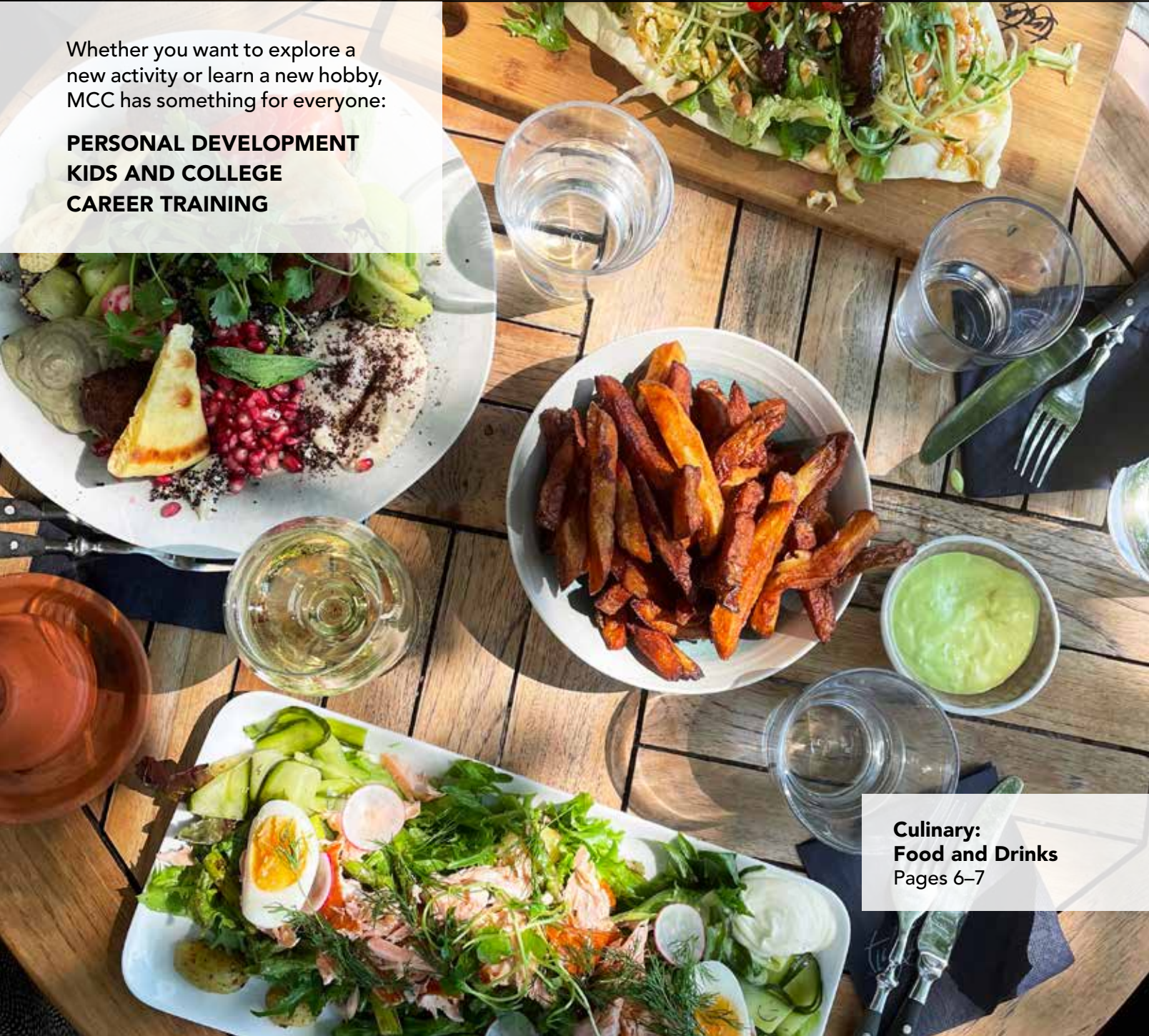


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» PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The following classes are offered through in-person, remote (Zoom), or online instruction. Registered participants will receive location or access information by email within 24-hours before a class begins. Classes are available to anyone aged 16 and older, unless otherwise indicated. For updated class offerings, refund policy, or to register, visit www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment or call (815) 455-8588.

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Online Class:  Homesteading Class: 
 Main Campus: 8900 US Hwy 14, Crystal Lake, IL
 UC (University Center): 222 E Church St, Woodstock, IL

ANIMALS AND PETS

Bird Watching: Local Bird Identification

This class is designed for beginner and intermediate birders interested in improving their birding skills to better identify some of the hundreds of species of birds that can be found in the area. Jeff Aufmann of McHenry County Audubon is an experienced bird guide and an expert in identifying local birds by both sight and sound. The first part of the class is an indoor lecture covering traits and behaviors that aide in identification with a review of the various groups of birds in the area. The class will also cover the latest internet and smartphone technologies available to help find, identify and track species. There will also be a bird walk at nearby McHenry Dam where we will practice the techniques to effectively use binoculars and spotting scopes. New skills learned will be used to find and identify as many species as possible.

Fee: \$39 Jeff Aufmann
 # [8646](#) Th 9/5 6:30–8:30 p.m. UC
 Sa 9/7 8–10:30 a.m. Off Campus

Make Extra Cash Pet Sitting (after school/work)

Do you love animals, especially dogs? Learn how to make extra money after school or work by watching dogs or other pets, usually in the pet's home. You will learn about feeding, watering, and exercising pets, how to make a good impression as well as what questions to ask when interviewing for a pet sitting job, and what to do when a dog has behavioral issues. You will also discover other services you can offer to make more money, such as dog walking, grooming, puppy training, etc. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. This class is taught by a seasoned professional pet sitter and a longtime entrepreneur. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class. Ages 12+

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark
 # [8641](#) F 7/12 6–8 p.m. Remote

CAREER EXPLORATION

Intro To Voiceovers

Explore the fun, rewarding possibilities of the voiceover industry! Discover current trends and how they make it easy and affordable for just about anyone to get involved. You'll learn about different types of voiceovers and tools you'll need to find success. Your instructor, a professional voice actor from Voices For All, will take notes as you read a real script in this one-on-one video chat setting, and offer some coaching to improve your delivery. You'll receive a professional voiceover evaluation later. One-time, 90-minute, introductory class. Your instructor will contact you to establish a class date and time. Must be age 18 or older.

Fee: \$49 Alicia Midgley
 # [8595](#) 7/1–9/30 1.5 Hours Remote

COMPUTERS AND TECH FOR PERSONAL INTEREST

Introduction to PC Troubleshooting

Don't spend your hard-earned cash on PC repairs that you can fix yourself with a little troubleshooting knowledge. This course takes you step-by-step through typical hardware and operating system problems and gives you the skills you need to solve them as you learn to maintain and optimize a Windows PC.

Fee: \$129
 # [8138](#) 7/17–9/6 24 Hours Online
 # [8155](#) 8/14–10/4 24 Hours Online
 # [8156](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online



All About Canva Pro Level 1

Canva is an online graphic design tool that can be used to create social media posts, presentations, posters, videos, logos, and more. Join Lori Lattanzio, Manager of Communications and Marketing at Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA), as she shares how Canva can help your projects come to life, no matter what your skill level. Lattanzio is a self-taught nonprofit professional who paved the way for herself through passion and creativity. Working in the nonprofit sector brings the opportunity to be more budget-friendly when it comes to resources—and that's where Canva comes in! This workshop will demonstrate skills for the beginner and advanced user.

Fee: \$69 Lori Lattanzio
[8500](#) W 7/24 9–11:30 a.m. Remote

All About Canva Pro Level 2

Let's put your Canva skills to use! This workshop picks up where our first All About Canva Workshop left off. First, we'll recap Canva features and tools while also learning a few new advanced tricks! The second half of the workshop will give you the opportunity to experiment and create marketing material for personal or professional use with creative guidance from NISRA's Manager of Communication and Marketing, Lori Lattanzio. This hands-on class is taught in a computer lab – no need to bring your own technology.

Fee: \$69 Lori Lattanzio
[8501](#) F 8/16 1–3 p.m. Remote

Canva Pro: Social Media

There are many apps to use for social media marketing, but Canva makes it simple with its templates, content planner, mockups, and more. We'll navigate through all the great tools Canva has specifically for social media marketing creation!

Fee: \$29 Lori Lattanzio
[8502](#) T 8/20 2–3 p.m. Remote

Canva Pro: Video Editor

Do you need some fun and engaging video content? Canva's video editor makes it simple with their easy-to-use video features for everyday videos or even special occasions. We'll navigate through all the great tools Canva has specifically for video editing to bring your videos to life!

Fee: \$29 Lori Lattanzio
[8503](#) W 9/18 2–3 p.m. Remote

Canva Pro: Presentations

Presentations can be boring - but not with Canva's presentation needs, you'll be able to market your brand or business full of great graphics, elements, and animations to fully engage the audience you're presenting to.

Fee: \$29 Lori Lattanzio
[8504](#) Th 9/26 2–3 p.m. Remote

Microsoft Excel Level 1 (Basic)

Learn the basic concepts and skills needed to start being productive with Excel. Topics include creating and saving worksheets; entering, moving and manipulating data; using formulas and functions; formatting text, numbers and cells; creating charts; data entry shortcuts; and managing, printing and sharing workbooks.

Fee: \$179 Audrey Minkalis
[8505](#) M 7/8, 7/15 8 a.m.–Noon UC
[8508](#) T 8/6 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. UC
[8519](#) WF 8/28, 8/30 8 a.m.–Noon Remote

Microsoft Excel Level 2 (Intermediate)

Build upon your foundational knowledge of Excel by learning more advanced tools for analysis and presentation of data. Topics include managing complex workbooks; building more complex functions; using data analysis tools like PivotTables and PivotCharts; making an impact with powerful chart and presentation features; and collaborating with other users. The course assumes students know how to use a computer, that they're familiar with Microsoft Windows, and that they've taken the Level 1 course or have equivalent introductory experience with Excel.

Fee: \$179 Audrey Minkalis
[8509](#) T 8/20 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. UC
[8506](#) M 7/22, 7/29 8 a.m.–Noon UC
[8521](#) WF 9/4, 9/6 8 a.m.–Noon Remote

Microsoft Excel Logical IF Functions and Lookup Functions

Learn the advanced formula tools of IF, SUMIF, AVERAGEIF, COUNTIF, SUMIFS, AVERAGEIFS, COUNTIFS, nesting IFS, VLOOKUP, HLOOKUP, and XLOOKUP in Excel.

Fee: \$69 Audrey Minkalis
[8485](#) M 7/15 1:30–3:30 p.m. Remote

Microsoft Excel Pivot Tables

Discover how to create a Pivot Table in Excel using filter, row, column, and values. You'll learn how to format a Pivot Table, add formulas into the table, group values, work with slicers, and insert a Pivot Chart.

Fee: \$69 Audrey Minkalis
[8489](#) M 8/5 1:30–3:30 p.m. Remote

Microsoft Word Basics

Microsoft Word is a powerful word processing program that gives you the ability to create and share documents with a comprehensive set of writing tools.

Fee: \$89 Audrey Minkalis
[8493](#) W 9/4 12:30–4:30 p.m. Remote

Sharing Files and Folders Using OneDrive

OneDrive from Microsoft is all about sorting files and sharing them between your computer and the cloud with the ability to access them from any PC, Mac, or phone. Learn how to create and share documents and files to collaborate with others in real time.

Fee: \$69 Audrey Minkalis
 # [8491](#) M 9/9 1:30–3:30 p.m. Remote

Microsoft PowerPoint Tips and Tricks

This class is for the PowerPoint user who wants to learn how to make presentations more effective. Valuable PowerPoint tips, tools, and timesavers will be covered along with general presentation guidelines.

