COVID-19 NOTICE

Please note that the exhibitions and programs listed may be updated, rescheduled, or cancelled in observance of public health orders. All changes will be announced on museums.las-cruces.org or social media.
**Welcome**

The Las Cruces Museum System aims to provide a welcoming environment for the curious so they can gain new insights and experience personal and community enrichment. Visit all four City museums and explore art, culture, history, and science!

Enhance your museum experience with programs and events, which are (unless otherwise noted) free and open to the public. For information about any of the programs, exhibitions, or events in this booklet, please call 575.522.3120 or email education@las-cruces.org. You can also find the museums on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @lcmuseums.

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501 N. Main St.

575.541.2154

**Museum of Art**

491 N. Main St.

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**Museum of Nature & Science**

411 N. Main St.

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**Railroad Museum**

351 N. Mesilla St.

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**Registration**

For programs or classes at any of the four museums in the Las Cruces Museum System that require pre-registration or payment, visit the atrium desk at the Museum of Nature & Science at 411 North Main Street between 10am-4pm, Tuesday - Saturday to register in person.

Unfortunately, at this time, online and phone registrations are not available. Classes and programs with insufficient enrollment are subject to cancellation. Please note the registration deadlines listed in this calendar.
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William Wachtel Memorial Scholarship

In memory of William Wachtel, the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums (FLCM) offers a limited number of scholarships for students of all ages to participate in classes at the museums. Scholarships apply to any program at the Las Cruces Museums, including classes, camps, and workshops, and provide financial assistance to individuals interested in participating. If awarded, the scholarship covers 100% of the class tuition. Awardees are solely responsible for meeting class registration deadlines.

To Apply:
Complete the online scholarship application at http://bit.ly/LCMScholarships. The FLCM does not process requests without proof of assistance or a copy of your latest tax return.
OR
Email supplemental documentation to scholarships@foundationlcm.com. If you would prefer to send a hard copy, mail it to:
Foundation for Las Cruces Museums
Attn: Scholarships
PO Box 2783
Las Cruces, NM 88004-2783

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums must receive documents before awarding scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, with applications accepted on a rolling basis. Students applying for a scholarship cannot register for a class in advance.

The scholarship application is separate from the course registration. If you receive a scholarship, you must register for your selected course during the open registration period.

Deadlines to apply: Rolling application periods.

Volunteers and Docent Training

The Volunteer Network connects individuals aged 18 and older to volunteer opportunities throughout the City of Las Cruces, including all four City museums!

Volunteers at the Museums make a meaningful contribution and positive impact in the Las Cruces community. Opportunities at the Museums include greeters, tour guides and docents, receptionists, and special events volunteers. As a volunteer, you are encouraged to attend monthly docent training meetings to learn about the Museum exhibitions and work with staff on exciting projects. Please contact 575.528.3330 for scheduling information and to sign up.

If you are interested in volunteering at the museums, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Scott Rodgers, at srodgers@las-cruces.org or 575.528.3035.

Outreach

The Las Cruces Museum System offers programs to schools and community groups throughout the region on art, culture, science, and history topics. To find out what opportunities exist for educational or informational presentations, please contact 575.522.3120 or email education@las-cruces.org.
Exhibitions

Branigan Cultural Center

La Calavera Catrina
October 1, 2021–January 8, 2022
La Calavera Catrina is a bilingual exhibition featuring larger-than-life sculptures of La Catrina, one of the most recognizable figures of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). An elegant female skeleton and an icon of Mexican heritage, La Catrina approaches death not through sadness, but as a colorful celebration of life. These works by artist Ricardo Soltero explore this rich iconography and feature interpretation written in partnership with Denver’s Mexican Consulate.

Ricardo Soltero, La vendedora de frutas (The Fruit Seller), fiberglass and paint, 2017. Photo © Scott Dressel-Martin, courtesy Denver Botanic Gardens

Cleared for Takeoff: Aviation in Southern New Mexico
October 1, 2021–Summer 2022
Cleared for Takeoff examines over 100 years of aviation history, both military and civilian, in southern New Mexico. Starting with the introductory use of military airplanes in 1916 after Pancho Villa’s raid on Columbus, NM, the exhibition explores the local impact of aviation-related training programs offered through New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts (NMA&M) during the World War II and post-war eras. It addresses the flourishing of civilian aviation in the 1950s–1970s, with the formation of flying clubs and shuttle airlines dotting southern New Mexico, as well as the decline of leisure flying starting in the 1980s. The exhibition also considers the future of the Las Cruces International Airport and Spaceport America, an 1,800-acre spaceport that features experimental aircraft and rocket launches, to provide examples of what the future of local aviation looks like.

