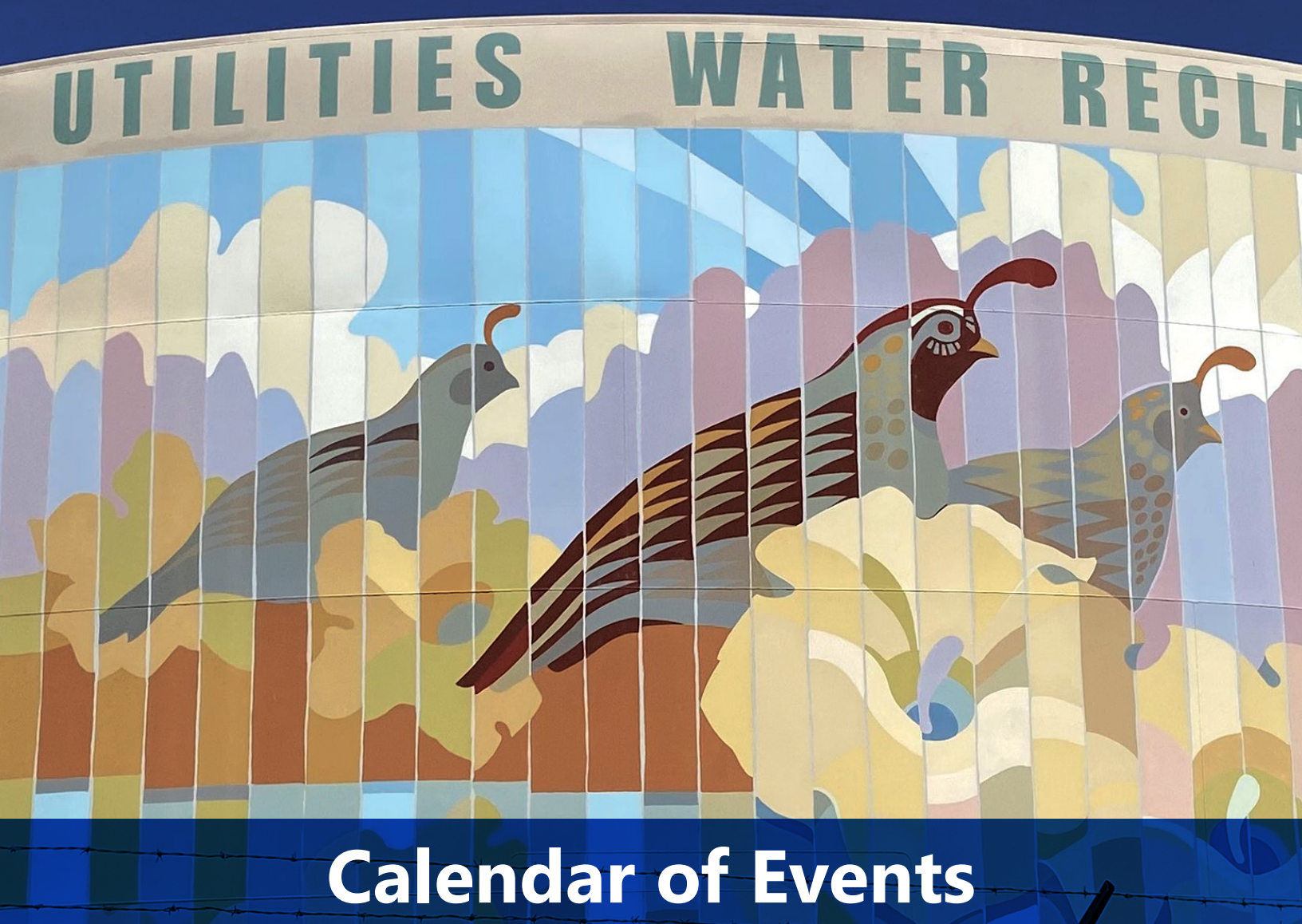


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Calendar of Events



CITY OF LAS CRUCES • QUALITY OF LIFE

Spring 2026 • April - June

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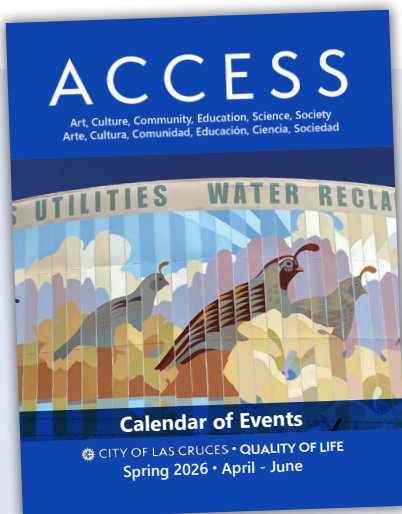
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**Magazine Editor,
Emilia Linley**



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This magazine is recyclable!



Welcome



Carol A. Brey,
Quality of Life Director

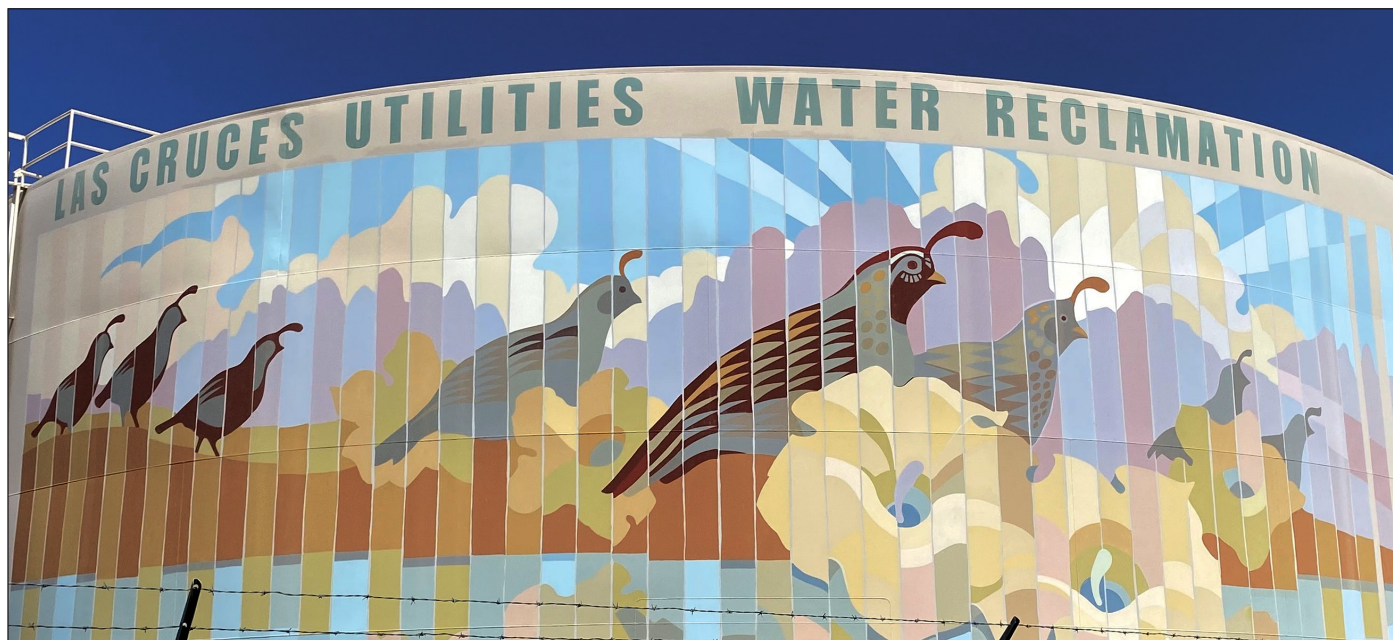
Spring is here in Las Cruces, and we invite you to explore this latest edition of ACCESS Magazine, your guide to programs and activities from the Quality of Life department that bring our community together. Whether you're joining us for the annual Pictograff event at the Museums on April 18, the Summer Science Fair at the Libraries in June, or dances and other activities at our Senior Centers, these events are designed to connect neighbors, spark friendships, and create lasting memories.

The Quality of Life department is proud to serve as a hub for community engagement through the Las Cruces Public Libraries, Museum System, Senior Programs, and Public Art. With the dedication of our staff and volunteers, we work every day to make Las Cruces a place where everyone feels welcome and valued. Guided by the spirit of *cariño*, we strive to provide meaningful experiences that strengthen the bonds within our city.

ACCESS Magazine is your trusted resource for free and affordable activities that inspire learning, creativity, and connection. Come join us—be part of the vibrant community that makes Las Cruces such a special place. We look forward to seeing you soon!

