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Calendar of Events



CITY OF LAS CRUCES • QUALITY OF LIFE
Winter 2025 • January - March

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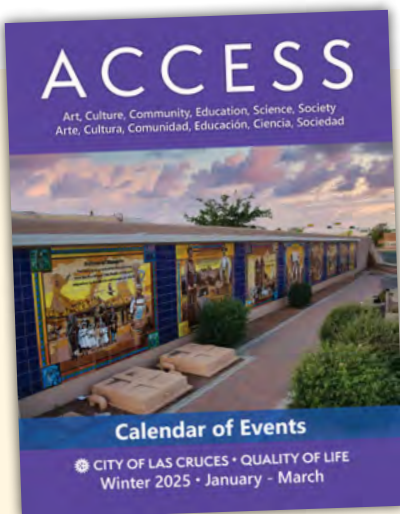


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This magazine is recyclable!



Welcome



Carol A. Brey,
Quality of Life Director

Welcome to ACCESS Magazine

During these winter months, the City of Las Cruces Quality of Life Department has plenty of activities and events planned to keep you feeling warm and wonderful! This first edition of ACCESS in 2025 features special events and programs such as the Open Mic Event in January at the Museums inspired by images from The Ballard Photo Studio: A Portrait of Community, the Food 4 Paws pet food drive for seniors sponsored by Senior Programs in February, and a look towards spring with the Spring Gardening Workshop taking place at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in March.

The Quality of Life Department is proud to be the home of the Las Cruces Public Libraries, Museum System, Senior Programs, and Public Art – all of which contribute, through the tireless efforts of our staff and volunteers – to better living in our community. The programs and services of the Quality of Life Department continue to embody “cariño,” as we strive to provide the very best service to you, our customers, with caring and compassion.

We invite you to explore the pages of ACCESS to find new events, programs and services for all your family and friends to enjoy. And the best part is – the listings here are free or low-cost!

About the Cover



Jardin de Mesquite on the corner of Spruce Ave. and Tornillo St., serves as a gateway to the Historic Mesquite District. The pocket park features a wall of beautiful, tiled murals depicting life as it was in the original townsite designed from personal photos of people, places, and things. Each tile is hand painted by the students from Court Youth Center, and the artwork took almost a year to complete.

Jardin de Mesquite by artist Ken Wolverton and Court Youth Center students

Registration/Support

Registration

You may register for programs and classes at any of the four museums in the Las Cruces Museum System, either in person or online at: bit.ly/LCMuseumsRegistration. To register in person, visit the desk at the Main Street entrance to the Museum of Nature & Science from Tuesday-Saturday, from 10am-4pm. To apply discounts or scholarships to your registration you must register in person.



Registration for Las Cruces Public Libraries programs can be done online at: las-cruces.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/.

Tickets for performances and films at the Rio Grande Theatre may be purchased online at: riograndetheatre.org, or in person starting one hour prior to the show at the box office located at 211 N. Main St.

William Wachtel Memorial Scholarship

In memory of William Wachtel, the FLCM offers a limited number of scholarships for students of all ages to participate in classes at the museums. The scholarships are intended to provide financial assistance to individuals demonstrating financial need and who are interested in attending museum classes. If awarded, a William Wachtel Scholarship covers 100% of the class tuition and required supplies.

To apply: Complete the application at: www.foundationlcm.com/william-wachtel-memorial-scholarship-app. The FLCM does not process requests without proof of financial need.

Email supplemental documents to: scholarships.flcm@gmail.com or mail them to:

Foundation for Las Cruces Museums
Attn: Scholarships
PO Box 2783
Las Cruces, NM 88004-2783

Applications are accepted at any time.

Library Calendar of Events



For more information on programs and events.



Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

The Friends of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help the public libraries in Las Cruces serve the community by providing funding, advocacy, programming services and materials.

libraryfriendslc.org



Foundation for Las Cruces Museums

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums (FLCM) is a member supported, not-for-profit, all-volunteer organization that provides financial, volunteer, and advocacy support to the Las Cruces Museum System.



Your donation to support our local museums is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much!

Please use this QR code for FLCM donations.

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LAS CRUCES PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Las Cruces Public Libraries create a unique experience for each visitor. In addition to books, we offer digital movies and music, as well as classes and public computers and printers. Regular programs include book clubs for adults, Library Lab, and Rhythm Round Up for Kids.

www.lascruces.gov/library

library.reference@lascruces.gov

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Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

200 E. Picacho Ave.

575.528.4000

Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm

Friday-Saturday 10am-6pm

Sunday 1pm-5pm

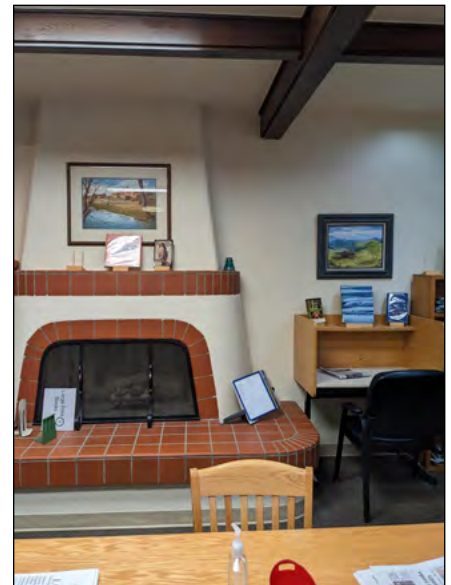


Sage Café Branch Library

6121 Reynolds Dr.

575.528.3154

Monday-Friday 9am-2pm



Munson Branch Library

975 S. Mesquite St.

575.528.3406

Monday-Friday 10:15am-2pm

LAS CRUCES MUSEUMS

The Las Cruces Museum System provides our community with diverse and holistic experiences so that they can be inspired to learn, connect, and explore.




Our vision is to be a vibrant, connected community hub and visitor destination that reflects the U.S./Mexico borderlands by providing top of the line facilities and by building trusted reciprocal relationships with the community.

Tuesday-Friday 10am-4:30pm

Saturday 9am-4:30pm

www.lascruces.gov/museums

education@lascruces.gov

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Branigan Cultural Center

501 N. Main St.

575.541.2154



Museum of Nature & Science

411 N. Main St.

575.522.3120



Museum of Art

491 N. Main St.

575.541.2137



Railroad Museum

351 N. Mesilla St.

575.528.3444





LAS CRUCES PUBLIC ART

Public art reinforces the fundamental link between creative expression and quality of life. By illuminating the city's culture and creative community, public art enhances the visual identity of public spaces and fosters opportunities for all residents of Las Cruces to actively engage with artistic expression.

Public Art Coordinator,
 Ceci Vasconcellos
 575.541.2780
 publicart@lascruces.gov
 www.lascruces.gov/PublicArt   @LCPublicArt

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Senior Programs provides an array of services to help meet the needs of those 50 years of age and older through 5 different senior center locations. Daily meals are served in a congregate setting for those 60 years and older. Individuals can participate in a variety of activities including arts and crafts, dancing, billiards, lapidary, educational, and social activities. Case management services are offered to assist individuals to manage a variety of activities. Individuals unable to attend any of the senior sites can inquire about the eligibility requirements for home-based services. These services include meals on wheels, homecare, respite care, and Grandparent Raising Grandchild Program. Please call 575.528.3000 for all service inquiries.

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Munson Senior Center

975 S. Mesquite St.
 575.528.3000
 Monday-Friday.....8am-5pm



Eastside Community Center

310 N. Tornillo St.
 575.528.3012
 Monday-Friday.....8am-2pm



Sage Café

6121 Reynolds Dr.
 575.528.3151
 Monday-Friday.....9am-2pm



Frank O'Brien Papan Center

304 Bell Ave.
 575.528.4315
 Monday-Friday.....8am-5pm





Benavidez Community Center

1045 McClure Rd.
 575.541.2006
 Monday-Friday..... 10am-2pm



RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The 2025 RGT Season features a selection of programming, ranging from classic films to local theatre companies and national tribute artists.

211 N. Main St.
 575.541.2290
 Monday-Friday.....9am-4pm
 www.riograndetheatre.org
 info@riograndetheatre.com
  @RioGrandeTheatre

Las Cruces Museums Exhibits

Branigan Cultural Center

Las Cruces: Crossroads of History

Current - Summer 2025

From the original Indigenous inhabitants to the space age, this exhibit tells the overarching history of Las Cruces and its prominent place in Borderland history.



Wildlife of the Mesilla Valley: Past and Present

February 7 - May 24, 2025

The rich diversity of wildlife in the Mesilla Valley is presented through ceramic sculptures by several local potters and nature journal pages by members of the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society. The exhibit is both a celebration of the unique regional wildlife and a lamentation about what is being lost due to habitat loss and environmental stresses.

All-City High Schools Senior Art Show

March 7 - April 19, 2025

Students from Mayfield, Las Cruces, Organ Mountain, Centennial, and Alma d'Arte High Schools showcase a wide range of artwork created during their senior year. Show includes 2-D and 3-D art, from ceramics to mixed media, paintings, drawings, and more!



Museum of Art

Engaging Masters: Parody Art from the Collection of David Lyman and Christopher Alexander

February 7 - May 3, 2025

At times humorous, other times contemplative, this engaging exhibit features over thirty contemporary artists who reinterpret the artwork or artistic styles of a wide range of master artists including Johannes Vermeer, Frida Kahlo, Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol, and Keith Haring. Through paintings, prints, and sculptures the artists convey their own unique expressions of well-known artworks. The exhibit offers a unusual approach into the world of art history by presenting approachable art that is based on the classics.