Men working on airplane engine, NMA&M, circa 1940s. Image courtesy of the NMSU Library Archives & Special Collections
**Exhibitions**

**Place and Re-Place: Urban Renewal in 1960s–1970s Las Cruces**

**October 15, 2021–January 15, 2022**

*Place and Re-Place* focuses on the urban renewal efforts in Las Cruces during the 1960s and 1970s that saw city and business leaders dramatically change the nature of the city’s downtown. Like many U.S. cities during the time, Las Cruces attempted to turn around the fading economic prominence and deteriorating built environment of its urban core; however, this redevelopment came at the cost of the city’s culture and history. This exhibition makes use of the Las Cruces Urban Renewal Agency records, oral histories, moving images, and photographs to tell the story of civic identity, historic preservation, class tensions, and public engagement during this important period.

This exhibition was developed by NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections staff.
Exhibitions

Allure of the Near East: Treasures of the Huntington Museum of Art

October 29, 2021–January 22, 2022

Allure of the Near East explores the dominant art and craft traditions of the Near Eastern world—roughly, the region of Asia west of India to the Mediterranean Sea—and how their materials and designs transformed the fabric of life in the region and ultimately would influence the Western world. The exhibition showcases 45 treasures of fine glassware, ceramics, metalwork, painting, weaving, and much more. The works, some of which are centuries old, include objects for palaces and ordinary homes that evoke a rich and comprehensive story of daily life in the Near East.

The exhibition is drawn from the Huntington Museum of Art’s collection of Near Eastern art, collected by Drs. Joseph B. and Omayma Touma. It is toured by International Arts & Artists, Washington, DC.

Iznik dish, above, Ottoman Turkey, circa 1600-1625

Prayer rug, Tbriz, Iran, circa late 1800s

Images courtesy of the Huntington Museum of Art
Collections Update

Our newest addition to the collection is a fire helmet and hat belonging to former Las Cruces Fire Chief Jose Camunez. They were donated to the Las Cruces Museums by the Camunez family in Jose’s honor, along with images of him wearing the hat and helmet.

Please contact the Collections Manager at sthomson@las-cruces.org if you would like to donate an object to the Las Cruces Museums’ permanent collection. View the collections online using our database portal: http://5089.sydneyplus.com/final/portal.aspx?lang=en-US. You can browse by collection type like art or railroad memorabilia, or perform searches to find specific objects!
Special Events

Haunted Museum

**Saturday, Oct. 30, 10am-1pm**

Celebrate Halloween with the slimy and creepy and get ready for fall with cozy and earthy activities. Visit the Museum of Nature & Science to get up close and personal with slime mold and make your own glow in the dark slime. Meet the creepy crawlies from the Nature Center and make a Halloween Boo Balloon with the Museum of Art in the museum’s atrium.

Paint a pumpkin with a fall design and take home a traditional pumpkin pie recipe for your fall events. Celebrate Samhain, the Celtic New Year, by playing games and making a Celtic wreath in the courtyard at the Branigan Cultural Center.

Winter Festival

**Saturday, Dec. 18**

**10am-1pm**

Celebrate the winter holidays with activities at the Las Cruces Museums. Catapult into Christmas with the Museum of Nature & Science and create holiday crafts with the Museum of Art and Railroad Museum. Visit all four museums and receive a special holiday gift!

The Branigan Cultural Center is celebrating Kwanzaa at the Winter Festival this year! Kwanzaa is an African-American winter celebration. The name comes from the Swahili phrase “matunda ya kwanzaa” which means “first fruits.” Come learn more about Kwanzaa and make a first fruits Kwanzaa candle that you can give as a home-made gift to someone special, in true Kwanzaa tradition!

**Ujamaa: Community Prosperity and the History of Kwanzaa with Wacinque Amistad Kaizen BeMende**

**Saturday, Dec. 11, 1-2pm**

What does it mean for a community to truly prosper? The celebration of Kwanzaa holds knowledge and wisdom that we can all learn from. Learn the history, nuances, and traditions of Kwanzaa from local Black Historian Wacinque Amistad Kaizen BeMende with this special focus on the fourth day of Kwanza: Ujamaa!
Museum Programming

Branigan Cultural Center

What’s the Word: Arabic
Want to learn about the culture, food, and music from Arabic speaking countries? Interested in learning and practicing Arabic language? What’s the Word: Arabic is the program for you! Each session is inspired by a different Arabic-speaking country, and you will learn about a new nation as well as practice some Arabic vocabulary.