Fee: \$89 Audrey Minkalis
 # [8494](#) W 9/11 12:30–4:30 p.m. Remote

CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

NEW! Fused Glass Votives and Photo Frames

Learn how to make draped fused-glass votives and photo frames in this hands-on, one-day class. You will have time to make two-projects. Projects will be fired in the following week and ready for pick up at Material Things. Some fusing experience is preferred, but not required. Supply costs range from \$15–\$42 and are not included in the course fee, but will be available on site. All classes will be held at Material Things Artisan Market, 103 E. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Ages 12+

Fee: \$27 Material Things Artisan Market
 # [8752](#) Sa 7/13 1–4 p.m.
 # [8753](#) Sa 8/3 1–4 p.m.
 # [8754](#) Sa 8/31 1–4 p.m.
 # [8755](#) Sa 9/28 1–4 p.m.



Fused Glass Workshop

Through a series of jewelry/ornament projects, you'll learn how to fire glass in a kiln to create one-of-a-kind art pieces. We'll cover characteristics of fused glass materials, assembling techniques, and firing guidelines as you design and fashion several personal pieces. No glass-crafting experience necessary; tools will be provided. Supply costs range from \$15–\$42 and are not included in the course fee, but will be available on site. All classes will be held at Material Things Artisan Market, 103 E. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Ages 12+

Fee: \$49 Material Things Artisan Market
 # [8847](#) Su 7/14, 7/21 1–4 p.m.
 # [8848](#) Su 9/8, 9/15 1–4 p.m.

Fused Glass Workshop II

Continue your glass-fusing experience by creating larger pieces of showcase art. In this class, you'll create platters, bowls, or unique wall pieces that can be used to decorate your home or express your originality. You'll create at least two personal projects. Open to students who have completed the first workshop or who have previous experience fusing glass. Supply costs for each project will range from \$32–\$45. Tools will be provided, but you're also welcome to bring tools of your own. All classes will be held at Material Things Artisan Market, 103 E. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Ages 12+

Fee: \$49 Material Things Artisan Market
 # [8849](#) Su 8/11, 8/18 1–4 p.m.

Introduction to Candle Making

Embark on a journey into the captivating world of candle making! Join Seleta Scents in this hands-on workshop where you'll experience the artistry of crafting your own personalized soy-scented candle. By exploring our diverse selection of clean fragrance oils, you will blend a scented candle that mirrors your individual style and scent preferences. No prior experience is required and all necessary supplies will be provided. Each participant will leave with their own handcrafted 10-oz. soy candle, and a newfound knowledge of candles, the art of candle making, and what to look out for when purchasing scented products.

Fee: \$39 Seleta Scents
 # [8682](#) Th 7/25 6–8 p.m.
 # [8684](#) Th 8/22 6–8 p.m.
 # [8685](#) Th 9/26 6–8 p.m.

NEW! Make Cards with Mallory

Create stamped greeting cards with Mallory. You will make unique die-cut cards to share with someone special in your life. Learn how to cut, stamp, and layout the perfect card. Students will create 3–4 cards, depending on style.

Fee: \$20 Mallory McBride
Red, White, and Blue
 # [8664](#) W 7/17 6–8 p.m. UC
Fun Fold
 # [8665](#) W 8/14 6–8 p.m. UC
Embossing
 # [8772](#) Th 9/12 6–8 p.m. UC



NEW! Needle Felting

Join us for a fun evening out creating your own adorable needle felted art. You will learn the basics of needle felting, using wool and a felting needle to create your very own art to bring a little nature and magic into your home. Bring a snack and make it a fun night! All supplies included.

Fee: \$39 Rebecca Berry

Needle Felted Nature Birds

[8661](#) Th 7/11 6–8 p.m. UC

Needle Felted Fairies

[8662](#) W 8/21 6–8 p.m. UC

Needle Felted Pumpkins

[8663](#) Th 9/19 6–8 p.m. UC

Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking

Learn to use digital editing techniques to show off your photos and memorabilia in Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking! Using Photoshop Elements, this course will teach you how to make the most of your scrapbooking talents and artistic ideas when you combine traditional and digital scrapbooking. Starting with simple projects, you'll quickly learn how to build pages, use artistic journaling, and produce sophisticated illusions.

Fee: \$115

[8169](#) 7/17–9/6 24 Hours Online

[8170](#) 8/14–10/4 24 Hours Online

[8171](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online

CULINARY

Coffee 101: Discover. Learn. Taste.

What do traceability, sustainability, social responsibility, and coffee have in common? Answer: Heady Cup Coffee Roasters. In this class, you will discover the history of coffee, where the best coffee beans are imported from, how coffee beans are roasted and blended, and sample different coffee blends produced by Heady Cup. You will have the opportunity to tour Heady Cup's roastery and learn how they create and roast their specialty blends.

Fee: \$25 Heady Cup Coffee Roasters

[8773](#) Th 7/11 6–8 p.m.

[8774](#) Th 8/8 6–8 p.m.

[8775](#) Th 9/12 6–8 p.m.

NEW! Tea 101: History. Blends. Taste.

Get a taste of the world of tea with Casting Whimsy in Woodstock. We'll explore the history of tea and where it comes from, explain the process of drying and blending, discuss how specialty blends are selected and created, and share why Casting Whimsy uses only organic and fair-trade tea. A tasting of different tea blends is included.

Fee: \$25 Casting Whimsy

[8917](#) Th 7/18 6–8 p.m.

[8918](#) Th 8/15 6–8 p.m.



NEW! Tea Tasting: Seasonal Fall Blends

Immerse yourself in the world of tea by learning where it comes from, how it's dried and blended, and which blends are best for the fall season. Enjoy a taste of the fall blends and see which one best suits you!

Fee: \$25 Casting Whimsy

[8919](#) Th 9/19 6–8 p.m.

NEW! Beer 101: History. Process. Styles.

McHenry County is home to a number of local breweries, including Kishwaukee Brewing in Woodstock. In this class, you'll explore the history of beer, learn why craft beers are so popular, discuss the process of creating beer, and discover different styles of craft beer. You'll also tour the brewery and learn about the brewing process including safety, equipment, cleaning and sanitation, the purpose of the hot and cold side, and the importance of the right ingredients. A tasting of different styles is included. Must be age 21+.

Fee: \$25 Kishwaukee Brewing Co.

[8910](#) T 7/23 6–8 p.m.

[8911](#) T 8/20 6–8 p.m.

[8912](#) T 9/24 6–8 p.m.

NEW! Summertime Appetizers with Chef Stephen

Spice up your next summertime gathering by learning to make 3-4 delicious appetizers. Chef Stephen of Odes of Food will demonstrate new techniques for preparing, cooking, and presenting. Get ready to dazzle your guests and become the star of any summertime picnic or party! All supplies are included and students are required to assist with clean up.

Fee: \$99 Stephen Byrne

[8880](#) Sa 7/13 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Main Campus

NEW! Date Night: Fondue with Chef Stephen

Join Chef Stephen of Odes of Food for a fun-filled evening crafting 3-4 different fondues with your favorite person. Come hungry and enjoy learning new techniques while preparing some flavorful fondues—and of course devouring them after! This is a two-for-one class. All supplies are included and students are required to assist with clean up.

Fee: \$149 Stephen Byrne

[8881](#) F 8/23 6–9 p.m. Main Campus

NEW! Date Night: Taste of Ireland with Chef Stephen

Bring your favorite person and spend an evening making some delicious Irish dishes. You'll learn to make Irish brown bread, a Dublin coddle (sausage and bacon stew), and butter swirl biscuits. Chef Stephen of Odes of Food will show you all the steps to make this mouthwatering meal. Come hungry and be prepared to leave full! This is a two-for-one class. All supplies are included and students are required to assist with clean up. This is a two-for-one class. All supplies are included and students are required to assist with clean up.

Fee: \$149 Stephen Byrne
[8882](#) F 9/27 6-9 p.m. Main Campus

NEW! Fun with Cookie Decorating: Under the Sea

Spend the evening learning how to make decorated sugar cookies. Lauren Daly of Tada Cookies will share basic tips for making dough and icing your cookies. She will show you different techniques to make your cookies the life of the party. You will receive six pre-baked themed cookies, icing, and sprinkles to decorate your own themed cookies. Please bring an apron and get ready to decorate!

Fee: \$39 Lauren Daly
[8652](#) T 7/9 6-8 p.m. UC



Fun with Cookie Decorating: Fall Fun

Spend the evening learning how to make decorated sugar cookies. Lauren Daly of Tada Cookies will share basic tips for making dough and icing your cookies. She will show you different techniques to make your cookies the life of the party. You will receive six pre-baked themed cookies, icing, and sprinkles to decorate your own themed cookies. Please bring an apron and get ready to decorate!

Fee: \$39 Lauren Daly
[8653](#) T 9/10 6-8 p.m. UC

Medicinal Mushroom Tinctures

Using mushrooms, you'll learn how to make extractions, including single, double, and triple types. We'll cover fungus species such as Ganoderma's Reishi and Sissile and others such as Chaga, Cordyceps, and Polypores. Some species can be found in McHenry County, like Artist Conk, Turkey Tails, and Birch Polypore. You'll review how to grow your own medicinal mushrooms such as Reishi, Lion's Mane, and others. Our instructor's 30-year history in foraging also includes some roots, barks, and seeds like burdock, milk thistle, Oregon grape root, echinacea, and many others to incorporate into a tincture. A tasting of a dual tincture will be available, but not required!

Fee: \$39 Gary (Andy) Andresky
[8642](#) Th 10/3 7-8:30 p.m. Main Campus

Luscious, Low-Fat, Lightning-Quick Meals

Have you ever wished you had a personal chef preparing luscious, low-fat meals for you? This course is the next best thing! You'll learn how to reduce fat in recipes without sacrificing flavor or texture. Explore how to use flavor profiling to expand your culinary horizons. Learn how to prepare casseroles, crock-pot dishes, vegan dishes, oven-fried foods, meat-based meals, and many other entrees that are both nutritious and delicious! You will discover tips for grocery shopping, menu planning, food preparation, and quicker cooking. You will have the chance to try out over 50 exciting and easy lowered-fat recipes.

Fee: \$115
[8172](#) 7/17-9/6 24 Hours Online
[8173](#) 8/14-10/4 24 Hours Online
[8174](#) 9/11-11/1 24 Hours Online

DANCE

NEW! Belly Dance Foundations: Shimmies & Sparkles

This beginning belly dance class is designed to teach students the basic skills necessary to develop the strength, posture, muscle awareness, and mind-body connection to learn the art of belly dancing! You will learn foundational movements that include isolations, basic steps, turns, shimmies, and arm positions. In this class, we will also focus on learning routines and choreography to a variety of songs.

Fee: \$89 Vintage Belly Dance
[8465](#) W 7/10-8/14 6-7:30 p.m. Main Campus
[8466](#) W 8/28-10/2 6-7:30 p.m. Main Campus

Country Line Dancing

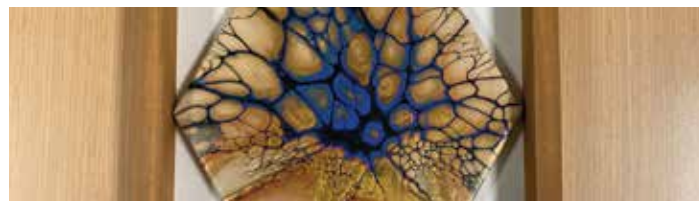
Get your hips swaying to popular country-western songs. With easy-to-learn patterned foot movements, country line dancing is friendly to those learning the steps while giving others the chance to add advanced variations. You'll learn popular classics like Boot Scootin' Boogie, Cowboy Charleston, Tush Push, and many more. This easy-going class is perfect for anyone wanting to enjoy music, laughter, and fun. No dance skills or partner needed. Soft-soled shoes only.

