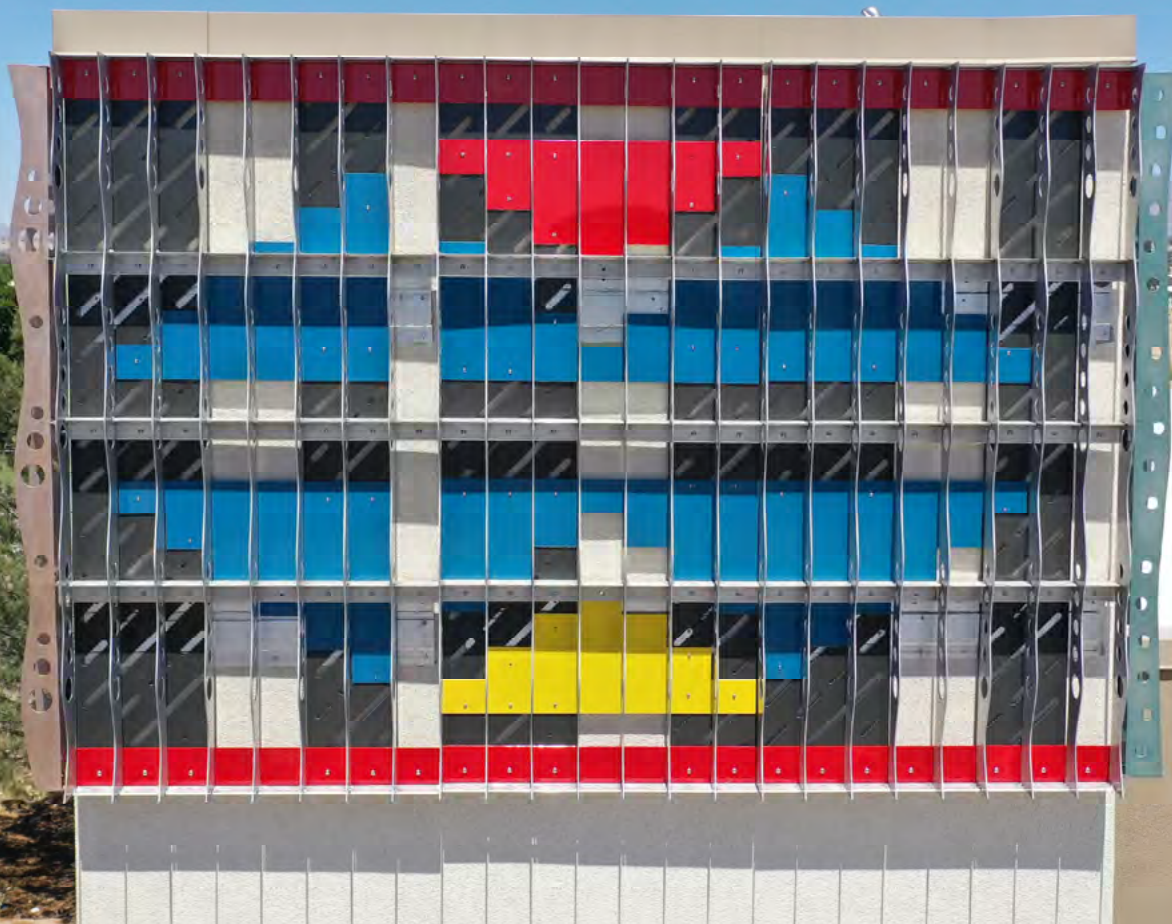


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Calendar of Events



CITY OF LAS CRUCES • QUALITY OF LIFE
Fall 2024 • October-December

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This magazine is recyclable!

Welcome



Welcome to ACCESS Magazine

Welcome to ACCESS Magazine, your premiere source for an amazing variety of activities and programs offered by the City of Las Cruces' Quality of Life Department. This edition features special events like Public Art and Museum of Art's Murals and Mosaics Walk on October 4, Day of the Dead Activities at the Museums on October 30 & 31, Frost Fair at the Branigan Library in December, and the ever-popular Halloween Dance at Senior Programs.

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 are intended to demonstrate our City's theme for the year, "Adelante con cariño." This means that we use innovative ways to provide the very best service to you, our customers.

You won't want to miss all the activities and events planned for you in the coming months. And the best part is – all the listings here are free or low-cost, so bring your friends and family!

Carol A. Brey,
Quality of Life Director

Magazine Editor, Emilia Linley

About the Cover

Cloud Cover, by Arturo Garcia, is a three-sided, perceptual artpiece installed on the tower of Fire Station 3 at 390 N. Valley Dr. The sculpture references Native American ceremonial blankets, giving reverence to clouds for the gift of water, with shapes of color that represent water techniques used to extinguish flames. It was installed in May 2023.



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 library 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.



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.

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.

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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

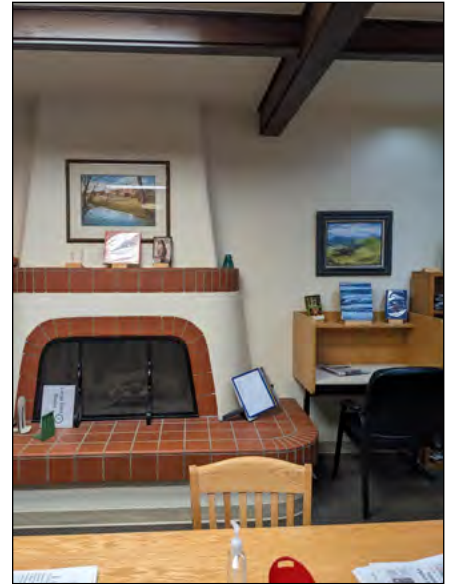
Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm
Friday-Saturday 10am-6pm
Sunday 1pm-5pm



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



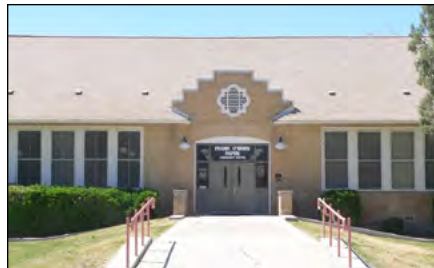
Eastside Community Center

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 Papen 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 2024 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
 @LCRGT
 @RioGrandeTheatre

Nutrition Education

With Alexis Peinado
Nutrition Educator

Seniors
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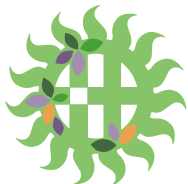
Eastside Center
310 N. Tornillo St

Mondays • 10:30 to 11:30am

Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Nov. 25

FREE
KITCHEN
UTENSIL

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| 10/7 | Introduction to MyPlate and Physical Activity | 11/4 | Fruits, Vegetables, and Aerobic Activity |
| 10/21 | Meal Planning, Grocery Shopping, and Goal Setting | 11/18 | Protein, Food Safety, and Resistance Training |
| 10/28 | Nutrition Fact Labels and Physical Activity Barriers | 11/25 | Grains, Balance, and Flexibility |



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October

After Hours Movie

The Library staff will be showing a slightly scary movie, perfect for kids and adults. All are welcome to bring an evening feast and non-alcoholic beverages, if you're not afraid of the ghosts. There will be food trucks in the parking lot prior to the start of the movie, if you'd like to purchase food.

Ages: All
 Fee: No
 Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Doors for the Movie will be Locked at 6:15pm

Movie Description	Date	Day	Time
Tim Burton directs Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, Michael Keaton, and Wynona Ryder in this 92-minute PG-rated movie.	Oct. 26	Sa	5pm



Murals & Mosaics Art Walk

Join the Las Cruces Public Art program and the Museum of Art for a tour of downtown Las Cruces to see art on Main Street, the Plaza, and the surrounding area. All are welcome and the tour will start promptly at 4:30pm in the Museum of Art Courtyard.