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501 N. Main St.
575-541-2154



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www.lascruces.gov/Museums



Museum of Art
491 N. Main St.
575-541-2137

February

Calligraphy Bookmarks

Stop by the Museum of Nature & Science atrium to chat with a member of the Southwest Calligraphy Guild and receive a free, personalized bookmark!

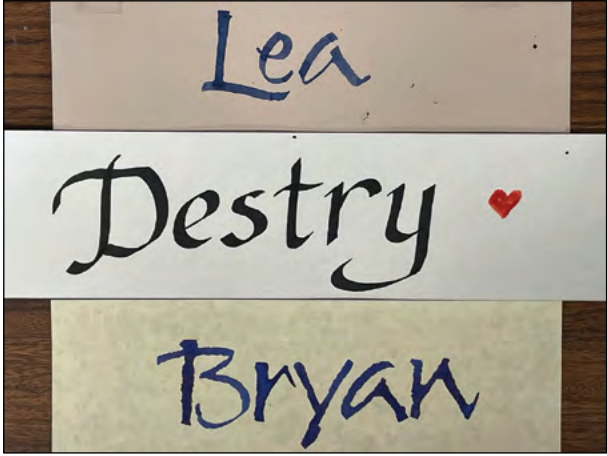
Ages: All

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science Atrium

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 22	Sa	10am-noon



March

Spring Gardening Workshop

Discover the importance of seed saving and learn how to save seeds for future planting. Practice making newspaper pots for starting seeds, create seed balls for spreading native flowers, explore the Seed Library, and find gardening books to help jumpstart your spring garden! Activities planned for all ages!

Ages: All

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Mar. 15	Sa	12:30pm-5:30pm

Repeating Programs

Now a Quarterly Program! Animal Encounters

Join us as we introduce you to a different group of animals from the Chihuahuan Desert each quarter. Learn about the tracks they leave, the sounds they make, and ways to help with their conservation.

Ages: All

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Carnivores of the Chihuahuan Desert	Feb. 22	Sa	10am-noon

Animal Feedings

What we eat is important to our health, and for the animals in the Nature Center it's no different. Learn about the enrichment activities we use during mealtimes and more while you watch them display their natural instincts.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science Nature Center

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Turtles	Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1	Sa	11am
Snakes	Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8	Sa	11am



**FREE
DROP-IN
ACTIVITIES**

SPRING BREAK @ THE MUSEUMS

- ✓ March 11 - Museum of Nature & Science
- ✓ March 12 - Branigan Cultural Center
- ✓ March 13 - Railroad Museum
- ✓ March 14 - Museum of Art

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**Tue.-Fri.
Mar. 11-14
10am-noon**



March 18-21 - self-guided activities at all four museums.

Repeating Programs

Artist Trading Cards

Drop in to make artist trading cards, like Swiss artist M. Vänçi Stirnemann, who started this collaborative art project in 1997. World-wide now people make unique pocket-sized works of art that you can collect and trade with other artists!

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science Atrium

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Shotaro Ishinomori	Jan. 25	Sa	10am-noon
Parody Art	Mar. 29	Sa	10am-noon

Artventurous

Explore a topic from a current or recent museum exhibition through a fun, family-friendly art project. This is a drop-in program, and supplies will be provided.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science Atrium

Topic	Date	Day	Time
Museum Studies	Jan. 4-18	Sa	10am-noon
Las Cruces Museums	Feb. 1-15	Sa	10am-noon
Parody Art	Mar. 1-22	Sa	10am-noon



Branigan Chess Club

The Thomas Branigan Memorial Library invites you to join us for the Branigan Chess Club! Join other chess aficionados and beginners as we meet weekly to learn, play, and enjoy chess with Mr. Manny.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Children's Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Su	1pm-3pm

Education Station

Explore art as a family with an art project kit! Dive into art through projects inspired by individual artists, art movements, or other fun art topics while supplies of kits last.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Art Front Desk

Topic	Date	Day	Time
World Sketchnote	Jan. 11	Sa	9am-4:30pm
Parody Collage	Feb. 8	Sa	9am-4:30pm
Chalk Walk	Mar. 8	Sa	9am-4:30pm

Exhibit Workshop

Participate in fun activities that will enhance your understanding of the exhibits in the Branigan Cultural Center. Since the exhibits change regularly there will always be a new theme for this program each month.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center

Topic	Date	Day	Time
TBD	Jan. 18	Sa	10am-11am
Sculpt a Chihuahuan Desert Animal	Feb. 15	Sa	10am-11am
TBD	Mar. 15	Sa	10am-11am

Fossils!

Explore the 3.5-billion-year odyssey of life with a geologist and real fossil specimens. Visit the station in the gallery and discover something new in the fossil record each month.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science

Topic	Date	Day	Time
The History of Animal Flight	Jan. 18	Sa	9am-1pm
The Ancient Sea in Las Cruces	Feb. 22	Sa	9am-1pm
Ancient Extinction	Mar. 15	Sa	9am-1pm



Repeating Programs

Gallery Geeks

Want to learn more about an exhibition at the Branigan Cultural Center? Pick up a guide from under the window when you enter and participate in a self-guided gallery activity and discover a deeper connection to each exhibit.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center

Date	Day	Time
Ongoing	Tu-Sa	10am-4:30pm

Las Cruces Chess Club

Las Cruces Chess Club with coach Manny Arellano is primarily for homeschoolers, but open to anyone to learn the game and apply it to life. Beginners to advanced players are welcome to join our quick set-up, play, individual coaching, and lesson.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Dates	Day	Time
Jan. 15 & 29	W	9:30am-noon
Feb. 12 & 26	W	9:30am-noon
Mar. 12 & 26	W	9:30am-noon

Learn Las Cruces

Learn Las Cruces is an opportunity to learn more about our city's past, present, and future. We have a brief ten to fifteen-minute discussion that we repeat throughout the hour within the *Las Cruces: Crossroads of History* exhibit.

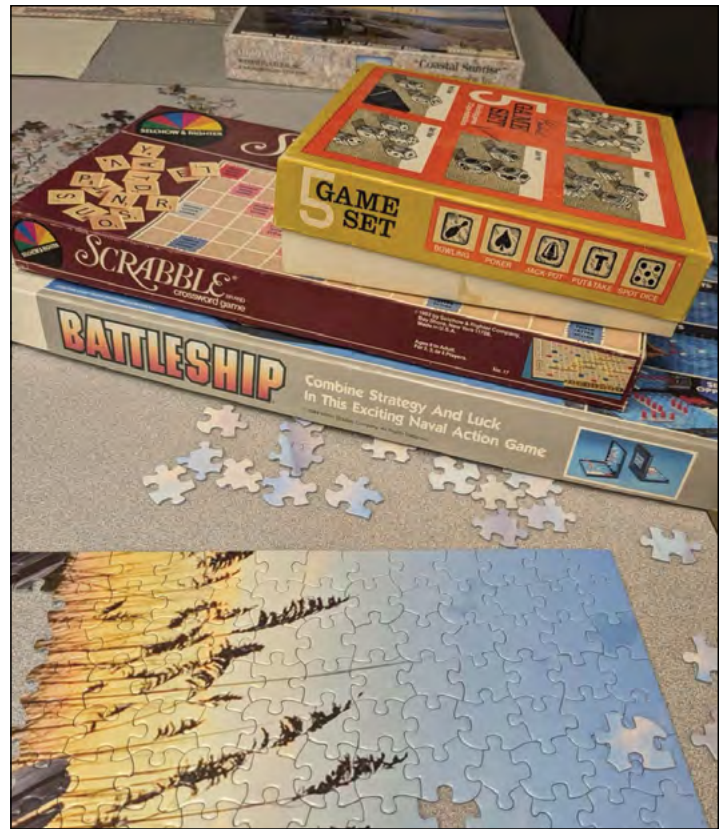
Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 25	Sa	11am-noon
Feb. 22	Sa	11am-noon
Mar. 29	Sa	11am-noon



Sage Café Game Time (and Puzzles)

Join us to play games and do puzzles every Friday at the Sage Café! We do have some games, but feel free to bring one and some friends.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Sage Café Branch Library

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	F	12:30pm-2pm

New! Saturday Painting

Come to the library and create a painting every-other month with us. We'll supply the 8"x10" canvases, paint, and brushes, you supply the vision and talent! This program might be a little messy, so please keep that in mind when choosing your clothes for the afternoon.

Ages: All

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Children's Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 1	Sa	1pm-5pm

Repeating Programs

New Program! Stars at the Station

Come explore the night sky with the Museum of Nature & Science at the Railroad Museum. There will be telescopes, small crafts, and tons of fun exploring the night sky!

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Railroad Museum

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 4	Sa	5:30pm-8:30pm

Tai Chi for Health

Tai chi is an art with great depth of knowledge and skill but can be easy to learn and soon delivers its health benefits. Join instructor Esther Minick for this weekly class intended to improve arthritis and aid in fall prevention.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	9:15am-10:15am



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Senior Programs, the Museums,
and the Libraries



Museum of Art

LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting

May 23–August 16, 2025

The Museum of Art proudly presents *LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting*, an exhibition that brings together the dazzling work of 15 celebrated artists specializing in photorealistic and hyper-realistic depictions of automobiles and motorcycles. Featured pieces span a range of vehicles, from classic models of the early 20th century to modern icons. The artwork transcends its subject matter, inviting viewers to marvel at the skill and innovation behind hyperrealism as well as the mechanical design and style of cars throughout the past 80 years.