Fee: \$65 Kimberly Oda
[8845](#) M 9/9-10/14 7-8:30 p.m. UC

Country Line Dancing II (Modern)

Get your hips swaying to popular country-western songs. With fast-paced steps, country line dancing is friendly to those learning the steps while giving others the chance to add advanced variations. You'll learn popular new dances such as Dizzy, Men in Black, Swamp Thing, DHSS, and many more. This easy-going class is perfect for anyone wanting to enjoy music, laughter, and fun. Some dance skills required. Soft-soled shoes only.

Fee: \$65 Kimberly Oda
[8846](#) M 10/28-12/2 7-8:30 p.m. UC



Drawing: Beginner to Intermediate

Do you have an interest in creating and designing? Do you have a passion or desire for drawing but aren't sure where to start? In this class, you will learn the basics of drawing. Learn how to create volume in your drawing through perspective, shading, and shadows. You will learn how to train your eyes to replicate what they see. Students may purchase the optional textbook, *Complete Book of Drawing: Essential Skills for Every Artist*, on Amazon. Students will need to bring a sketch pad, HB and 2B pencils, pencil sharpener, kneaded erasers, erasers, and ruler. No class on 9/2.

Fee: \$79 Efrain Gonzalez
 # [8675](#) M 8/5–9/16 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

NEW! Drawing II: Colored Pencils

Challenge your artistic abilities by incorporating colored pencils in your drawing. Learn the fundamentals of smooth blending, how to create soft effects and build up color to create depth and volume, and how to develop value and intensity within your work for a beautiful finished look. Drawing experience is recommended. A supply list will be emailed prior to class.

Fee: \$79 Efrain Gonzalez
 # [8760](#) M 9/30–11/4 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

Watercolor for Beginners

Have you thought about trying watercolor painting, but are not sure how to begin? Or maybe you've tried but would like some tips to make painting easier. This class is for you! We will send out a supply list before the start of class.

Fee: \$79 Efrain Gonzalez
 # [8676](#) T 9/24–10/29 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

Watercolor for Intermediates

Are you newer to watercolors but looking take your abilities to the next level? This class will help you build upon your basic watercolor skills and introduce new techniques and tips to help you advance your passion for painting. A supply list will be emailed prior to the start of class.

Fee: \$79 Efrain Gonzalez
 # [8759](#) T 8/6–9/10 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

Intermediate-Advanced Watercolors

Intermediate painters will work on advanced techniques and problem solving. Come prepared to paint the first class period. A supply list will be emailed one week prior to the start of the class.

Fee: \$99 Megan Ripke
 # [8891](#) F 8/16–10/4 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Main Campus

NEW! Acrylic Painting: Bloom Swipe Hexagon

Create your next masterpiece by using the swipe method. Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward, will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep a uniquely shaped hexagon tile, and apply the paint. You will swipe the tile surface to create a beautiful bloom design. This is a fun technique that you're sure to love! You'll leave your tile to dry until the second class where you will varnish your masterpiece and attached it to a wooden frame for hanging. Please bring a box to transport your work home safely. All class supplies are included except for the box. Let's have some fun and be creative! This is a two-day class.

Fee: \$59 Patricia Berry
 # [8670](#) M 7/15 6–8 p.m. UC
 Th 7/18 6–7:30 p.m. UC

Acrylic Painting: Reverse Flower

Create your next masterpiece by using the reverse flower dip method. Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward, will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep your 8x8 canvas, and apply the paint for a beautiful flower effect. The fun begins the moment the paint hits the canvas. You'll leave your painting to dry until the second class where you will varnish your masterpiece. Please bring a shirt box larger than 8x8 to transport your painting home safely. All class supplies are included except for the box. Let's have some fun and be creative! This is a two-day class.

Fee: \$59 Patricia Berry
 # [8671](#) M 8/12 6–8 p.m. UC
 Th 8/15 6–7:30 p.m. UC

NEW! Acrylic Painting: Bloom Blow Jars

Create your next masterpiece by using the blow method on two jar lids. Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward, will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep your jar, and apply the paint. You will use your mouth to blow the paint around. This is a fun technique that you're sure to love! You'll leave your two jars to dry until the second class where you will varnish your masterpiece. Please bring a box to transport your painting home safely. All class supplies are included except for the box. Let's have some fun and be creative! This is a two-day class.

Fee: \$59 Patricia Berry
 # [8672](#) M 9/16 6–8 p.m. Main Campus
 M 9/23 6–7:30 p.m. Main Campus

NEW! Acrylic Painting: Pet Portrait Series

Paint pictures of your beloved pets as you delve deeper into the use of value and basic color theory in this beginner/intermediate art class. Each session will expand on the previous one, ensuring your artistic abilities will steadily progress. You'll go home with five mini portraits (4x4) of your pets. All materials are provided, but you are required to provide a photo of your pet prior to class.

Fee: \$129 Julie Kukreja
 # [8890](#) Th 8/22–9/19 6–8:30 p.m. Main Campus

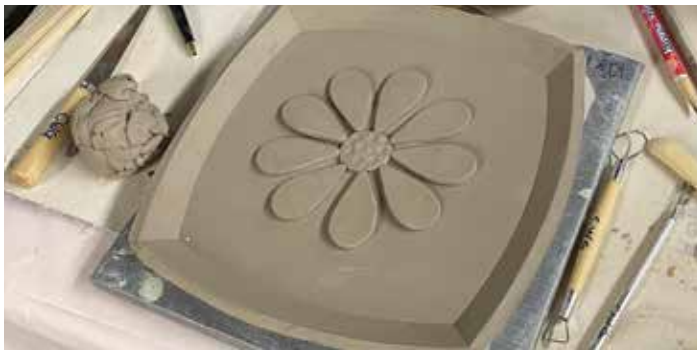
Introduction to Clay

You make it—we'll glaze and fire it! It is never too late to get your hands dirty and play with clay. We will introduce you to functional pottery through hand building techniques. You will learn different ways of working with clay, including rolling out a slab, making a pinch pot, joining, carving, and more. You'll create a functional clay pinch pot and a slab dish where you will select your choice of glaze. Pieces will be available for pickup within a week. All materials are included.

Fee: \$65

Clayworkers' Guild

# 8756	Th	7/18	6–9 p.m.
# 8757	Th	8/15	6–9 p.m.
# 8758	Th	9/19	6–9 p.m.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Personal Self Defense

Defense tactics instructor Tom Kretschmer will teach realistic strategies on how to keep yourself safe in all types of situations. You'll learn hands-on self-defense techniques and how to make effective strikes, plus how to prepare yourself mentally and what you can do to avoid dangerous situations. Tom will discuss what an OODA loop is and how this can protect you, everyday items you can use for protection, and how to use the safety measures your campus/community offers. Moderate physical activity will be a part of this class; please dress appropriately.

Fee: \$10

Thomas Kretschmer

# 8679	Sa	8/10	9–11:30 a.m.	Main Campus
# 8680	Th	9/19	6–8:30 p.m.	Main Campus

RowFit: Indoor Rowing Fitness

Looking for something different to shake up your fitness routine? How about a great workout that hits both cardio and strength? Need something low impact, but is a total body workout? RowFit indoor rowing fitness classes could be right for you! Classes are 6 weeks (1-hour each week) and are held at Sweeps & Sculls Indoor Rowing Center in Crystal Lake.

Fee: \$90

Sweeps & Sculls Indoor Rowing Center

# 8781	W	8/7–9/11	6–7 a.m.
# 8784	Th	8/8–9/12	7–8 p.m.
# 8785	W	9/18–10/23	6–7 a.m.
# 8786	Th	9/19–10/24	7–8 p.m.

Rowing: Adult Discover Rowing Clinic

Adult Discover Rowing Clinics will introduce you to rowing and give you hands-on experience with the sport. The clinic is broken into two steps, each lasting about 2–2.5 hours. The first part is a rowing orientation where you'll visit Sweeps & Sculls boatyard or indoor rowing center for our dryland introduction to rowing basics. There you'll learn about terminology, equipment, basic rowing stroke, and everything you need to get on the water or get an oar in your hands. The second part will involve actually getting in a boat! This is your chance to give it a try.

Fee: \$75

Sweeps & Sculls Indoor Rowing Center

# 8787	Sa	8/10	9–11 a.m.
	Su	8/11	7–9 a.m.
# 8788	Sa	8/24	9–11 a.m.
	Su	8/25	7–9 a.m.

Lose Weight and Keep It Off

Discover how to establish a healthy approach to weight loss and weight management. By the end of this course, you'll know how to set effective goals for eating, exercise, and many other elements that affect your weight, and be on your way to losing weight and keeping it off for good.

Fee: \$125

# 8257	7/17–9/6	24 Hours	Online
# 8258	8/14–10/4	24 Hours	Online
# 8259	9/11–11/1	24 Hours	Online

HISTORY AND SCIENCE

NEW! The Tainted Legacy of Composer Richard Wagner

To some he is the creator of divine music; to others, he is history's most controversial composer. Richard Wagner and his legacy were tainted by both his own difficult personality and the usurpation of his music by Adolf Hitler. Join historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of how the music and the legacy of Richard Wagner are perceived in her native country of Germany today.

Fee: \$15

Anette Isaacs

# 8840	W	7/10	6–8 p.m.	Remote
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NEW! 1950s Songs of the Silver Screen

This is a special edition of our Movie Music film history series that was first created for public libraries to celebrate the founding of their institutions during the decade at the center of the Golden Age of Movie Musicals. It naturally focuses on award-winning films and outstanding performances from the 1950s, but we've expanded the concept to include later films that paid homage to the 1950s in a variety of ways.

Fee: \$15

John LeGear

# 8834	W	7/17	1–3 p.m.	Remote
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NEW! The Dark History of Nursery Rhymes

Almost as soon as we learn to speak, we learn our first nursery rhymes. These simple little verses are easy to learn and have delighted children for centuries. What is not widely known is that many of these rhymes were created about some dark periods in Britain's past. Come along and learn the dark history of nursery rhymes! This class is not suitable for individuals under age 16.

Fee: \$15 John Gowing
[8883](#) M 7/22 1–2:30 p.m. UC

NEW! Movie Music: Elvis Presley Program

Elvis Presley was a pioneer of the music industry, similar to what Bing Crosby was in the 1930s and what The Beatles brought to the world in the 1960s. Elvis had all the tools: a distinctive style, good looks, a passion for his craft, an absolutely beautiful voice—and he put them all together like no one else in history. Where do you begin when making a movie music show about Elvis? We decided to place the emphasis on the first half of his 23-year career, which began in 1954. We capture his natural joy of doing what he did better than anyone of his generation, or perhaps any generation: singing from the depth of his soul. You'll also see that we split the screen between Elvis and his leading ladies. Elvis would have liked that, even if his longtime manager Colonel Tom Parker would not. Enjoy the movie music of Elvis Presley!

Fee: \$15 John LeGear
[8835](#) T 8/6 6–8 p.m. Remote

NEW! Medal of Honor Recipients of World War II

The Medal of Honor is our nation's highest military honor and is given for action above and beyond the call of duty. There were 473 WW II soldiers recognized with the Medal of Honor. The majority of the recipients received the recognition posthumously, their young lives cut short. In his book, *Always Remember - World War II Through Veterans' Eyes*, Dr. John Ulferts interviewed 20 WW II Medal of Honor recipients. This presentation will tell their incredible stories of valor in words and pictures. From providing life-saving medical care while firing at enemy soldiers in Okinawa, to throwing a burning phosphorus bomb out of a plane, to escaping head hunters in the Pacific, the stories of these brave Medal of Honor recipients must always be remembered by a grateful nation.