About the Cover

Quail Morning mural depicts a Gambel's Quail flock foraging amongst the wildflowers in the sun-drenched desert against a backdrop of the Organ Mountains. It was commissioned for the water tank in 2010. The mural is one of six water tanks located in Las Cruces with painted murals by local artist Anthony Pennock. The mural is located on Sonoma Ranch Blvd. just south of E. Lohman Ave.



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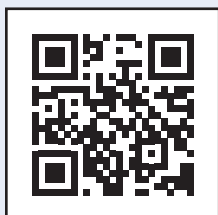
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Las Cruces Museum System



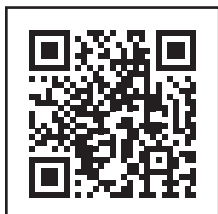
Registration for Studio Programs and Museum workshops. Online at bit.ly/LCMuseumsRegistration. In-person: visit the atrium desk at the Main Street entrance to the Museum of Nature & Science. To apply discounts or scholarships to your registration, you must register in person.

Las Cruces Public Libraries



Registration for Library programs and for more information on Library programs and events. Online at bit.ly/3WFL8tE.

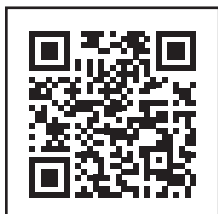
Rio Grande Theatre



Purchase tickets in person one hour before the show starts at the box office located at 211 N. Main St. or online at RioGrandeTheatre.org.

Senior Programs

Registration for Senior Programs must be completed in person at the Munson Senior Center. For more information, call (575) 528-3000/TTY 711.



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. Visit 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.



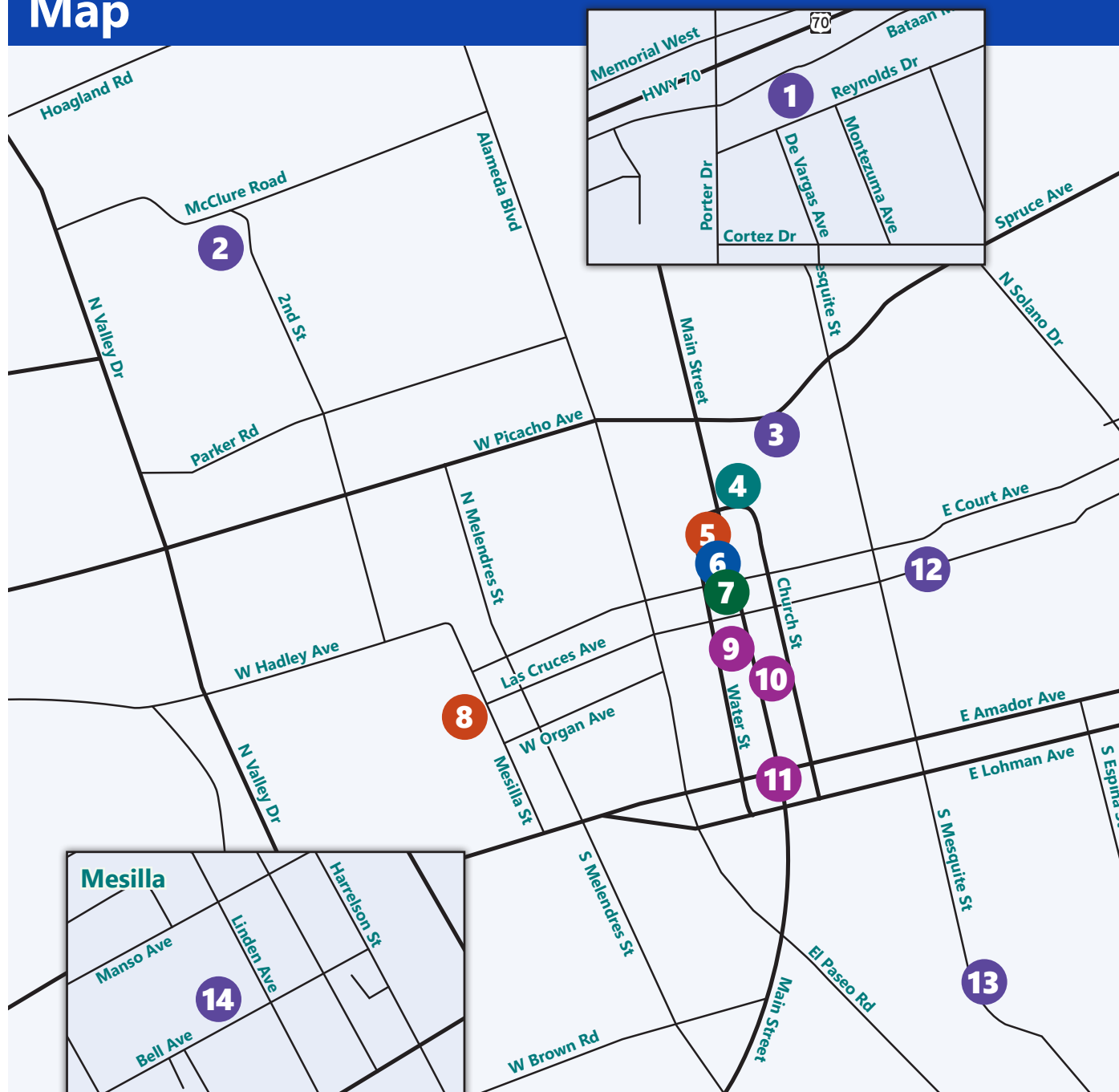
To apply, complete the application at: www.FoundationLCM.com/william-wachtel-memorial-scholarship-app. The FLCM does not process requests without proof of financial need.

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, public computers, and printers. Regular programs include book clubs for adults, Library Lab, and Rhythm Round Up for kids.

LasCruces.gov/Libraries

Library.Reference@LasCruces.gov

    @LCLibraries



Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

200 E. Picacho Ave.

(575) 528-4000/TTY 711

Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm

Friday-Saturday.....10am-6pm

Sunday.....1pm-5pm



Sage Café Branch Library

6121 Reynolds Dr.

(575) 528-3154/TTY 711

Monday-Friday..... 9am-2pm



Munson Branch Library

975 S. Mesquite St.

(575) 528-3406/TTY 711

Monday-Thursday 9:30am-2pm

Friday10am-2pm

Las Cruces Museums

The Las Cruces Museum System provides our community with diverse and holistic experiences so that all 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

LasCruces.gov/Museums

Education@LasCruces.gov

    @LCMuseums



Branigan Cultural Center

501 N. Main St.

(575) 541-2154/TTY 711



Museum of Art

491 N. Main St.

(575) 541-2137/TTY 711



Museum of Nature & Science

411 N. Main St.

(575) 522-3120/TTY 711



Railroad Museum

351 N. Mesilla St.

(575) 528-3444/TTY 711



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

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PublicArt@LasCruces.gov

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Senior Programs

Senior Programs provides an array of services to help meet the needs of those 50 years of age and older through five 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, Home Care, Respite Care, and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program. Please call (575) 528-3000/TTY 711 for all service inquiries.

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Munson Senior Center

975 S. Mesquite St.

(575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Monday-Friday.....8am-5pm



Eastside Community Center

310 N. Tornillo St.

(575) 528-3012/TTY 711

Monday-Friday.....8am-2pm



Sage Café

6121 Reynolds Dr.

(575) 528-3151/TTY 711

Monday-Friday.....9am-2pm



Frank O'Brien Papen Center

304 Bell Ave.

(575) 528-4315/TTY 711

Monday-Friday.....8am-5pm



Benavidez Community Center

1045 McClure Rd.

(575) 541-2006/TTY 711

Monday-Friday.....10am-2pm



Rio Grande Theatre

The 2026 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/TTY 711

Monday-Friday.....9am-4pm

RioGrandeTheatre.org

Info@RioGrandeTheatre.com

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Current Exhibits

Branigan Cultural Center



Land of the People: Shimba Tainin kau natheure wein - Tierra Sagrada - Ndende bi Ke'ya - Naf'ole atsihem - Nde benah - Ndee Bikáá'

September 6, 2025 - May 31, 2027

This dynamic exhibit tells the story of six Indigenous groups with historic roots and contemporary involvement in the Borderland region: Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, Pueblo of Tortugas, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe, Chiricahua Apache Nation, and the Gila Apache. Through their own words and perspectives, each group presents information about their traditions and current lifeways.

Reflecting the multifaceted nature of this exhibit, a collaborative, introductory space explores principal themes shared by all six groups. A secondary space within the exhibit changes every 12 weeks, allowing each Indigenous group to go deeper into their own unique stories, traditions, and perspectives. With the collaborative nature of this exhibit, each group has included their interpretation of the term "Land of the People" within the title.

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Museum of Art



Emergence by Sayaka Ganz 2013©

SAYAKA GANZ: RECLAIMED CREATIONS

February 6 - June 6,
2026

Artist Sayaka Ganz brings recycled plastic objects to life, transforming discarded

materials into dynamic animal sculptures. Her unique pieces showcase colorful, textured forms that convey movement and energy in large, striking sculptures.