LUSTER Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting, Produced by David J. Wagner, L.L.C., David J. Wagner, Ph.D., Curator/Tour Director.



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Branigan Cultural Center



Aliento a Tequila

May 2–August 9, 2025

Aliento a Tequila (The Spirit of Tequila) explores and celebrates the landscape, culture, and traditions that gave birth to tequila, Mexico's national drink. Photographer Joel Salcido traveled across the state of Jalisco capturing images of blue agave fields, agave farmers, and workers processing the agave cores and distilling tequila. Salcido's photographs reveal not only the tequila making process but also the region's cultural and religious traditions. *Aliento a Tequila* is a celebration of the rich cultural heritage of Mexico through its iconic drink.

Curated by Roy L. Flukinger, Independent Curator Emeritus and Past Senior Curator of Photography of the Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin. *Aliento a Tequila* is organized by ExhibitsUSA program of Mid-America Arts Alliance.



Aliento a Tequila

Deeply Rooted: Stories from the Stahmann Farms

June 6–October 4, 2025

Between 1950-1990, Stahmann Farms had a self-sustaining company community that included worker housing, a company store and gas station, and health clinic. While much has been documented about the Stahmann Farms and family, little has been recorded about the families who played an important role in the business' success by working the land and the processing plants. This exhibit corrects that lack by presenting stories from the workers about what it was like to live and work on the Stahmann Farms, the treatment of workers, and raising children within the farm community. Oral histories, family photographs, and personal objects present an intimate story of these men and women.

Curated by Dr. Blanca Araujo, who lived at Stahmann Farms through most of her childhood and is currently the Director of the Teacher Education Program at NMSU.



Deeply Rooted: Stories from the Stahmann Farms

2025 Season

Blank Conversations Theatre Company



Jesus Christ Superstar

Jan. 17-26 / Admission \$20 / 7pm



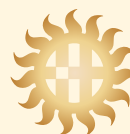
Wilde Man

Feb. 5 / Admission Free / 7pm



The Play That Goes Wrong

Mar. 28-April 6 / Admission \$20 / 7pm



**RIO GRANDE
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Repeating Programs

Lullaby Lounge

Join Ms. Brenda every week for music, movement, and sing-alongs. Participating caregivers with babies and toddlers (ages 0 to 4) are welcome. Lyric sheets are available and rhythm instruments are provided.

Ages: 0-4

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Children's Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	W	11am-11:30am

Nature & Science Discovery Pre-K

Nurture your little one's love of science! Investigate nature and science through hands-on explorations, stories, and crafts. Adult caregiver participation is required.

Ages: 2-5

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes for 9am, No for 10am

Location: Museum of Nature & Science Classroom

Topic	Date	Day	Time
Nature Kids: Monkeying Around	Jan.	Th	Registration 9am-10am Walk-In 10am-11am
Planeteers: Edge of Our Solar System	Feb.	Th	Registration 9am-10am Walk-In 10am-11am
Jr. Paleontologist: Ancient Mammals	Mar.	Th	Registration 9am-10am Walk-In 10am-11am

Rhythm Roundup

Join us for our movement and music program encouraging gross and fine motor skill development while we dance and sing. We recommend this program for children aged two and up with their caregivers.

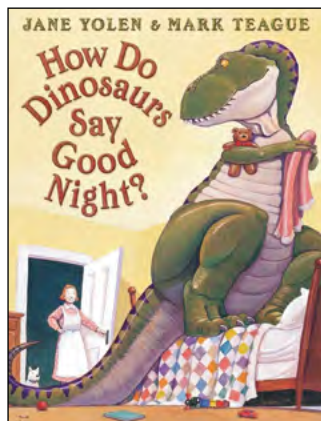
Ages: 2-5

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 7 & 21	Tu	11am-11:30am
Feb. 4 & 18	Tu	11am-11:30am
Mar. 4 & 18	Tu	11am-11:30am



Repeating Programs

Storybook Station

Practice learning letters, numbers, colors, and shapes through transportation themed stories and activities. Plan for 30 to 45 minutes of stories and activities, with more time allowed as needed with an adult caregiver participating along.

Ages: 2-5

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Railroad Museum

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 8	W	11am-noon
Feb. 12	W	11am-noon
Mar. 12	W	11am-noon

Storytime

Join us for a Storytime where we can read, sing, and build early literacy skills together! We recommend this program for children aged two and up with their caregivers.

Ages: 2+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 14 & 28	Tu	11am-11:30am
Feb. 11 & 25	Tu	11am-11:30am
Mar. 11 & 25	Tu	11am-11:30am



Trains! Pre-K

Come by the museum for engaging gallery activities made just for kids! Become a conductor and take control of our interactive model trains and afterwards, test your knowledge with games or crafts.

Ages: 2-5

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Railroad Museum

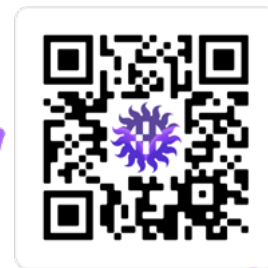
Date	Day	Time
Jan. 4	Sa	10am-11am
Feb. 1	Sa	10am-11am
Mar. 1	Sa	10am-11am

Take Care.

Self-care, self-help, inspirational titles... books for **you**.

Read on Libby.

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Repeating Programs

Library Lab

Explore Art, Science, Engineering, or Games through stories and activities. This program is for school aged children in kindergarten through fifth grade with caregivers welcome. For weekly topics visit our library calendar of events.

Ages: 5-12

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	W	4pm-5pm

Neurodivergent STEAM

Join us as we explore exciting Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) topics geared toward children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Presented in partnership with the NMSU Autism Diagnostic Center, IDD children's curiosity is nourished through adult and child participation in hands-on activities that are meant to increase involvement in the sciences.

Ages: 6-10

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature and Science

Topic	Date	Day	Time
Skyscrapers	Jan. 14	Tu	5:30pm-6:30pm
Launchpads	Feb. 11	Tu	5:30pm-6:30pm
Bridges	Mar. 11	Tu	5:30pm-6:30pm

Reader's Theater

Join us for our fun Reader's Theater program, with adult caregivers present, where we read plays aloud from our chairs, with no memorization. We'll practice using our voices, facial expressions, and imaginations to tell a story; and then perform short plays for friends and family without sets, props, or costumes.

Ages: 8-14

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	F	4pm-5pm



Saturday Science

Drop in and stay for a short or a long while to explore a new science topic each month. These hands-on activities and experiments are fun for the whole family with adult caregiver participation required.

Ages: 6-10

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science Atrium

Topic	Date	Day	Time
Mushroom Life Cycle	Jan. 11	Sa	10am-noon
Plutomania	Feb. 15	Sa	10am-noon
Limestone Chalk	Mar. 8	Sa	10am-noon

STEAMPunk

Discover the stories behind science heroes who break barriers and explore the applications of their research through hands-on experiments and activities.

Ages: 6-10

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science Classroom

Topic	Date	Day	Time
Fabian Garcia: Horticulture	Jan. 25	Sa	10am-noon
Guion Bluford: Aerospace Engineer	Feb. 22	Sa	10am-noon
Rosiland Franklin: Chemistry	Mar. 22	Sa	10am-noon

January

Flower Quilling

Learn how to quill paper flowers! No experience necessary.

Ages: 11+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 27	M	3pm-5pm

UV Resin Dioramas

The Museum of Art is hosting a combination UV resin and diorama workshop for teens and adults!

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Museum of Art. For more info, email blee@lascruces.gov.

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 18	Sa	2pm-4pm



February

Guided Sketching from the Museum Collections

Join artist Cheryl Fallstead in this rare chance to sketch natural items and animals from the museum's collections. Or express your connection to the subject through guided nature journaling.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, and bring your own supplies

Location: Branigan Cultural Center.

For more info, email vpyle@lascruces.gov

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 27	Th	5pm-7pm

Macramé Heart Charm

Create a cute macramé heart charm, no experience necessary! Adults and Teens welcome (ages 11+). If this session is full, please add yourself to the waitlist for a possible session in the week following this program.

Ages: 11+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 4	Tu	4pm-6pm



Repeating Programs



Nature Nomads

During this 1.4-mile hike up Tortugas Mountain, we will learn about safe hiking practices. During this outdoor program, participants will get the chance to look for different bird species on a leisurely nature walk - participants are urged to wear comfortable walking shoes, bring plenty of water, and are welcome to bring their own binoculars. Participants are asked to meet with staff at the trail head at precisely 8am.

Ages: All

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Tortugas Mountain via Turtleback Trail. For more info, email dkissick@lascruces.gov.

Trail Information: 1.4-miles, Elevation Gain: 649 ft., Trail Type: Loop

Date	Day	Time
Mar. 15	Sa	8am-10am

New! Parody Art Workshop

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Ages: 13-Adult

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Museum of Art Studio. For more info, email blee@lascruces.gov.

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 15	Sa	2pm-4pm
Mar. 22	Sa	2pm-4pm

Teen Science Café

Have dinner with a scientist and team up with STEM experts for monthly discussions, tours, and activities with our guest scientists. Now held regularly at the Frank O'Brien Papen Center, 304 Bell Ave.!

Ages: 13-17

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Frank O'Brien Papen Center

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Botany	Jan. 28	Tu	5:30pm-7pm
Solar System	Feb. 25	Tu	5:30pm-7pm
Ambassadors			
Forensic Science	Mar. 25	Tu	5:30pm-7pm

Teen Takeover

Bring your teens to hang out at the Museum of Nature & Science and Museum of Art for our monthly Teen Takeover program. Explore the exhibits, make cool experiments with S.T.E.A.M. activities, eat snacks, and socialize during these extended hours just for teens.