Fee: \$15 Dr. John Ulferts
[8655](#) M 8/12 2–4 p.m. Remote



NEW! Echoes of Freedom: The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall

It's hard to believe, but this November, Germany will be celebrating the 35th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall! With its rise on August 13, 1961, the course of Germany's—and especially Berlin's—history took a tragic turn. It would take 28 years to tear down this cruel and inhuman symbol of Germany's division, thus giving birth to yet another period in this European nation's evolution. German historian Anette Isaacs presents a historical and political overview of this very painful but also almost miraculous period in Berlin's captivating history.

Fee: \$15 Anette Isaacs
[8645](#) T 8/13 6–8 p.m. Remote

NEW! Myths and Constellations

Looking up at night, how many constellations can you identify? The constellations we see in the northern sky are just a portion of those visible around the planet. What are their stories? Many are the creative identification of myths that our ancestors used to tell stories or emphasize moral and not-so-moral behavior. Let's take a look at these constellations and learn their stories so we can share with others who might be looking up at night with us!

Fee: \$15 Suzanne Rauch
[8797](#) Th 8/15 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

NEW! Fabergé Eggs: The \$35+ Million Fabergé Egg Found in the Midwest

In 1885, the jewelry house of Peter Carl Fabergé began what would become the ultimate last great commission of "objets d'art" in the world, The Imperial Easter Eggs. Fabergé received the coveted title Goldsmith by Special Appointment to the Imperial Crown and began the remarkable collection of treasures forever associated with the tragic end of the Russian Imperial family, the Romanovs. However, through photographs and the astonishing Easter Eggs, we can get a glimpse of who the Romanovs were as people and how they lived.

Fee: \$15 Ann Leslie
[8829](#) M 8/19 1–3 p.m. Remote

NEW! Fabergé Eggs: The Search for the Million Dollar Eggs

It is 1894, and Tsar Alexander III of Russia has died. A decade earlier, he ordered a gold Easter egg as a surprise gift for his wife, who was so captivated by the egg and the surprise inside of it that he continued the tradition every year. His son and successor, Nicholas II, requests two eggs each year: one for his mother and one for his wife from the imperial jeweler, Fabergé. Each egg takes between one and several years to create, and each one costs a fortune. Today, any egg is worth tens of millions of dollars: collections are worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

Fee: \$15 Ann Leslie
[8830](#) M 9/16 1–3 p.m. Remote

NEW! American History and Today 1914–1964

History has never been more entertaining! This class touches on significant historic events and pop culture milestones between 1914 and 1964 with 400 photographs, documentary film footage, film clips, and music that will captivate your heart, mind, and soul. This is a lyrical walk down memory lane that you don't want to miss!

Fee: \$15

John LeGear

# 8836	W	8/21	1–3 p.m.	UC
# 8837	W	8/21	1–3 p.m.	Remote

NEW! Sherlock Holmes

Holmes is probably the most famous fictional detective in the history of literature. He has captured the imagination of readers all over the world since his creation by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Come and learn about how he was created and how he evolved through the stories. It is "elementary" that you shouldn't miss this presentation!

Fee: \$15

John Gowing

# 8884	M	8/26	1–2:30 p.m.	UC
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NEW! Everyday Life in East Germany: A Look Across the Border

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall 35 years ago, historians have dedicated themselves mostly to East Germany's political system and its oppressive instruments such as the secret police STASI. Although East Germany was a totalitarian state, there were still 16 million people who were living a more or less normal life. Join German historian Anette Isaacs for a compelling exploration of daily life in East Germany, its food and culture, education, consumerism (or lack thereof!), and everyday items that gave the GDR its identity and made it so different from its big capitalist sister, the Federal Republic (West Germany).

Fee: \$15

Anette Isaacs

# 8796	T	9/10	1–3 p.m.	Remote
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NEW! Germany's Liquid Bread: Refreshing Look at the History of Beer

Once so essential to daily diets that it was referred to as liquid bread, beer to this day is a source of great cultural and national pride, especially in Germany. Join historian Anette Isaacs for a lively exploration into the history of this iconic drink that will also include a look at the lucky German brewers who became Beer Barons in the USA!

Fee: \$15

Anette Isaacs

# 8841	M	9/16	6–8 p.m.	Remote
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NEW! 1960s Songs of the Silver Screen

This class is a special edition of our Movie Music film history series that was first created for public libraries to celebrate the founding of their institutions during one of the most turbulent decades in American history. Our focus is on award-winning films and outstanding performances that Americans turned to during the 1960s, but also later films that paid tribute to a difficult decade in America.

Fee: \$15

John LeGear

# 8838	W	9/18	1–3 p.m.	UC
# 8839	W	9/18	1–3 p.m.	Remote

NEW! Let's Visit: Westminster Abbey

Discover Westminster Abbey and all its fascinating aspects. The Abbey is the United Kingdom's coronation church. It is also the final resting place of over 3000 people, many of whom helped shape British history. Learn the stories of some of the notable people including some of the 19 monarchs lying within the walls and the history of the current building itself.

Fee: \$15

John Gowing

# 8887	F	9/27	1–2:30 p.m.	UC
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HOME AND GARDEN

NEW! Edible Flowers

Flowers are more than just nature's beauty—they can also be healthy to eat! Come explore the world of edible flowers and learn simple guidelines on which flowers are safe to eat and how to prepare them for consumption. Samples will be provided during class.

Fee: \$35

Caron Wenzel

# 8660	T	7/16	6–8 p.m.	UC
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NEW! Birds, Bees, and Butterflies: Plant Your Own Pollinator Garden

Learn how to attract butterflies, birds, and bees to your yard. Join Sarah Michehl, Community Ecologist with The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, for easy tips and info on gardening with native plant communities that will provide beauty and everything a pollinator could need.

Fee: \$15

Sarah Michehl

# 8656	T	7/30	6–7:30 p.m.	UC
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NEW! Native Seed Collection for the Home Gardener

Use those seeds! Join Sarah Michehl, Community Ecologist with The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, for tips and tricks on how to collect your native plant seeds. Basic seed identification, collection methods and timelines, and tips on how to sow will be covered. Our habitats need all the native plant help they can get, so utilize those seeds!

Fee: \$15 Sarah Michehl
 # [8657](#) T 8/27 6–7:30 p.m. UC

NEW! Caring For Your Oak Woods

McHenry County has lost 87% of its oaks since 1837, and we need your help to nurture the next generation and care for those that remain. Join Sarah Michehl, Community Ecologist with The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, to learn how to care for your oak woods as an entire habitat. This will include methods for analyzing your woods, identifying and managing invasive species, planting natives, and letting the sunshine in to encourage new oaks to grow!

Fee: \$15 Sarah Michehl
 # [8658](#) T 9/24 6–7:30 p.m. UC

Small Engine Repair

Don't pay to have your small engines fixed—learn how to do it on your own! In this hands-on course, you'll gain the necessary skills to maintain and fix your personal snow clearing and/or landscaping equipment. Work with a skilled instructor and learn how to get back to snow blowing or mowing your property without having to buy new equipment. While background knowledge in engine operation and hand tool usage is beneficial, it's not required to attend this course. Students will need to bring their own equipment, but tools are provided for use during the class. The class will take place at Woodstock High School in Woodstock. Specific classroom information will be emailed to students prior to the class.

Fee: \$79 Noah Taylor
 # [8677](#) T 9/3–9/24 6–8 p.m. Woodstock High School

Introduction to Interior Design

Learn to transform plain living spaces into beautiful and functional rooms. This course will teach you how to design every aspect of a room while taking into account color theory, industry trends, special arrangements, floor plans, design ideas, and interior design basics.

Fee: \$129
 # [8260](#) 7/17–9/6 24 Hours Online
 # [8261](#) 8/14–10/4 24 Hours Online
 # [8262](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online

Start Your Own Edible Garden

Grow delicious, nutritious fruit and vegetables in your own backyard. Whether you want to provide food for your family, save money, get exercise, or just be more self-sufficient, this course will give you the skills and knowledge you need to have a successful harvest.

Fee: \$129
 # [8263](#) 7/17–9/6 24 Hours Online
 # [8264](#) 8/14–10/4 24 Hours Online
 # [8265](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online

LANGUAGES

American Sign Language for Beginners

Join a fun and relaxed environment where you start signing immediately. You'll start with the alphabet, numbers, vocabulary of categories, finger spelling, and basic phrases to greet people and express yourself. This course is taught by a deaf instructor. The required textbook is Learn to Sign the Fun Way and is available on Amazon. No class on 9/2.

Fee: \$119 Carol Puca
 # [8763](#) M 8/5–9/30 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

American Sign Language I

This course is for students who show proficiency through an instructor-administered assessment and have completed ASL for Beginners. You will learn basic ASL grammar rules including body and facial expressions. This will help you to improve your signing skills by using vocabulary to form a sentence that ASL uses. This will help you improve your signing skills by using vocabulary to form a sentence and learning to ask and answer questions in ASL. This course is taught by a deaf instructor. The required textbook is Signing Fun: American Sign Language, vocabulary, phrases, games, & activities and is available for purchase from Amazon.

Fee: \$109 Jennifer Rogan
 # [8768](#) Th 8/8–9/26 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

American Sign Language 2

In this class, you'll learn more about ASL grammar (ASL gloss), numbers in ASL, facial expressions, receptive skills, expressive skills, and classifiers. This class is taught by a deaf instructor. Required textbooks include ABC Basic Course in American Sign Language-2nd Edition and Numbering in American Sign Language: Number Signs for Everyone. Both textbooks are available for purchase from Amazon.

Fee: \$109 Jennifer Rogan
 # [8764](#) T 8/6–9/24 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

American Sign Language 3

This class continues the study of American Sign Language (ASL). Students will develop expressive and receptive language skills with an increased emphasis on complex vocabulary, including an in-depth focus on classifiers and number systems and using them to describe people, places, and routines within the home and community. This class is taught by a deaf instructor. Required textbooks include ABC Basic Course in American Sign Language-2nd Edition and Numbering in American Sign Language: Number Signs for Everyone. Both textbooks are available for purchase from Amazon.

Fee: \$109

Carol Puca

[8766](#) W 8/7–9/25 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

Beginning Conversational French

Prepare for your next trip to France by mastering the basics of conversational French. This course will teach you proper pronunciation of French words that you'll use in your travels as well as cultural tips including appropriate gestures and body language.

Fee: \$115

[8511](#) 7/17–9/6 24 Hours Online
[8512](#) 8/1–10/4 24 Hours Online
[8513](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online

Conversational Japanese

Prepare for your next trip to Japan by learning the basics of conversational Japanese. This course will provide you with useful words and phrases for conversing as you master the essentials of the Japanese language. Throughout this course, you'll gain cultural knowledge and learn useful conversational phrases and vocabulary words particular to a specific area of travel. You'll practice these in drills, interactive exercises, and dialogues.

Fee: \$115

[8514](#) 7/17–9/6 24 Hours Online
[8515](#) 8/14–10/4 24 Hours Online
[8516](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online

Instant Italian

Learn to express yourself comfortably in Italian. You'll be surprised how quickly and easily you are able to learn Italian in this course, which provides knowledge of practical, everyday words and phrases you are likely to hear if you vacation in Italy.

Fee: \$115

[8523](#) 7/15–9/6 24 Hours Online
[8524](#) 8/14–10/4 24 Hours Online
[8525](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online

Speed Spanish

Imagine yourself speaking, reading, and writing Spanish. Now you can with Speed Spanish! This course is designed for anyone who wants to learn Spanish pronto. You'll learn six easy recipes for gluing Spanish words together to form sentences. In no time at all, you'll be able to converse in Spanish. ¡Qué bueno! This class is taught by a college instructor who has been teaching Spanish for over 20 years.