Thursday, Oct. 14, 5:30-6:30pm  A Trip to Somalia
Thursday, Nov. 18, 5:30-6:30pm  A Trip to Tunisia
Thursday, Dec. 9, 5:30-6:30pm  A Trip to United Arab Emirates

Culture of Empowerment
Culture of Empowerment is a series designed around the idea that people are powerful when learning together. Each quarter’s topics will revolve around a single theme with chances to dig deeper, learn how to activate community impact, and connect with each other. The theme for October to December is Disability Empowerment.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 5:30-7pm
Know Your Rights: Disabled Peoples with the American Civil Liberties Union
Learn what rights people in the Disability community have and how to use them.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 5:30-7pm
Community Roundtable: The Disability Experience in Las Cruces
Hear from community members about what it is like to live with a disability in the Las Cruces area. This program will be moderated by Kay Lilley and Michel Wing of the Beloved Community.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 5:30-7pm
Community Roundtable: Organizations Serving those with Disabilities
Hear from several local organizations about the work being done to bring disability justice, equity, and inclusion to our region.

History Notes
Discover history and culture through a monthly informal discussion series on the second Thursday of each month, except where noted, at 1pm. From October to December, the theme is “Asian History in the Southwest.”

Thursday, Oct. 14, 1-2pm
“When Confucius Visited the Valley” with Elvira Masson
Did you know that for over a decade more than 3,000 K-16 students, from Albuquerque to El Paso were studying Chinese language? This brief account of the Confucius Institute, a bi-national center for teaching Chinese language and culture that NMSU co-hosted from 2007 to 2020, will look at the mission and the accomplishments of the Institute. We’ll also try to answer the question, “Why Confucius?”

Thursday, Nov. 18, 1-2pm
“Japanese Internment” with Dr. Selfa A. Chew
On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt set in motion a massive displacement of the Japanese American communities residing in the West Coast and other areas of the United States. Executive Order 9066 followed a Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. It ordered the internment of persons of Japanese descent in concentration camps. Soon, they were joined by Latin American men, women and children of Japanese descent. Uprooted from their homes in Latin American countries they were transported from their countries of residency or citizenship to the United States southern border camps. This presentation will discuss the continental dimensions of the Japanese American internment program during WWII.

December: Holiday break!
Museum Programming

Railroad Museum

Brown Bag Lecture
Bring your lunch to the museum and learn from local experts while enjoying your meal. Topics change monthly but will all focus on historical events or the importance of railroads. All lectures are held at 12pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 12-1pm
“Transnationalism and the Transcontinental Railroad” by Christopher MacMahon, Ph.D.
This lecture examines international influences and contributions to the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad. From immigrant workers, the clothes they wore and the foods they ate, to supplies and tools, transnationalism through an emerging global market made the railroad possible.

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 12-1pm
Topic TBD presented by the War Eagles Museum

No lecture in December

Curator Corner
Explore the story of the Las Cruces Depot each month with Curator Christopher MacMahon as he highlights a story from the Depot’s past as told by the artifacts at the museum. Each story will be made available online the third Friday of each month.

Creativity Crossing
Saturday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Nov. 20
12pm-2pm
This monthly program provides the space and supplies to let your creative side shine. Activities include coloring pages, crafts, puzzles, and short lessons on railroad themed arts that are fun for all ages.
Museum of Nature & Science

Nature Center: Animal Feedings
It’s brunch time! Watch and learn how different species of animals eat, and what they eat. Animal Feedings takes place in the gallery at the Museum of Nature & Science the first three Saturdays of the month at 11am.

1st Saturdays: Amphibians and Lizards
2nd Saturdays: Turtles
3rd Saturdays: Snakes

Nature Center: Animal Encounters
Learn about the diverse world of reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates and get up close to some of the museum’s residents. Animal Encounters takes place in the gallery at the Museum of Nature & Science every fourth Saturday of the month from 11am-12pm.

National Fossil Day™
Saturday, Oct. 16
10am-1pm
Southern New Mexico has 280 million years of fossil history right under our feet! Celebrate the 12th Anniversary of National Fossil Day with paleontologists, educators, and fossil fun for the whole family.

Nature & Science Discovery Pre-K
Nurture your little one’s love of science! Preschool-age children and their parent or caregiver are invited to investigate nature and science through hands-on explorations, stories, and crafts. Pre-K takes place every Thursday at 9am at the Museum of Nature & Science. Registration is required for each month’s activities. Email education@las-cruces.org or call 575.522.3120 to register. Recommended for ages 2-5.