Ages: 13-17

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science Classroom

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Clay Face Vases	Jan. 8	W	5:30pm-6:30pm
Paper Lanterns	Feb. 12	W	5:30pm-6:30pm
TBD	Mar. 12	W	5:30pm-6:30pm

Teen Video Game Club

Like video games? Enjoy playing some with friends and free snacks once a month in our Roadrunner Room!

Ages: 11-18

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 27	M	4pm-6pm
Feb. 24	M	4pm-6pm
Mar. 24	M	4pm-6pm



January

Ekphrastic Poetry Workshop

Ekphrastic poetry invites participants to create poems based on their impressions and emotional responses to art. This workshop focuses on community-based studio photographs found in *The Ballard Photo Studio: A Portrait of Community* exhibit. This will be led by members of the Barbed Wire Open Mic Series.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 11	Sa	3pm-4:30pm



Featured Reading + Brief Open Mic

This open mic event focuses on family, community, and representation as presenters weave images from *The Ballard Photo Studio: A Portrait of Community* exhibit with spoken words. Attendees from the ekphrastic poetry workshop will present their poems and it is open to members of the general public to present. This will be led by members of Barbed Wire Open Mic Series.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 25	Sa	3pm-5pm



Trivia Afternoon

Join us at the Munson Branch Library for a fun afternoon of classic movie themed trivia! All materials provided.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Branch Library

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 14	Tu	1pm-2pm

UV Resin Dioramas

The Museum of Art is hosting a combination UV resin and diorama workshop for teens and adults!

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Museum of Art. For more info, email blee@lascruces.gov.

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 18	Sa	2pm-4pm

February

Artist Talk with Ben Steele

Join us for a virtual artist talk with Ben Steele. Mr. Steele's art is featured in the *Engaging Masters: Parody Art from the Collection of David Lyman and Christopher Alexander* exhibition at the Museum of Art.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Zoom. For more info, email blee@lascruces.gov.

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 28	F	1pm-2pm

Collector's Talk with David Lyman

Join us for a talk with art collector David Lyman during the opening reception for the *Engaging Masters: Parody Art from the Collection of David Lyman and Christopher Alexander* exhibition at the Museum of Art.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Art

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 7	F	5:30pm-6pm

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Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 4	Tu	4pm-6pm

NAMUS Missing Person Workshop

In observance of National Missing Persons Day join us to find out how you can help solve real crimes via the NAMUS platform. This course is recommended for patrons 18 and up; graphic images of deceased missing persons may be present and content will include descriptions of violence and decomposition.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Limited to Ten People

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Staff Conference Room

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 7	F	4:30pm-5:30pm

March

Exhibit Discussion with David Lymann

Join us for a gallery walkthrough with art collector David Lyman for the *Engaging Masters: Parody Art from the Collection of David Lyman and Christopher Alexander* exhibition at the Museum of Art.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Art

Date	Day	Time
Mar. 15	Sa	1:30m-2:30pm



Christopher Alexander and David Lyman at Casa de Arte Las Cruces

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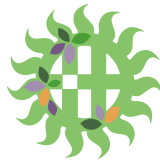
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Repeating Programs

Adult D&D – Monday Evening

Adults, join the Las Cruces Public Libraries for Dungeons & Dragons! Make some new friends and go on exciting adventures, while playing Dungeons & Dragons at your Library!

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 6, 13, & 27	M	6pm-7:30pm
Feb. 3, 10, & 24	M	6pm-7:30pm
Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31	M	6pm-7:30pm

Adult D&D – Saturday Afternoon

Adults, join the Las Cruces Public Libraries for Dungeons & Dragons! Make some new friends and go on exciting adventures, while playing Dungeons & Dragons at your Library!

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 11 & 25	Sa	1:30pm-5:30pm
Feb. 8 & 22	Sa	1:30pm-5:30pm
Mar. 8 & 22	Sa	1:30pm-5:30pm

New! Adulting for Older Adults

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Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Presentation	Presenter	Date	Day	Time
Taxes	AARP	Jan. 22	W	2pm-3pm
988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	Doña Ana County Health & Human Services	Feb. 26	W	2pm-3pm
Caregiving	AARP	Mar. 26	W	2pm-3pm

Banned Books Club

The Banned Books Club has discussions that center around a specific banned book each month. Join the conversation in person or online.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library and Zoom. See Library Calendar for More Information

Book	Date	Day	Time
<i>Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West</i> by Gregory Maguire	Jan. 30	Th	12:30pm-1:30pm
<i>Beloved</i> by Toni Morrison	Feb. 27	Th	12:30pm-1:30pm
<i>Lolita</i> by Vladimir Nabokov	Mar. 27	Th	12:30pm-1:30pm

New! Banned Books on Film

This is a new film viewing program designed to accompany the Banned Books Club.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Staff Conference Room

Movie Based on the Book	Date	Day	Time
<i>Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West</i> by Gregory Maguire	Jan. 6	M	2pm
<i>Beloved</i> by Toni Morrison	Feb. 3	M	2pm
<i>Lolita</i> by Vladimir Nabokov	Mar. 3	M	2pm

Repeating Programs



Branigan Book Club

Join us for our monthly book discussion group where we read and discuss a new book each month. Discussions are in person and vary based on the book we read.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Book	Date	Day	Time
<i>The Vice President's Black Wife: The Untold Life of Julia Chinn</i> by Amrita Chajrabarti Myers	Jan. 28	Tu	6:30pm-7:30pm
TBD	Feb. 25	Tu	6:30pm-7:30pm
TBD	Mar. 25	Tu	6:30pm-7:30pm

Nuevo! Cineclub E.S.L.

Para ayudar a nuestra comunidad de inglés como segunda lengua (ESL), organizaremos un Cineclub ESL para ver películas en inglés con subtítulos en español. Para ayudar con la pronunciación, deteneremos la película periódicamente para una lectura colectiva de la escena, así que la hora que termine el club puede variar.

Edades: 18+

Precio: Gratis

Registración Requerido: No

Ubicación: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Fecha	Día	Hora
Feb. 15	Sá	1pm

New! E.S.L. Film Club

To aid our English as a Second Language (ESL) community, we will be hosting an ESL Film Club to view films in English with Spanish subtitles. To aid in pronunciation the film will periodically be paused for a group reading of a scene, so the time of when the club ends does vary.

Ages: 18+

Fee: No

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 15	Sa	1pm

First Saturday Movie Marathon

Join us for a movie marathon that will include from two to four movies.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Spy Movies	Jan. 4	Sa	11am
Dancing Romances	Feb. 1	Sa	11am
80s Classics	Mar. 1	Sa	10:30am

Game Day at the Library

Are you looking for someone to play board games with? We'll have a selection of games to choose from, and participants are welcome to bring other options as well.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 19	Su	1pm-4:30pm
Feb. 16	Su	1pm-4:30pm
Mar. 16	Su	1pm-4:30pm

History Detectives

Have you wondered how historians investigate the past, what resources they use, or what questions they ask? Find out with new, historic sources every month in a 30-minute program with optional 15 minutes for questions if needed.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Railroad Museum

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 18	Sa	10am
Feb. 15	Sa	10am
Mar. 15	Sa	10am

Repeating Programs

Journal with Jenny

Learn how to document your days, thoughts, feelings, and ideas using simple and creative techniques that go beyond the standard written journal. Expand your outlook on the way you see life by expressing yourself on the page.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	F	10am-noon

New! Latiné-X Book Club

Latiné-X Lit is a new book club and supportive space to celebrate Latiné literature together.

Ages: 13-adult

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Staff Conference Room, or on Zoom, See Library Calendar for More Information

Book	Date	Day	Time
<i>The Alchemist</i> by Paulo Coelho	Jan. 29	W	noon
<i>Love in the Time of Cholera</i> by Gabriel García Márquez	Feb. 26	W	noon
<i>The Bitch (La Perra)</i> by Pilar Quintana	Mar. 26	W	noon

New! Latiné-X On Film

This is a new film viewing program designed to accompany the Latiné-X Lit Book Club.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Staff Conference Room, or on Zoom, See Library Calendar for More Information

Book	Date	Day	Time
<i>Love in the Time of Cholera</i> by Gabriel García Márquez	Feb. 10	M	2pm

New! Paper Flowers

Come learn how to make a paper flower. We'll be making a new flower every other month. Check the library calendar of events for more information and registration updates.

Ages: 18+

Fee: No

Registration Required: Yes, limited to six people per session

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Session Topic	Date	Day	Time
Gardenias	Jan. 7	Tu	1:30pm-3:30pm
Gardenias	Jan. 8	W	1:30pm-3:30pm
Gardenias	Jan. 14	Tu	5:30pm-7:30pm
Gardenias	Jan. 17	F	1:30pm-3:30pm
Gardenias	Jan. 18	Sa	2pm-4pm
Bearded Iris	Mar. 5	W	1:30pm-3:30pm
Bearded Iris	Mar. 7	F	1:30pm-3:30pm
Bearded Iris	Mar. 11	Tu	5:30pm-7:30pm
Bearded Iris	Mar. 20	Th	1:30pm-3:30pm
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Ages: 13-adult

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Museum of Art Studio, - contact blee@lascruces.gov for more information

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 15	Sa	2pm-4pm
Mar. 22	Sa	2pm-4pm

Moonlight: Adult Night at the Museums

Walk around the Main Street Museums with an adult beverage in hand! Join us for a special evening at our Main Street Museums where you can explore the exhibits after dark among other adults while enjoying some wine, beer, and cocktails from Dry Point Distillers, along with other light refreshments while staying within the Main Street Museums spaces. No further entry after 8:15pm.