Ages: All
 Fee: Free
 Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Art Courtyard

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 4	F	4:30pm-5:30pm

November

Community Mental Health Celebration

A Community Mental Health Awareness event with presentations from local artists and community speakers. This event at the Rio Grande Theatre will include music, poetry, and guest speakers that embody different facets of mental health in our world as presented by Lizard Glitter.

Ages: All
 Fee: Free
 Registration Required: No

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors Open at 5pm

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 9	Sa	5pm-10pm

December

Frost Fair

Join the Las Cruces Public Libraries and our Community Partners for our second annual Frost Fair in Albert Johnson Park, across the parking lot from the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. We'll have crafts, food trucks to purchase from, and games.

Ages: All
 Fee: Free
 Registration Required: No

Location: Albert Johnson Park

Date	Day	Time
Dec. 14	Sa	11am-2pm

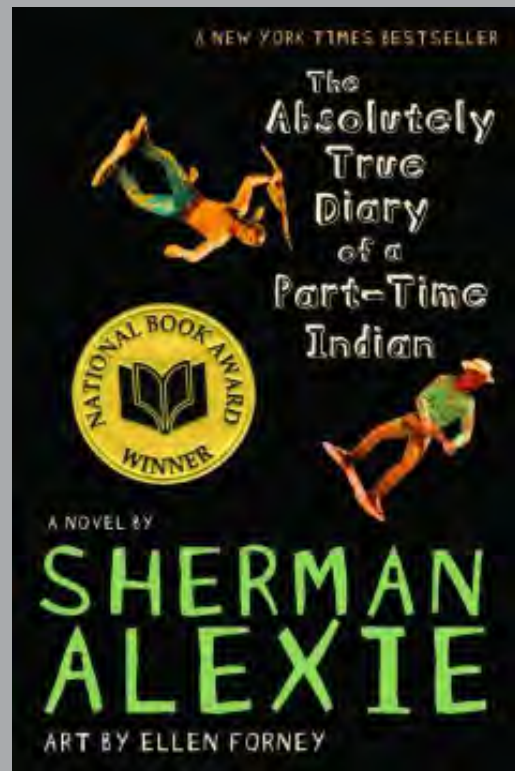
BANNED BOOKS CLUB

Thursday, Nov. 21
12:30pm

Celebrates Native American Heritage Month

14-year-old Arnold Spirit Jr, leaves the Spokane Indian rez to attend an all-white high school. Junior is a budding cartoonist, who humorously doodles throughout his "Absolutely True" diary.

Through the character, Alexie addresses themes of racial identity, coming-of-age, bullying, violence, poverty: reasons why this is award-winning book is a must read.



Books for the discussion are available for checkout at the reference desk or download the e-book or audiobook on Hoopla, Libby, or The Palace Project app using your library card number and pin.

Join via Zoom from anywhere & add to your calendar.



Thomas Branigan Memorial Library
200 E. Picacho Ave.
575-528-4000
lascruces.gov/libraries



Repeating Programs

Animal Encounters

Join us as we introduce you to a different resident of the Chihuahuan Desert and get up close and personal with the animals we share our desert with each month. 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
Lucifer Hummingbird	Oct. 19	Sa	11am-noon
Desert Box Turtle	Nov. 23	Sa	11am-noon
Mule Deer	Dec. 28	Sa	11am-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	Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7	Sa	11am
Snakes	Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14	Sa	11am

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
Halloween & Aliens	Oct. 26	Sa	10am-noon
Local Las Cruces	Nov. 30	Sa	10am-noon
Card Playing Day	Dec. 28	Sa	10am-noon



Artventurous

Explore a current or recent museum topic 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
National Arts & Humanities Month	Oct. 5-19	Sa	10am-noon
Clyde Butcher	Nov. 2-23	Sa	10am-noon
Reflection on 2024	Dec. 7-21	Sa	10am-noon

Baila Las Cruces

Baila Las Cruces is the gathering of enthusiastic dancers who want to learn regional and culturally-inspired dances with free lessons from Sol Ballroom, presented by the Rio Grande Theatre staff and the City of Las Cruces!



The lesson begins at 7pm and free dancing time begins at 8:30pm.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Plaza de Las Cruces

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 10, 24	Th	7pm-9pm
Nov. 14	Th	7pm-9pm

Repeating Programs

Education Station

Explore art as a family with a take-home art kit! Dive into art through projects inspired by individual artists, art movements, or other fun art topics while supplies last.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Art Front Desk

Topic	Date	Day	Time
AI Held	Oct. 12	Sa	9am-4:30pm
Shadow Boxes	Nov. 9	Sa	9am-4:30pm
Games & Illustration	Dec. 14	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

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 12	Sa	10am-11am
Nov. 9	Sa	10am-11am
Dec. 14	Sa	10am-11am

Forestry with Phil

Explore the amazing world of our state's amazing forests featuring hands on activities with Phil Yost. Visit the station in the atrium and discover something new about our forests each month.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science Atrium

Topic	Date	Day	Time
NM Broadleaf Trees	Oct. 5	Sa	10am-noon
Papermills and Papermaking	Nov. 2	Sa	10am-noon
Canceled	Dec.		

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
Tour of the World: Sites of Europe	Oct. 19	Sa	9am-1pm
Tour of the World: Sites of N. America	Nov. 16	Sa	9am-1pm
Canceled	Dec.		

Gallery Geeks

Want to learn more about an exhibition at the Branigan Cultural Center? Pick up a guide in front 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

Learn Las Cruces

A brief ten to fifteen-minute opportunity to learn more about our city's past, present, and future. Join in a discussion topic 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

Topic	Date	Day	Time
Turquoise & Mining	Oct. 2	W	11am-noon
El Camino Real	Nov. 6	W	11am-noon
Health & Medicine	Dec. 4	W	11am-noon

Swing on the Plaza

Gather together with like-minded people and someone who teaches basic swing dance every week, presented by the Rio Grande Theatre staff and the City of Las Cruces! The lesson begins at 7pm and free dancing time begins at 8pm.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Plaza de Las Cruces

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Nov. 12	Tu	7pm-9pm

The Wrap

The Wrap is Las Cruces and Doña Ana County's monthly filmmakers' hangout. Film Las Cruces has partnered with the Rio Grande Theatre to create a once-a-month screening for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County artists.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors Open at 6pm

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 30	W	7pm
Nov. 20	W	7pm
Dec. 18	W	7pm



Native American Celebration

Celebrate the Indigenous cultures in and around Las Cruces and the Borderlands!

Branigan Cultural Center Courtyard
Saturday, Nov. 23 • 10am - 1pm

All Ages • No Registration • Free



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Dinner Party: Multicultural Crossroads in Clay

November 1, 2024 -
January 18, 2025

The Potters Guild of Las Cruces presents a juried exhibition celebrating the 175th anniversary of Mesilla and Las Cruces through utilitarian and sculptural art. Artists will showcase place settings featuring handmade dinnerware with Southwest motifs like crosses and crossroads. Inspired by Judy Chicago's *The Dinner Party*, the display honors the region's rich artistic heritage.

Safe Passage and Dinner Janice Cook
Dinner Party:
Multicultural Crossroads in Clay



Gambels Quail by Rosario Jeremias
Wildlife of the Mesilla Valley: Past and Present

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.

Wildlife MV by Cheryl Fallstead



Branigan Cultural Center

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!



All-City High Schools Senior Art Show

Exciting news for Las Cruces Public Schools!

Field trips to the Las Cruces City Museums just got easier!



Scan here to apply



Unlock an exciting world of inspiration and exploration.

Apply for a bus scholarship today!