October: Nature Kids: natural materials (registration closes Sept. 18)
November: Junior Paleontologists: carnivores (registration closes Oct. 23) No class on Nov. 25.
December: Planeteers: stars (registration closes Nov. 20)
**Museum Programming**

**Saturday Family Science**
Work together to explore a new science topic each month with a hands-on investigation at the Museum of Nature & Science. Registration is required. Email education@las-cruces.org or call 575.522.3120 to register. Recommended for families with children ages 6-10. Adult caregiver participation is required. Programs begin at 10am.

Oct. 2  Scribble Bots (registration closes Sept. 18)
Nov. 6  Makey-Makey circuit games (registration closes Oct. 23)
Dec. 4  Brain Game Puzzles (registration closes Nov. 20)

**STEAMpunk**
Discover the stories behind science heroes who break barriers and explore the applications of their research through STEM activities. Registration is required. Email education@las-cruces.org or call 575.522.3120 to register. Recommended for ages 6-10. Programs begin at 10am.

Oct. 23  Lori Alvord, surgeon (registration closes Sept. 25)
Nov. 20  Walter Lincoln Hawkins, chemist (registration closes Nov. 6)

**Teen Science Café**
Team up with STEM experts for monthly discussions, tours, and activities with our guest scientists. E-mail education@las-cruces.org for a link to the Zoom webinar. Recommended for ages 11-17. Program begins at 6pm.

Oct. 21  “Under the microscope: Volcanoes,” NMSU Geology Department

**Science Café**
Science is for everyone. Join the Museum of Nature and Science and Sigma Xi: The Scientific Research Society at the monthly Science Café for face to face, open discussion with local scientists about current topics in a social atmosphere. Lectures take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm on Zoom. E-mail education@las-cruces.org for a link to the Zoom webinar.

Oct. 19  Soil and Groundwater contaminant remediation, Dr. Mark Brusseau, University of Arizona
Nov. 16  Imaging multiphase fluids within porous media, Dr. Geoffrey Tick, University of Arizona

**Mini-Master Class: The History of Life on Earth**
Wednesdays Oct. 6 – Nov. 3
5:30pm-7pm
Unearth the evolution of life on our planet in this four-part mini-master class led by paleontologist Richard Hummel. Explore the 3.5-billion-year odyssey of life, from the origin of life through the development of humans, as revealed by the fossil record. Recommended for ages 18+. (Registration closes Sept. 25)
Museum Programming

Museum of Art

Artventurous
Explore art as a family! Artventurous delves into art history, featuring an individual artist or highlighting the current artwork in the gallery. Try a new art project on Saturday mornings from 10am-12pm in the museum atrium.

October  Pastel Art
November Paper Art
December Mixed Media

Education Station
Explore a topic from a current or recent museum exhibition with a fun family-friendly activity. Education station occurs on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 2pm.

Oct. 9  Polymer Clay Beads
Oct. 23 Polymer Clay Coaster
Nov. 13 Plaster Signets
Nov. 27 Embossed Foil Art
Dec. 11 Manuscript Art

Listen to Your Art
The Museum of Art hosts a lecture series on the third Friday of the month at 1:30pm. Lectures feature a discussion on an artist, art movement, or other art history topic.

Oct. 21 Vija Celmins by Tom Birkner
Nov. 19 Magdalene Odundo by Sharbani Das Gupta (Zoom)

Gallery Tours
Explore the gallery, share ideas, exchange opinions, and consider different perspectives about the works of art during guided exhibit tours. Tours take place at 1:30pm on the first Saturday of the month.

Oct. 2 From the Ground Up XXX:
Regional Juried Ceramics Exhibition
Nov. 6 Allure of the Near East:
Treasures of the Huntington Museum of Art
Dec. 4 Allure of the Near East:
Treasures of the Huntington Museum of Art

Reading Art Book Club
Explore the connections between art and literature by reading and discussing new art-related books each month. Everyone is welcome – join the club even if you haven’t read the book! The book club meets at 2:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

Oct. 13 The Bookseller of Florence: The Story of the Manuscripts That Illuminated the Renaissance, by Ross King
Nov. 10 Edward Hopper: Portraits of America, by Wieland Schmied
Dec. 8 Art That Changed the World: Transformative Art Movements and the Paintings That Inspired Them, by DK, *Chapter 4 only*

Artist Trading Cards
Saturday, Oct. 30, 2pm-4pm
Drop in to make artist trading cards, unique pocket-sized works of art that you can collect and trade with other artists! Swiss artist M. Vânci Stirnemann started this collaborative art project in 1997. Since then, it has spread around the globe as a fun and engaging social activity. No previous art experience required and supplies will be provided.