Ages: 21+ Valid Government Issued ID Required

Fee: Free - Cash bar on premises for the evening

Registration Required: No

Location: Entrance at Museum of Nature & Science Atrium from Main Street Only

Date	Day	Time
Mar. 21	F	5pm-9pm



Repeating Programs

Pull Up a Chair Series

Explore culture, history, and more at the Las Cruces Museum System’s guest speaker series where we discover more about what it means to live in New Mexico! Listen to presentations and share meaningful conversations as we bring the community engaging stories and information.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center and Zoom email education@lascruces.gov for the link

Topic	Date	Day	Time
TBD	Jan. 16	Th	noon-1pm
TBD	Feb. 13	Th	noon-1pm
Nature Journaling	Mar. 20	Th	noon-1pm

Quarterly Exhibits Community Forum

By creating an open dialogue with their communities, Museums can reflect the interests and cultures of those communities to make an impact. This quarter our focus will be on what the community would like to see at the museums. If you have comments or opinions on what you would like to see in our museums join us for an open dialogue with our Exhibits and Collections teams and moderated by Visitor Experience Manager, Emilia Linley.

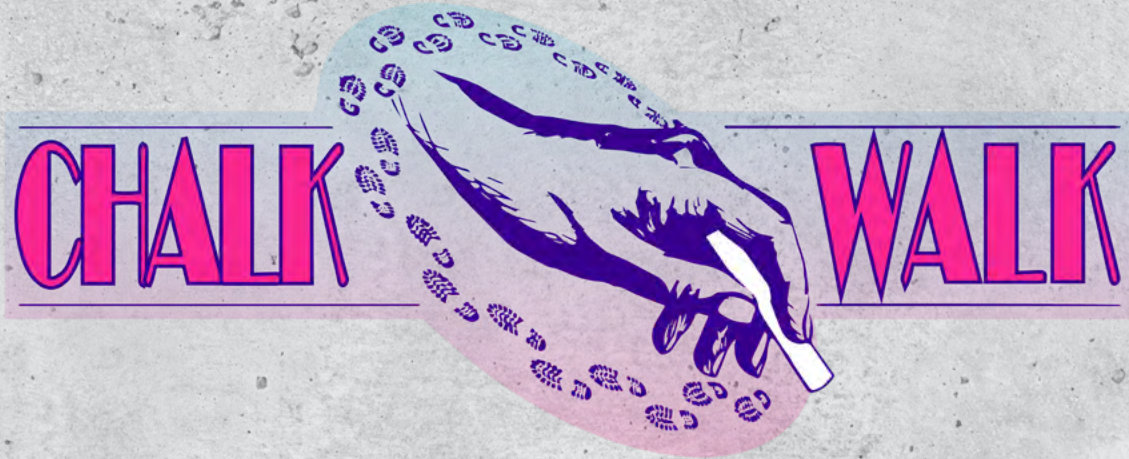
Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center, Swartz Room

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 19	W	5pm-7pm



Saturday, March 8

491 N. Main St.

Stop by and watch art in progress in the museum courtyard between 9am-4:30pm.

Free activities for all ages 10am-1pm.



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Repeating Programs

Reading Art Book Club

Explore the connections between art and literature through reading and discussing new art-related books each month. Everyone is welcome and can join – even if you haven’t read the books!

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center and Zoom.

Email blee@lascruces.gov for the link

Topic	Date	Day	Time
AI Art	Jan. 8	W	2:30pm-3:30pm
Parody Art	Feb. 12	W	2:30pm-3:30pm
Arts & Crafts Movement	Mar. 12	W	2:30pm-3:30pm

Romance Book Discussion

Join us to talk about Romance books. Each month we’ll discuss a different trope, what we like and dislike about it, read something that fits the theme, and give recommendations.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library and Zoom.

See Library Calendar for More Information

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Urban / Paranormal Fantasy	Jan. 2	Th	6pm-7pm
Mythology Retelling	Feb. 6	Th	6pm-7pm
Classic Romances	Mar. 6	Th	6pm-7pm

Dr. Seuss Day

Saturday, March 1
10am-noon

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library,
Craft Room

**Celebrate Dr. Seuss’
birthday!**

Dress up! There will be fun activities inspired by Dr. Seuss’ books and an after-hours Dr. Seuss movie.



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Repeating Programs

Science Café

Science is for everyone! Join the Museum of Nature & Science for a monthly discussion with local scientists about current topics in contemporary science.

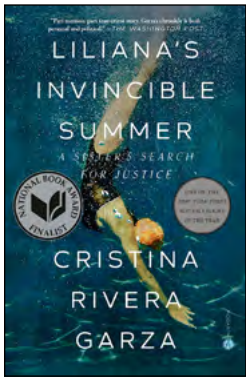
Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science Classroom

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Herpetology	Jan. 21	Tu	5:30pm-6:30pm
TBD	Feb. 18	Tu	5:30pm-6:30pm



Social Justice Reading Group

This group will discuss books related to a topic of local, national, or international importance with a recommended reading list for each month's topic available at the reference desk. A librarian will introduce a featured book on the subject, and group members are invited to introduce a book for discussion that they have read. We will host a special post card writing workshop in support of hostages and wrongful detainees for our March meeting.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library and Zoom. See Library Calendar for More Information

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Femicide on the U.S. / Mexico Border			
Featured book:	Jan. 21	Tu	3pm-4pm
<i>Liliana's Invincible Summer</i> by Cristina Rivera Garza			
Black History Month			
Featured book:	Feb. 18	Tu	3pm-4pm
<i>A Little Devil in America</i> by Hanif Abdurraqib			
National Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day			
Featured book:	Mar. 18	Tu	3pm-4pm
<i>Coming Home</i> by Brittney Griner			

New Ages & New Name! STE(A)M

Come study how the railroads and other transportation systems came to be and why they operate as they do! This program will make the geometry and physics of the railroad come to life.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Railroad Museum

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 18	Sa	2:15pm-3pm
Feb. 15	Sa	2:15pm-3pm
Mar. 15	Sa	2:15pm-3pm

New! Take and Make Craft Kit

Stop by the "Ask Here" desk every other month and pick up a Take and Make Kit while supplies last!

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Feb. 4	Tu	9am (until kits run out)

What Have You Been Reading

Join us to talk about what you've been reading. Talk about that book you just can't stop thinking about, hear about books other people have loved, or hated.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library and Zoom. See Library Calendar for More Information

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 9	Th	2pm-3pm
Feb. 13	Th	2pm-3pm
Mar. 13	Th	2pm-3pm

Recreation

New! Adulting for Older Adults

Join us and various community partners in learning about important topics for seniors and their families.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Presentation	Presenter	Date	Day	Time
Taxes	AARP	Jan. 22	W	2pm-3pm
988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	Doña Ana County Health & Human Services	Feb. 26	W	2pm-3pm
Caregiving	AARP	Mar. 26	W	2pm-3pm

Ballroom Dance Class

Come join us for professionally instructed ballroom dance classes! Dance classes are a great way for seniors to learn a new skill, stay active, and engage with members of the community who share their interests.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	3pm-4pm



Beading

Beading is recommended both as an everyday stress reliever, and to improve and maintain various skills. Bring your own beading supplies, supplies not provided, and join our artistic seniors to work on beading projects and to exchange tips and tricks to make beautiful masterpieces.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Th	9am-noon

New Name! Beginner Line Dance Class

Come join us for professionally instructed line dance classes! Dance classes are a great way for seniors to learn a new skill, stay active, and engage with members of the community who share their interests.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	2pm-3pm

Location: Sage Café

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	M	1pm-2pm

Billiards

Come on in and shoot your shot at one of our community center billiards rooms. Seniors of all skill levels regularly enjoy their time shooting pool on our newly felted slate tables.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	M-F	8am-5pm

Location: Eastside Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	M-F	8am-2pm

Bingo

A great opportunity to socialize with your friends and neighbors, and maybe even win a prize. We'll provide the cards, and you provide the luck.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Henry Benavidez Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	W	1pm-2pm

Recreation

Canasta

The canasta activity is an opportunity for seniors to come to socialize and play cards. Whether you are a beginner learning Canasta or an expert wanting to practice their skills feel free to join at any time.

Ages: 50+
 Fee: Free
 Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	W	1pm-3pm

Location: Sage Café

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	F	noon-2pm

Chair Qigong

Qigong's intentional breathwork may help reduce stress levels and because qigong involves slowing down and fostering presence, it may benefit your mental health overall. Slow, deep breathing calms the sympathetic (fight-or-flight) side of your autonomic nervous system, which regulates processes like digestion, breathing, and blood pressure.

Ages: 50+
 Fee: Free
 Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	W	1:30pm-2:30pm

Chess

The chess activity is a great opportunity for seniors to get together and play this classic strategy game. Participants can learn from one another, and it's a fun way to stay mentally active.

Ages: 50+
 Fee: Free
 Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	F	8am-noon

New Name! Craft Days (Formerly Munson Craft Social)

Join us at the Munson Branch Library for our regular craft days. All supplies are provided.