Planning field trips can be tough. There are permission slips, bag lunches, weather issues, and paying for the bus. The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums is pleased to offer schools bus scholarships. School bus scholarships reimburse the cost of transportation to the Museums.

This scholarship is limited to one per school with a limited number of scholarships available.

Contact Emilia Linley elinley@lascruces.gov with questions. Apply for the scholarship using this QR code.

Repeating Programs

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
Planeteers: Stars	Oct. 3-31	Th	Registration 9am-10am Walk-In 10am-11am
Nature Kids: Materials	Nov. 7-21	Th	Registration 9am-10am Walk-In 10am-11am
Jr. Paleontologist: Carnivores	Dec. 5-26	Th	Registration 9am-10am Walk-In 10am-11am

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
Oct. 9	W	11am-noon
Nov. 13	W	11am-noon
Dec. 11	W	11am-noon

Trains! For Pre-K

Come by the Railroad Museum for engaging gallery activities made just for kids! Become a conductor and take control of our interactive model trains.

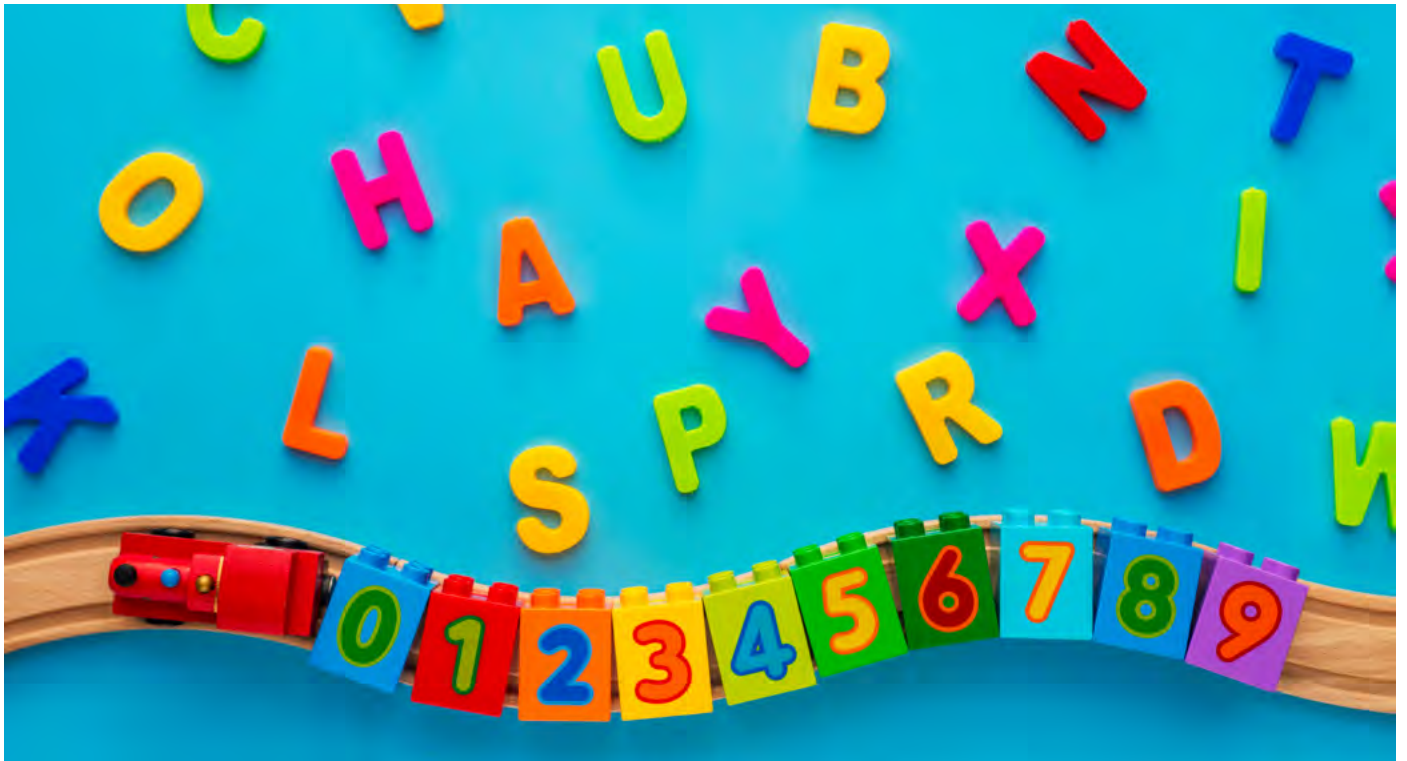
Ages: 2-5

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Railroad Museum

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 5	Sa	10am-11am
Nov. 2	Sa	10am-11am
Dec. 7	Sa	10am-11am



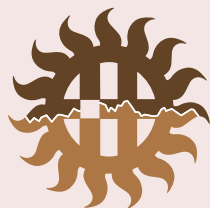


PLEASE JOIN US FOR

HOLIDAY [AT] THE DEPOT

Enjoy the sparkle of winter & holiday decorations as night falls on the depot during our special evening open house.

Friday, Dec. 13 • 5-8pm
351 N. Mesilla St.



November

Cempasúchil e Cine: Marigolds and a Movie

Just in time to add to your altar for Día de los Muertos, join us to watch a Disney/Pixar movie and make Papel de Seda, or paper flowers, in the form of a Nahuatl Marigold Flower garland. For more movie information check out the library calendar of events.

Ages: 5+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 1	F	12:30pm-2:45pm

December

Letters to Santa

During this holiday season make sure to get your letter to Santa sent by train to the North Pole. Come to the Railroad Museum during our evening open house to write your letter and place it in Santa's special mailbox.

Ages: 5+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Railroad Museum

Date	Day	Time
Dec. 13	F	5pm-8pm

Repeating Programs

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 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
Dino Diorama	Oct. 8	Tu	5:30pm-6:30pm
Dino Egg Extraction	Nov. 12	Tu	5:30pm-6:30pm
Dinosaur Fidgets	Dec. 10	Tu	5:30pm-6:30pm

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
X-Ray Sheets	Oct. 12	Sa	10am-noon
Makey-Makey Bots	Nov. 9	Sa	10am-noon
Microscopic World: Gems & minerals	Dec 14	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
Canceled	Oct.		
Lewis Latimer: Electrical Engineering	Nov. 23	Sa	10am-noon
Steve Erwin: Conservation	Dec. 28	Sa	10am-noon

New Ages! STEAM Saturdays

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: 9+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Railroad Museum

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 19	Sa	2:15pm-3pm
Nov. 16	Sa	2:15pm-3pm
Dec. 21	Sa	2:15pm-3pm

October

Animal Crossing Halloween Social

Grab your Nintendo Switch or your Nintendo Switch Lite and your copy of *Animal Crossing New Horizons* and join us at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library for an Animal Crossing New Halloween Social! Visit each others' islands, trade fruit, flowers, and DIY recipes! We will vote on the best in-game Halloween display and make paper Halloween garlands.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No, but Must Bring Own Game Console, Game, and Charger to Participate

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 10	Th	6pm-7:30pm

Book Nook Workshop: Cryptid Edition

Ever wonder how those spooky stories that go bump in the night originated? Learn about the origin of cryptid folklore all while creating your own cryptid-themed book nook for the scary stories on your bookshelf.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Museum of Art

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 12	Sa	2pm-4pm



Thursday Dances

Thursdays • 2-4pm

Oct. 10 • Frank O'Brien Papen Center

Nov. 14 • Benavidez Community Center

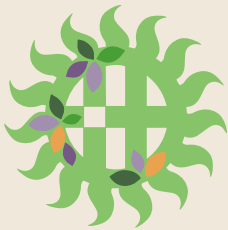
Dec. 12 • Eastside Community Center

Open to anyone 50+ • \$3 per person

Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

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

  @LCSeniorPrograms



New! Cryptid Zines

Started as a way for people to share their interests in Science Fiction, the simple Zine will now hold the stories and images of your favorite Cryptids. Using sketches and notes you'll learn how to create your own extraordinary tale of what creeps through the forest and bumps in the night.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Branigan Cultural Center