SAYAKA GANZ: RECLAIMED CREATIONS, is produced by David J. Wagner, L.L.C., David J. Wagner, Ph.D., Curator/Tour Director, davidjwagnerllc.com.

Declaration/Declaración

The Las Cruces Museum of Art has a Call for Art for an upcoming exhibit *Declaration/Declaración* that examines the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For more information about the call, its deadline, and the link to the SurveyMonkey submission form, visit the Open Calls website. LasCruces.gov/OpenCalls



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April

Bidi Bidi Birthday

Celebrate what would have been the 55th birthday of Mexican American Icon Selena Quintanilla with a screening of the 1997 biopic film and crafting.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 16	Th	4pm-6:15pm

DIY Fantasy / Sci-Fi Map

Create your own custom map using dried citrus peels, acrylic paint, colored pencils and markers.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 8	W	5:30-7:30pm

Pictograff

Join us for our annual Pictograff event in the Museum of Art Water St. parking lot. There will be live mural painting by local indigenous artists, live screen printing, and music. Bring your own T-shirt to get a commemorative printing.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center, Museum Courtyard

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 18	Sa	10am-2pm



May

Basic Emergency Preparedness

An emergency or disaster can happen at any time. Are you prepared? Don't know where to start? Come learn about basic preparedness and why it's important for you and your family to be ready.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
May 9	Sa	10:15am-noon

BTS World Tour 'Arirang' Pre-party

Join Thomas Branigan Memorial Library for a concert pre-party celebrating the Arirang album world tour. Enjoy a K-pop sing-along, and crafting.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
May 1	F	4pm-5:30pm

Mommy & Me: Bow Making Workshop

Just in time for Mother's Day, learn how to make colorful bows for hair, necks, or pets.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
May 8	F	4pm-5:30pm

¡Piñatamania!

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with us while making a mini piñata.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
May 5	Tu	1pm-2pm

June

Project 626 Stitch Day!

It's HIS day, 6/26, and Stitch is ready to cause CHAOS! Join us for a Crafternoon movie showing of the 2025 live action film.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Jun. 26	F	2pm-4pm

Summer Science Experiments Day

Join us for a series of classroom-style science experiments! This program is open to all ages but is geared towards younger children.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Jun. 25	Th	4pm-7pm

Summer Science Fair Display

Come and see the wonderful experiments local Las Cruces kids have completed for the Summer Science Fair! This program is open to all ages but is geared toward younger children.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Jun. 22-27	All Week	All Day

Summer Science Fair: Meet the Scientists

Join us for a series of classroom-style science experiments! This program is open to all ages but is geared towards younger children. Meet a variety of local scientists from different fields to hear about the cool science they get to do every day! Ask questions and find out if these careers sound perfect for you!

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Boardroom

Date	Day	Time
Jun. 26	F	1pm-5:30pm

Repeating Programs

Animal Encounters

Join us as we introduce you to a different subject related to the Chihuahuan Desert each quarter. Learn about the animals that live here, how they survive, and ways to help with their conservation.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Amazing Amphibians	May 16	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	Apr. 4, May 2, Jun. 6	Sa	11am
Snakes	Apr. 11, May 9, Jun. 13	Sa	11am

Artventurous

Dive into art with activities inspired by artists, museum exhibitions, or other fun art topics. This is a drop-in program, and supplies will be provided at this program.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science Atrium

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 11	Sa	10am-noon
May 9	Sa	10am-noon
Jun. 6	Sa	10am-noon

Repeating Programs

Big Into Magic (the Gathering)

Come and play Magic: The Gathering™ (MTG) with us! This is an all-ages program where players may play any MTG format, but the focus will primarily be on the Commander Format.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu	4:30pm-7:30pm

Branigan Chess Club

Join us for the Branigan Chess Club! Meet fellow chess aficionados and beginners each week to learn, play, and enjoy the game with Mr. Manny.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Su	1pm-3pm

Culture Past & Present

Participate in fun activities that will enhance your understanding of the exhibits in the Branigan Cultural Center. Because exhibits change regularly, a new theme will be featured each month.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 18	Sa	10am-11am
May 30	Sa	10am-11am
Jun. 20	Sa	10am-11am

Education Station

Get some art to go with a take-home activity kit! Kits are available while supplies last.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Art Front Desk

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 11	Sa	9am-4:30pm
May 9	Sa	9am-4:30pm
Jun. 13	Sa	9am-4:30pm

Farewell to Zilla

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to a longtime friend of the Museum System, Zilla, our common snapping turtle. Our dedicated staff took all possible actions through expert interventions, but according to the post-mortem necropsy Zilla had cancer. After over thirty years with us, Zilla passed in his sleep. We will remember him in a memorial service and celebration of life at the Museum of Nature & Science where he once lived. All are invited to join us.

Age: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science

Date	Day	Time
May 23	Sa	2:30pm-4:30pm



First Saturday Movie Marathon

Join us for a three-movie marathon. Movies have a variety of ratings from G to R. Please check our online calendar for location, titles, ratings, and individual movie start times.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Theme	Date	Day	Start Time
Scarred, Sarcastic, Superhero Movie Marathon	Apr. 4	Sa	11am
Trolls Movie Marathon	May 2	Sa	11am
Why Does it Always Have to be Snakes?	Jun. 6	Sa	11am

Repeating Programs

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
"Fish" and Amphibia	Apr. 25	Sa	10am-1pm
Reptilia, Dinosaurs, and Aves	May 23	Sa	10am-1pm
Mamalia	Jun. 27	Sa	10am-1pm

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 of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County artists.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Ticket Required: No

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors open 30-minutes before showtime

Date	Day	Start Time
Apr. 13	M	6pm
May 11	M	6pm
Jun. 8	M	6pm



NEW NAME: Game Day and Puzzle Exchange

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. You are also welcome to bring puzzles to swap with other participants.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Teen Room

Dates	Day	Time
Apr. 19	Su	1pm-4:30pm
May 17	Su	1pm-4:30pm
Jun. 21	Su	1pm-4:30pm

Repeating Programs

Neurodivergent Nights

Step into a calmer, more welcoming museum experience with "Neurodivergent Nights," our recurring after-hours program designed especially for neurodivergent visitors and their families. Enjoy softer lighting, quieter spaces, and engaging activities that let you explore, connect, and create at your own pace—without the crowds.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science and Museum of Art

Dates	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Th	4pm-6pm

Saturday Painting

Come to the library and create a painting based on the theme of the month. 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 Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Butterflies and Flowers	Apr. 18	Sa	3pm-5pm
Unearth a Story	Jun. 20	Sa	3pm-5pm



Stars at the Station

Explore the night sky with the Las Cruces Astronomical Society! Come and practice using your own telescopes before the stars are shining, then see them light up before your eyes starting at 8:15pm. All ages and experience levels welcome!

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Railroad Museum

Date	Day	Time
Jun. 13	Sa	6pm-9pm



Tai Chi for Health

Tai Chi is an art with deep knowledge and skill, yet it is easy to learn and quickly delivers health benefits.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu	9:15am-10:15am

NEW: Trivia

Compete in teams of up to 6 people per team. Each trivia session will cover different themes such as *The Office*, *Hunger Games*, and other pop culture topics.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 25	Sa	noon-1pm
May 23	Sa	noon-1pm
Jun. 27	Sa	noon-1pm

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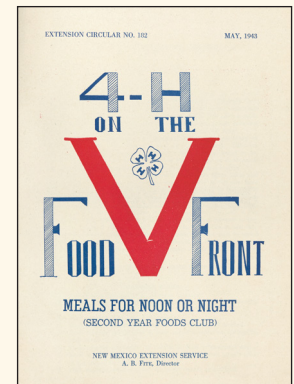
Growing the Mesilla Valley: NMSU Extension Office Through the Years

April 3-August 15, 2026

For over 100 years, New Mexico State University has been producing Extension Publications as a resource to local communities. These publications feature research-based information on agriculture, health, economics, and family life. Many of these publications focus on food and give insight into how our relationship with food has changed over the years and what has stayed the same.

Growing the Mesilla Valley: NMSU Extension Office Through the Years presents a mixture of original Ag Extension circulars, bulletins, handbooks, and guides that show how knowledge of animal husbandry and gardening, as well as food preparation, can be used to empower the community. These publications address a wide range of topics, including home cultivation, food preservation, changes in technology, cooking in New Mexico, nutrition, and meal planning.

The exhibit was curated by Dr. Erin Wahl, NMSU Library, Archives, and Special Collections, with NMSU students Isabella Sanchez and Joshua Cdebaca.