Fee: \$125

[8526](#) 7/17–9/6 24 Hours Online
[8527](#) 8/14–10/4 24 Hours Online
[8528](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online

MUSIC

MCC Guitar Ensemble

Guitar Ensemble is a small instrumental ensemble that provides students at various levels of musical proficiency the opportunity to perform a variety of guitar literature, especially folk, blues, country, and rock. Emphasizes sight reading, musicianship, and skills in improvisation.

Fee: \$20

Patricia Gaughan

[8315](#) Th 8/22–12/12 4:30–6:20 p.m. Main Campus

MCC Chorus

MCC's Chorus welcomes MCC students and community members. For more information, contact Michael Hillstrom at mhillstrom@mchenry.edu

Fee: \$20

Christopher Jackson

[8316](#) Th 8/22–12/12 7–8:50 p.m. Main Campus

MCC Concert Band

MCC's Concert Band performs a variety of pieces ranging from classics to modern masterpieces. Community members and students are welcome. This group is open to any musician with the musical skills necessary to perform the repertoire. Contact Paige Lush at plush@mchenry.edu for more information.

Fee: \$20

Paige Lush

[8331](#) M 8/19–12/9 7–8:50 p.m. Main Campus

MCC Jazz Ensemble

The Jazz Ensemble is open to any musician with the musical skills necessary to perform the repertoire. Students and community members are introduced to the works of traditional and contemporary jazz composers, developing improvisation and technical skills. Please contact Paige Lush at plush@mchenry.edu for more information.

Fee: \$20

Michael Bazan

[8319](#) W 8/21–12/11 7–8:50 p.m. Main Campus

MCC New Orleans Jazz Band

MCC's newest musical ensemble is a traditional New Orleans-style jazz band that is open to any instrumentalist (or vocalist) with the musical skills and experience necessary to perform the repertoire. The Dixieland band performs twice per semester, on campus and in the community. For more information, contact Mike Hillstrom at mhillstrom@mchenry.edu.

Fee: \$20 David Dcamp

[8332](#) Th 8/22–12/12 2:30–4:20 p.m. Main Campus

MCC String Orchestra

The string orchestra involves the study and performance of repertoire for string orchestra. Students develop aural and instrumental competence on selected string instruments and technical competence in performance.

Fee: \$20 Leah Hagel-Kahmann

[8625](#) T 8/20–12/10 6–7:50 p.m. Main Campus

MCC Woodwind Ensemble

Chamber Ensemble (woodwinds) introduces a variety of chamber music, including analysis of composition and performance practices. Students develop written, aural, and instrumental competence on selected instruments.

Fee: \$20 David Dcamp

[8920](#) Th 8/22–12/12 9:30–11:20 a.m. Main Campus

Private Music Lessons

Students who wish to take private music lessons may register through Community Education. There will be a total of 7.5 hours of instruction. After you've registered, the instructor will call you to schedule a specific day and time for your lessons. The cost is \$329 excluding music, which you'll need to purchase on your own. All classes will run August 19–December 14. Other musical instrument lessons are also available. For more information about private music lessons, please call Paige Lush at (815) 479-7670.

Fee: \$329

Class	Course Code	Instructor
Banjo	# 8333	Thomas Sergey
Guitar	# 8314	Patricia Gaughan
Percussion	# 8320	Brent Jordan
Piano	# 8317	Tara Singer
Piano	# 8318	Rebecca Chu Park
Voice	# 8321	Christopher Jackson

Lessons may also be available for additional instruments including those listed below. Please contact Community Education at (815) 455-8758 for other lesson opportunities.

Baritone Horn, Bassoon, Cello, Clarinet, Dulcimer, Flute, French Horn, Guitar, Mandolin, Oboe, Organ, Percussion, Saxophone, String or Electric Bass, Trombone, Tuba, Trumpet, and Violin, and Voice.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

NEW! Medicare Made Clear

New to Medicare or confused about how it all works? Join us for this workshop focused on Medicare eligibility, coverage options, prescription plans, and costs. Explore how your income, social security, and taxes are impacted by your decisions. Recommended for anyone 60 or older who is faced with making healthcare, retirement, and income decisions, anyone caring for parents or loved ones eligible for Medicare, or anyone 65 or older that is still working and facing employer vs Medicare insurance questions.

Fee: \$15 Mooney Lyons

[8666](#) T 7/23 6–8 p.m. UC

NEW! ABCs of Home Buying

The process of purchasing a new home can be overwhelming regardless if you are a first-time home buyer or purchasing your second home. Hear from local experts on what you need to know before taking the first step in your home buying journey. Learn about mortgages, down payments, interest rates, closing costs, negotiations, what important questions you should be asking, the deciding factors that could make or break the deal, and more. We will also focus on the impact credit plays on purchasing your future home and what steps you can take now to be in a good position to purchase your dream home.

Fee: \$15 Klara Le Monier

[8827](#) W 8/7 6–8 p.m. UC

NEW! Your Path to Retirement: Part 1

In this two-part path to retirement series, the team from Mooney Lyons will provide an overview on how to prepare for retirement, regardless of where you are in the planning process. Part 1 topics include new retirement opportunities, how much will you need to retire, considerations to consider before you invest, how can you save for retirement, and 11 strategies to save money on taxes.

Fee: \$15 Mooney Lyons

[8667](#) Th 8/22 6–8 p.m. UC

NEW! Your Path to Retirement: Part 2

In this two-part pathway to retirement series, the team from Mooney Lyons will provide an overview on how to prepare for retirement, regardless of where you are in the planning process. Part 2 topics include investment options, income resources in retirement, transitioning from work to retirement, how will you get your money, how to assess risk and protect your assets, and how to plan for your family's future. Previous enrollment in part 1 of the series is not required to enroll in part 2.

Fee: \$15 Mooney Lyons

[8668](#) Th 9/19 6–8 p.m. UC

Introduction to Stock Options

Learn to evaluate, buy, sell, and profit from stocks. This course will arm you with investment tools that were once thought to be only for the pros as you learn how to protect your portfolio and profit in a down market, an up market, or even a flat market.

Fee: \$129

# 8548	7/17–9/6	24 Hours	Online
# 8549	8/14–10/4	24 Hours	Online
# 8550	9/11–11/1	24 Hours	Online

Personal Finance

Set clear financial goals, make the right investments, increase financial security, and be prepared to retire someday. This course will help you gain control over the financial impact of your choices with tools that are useful, realistic, and easy to work into your regular routine.

Fee: \$129

# 8554	7/17–9/6	24 Hours	Online
# 8555	8/14–10/4	24 Hours	Online
# 8556	9/11–11/1	24 Hours	Online

Stocks, Bonds, Investing: Oh My!

Learn the basics of stocks, bonds, and investing so you can be independent and confident about your financial decisions. This class will teach you how to prepare for retirement, manage your finances, and pay for college without the need for hiring a broker or financial advisor.

Fee: \$125

# 8560	7/17–9/6	24 Hours	Online
# 8561	8/14–10/4	24 Hours	Online
# 8562	9/11–11/1	24 Hours	Online

PHOTOGRAPHY

Digital Photography for Beginners

Unlock your photography potential with hands on experiences in this introductory class. Explore the fundamentals of manual mode on your camera, mastering ISO, aperture, and shutter speed. Dive into composition principles and post-editing techniques. To put it all into practice, we'll end with an exhilarating on-location photoshoot, launching your portfolio journey. Perfect for beginners, you'll learn skills for everyday photos while embracing your inner artist.

Fee: \$79

Alyssa Rivera

# 8778	Th	7/11, 7/18	5:30–7:30 p.m.	UC
	Sa	7/20	4–5:30 p.m.	UC
# 8779	Th	9/12, 9/19	5:30–7:30 p.m.	UC
	Sa	9/21	4–5:30 p.m.	UC

NEW! Digital Editing with Adobe Lightroom

Ready to elevate your photography game? Dive into Adobe Lightroom for Beginners and unlock the power of professional editing. From organizing your shots to enhancing them with precision, this class breaks down all of Lightroom's most important features. Perfect for photographers seeking to streamline their workflow and unleash their creative vision. Join us and transform your images into stunning works of art! Note: A free trial or subscription to Lightroom is required to participate in this class.

Fee: \$49

Alyssa Rivera

# 8793	Th	8/8	5:30–7:30 p.m.	UC
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Cell Phone Photography (IOS)

Do you have an Apple phone and wish to take better quality photos? Unleash the power of your smartphone's camera. Learn to capture stunning photos in both auto and manual modes. We will introduce the art of composition and enhance your pictures using iOS's built-in editing tools. Join us to improve your selfie game and take everyday photos to the next level.

Fee: \$39

Alyssa Rivera

# 8777	W	8/21	5:30–7:30 p.m.	UC
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Photoshop CC for the Digital Photographer

Adobe Photoshop CC (also known as Photoshop Creative Cloud) is a powerful subscription software solution providing support and specialized editing tools for digital photographers and graphic artists. In this course, you will master techniques to edit and enhance your digital images and add a professional polish to your work. The course offers simple, step-by-step instructions for basics like cropping, rotation, and sizing images. Whether you are a novice or accomplished photo editor, this course will give you a collection of useful techniques that will quickly show you amazing results in your images.

Fee: \$115

# 8542	7/17–9/6	24 Hours	Online
# 8543	8/14–10/4	24 Hours	Online
# 8544	9/11–11/1	24 Hours	Online

RECREATION AND SPORTS

Open Chess with McHenry County Chess Club

Join the McHenry County Chess Club for weekly Thursday night open chess from 6 to 8 p.m. at McHenry County College. Everyone aged 10 and up are welcomed. Open chess is for beginners to experts. Players are welcome to bring their own chess boards but not required to do so. Limited boards will be available for use.

Open chess is a great way to connect with other chess enthusiasts, practice your playing skills, and learn from veteran chess players. Vending machines are available onsite for snacks.


Fee: \$5

McHenry County Chess Club

# 8594	Th	7/11–9/26	6–8 p.m.	Main Campus
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SENIOR INTEREST

These classes are available to anyone aged 16 and older, unless otherwise indicated.

 McHenry County College is pleased to offer a series of remote classes in partnership with the College of DuPage, Harper College, Illinois Valley Community College, and Rock Valley College.

Improv for Seniors

Embracing play and learning improv can have a transformative impact on adults' personal and professional lives. Improv offers numerous benefits: It promotes creativity, enhances communication skills, and boosts self-confidence. Improv encourages adults to let go of their inhibitions and embrace spontaneity. By engaging in play, adults can tap into their inner child and experience joy and laughter. Play is important for adults as it reduces stress, improves cognitive function, and fosters social connections. Get outside of your comfort zone and play! No previous experience is necessary. Students will also have the opportunity to tour the backstage of the Woodstock Opera House. This class will include some physical movement.

Fee: \$20

Woodstock Improv

# 8789	T	7/9	1–3 p.m.	UC
# 8790	T	8/13	1–3 p.m.	UC
# 8791	T	9/10	1–3 p.m.	UC



Writer Wannabees (Age 55+)

Are you interested in writing, but don't know where to start? Do you like to write and share your thoughts? Are you looking for an honest, gentle critique? Join other retired adults to discuss the rewards and challenges of writing. Facilitated by Dan Giallombardo, this is a self-directed writing support group. Registration is limited to 15 people. Class dates: 7/10, 7/24, 8/14, 8/28, 9/11, 9/25 (6 classes)

Fee: \$15

Dan Giallombardo

# 8761	W	7/10–9/25	1–3 p.m.	UC
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The Tainted Legacy of Composer Richard Wagner

To some he is the creator of divine music; to others, he is history's most controversial composer. Richard Wagner and his legacy were tainted by both his own difficult personality and the usurpation of his music by Adolf Hitler. Join historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of how the music and the legacy of Richard Wagner are perceived in her native country of Germany today.

