

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Whether you want to explore a new activity or learn a new hobby, MCC has something for everyone:

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To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment or call (815) 455-8588

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHTS



ASL WITH RUTH READY

Ruth Ready has been a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing since 1995. She has taught children of all ages in Hawaii, at Chicago Public Schools, and the Wisconsin School for the Deaf in Delavan. She holds Bilingual-Bicultural Certification from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Ruth is passionate about the field of Deaf education and loves to share her knowledge of American Sign Language, Deaf culture, and history. She currently resides in Harvard with her husband, daughter, and three spoiled cats.

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MUSHROOMS AND WINE WITH ANDY ANDRESKY

Andy Andresky is a former restaurateur, wine connoisseur, and sommelier. As the former owner of 1776 Restaurant in Crystal Lake for 26 years, Andy led 1776's wine program to national ranking with The Wine Spectator for 20 consecutive years. Andy has taught for both the MCC Culinary Program and Community Enrichment Center. He has published over 500 articles as a food and wine columnist for syndicated daily newspapers.

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COOKIES WITH LAURIE DALY


Laurie is a retired graphic artist with a passion for baking—especially cookies. She began with cakes but quickly dove headfirst into the art of cookie decorating. She loves sharing her creations with family and friends. As the owner of a small business, Tada Cookies, Laurie has expanded her love of baking into teaching cookie decorating classes. Her grandchildren are her best taste testers.

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» PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The following classes are offered through in-person, remote (Zoom), or online instruction through ed2go. 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

Catalyst Campus: 222 E Church St, Woodstock, IL

ANIMALS AND PETS

Raising Backyard Chickens

Learn the basics of raising poultry on a small scale. We'll cover how to raise laying hens, ducks, and turkeys, and discuss the best breeds for egg production and temperament. Other topics will include housing options (including the pros and cons of free-ranging), flock enrichment, feed rations, and brooding. You'll also learn where to purchase day-old chicks or pullets, get an introduction to basic flock health, and review relevant local regulations.

Fee: \$25

Emily Akin

# 13600	T	4/21	6–8 p.m.	Main
# 13601	T	6/23	6–8 p.m.	Main

Beyond Backyard Birding

Explore beyond the birds in your backyard and discover how to identify the hundreds of species 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 avian biology, traits, and behaviors that aide in identification, and an overview of the best places in the area to go birding. 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 will be used to find and identify as many species as possible.

Fee: \$45

Jeff Aufmann

# 14655	Th	5/14	6:30–8:30 p.m.	Catalyst
	Sa	5/16	7–10 a.m.	McHenry Dam State Park

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

# 13655	4/1–6/30	1.5 Hours	Remote
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Explore a Career as an Administrative Medical Assistant

There's never been a better time to explore a career in healthcare! This online course will give you an overview of the job duties and scope of practice for clinical medical assistants. You'll learn about the different types of medical records and how to enhance the overall patient experience; receive an introduction to charting patient complaints; and discover how to create progress notes and collect medical history.

Fee: \$154

ed2go Online

# 14236	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14237	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14238	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

Explore a Career in Cybersecurity

Getting into cybersecurity can be rewarding and lucrative! In fact, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, information security analysts can make over \$100,000 per year. This course will give you the knowledge to help you decide whether a career in cybersecurity is right for you.

Fee: \$144

ed2go Online

# 14239	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14240	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14241	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

Explore a Career in Medical Transcription

Learn how to transcribe the most common medical reports used in both inpatient and outpatient settings. This course contains a grammar review as well as important clinical knowledge of major disease processes, both of which are essential skills you'll need as a medical documentation specialist.

Fee: \$154			ed2go Online	
# 14242	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online	
# 14243	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online	
# 14244	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online	

Explore a Career in Nursing

Discover what it takes to enter the rewarding field of nursing. You'll also learn about the different types of nursing, various specialties, and the benefits of additional education.

Fee: \$154			ed2go Online	
# 14245	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online	
# 14246	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online	
# 14247	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online	

CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

Curious about what you'll create? View sample projects on each of the class registration pages.