NMSU Extension 4-H on the Food Front



NMSU Extension Dairy exhibit award

Branigan Cultural Center

Land of the People - Mescalero Apache Tribe

April 4-June 27, 2026

The third featured group in our twelve-week focused exhibit run is the Mescalero Apache Tribe, whose exhibit will be displayed from April 4 to June 27, 2026.

Located in south-central New Mexico, the Mescalero Apache Reservation is the southernmost Federal reservation in the state. The Mescalero Apache Reservation – long recognized by Spanish, Mexican, and American Treaties – was formally established by Executive Order of President Ulysses S. Grant on May 29, 1873.

Today, the Mescalero Apache tribe consists of three sub-tribes, Mescalero, Lipan, and Chiricahua, with over 5,000 Tribal members from each band residing on the reservation. Throughout the year, the Mescalero continue to celebrate many ceremonies, including the Coming of Age Ceremony every Fourth of July. We invite you to explore the Mescalero Apache's enduring heritage and traditions in the Southwest.



Land of the People - Piro-Manso-Tiwa Tribe of Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe

July 18-October 10, 2026

The fourth featured group in our twelve-week focused exhibit run is the Piro-Manso-Tiwa Tribe, whose exhibit will be displayed from July 18 to October 10, 2026.

The Piro-Manso-Tiwa (PMT) Tribe has a long history in the Borderland region, arriving in 1680 after the Spanish forced numerous Indigenous groups south after the Pueblo Revolt. For nearly 200 years, the PMT lived in the El Paso/Ciudad Juarez area but eventually moved north into the Mesilla Valley and Las Cruces, settling around Cacique Felipe Roybal's house, where they still hold tribal meetings and ceremonial dances.

The Piro-Manso-Tiwa Tribe has petitioned to become a federally recognized tribe. While they wait for that bureaucratic process to be completed, their members continue to gather as an active and involved Indian Tribe. We invite you to learn more about this local Indigenous group and their heritage and traditions.

Museum of Art ***Dancing with Life: Mexican Masks***

July 17-October 17, 2026

Across Mexico, mask-making is a vibrant and playful art form with community roots in the celebration of religious holidays. Worn by dancers in boisterous performances known as danzas, the masks depict devils and holy men, as well as a wide range of celebrities, politicians, and other pop-culture figures. *Dancing with Life: Mexican Masks* explores the rich festival culture of masks and regalia from the Michoacán region of Mexico.

Featuring 50 masks and five mannequins dressed in danza regalia, these works of art celebrate the artistry and creativity of mask makers, dancers, and their communities. *Dancing with Life* attests that mask-making is a contemporary artistic expression that is influenced as much by current events and pop culture as it is by traditional and religious culture and imagery.

Dancing with Life: Mexican Masks was curated by Dr. Pavel Shlossberg and organized by Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, Spokane, WA. Its tour is organized by International Arts & Artists, Washington, DC.



Mexican Masks Unidentified artist, Moor, 1970s



Mexican Masks regalia in plaza

Repeating Programs

Nuevo: Boletó Para Aprender

Acompáñenos en una clase bilingüe de preescolar, acompañados de un adulto, por una experiencia llena de diversión en la que los niños podrán aprender letras, números, colores y formas a través de los cuentos. Explore a través de divertidos juegos y manualidades diseñados para niños en edad preescolar y, a continuación, disfrute de las maquetas de trenes interactivas del museo.

Edad: 2-5 acompañados de un adulto

Cuesta: Gratis

Registro Requerido: No

Ubicación: Museo del Ferrocarril

Fecha	Día	Tiempo
Avr. 10	V	10am-11am
May. 8	V	10am-11am
Jun. 12	V	10am-11am

NEW: Mr. Nero's Pre-K

Let your little ones learn about history and culture, past and present, with crafts, stories, activities, and more! Adult caregiver participation required.

Age: 2-5 with Caregiver

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Branigan Cultural Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	W	10am-11am

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 with Caregiver

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science Classroom, Water St. Entrance

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Th	9am-10am 10am-11am 11am-noon

Rhythm Roundup

Join us every other Tuesday of every month 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. This program alternates Tuesdays with Children's Storytime.

Ages: 2-5 with Caregiver

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 14 & 28	Tu	11am-11:30am
May 12 & 26	Tu	11am-11:30am
Jun. 9 & 23	Tu	11am-11:30am

Stay and Play

Each week, we will have a selection of toys and board books available for ages 0-3 to develop and strengthen fine motor skills, increase social skills, and practice thinking critically!

Ages: 0-3 with Caregiver

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Kiva Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	W	10:30am-noon

Children's Storytime

Join us on Tuesdays alternating with Rhythm Roundup every month for a story time 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: 2-5 with Caregiver

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 7 & 21	Tu	11am-11:30am
May 5 & 19	Tu	11am-11:30am
Jun. 2 & 16	Tu	11am-11:30am



Repeating Programs

Ticket to Learning

Join us for a fun-filled experience where kids can learn letters, numbers, colors, and shapes through transportation-themed stories and activities, with adult participation encouraged. This program is bilingual on the second Friday of each month, where we explore through fun games and crafts designed for preschoolers.

Age: 2-5 with Caregiver

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Railroad Museum

Language	Date	Day	Time
Bilingual	Apr. 10	F	10am-11am
English	Apr. 24	F	10am-11am
Bilingual	May 8	F	10am-11am
English	May 22	F	10am-11am
Bilingual	Jun. 12	F	10am-11am
English	Jun. 26	F	10am-11am



NEW: Thursday Story Magic

Join us for Story Magic! Every week we'll bring stories to life with books, felt board stories, songs, and movement.

Ages: 3-5 with Caregiver

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Th	11:30am-noon



Día de Los Niños ¡Bilingües Play with Miss Jade!

Thursday, April 30
11:45am - 12:45pm

Celebrate children and reading on Día de Los Niños with Jade from ¡Looking Bilingües!

This is an interactive class where stories come to life for children to learn language and communication in English and Español.



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June

Summer Science Fair Poster Submission

Have you recently completed a project for a science fair or have you always wanted to complete one?

Now is your chance! Check our online calendar for details.

Ages: Grades K-12

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Reference Desk

Date	Day	Time
Jun. 1-8	All Week	All Day

Elementary Summer Camp

This elementary-aged partial-day summer camp invites kids to explore the museums through hands-on activities, art projects, and interactive exhibits. Campers will learn, create, and have fun while discovering history, art, and science in an engaging museum setting.

Age: Grade 1-5

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, email SRichard@LasCruces.gov for more info.

Location	Theme	Start Date	Days	Time
Museum of Art	Art	Jun. 23	Tu-F	8:30am-1:30pm
Museum of Nature & Science	Nature Explorers	Jul. 21-24	Tu-F	8:30am-1:30pm



Repeating Programs

Library Lab

Explore art, science, engineering, or games through stories and activities. This program is for school-aged children K-5, with caregivers welcome. The first Wednesday of each month is Lego® Club.

Ages: K-5 with Adult Caregiver

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	W	4pm-5pm

Science Unleashed!

Science Unleashed! is a monthly drop-in program where STEM comes to life through three or more hands-on activities and interactive challenges. Each session offers a new way to explore science, engineering, and discovery!

Ages: 6-10

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 25	Sa	10am-1pm
May 23	Sa	10am-1pm
Jun. 27	Sa	10am-1pm

FAMILY GAMES WITH BEATRIZ

WEDNESDAYS
5PM - 6PM



Join Beatriz every Wednesday evening for family-friendly fun and games. Start the month with bingo and end it with charades.

1st and 2nd Wednesday of every month: Bingo

3rd and 4th Wednesday of every month: Charades



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April

Acorn Painting

Join us to decorate acorns with acrylic paint.

Ages: 12+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 7	Tu	4pm-5pm



Prick and Stitch Bookmarks

Join us to make prick and stitch bookmarks! Once you know the technique it is easy to add an embroidered touch to a greeting card, bookmark, photo or any other printed material!

Ages: 12+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Makerspace 2

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 21	Tu	4pm-5pm

June

Genealogy Workshop

Join us for a genealogy workshop that will help us commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of our wonderfully diverse nation. Bring your questions and brick walls!

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Computer Training Classroom

Date	Day	Time
Jun. 20	Sa	1pm-3pm



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Ages: Grades K-12

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Reference Desk

Date	Day	Time
Jun. 1-8	All Week	All Day



Repeating Programs

NEW: Bracelets and More!

Make some bracelets: friendship, boondoggle, macrame, beads, and more! Bring your friends and enjoy some free snacks.

Ages: 12-18

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Optional

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Teen Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 11	Sa	1pm-3pm
May 9	Sa	1pm-3pm
Jun. 13	Sa	1pm-3pm

NEW: Directed By ...