Fee: \$15

Anette Isaacs

# 8840	W	7/10	6–8 p.m.	Remote
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Villains and Scalawags in our National Park Service

Walk through history with instructor David Kroese as he highlights some of our country's darker stories from the 400+ units in the US National Park System and the individuals who experienced these events.

Fee: \$15

David Kroese

# 8644	M	7/15	1–3 p.m.	Remote
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1950s Songs of the Silver Screen

This is a special edition of our Movie Music film history series that was first created for public libraries to celebrate the founding of their institutions during the decade at the center of the Golden Age of Movie Musicals. It naturally focuses on award-winning films and outstanding performances from the 1950s, but we've expanded the concept to include later films that paid homage to the 1950s in a variety of ways.

Fee: \$15

John LeGear

# 8834	W	7/17	1–3 p.m.	Remote
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The Dark History of Nursery Rhymes

Almost as soon as we learn to speak, we learn our first nursery rhymes. These simple little verses are easy to learn and have delighted children for centuries. What is not widely known is that many of these rhymes were created about some dark periods in Britain's past. Come along and learn the dark history of nursery rhymes! This class is not suitable for individuals under age 16.

Fee: \$15

John Gowing

# 8883	M	7/22	1–2:30 p.m.	UC
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The Parthenon and the Elgin Marbles

The Parthenon is an enduring symbol of ancient Greece, Athenian democracy, and Western civilization. It is also one of the world's greatest cultural monuments. Learn about its history and the current battle over its collection of sculptures, known as the Elgin Marbles.

Fee: \$15

Ruth Nelson

# 8488	W	7/24	7–9 p.m.	Remote
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Senior Hike: The Hollows

The Hollows (Lake Atwood Shelter) Conservation Area hosts an assortment of natural communities including sand prairie, wet silt loam prairie, and basin marsh habitats. Within its boundaries, 335 native wetland and woodland wildflowers, grasses, and plants can be spotted along the trails and around the campgrounds; these include little bluestem, rough blazing star, prairie dock, compass plant, golden Alexander, bird's foot violet, spiderwort, trillium, horsetail and bottle gentian, as well as six state-endangered and threatened plant species.

Fee: \$5

Nate Szkil

# 8842	F	7/26	10–11:30 a.m.	The Hollows: M.C.C.D.
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Movie Music: Elvis Presley Program

Elvis Presley was a pioneer of the music industry, similar to what Bing Crosby was in the 1930s and what The Beatles brought to the world in the 1960s. Elvis had all the tools: a distinctive style, good looks, a passion for his craft, an absolutely beautiful voice—and he put them all together like no one else in history. Where do you begin when making a movie music show about Elvis? We decided to place the emphasis on the first half of his 23-year career, which began in 1954. We capture his natural joy of doing what he did better than anyone of his generation, or perhaps any generation: singing from the depth of his soul. You'll also see that we split the screen between Elvis and his leading ladies. Elvis would have liked that, even if his longtime manager Colonel Tom Parker would not. Enjoy the movie music of Elvis Presley!

Fee: \$15 John LeGear
[8835](#) T 8/6 6–8 p.m. Remote

Pop-up Card Creation: Birthday Cards

Surprise your friends and family with these unique handmade cards. By using hand painting, ribbon, moving parts, and different techniques of paper cutting, hundreds of ideas are now open to your imagination. Each card becomes a thoughtful individual piece of artwork, just in time for any special day. All supplies will be provided and you will leave with a set of your own card creations.

Fee: \$15 Ann Leslie
[8822](#) W 8/7 1–3 p.m. UC

Medal of Honor Recipients of World War II

The Medal of Honor is our nation's highest military honor and is given for action above and beyond the call of duty. There were 473 WW II soldiers recognized with the Medal of Honor. The majority of the recipients received the recognition posthumously, their young lives cut short. In his book, *Always Remember - World War II Through Veterans' Eyes*, Dr. John Ulferts interviewed 20 WW II Medal of Honor recipients. This presentation will tell their incredible stories of valor in words and pictures. From providing life-saving medical care while firing at enemy soldiers in Okinawa, to throwing a burning phosphorus bomb out of a plane, to escaping head hunters in the Pacific, the stories of these brave Medal of Honor recipients must always be remembered by a grateful nation.

Fee: \$15 Dr. John Ulferts
[8655](#) M 8/12 2–4 p.m. Remote

Echoes of Freedom: The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall

It's hard to believe, but this November, Germany will be celebrating the 35th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall! With its rise on August 13, 1961, the course of Germany's—and especially Berlin's—history took a tragic turn. It would take 28 years to tear down this cruel and inhuman symbol of Germany's division, thus giving birth to yet another period in this European nation's evolution. German historian Anette Isaacs presents a historical and political overview of this very painful but also almost miraculous period in Berlin's captivating history.

Fee: \$15 Anette Isaacs
[8645](#) T 8/13 6–8 p.m. Remote

Myths and Constellations

Looking up at night, how many constellations can you identify? The constellations we see in the northern sky are just a portion of those visible around the planet. What are their stories? Many are the creative identification of myths that our ancestors used to tell stories or emphasize moral and not-so-moral behavior. Let's take a look at these constellations and learn their stories so we can share with others who might be looking up at night with us!

Fee: \$15 Suzanne Rauch
[8797](#) Th 8/15 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

Weird and Wonderful Illinois

Celebrate the State of Illinois by exploring the many weird and wonderful people, places and things that make Illinois great. Learn about the famous Illinois Tully Monster, the Tsavo Man Eaters and a buried nuclear reactor in Lemont's Red Gate Woods. Discover the many strange stories behind places like the Dixie Square Ghost Mall, Anna's King Neptune Memorial, Peoria's Scale Model of the Solar System, and more.

Fee: \$15 Jay Sternickle
[8897](#) 9/10 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Remote

Fabergé Eggs: The \$35+ Million Fabergé Egg Found in the Midwest

In 1885, the jewelry house of Peter Carl Fabergé began what would become the ultimate last great commission of "objets d'art" in the world, The Imperial Easter Eggs. Fabergé received the coveted title Goldsmith by Special Appointment to the Imperial Crown and began the remarkable collection of treasures forever associated with the tragic end of the Russian Imperial family, the Romanovs. However, through photographs and the astonishing Easter Eggs, we can get a glimpse of who the Romanovs were as people and how they lived.

Fee: \$15 Ann Leslie
[8829](#) M 8/19 1–3 p.m. Remote

Fabergé Eggs: The Search for the Million Dollar Eggs

It is 1894, and Tsar Alexander III of Russia has died. A decade earlier, he ordered a gold Easter egg as a surprise gift for his wife, who was so captivated by the egg and the surprise inside of it that he continued the tradition every year. His son and successor, Nicholas II, requests two eggs each year: one for his mother and one for his wife from the imperial jeweler, Fabergé. Each egg takes between one and several years to create, and each one costs a fortune. Today, any egg is worth tens of millions of dollars: collections are worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

Fee: \$15 Ann Leslie
[8830](#) M 9/16 1–3 p.m. Remote

American History and Today 1914–1964

History has never been more entertaining! This class touches on significant historic events and pop culture milestones between 1914 and 1964 with 400 photographs, documentary film footage, film clips, and music that will captivate your heart, mind, and soul. This is a lyrical walk down memory lane that you don't want to miss!

Fee: \$15 John LeGear

# 8836	W	8/21	1–3 p.m.	UC
# 8837	W	8/21	1–3 p.m.	Remote

Sherlock Holmes

Holmes is probably the most famous fictional detective in the history of literature. He has captured the imagination of readers all over the world since his creation by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Come and learn about how he was created and how he evolved through the stories. It is "elementary" that you shouldn't miss this presentation!

Fee: \$15 John Gowing

# 8884	M	8/26	1–2:30 p.m.	UC
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Senior Hike: Stickney Run

This site is home to a variety of wildlife. While on site, look for great blue herons, blue jays, red-tailed hawks, goldfinches, and red-headed woodpeckers.

Fee: \$5 Nate Szkil

# 8843	F	8/30	10–11:30 a.m.	Stickney Run: M.C.C.D.
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Pop-up Card Creation: Greeting Cards

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Fee: \$15 Ann Leslie

# 8823	W	9/4	1–3 p.m.	UC
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The Art of Storytelling

Everyone has a story. Being able to tell your story can be a challenge. An even greater challenge is telling your story and it making an impact on others. In this three-day class, you will learn what it means to tell a story, how to build your story, how to discover your story, and how to make your story impactful. On the final day, you will present your story and receive feedback from others in the class.

Fee: \$30 Susan Rohde

# 8828	Th	9/5–9/19	1–2:30 p.m.	UC
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Everyday Life in East Germany: A Look Across the Border

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall 35 years ago, historians have dedicated themselves mostly to East Germany's political system and its oppressive instruments such as the secret police STASI. Although East Germany was a totalitarian state, there were still 16 million people who were living a more or less normal life. Join German historian Anette Isaacs for a compelling exploration of daily life in East Germany, its food and culture, education, consumerism (or lack thereof!), and everyday items that gave the GDR its identity and made it so different from its big capitalist sister, the Federal Republic (West Germany).

Fee: \$15 Anette Isaacs

# 8796	T	9/10	1–3 p.m.	Remote
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Germany's Liquid Bread: Refreshing Look at the History of Beer

Once so essential to daily diets that it was referred to as liquid bread, beer to this day is a source of great cultural and national pride, especially in Germany. Join historian Anette Isaacs for a lively exploration into the history of this iconic drink that will also include a look at the lucky German brewers who became Beer Barons in the USA!

Fee: \$15 Anette Isaacs

# 8841	M	9/16	6–8 p.m.	Remote
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1960s Songs of the Silver Screen

This class is a special edition of our Movie Music film history series that was first created for public libraries to celebrate the founding of their institutions during one of the most turbulent decades in American history. Our focus is on award-winning films and outstanding performances that Americans turned to during the 1960s, but also later films that paid tribute to a difficult decade in America.

Fee: \$15 John LeGear

# 8838	W	9/18	1–3 p.m.	UC
# 8839	W	9/18	1–3 p.m.	Remote

Let's Visit: Westminster Abbey

Discover Westminster Abbey and all its fascinating aspects. The Abbey is the United Kingdom's coronation church. It is also the final resting place of over 3000 people, many of whom helped shape British history. Learn the stories of some of the notable people including some of the 19 monarchs lying within the walls and the history of the current building itself.

Fee: \$15 John Gowing

# 8887	F	9/27	1–2:30 p.m.	UC
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Senior Hike: Brookdale

Located in the northwestern quadrant of the county, Brookdale offers a serene getaway from daily life. Visitors can enjoy a 1-mile mowed grass trail loop that traverses one side of the 11-acre pond, past a wildlife observation deck overlooking the water, and up through a former pine plantation.

Fee: \$5 Nate Szkil
[8844](#) F 9/27 10–11:30 a.m. Brookdale:
M.C.C.D.

SPECIAL INTEREST

Mastering Vinyl Records: The 3 C's (Collect. Care. Clean.)

Vinyl records are back—but knowing how to take care of them is key to keeping the great sound they produce. Hear from the Records Department team on how to begin your record collection, how to care for and maintain your records, how to properly clean them, and how to select the right record player. Bring one record to be cleaned during the class.

Fee: \$19 The Records Department
[8626](#) W 7/24 6–8 p.m.
[8627](#) W 8/28 6–8 p.m.
[8628](#) W 9/25 6–8 p.m.

Save Money with Extreme Couponing!