La Calavera Catrina Art Night
Friday, Nov. 5
5pm-6:30pm
Join the Museum of Art and the Branigan Cultural Center for an evening of art activities inspired by the La Calavera Catrina exhibition, on display until Jan. 8, 2022. Learn about the “La Catrina,” the elegant female skeletons, and their importance in Dia de los Muertos and Mexican heritage. We’ll make our own skeletal figures from polymer clay and paper and participants will also have an opportunity to make a fun skeletal-themed print.

Go to an Art Museum Day
Tuesday, Nov. 9
Celebrate “Go to an Art Museum Day” at the Museum of Art by taking a picture in the gallery and sharing it on social media with #ArtMuseumDay! We will have an art activity in the museum atrium from 10am-12pm where participants can take inspiration from the art in the gallery to decorate a ceramic tile.
**Museum Programming**

"First Blush:" People’s Intuitive Reactions to Famous Art with Dan Hill, Ph.D.

**Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1pm-2pm**
Join us for a lecture with Dan Hill, Ph.D., as he discusses the use of scientific tools to provide objective, quantifiable answers into understanding what imagery does and doesn’t grab our attention. “First Blush” draws on facial coding to capture and identify people’s quick, real-time emotional responses to famous works of art. Dr. Hill is an internationally recognized expert on the role of emotions in politics, business, sports, and popular culture.

Museum Exhibitions Discussion Panel

**Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2pm-3pm, Zoom**
Tune in for a virtual discussion about the exhibitions of the Las Cruces Museum System! Our staff from the Exhibitions Department will highlight the work that happens behind the scenes before, during, and after an exhibition is featured in one of our museums.

National Arts & Humanities Month

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is hosting several virtual and in-person programs throughout the month of October to celebrate “National Arts and Humanities Month” - a coast-to-coast collective recognition of the importance of art and culture in America. The programs are free and open to the public. For more information on the programs, please contact Bryan Lee at BLee@las-cruces.org or 575.541.2217.

**From the Ground Up XXX Artist Talk**

**Friday, Oct. 1, 4pm-6pm, Zoom**
Join us for a virtual discussion with artists featured in the From the Ground Up XXX: Reginal Juried Ceramics Exhibition. Attendees will learn about the artists’ work and have an opportunity to ask questions. The exhibition is on display at the Museum of Art until Saturday, Oct. 9.

Painting on Silk with Judy Licht

**Saturday, Oct. 16, 2pm-4pm, in-person**
Local artist, Judy Licht will provide a workshop about painting on silk with dyes. This program is suitable for ages 12 and up. Registration is required to attend and spaces are limited. No previous art experience is required and supplies will be provided. Email education@las-cruces.org or call 575.522.3120 to register.

Let’s Break Some Plates! (Pique Assiette)

**3-day workshop**
**Tuesday Oct. 26, Wednesday Oct. 27, and Friday Oct. 29**
**11am-1pm**
Discover how to transform bits and pieces of broken dishware and pottery into beautiful mosaics with local artist, Susan Polka. This program is for adults ages 18 and up and registration is required to attend. Spaces are very limited. No previous art experience is required, and supplies will be provided. Email education@las-cruces.org or call 575.522.3120 to register.
Studio Programs

Museum of Art

Session 2: Oct 20- Dec 8
(Off weeks of Nov. 8 and Nov. 22) Register by 10/9
Wednesday 5:30pm-8pm
- Studio A Loretta Happy Clouds and Happy Trees: An Introduction to Landscapes (18+)
- Ceramics Studio Laura Teen Ceramics (13-18)

Thursday 5:30pm-8pm:
- Studio A Loretta Sit Still, Look Pretty: The Essence of Still Life (18+)
- Studio B Carolyn Teen Acrylics (13-18)
- Ceramics Studio Lily Portraiture Sculpting (18+)

Saturday Morning 10am-12pm
- Studio A Maria Drawing and Painting for Kids (10-13)
- Studio B Carolyn Mixed Media for Kids (10-13)
- Ceramics Studio Laura Kid’s Clay (6-10)

Saturday Afternoon
- Studio A Maria Drawing and Painting for Kids (10-13) 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Ceramics Studio Lily Beginner’s Ceramics (18+) 1:30pm-4:30pm

Friday Evening Painting Parties (6pm-8pm) (18+)
- Oct. 22 Register by Oct. 16
- Nov. 19 Register by Nov. 13
- Dec. 10 Register by Dec. 4

Adult Landscapes: Students in this class will work with several mediums to learn the basics of landscapes. Students will learn how to draw and paint different parts of landscapes including but not limited to natural scenery like trees, flowers, mountains, rivers, skies, etc. They will be introduced to different mediums of art including pencil, watercolor, and acrylic paints. Students will work with shapes, lines, and colors to create scenery on their paper and canvas.