Ages: 50+
 Fee: Free
 Registration Required: Yes, Limited to six participants

Location: Munson Branch Library



Theme	Date	Day	Time
Good Thing in the New Year Paper Craft	Jan. 28	Tu	1pm-2pm
Coloring the Garden Party	Feb. 25	Tu	2pm-3pm
Make Your Own 3-D Paper Room or Camping Scene	Mar. 11	Tu	12:30pm-2pm
Making Paper Moths	Mar. 25	Tu	12:30pm-2pm

Crochet Class

Seniors can join this class to learn a new hobby and make new friends. In this class, seniors will learn how to crochet and will be able to create projects that they can use or give as gifts.

Ages: 50+
 Fee: Free
 Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	W	1:30pm-3:30pm
Jan.-Mar.	Th	1:30pm-3:30pm

Crochet Group

Senior Programs crocheting gatherings are a fun and social way to learn a new skill. This event is open to all levels of crocheters, so don't be afraid to come join us even if you're a beginner!

Ages: 50+
 Fee: Free
 Registration Required: No

Location: Eastside Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	8:15am-noon
Jan.-Mar.	Th	8:15am-noon

Recreation

New! Dancercise

Dancercise is a fitness regimen that combines dance movements with cardiovascular exercises, offering a fun and energetic way to improve overall health and fitness levels. By blending elements of dance with traditional fitness routines, dancercise provides a comprehensive approach to physical activity that enhances coordination, flexibility, and endurance.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Frank O'Brien Papen Center Auditorium

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu-Th	9am-10am

Desert Writers

This group provides seniors with the opportunity to learn critical reading and writing techniques. Seniors can work on their pieces of writing and engage with others who share their interests.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	W	9am-11am

Enhanced Fitness

If you are tired of being tired our enhanced fitness program is a great way to get your energy back and have fun while meeting other people. It has been proven that exercise increases the blood, strengthens bones and muscles, reduces the risk of disease all while allowing you to improve your daily activities.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	M	8am-9am
Jan.-Mar.	W	8am-9am
Jan.-Mar.	F	8am-9am

Location: Sage Café

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	9am-10am
Jan.-Mar.	Th	9am-10am
Jan.-Mar.	F	9:15am-10:15am

Game Day

Join your fellow seniors playing a variety of games or put together puzzles. There are dominoes, board games, and cards available or you can bring your own games.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Th	1pm-4:30pm

Location: Henry Benavidez Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	11am-1pm
Jan.-Mar.	Th	11am-1pm

Guitar Jamming

The guitar has been around for centuries bringing communities together. This group provides an opportunity for seniors who enjoy playing the guitar to socialize with others that share their passion of guitar.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Eastside Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	12:30pm-1:30pm
Jan.-Mar.	Th	12:30pm-1:30pm

New! Intermediate Line Dance

Our Intermediate Line Dance class builds on foundational steps to create more complex routines. Seniors in Intermediate Line Dance work on perfecting their technique and adding personal flare to their dances.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center Dining Room

Date	Day	Time
Jan. Mar.	Th	1:30pm-2:30pm

Recreation

Jam Session

Some say that music is the sound of the soul! Music helps the body in many ways; it can improve memory and focus, help with stress and depression, enhance communication and socialization skills, and it can calm agitation in some people; so, let music jams take you on a musical journey!

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Sage Café

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	W	11am-2pm

New Name! Karaoke (Formerly Music Appreciation)

Come have lots of fun! You can come and sing along to your favorite songs with karaoke or just provide support and listen to others sing!

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

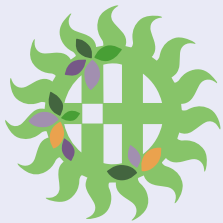
Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center,
Meeting Room Three

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	M	12:30pm-2:30pm



Thursday Dances



Thursdays • 2-4pm

Jan. 9 - Sage Cafe

Feb. 13 - Frank O'Brien Papen Center

March 13 - Benavidez Community Center

Open to anyone 50+ • \$3 per person

Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

Our dances have music provided by a DJ and light refreshments are available.

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Recreation



Mah Jong

Mah Jong is a tile-based game that originated in China and is like the game of Rummy and is a fun, challenging game that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. Beginners and experts alike are welcome to join at any time.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Th	9am-noon

Munson Book Club

Come and discuss your favorite books, the books you're reading now, and anything you're excited to read soon! Hear what others are reading and maybe find something new to enjoy!

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Branch Library

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 7	Tu	1pm-2pm
Feb. 4	Tu	1pm-2pm
Mar. 4	Tu	1pm-2pm

Munson Writing Workshop

Join us to share your writing experiences, including challenges and struggles, with fellow writers! Exchange feedback and connect with others in a supportive writing community.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Branch Library

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 21	Tu	1pm-2pm
Feb. 18	Tu	1pm-2pm
Mar. 18	Tu	1pm-2pm

Pinochle

Playing pinochle provides an opportunity for seniors to socialize and play cards. Whether you are a beginner learning to play or an expert, feel free to join at any time.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	F	11:30am-4:30pm

Quilting

The quilting gathering is a Volunteer Network opportunity for seniors where volunteers get together to work on a fun project and practice quilting techniques.

The finished quilts and other items are donated back to the community.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	8:30am-11:30am
Jan.-Mar.	Th	8:30am-11:30am

New! Reader's Theatre

Reader's Theatre provides socialization as well as improving mental, cognitive, physical, and emotional health! Join us for Reader's Theatre where we will have a six-week class reading through fantastic plays in a comfortable, safe setting where no acting or experience is required.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, two weeks prior to class start date

Location: Frank O'Brien Papen Center, Dining Room

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 18	Tu	1pm-4pm

Recreation

Senior Dungeons & Dragons

Join us to play Dungeons & Dragons and make some new friends as you go on exciting adventures! Whether it's your first time playing a role-playing game or you're a seasoned adventurer, we invite all adults to participate!

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Munson Branch Library.

Email pyoder@lascruces.gov about availability

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	noon-4pm

Train Dominoes

Playing dominoes has a lot of benefits for seniors. When done with the whole family or a group of friends at a senior center or around the neighborhood, dominoes can exercise dexterity, memory, and social skills.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Sage Café

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	10am-12:30pm
Jan.-Mar.	Th	10am-12:30pm

Woodcarving

The woodcarving gathering is a great way for seniors to share their skills and learn from each other while carving beautiful pieces of wood.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Eastside Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	W	8:15am-noon
Jan.-Mar.	F	8:15am-noon

New! Zumba® Gold

Zumba Gold is a modified Zumba® class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity. The design of the class introduces easy-to-follow Zumba® choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion, coordination, cardiovascular and muscular conditioning and flexibility.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Sage Café Dining Room

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	W	1:15pm-2pm

Support

Alzheimer's Support Group for Men

A meeting group for men to get together and discuss ways of helping their loved ones dealing with Alzheimer's.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 9 & 23	Th	2pm-3pm
Feb. 13 & 27	Th	2pm-3pm
Mar. 13 & 27	Th	2pm-3pm

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

This program provides support and resources for seniors who are raising their grandchildren, along with a network of peers who can offer advice and support. Meetings include educational workshops, social activities, and support groups, as well as access to resources and information on topics such as childcare, financial assistance, and legal advice.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 14	Tu	10:30am-11:30am
Feb. 11	Tu	10:30am-11:30am
Mar. 11	Tu	10:30am-11:30am

Teen to Adult

Fly Me to the Moon

Celebrate your valentine with a rocket building class at the Museum of Nature & Science. Write a poem that will be mounted in a rocket you build with your partner, then launch it the next day with the help of FLARE Rocketry.

Ages: 13+

Fee: \$5 Per Person

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Nature & Science

Registration	Date	Day	Time
Dec. 18, 2024-Feb. 8, 2025	Feb. 14	F	5pm-7pm

Senior (50+)

Beginners Mosaic Class

This mosaics class teaches all the beginner techniques needed to create mosaics out of tiles, tesserae, and glass. Students will become knowledgeable with the machines and tools necessary to create their own mosaics masterpieces.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$4 per 4-week class

Registration Required: Yes two weeks prior to class start date

Location: Munson Senior Center

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Feb. 24	W	1pm-4pm	4 weeks

Billiards Tournament

Come join Senior Programs the last Friday of the month to play billiards against other seniors for fun and competition. Each tournament is limited to 16 participants and starts promptly at 9am.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$3 per person

Registration Required: Yes come in early to register and sign-in

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 31	F	9am-11am
Feb. 28	F	9am-11am
Mar. 28	F	9am-11am



New! Candle Making Workshop

This workshop teaches students the basics of candle making with all supplies and materials provided. You will learn the techniques required to make candles from beginning to end.

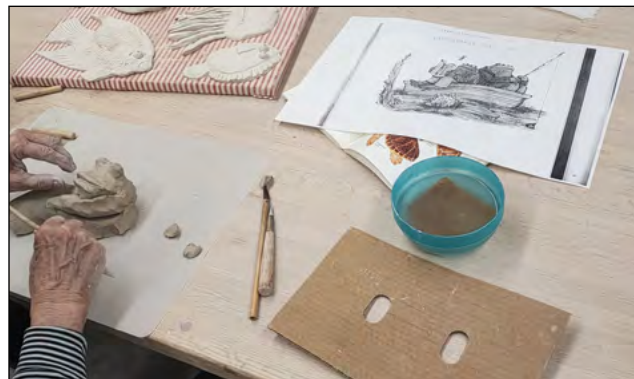
Ages: 50+

Fee: \$5

Registration Required: Yes, one week prior to class start date

Location: Munson Senior Center, Studio Three

Start Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	M	11am-2pm



Clay Works Open Studio

The clay open studio provides seniors with the opportunity to create pottery and ceramics. All the necessary tools and supplies are available in the studio. This is a great opportunity for seniors to socialize with others who share their interest in art and create unique projects they can use or give as gifts.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$1 per Session

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	8am-4pm
Jan.-Mar.	Th	8am-4pm
Jan.-Mar.	F	8am-noon

New! Intermediate Mosaic Class

Learn advanced mosaic techniques and apply them to an outdoor project. We will complete a project that you can install on a rock or wall.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$4 per six-week class

Registration Required: Yes, one week prior to class start date

Location: Munson Senior Center

Start Date	Day	Time
Jan. 13	M	1pm-4pm

Lapidary and Silver Jewelry Open Labs

The lapidary and silver jewelry open lab provides seniors the space to learn new techniques, work on projects, and socialize with other seniors who share an interest in lapidary and silver jewelry-making techniques.

