

# LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



## November 2022

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## 2022 General Election

Tuesday, November 8

**Note:**  
South Library services  
will be suspended for  
election day

**Main Library: Vote via  
9th Street entrance**

The La Crosse Public Library will be closed  
Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving

# TAILSPIN

Author Talk with John Armbruster

Sunday, November 13th, 2022  
2:00-3:00pm; Main Hall



After 75 years, the story of the  
WWII tail gunner who fell four  
miles without a parachute and  
lived is finally being told...



For more than sixty years, Gene Moran said little about one of the most extraordinary stories of World War II until he met author John Armbruster. So begins a series of "Thursdays with Gene" interviews. As the interviews go on, John faces an ordeal of his own. His wife is fighting brain cancer. What will happen to his wife and his two young children? John must continue uncovering Gene's story of survival as he himself confronts the greatest trial of his life.

Join author John Armbruster, as he discusses the resulting work in his book: *Tailspin*. More than a war story, *Tailspin* is a story of two men's separate journeys confronting trauma and loss. It's a story of resilience and hope.

**Registration is requested.**

### Main Library

800 Main Street  
(608) 789-7100

<b>Monday–Thursday</b>	9 A.M.–7 P.M.
<b>Friday</b>	9 A.M.–5 P.M.
<b>Saturday</b>	9 A.M.–1 P.M.
<b>Sunday</b>	1 P.M.–5 P.M.

### South Community Library

1307 16th Street South  
(608) 789-7103

<b>Monday</b>	10 A.M.–2 P.M.
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 P.M.–6 P.M.
<b>Wednesday</b>	10 A.M.–2 P.M.

### North Community Library

1552 Kane Street  
(608) 789-7102

<b>Tuesday</b>	10 A.M.–2 P.M.
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 P.M.–6 P.M.
<b>Thursday</b>	2 P.M.–6 P.M.

# MONDAY MORNINGS AT MAIN

## November

- 7 **VOTING SET UP: NO PROGRAM**
- 14 **Fort McCoy: History and Heritage** – presented by Kaleen Holliday
- 21 **Coulee Region Humane Society & Their Ambassadors of Love**
- 28 **Urban Archaeology: Finding the Past in the Present** – presented by Kathy Stevenson, Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center

## December

- 5 **Identity Theft: Protect and Prevent** – presented by Jeff Kersten, Bureau of Consumer Protection
- 12 **Saints, Spirits, and Cinderella: Norwegian Yuletide Traditions** – presented by Chris Connors, Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center

**Registration is required.**

### Mondays

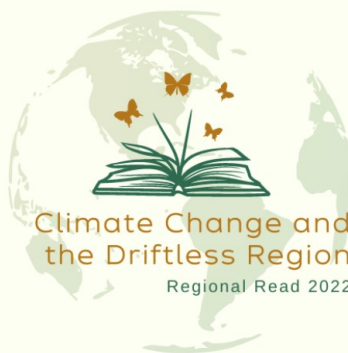
10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

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



**Join us at 9:00 A.M. for a Chair Fitness Class, then enjoy time for coffee and socialization prior to the presentation!**

## REGIONAL READ



The goal of the regional read is to bring the Driftless communities together through reading, interactive programs, book chats, lectures, and activities. We strive to foster an environment for discussion, growth, and collaboration.

### **Greenhouse the Game: Game Night**

**Wednesday, November 2**

6:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library—Main*

### **Nuclear Power: Myths, Misconceptions, and Modern Technology**

**Sunday, November 6**

2:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library—Main*

### **Flight Behavior Book Discussions**

**B.Y.O.B—Bring Your Own Book Discussion**

**Nov. 17, 7:00 P.M.**  
Online Via Zoom

# CRAFT PROGRAMS

## Knit & Needle

**Wednesday, November 2**

5:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library–Main  
Creation Space*

Knit & Needle meets the first Wednesday of the month. Bring your knitting, crochet, or embroidery projects and craft alongside other fiber art enthusiasts! All ages and abilities welcome!

## Sew Creative—Holiday 10 Minute Table Runner

**Thursday, November 3**

10:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library–Main  
Creation Space*

*Registration Required*

Some sewing experience needed but not required. [Register on our events calendar.](#)

## Sew Creative—Half Apron

**Thursday, November 10**

10:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library–Main  
Creation Space*

*Registration Required*

Some sewing experience needed but not required. [Register on our calendar.](#)

## Learn to Draw While You Doodle—Beginners

**Saturday, November 12**

10:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library–Main  
Creation Space*

*Registration Required*

This workshop is designed to introduce a drawing process that will enable the participant to develop drawing skills while they doodle. No previous experience necessary. Doodling is a fun non-threatening, easy way to learn how to draw. By doodling a person develops perceptual skills, as well as, eye-hand coordination and psychomotor skills. This workshop introduces an easy to learn alternative to perspective drawing. This process combined with doodling allows the participant to draw hundreds of objects. The more you doodle the better you get. [Register on our events calendar.](#)

## Mend + Make

**Wednesday, November 16**

5:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library–Main  
Creation Space*

Bring in your mending and drop in to our Creation Space to repair your items using our sewing machines. Extend the lifecycle of your clothing, alter your new secondhand finds, and gain basic sewing techniques for making your own creations. Skilled volunteers will be on hand to assist!