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 19	Sa	2pm-4pm

Fat Bear Card

Winter is coming and the bears are getting ready by ... knitting! Drop in and make a bear themed winter card. All supplies are provided.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Makerspace

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 1	Tu	5:30pm-7:30pm

Film and Discussion for *John Lewis: Good Trouble*

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Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 19	Sa	1pm-5pm

Film Screening of *Kinky Boots*

Join PFLAG Las Cruces and the Las Cruces Public Libraries at the Rio Grande Theatre for a film screening of *Kinky Boots* (2005), a musical involving saving a shoe company. This movie is rated PG-13.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors Open at 5:30pm

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 2	W	6pm

Halloween Scene Diorama Jars

Create a Halloween diorama scene jar using small jars. Create either a votive jack-o-lantern or a diorama Halloween scene.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 16	W	5:30pm-7:30pm

Masonic Cemetery Walking Tour

Join our Railroad Museum curator at the Masonic Cemetery for a walking tour. Learn about cemetery design and meet some unique Las Cruces residents from the past!

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Masonic Cemetery Office, 760 S. Compress Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 26	Sa	2pm-3pm

November

Campfire Stories

Join staff from the Branigan Cultural Center and Museum of Nature & Science to learn about stories of creepy creatures and their real-life explanations – or where you might meet the monsters!

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 16	Sa	11am-noon

Embroidery Workshop with Lizbeth Sánchez Pineda

Join us for an evening workshop with guest artist Lizbeth Sánchez Pineda as we make an embroidered "La Llorona" or weeping woman.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Museum of Art

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 2	Sa	4:30pm-7:30pm

Native American Storytelling Show and Tell

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with Park Ranger Interpreter, Alex Mares, from the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park to learn about culture and history, as well as to hear stories and view artifacts.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 20	W	2:30pm-4pm

Photograph Workshop

Try a "cameraless photography" activity as we explore the world of photograms using light and negative shadows. Supplies for this workshop are provided to those who register.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Museum of Art

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 16	Sa	2pm-3:30pm

Pocket Cryptids: A Miniature Painting Workshop

Paint your own 3-D printed miniature cryptid model while learning interesting factoids about these urban legends themselves.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Branigan Cultural Center

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 23	Sa	2pm-4pm

Pumpkin Seed Poinsettias

Join us at the Munson Center Branch Library to make poinsettias from roasted pumpkin seeds!

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Limited to eight participants

Location: Munson Center Branch Library

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 26	Tu	12:30pm-2pm

Writing Letters to Isolated Seniors

Join us at the Munson Center Branch Library to write letters to isolated seniors in our community! Letters and cards will be written then taken out for delivery by the Meals on Wheels volunteers.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Center Branch Library

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 11	Tu	12:30pm-2pm

December



Vintage Needlepoint Ornament Craft

Join us at the Munson Center Branch Library to make vintage needlepoint ornaments! Needlepoint is an old-fashioned embroidery technique that's reemerging with a younger generation.

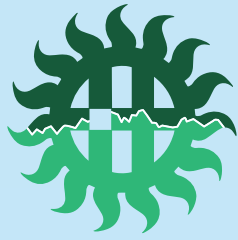
Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Munson Center Branch Library

Date	Day	Time
Dec. 10	Tu	12:30pm-2pm



Dino Days

Celebrate the holidays with two days of free festivals and dino activities at the Museum of Nature & Science!

Teen Holiday Festival

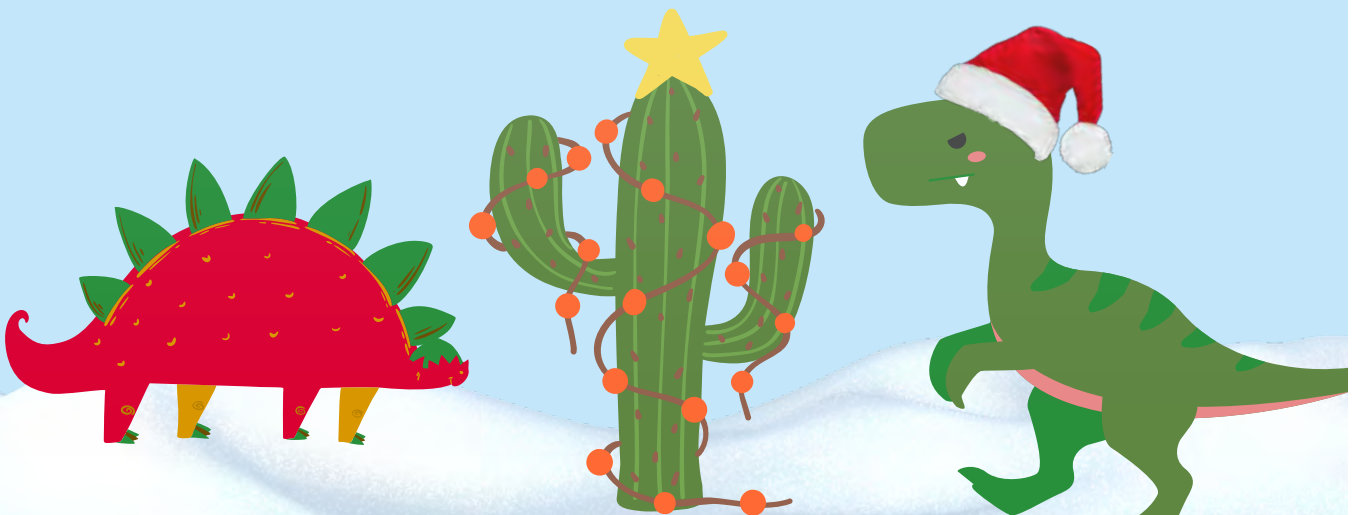
Wednesday, Dec. 18 • 4-7pm

Pre-K Festival

Thursday, Dec. 19 • 9am-noon



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Repeating Programs

New! No Sew Book Purse

Have you ever seen those cute purses made out of a hardback book? Care to learn to make one? Check the library calendar of events for more information and registration updates.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, limited to six people

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, ALICE Makerspace #2

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 8	Tu	5:30pm-7:30pm
Oct. 15	Tu	5:30pm-7:30pm
Oct. 22	Tu	5:30pm-7:30pm

Teen Science Café

Have dinner with a scientist and team up with STEM experts for monthly discussions with our guest scientists. Join the Museum of Nature & Science at the Frank O'Brian Papen Center and learn with engaging hands-on activities!

Ages: 13-17

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Frank O'Brian Papen Center

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Animal Science	Oct. 22	Tu	5:30pm-7pm
Canceled	Nov. & Dec.		

New! Punk DIY

This is a series of workshops to teach sewing, distressing, and customizing techniques to accessorize clothing. Check the library calendar of events for more information and registration updates.

