

LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



May 2024

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All La Crosse Public
Library locations

CLOSED

Saturday, May 25
- Monday, May 27

for Memorial Day

HISTORY TOURS



WEDNESDAYS 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Join us in learning about how class, culture, and architecture intersect on La Crosse's streets. Each week, we will explore a different neighborhood and topic. All ages welcome!

Tours are free, but please reserve a space. You will receive meeting locations with registration. Contact us for accessibility and alternate route information.

[Register on our events calendar](#)

Main Library
800 Main Street
(608) 789-7100

Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sunday 1-5 p.m.

North Community Library
1552 Kane Street
(608) 789-7102

Tuesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wednesday 2-6 p.m.
Thursday 2-6 p.m.



**LA CROSSE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

MUSIC ON A MONDAY IN MAY

**Mondays, May 6-20
10 a.m.**

La Crosse Public Library - Main Hall

- May 6: Jerry and the Girls
- May 13: Hans Mayer
- May 20: Seven Rivers Jazz Band

Join us for a series of free concerts.
Come early at 9:30 a.m. to enjoy
time for coffee and socialization!
No registration required!



Hans Mayer



Seven Rivers
Jazz Band



Jerry and the Girls

BOOK CLUBS

Wednesday, May 8

Courtyard Chapters - The Guncle

1-2 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Registration Required

Chapters is the La Crosse Public Library's monthly book discussion group featuring popular fiction covering a variety of

genres. This month we'll discuss The Guncle by Steven Rowley.

Register via our [events calendar](#), emailing lschoen@lacrosselibrary.org or by calling Laura at (608) 789-7130.



Saturday, May 11

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10-11 a.m.

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Monday, May 20

Out in Print: Queer Weird West Tales

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Registration Required



Join the Out in Print crew this month for an online discussion on Queer Weird West Tales on Zoom.

[Register on our events calendar.](#)

Come one, come all: we practice inclusivity and nonjudgment in our group. Get a head start on our June book, The Charm Offensive by Alison Cochrun!

CREATION SPACE + TOOL LIBRARY

CREATION SPACE

PROGRAMS

Wednesday, May 1

Knit and Needle

5-6:30 p.m.

Main Library - Creation Space

Bring your knitting, crochet, or embroidery projects and craft alongside other fiber art enthusiasts!

Wednesday, May 8

Make and Mend

5-6:30 p.m.

Main Library - Creation Space

Bring in your mending and drop in 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!

Monday, May 13

Skillshare: Macramé

5:30- 6:30 p.m.

Main Library - Creation Space

Join local maker Megan to learn the basics of macramé. Beginners are welcome and all supplies will be provided. Registration is required. [Register on our events calendar.](#)

Tuesday, May 21

Skillshare: Embroidery

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Main Library - Creation Space

If you've always wanted to try embroidery but haven't known where to begin, this hands-on class is for you. Join local maker Virginia to learn several types of hand stitches. Beginners are welcome and all supplies will be provided. Space is limited, [please register on our website.](#)

OPEN LAB HOURS

Monday 3-5 p.m.

Tuesday 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday 5-6:30 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m.-noon

Saturday 9 a.m.-noon



CHECK OUT OUR TOOL LIBRARY!

Don't forget to check out the LPL Tool Library! We have lawn & garden tools, power tools, cleaning tools, and so much more! For more information, check out our tool library website.

USE THIS QR CODE TO ACCESS THE TOOL LIBRARY CATALOG!

The Bizarre Bazaar

Spring Edition

**Saturday, May 4
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

This is a craft show for all things geeky, weird and unusual featuring local vendors. The Bazaar is sponsored by The Bronze Dragon, ZenithJade Creations, and the La Crosse Public Library. No admission fee.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

SATURDAY STORYTIME

SATURDAYS

10:30-11 a.m.

LA CROSSE PUBLIC
LIBRARY - MAIN

This 30 minute storytime features stories, rhymes, singing, games, and dancing. A great opportunity to encourage an interest in books and help young children develop important socialization skills. For all ages.

MAKER MONDAYS



**MONDAYS
3:00 - 5:00 PM
MAIN LIBRARY
CREATION SPACE**

Come explore, create and invent during
open lab time in the Creation Space!
Best for grades K-5.



SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9
3:00 - 5:00 PM
MYRICK PARK**

Let's celebrate summer! Join us at The
Nature Place for inflatables, games,
trail walks, and more! For all ages.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING



**GET READY TO EMBARK ON A THRILLING JOURNEY AT THIS
YEAR'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM!**

**KIDS OF ALL AGES CAN EXPLORE DISTANT LANDS, SOLVE ANCIENT
MYSTERIES, AND COMPLETE QUESTS ALL SUMMER. DON'T MISS OUT—
YOUR EPIC SUMMER BEGINS AT THE LIBRARY!**

**JOIN THE SUMMER READING ADVENTURE! PICK UP YOUR
ADVENTURE MAP AT ANY LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATION
AND START HAVING FUN.**

CLASSES

TECH HELP TECH OFFICE HOURS

La Crosse Public Library - Main

MONDAYS
noon–2 p.m.

THURSDAYS
2–4 p.m.

To make an appointment call
(608) 789-7122

TECH DROP-IN

La Crosse Public Library -
North Branch

Thursdays, May 2, 9, and 16
3–5 p.m.

SMART WATCHES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH
AT 11:00 A.M.