Participation and certification in one of the Lapidary or Silver Jewelry classes is required to work in the open lab.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$3 per Session

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	8am-4pm
Jan.-Mar.	Th	8am-4pm

Mosaics Open Studio



The mosaic making open studio time is a great opportunity for seniors to get creative and can choose from a variety of tiles, tesserae, and other materials to create their own unique mosaic masterpiece.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$1 per Session

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	Tu	1pm-4pm
Jan.-Mar.	W	9am-noon
Jan.-Mar.	F	1pm-4pm



Painting Open Studio

Seniors can come to enjoy some time painting in a relaxed and supportive environment. There is no instruction provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own supplies and work on their personal projects. Easels are available for those that need them. This is a great opportunity for seniors to explore their creative side and socialize with others who share their interest in art.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$1 per Session

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	M	1pm-4pm
Jan.-Mar.	W	11am-1pm
Jan.-Mar.	F	1pm-4pm

Stained Glass Class for Beginners

This stained-glass class teaches beginner techniques and gets students comfortable with the machines and tools necessary to create stained-glass projects. Class is limited to 6 students with a \$5 glass materials kit required which can be purchased at the time of registration.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$4 per 4-week class

Registration Required: Yes two weeks prior to class start date

Location: Munson Senior Center

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Feb. 5	W	1pm-4pm	4 weeks

Stained Glass Intermediate Class

This stained-glass class teaches advanced techniques to create more intricate glass designs and help students work with a wider variety of materials. Class is limited to 6 students with a \$5 glass materials kit required which can be purchased at the time of registration.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$4 per 4-week class

Registration Required: Yes two weeks prior to class start date

Location: Munson Senior Center

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Mar. 5	W	1pm-4pm	4 weeks

Stained Glass Open Studio

The stained-glass lab provides seniors with the opportunity to create stained glass projects and practice new techniques. Basic tools are available for those who need them.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$1 per Session

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Jan.-Mar.	M	8am-11:30am
Jan.-Mar.	W	8am-noon
Jan.-Mar.	F	1pm-4pm



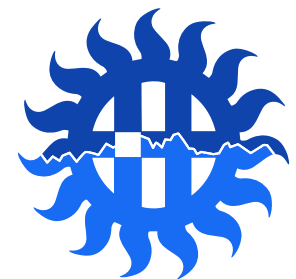
Spring Studio Programs

Spring Session March 26 to May 3

Registration Open Tuesday, Jan. 7 to Saturday, Feb. 22

**Discover Your Creative Side with the
Museum of Art Studio Programs!**

Offering opportunities for all ages and skill levels to explore ceramics, painting, printmaking, and more. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your craft, our expert instructors will guide you every step of the way. Don't miss your chance to learn something new and create lasting memories this spring!



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Studio Program Classes

Winter Session class registration opens Tuesday, Nov. 26, and closes Saturday, Feb. 22. Adult classes range in price from \$80 to \$120, teen classes are \$60, and kid classes are \$50. Each class session lasts six weeks, meeting one day per week. Class fees include the cost of materials and the use of tools within the classroom. Unless otherwise specified by a "Prerequisite" section, no prior art experience is necessary.

You can register in-person at the Museum of Nature & Science Atrium desk or online at <https://bit.ly/LCMuseumsRegistration>.

Email brnavarro@lascruces.gov or call 575-541-2155 for more information.

Studio Program Workshops

Registration for Friday Night Painting Parties and Workshops will close two weeks before the program starts.

You can register in-person at the Museum of Nature & Science Atrium desk or online at <https://bit.ly/LCMuseumsRegistration>.

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New! Kids Bookmaking

Unlock your creativity and learn the art of bookmaking! In this fun, hands-on class, children ages 10-13 will explore various bookbinding techniques like saddle stitching, accordion folds, and Coptic binding. It's the perfect opportunity for young artists to craft their own one-of-a-kind books!

Ages: 10-13

Registration Required: Yes

Fee: \$50

Location: Museum of Art Studio B

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 25	Mar. 1	Sa	10am-noon

Kids Clay

Get hands-on with our Kids Clay class for ages 10-13 at the Las Cruces Museum of Art! Learn the basics of working with clay and create fun, imaginative pieces. Perfect for young creators who love to get messy and explore with their hands!

Ages: 10-13

Registration Required: Yes

Fee: \$50

Location: Museum of Art Ceramics Studio

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 25	Mar. 1	Sa	10am-noon

Kids Clay

Get hands-on with our Kids Clay class for ages 6-10 at the Las Cruces Museum of Art! Learn the basics of working with clay and create fun, imaginative pieces. Perfect for young creators who love to get messy and explore with their hands!

Ages: 6-10

Registration Required: Yes

Fee: \$50

Location: Museum of Art Ceramics Studio

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Jan. 7 to Feb. 22	Mar. 29	May 1	Sa	10am-noon

Museum of Art



Kids Drawing & Painting

Dive into the world of art with our Kids Drawing & Painting class! Learn fundamental drawing and painting skills under the guidance of expert instructors. Ideal for budding artists looking to enhance their artistic abilities!

Ages: 6-10

Registration Required: Yes

Fee: \$50

Location: Museum of Art Studio A

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 25	Mar. 1	Sa	10am-noon

Kids Drawing & Painting

Dive into the world of art with our Kids Drawing & Painting class! Learn fundamental drawing and painting skills under the guidance of expert instructors. Ideal for budding artists looking to enhance their artistic abilities!

Ages: 10-13

Registration Required: Yes

Fee: \$50

Location: Museum of Art Studio A

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Jan. 7 to Feb. 22	Mar. 29	May 3	Sa	10am-noon

Kids Mixed Media

Spark creativity in our Kids Mixed Media class for ages 6-10 at the Las Cruces Museum of Art! Experiment with a variety of materials and techniques to create unique and imaginative artworks. Perfect for young artists eager to explore different mediums!

Ages: 6-10

Registration Required: Yes

Fee: \$50

Location: Museum of Art Studio A

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 25	Mar. 1	Sa	10am-noon

Kids Mixed Media

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Ages: 10-13

Registration Required: Yes

Fee: \$50

Location: Museum of Art Studio A

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Jan. 7 to Feb. 22	Mar. 29	May 1	Sa	10am-noon

Museum of Art Studio Programs

Teen Classes



Teen Ceramics

Dive into creativity with our Teen Ceramics class at the Las Cruces Museum of Art! Learn the fundamentals of ceramics and create unique pieces with expert instruction. Perfect for young artists looking to explore the world of clay!

Ages: 13-17

Registration Required: Yes

Fee: \$60

Location: Museum of Art Ceramics Studio

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 22	Feb. 26	W	5:30pm-7:30pm

Teen Acrylic Painting

Explore the world of acrylics in our Teen Acrylic Painting class at the Las Cruces Museum of Art! Learn essential techniques and experiment with vibrant color palettes under the guidance of experienced instructors. Ideal for beginners and enthusiasts alike!

Ages: 13-17

Registration Required: Yes

Fee: \$60

Location: Museum of Art Studio B

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 23	Feb. 27	Th	5:30pm-7:30pm

Teen Workshop

New! Intro to Cosplay

Come explore the world of cosplay in this new workshop. The class will be exploring cosplay through the medium of paper mâché for arms, armor, and masks.

Ages: 12-17

Registration Required: Yes

Fee: \$15

Location: Museum of Art Studio

Registration Dates	Date	Day	Time
Jan. 1 to Feb. 22	Mar. 8	Sa	2:30pm-4:30pm

Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, Feb. 1 • 10am to 1pm
Branigan Cultural Center Courtyard

Come celebrate the beginning of the Year of the Snake at the Branigan Cultural Center. There will be free hands-on activities, guest appearance by Grumpus the snake, and Lion Dance performance by Blue Dragon Dojo.

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Candlelight: A Tribute to Coldplay on Strings

Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before. Get your tickets now to discover Coldplay in a new style under the glow of candlelight.

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$20-\$55

Registration Required: No

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors Open at 5pm and Late Entry is Not Permitted

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 31	F	5:45pm

Candlelight: Tribute to Adele

Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before. Get your tickets now to discover Adele in a new style under the glow of candlelight.

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$20-\$55

Registration Required: No

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors Open at 7:15pm and Late Entry is Not Permitted

Date	Day	Time
Jan. 31	F	8pm

Museum of Art Studio Programs

Adult Classes

Adult Acrylic Painting

The Adult Acrylic Painting class at the Las Cruces Museum of Art allows students to create painted works of art using different techniques! This class will allow students the freedom to explore, blend color and texture, and play with acrylic paints. Perfect for beginners!