Ages: 13+

Fee: None

Registration Required: Yes, limited to six people

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Makerspace

Topic	Date	Day	Time
Trucker Hats and Book Bags	Oct. 4	F	4pm-5pm
Bleach Skeleton	Oct. 25	F	4pm-5pm
Sewing for Battle Jackets	Nov. 8	F	4pm-5pm
Presser for Spikes and Grommets	Nov. 22	F	4pm-5pm
Concert Tee Cutting and Distressing	Dec. 6	F	4pm-5pm



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 STEAM 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
Deep Space Polymers	Oct. 9	W	5:30pm-6:30pm
Soapstone Keychains	Nov. 13	W	5:30pm-6:30pm
Dino Days: Teen Festival	Dec. 18	W	5:30pm-6:30pm

October

Canva Basics

Learn how to use the easiest, and free, digital design project resource: Canva! You'll sign up for a free account and create a flyer. For more information about this program check out the library calendar of events.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Limited to eight participants

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Computer Training Room

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 10	Th	5:30pm-7:30pm

Day of the Dead Around the World: A Panel Discussion

Come to the Branigan Cultural Center on All Hallows Eve to discuss cultural connections to death and the various ways in which death is revered and celebrated around the world. Visitor Experience Manager, Emilia Linley, will host a panel of guests to discuss how they revere the dead in their culture or practice and how it connects to the Day of the Dead.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center and on Instagram Live

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 31	Th	5pm-6pm

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Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 19	Sa	1pm-5pm

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Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors Open at 5:30pm

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 2	W	6pm

November

Krampus Recommends Movie Marathon

Join us for our Second Annual Krampus Recommends Movie Marathon of horror and dark Christmas movies! Movies will be rated PG-13 to R with movies about a thieving Santa, a house Christmas party taken hostage, and two movies about demons. More information and start times are in our library calendar of events.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 30	Sa	10:30am-5:30pm

Writing Letters to Isolated Seniors

Join us at the Munson Center Branch Library to write letters to isolated seniors in our community! Letters and cards will be written then taken out for delivery by the Meals on Wheels volunteers.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Center Branch Library

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 11	Tu	12:30pm-2pm

December

Alcohol Ink Blending

Come play with alcohol inks! Learn to blend colors and make pretty papers!

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Limited to ten participants

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Dec. 6	F	1:30pm-3:30pm

Vintage Needlepoint Ornament Craft

Join us at the Munson Center Branch Library to make vintage needlepoint ornaments! Needlepoint is an old-fashioned embroidery technique that's reemerging with a younger generation.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, Space is Limited

Location: Munson Center Branch Library

Date	Day	Time
Dec. 10	Tu	12:30pm-2pm

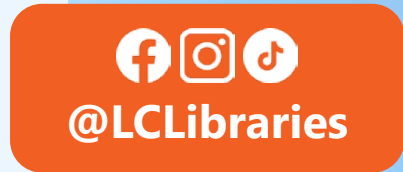


Author Talks

The Friends of Branigan Library schedule Author Talks on a regular basis. The talks feature local and regional authors of note and are scheduled at 1:30pm in the afternoons on weekdays.

2024 Authors have discussed their recent books, on topics ranging from personal memoirs of growing up in Las Cruces and in places as far-flung as Cuba, personal growth, service in the Korean War, veterinary practice experience in NM. Local and regional history are always popular topics.

Check the Library's on-line calendar, Facebook page and newsletters for current speakers and dates. Friends members receive email updates about each month's Author Talk and also post the information on the Friends Facebook page.



Adult (18+) • No Cost

Repeating Programs



Banned Books Club

The Banned Books Club meets the last Thursday of the month in person and on Zoom. Join the discussion that centers around a specific banned book each month.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Staff Conference Room, and Zoom

Book Title & Author	Date	Day	Time
<i>American Psycho</i> by Bret Easton Ellis	Oct. 31	Th	12:30pm-1:30pm
<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian</i> by Sherman Alexie	Nov. 21	Th	12:30pm-1:30pm
<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> by J.D. Salinger	Dec. 19	Th	12:30pm-1:30pm

New! Banned Books on Film

View a film in preparation for The Banned Book Club discussion on the last Thursday of the month, when there is a film available for the book. At the film screening there will be copies of the book available for check-out and are matched with the book titles.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Staff Conference Room

Book Title	Date	Day	Time
<i>American Psycho</i>	Oct. 7	M	2pm

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 Title & Author	Date	Day	Time
<i>There There</i> by Tommy Orange	Oct. 22	Tu	6:30pm-7:30pm
<i>The Night Watchman</i> by Kiyoo Erdrich	Nov. 26	Tu	6:30pm-7:30pm
<i>Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion</i> by Gregory Boyle	Dec. 17	Tu	6:30pm-7:30pm

Chair Laughter Yoga

Laughter Yoga is a popular movement and breathing exercise that aims to cultivate joy, bring out your inner child, and help you let go of daily life stressors while releasing endorphins and "happy" hormones like dopamine and serotonin. Join our Xen Shiatsu practitioner, Richard Havey, for an empowering session that involves various forms of movement, breathing exercises, chanting, improv, and aspects of yoga to promote intentional laughter.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Branch

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	W	10:15am-11am

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: No

Registración Requerido: No

Ubicación: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Fecha	Día	Hora
Nov. 16	Sá	1pm
Dic. 21	Sá	1pm

Computer Literacy Classes

Learn basic computer skills that include various topics including how to use a mouse to navigate Windows 11, internet safety, creating documents in Microsoft Word, and others. Check the library event calendar regularly for updates on the topics that will be covered in each session.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location	Date	Day	Time
Munson Center	Oct.-Dec.	M	10am-noon
Thomas Branigan Memorial Library	Oct.-Dec.	Tu	2pm-4pm

Repeating Programs

New! Death Cafés

What better way is there to discuss death than over cake and a hot beverage? Join us in a series of Death Cafés, which offer a safe space for people to have open discussions about death while enjoying a slice of cake and a hot beverage.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 2	W	5:30pm-6:30pm
Oct. 9	W	5:30pm-6:30pm
Oct. 16	W	5:30pm-6:30pm
Oct. 23	W	5:30pm-6:30pm
Oct. 30	W	5:30pm-6:30pm

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
Nov. 16	Sa	1pm
Dec. 21	Sa	1pm

First Saturday Movie Marathon

Join us for a movie marathon that will include from two to four movies where the audience varies by the theme and age appropriateness. Check out the online calendar for movie titles and start times.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Disaster Movies	Oct. 5	Sa	10:30am
Madea	Nov. 11	Sa	10:30am
Family Movie Marathon	Dec. 7	Sa	11am

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
Oct. 19	Sa	11am-11:45am
Nov. 16	Sa	11am-11:45am
Dec. 21	Sa	11am-11:45am

New! Latiné-X Book Club

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

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Staff Conference Room, or on Zoom

Book Title & Author	Date	Day	Time
<i>Mexican Gothic</i> by Silvia Moreno-Garcia	Oct. 30	W	noon
<i>The Witches of El Paso</i> by Luis Jaramillo	Nov. 27	W	noon
<i>Sabrina & Corina</i> by Kali Fajardo-Anstine	Dec. 18	W	noon

New Quarterly Program! Moonlight: Adult Night at the Museums

Walk around the Main Street Museums with an adult beverage from Dry Point Distillers in hand! Join us for a special adult-only evening with food trucks out front and activities inside the museums. Explore the exhibits after dark among other adults and let your worries fade away for the evening.