Filmmaking for adults and teens. The goal is to bring what you're working on and receive support, encouragement, and assistance with all aspects of filmmaking.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Kiva Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 9 & 23	Th	6pm-7pm
May 14 & 28	Th	6pm-7pm
Jun. 11 & 25	Th	6pm-7pm



Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Teens, join the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library for Dungeons & Dragons! Make some new friends and go on exciting adventures, while playing Dungeons & Dragons at your Library!

Ages: 12-18

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Teen Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Th	5pm-7:30pm

Teen Perler Beads

Want to make pixel art of your favorite character or just create a pretty mandala? Come and get creative with us! All materials (and some snacks) provided.

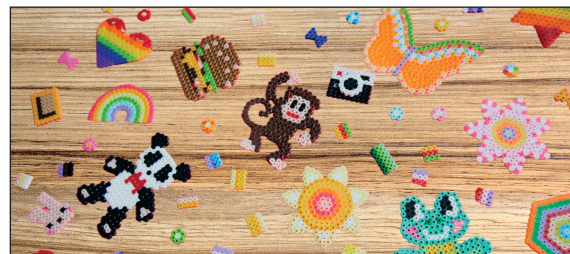
Ages: 12-18

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Teen Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 6	M	4pm-5:30pm
May 4	M	4pm-5:30pm
Jun. 1	M	4pm-5:30pm



NEW: Teen Tuesday: The Night Owls

Tired of the usual? Join the Night Owls, a weekly drop-in for teens who want to build, create, experiment, and explore. Plus, there's free pizza!

Ages: 12-17

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Museum of Nature & Science

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu	5pm-7:30pm

Teen Video Game Club

Like video games? Enjoy playing some games with friends and free snacks once a month at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library!

Ages: 11-18

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Teen Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 15	W	5pm-7pm
May 20	W	5pm-7pm
Jun. 17	W	5pm-7pm



Thank You, Volunteers!

Connect, Contribute & Inspire

The Volunteer Network is the City of Las Cruces' volunteer resource providing more than 350 volunteers to 39 sites at museums, libraries, senior programs and other City departments throughout the community.



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April

Acorn Painting

Join us to decorate acorns with acrylic paint.

Ages: 12+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
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Apr. 7	Tu	4pm-5pm
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Cacti Fur Collective Poetry Reading

Celebrate National Poetry Month with The Cacti Fur Collective.

Features poets Heather Frankland, Susan Melinda Moree, Beate Sigriddaughter, and Elise Stuart.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
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Apr. 4	Sa	3:30pm-5pm
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Cafecito with a Cop

Chat with a cop about whatever is on your mind.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
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Apr. 22	W	10am-11am
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Cheech & Chong Movie Marathon and Look-a-Like Contest

Join us for a movie marathon. We will break for a Look-a-Like Contest, prizes for the best duo or single, voted on by the audience. All films are rated R.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
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Apr. 20	M	12:30pm-7:30pm
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Prick and Stitch Bookmarks

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Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Makerspace 2

Date	Day	Time
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Apr. 21	Tu	4pm-5pm
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SUMMER MUSIC PERFORMANCES

Join us for a Concert of Summer! The Eastside Guitar Players will be performing summer themed songs to get ready for hot temperatures and a season full of fun.

All performances begin at 11am

June 9: Sage Café • 6121 Reynolds Dr.

June 11: Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center • 304 Bell Ave.

June 16: Eastside Community Center • 310 N. Tornillo St.

June 18: Benavidez Community Center • 310 N. Tornillo St.

June 23: Munson Senior Center • 975 S. Mesquite St.



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May

Vision Boarding!

Envision what you would like your summer/future/life to look like through the art of collaging! All materials provided, no experience necessary.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library,
Craft Room

Date	Day	Time
May 16	Sa	3:30pm-5:30pm

June

Genealogy Workshop

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Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library,
Computer Training Classroom

Date	Day	Time
Jun. 20	Sa	1pm-3pm

Spring Formal

Saturday, April 18 • 3pm - 6pm

Munson Senior Center
975 S. Mesquite St.

Come out for an afternoon of dancing, fun, and live music provided by the 575 Band. A photo booth will be available to capture the memories of a fantastic time with friends. Don't miss this opportunity!

50+ event, free to attend, formal attire encouraged.

For additional information,
Call: (575) 528-3000/TTY 711



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Repeating Programs

Adult Dungeons & Dragons

We play twice a month on Saturdays and every Monday. Email LCTableTop@gmail.com to be added to the roster, for times, and room locations. This program is expanding, and new tables are being added as needed.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, email LCTableTop@gmail.com

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Branigan Book Club

This is our most traditional book club, where we discuss a variety of fiction and nonfiction. A small number of each book are available for check out at the Reference Desk while supplies last.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Kiva Room

Book	Date	Day	Time
<i>Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions</i> by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey	Apr. 28	Tu	6:30pm-7:30pm
<i>Under Lock & Skeleton Key</i> by Gigi Pandian	May 26	Tu	6:30pm-7:30pm
<i>The Summer of My German Soldier</i> by Bette Greene	Jun. 23	Tu	6:30pm-7:30pm

Creative Writers Unite!

Creative writing for adults meets every Wednesday of the month. Bring your work of any genre on your laptop, tablet, or paper if you want to start, finish, or improve your story for publication.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Kiva Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	W	6pm-7pm

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Filmmaking for adults and teens. The goal is to bring what you're working on and get support, encouragement, and assistance with all aspects of filmmaking.

Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Kiva Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 9 & 23	Th	6pm-7pm
May 14 & 28	Th	6pm-7pm
Jun. 11 & 25	Th	6pm-7pm

History and Houses

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
Apr. 25	Sa	10am-11am
May 30	Sa	10am-11am
Jun. 27	Sa	10am-11am



Repeating Programs

Journal with Jenny and Denise

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, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	F	10am-noon



Latíné-X Lit Book Club

Latíné-X is a book club and supportive space to celebrate Latiné literature together. Each month, we explore works by Latiné authors that highlight the diversity of voices, histories, and experiences across the Latiné community.

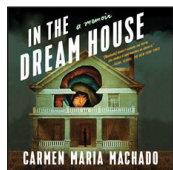
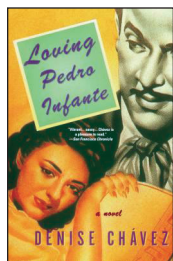
Ages: 13+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Conference Room

Book	Date	Day	Time
<i>Loving Pedro Infante</i> by Denise Chavez	Apr. 29	W	noon-1pm
<i>In the Dream House</i> by Carmen Maria Machado	Jun. 24	W	noon-1pm



Mahjong

Join us every Friday at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library for this game of skill and strategy.

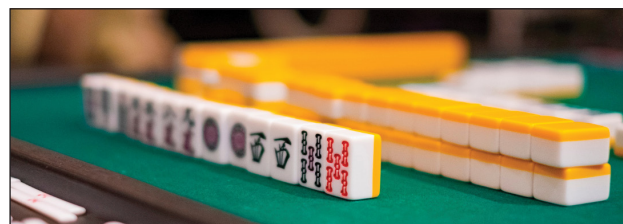
Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	F	1pm-4pm



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: Free

Registration Required: Yes, limited to six people per session

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Makerspace 2

Type	Date	Day	Time
Oriental Lily	May 5	Tu	5:30pm-7:30pm
Oriental Lily	May 12	Tu	5:30pm-7:30pm
Oriental Lily	May 13	W	1:30pm-3:30pm
Oriental Lily	May 15	F	1:30pm-3:30pm
Oriental Lily	May 16	Sa	3pm-5pm

Repeating Programs

Qi Gong

Qi Gong originated in China based on Traditional Chinese Medicine principles, which state that qi, or energy, is present in everyone's body. Qi Gong with our Xen Shiatsu Practitioner, Richard Havey, uses simple standing or chair-based poses and breathing patterns to promote a healthy flow and reduce stagnation of qi.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Th	10:15am-11am

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

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 8	W	2:30pm-3:30pm
May 13	W	2:30pm-3:30pm
Jun. 10	W	2:30pm-3:30pm

Romance Book Discussion

Come together for a fun discussion about the most popular genre of stories. Read a book on the topic and bring some recommendations if you have them.

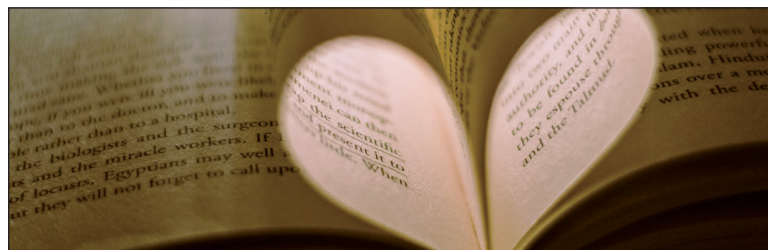
Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Conference Room and Online

Theme	Date	Day	Time
Fairy Tales	Apr. 1	W	6pm-7pm
Fake Dating	May 13	W	6pm-7pm
Historical	Jun. 3	W	6pm-7pm



Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club

Join us and share your Sci-Fi/Fantasy reads. Discuss previous, current, or future reads; team up with others to tackle your To Be Read list; or share recs for the group to read together.