Adult Still Life: Students in this class will work with several mediums to learn the basics of still life. Students will learn how to draw and paint objects that sit in front of them including but not limited to spheres, cones, pyramids, flowers, fruits, etc. They will be introduced to different mediums of art including pencil, watercolor, and acrylic paints. Students will work with shapes, lines, and colors to replicate what they see on their paper and canvas.

Adult Beginner Ceramics: This class is designed for beginner students to learn and practice basic techniques for building functional ceramic forms. Begin by exploring hand building techniques such as coil and slab building, then moving on to potter’s wheel creating forms such as bowls, cups, and vessels. Learn glazing techniques and bring home functional pottery.

Adult Portrait Sculpting: This class is designed for students who are ready to expand on their basic ceramic skills and ideas by using hand building techniques to create portraiture. Starting with a quick overview of the materials and techniques from beginner ceramics, the class then moves on to more advanced instructor-led projects intended to help students expand on their skills. Students will work from mirrors and photos to help them create their portraits. Prerequisite: Beginner Ceramics or permission of the Studio Program Coordinator.
Studio Programs

Teen Acrylics: Acrylic paint is one of the most versatile mediums. This fast-drying medium allows for a lot of forgiveness while working with it, which makes it one of the more popular paint choices. In this class students will be using acrylic paints and learning about the properties and techniques of them. Students will learn techniques such as various application techniques, wet on wet, washes and layers, color mixing, and more. Using reference photos and working from life, students will start with material studies, create multiple finished paintings, and leave with a greater confidence in working with oil paint.

Teen Ceramics: Students in this class will learn some basics of ceramics and then move on to learn the ancient art of wheel-throwing pottery under the direction of one of our art instructors. In this class, teens are introduced to the potter’s wheel to learn the tricky yet extremely fun and tactile skill of wheel throwing. Students will learn how to create bowls, plates, mugs, and more, which will then be glazed and taken home at the end of class.

Drawing and Painting for Kids: Students will get creative and messy creating works of art using a variety of skills, techniques, and mediums. This class will allow students the freedom to explore and create while also developing drawing and painting skills. Learning about color, value, proportion, line, and process, students will leave the class with multiple finished works of art, and a deeper understanding of the arts.

Kid’s Clay: Students will get to have fun and get messy with clay in between their fingers. Students will learn about clay and ceramics while being led by the instructor to create ceramic artworks such as ice cream bowls, bird houses, animal faces, and more. Each student gets to paint their work at the end and go home with multiple works of art.

Mixed Media for Kids: Students will get to create personalized pieces of art using a variety of techniques and materials. This class will allow students freedom to explore, blend color and texture, and play with action art. Be prepared to get messy and have fun while learning a newfound appreciation for art. Fun projects will combine collage, acrylic painting, layering, and found object to create masterpieces! Come ready to paint, draw, sketch, splatter, sculpt, and more!
Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

200 E. Picacho Ave.
575.528.4000

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

Contact
library.las-cruces.org
575.528.4000

Things are always changing, so keep up with the Library online at library.las-cruces.org or through our social media - @BraniganLibrary on Facebook and Instagram.

Library Highlights

Read Grateful Winter Reading Program
Dec. 17-Jan. 14
Join the Library for our annual Winter Reading Program. Track your winter break reading using our Beanstack app, set goals, and attend special craft programs.

Circulating Special Collections

Healing Library Activity Sets
Healing Library activity sets provide books, resources and activities to help families deal with tough topics such as separation and divorce, the death of a pet, the death of a loved one, coping and care, and Alzheimer’s. Available for checkout with a library card.

Nature Backpacks
Nature backpacks include activities and tools for getting out into the great outdoors and experiencing local parks and outdoor spaces. Available for checkout with a library card.

Movement and Music Bags
These activity bags include music and rhythm materials for your little ones to play and learn. Available for checkout with a library card.

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Youth Services Programs

Programming for Early Literacy, K-5, Tweens and Teens! For information call 575.528.4225 or email library.childrens@las-cruces.org.

**Rhythm Roundup**
**Tuesdays at 11am (Ages 2-5)**
A music and movement program to help build little one’s motor skills.

**Read to Me Story Time**
**Wednesday at 11am (Ages 3+)**
A weekly story time with stories, rhymes and songs to encourage kindergarten readiness.

**Raising Readers**
**Thursdays at 11am (Ages 0-3)**
A weekly story time for babies, crawlers and toddlers to introduce early literacy skills through books, songs and movement.