NEW! Bloom Book Workshop with Tina Bree: Spring Petals and Pages

Celebrate the season of fresh beginnings with a bookish twist! Join Tina Bree of Hello Darling Books and Beyond for this hands-on workshop where you'll select a book and design a charming, spring-inspired floral arrangement to pair with it. We'll transform a well-loved book by carefully cutting its pages to hold your flowers, creating your very own "Bloom Book." Whether you're a book lover, a flower enthusiast, or simply craving a creative night out with family and friends, this class blends creativity, community, and fun. All books, silk flowers, and supplies will be provided.

Fee: \$65			Hello Darling Books and Beyond	
# 14711	F	4/10	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst

Beginning Crochet

Discover the joy of crochet in this beginner-friendly class. Learn the fundamentals, including how to hold your yarn and hook, create a chain stitch, and work single and double crochet stitches. You'll also make a simple project to practice your new skills. No experience is necessary—just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to learn! In each session, the instructor will guide you through a new project and provide you with all the information and materials needed for the class. Please bring a folder, paper, and writing utensil to class.

Fee: \$125			Adonia Fulk	
# 13829	T	4/7–5/5	6–8 p.m.	Main

Crochet Beyond the Basics

This class expands your crochet skills beyond the fundamentals, introducing a wider range of stitches and techniques to help create more intricate projects. You'll explore creative crochet methods and exciting patterns that will open up new possibilities in your crafting journey. Students should bring their tension ring, two stitch markers, stitch counter, craft scissors, and yarn needle to class as well as a folder, paper, and writing utensil. The instructor will provide all other project supplies.

Fee: \$125			Adoina Fulk	
# 13831	Th	4/9–5/7	6–8 p.m.	Main

NEW! Block Glass: Flowers

Join us for a night of fun and creativity. We will decorate a cut glass block with mosaic pieces to create a beautiful flower. All supplies included.

Fee: \$39			Ann Leslie	
# 13930	Th	5/21	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst



NEW! Candle Making Creations

Spark your creativity with Riverside Candle Shop and create your own themed candle. This fun, hands-on experience guides you through the full candle-making process as you craft a visually inviting, great-smelling candle that's perfect for gifting or keeping. Everything you need to make your masterpiece is provided.

Fee: \$35			Riverside Candle Shop	
Cinnamon Roll Candle Jar				
# 13920	W	4/8	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
Cupcakes				
# 13921	W	5/13	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
Lavender Blends				
# 13922	W	6/10	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst



NEW! Custom Wood Creations

Liven up your home or office decor by creating your own custom wood snow globe creation. Get hands-on as you choose a design, paint each tiny wooden piece with your own flair, and assemble it into a beautiful, themed snow globe. You'll leave with a one-of-a-kind creation that makes an amazing gift for yourself or someone special. All supplies are included.

Fee: \$35				Mimi's Designs & Creations
Springtime Globe				
# 13924	Th	4/9	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
Flowers Globe				
# 13927	Th	5/7	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
Summertime Globe				
# 13928	Th	6/11	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst

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: \$53				Material Things Artisan Market
# 14427	Su	4/26, 5/3	1–4 p.m.	
# 14428	Su	6/7, 6/14	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: \$53				Material Things Artisan Market
# 14429	Sa	5/2, 5/9	1–4 p.m.	

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 the following week and ready for pickup 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: \$29				Material Things Artisan Market
# 14430	Su	4/19	1–4 p.m.	
# 14431	Su	5/24	1–4 p.m.	
# 14432	Su	6/28	1–4 p.m.	

NEW! Parent and Child Fun with Fusing Pendants

In this one-session class, you and your child will create one-of-a-kind fused glass pendants. Choose from shapes including square, rectangle, circle, oval, or freeform. You'll have time to make one or two pendants each. The cost is \$9 per pendant. Finished pieces will be fired the following week and ready for pickup at Material Things Artisan Market.

Fee: \$25				Material Things Artisan Market
# 14426	Sa	6/27	1–4 p.m.	

NEW! Making Cards with Mallory

Create meaningful, handcrafted cards to share with someone special in your life. Learn how to cut, stamp, and lay out thoughtful designs suited for offering comfort and support. Each card is customizable to fit your personal sentiment. Students will create 3–4 cards, depending on style.