La Crosse Public Library, 800 Main St



Want the scoop on smart watches? Come to this class to learn more about your options for smart watches, what they can do, and how to use them. No device necessary.

Adult Wellness Classes

Stay fit with these beginner-friendly chair wellness classes,
brought to you by the La Crosse Public Library!

Chair Fitness

La Crosse Public Library
9–9:30 a.m.
Mondays
May 6, 13, and 20



Chair Yoga

La Crosse Public Library
10 a.m. 1st and 3rd Thursday
May 2 and 16



No Registration Required

QIGONG



Wednesday,
May 8
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
La Crosse Public
Library - Main

Join us for this free adult class that uses gentle exercises to improve joint mobility, balance and posture, and calm the mind. Comfortable clothes are recommended. Registration is optional and drop-ins are welcome.

YOGA FOR ALL

Saturday, May 11
10:30–11:30 a.m.
La Crosse Public
Library - Main



Join us for this free community adult yoga class that offers gentle body movement for all abilities and walks of life! Registration is optional and drop-ins are welcome.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Tuesday, May 7

Community-Wide Volunteer Fair

4-6 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Browse local volunteer opportunities and find the causes you're passionate about in one convenient location!

Thursday, May 9

Community Blood Drive

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Schedule your life-giving donation today!

Set an appointment online at:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

Remember to bring photo identification.

Thursday, May 9

Protecting Our Night Skies

5:30-6:30 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Poorly executed and excess outdoor lighting is rapidly degrading the night for all of us with glare and loss of true darkness even many miles from small cities. It has extraordinary negative impacts on other species we share the planet with. Join Scott Lind for a talk on how to implement the use of dark-sky-friendly outdoor lighting to save energy, reduce glare, benefit wildlife, help prevent light pollution & preserve our night skies. Registration is optional and walk-ins are welcome.

Monday, May 13

Social Security Basics: Applying for Disability

4-5:30 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Registration Required

This workshop will give you helpful tips on how to apply for adult disability benefits. Understand what information is needed for the application, what the process looks like, and what resources are available to help you. Presented by benefit specialists from the Aging & Disability Resource Center. Registration required. Contact the ADRC: (608) 785-5700.

Tuesday, May 14

BookTok Bingo

6:30-8 p.m.

608 Brewing Company

83 Copeland Ave

Join us as we partner with 608 Brewing Company to celebrate all the best books on BookTok! A free event, with a book prize for every bingo.

Thursday, May 16

Indigenous Film Series: Bring Her Home

5-7 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Join us for this movie screening and a discussion following the films to learn about today's Indigenous peoples through movies, media, and dialogue.

This event is in partnership between the Ho-Chunk Nation Youth & Learning Center at the La Crosse Nj Tąj Hocira (Three Rivers House), UW Extension La Crosse County, and the La Crosse Public Library.

Tuesday, May 21

Storytime for Adults: Secrets We Can't Keep

6:30-8 p.m.

Swing Pub Bridge: 595 Veterans Parkway, La Crescent, MN

Why should kids have all the fun?

Join us as we partner with the La Crescent Public Library to hear your favorite local librarians and performers read some of our favorite short stories, essays, and more at Swing Bridge Pub on the patio. Come early to grab a table and order food and drink hear your favorite local librarians and performers read some of our favorite short stories, essays, and more at Swing Bridge Pub on the patio. Come early to grab a table and order food and drink.

Thursday, May 23

Gluten Free Baking with Sarah

5:30-6:30 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Want to learn the recipe for a successful baking company? Join Sarah, the owner of Omega Bakery to learn how she grew her business into what it is today and how to bake out of your home kitchen to accommodate various food allergies. We will also discuss easy allergy swaps and a very forgiving recipe for sweet breads. Registration is optional and drop-ins are welcome.

Wednesday, May 29

History Club

5:30-6:30 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Archives

Explore our city's layered history! On the 1st & 3rd Fridays, we'll publish two activities about our community's past then, we'll meet to discuss what we learned and how it applies to our own lives. For more information, visit our [events calendar](#).

Thursday, May 30

Singing Bowls Sound Meditation

5:30-6:30 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Join us during Mental Health Awareness Month for an evening of exploration and renewal in the presence of ageless bell sounds. Tibetan singing bowls produce sounds that invite deep states of relaxation, enhancing the ability to meditate and reduce tension and stress. We invite you to bring a yoga mat, wear comfortable clothes, and meditate with us at your library! Questions, a demonstration, and hands-on experience with the bowls will be offered at the end of the session. Registration is optional and drop-ins are welcome.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

**MAY
SPECIALS**

FIRST FLOOR BOOKSHOP

Open Daily

1/2 price, all books over
\$1

BASEMENT BOOKSTORE

Open Mondays, 9 a.m.-noon

All hardcover fiction
50¢

BOOKSHOP HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
and Friday

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesday
noon-6 p.m.

Saturday
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday
2-4 p.m.



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:

[lacrosselibrary.org/about/
friends](http://lacrosselibrary.org/about/friends)

MONDAY MORNING BOOK SALES

Friends of the
La Crosse Public Library

BASEMENT BOOKSTORE

La Crosse Public Library
800 Main Street

OPEN EVERY MONDAY

9 a.m.-noon

Over 10,000 books,
magazines, CDs, DVDs,
and Audiobooks
All items \$1 or less

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