Learn how to save \$\$\$ every day with extreme couponing. Coupons are NOT just for groceries. The savings can add up to HUNDREDS or even THOUSANDS of dollars every year. This comprehensive workshop will teach you where to find different types of coupons, even for high-ticket items; how to find the best coupon apps and websites; and how to match coupons with sales for maximum savings. This workshop is taught by someone who has used many couponing secrets to save thousands. Informative handouts for future use are included in the class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$25 LeeAnne Krusemark
[8640](#) F 7/12 5–6 p.m. Remote

Genealogy Basics

Learn to trace your family history and make it come alive. This course provides hands-on examples that help you dig deeper into your family's past using several subscription-based websites that you will be able to access during the course.

Fee: \$125
[8567](#) 7/17–9/6 24 Hours Online
[8568](#) 8/14–10/4 24 Hours Online
[8570](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online

Learn to Buy and Sell on eBay

Learn from an auction pro how to work from home or earn extra income by buying and selling goods online for top dollar. This course will teach you how to get noticed, value items, sell quickly, protect against fraud, and safely conduct financial transactions.

Fee: \$125
[8575](#) 7/17–9/6 24 Hours Online
[8576](#) 8/14–10/4 24 Hours Online
[8577](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online

TEST PREP

GRE Prep Series

If you're planning to apply for graduate school, this series is the perfect place to prepare for the GRE. Learn techniques for taking on the verbal reasoning, analytical writing, and quantitative math sections of the test. We'll also provide pointers on managing time, reducing anxiety, and explain how scoring is calculated.

Fee: \$225
[8597](#) 7/17–10/11 48 Hours Online
[8598](#) 8/14–11/8 48 Hours Online
[8599](#) 9/11–12/6 48 Hours Online

SAT/ACT Part 1-English Prep Course

This class focuses on the verbal questions of the ACT and SAT for the reading test, English test, and science test. We'll assess your knowledge of English usage, grammar, and reading comprehension and prepare you for specific question types on both exams. The course also includes tips related to time management, anxiety relief, scoring, and general standardized test-taking.

Fee: \$125
[8578](#) 7/17–9/6 24 Hours Online
[8579](#) 8/14–10/4 24 Hours Online
[8581](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online

SAT/ACT Part 2-Math Prep Course

This course focuses on the math questions of the ACT and SAT and includes a complete review of geometry, trigonometry, and basic statistics. Learn how to use your time wisely so you finish as many math questions as possible in the 60 minutes given to you for the math test. We'll also cover functions and other Algebra II subjects now tested on the SAT. This course also includes tips related to time management, anxiety relief, scoring, and general standardized test-taking.

Fee: \$125
[8582](#) 7/17–9/6 24 Hours Online
[8583](#) 8/14–10/4 24 Hours Online
[8584](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online

SAT/ACT Prep Series

Making the decision to attend college is probably one of the most important decisions you'll ever make—and your performance on college entrance exams is instrumental in determining your college choice. Universities and colleges throughout the U.S. require applicants to take the SAT or ACT as part of their evaluation package. This series will help prepare you to excel in all sections, for both tests, and provide you with the means to achieve your best potential score!

Fee: \$225

# 8585	7/17–10/11	48 Hours	Online
# 8586	8/14–11/8	48 Hours	Online
# 8587	9/11–12/6	24 Hours	Online

WRITING

How to Self-Publish for Free

This course will start your personal journey to becoming a royalty-earning self-published author. Write the next Great American Novel, share your professional expertise, or tell your family's story. Whatever you dream of writing, you can write and publish it yourself. A successful self-published author will show you how to produce e-books and print books through Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing—plus other online platforms—that will give you worldwide reach. We'll cover the basics including proper manuscript and book formatting, book cover design, editing tools, and publishing platforms. Learn how to create accounts and understand dashboards, reports, copyrights, ISBN, LCCN, and AISN. We'll also teach you how to develop a self-publishing plan and take steps to put that plan into action. Students who already have a book in progress can develop it for publication, while students who are new to writing and self-publishing will develop a solid understanding of this exciting and constantly-evolving new industry. This is a self-paced course with direct communication with the instructor. After registering, you will receive an email from the instructor directly within two weeks.

Fee: \$79

Roxanne Boersma

# 8596	7/1–9/30	8 Hours	Remote
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Writing for Online Blogs, Magazines, and Websites

You don't need a journalism degree or previously published articles to write for anyone's online blog, magazine, or website. Some opportunities offer exposure, while many pay well - \$1 a word or more. In this fast-paced session, you'll learn how to find ideas, sources, and more than 1,000 opportunities that pay; conduct interviews and create interesting content; protect your copyright; write query letters; and use your credibility to sell other articles or even your self-published novel. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee.

Fee: \$35

LeeAnne Krusemark

# 8629	T	7/9	4–6 p.m.	Remote
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Write a Riveting Mystery, Suspense, or Crime Story

Become a mystery writer for fun or profit! You will discover the different sub-genres and three-act story structure of mystery writing and create an intriguing cast of characters. Learn how to research and pick your setting, make sure your opening grabs readers' attention, use "red herrings" to misdirect your readers and create suspense until you're ready for the final reveal. Publishing options will also be discussed. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$35

LeeAnne Krusemark

# 8631	Th	7/11	6–8 p.m.	Remote
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Comedy Writing: How to Be Funny on Paper and Stage

Whether you need to make a dull work presentation more lively, mix laughter with learning in the classroom, or ultimately want to write for print/production or perform your own stand up routine, this fast-paced session will show you how to apply humor to all aspects of your life. You will learn the anatomy of a joke, how to use your powers of observation to sharpen your wit, write different types of jokes, and use humor to entertain and influence people. Informative handouts for future use are included in the class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$35

LeeAnne Krusemark

# 8630	Th	7/11	4–6 p.m.	Remote
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Be a Better Writer: 10 Easy Tips to Improve your Writing NOW

We write everyday: emails, social media posts, work projects, and even non-fiction or creative writing. Improving is just a matter of knowing some simple tricks to make your writing more impactful and readable, and may help get you a promotion at work or avoid rejection from a publisher. In this hands-on session, there will be writing/editing examples and exercises so you can see in real time how to make sentences flow properly while still maintaining reader interest, and you will leave with a workbook full of writing tips and tricks, which is included in the class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$45

LeeAnne Krusemark

# 8634	Sa	7/13	3–6 p.m.	Remote
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How to Write Your Life Story (for fun or profit)

You don't need to be famous to have a legacy to leave behind. Create an inspirational autobiography for family, friends, and others. Learn how to recall vivid memories, analyze events and people that shaped who you are, and bring your story to life. Your handout, included in the class fee, will have an outline to help you organize and write your memoir step-by-step. Printing/publishing options will also be discussed. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$45

LeeAnne Krusemark

# 8632	Sa	7/13	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Remote
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Introduction to Screenwriting for Television or Movies

In this comprehensive session, you will learn about special screenwriting terms and formats for television and the big screen. We'll teach you how to plot a story, develop characters, and execute your work in the proper screenwriting format. You'll discover the difference between a treatment, spec script, and shooting script and when to do each. Plus, you'll get an inside look into the business of selling your script to agents and producers. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark
[8633](#) Sa 7/13 1–3 p.m. Remote

Explore the World as a Travel Writer

If you love to travel and love to write, this is for you! We will discuss how to use all your senses in a new destination to create more detailed and in-depth descriptions that capture and maintain readers' interest, and whether or not you need to include photos with your work. You will also learn how to find and submit your finished product to print and online markets, the business side of travel writing (how to take travel tax deductions), and how to avoid worn-out travel writing cliches. Informative handouts for future use are included in the class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark
[8635](#) M 7/15 4–6 p.m. Remote

How to Outline and Write an Irresistible Romance

Romance is the #1 selling fiction genre. Whether you're a new or experienced writer, this comprehensive session will help you sharpen your skills with practical step-by-step advice. You will discover the different romance sub-genres and understand the proven romance formula. You will also learn to create a unique setting, introduce your protagonist (lead character), percolate friction, and write relatable dialogue as well as intimate scenes. Publishing options will also be discussed. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark
[8636](#) T 7/16 6–8 p.m. Remote

Beginner's Guide to Starting a Free Blog

Online blogging is a great way to get the word out about you, your service, your product, or information you want to share! You will learn step-by-step how to: start a FREE blog with WordPress, choose a blog template, emphasize your blog content with a creative name, use your unique voice to share your expertise, and connect your domain/website. You will also learn how to earn an income with your blog, including links to other websites and advertising on your blog, as well as increase your internet ranking. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark
[8637](#) W 7/17 4–6 p.m. Remote

Write Your First Novel in 90 Days

This intensive course provides a schedule of crafting a novel from start to finish, which you can finish in as little as 90 days! We'll teach you how to stay motivated throughout the journey and learn how to select your novel genre and develop a compelling premise; create multidimensional characters in immersive settings; craft a detailed plot outline; manage your time to keep your writing flow consistent; combat common roadblocks including writer's block; master the art of self-editing; and refine your plot and fix pacing, dialogue, and characterization problems. You'll also have the chance to receive constructive criticism and explore publishing options. By the end of this class, you will know how to complete your novel and have the knowledge and confidence to move forward with the publishing process. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark
[8638](#) W 7/17 6–8 p.m. Remote

Beginners Guide to Using FREE ChatGPT (AI) for Writers

ChatGPT (AI) is here to stay and is the future for writers and content creators. Don't be left behind! No prior AI experience required. Do you want to learn how to incorporate the power of cutting-edge technology to gain ideas and inspiration, write web content and articles, or even novels and scripts? In this beginner-friendly course, you'll learn how to register for a free ChatGPT account; input effective writing prompts to avoid nonsense responses; build creative content from stories to marketing copy; understand ethical/legal considerations; and determine its capabilities and limitations. There's no doubt ChatGPT and similar AI systems will force the job market to evolve. It's crucial for everyone to adapt, learn new skills, and be open to working in collaboration with AI—so start building your expertise in the world of ChatGPT now! The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark
[8639](#) Th 7/18 6–8 p.m. Remote

A to Z Grant Writing

Learn the ins and outs of grant writing from a veteran grant writer. This course will provide the experience and skills you need to become a successful grant writer as you learn to put together stand-out proposals that will encourage funds from donors.

Fee: \$125
[8600](#) 7/17–9/6 24 Hours Online
[8601](#) 8/14–10/4 24 Hours Online
[8602](#) 9/11–11/1 24 Hours Online



Beginning Writer's Workshop

If you have a story that needs to be written, an online writing workshop is a great place to start. This course will help improve your writing skills and discover new ways to stretch your creative muscles.

Fee: \$129

# 8603	7/17-9/6	24 Hours	Online
# 8604	8/14-10/4	24 Hours	Online
# 8605	9/11-11/1	24 Hours	Online

Grammar Refresher

Level up your grammar, speaking, and writing skills! In this course, we'll review the eight parts of speech, punctuation and mechanics, and foundational sentence construction. We'll also discuss phrases, clauses, problem words, common grammar mistakes, and much more using practical, hands-on exercises, short videos, and even fun games.

