



## Fox & Branch

Wednesday, April 10 • 6:30 PM

A toe-tappin' good time! The renowned folk duo offers an engaging, high-spirited performance as they sing the stories of people who've moved from place to place and country to country. *Free tickets are required; pick up at the Help Desk starting March 1.*

## More exhibit-related events

**Book Discussion Group** Wednesday, April 3 • 4:00 PM

*The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir* by Kao Kalia Yang. The harrowing true story of a family's narrow escape into Thailand, and then the challenging adaptation to a new place and language upon their arrival in St. Paul, Minnesota. *Copies of the selection available at the front desk in March.*

**Genealogy Club** Thursday, April 4 • 10:15-noon

**How Migration Patterns Can Aid Genealogy Research** presented by research expert Alan Wambold. Learn how the discovery of group, or chain, migration patterns can assist in identifying immigrants' origins when other evidence is lacking. *Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. New members welcome!*

**International Film: *Shun Li & the Poet*** Tuesday, April 16 • 6:00 PM

A Chinese woman and a handsome old Slav, both immigrants to Italy, form a tender bond that transcends two very different yet not at all distant cultures.

**Community Collage** (ongoing)

An art project for kids and adults to do at the library. What is the one word *you* would use to describe *home*?

**LPL Air Dramatic Play** (ongoing)

Buckle your seatbelts; it's time to fly LPL Air! It's a place for children and their grownups to use their imaginations and PLAY together—because that's the BEST way to learn! *Located in the youth area.*



**WHERE DO WE COME FROM?**

**WHY DO WE MOVE?**

**HOW DOES MIGRATION CHANGE US?**

**WHERE ARE WE GOING?**

**Exhibit hours:**  
MON-THU 10-8  
FRI 10-5:30  
SAT 10-2

# March 20 - April 23

The American Library Association named Lester Public Library in Two Rivers one of 15 libraries in the country to host a museum-quality exhibition examining human migration. The new touring exhibit was developed by the American Anthropological Association and the Smithsonian's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.

Drawing on a wealth of case studies from across human history and the breadth of cultures, the exhibit encompasses stories, images, and objects that will help people appreciate migration histories—their own and others—and emphasizes how migration is a shared human experience that connects us all.

Learn more about *World on the Move* at [understandingmigration.org](http://understandingmigration.org).

**Plan your visit:**

Individuals, organizations, clubs and schools are invited to visit the free exhibition. Large groups and school groups are asked to arrange visits in advance; contact library director Jeff Dawson at (920)793-7104 or [jdawson@lesterlibrary.org](mailto:jdawson@lesterlibrary.org).

Want to avoid a crowd? Call ahead to find out when large groups are scheduled.

There is no cost to see the exhibition or attend events; however, **you need free tickets for all speakers and the Fox & Branch performance.** Find them at the Help Desk starting March 1. Feel free to call or email to reserve tickets.

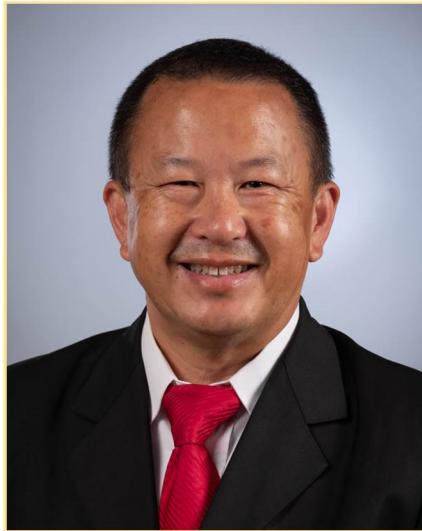
To find the exhibition's starting point, enter our doors and walk straight ahead. The exhibition begins near the library fireplace (look for the big bold intro graphic). As you explore, choose the path that most intrigues you.

Raised QR code tiles located throughout the exhibit allow visitors to access verbal descriptions on their mobile devices. Volunteers and staff are on hand to answer questions.