Ages: 18+

Registration Required: Yes

Fee: \$120

Location: Museum of Art Ceramic Studio

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 22	Feb. 26	W	1pm-3pm
Jan. 7 to Feb. 22	Mar. 26	Apr.30	W	10am-noon
Jan. 7 to Feb. 22	Mar. 26	Apr. 30	W	5:30pm-7:30pm

Adult Ceramics II – Throwing Basics

Take your ceramics skills to the next level in our Ceramics II class! Master the basics of wheel throwing and shape stunning pottery with expert guidance. Ideal for those ready to expand their ceramic artistry.

Ages: 18+

Registration Required: Yes Prerequisite: Ceramics I or approval from the Studio Programs Coordinator

Fee: \$120 for 6 sessions

Location: Museum of Art Ceramic Studio

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 23	Feb. 27	Th	5pm-7:30pm
Jan. 7 to Feb. 22	Mar. 29	May 3	Th	1:30pm-3:30pm

Adult Ceramics III

Continue to improve your ceramics skills with our Ceramics III class at the Las Cruces Museum of Art! Learn ceramic skills based on specific themes. Perfect for those who want to continue to work with ceramics!

Ages: 18+

Registration Required: Yes

Prerequisite: Ceramics II or approval from the Studio Programs Coordinator

Fee: \$120

Location: Museum of Art Ceramic Studio

Theme	Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Multi-part Vessels	Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 25	Mar. 1	Sa	1:30pm-4pm
Sculpture	Jan. 7 to Feb. 22	Mar. 27	May 1	Th	5:30pm-8pm

New! Adult Embroidery Techniques

Curious about embroidery or felt the itch to stitch? In this hands-on class for beginners, you'll learn over ten different hand embroidery stitches while practicing on a sampler. Then you'll apply your new skills to work on two small, finished pieces, suitable for wall hangings.

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$120

Location: Museum of Art Studio A

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 11	Jan. 23	Feb. 27	Th	10am-noon

Museum of Art Studio Programs

New! Adult Intro to Printmaking

Unlock your creativity with our Adult Intro to Printmaking Class at the Las Cruces Museum of Art! Learn the fundamentals of printmaking and create stunning original artworks under expert guidance. No experience necessary—just bring your enthusiasm and imagination!

Ages: 18+ • Fee: \$80

Location: Museum of Art Studio B

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 23	Feb. 27	Th	10am-noon
Jan. 7 to Feb. 22	Mar. 27	May 1	Th	5:30pm-7:30pm

New! Adult Materials Exploration

Discover the possibilities of working with various materials, including resin, cement, and air-dry clay, to create unique pieces of functional art to display and use in your home. In this exciting new class, you'll explore projects such as marbled resin serving trays, dried floral resin jewelry, cement plant pots, small colorful clay dishes, and more!

Ages: 18+ • Fee: \$120

Location: Museum of Art Ceramics Studio

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 22	Feb. 26	W	10am-noon
Jan. 7 to Feb. 22	Mar. 27	May 1	Th	5:30pm-7:30pm

Adult Oil Painting

Unleash your inner artist with our Adult Oil Painting class at the Las Cruces Museum of Art! Learn the rich techniques of oil painting and create stunning works of art under expert instruction. Perfect for those looking to master this classic medium!

Ages: 18+ • Registration Required: Yes • Fee: \$80

Location: Museum of Art Studio B

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 23	Feb. 27	Th	1pm-3pm
Jan. 7 to Feb. 22	Mar. 26	Apr. 30	W	10am-2pm

Adult Watercolor

Explore the world of watercolor in our Adult Watercolor class at the Las Cruces Museum of Art! Learn essential techniques and experiment with vibrant color palettes under the guidance of experienced instructors. Ideal for beginners and enthusiasts alike!

Ages: 18+ • Registration Required: Yes • Fee: \$80

Location: Museum of Art Studio A

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26 to Jan. 4	Jan. 23	Feb. 27	Th	5:30pm-7:30pm
Jan. 7 to Feb. 22	Mar. 27	May 1	Th	2pm-4pm

Friday Night Painting Party

Looking for something fun and creative to do on a Friday night? Join us on the First Friday of every month for our Friday Night Paint Parties to enjoy some snacks and drinks during an evening of socializing, painting, and fun!

Ages: 18+

Registration Required: Yes, one week before the party

Fee: \$20 per Person

Location: Museum of Art Studio B

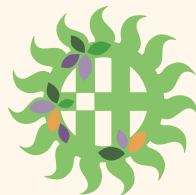
Registration By	Party Date	Day	Time
Sa Dec. 28	Jan. 3	F	6pm-8pm
Sa Jan. 25	Feb. 7	F	6pm-8pm
Sa Feb. 22	Mar. 7	F	6pm-8pm

My Pawfect Valentine

Food 4 Paws Pet Food Drive

The City of Las Cruces Senior Programs created the Food for Paws initiative in partnership with Meals on Wheels of America to help seniors who are housebound with their companion animals.

Drop off donations by Saturday, Feb. 15 at ...



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Senior Classes

Lapidary Certification Class

This certification and safety class teaches seniors all the skills they would need to shape and polish stones. Students will learn how to navigate the studio safely and operate the machines correctly. Class is limited to 6 students. Passing this class is mandatory to work in the Lapidary Open Lab sessions. Participants must register two weeks prior to class start date.

Ages: 50+ • Fee: \$12 per 6-week class

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Munson Senior Center

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Jan. 6	M	noon-3pm	6 weeks
Mar. 3	M	noon-3pm	6 weeks

New! Painting 1

We emphasize expression over technique, so prior experience is not necessary to feel successful in the class though many very experienced painters will enjoy the course as well. We'll explore the painting styles of famous artists in low-pressure, high-enjoyment classes that celebrate each other's creativity.

Ages: 50+ • Fee: \$6 per 6-week class

Registration Required: Yes, two weeks prior to class start date to get class schedule and list of needed supplies

Location: Classroom Munson Senior Center, Studio Two

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Jan. 27	M & W	9am-11am	6 weeks
Jan. 27	M & W	9am-11am	6 weeks

New! Painting 2

We emphasize expression over technique, so prior experience is not necessary to feel successful in the class though many very experienced painters will enjoy the course as well. We'll explore the painting styles of famous artists in low-pressure, high-enjoyment classes that celebrate each other's creativity.

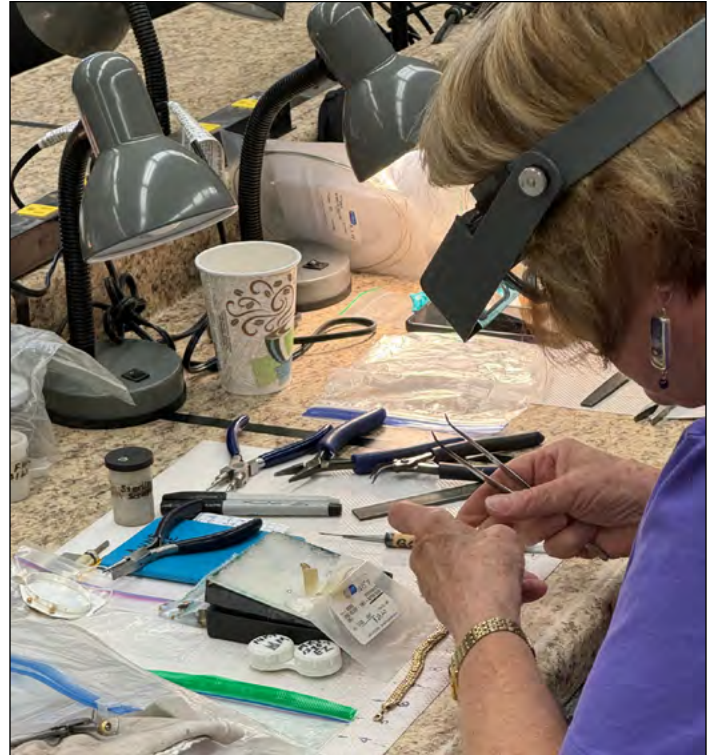
Ages: 50+

Fee: \$6 per 6-week class

Registration Required: Yes, two weeks prior to class start date to get class schedule and list of needed supplies

Location: Henry Benavidez Community Center

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Jan. 27	M & W	12:30pm-2:30pm	6 weeks
Mar. 31	M & W	12:30pm-2:30pm	6 weeks



New Name! Silver Jewelry Beginner Class (Formerly Silver Jewelry Class)

This class, limited to five students, teaches all the skills they would need to create silver jewelry, learn how to navigate the studio safely, and use the tools correctly. A \$50 silver materials kit is required and can be purchased at the time of registration and passing this class is mandatory to work in the Silver Jewelry Open Lab sessions.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$12 per 6-week class

Registration Required: Yes two weeks prior to class start date

Location: Munson Senior Center

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Feb. 21	F	9am-noon	6 weeks

New! Silver Jewelry Intermediate Class

Take your silver jewelry-making to the next level with this class where you will develop more techniques and hone the skills learned in the beginner class. This class is limited to five students and all materials must be provided by the students.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$12 per 6-week class

Registration Required: Yes two weeks prior to class start date

Location: Munson Senior Center

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Jan. 10	F	9am-noon	6 weeks

Plutomania

Saturday, Feb. 15 • 9am-1pm
Museum of Nature & Science

Celebrate the legacy of Clyde Tombaugh with hands-on activities, community partners, and rocket demonstrations.

Special Rocket Launch Kick-off at 9am provided by FLARE Rocketry.

For additional information call 575-541-2160 or email mstafford@lascruces.gov.



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