Fee: \$115

# 8606	7/17-9/6	24 Hours	Online
# 8607	8/14-10/4	24 Hours	Online
# 8608	9/11-11/1	24 Hours	Online

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Fee: \$150

Philip Senn

# 8387	W	7/17	8 a.m.–Noon	UC
# 8388	F	8/16	8 a.m.–Noon	UC
# 8389	F	9/20	8 a.m.–Noon	UC

FIRE SERVICE

Vehicle Machinery Operations

This course exceeds all the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) requirements for state certification and provides students with the basic knowledge of skills needed to perform vehicle and machinery rescue at the NFPA 1670 & 1006 Operations level. This important course is a co-requisite for Advanced Technician Firefighter Certification. Student must be on fire department roster with OSFM to enroll in class. The student must meet all OSFM attendance requirements to sit for final exams. McHenry County College will register students to take final OSFM written exam. Required Textbook: Vehicle Rescue and Extrication, 2nd edition, Ron Moore, ISBN: 9780323018333 Pre-Requisites: OSFM Certified Firefighter II or Basic Operations FF Equipment: NFPA compliant PPE w/eye protection and gloves

Fee: \$800

Jason Kedrok

# 7990	M–F	8/12–8/16	8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Crystal Lake Fire Department Station 1
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FOOD SERVICE SANITATION

ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification

All food service operations that prepare and serve food are required to have a certified food safety manager on the premises when food is being handled. This course covers all critical principles including personal hygiene, cross-contamination, time and temperature, receiving and storage, food safety management systems, training, cleaning, and sanitizing. This 8-hour ServSafe course and exam (an ANSI-CFPM accredited provider) meets the Illinois Department of Public Health requirements. The ServSafe Manager Certification verifies that a manager/person in charge has sufficient food safety knowledge to protect the public from a foodborne illness. The certification is valid for five years. You must arrive promptly by 8 a.m. Book is included in class fee. Bring photo ID to class.

Fee: \$189

Mark Halverson

# 8569	T	8/20	8 a.m.–5 p.m.	UC
# 8571	T	9/17	8 a.m.–5 p.m.	UC
Spanish Option				
# 8395	T	7/23	8 a.m.–5 p.m.	UC

PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE

EKG Technician

You'll study basic to advanced concepts in EKG. These concepts include the basic cardiac anatomy and physiology, proper lead placement for a 5- and 12-lead, technical aspects of the EKG machine and how to calculate heart rate, how to interpret a rhythm strip, and several advanced concepts working with the 12-lead EKG machines. You'll also learn how to prep a patient for EKG monitoring and troubleshooting EKG artifacts. This training will allow you to assist the physician with diagnosing myocardial infarction, cardiac arrhythmias, and heart rhythm irregularities. EKG machines are used in physicians' offices, hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities. The fee for this class includes all books, materials, and the cost of the initial certification exam to be taken at the end of class. Asynchronous work to take place on-line (recorded zoom lectures, quizzes, and assignments)

Fee: \$999

Kristin Lynam

# 8210	M	9/9–10/28	11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Main Campus
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Pharmacy Technician

The Professional Pharmacy Technician Training is a 96-hour course designed to teach students the fundamentals and particulars of being a pharmacy technician. The program is geared toward a variety of students including those interested in becoming pharmacy students, or those with a healthcare background looking to strengthen their current skills. The class introduces students to various pharmacy practice settings and covers drug classes, basic physiology, drug interactions, and daily pharmacy operations. This program trains individuals to effectively assist in pharmaceutical preparations and complete daily required tasks in any pharmacy environment, although on-the-job training is still a part of pharmacy training. This course prepares students to sit for the NHA (National Healthcareer Association) ExCPT exam.

Fee: \$1,999 Samantha Rimas and Madonna Vorderer
8484 TTh 8/22–12/12 5:30–7:30 p.m. Main Campus

Phlebotomy Technician CPT

A Phlebotomy Technician Certification (CPT) will give you the credentials you need to set yourself apart from other applicants as you embark on a rewarding healthcare career. This course consists of 60 classroom and lab hours in which you'll be required to complete a minimum of 30 venipunctures and 10 capillary sticks (must be able to find volunteers—friends, family, etc.). After successful completion of the course, you'll be prepared to take the National Healthcareers Association (NHA) CPT exam. The cost of the course includes books, materials, and the cost of the NHA certification exam. Students will both administer and receive venipunctures and capillary sticks. *This course has immunization and physical screening requirements that must be met before the start of the course. Please contact careertraining@mchenry.edu prior to enrolling for details.

Fee: \$1,999 Melanie Sharratt
8404 MW 8/19–10/28 5–8 p.m. Main Campus

BLS Healthcare Provider CPR

This course meets the American Heart Association (AHA) requirements for recognition as a Basic Life Support Rescuer. It is intended for those entering or currently working in healthcare settings. After successfully completing this course, you'll receive a certification in BLS CPR. Cost of the book and materials are included in the course fee. 4.0 contact hours will be issued.

Fee: \$75 Michelle Krysiak
8393 W 8/14 2:30–6:30 p.m. UC
8394 F 9/6 6–10 p.m. Main Campus

Heartsaver® First Aid CPR/AED/BBP

Practice critical skills needed to respond to and manage a first-aid, choking, or sudden cardiac arrest emergency until emergency medical services (EMS) arrives. Learn skills such as how to treat bleeding, sprains, broken bones, shock, and other first-aid emergencies. This course also teaches adult CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) use. It is appropriate for participants with limited or no medical training who need a course completion card in first aid, CPR, and AED use to meet job, regulatory, or other requirements. The BBP (blood-borne pathogens) portion teaches employees how to protect themselves and others from exposure to blood or blood-containing materials. This course is designed to meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements and is designed for anyone with a reasonable chance of coming into contact with blood-borne pathogens as a first responder in the workplace.

Fee: \$125 Michelle Krysiak
8392 W 8/14 8 a.m.–1:59 p.m. UC

REAL ESTATE/HOME INSPECTION

Home Inspection Pre-Licensing Course

To become an Illinois-licensed home inspector, you must: successfully complete an approved pre-licensing course (including five field inspection events); pass the Illinois Home Inspector License Exam; and submit the application and fee to the state. MCC is an Illinois-approved Pre-License School for Home Inspectors and this is an Illinois-approved pre-license course. This course covers the major elements of home inspection to help prepare you for the state certification exam. Successful completion of this 60-hour course, along with the five mandatory inspection events, is required to sit for the Illinois State Exam. Field inspection events may be offered as a part of this course, subject to availability, and will take place outside of class hours. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the inspection event sites, and may be required to complete additional inspections outside of this course in order to meet the state licensure requirements. Topics covered include: exteriors, interiors, roofing, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, structural, misc. appliances, laws, and standards of practice. If you have had a felony conviction, you will need to contact the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) at (217) 785-0800 to see if you will be eligible to sit for the exam. IDFPR requires students be at least 21 years old to take the licensure exam.

Fee: \$999 Theodore Dinkelman
8566 TTh 9/26–11/21 6–9 p.m. Main Campus



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The PATH program, funded through an Illinois Community College Board grant, aims to expand opportunities for individuals in nursing and select healthcare pathways by helping them earn certificates and degrees that allow them to enter and/or advance their careers in the healthcare industry.

Students receive support, including compensation, to help cover basic costs while receiving the training.

Noncredit programs include EKG Technician, Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, and Phlebotomy Technician.

Real Estate Broker Pre-Licensing Series

Real Estate Sales Broker Pre-License Topics: Study the broad field of real estate with an emphasis on license law, real property, agency structure, buyer and seller relationships, and counseling. We'll also explore Illinois law, Federal law, marketing and advertising, market analysis and appraisal, financing and contract knowledge, independent contractor/employee agreements, and occupational disciplines. This blended-home study course satisfies 75 hours of the 90 hours of instruction required by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to become a Real Estate Broker. This course will almost always be held concurrently or consecutively with Real Estate Broker Pre-License Interactive course. Successful completion of this course and the Real Estate Broker Pre-license Interactive class qualifies you to sit for the Illinois Real Estate Broker Examination. Real Estate Sales Broker Applied Real Estate Principles-Interactive: We'll cover role play, case study examples, demonstration examples, and what-if situational examples in such areas as listing presentation, agreement and disclosure, writing purchase agreements, market analysis, seller net sheets, confronting fair housing violations/seller or buyer, distressed property issues, antitrust scenarios, and inspection/repair issues. This course satisfies 15 hours of the 90 hours of interactive/situational training required by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to become a Real Estate Broker.

Fee: \$799

Becky Kirchner

[8289](#) MTh 8/19–10/10 5:30–9 p.m. Main Campus

TRANSPORTATION

Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

McHenry County College offers comprehensive hands-on training which will prepare students to take the Secretary of State Class A test. Students train on city, county, and federal highways. Students practice behind the wheel using the same equipment they will use while taking the Secretary of State Class A test. Students must be at least 18 years old, be able to read and write in English, and have a valid driver's license at the time of registration. This course consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction and 160/200 hours of yard and road skills. Classes offered on a continuous basis: please contact careertraining@mchenry.edu to schedule your start date.

160 Hr Commercial Drivers License

Fee: \$5,000

Eagle Training Services

[8384](#) 7/1–9/30

240 Hr Commercial Drivers License

Fee: \$6,000

[8385](#) 7/1–9/30

Motorcycle Technician Training Program

In addition to service and repair, today's motorcycle technician is responsible for keeping up with the latest industry technology and providing top-notch customer service. This course includes 360 hours of instruction that blends hands-on training, classroom instruction, and job shadow opportunities. Successful completion of this course will prepare you to take the industry-recognized certification exams that employers are looking for in their applicants. Hands-on training is provided under the supervision of master mechanics who work on today's top brands, including, Harley-Davidson, Triumph, and KTM.

Fee: \$3,999

Windy City Motorcycle Company Academy

[8397](#) M–Th 8/19–10/24 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Freight Broker Training

Become part of the exciting trucking, freight logistics, and transportation industries as a licensed freight broker or as a freight broker agent. Freight broker training will help you learn the skills you need to be a successful Freight Broker/Agent. From licensing and operations to sales and marketing, you'll learn the basics of how to run a domestic freight brokerage or agency in the United States. Freight brokerage is a growing, service-based industry. As a freight agent or broker, you connect shippers and manufacturers with transportation companies and manage those shipments. Entrepreneur magazine has rated the freight brokerage business as one of the top home-based businesses to own, and a Wall Street Journal article cited freight brokering and logistics as the largest growing sector of the transportation industry. Written by freight brokerage specialists, this freight broker course will provide you with the knowledge and resources needed to break into the shipping industry. From transportation law, contracts, and insurance, to setting up and running your own business, this is the best online freight broker training available.

Fee: \$1,895

[8895](#) 7/1–9/30 100 Hours Online

VETERINARY

Veterinary Assistant

Veterinary assistants have been identified by the U.S. Department of Labor as one of the fastest-growing professions. Vet assistants work with veterinarians in private practice, animal shelters, animal control facilities, pet stores, kennels, and veterinary drug companies. Working with veterinarians and veterinarian technicians, they help provide medical care to sick and injured animals. This course includes 150 hours of classroom instruction and 100 hours of mandatory clinical externship. Times of clinical externships will vary based on availability and hours of the clinical sites. Students in this course will be expected to set up their own externship hours with an approved veterinary clinic. Please contact Career Training office at (815) 479-7879 or careertraining@mchenry.edu with any questions prior to enrolling. Successful completion of the class includes successful completion of the clinical.

Fee: \$2,499

Tabitha Arenson

[8211](#) MTTh 8/5–12/12 6–9 p.m. Main Campus

High School Fee: \$1,249

[8212](#) MTTh 8/5–12/12 6–9 p.m. Main Campus



READY TO TURN YOUR SKILLS AND PASSION INTO A CAREER?

MCC's new Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation (CATI) opens this fall and features classrooms and labs built for immersive, hands-on learning. Work on industry standard HVAC units, CNC machines, robots, welders, computers, and technology—all while earning credit and valuable training for in-demand careers.

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- Architectural and Engineering Design Technology
- Automation, Robotics, and Mechatronics
- Construction Management
- Engineering Technology
- HVAC
- Precision Machining
- Welding and Fabrication

Classes for these programs and more begin in the Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation this Fall 2024.

This new state-of-the-art facility is a resource for the entire community— especially those looking to learn a skilled trade, change careers, increase their value to current employers, or bring new ideas to life.



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