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
Dec. 20	F	5pm-9pm

Repeating Programs

New! Neighborhood Walking Tour

Join our Railroad Museum curator for a stroll around the Alameda-Depot Historic District in Las Cruces. Learn about the neighborhood that the railroad “created” and the way that happened.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Railroad Museum

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 12	Sa	10am-11am
Nov. 9	Sa	10am-11am
Dec. 14	Sa	10am-11am

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
Hemlock & Cones	Nov. 6	W	1:30pm-3:30pm
Hemlock & Cones	Nov. 8	F	1:30pm-3:30pm
Hemlock & Cones	Nov. 13	W	1:30pm-3:30pm
Hemlock & Cones	Nov. 15	F	1:30pm-3:30pm
Hemlock & Cones	Nov. 16	Sa	2pm-4pm
Hemlock & Cones	Nov. 19	Tu	5:30pm-7:30pm
Holiday Special:	Dec. 3	Tu	5:30pm-7:30pm

One Day Only, Poinsettias

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	Oct. 17	Th	noon-1pm
Native American Heritage	Nov. 21	Th	noon-1pm
Stories of Winter Holidays	Dec. 19	Th	noon-1pm



New Quarterly Program! Quarterly Exhibits Community Forum

Museums impact the communities they are in and by creating an open dialogue with communities Museums can reflect the interests and cultures of those communities. If you have comments or opinions on what you would like to see in our museums join us as we reflect on the educational programs associated with exhibits from the last few months and have an open dialogue with our Education and Exhibits teams and moderated by Visitor Experience Manager, Emilia Linley.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Art Gallery and on Instagram Live

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 13	W	5pm-7pm

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+

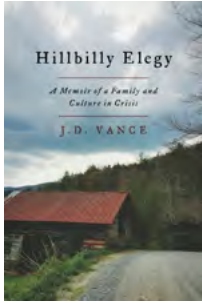
Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

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

Topic	Date	Day	Time
Museums & Repatriation	Oct. 9	W	2:30pm-3:30pm
Agnes Martin	Nov. 13	W	2:30pm-3:30pm
Art Scandals	Dec. 11	W	2:30pm-3:30pm

Repeating Programs



New! READ the Vote

With the exception of Tim Waltz, the candidates for U.S. President and Vice President all have books by or about them. Read the books and come have a respectful discussion about their beliefs and goals. Check the library calendar of events for more information.

Ages: 18+

Fee: No

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Topic	Book Titles & Authors	Date	Day	Time
Books from the Republican Candidates				
	<i>Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis</i> by JD Vance	Oct. 2	W	3pm-4:30pm
	<i>Great Again: How to Fix our Crippled America</i> by Donald Trump			
Books from the Democratic Candidates				
	<i>The Truths We Hold: An American Journey</i> by Kamala Harris	Oct. 16	W	3pm-4:30pm

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Book Sale

in Roadrunner Room

Friends Members' Only
Preview Sale

Thursday, Nov. 14 • 2-5pm

Become a member!
Adults who are not currently members join for \$15; 21 and under join for \$5

Book Sale

Friday, Nov. 15 • 10am-4pm
Saturday, Nov. 16 • 10am-4pm

Buy a Bag of Books Day

Sunday, Nov. 17 • 1-3pm

Adult (18+) • No Cost

Repeating Programs

Romance Book Discussion

Come together for a fun discussion about the most popular genre of stories where we focus on a different topic each month. Read a book on that topic and bring some recommendations if you have them.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Conference Room and Zoom

Topic	Date	Day	Time
Gothic Romance	Oct. 3	Th	6pm
1980s Classic Authors	Nov. 7	Th	6pm
Holiday Movies	Dec. 5	Th	6pm

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

Topic	Date	Day	Time
Spooky Science – El Paso Ghost Tours	Oct. 15	Tu	5:30pm-6:30pm
Science of Elections	Nov. 19	Tu	5:30pm-6:30pm
Queensland Museum	Dec. 17	Tu	5:30pm-6:30pm
Dino Science of the Triassic			

Social Justice Reading Group

This group will discuss books related to a theme of local, national, or international importance with a recommended reading list for each month's theme available at the reference desk. A librarian will introduce a featured book on the theme and group members are invited to introduce a book for discussion that they have read.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Conference Room and Zoom.

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Presidential Election	Oct. 22	Tu	3pm-4pm
Indigenous Justice Issues	Nov. 26	Tu	3pm-4pm
Nuclear New Mexico	Dec. 31	Tu	3pm-4pm

New! Socrates Café

"The unexamined life is not worth living."

Implement these famous words by Socrates in the last Saturday of every month. Get together with others to discuss a deep and open-ended topic of one's own choice using the Socratic Method.



Ages: 18+

Fee: No

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 26	Sa	1pm-2:30pm
Nov. 30	Sa	1pm-2:30pm
Dec. 28	Sa	1pm-2:30pm

New! Speculative Fiction Book Group

Our new rotating Speculative Fiction Book Club meets every third Saturday. Topics rotate monthly between Horror, SciFi, and Fantasy.

Ages: 18+

Fee: No

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Topic	Date	Day	Time
Terrifying Tomes	Oct. 19	Sa	1pm-2pm

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

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 10	Th	2pm-3pm

Recreation

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
Oct.-Dec.	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
Oct.-Dec.	Th	9am-noon

New Name!

Beginner Line Dance

Come join us for professionally-instructed line dance classes in what we used to call "Line Dance Class!" 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
Dining Room

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	Tu	2pm-3pm

Location: Sage Café Dining Room

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	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
Oct.-Dec.	M-F	8am-5pm

Location: Eastside Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	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
Oct.-Dec.	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,
Meeting Room Three

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	W	1pm-3pm

New! Cell Phone Camera Workshop

Unlock the full potential of your cell phone camera at our workshop and discover how to capture stunning photos with ease. Join us to master techniques and learn the best ways to share your amazing shots with the world!

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Sage Café Classroom

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 11	F	9:30am-11:30am
Oct. 25	F	9:30am-11:30am
Nov. 8	F	9:30am-11:30am
Nov. 22	F	9:30am-11:30am
Dec. 13	F	9:30am-11:30am

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
Oct.-Dec.	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
Oct.-Dec.	F	8am-noon

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
Oct.-Dec.	W	1:30pm-3:30pm
Oct.-Dec.	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
Oct.-Dec.	Tu	8:15am-noon
Oct.-Dec.	Th	8:15am-noon

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
Oct.-Dec.	Tu-Th	9am-10am

Recreation

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
Oct.-Dec.	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 blood circulation, strengthens bones and muscles, reduces the risk of disease, and improves daily activities.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center Dining Room

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	M	8am-9am
Oct.-Dec.	W	8am-9am
Oct.-Dec.	F	8am-9am

Location: Sage Café Dining Room

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	Tu	9am-10am
Oct.-Dec.	Th	9am-10am
Oct.-Dec.	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, Meeting Room Three

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	Th	1pm-4:30pm

Location: Henry Benavidez Community Center Dining Room

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	Tu	11am-1pm
Oct.-Dec.	Th	11am-1pm

New! Guitar Basics

Come out to play with your own guitar to learn the basics of how to play. Each six-month session is limited to 10 participants.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

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

Location: Eastside Community Center

Start Date	Day	Time
Oct. 21	M	12:30pm-1:30pm

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 music.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Eastside Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	Tu	12:30pm-1:30pm
Oct.-Dec.	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
Oct.-Dec.	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 Classroom

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	W	11am-2pm

Mah Jongg

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, Meeting Room Three

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	Th	9am-noon

New! Memory Moments

Join us for our engaging memory games class, designed to stimulate cognitive function and bring joy to your day. It's a fun, supportive environment where you can enhance your memory skills while connecting with others who share similar experiences.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Eastside Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	W	noon-2pm

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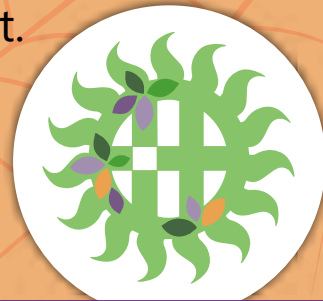
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Recreation

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
Oct. 8	Tu	1pm-2pm
Nov. 12	Tu	1pm-2pm
Dec. 10	Tu	1pm-2pm

New! Miniature Series

Join us at the Munson Branch Library for our series on making miniatures! No technology! Just handmade miniature objects made from simple materials.