**Library Lab**
**Wednesdays at 4pm (Ages 6-11)**
A weekly program to explore art, science, engineering, or games through stories and activities.

**Tween Social**
2nd **Thursdays at 4pm (Ages 9-14)**
Come and join in for this monthly creative hangout – where we will learn a new skill, play a game and create together.

**Sound Sessions**
**Tuesdays at 4pm (Ages 13-17)**
Want to learn how to play guitar or bass? Join us weekly for instruction and opportunities to play with your peers. Registration is required.

**Teen D&D Club**
**Thursdays at 6pm (Ages 13-17)**
Join the campaign and have fun with this teen-lead role playing game. Beginners welcome. Registration is required.

**Teen Book Club**
**Ages 13-17**
A monthly book club for students in 6th-12th grade. Join the club, get a copy of that month’s book and meet to discuss with the group. Registration is required.

**Teen Takeout**
A subscription service just for teens in 6th-12th grade, fill out the online form to order your Teen Takeout to get 2 recommended library reads, snacks and something fun to do between reading.

New Digital Resource!

**Mango languages**
We have a new library resource! Mango Languages! Mango offers over 70 world language courses expertly designed to adapt to diverse learning needs, styles, and backgrounds. Mango includes:
- conversational, bite-sized lessons
- Listening and Reading Activities
- Critical-thinking and memory-building exercises
- More than 20 ESL/ELL/ESOL paired-approach courses for learners of English

Just download the app from any app store. Log in with your library card and start learning!

Special Programs

**Early Literacy Night**
**Thursday, Oct. 14 at 5:30pm – Caregivers and Babies-Pre-K**
Come for a chance to learn about early literacy milestones, enjoy an activity together, and have a community partner share their resources with caregivers of early literacy kids.

**Rhythm RoundUp Costume Parade**
**Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 11am Ages 0-5**

**Teen Halloween Special Effects Makeup**
**Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 5pm**
**Ages 13-17**
Come for a chance to learn about special effects makeup, application tips, and more! Registration is required.

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Adult Services Programs
Programming for Adults including basic education. For information call 575.528.4005 or email library.reference@las-cruces.org.

Everyday Gourmet: Joy of Mediterranean Cooking
Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4, 18 at 3:30pm
For each discussion session watch 4 episodes of the series on Kanopy and then join a Zoom discussion to talk about what you learned, what you disagree with, what looks yummy, and what doesn’t.

Holiday Cooking
Thursday, Dec. 2, at 3:30pm
Join us to talk about your favorite tips, tricks, and recipes to make cooking holiday family dinners easier and more successful.

Murderous Reads
Third Wednesdays of the month at 3:30pm
Oct. 20 Sara Sue Hoklotubbe’s / Sadie Walela series
Nov. 17 Sujata Massey’s / Perveen Mistry series
Dec. 22 Louise Penny’s Chief Inspector Gamache / Three Pines series

NaNoWriMo Support Group
Saturdays in Nov. 2-3pm
Come to the library once a week to meet with your fellow writers, celebrate your word count wins and commiserate over your word count losses.

Popup in the park
Join us Saturday morning in the park. Every third Saturday day of the month, the library will be popping up in a local park. Play some games, hang out in the shade with a good book and listen to a story. Follow us at @braniganlibrary to find out where Pop-Up will be each month.
Big Read Las Cruces: An American Sunrise
Oct. 11–Nov. 13
Come together for a month of programs and community reading groups centered on Poet Laureate Joy Harjo’s book An American Sunrise. Joy Harjo will join us as our keynote speaker to close out this month-long program focused on Indigenous culture and experiences.

Monday, Oct. 11 at 2pm.................................................................Big Read Kickoff.................................................................Albert Johnson Park
Friday, Oct. 15 at 2pm.............................................................AAS Book Discussion..........................................................Roadrunner Room
Saturday, Oct. 16.................................................................Indigenous Storytelling............................................................Roadrunner Room
Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 4 pm................................................WAWP Book Discussion............................................................Roadrunner Room
Friday, Oct. 22 at 5:30pm........................................Gather Film Screening and Discussion........................................Roadrunner Room
Saturday, Oct. 23 at 1pm.....................................................AAS Book Discussion............................................................Branigan Cultural Center
Saturday, Oct. 23 at 3pm.....................................................Celebrating Indigenous Cuisine........................................Roadrunner Room
Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 6pm......................................................The Removed Book Discussion........................................Roadrunner Room
Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6pm................................................AAS Book Discussion............................................................Roadrunner Room
Friday, Oct. 29 at 5pm.........................................................Book Discussion of Walking in Two Worlds............................Zoom
Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 6pm.......................................................Brandon Hobson Book Reading........................................Roadrunner Room
Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 6pm................................................AAS Book Discussion............................................................Zoom
Saturday, Nov. 6 at 1pm..........................................................Teen Poetry Workshop......................................................Branigan Cultural Center
Monday, Nov. 8 at 1pm.............................................................AAS Book Discussion............................................................Roadrunner Room
Friday, Nov. 12 at 5:30–7:30pm........................................Trauma Rocks and Seeds of Resiliency..............................Roadrunner Room
Saturday, Nov. 13 at 5pm.......................................................Poetry Reading by Joy Harjo..................................................Rio Grande Theater
Senior Programs

