B. (Club) is a non-traditional book club for adults. Instead of reading a predetermined title, participants meet online to share what they're reading and pick up new recommended reads. All are welcome to join! [Register on our events calendar](#), by calling 608-789-7145 or by emailing programteam@lacrosselibrary.org

CREATION SPACE

Wednesday, February 1

Knit and Needle

5:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library– Main
Creation Space*

Bring your knitting, crochet, or embroidery projects and craft alongside other fiber art enthusiasts! Knit and Needle will meet the first Monday of the month.

Thursday, February 2

Sewing with Stephanie: Tote Bag

10:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library– Main
Creation Space*

Registration Required

Supplies you will need if you want to personalize your tote bag:

- 5/8 yard main fabric 3/4 yard fabric for pockets and handles
- 1 yard lining fabric 1 yard fusible batting OR 1 1/2 yard pre-quilted fabric,
- 1/4 yard compliment fabric for bindings

Otherwise supplies will be provided.

[Register on our events calendar](#), call 608-789-7145, or email programteam@lacrosselibrary.org

Thursday, February 9

Sewing with Stephanie: Catch Up Day

10:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library– Main
Creation Space*

Registration Required

Catch up day (Either finish up table runner or work on additional projects from class members)

[Register on our events calendar](#), call 608-789-7145, or email programteam@lacrosselibrary.org

Thursday, February 16

Sewing with Stephanie: Fabric Basket

10:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library– Main
Creation Space*

Registration Required

Supplies you will need if you want to personalize your basket:

- 1/2 yard fabric
- 1 fat quarter 18" X 22"
- Soft and Stable fusible 22"X18" (sponge like batting for support in basket)

Otherwise supplies will be provided.

[Register on our events calendar](#), call 608-789-7145, or email programteam@lacrosselibrary.org

Saturday, February 18

Upcycling with Kayley– Upcycled Bucket Hats

9:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library– Main
Creation Space*

Registration Required

Upcycling is a great way to practice creativity and sustainability. In this class we will be taking an old or unused article of clothing and turning it into something new and exciting; the goal of this class is to bring new life to old items!

The only thing you are asked to bring is fabric, the rest will be provided.

This fabric can be anything from an old blanket to an old pair of pants! If you can not provide an article of clothing we will have extra fabric if necessary. 1/2 meter or 20 inches of fabric is standard for the pattern we'll be using. For this pattern it does call for the fabric to be a thicker material, this is not necessary, although it will effect how your hat will sit on your head. [Register on our events calendar](#), call 608-789-7145, or email programteam@lacrosselibrary.org

Thursday, February 23

Sewing with Stephanie: Microwave Bowl Cozy

10:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library– Main
Creation Space*

Registration Required

Supplies you will need if you want to personalize your bowl cozy—Material and batting needs to be all cotton:

- 2 fat quarters ALL COTTON
- 10"X10" "Wrap and Zap" all cotton quilt batting 100%
- Cotton thread

Otherwise supplies will be provided.

[Register on our events calendar](#), call 608-789-7145, or email programteam@lacrosselibrary.org



OPEN LAB HOURS

TUE	1:00 PM–3:00 PM
WED	5:00 PM–7:00 PM
THUR	10:00 AM–12:00 PM
SAT	9:30 AM–12:30 PM



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

STORYTIMES



Family Storytime (all ages)

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, and 22

and

Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25

10:30 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

Main Library

SUPA AWESOME DOG MAN PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

2:00 - 4:00 PM

MAIN LIBRARY



Celebrate our favorite half-dog, half-man crime fighting hero at the library! Drop in for some games, crafts, and an epic scavenger hunt through the library!

Best for kids ages 5+



DRIVE IN MOVIE

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 23

5:30 - 6:30 PM

MAIN LIBRARY



Create your own cardboard box car and enjoy a short book, movie and a snack!
Best for kids ages 2-5



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

TEEN SEWING CLUB

4:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M.

Have you always wanted to learn how to sew using a sewing machine? Join us every Thursday in the Creation Space as we work on a new project every week. Registration is required and space is very limited. **For grades 6-12**

TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

**Third Thursday of the
Month**

5:00 P.M.—6:30 P.M.