## Sew Creative—Zippered Case or Small Christmas Stocking

**Thursday, November 17**

10:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library–Main  
Creation Space*

*Registration Required*

Some sewing experience needed but not required. All materials are supplied. [Register on our events calendar.](#)



## CREATION SPACE LAB HOURS

**TUESDAY** 1 P.M.–3 P.M.

**THURSDAY** 10 A.M.–12 P.M.

**1st & 3rd  
WEDNESDAY** 5 P.M.–7 P.M.

**SATURDAY** 10 A.M.–12 P.M.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

# STORYTIMES



### **Saturday Storytime (all ages)**

Saturdays, November 5, 12, 19, and 26

10:30 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

Main Library

### **Family Storytime (all ages)**

Mondays, November 7, 14, 21,  
and 28

10:30 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

South Library

### **Little Movers (ages 1 & 2)**

Wednesdays, November 9, 16,  
23, and 30

9:30 A.M.—10:00 A.M.

Main Library

### **Bouncing Babies (pre-walkers)**

Wednesdays, November 9, 16,  
23, and 30

12:00 P.M.—12:30 P.M.

Main Library

## **PARENT & CAREGIVER WORKSHOP: MENTAL HEALTH FOR KIDS**

**Wednesday, November 16**

5:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M.

La Crosse Public Library—Main

**Registration Required**

Parents and caregivers are invited to join us for a night of learning and fun as we listen to community experts talk about a chosen kid-related topic.

Michael Scott is a Parent Educator at The Parenting Place and Polly Scott is a Therapist at Nystrom and Associates in La Crosse. Michael will be sharing child care strategies that he uses to instruct parents yet are useful for anyone that is caring for young children. Polly will be sharing sensory strategies and grounding tools as well as education on Stress Responses. She will break up the large group to explore an activity centered around resilience.

Participants will receive 2 hours of state credit, take home activities, and pizza!

**Register by calling 608-789-7128 or through our [website](#). For adults.**

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Every Wednesday

3:30 P.M.–4:30 P.M.

*North Community Library*

Join us after-school as we play, create, and have fun each afternoon at the North Community Library. Best for grades 1-6.



## DINOSAUR DISCOVERY

Friday, November 4

1:00 P.M.–2:00 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library–  
Main*

Explore all things Dinosaur!  
Join us as we dig into  
exciting dinosaur crafts  
and activities.

**Best for grades 1-6.**



**Play Shoppe Presented by  
The Parenting Place**

**Tuesdays, 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.**

*La Crosse Public Library– North*

Play Shoppe is a shared time for parents and their children, ages birth to five years of age. Enjoy open-ended playtime, a simple art activity, circle and storytime, and a snack. Come and share the power of playing with your child! Library staff will provide storytime on the third Tuesday of every month.

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

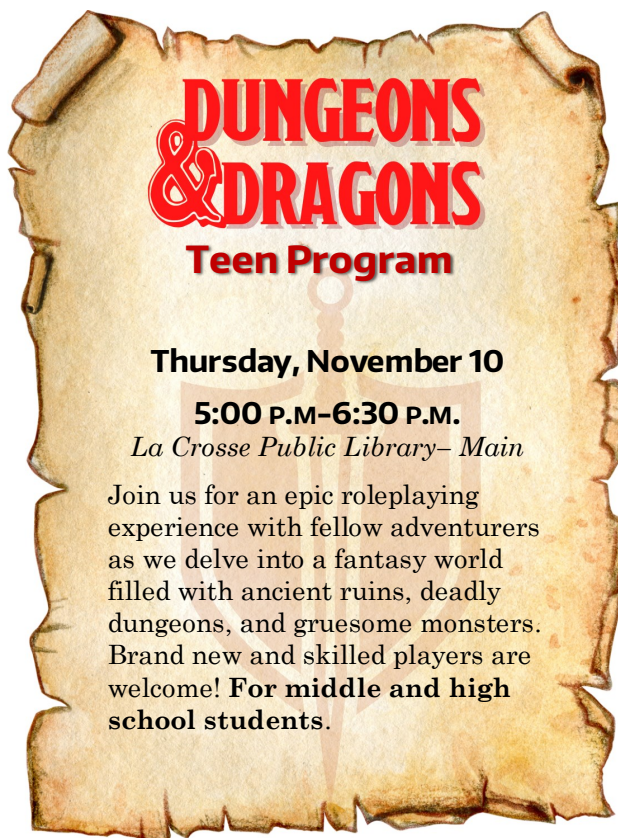
**Teen Program**

Thursday, November 10

5:00 P.M.–6:30 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library– Main*