Munson Senior Center
975 S. Mesquite St.
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575.528.3000
M-F, 8am-5pm

Eastside Community Center
310 N. Tornillo St
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575.528.3012
M-F, 8am-2pm

Frank O’Brien Papen Center
304 W. Bell
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575.528.3000
M-F, 10:30am-1pm

Henry Benavidez Community Center
1045 McClure Road
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575.541.2005
M-F, 10:30am-1pm

Sage Café Senior Center
6121 Reynolds Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88011
575.528.3151
T-F, 9am-2pm

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Senior Programs

Roadrunner Food Bank Distributions
Call 575.528.3000 for more information.
• Munson distribution is held in the parking lot on the corner of Campo and Arizona, not in the Munson parking lots.
• Sage distribution line starts at the curb near the entrance to the East Mesa Pool, not at the Sage parking lot entrance.
• Eligibility for food distributions requires participants be 55 years of age or older, and a resident of Doña Ana County.
• Proof of residence (drivers license, State issued ID, passport, utility bill, etc.) required at time of registration.
• Registration is conducted 15-30 minutes prior to distribution.
• 1 box of food per household per visit, with a maximum attendance of 2 events per month.

Food Distribution Schedule

Sage Café Senior Center at 10am
Monday, Sept. 13
Monday, Oct. 4
Monday, Nov. 1
Monday, Dec. 6

Frank O’Brien Papen Center at 10am
Thursday, Sept. 2
Thursday, Oct. 7
Thursday, Nov. 4
Thursday, Dec. 2

Henry Benavidez Community Center at 10am
Friday, Sept. 3
Friday, Oct. 1
Friday, Nov. 5
Friday, Dec. 3

Eastside Community Center at 10am
Monday, Sept. 27
Monday, Oct. 25
Monday, Nov. 15
Monday, Dec. 27

Munson Senior Center at 2:30pm
Wednesday, Sept. 22
Wednesday, Oct. 27
Wednesday, Nov. 17
Wednesday, Dec. 22
RoadRUNNER Transit

300 W. Lohman Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575.541.2500
roadrunner.las-cruces.org

Bus Service Hours
M-F 6:30am - 10:30pm
Sa 9:30am - 6pm
Su No Service
Rio Grande Theatre Events

Rio Grande Theatre
211 N. Main St.
575.541.2290

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Oldies But Goodies
Saturday, Oct. 2
Admission $15
Doors open at 6pm, concert at 7pm

History of the 50’s and 60’s
Through Popular Song with Marc Black
Saturday, Sept. 25
Admission $20
Doors open at 6pm, movie at 7pm

Med-Illusions and Magic of RAZE MD
Saturday, Oct. 9
Admission: Kids $22, Adults $32
Matinee: Doors open at 3pm, performance at 4pm
Evening: Doors open at 6:30pm, performance at 7:30pm

Rocky Horror Picture Show
Las Cruces Shadow Cast
Friday, Oct. 15 and Saturday Oct. 16
Admission $10
Doors open at 8pm, movie at 9pm

The Polar Express
Saturday, Dec. 4
Admission $5 (cash only at the door)
Doors open at 7pm, movie at 8pm

2021 Classic Film Series
Doors at 6pm, movie at 7pm
Admission $5
The Shining Saturday, Oct. 30
Mr. Smith Goes to Washington Saturday, Nov. 20
It’s a Wonderful Life Saturday, Dec. 11

2021 Fright Night
Saturday, Oct. 23
Admission $5
The Nightmare Before Christmas
Doors open at 4pm, movie at 5pm
Little Shop of Horrors
Doors open at 6:30pm, movie at 7pm
The Blair Witch Project
Doors open at 9:30pm, movie at 10pm

Children’s Matinees
Doors open at 11am, movie starts at noon
Admission $1 (cash only at the door)
Pinocchio Saturday, Nov. 20
The Muppet Christmas Saturday, Dec. 11
Brave Saturday, Jan. 8