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Conference Room

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 2 & 16	Th	6-7:30pm
May 7 & 21	Th	6-7:30pm
Jun. 4 & 18	Th	6-7:30pm

Sewing

Learn the very basics of using a sewing machine, or if you already know how to sew, come and use one of our machines or cutting table. Sign up for a one-on-one lesson or use the sewing machine and the creator space. These sessions are mostly Tuesday through Thursday evenings, or Friday and Saturday afternoons. Times vary based on the makerspace schedule.

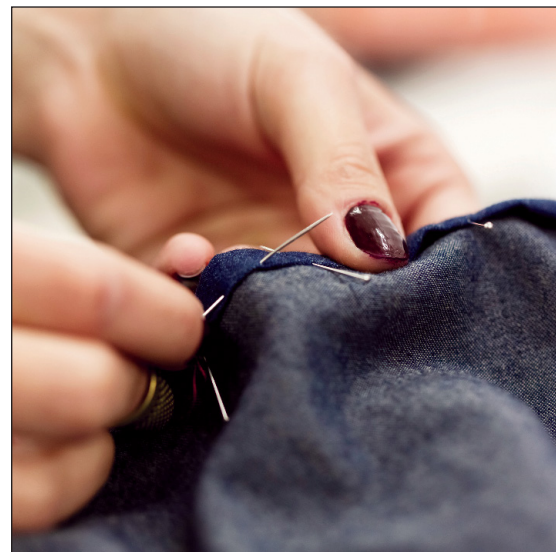
Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Makerspace 2

By Appointment – Scan the Library's QR code to register and check the Calendar of Events for availability.



Repeating Programs

Social Justice Reading Group

Social Justice Reading Group meets to discuss an issue at a local, national or international level. A librarian will present on the featured book. You are welcome to join the conversation with your healthy sense of curiosity, whether you have read the suggested book, another book on the topic, or no book at all.

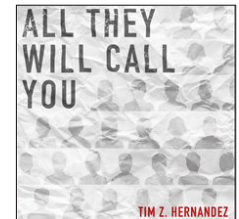
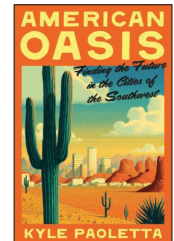
Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Conference Room

Book	Date	Day	Time
<i>American Oasis: Finding the Future in the Cities of the Southwest</i> by Kyle Paoletta	Apr. 21	Tu	3pm-4pm
<i>All They Will Call You</i> by Tim Z. Hernandez	Jun. 16	Tu	3pm-4pm



Take and Make Craft Kit

Get some art to go with a take-home activity kit! Kits are available while supplies last. Have you completed your activity kit? Upload a photo online for us to share on social media at surveymonkey.com/r/Education_Station

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Reference Desk

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 1	W	9am
Jun. 3	W	9am

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. Check out the library's online calendar for more information

Ages: 18+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Conference Room and Online

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 9	Th	2pm-3pm
May 14	Th	2pm-3pm
Jun. 11	Th	2pm-3pm



Transportation Day

Saturday, May 2

10am - 1pm

Las Cruces Railroad Museum

Join us as we explore all types of transportation. Everything from trains to trucks and buses to bicycles will be on display. This event is free and fun for visitors of all ages.

351 N. Mesilla St.
(575) 528-3444/TTY 711
LasCruces.gov/Museums





MOONLIGHT

Adult Night at the Museums

Rhythm, Resistance, & Art • Friday, April 17 • 5 - 9pm

Nineties Nostalgia Night • Friday, May 29 • 5 - 9pm

Entrance: Museum of Nature & Science Atrium on Main Street

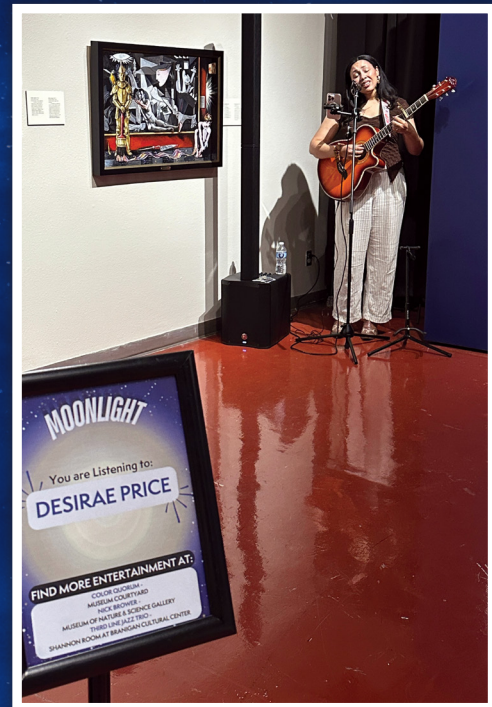
Join us for two adult nights out at our Main Street Museums this quarter, where you can explore the exhibits after dark while enjoying some adult beverages. Last entry is at 8:15pm, and last call for food and drinks is at 8:45pm.

What to expect:

- FREE Entry
- Dry Point Distillers (cash bar)
- Food Truck (in courtyard)
- Music & Other Entertainment

21+ only event. A valid Government Issued ID is required to get in.

For more information, visit LasCruces.gov/Moonlight



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Recreation

Ballroom Dance Class

Come join us for professionally instructed ballroom dance classes! This is a great opportunities 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
Apr. – Jun.	Tu	4pm-5pm

Beading

Beading is recommended both as an everyday stress reliever and to improve and maintain various skills. Bring your own beading supplies (supplies are 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
Apr. – Jun.	Th	9am-noon

Beginner Line Dance Class

Come join us for professionally instructed line dance classes! Our dance classes help seniors stay active, try a new skill, and build connections with like-minded members of the community.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu	3pm-4pm

Location: Sage Café

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	M	1pm-2pm

Location: Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Th	11am-noon

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 fabulously felted slate tables.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	M, W, Th, F	8am-5pm

Location: Eastside Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	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
Apr. – Jun.	W	1pm-2pm



Chair Qi Gong

Qi Gong's intentional breathwork may help reduce stress levels, and because qi gong 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
Apr. – Jun.	W	1:30pm-2:30pm

Recreation

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
Apr. – Jun.	F	8am-noon

Conversational Spanish

This conversation group is designed for individuals seeking to practice and enhance their Spanish conversational skills in an informal setting rather than a traditional classroom environment. It is a hybrid activity, offering both in-person sessions at the Munson Senior Center and virtual participation via Zoom.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center and Online

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu	9:30am-10:30am

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
Apr. – Jun.	W & Th	1:30pm-3:30pm

Crochet Group

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

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Eastside Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu & Th	8:15am-noon

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 Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu & W	9am-10am

Location: Sage Cafe

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	W	1:15pm-2pm

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	M	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
Apr. – Jun.	W	9am-11am



Recreation

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 flow, 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
Apr. – Jun.	M, W, & F	8am-9am

Location: Sage Café

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu, Th	9am-10am
Apr. – Jun.	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
Apr. – Jun.	Th	1pm-4:30pm

Location: Henry Benavidez Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu & Th	10am-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 who share their passion for music.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Eastside Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu & Th	12:30pm-1:30pm

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 flair to their dances.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Th	3pm-4pm

Location: Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	W	11am-noon

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; let music jams take you on a journey!

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Sage Café

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	W	11am-2pm



Recreation

Karaoke

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
Apr. – Jun.	M	12:45pm-2:45pm

Munson's Mahjong

Mahjong is a tile-based game that originated in China. Like the game of Rummy, it 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
Apr. – Jun.	Th	9am-noon

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
Apr. – Jun.	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: Yes, must register as a City Volunteer with the Volunteer Network

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu & Th	8:30am-11:30am

Reader's Theatre

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 experience is required. It provides socialization as well as improving mental, cognitive, physical, and emotional health!

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, call for dates and to register (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu	1pm-4pm

Sage Café Fine Whiners Book Club

Some books pair every plot twist with a whine—because great literature, like great wine, deserves a little time to breathe... and a lot of time to complain or talk about the ending. Join us for great books that have had time to breathe. The last Monday of each month is dedicated to a specific book.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Sage Café Branch Library, call (575) 528-4000/TTY 711 for more information

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	M	2pm-3:30pm

Sage Card Games

Join us to play card games such as Skip-Bo and Phase 10.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Sage Café Branch Library

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Th	1pm-3pm



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 senior adults to participate! Contact Phoebe at PYoder@LasCruces.gov to inquire about table openings.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: Yes, email

PYoder@LasCruces.gov

Location: Munson Branch Library

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	Tu	1pm-4pm

NEW: Shibashi Qi Gong

Shibashi Qi Gong is a set of 18 Qi Gong exercises practiced either standing or while seated for maintaining good health and well-being all around. The movements are simple, gentle, flowing, and a joy to practice.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. – Jun.	F	1:30pm-2:30pm

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
Apr. – Jun.	Tu & 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
Apr. – Jun.	W & F	8:15am-noon

Support

Alzheimer's Support Group for Men

A support group for men to come together and discuss ways to help their loved ones who are dealing with Alzheimer's.