Ages: 50+

Fee: No

Registration Required: Yes, limited to eight people

Location: Munson Branch Library

Miniature We Will Make	Date	Day	Time
Miniature Pencils	Oct. 8	Tu	12:30pm-2pm
Miniature Paper Weights and Papers	Oct. 22	Tu	12:30pm-2pm

Munson Writing Workshop

Join us at the Munson Branch Library to discuss your writing! Discuss struggles and challenges, receive and provide peer feedback as you make friends with fellow writers.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Branch Library

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 15	Tu	1pm-2pm
Nov. 19	Tu	1pm-2pm
Dec. 17	Tu	1pm-2pm

New! 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
Oct.-Dec.	M	12:30pm-2:30pm

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.

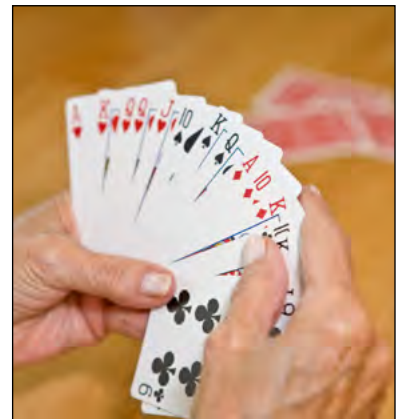
Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center, Meeting Room Three

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	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, Studio Two

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	Tu	8:30am-11:30am
Oct.-Dec.	Th	8:30am-11:30am

Sage Café Fine Whiners Book Club

Shared reading group and Book of the Month Club at the Sage Café Branch Library. There is an optional read aloud and you can bring an article that interests you or a book you have enjoyed.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Sage Café Branch Library call 575-528-4000 for more information

Book Title and Author	Date	Day	Time
<i>Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe</i> by Benjamin Alire Saenz	Oct. 28	M	2pm
<i>Sleeper Agent</i> by Ann Hagedorn	Nov. 25	M	2pm
<i>The Bandit Queens</i> by Parini Shroff	Dec. 30	M	2pm

Recreation

Spanish Conversation Group

Seniors can join this group to practice their conversational Spanish skills among other intermediate learners.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Zoom call 575-528-3000 for the link

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	M	1pm-2pm

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 Classroom

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	Tu	10am-12:30pm
Oct.-Dec.	Th	10am-12:30pm

Trivia Tuesday

Come out to test your knowledge, practice with trivia games, make friends, and then test your skills to win prizes. The last Tuesday of the month has themed trivia with special prizes.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Sage Café Classroom

Date	Day	Time
July-Sept	Tu	12:30pm-1:30pm

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
Oct.-Dec.	W	8:15am-noon
Oct.-Dec.	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
Oct.-Dec.	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
Oct. 10 & 24	Th	2pm-3pm
Nov. 14	Th	2pm-3pm
Dec. 12	Th	2pm-3pm

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

This program provides support, 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
Oct. 8	Tu	10:30am-11:30am
Nov. 13	Tu	10:30am-11:30am
Dec. 10	Tu	10:30am-11:30am

All Ages

New Quarterly Program! Nature Nomads

Break out those binoculars and hiking shoes and get ready for a 4.2-mile hike enjoying the views of the Organ Mountains, which overlooks the White Sands Missile Range! During this outdoor program, participants are encouraged to wear appropriate hiking shoes, bring plenty of water, and are welcome to bring their own binoculars.

Ages: All

Fee: Parking is \$5, Program is Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Pine Tree Trail Head at Aguirre Springs,
Contact dkissick@lascruces.gov for more information

Trail Information	Date	Day	Time
Trail is 4.2 miles, Elevation Gain: 1,049 ft., Trail Type: Loop	Nov. 16	Sa	8am-10am

Rio Grande Kids Classic Film Series

The Rio Grande Theatre is bringing back some of the most beloved children's films to the big screen during its Kids Classic Film Series. The theater will screen a family-friendly film on weekends each month at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased online and at the door.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: \$2

Registration Required: No

Location: Rio Grande Theatre

Title	Date	Day	Time
<i>The Haunted Mansion</i> (PG-13)	Oct. 5	Sa	2pm
<i>Lion King</i> (G)	Nov. 2	Sa	2pm
<i>Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i> (PG)	Dec. 14	Sa	2pm

Rio Grande Classic Film series

The Rio Grande Theatre is bringing back some of the most beloved films to the big screen during its Classic Film Series. The theater will screen a classic film at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased online and at the door.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: \$5

Registration Required: No

Location: Rio Grande Theatre

Title	Date	Day	Time
<i>Young Frankenstein</i> (PG)	Oct. 5	Su	7pm
<i>Forrest Gump</i> (PG-13)	Nov. 2	Sa	7pm
<i>V for Vendetta</i> (R)	Nov. 5	Tu	7pm
<i>The Muppet Christmas Carol</i> (G)	Dec. 7	Sa	7pm
<i>Die Hard</i> (R)	Dec. 14	Sa	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, Studio Four

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Oct. 30	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
Oct. 25	F	9am-11am
Nov. 22	F	9am-11am
Dec. 20	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+

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

Fee: \$5

Location: Munson Senior Center, Studio Four

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	Th	1pm-3pm

New! Card Making Class

Discover the joy of creating personalized cards that truly touch hearts in our upcoming Card Making Class! Join us for a fun and creative experience where you'll learn new techniques and leave with beautiful, handmade cards for every occasion.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$4 per five (5) week course

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

Location: Sage Café Classroom

Start Date	Day	Time
Oct. 4	F	11:45am-1:45pm
Nov. 15	F	11:45am-1:45pm
Nov. 18	M	9:30am-11:30am

New Times! 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, Studio Three

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	M	8am-noon
Oct.-Dec.	Tu-Th	8am-4pm
Oct.-Dec.	F	8am-noon

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, Studio One

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	Tu	8am-4pm
Oct.-Dec.	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, Studio Four

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	Tu	1pm-4pm
Oct.-Dec.	W	9am-noon
Oct.-Dec.	F	1pm-4pm

New Times! 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, Studio Two

Date	Day	Time
Oct.-Dec.	M & F	11am-4pm

Stained Glass Class for Intermediate

This stained-glass class teaches intermediate techniques and after students are 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, Studio One

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Oct. 2	W	1pm-4pm	4 weeks
Nov. 6	W	1pm-4pm	4 weeks
Dec. 4	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 that need them.

Ages: 50+

Registration Required: No

Fee: \$1 per Session

Location: Munson Senior Center, Studio One

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

All Ages

Big Bad

Who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? Come and see a new spin on a classic tale in this smart and wickedly funny play that lets the audience determine the outcome! Presented by A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley this is a wickedly good time for children of all ages.

Ages: All

Fee: \$10 Online, \$12 At the Door

Registration Required: No

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors Open One Hour Before Showtime



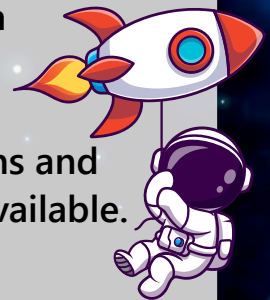
Date	Day	Time
Oct. 25	F	7pm
Oct. 26	S	2pm

Haunted Hunt At The Haunted Museums

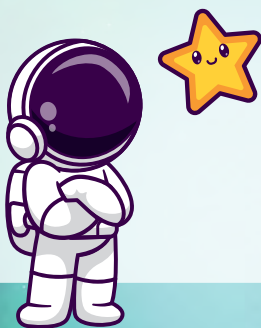
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Museum of Art

Studio Programs

Fall II Session class registration opens Wednesday, Sept. 11, and closes Saturday, Oct. 19. 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>.