Fee: \$20				Mallory McBride
Flowers				
# 13693	Th	4/16	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
Summer BBQ				
# 13694	Th	5/21	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
Make Your Own Designer Paper				
# 13695	Th	6/25	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst

NEW! Needle-Felted Creations

Join us for a fun evening creating your own adorable needle-felted project. You'll learn the basics of needle felting using wool and a felting needle to create a project to bring home. Bring a snack and make it a fun night! All supplies included.

Fee: \$39				Rebecca Berry
Spring Fairy				
# 13897	M	4/13	6–8:30 p.m.	Catalyst
Mama Otter and Baby				
# 13898	M	5/4	6–8:30 p.m.	Catalyst
Summer Flowers				
# 13899	M	6/15	6–8:30 p.m.	Catalyst

Quilting for Beginners

This class is designed especially for the beginning quilter. Each lesson will take you step-by-step through the quilt-making process as you create a lovely 30 ½ x 30 ½ wall hanging quilt. Learn how to read a pattern, use a rotary cutter, and piece accurate seams. Supplies, fabric, notions, and patterns are not included in the class fee, but are available for purchase at the first class. A supply list will be provided prior to the class. Your costs will vary based on fabrics and supplies chosen. Each student receives a 15% discount on supplies purchased at Sewing Concepts. Sewing machines will be provided and students must have basic sewing skills. Sewing Concepts is located on the square in downtown Woodstock.

Fee: \$99 Sewing Concepts
[14088](#) M 4/13–5/18 6–8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking

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

Fee: \$129 ed2go Online
[14248](#) 4/15–6/5 24 Hours Online
[14249](#) 5/13–7/3 24 Hours Online
[14250](#) 6/17–8/7 24 Hours Online

CULINARY

NEW! The Wine 411: Discover. Taste. Experience.

Unlock the hidden potential of your palate by exploring the fascinating science of neuroenology and retronasal perception. Using professional olfactory kits and sensory tricks, you'll learn to isolate complex flavors like umami and fat while sharpening your ability to identify high-quality wines. This immersive workshop transforms the way you taste, turning every sip into a deep-dive sensory experience. This class includes wine tasting with light food pairings. Age 21+

Fee: \$55 Andy Andresky
[14653](#) F 4/17 6–8 p.m. Main

NEW! Meritage and Red Blend Wines

Step into the role of a winemaker and discover the art of the assemblage using professional lab tools like pipettes and graduated cylinders. You'll experiment with various red varietals to master the balance of flavor, body, and aroma. By the end of the session, you'll have applied your new skills to design and bottle your very own signature red blend. This class includes wine tasting with light hors d'oeuvres provided. Age 21+

Fee: \$55 Andy Andresky
[14654](#) Th 5/14 6–8 p.m. Main

Beer 411: History, Process, and 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.
[13538](#) T 4/7 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Tea 411: History. Blends. Taste.

Discover 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 Tea
[13611](#) Th 4/16 6–8 p.m.

Tea Blending: Create Your Own Blend

Experience the world of blending tea with Casting Whimsy in Woodstock. In this hands-on class, you will learn how tea is blended and then blend your own tea. Casting Whimsy uses only organic and fair-trade tea. A tasting is included.

Fee: \$25 Casting Whimsy Tea
[13613](#) Th 5/21 6–8 p.m.

Tea Tasting: Seasonal Summer 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 summer season. Enjoy a taste of the summer blends and see which one best suits you!

Fee: \$25 Casting Whimsy Tea
[13615](#) Th 6/25 6–8 p.m.

NEW! Date Night: All About Mom

Join Chef Stephen for an unforgettable evening of flavor, laughter, and hands-on fun! This special class is all about celebrating that mother figure in your life—whether she's your mom, a mentor, or a dear friend you want to thank. Come hungry and get ready to sharpen your skills as you work side-by-side to craft a spectacular three-course meal that includes rice paper spring rolls, cheesy lasagna, and fudgy dulce de leche brownies. Registration includes two people.

Fee: \$149 Stephen Byrne
[14523](#) F 5/8 6–9 p.m. Main

Notice: The MCC Culinary Program is a classic French-based program; many varieties of allergens may be found in the teaching kitchen such as nuts, seafood, and gluten.