Ages: 50+

Fee: Free

Registration Required: No

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 9 & 23	Th	2pm-3pm
May 14 & 28	Th	2pm-3pm
Jun. 11 & 25	Th	2pm-3pm

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

This program provides 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
Apr. 14	Tu	10:30am-11:30am
May 12	Tu	10:30am-11:30am
Jun. 9	Tu	10:30am-11:30am



Thursday Dances

Thursdays • 2pm – 4pm

April 9: Eastside Community Center • 310 N. Tornillo St.

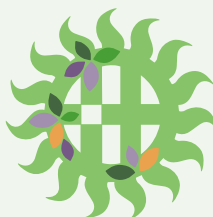
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June 11: Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center • 304 Bell Ave.

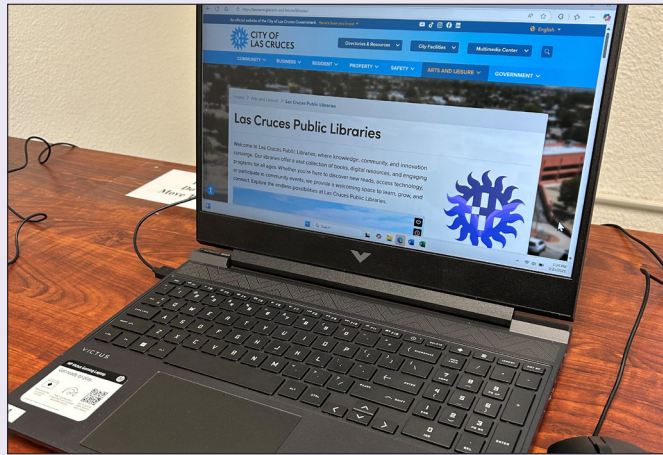
Open to anyone 50+ • \$3 per person

Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

Our dances feature music by a DJ and light refreshments.



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Free Computer Literacy Classes

A series of introductory classes on how to use various technologies, ranging from your new smartphone to how to set up your email and cloud storage, upload and process digital photos or learning how to get the most out of Microsoft Office programs.

Munson Computer Literacy Classes

Mondays at 10am – Noon

Munson Branch Library, 975 S. Mesquite St.

Computer Literacy Classes

Tuesdays at 2pm – 4pm

Computer Training Classroom

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

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April Schedule



May Schedule



June Schedule



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Adult (18+)

Rio Grande Theatre Classic Film Series

The Rio Grande Theatre is proud to present some of the most beloved films on the big screen. The theatre will screen a classic film monthly with tickets available at the door.

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$5 per person

Ticket Required: Yes

Location: Rio Grande Theatre

Date	Day	Start Time
Apr. 7	Tu	7pm
May 12	Tu	7pm
Jun. 2	Tu	7pm

Mesilla Valley Chorale Concert

The Mesilla Valley Chorale (MVC) is an exciting group of enthusiastic singers who share a passion for performing choral music. Known for its excellence and diversity in programs, this community chorale presents their current works at their annual MVC Concert. Tickets are available through MVC and at the door.

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$10 per person

Ticket Required: Yes

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors open 30-minutes before showtime

Date	Day	Start Time
May 3	Su	3pm

Senior (50+)

Beginners Mosaics Class

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

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$5 per five-week class

Registration Required: Yes, call for class dates and to register (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. - Jun.	W	1pm-4pm	5 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
Apr. 24	F	9am-11am
May 29	F	9am-11am
Jun. 26	F	9am-11am

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-week class

Registration Required: Yes, call for class dates and to register (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Sage Café

Start Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. - Jun.	M	9:30am-noon	5 Weeks
Apr. - Jun.	F	11:30am-2pm	5 Weeks





New: Clay Works Class: Beginners

Discover the basics of clay and learn essential techniques to shape, mold, and create your own unique pottery pieces in a relaxed, creative environment. Twenty-five-pound clay bags are available for purchase at \$13.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$6 per five-week session, plus \$13 for clay
Registration Required: Yes, Call for class dates and to register (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. - Jun.	M	1pm-4pm	5 Weeks

New: Clay Works Class: Intermediate

Build on your pottery skills in our intermediate class, designed for those ready to explore the art of the pottery wheel. Refine your techniques in throwing, shaping, and glazing to create more detailed and polished ceramic pieces.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$6 per six-week session

Registration Required: Yes, Call for class dates and to register (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. - Jun.	F	1pm-3pm	6 Weeks

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
Apr. - Jun.	M & F	8am-noon
Apr. - Jun.	Tu-Th	8am-4pm

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: \$6

Registration Required: Yes, Call for class dates and to register (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. - Jun.	M	1pm-4pm	6 Weeks

Lapidary and Silver Jewelry Open Labs

The lapidary and silver jewelry open lab provides seniors with 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
Apr. - Jun.	Tu & Th	8am-4pm

Mosaics Open Studio

The mosaic making open studio time is a great opportunity for seniors to get creative and 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
Apr. - Jun.	Tu & F	1pm-4pm
Apr. - Jun.	W	9am-noon

Painting Class

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 six-week class

Registration Required: Yes, Call for class dates and to register (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. – Jun.	M & W	9am-11am	6 Weeks

Location: Benavidez Community Center

Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. – Jun.	M & W	12:30pm-2:30pm	6 Weeks

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 who 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
Apr. – Jun.	M & F	11am-4pm
Apr. – Jun.	W	11am-1pm

Stained-Glass Beginners Class

Discover the basics of stained-glass! This introductory class guides first-time makers through essential techniques while helping you get comfortable with the tools and equipment. Perfect for those with no experience. Class is limited to six students. A \$5 glass materials kit is required and can be purchased during registration.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$4 per four-week class, plus \$5 glass materials kit

Registration Required: Yes, Call for class dates and to register (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. – Jun.	W	1pm-4pm	4 Weeks

Stained-Glass Intermediate Class

Ready to take your skills further? This intermediate class builds on basics by introducing more detailed patterns, new cutting methods, and a wider range of glass types. Students will strengthen precision and design skills while creating more complex pieces. Class is limited to six students. A \$5 materials kit is required and available at registration.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$4 per four-week class, plus \$5 glass materials kit

Registration Required: Yes, Call for class dates and to register (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. – Jun.	W	1pm-4pm	4 Weeks

Stained-Glass Advanced Class

For experienced stained-glass artists looking for a challenge, this advanced course dives into near expert-level techniques, intricate pattern work, and complex material combinations. Students will refine craftsmanship and tackle ambitious, multi-step projects. Class is limited to six students. A \$5 material kit is required and can be purchased at registration.

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$4 per four-week class, plus \$5 glass materials kit

Registration Required: Yes, Call for class dates and to register (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. – Jun.	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
Apr. – Jun.	M	8am-11:30am
Apr. – Jun.	W	8am-noon
Apr. – Jun.	F	1pm-4pm

Museum of Art Studio Programs

The Las Cruces Museum of Art's Studio Programs offer a variety of engaging art classes for all ages, providing hands-on learning experiences in painting, ceramics, printmaking, and more. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist, our Studio Programs provide the perfect opportunity to explore creativity in a welcoming environment. Registration for Summer I Session classes are open from Tuesday, March 24, to Saturday, May 2.

Registration for Friday Night Painting Parties and Workshops will close one week before the program's start date. 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/TTY 711 for more information.

Elementary Classes

Kids Bookmaking

Students will learn the basics of bookmaking. Students will learn about combining the book's content, style, and format by hand.

Fee: \$50

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio B

Age	Register By	Start Date	Days	Time
6-10	May 2	May 9	Sa	1:30pm-3:30pm

Kids Clay

Students will get messy and have fun with clay in between their fingers. Students will learn about clay and ceramics while being led by the instructor to create artworks such as ice cream bowls, whistles, jewelry boxes, and more.

Fee: \$50

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Ceramics Studio

Age	Register By	Start Date	Days	Time
10-13	May 2	May 9	Sa	10am-noon
6-10	May 2	May 9	Sa	1:30pm-3:30pm

Kids Drawing & Painting

Students will learn a variety of skills, techniques, and media found in drawing and painting. They will learn about color, value, proportion, line, and process to leave the class with multiple finished works of art and a deeper knowledge of the arts.