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

Kids Classes

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

Fee: \$50

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio A

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Sept. 11 to Oct. 19	Nov. 2	Dec. 21	Sa	1:30pm-3:30pm

Kids Mixed Media

Spark creativity in our Kids Mixed Media class for ages 10-13 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: 10-13

Fee: \$50

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio A

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Sept. 11 to Oct. 19	Nov. 2	Dec. 21	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

Fee: \$50

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Ceramics Studio

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Sept. 11 to Oct. 19	Nov. 2	Dec. 21	Sa	10am-noon

Museum of Art Studio Programs

Teen Classes



New! Teen Amigurumi Crochet

Hey teens! Discover the fun of creating adorable, crocheted creatures in our brand-new amigurumi crochet class at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. Learn the basics and bring your own cute designs to life. Don't miss out on this exciting new crafting adventure!

Ages: 13-17

Fee: \$60

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio B

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Sept. 11 to Oct. 19	Nov. 2	Dec. 21	Sa	1:30pm-3:30pm

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

Fee: \$60

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Ceramics Studio

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Sept. 11 to Oct. 19	Oct. 30	Dec. 18	W	5:30pm-7:30pm

New! Teen Printmaking

Calling all teens! Discover the art of printmaking in our brand-new class at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. Unleash your creativity and create stunning prints with expert guidance. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to explore a new art form!

Ages: 13-17

Fee: \$60

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio B

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Sept. 11 to Oct. 19	Oct. 30	Dec. 18	W	5:30pm-7:30pm

October

Rocky Horror Picture Show – Shadow Cast Performance

If you've never seen Rocky Horror on the big screen, get ready for a wild ride! Blank Conversations and the Rio Grande Theatre present this annual shadow cast - a performance where actors act out the 1975 cult classic movie while it plays in the background. Dress up and come up to the lab, to see what's on the slab!

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$15

Registration Required: No

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors Open at 6pm

Date	Day	Time
Oct. 10	F	7pm
Oct. 11	Sa	7pm

November

Brews With the Bard Presents Hamlet

Blank Conversations and the Rio Grande Theatre present another installment of the hit series "Brews with the Bard" this November! Witness actors as they attempt to perform *Hamlet* while growing increasingly intoxicated over the course of the performance. Join in on this complex play with a fall into madness as Blank Conversations' cast takes on Shakespeare.

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$15

Registration Required: No

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors Open at 6pm

Date	Day	Time
Nov. 15	F	7pm
Nov. 16	Sa	7pm



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Museum of Art Studio Programs

Adult Classes

Adult Ceramics I – Hand Building Basics

Dive into the world of ceramics with our Ceramics I class at the Las Cruces Museum of Art! Learn the fundamentals of hand-building techniques and create beautiful, functional pieces from scratch. Perfect for beginners!

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$120

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Ceramic Studio

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Sept. 11 to Oct. 19	Oct. 31	Dec. 19	Th	10am-12:30pm

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+

Fee: \$120 for 6 sessions

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

Location: Museum of Art Ceramic Studio

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Sept. 11 to Oct. 19	Oct. 31	Dec. 19	Th	2:30pm-5pm

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

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio B

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Sept. 11 to Oct. 19	Oct. 31	Dec. 19	Th	5:30pm-7:30pm

Adult Oils

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+

Fee: \$80

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio A

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Sept. 11 to Oct. 19	Oct. 31	Dec. 19	Th	10am-noon

Museum of Art Studio Programs

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
Sept. 11 to Oct. 19	Oct. 31	Dec. 19	Th	5:30pm-7:30pm

New! Materials Exploration

Discover the possibilities of mixed media with a 3D twist in Materials Exploration! This hands-on class will guide you through creating unique projects using materials like resin molds, cement, and air-dry clay.

Ages: 18+
 Registration Required: Yes
 Fee: \$100

Location: Museum of Art Studio A

Registration Dates	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Sept. 11 to Oct. 19	Oct. 30	Dec. 18	W	2:30pm-4:30pm

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 will 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 Sept. 28	Oct. 4	F	6pm-8pm
Sa Oct. 26	Nov. 1	F	6pm-8pm
Sa Nov. 30	Dec. 6	F	6pm-8pm

**WORLD WILDLIFE
 CONSERVATION DAY**

Saturday, Dec. 7 • 10am-1pm
 Museum of Nature & Science

Learn how you can help species both local and abroad that are endangered, and under threat of extinction due to habitat loss, pollution, and poaching.


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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, two weeks prior to class start date

Location: Munson Senior Center, Studio One

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Nov. 4	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: Henry Benavidez Community Center Classroom

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Nov. 4	M & W	12:30pm-2:30pm	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.

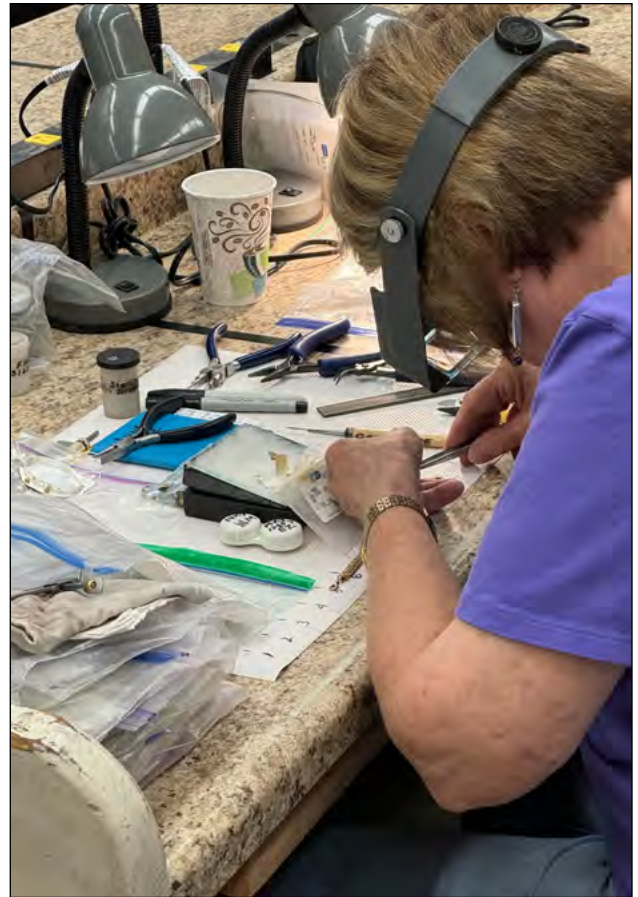
Ages: 50+

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: Munson Senior Center, Studio Two

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Nov. 4	M & W	9am-11am	6 weeks



Silver Jewelry Beginner Class

This class, formerly called Silver Jewelry Class, is limited to five students, teaches all the skills they would need to create silver, 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
Oct. 9	F	9am-noon	6 weeks
Nov. 15	F	9am-noon	6 weeks

Las Cruces Museums

Branigan Cultural Center

Dunes & Dreams: A Portrait of White Sands National Park

September 6 - October 19, 2024

Observe and reflect on the beauty of White Sands National Park through Emmitt Booher's wonderfully-curated 10-year project, showcasing the art and splendor of nature.



The Ballard Photo Studio: A Portrait of Community

October 4, 2024 - February 15, 2025

More than 200 portraits and other photographic work by Las Cruces photographer Jim Ballard offer an engaging portrait of the Mesilla Valley community between 1930 and 1950.



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.



Dinner Party: Multicultural Crossroads in Clay

November 1, 2024 - January 18, 2025

The Potters Guild of Las Cruces presents a juried exhibition recognizing the 175th anniversary of Mesilla and Las Cruces through utilitarian and sculptural art.



Museum of Art

Clyde Butcher: Lifeworks in Photography September 6 - December 28, 2024

A retrospective exhibit covering renowned black and white landscape photographer Clyde Butcher's works over his 50-year-long career.



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Register online
to make an altar

All ages are welcome to celebrate
both days by making an altar to
remember the dead.

Wednesday, Oct. 30 • 4:30-7:30pm
Thursday, Oct. 31 • 2-6pm



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