La Crosse Public Library—Main

Join us as we delve into dangerous dungeons, slay monsters, and search for treasure. **For grades 6-12.**

**Next Session:
February 16**



CLASSES

Technology Office Hours

Need assistance with your phone, tablet, or laptop? Want someone to provide guidance in resumes, cover letters, or writing pieces? Come and visit Emily during her office hours!

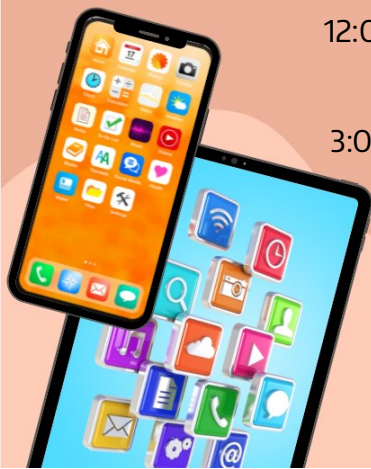
Mondays

12:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M.

Thursdays

3:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

Appointments are appreciated but not necessary. Please email ae@lacrosselibrary.org or call 608-789-7122



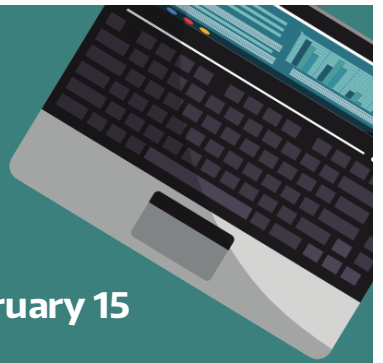
Email Support

Wednesday, February 15

11:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library—Main
Second Floor*

Email setup can be stressful and confusing. We can help! Learn how to set up your email on your device, clear up email clutter, and learn the different features of your email account.

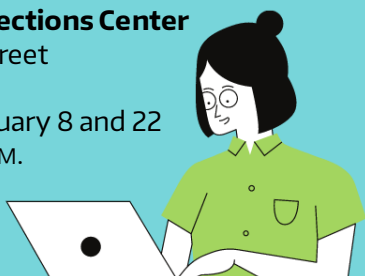


TECH DROP IN

Do you have questions about your tablet, computer, or phone? The La Crosse Public Library staff will be available at the **Community Connections Center** to help you navigate your devices! Registration is not required.

Community Connections Center
1407 St. Andrew Street

Wednesdays, February 8 and 22
11:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.



CHAIR FITNESS

**Community
Connections
Center**

Tuesdays, Feb 7 and 14
10 A.M.—11 A.M.

Call 608-519-2088
to register

**La Crosse Public
Library – Main Hall**

Thursdays, Feb 9 and 16
2 P.M.—3 P.M.



CHAIR YOGA

**Community
Connections
Center**

Tuesdays,
Feb 21 and 28
10 A.M.—11 A.M.

Call 608-519-2088
to register

**La Crosse Public
Library—
Main Hall**

Thursday Feb 23
2 P.M.—3 P.M.



ADULT PROGRAMMING

Wednesday, February 1

Roaming Readers

10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

*Community Connections Center
1407 St. Andrew St.*

Registration Required

Looking for more ways to get your steps in this winter? Join us as we talk books while we walk! We'll meet at the Community Connections Center then take a leisurely stroll throughout the halls of the former Rubber Mills building while sharing our latest and greatest reading recommendations.

To register, call: 608-789-8640.

Sunday, February 5

Old Fashioned: The Story of the Wisconsin Supper Club

1:30 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

La Crosse Public Library–Main

Registration Required

Travel to a place where the fish is fried, the steaks are cooked to perfection, and brandy is king! Discover the origins of the supper club and explore the cultural and historical events that shaped supper club culture in the badger state. Listen in as current supper club owners and patrons discuss this uniquely Wisconsin institution's past while imagining its future.

The filmmaker will be present for Q&A after screening the documentary. [Register on our events calendar.](#)

Tuesday, February 7

BookTok Bingo!