Join us for an epic roleplaying experience with fellow adventurers as we delve into a fantasy world filled with ancient ruins, deadly dungeons, and gruesome monsters. Brand new and skilled players are welcome! **For middle and high school students.**



# 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!

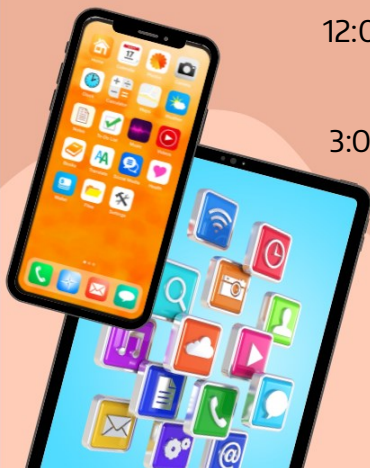
### **Mondays**

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](mailto:ae@lacrosselibrary.org) or call 608-789-7122



## BASIC SOCIAL MEDIA SECURITY

**Wednesday, November 16**

11:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library—Main*

The holidays are a time where online shopping and marketing emails come in full force! This class will teach you some basic internet security skills, including how to know if a site or email address can be trusted.



## 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, November 9 and 23  
11:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.



Join us for an hour of fitness and fun!

## CHAIR FITNESS



**Community Connections Center**

1407 St. Andrew Street

Tuesdays, November 1, 15, 22, and 29  
10:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

Register by calling 608-789-8640

**La Crosse Public Library**

800 Main Street

Thursdays, November 3, 17 and  
December 1, 8, and 15

2:00 P.M.—3:00 P.M.

Register by calling 608-789-7145





# ADULT PROGRAMMING

**Thursday, November 3**

## **Brain Health as We Age: Activities and the Brain**

1:00 P.M.–1:45 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library–Main*

### *Registration Required*

Join the ADRC, Viterbo Nursing students and the La Crosse Public Library for tips on maintaining brain health as we age. At each session we'll share information and proactive steps you can take to encourage a brain-healthy lifestyle! Education and strategies on additional aspects of brain health will be discussed and library resources for incorporating them into your life will be provided. To register for one class or all, call (608) 789-7145, or email [programteam@lacrosselibrary.org](mailto:programteam@lacrosselibrary.org).

**Monday, November 7**

## **Child Soldiers of the Vietnam and Secret Wars**

7:30 P.M.–8:30 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library–Main or Via Zoom*

### *Registration Required*

The 50th anniversary of the end of the Secret War is coming up soon, yet most Americans know very little about what happened in Laos, who the Hmong are, the role of the US government and the CIA, and the repercussions left behind after America pulled out.

In this candid talk, we'll discuss two stories of child soldiers during the Secret War and other aspects of this long operation that encompassed three generations of indigenous Southeast Asians who died for the American cause.

This presentation will also be available virtually via Zoom.

[Register on our events calendar.](#)

**Wednesday, November 9**

## **Lyrics with the Library: A Song That Brings You Comfort**

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. [Register on our events calendar.](#)

**Saturday, November 12**

## **Courtyard Chapters: Sad Janet**

10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

*La Crosse Public Library–Main*

### *Registration Required*

Chapters is our monthly book discussion group featuring popular fiction covering a variety of genres. Looking for a relaxing start to your weekend? How about spending it in the library's charming "secret" courtyard to discuss a new title each month. This month we will be discussing *Sad Janet* by Lucie Britsch. [Register on our events calendar](#), by emailing [lschoen@lacrosselibrary.org](mailto:lschoen@lacrosselibrary.org), or calling 608-789-7130.



**Tuesday, November 15**

## **Thanksgiving or a National Day of Mourning**

6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M.

*La Crosse Public Library–Main*

Come join Elizabeth Digby-Britten as she talks about the history of Thanksgiving and the truth behind the massacres of the Wampanoag people. What should we know? What should we celebrate?

**Thursday, November 17**

## **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 currently reading and pick up new recommended reads.

**This month we will share climate change themed titles.**

Whether you can't wait to talk up your new favorite title or just want to listen to the conversation, all are welcome to join! [Register on our events calendar](#), by calling 608-789-7145 or by emailing [programteam@lacrosselibrary.org](mailto:programteam@lacrosselibrary.org)

**Saturday, November 19**

## **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.](#)

# 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

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

[lacrosselibrary.org/about/friends-library](http://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

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

☐ Renewal

☐ Family: \$25

☐ Cash

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

I'd like to receive my newsletter via:

☐ Lifetime: \$500

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

☐ Special gift: \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate amount)

☐ 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