# Lester Public Library

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## An Almost Forgotten People: The Hmong American Experience

Wednesday, March 27 • 6:00 PM

**The presentation.** In the context of his lived experience, **Dr. Pao Lor** shares insights about how the Hmong went from an intricate, sophisticated, and vulnerable culture in isolated regions of Laos in the 1960s and '70s to becoming a part of the American and global landscape. He addresses five pillars of the Hmong American experience: An Ancient Culture, American Allies, Refugees, American Neighbors and Citizens, and Transformation of an Ancient Culture. Ask questions and dialogue with Lor throughout in the context of larger societal challenges: immigration, forced migration, diversity, globalization, refugees, displaced peoples, and other related topics.

**The speaker.** Lor is author of the memoir *Modern Jungles: A Hmong Refugee's Childhood Story of Survival* (2021). He is Associate Dean of the School of Education at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and calls Kimberly, Wisconsin home. His first home, however, was in central Laos five decades ago. In the aftermath of the Vietnam War when the Hmong faced persecution for their role in supporting U.S. forces, his family fled to seek refuge in Thailand. The journey was perilous, and Lor's father, mother and sister would not survive it. Once in Thailand, "home" was a series of refugee camps. Moving to the U.S., he found himself navigating a frightening and unfamiliar world. The young boy arrived in Green Bay in 1980. He went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees from UW-Oshkosh, and a PhD in educational administration at UW-Madison.

## Early Settlement and Immigration in Manitowoc County: 1837-1900

Wednesday, April 3 • 6:00 PM

**The presentation.** The earliest settlers during this time period were mostly Yankees from New England and New York who engaged in lumbering, fishing and shipbuilding. Within a few decades, the economy began to change to agriculture and manufacturing due in large part to immigration from northern Europe, particularly Germany. Ethnic groups from many countries arrived, each with their own language, skills, customs and traditions. **Bob Fay** provides an overview of this mass migration of people during the 19th century, with stories of families who braved trans-Atlantic hardships and the westward journey to establish homes in Manitowoc County.

**The speaker.** Fay is an archaeologist and former executive director of the Manitowoc County Historical Society.



**World on the Move: 250,00 Years of Human Migration**  
*was developed by the American Anthropological Association, together with the Smithsonian's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, and Smithsonian Exhibits. It is administered by the American Library Association's Public Programs Office.*

## Contemporary U.S. Asylum, Refugee, and Immigration Policy

Monday, April 15 • 6:00 PM

**The presentation.** An overview of key issues in U.S. refugee and immigration law and policy today. **Dr. Sara McKinnon** provides history and context to understand debates, issues, and policy changes around matters of immigration.

**The speaker.** McKinnon is Associate Professor, Department of Communication Arts, College of Letters and Sciences at University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is an expert in immigration and refugee issues, violence, gender-based violence, and international/global politics. Her current research examines these themes within the context of contemporary U.S.-Mexico relations. She earned her master's degree and PhD at Arizona State University.



## Perpetual Motion: Migration and the Nature of Being Human

Wednesday, April 17 • 6:00 PM

**The presentation.** Migration and the sound and fury of wave upon wave of human mass movement is as old as the human species itself. It's not just what we have done; it's who we are. From our ancient origins in central Africa to what's happening at the southern border today, we have been in perpetual motion, leaving behind extinct campfires and exhausted fields to escape the threats and problems of where we have been—all set in frantic and hopeful motion in the search for safer places and better days beyond the horizon and over the seas.

**Dr. Kerry A. Trask** offers a look at who we were and what we have become, and reflects upon how our perpetual motion has shaped us all and the world.

**The speaker.** Trask is Professor Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin Colleges. He received his PhD from University of Minnesota. He taught courses in and published numerous articles about the early history and development of the Great Lakes region. He's the author of seven books, including award-winning titles *Fire Within: A Civil War Narrative from Wisconsin* and *Black Hawk: The Battle for the Heart of America*. In 2008, Trask was inducted into the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters as a permanent fellow.

## The Creation and Dispersal of an Ethnic Minority: The Volga German Experience

Monday, April 22 • 6:00 PM

**The presentation.** **Alan Wambold** relates how war, economic conditions and Russian government policy created an ethnic minority settlement on the Volga River in the late 18th century. More than 100 years later, similar forces would disperse the descendants of the original settlers to locations throughout the world—including Wisconsin.

**The speaker.** Wambold is a professional genealogist, researcher, and reference librarian at the Lester Public Library. He's worked with historical and genealogical records for more than 30 years and has 15 years of experience managing special libraries.