Fee: \$50

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio A

Age	Register By	Start Date	Days	Time
6-10	May 2	May 9	Sa	1:30pm-3:30pm

Kids Mixed Media

Join our kids' mixed media class where young artists explore creating colorful and imaginative artwork using a variety of materials like paint, paper, and glue. It's a fun way for kids to express their creativity, experiment with different art techniques, and develop their artistic skills.

Fee: \$50

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Ceramics Studio

Age	Register By	Start Date	Days	Time
6-10	May 2	May 9	Sa	10am-noon

Kids Printmaking

Join our kids' printmaking class where young artists discover the excitement of creating bold, imaginative prints using kid-friendly tools and techniques. It's a hands-on, creative experience that encourages experimentation, self-expression, and confidence through art.

Fee: \$50

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Ceramics Studio

Age	Register By	Start Date	Days	Time
10-13	May 2	May 9	Sa	10am-noon

Teens (13-17) • Some Cost

April

The Case of Alex Hansen

A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley's Teen cast will be presenting *The Case of Alex Hansen*, a play that explores themes of justice and redemption through the chaotic trial of its protagonist, Alex Hansen, who faces dire circumstances in a darkly comedic courtroom setting. This ensemble one-act play is absurdly comedic at times and grim at others, and is a journey into justice that you truly do not want to miss.

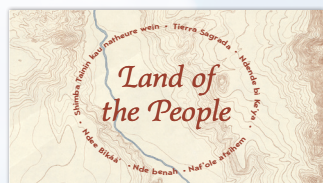
Ages: 13+

Fee: \$12

Tickets Required: Yes

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors open 30-minutes before showtime

Date	Day	Time
Apr. 17	F	7pm
Apr. 18	Sa	2pm



Land of the People: Ndende bi Ke'ya **Mescalero Apache Tribe Exhibit Opening**

Saturday, April 4
9am - 1pm

Come celebrate the opening of the Mescalero Apache Tribe rotation of *Land of the People*, a collaborative multicultural exhibit created with and by six regional Indigenous communities. This opening day reception features singers, dancers, social dancing, and food, centering Mescalero Apache culture, creativity, and community.



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June

Teen Summer Camp

These teen partial-day camps allow participants to build their own Dobsonian telescope during the first session and a skateboard during the second, through hands-on STEM activities and guided instruction. Campers will explore the mechanics of building tools while developing problem-solving skills and learning how to use their finished product. Registration closes a week before each camp.

Age: Grade 6-12

Fee: \$25

Registration Required: Yes, email SRichard@LascCruces.gov for more info

Theme	Location	Start Date	Days	Time
Build a Dobsonian Telescope to take home!	Railroad Museum	Jun. 9	Tu-F	10am-2pm
Build a Skateboard to Use	Museum of Art	Jul. 7	Tu-F	10am-2pm



Teen Classes

Teen Ceramics

This class is designed for beginner teen artists interested in learning the fundamentals of ceramics. Students will explore hand-building techniques and learn how to shape, texture, and create functional or decorative pieces using clay.

Ages: 13-17

Fee: \$60

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio B

Register By	Start Date	Days	Time
Mar. 14	Mar. 19	Th	5:30pm-7:30pm

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May 30

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Reading and dig up a good book!**



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Adults (18+) Some Cost

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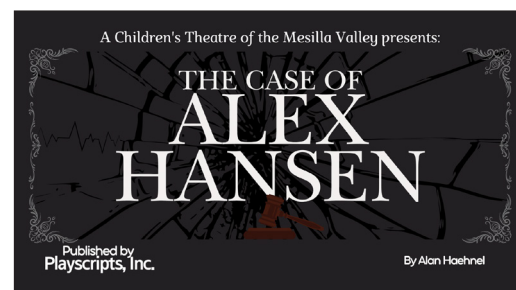
Ages: 13+

Fee: \$12

Tickets Required: Yes

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors open 30-minutes before showtime

Date	Day	Start Time
Apr. 17	F	7pm
Apr. 18	Sa	2pm



Rio Grande Presents

Blank Conversations Theatre Company

The Rio Grande Theatre is proud to bring Blank Conversations back to the theatre stage with two upcoming performances with a Shakespearean influence. In April you can see the comedy of this playwright through *Brews With the Bard: Much Ado About Drinking*. Then June will bring us *Shakespeare Abridged: A Comedy*. These productions can be attended with tickets available online and at the door.

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$20 per person

Ticket Required: Yes

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Doors open one hour before showtime

Date	Day	Start Time
Apr. 24 & 25	F & Sa	7pm
Jun. 12 & 13	F & Sa	7pm
Jun. 14	Su	2pm



Adult Classes

Acrylic Painting

Students will focus on simple painting techniques and implement them into their current skill level. This class will help students gain the confidence needed to create beautiful paintings of subjects like landscapes and animals.

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$80

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio Classrooms

Register By	Start Date	Days	Time
May 2	May 7	Th	1pm-3pm
May 2	May 7	Th	5:30pm-7:30pm

Bookmaking

Learn the basics of bookmaking in this simple, introductory class designed for adults of all experience levels. Participants will explore easy binding techniques and create their own handmade books in a relaxed, supportive setting.

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$80

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio Classrooms

Register By	Start Date	Days	Time
May 2	May 6	W	1pm-3pm

Ceramics I

Explore the fundamentals of ceramics hand building in this beginner-friendly class—no prior clay experience required. Learn to build, shape, and refine your own ceramic pieces using slab, coil, and pinch techniques in a supportive studio environment.

Ages: 18+

Registration Required: Yes

Fee: \$120

Location: Museum of Art Ceramic Studio

Register By	Start Date	Day	Time
May 2	May 7	Th	2pm-4:30pm

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	Register By	Start Date	Day	Time
Sculpture	May 2	May 7	Th	5:30pm-8pm



Multimedia

Explore a variety of materials and techniques in this adult multimedia art class designed to spark creativity and experimentation. Participants will combine different media to create unique works of art while developing skills in a relaxed, supportive studio environment.

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$80

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio Classrooms

Register By	Start Date	Days	Time
May 2	May 6	W	5:30pm-7:30pm

Oil Painting

Learn the basics of oil painting through step-by-step projects using non-toxic materials. In this class, students will learn about color, composition, palette, and mixing, and develop an understanding of the properties unique to oil paints.

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$80

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio A

Register By	Start Date	Days	Time
May 2	May 6	W	5:30pm-7:30pm
May 2	May 7	Th	1pm-3pm



Watercolor

Learn the basics of watercolor through beginner-friendly instruction with high-quality materials. In this class, students will learn about color, composition, palette, and mixing, and develop an understanding of the properties unique to watercolors to create beautiful masterpieces of landscapes and flowers.

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$80

Registration Required: Yes

Location: Museum of Art Studio B

Register By	Start Date	Days	Time
May 2	May 6	W	1pm-3pm

Painting Parties & Workshops:

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! Come by yourself or bring some friends. Registration is per person, and snacks and drinks will be provided. No previous art skills are necessary. Join us at the Las Cruces Museum of Art for an evening of socializing, painting, and fun!

Ages: 18+

Fee: \$20 per Person

Registration Required: Yes, one week before the party

Location: Museum of Art Studio B

Register By	Party Date	Day	Time
Mar. 27	Apr. 3	F	6pm-8pm
Apr. 24	May 1	F	6pm-8pm
May 29	Jun. 5	F	6pm-8pm

Virtual Jellyfish Art Workshop With Sayaka Ganz

Friday, April 17 • 6pm - 7pm
Online via Zoom, Ages 9+

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is hosting a virtual workshop with Sayaka Ganz to make jellyfish art with recyclable materials. Each participant will receive a bag of supplies for the workshop and must join the session through Zoom from their own computer.

Spaces are limited, registration is required.
Email BLee@LasCruces.gov to register.



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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 the class start date.

Location: Munson Senior Center

Ages: 50+

Fee: \$12 per six-week class

Registration Required: Yes, Call for class dates and to register (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. – Jun.	M	noon-3pm	6 Weeks

Silver Jewelry Beginner Class

This class, limited to five students, teaches all the skills needed 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 six-week class, plus \$50 materials kit

Registration Required: Yes, for class dates call the Munson Senior Center at (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. – Jun.	F	9am-noon	6 Weeks

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, Call for class dates and to register (575) 528-3000/TTY 711

Location: Munson Senior Center

Date	Day	Time	Duration
Apr. – Jun.	F	9am-noon	6 Weeks





Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 20 • 10am - 1pm
Branigan Cultural Center

Join us in celebrating this American holiday with Black American music and arts. There will be performances and presentations all over Las Cruces from June 17 to June 21. Follow us on social media and visit LasCruces.gov/Juneteenth for event details.



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