6:30 P.M.–8:30 P.M.

*608 Brewing Company
83 Copeland Ave*

Join the La Crosse Public Library as we partner with 608 Brewing Company to celebrate Booktok Bingo! A free event, with some of the most popular book titles as prizes.

Wednesday, February 8

Enduring Families Project Screening

6:00 P.M.–8:30 P.M.

La Crosse Public Library–Main

Registration Required

Join us for an evening with the Enduring Families Project. Begun as a bus tour in 2018, this important and growing theatre project brings to life the stories of early African Americans who lived in La Crosse from its beginnings. . [Register on our events calendar.](#)

Wednesday, February 8

Lyrics with the Library: A Protest Song

6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M.

Java Vino

This "book" club is made for music lovers. Rather than discussing novels, Lyrics with the Library will send out a monthly theme with discussion questions to consider. We encourage you to bring a song to share that you think fits the theme, or come ready to hear about new music. We have the speaker and Spotify covered.

Saturday, February 18

Yoga For All

10:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M.

La Crosse Public Library–Main

Registration Required

Join certified yoga instructor Bernice Olson-Pollack for this free community yoga program encouraging gentle body movement for all ages, abilities and walks of life. Each class will explore basic yoga poses, yogic breathing, mindfulness, and relaxation techniques surrounding a different topic each month. [Register on our events calendar.](#)

Sunday, February 26

Sunday Movie Matinee: Till

1:30 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

La Crosse Public Library–Main

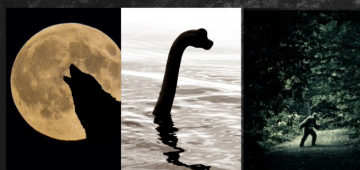
Join us for a Sunday movie matinee at the La Crosse Public Library! On February 26, we'll watch "Till," the story of Emmett Louis Till and the legacy of his mother who pursued justice for her lynched son.

MYSTERIOUS CREATURES OF WISCONSIN:

FROM BIGFOOT TO VAMPIRES



PRESENTED BY CHAD LEWIS
AUTHOR/RESEARCHER/LECTURER



Wednesday, February 15

6:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.

La Crosse Public Library–Main

Registration Required

Join paranormal investigator Chad Lewis as we search for Wisconsin's most elusive creatures! This presentation provides on-site investigations of the Bigfoot of the North Woods, the lake monster of Lake Pepin, to phantom chickens and werewolves roaming rural Wisconsin. Filled with eye-witness testimony, drawings and mysterious photos this guide provides the viewer with directions to these bizarre places. [Register on our events calendar.](#)

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the La Crosse Public Library

Bookshop Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
and Friday**

10:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.

Wednesday

12:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M.

Saturday

10:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

Sunday

2:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.



May be open other hours if
volunteers are available

Monday Morning Book Sales



The Basement Bookstore is open from 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. every Monday. We have 1000+ children's books! Check out our weekly specials!

We are happy to accept donations of books (new and old), magazines, CDs, audiobooks, and DVDs.

Support Friends of the La Crosse Public Library by:

- Donating Materials
- Becoming a Volunteer
- Purchasing a Membership
- AmazonSmile

For more information, call the First Floor Bookshop at (608) 789-7149 or visit our website at:

lacrosselibrary.org/about/friends-library

Friends of the La Crosse Public Library Membership Form

Please join or renew your annual support!

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution:

☐ New

☐ Individual: \$10

☐ Renewal

☐ Family: \$25

☐ Gold: \$50 (converts to Lifetime upon 10 yearly renewals)

☐ Lifetime: \$500

☐ Special gift: _____ (please indicate amount)

☐ Check (payable to Friends of the La Crosse Public Library)

☐ Cash

I'd like to receive my newsletter via:

☐ Email (saves Friends \$5 year/member!)

☐ U.S. Mail

Contact me to volunteer:

☐ Book shop

☐ Sorting books

☐ Special events

Please return to:

Friends of the La Crosse Public Library
800 Main Street
La Crosse, WI 54601