NEW! Date Night: Pie Night

Join Chef Stephen for an evening of fun as you make pies with your favorite person! Come hungry and enjoy learning new techniques while preparing (and, of course, devouring!) an UK classic cottage pie (includes meat) and an apple pie from scratch. Registration includes two people.

Fee: \$149

Stephen Byrne

[14522](#) F 4/17 6–9 p.m. Main

Basic Pasta Making

Mario, Executive Chef and Owner of Pasta Bar, will show you how to make several different pasta shapes by hand and demonstrate the pasta extrusion process. Each student will go home with one pound of handmade egg pasta and one pound of extruded pasta. Additional Pasta Bar products will be available for review and purchase.

Fee: \$75

Pasta Bar

[14450](#) W 4/22 6–8:30 p.m.

Advanced Pasta Making

Mario, Executive Chef and Owner of Pasta Bar, will show you how to make ravioli and agnolotti by hand as well as demonstrate the pasta extrusion process. Each student will go home with one pound of handmade egg pasta and one pound of extruded pasta. Additional Pasta Bar products will be available for review and purchase.

Fee: \$75

Pasta Bar

[14448](#) W 4/8 6–8:30 p.m.

NEW! Fun with Cookie Decorating

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

Spring Time

[13617](#) T 4/14 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

Mother's Day Bouquet

[13620](#) T 5/5 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Fun with Cookie Dough Making

Spend the evening learning how to make cookie dough and 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'll make your own cookie dough in the class and then decorate four themed cookies. Please bring an apron and get ready to decorate!

Fee: \$49

Lauren Daly

[13658](#) Th 5/21 6–8:30 p.m. Main

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.

Fee: \$140

ed2go Online

[14254](#) 4/15–6/5 24 Hours Online

[14255](#) 5/13–7/3 24 Hours Online

[14330](#) 6/17–8/7 24 Hours Online

DANCE

Belly Dance Foundations: Shimmies and 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. We will also focus on learning routines and choreography to a variety of songs.

Fee: \$99

Vintage Belly Dance

[13825](#) W 4/8–5/13 6–7:30 p.m. Main

Shimmies and Sparkles Level 2: Belly Dancing Beyond Basics

Now that you've mastered the foundational concepts of belly dance, it's time to dive deeper and explore how to combine these movements into your own unique sequences. You'll learn improvisation techniques and have fun moving with the music. We'll also explore new musical rhythms and zill patterns, showing you how to incorporate them into your dance repertoire. While we'll continue using choreography to expand your belly dance vocabulary, the focus will be on helping you develop the skills to create fresh, creative combinations. Pre-requisite: Level 1 Belly Dance Foundations. If you have prior experience in belly dance, this pre-requisite can be waived after a meeting with the instructor. Open to all gender identities.

Fee: \$99

Vintage Belly Dance

[13827](#) M 4/6–5/11 6:30–8 p.m. Main



Country Line Dancing for Beginners 2

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: \$79
[13505](#) M 4/6-5/11 7-8:30 p.m. Kimberly Oda
Catalyst

East Coast Swing Dancing for Beginners

Beginning swing dance is for people who have no swing dance experience. Students will learn the basic six-count step pattern and add a new, easy variation each class. There will be lots of time to practice and get help. When you finish this class, you should be able to dance to various swing dance songs and other popular music with relative ease and confidence. Swing dance is a partner dance in which one partner leads and the other follows. Sign up with a friend to learn this fun and healthy dance style. Price is per couple.

Fee: \$89
[13507](#) Th 4/2-4/30 7-8:30 p.m. Mary Kanter
Catalyst



Introduction to Chemistry

Even if chemistry tormented you in high school or college, you can master its principles! In this course, you'll gain a solid foundation in the basics of chemistry. Along the way, you'll learn how everything that goes on in your body depends on a chemical reaction.

Fee: \$150 ed2go Online
[14268](#) 4/15-6/5 24 Hours Online
[14269](#) 5/13-7/3 24 Hours Online
[14271](#) 6/17-8/7 24 Hours Online

Math Refresher

Math isn't just about plugging numbers into formulas—it's about understanding how to make those numbers and formulas work for you. Math can be incredibly useful, but only if you know how and when to apply it in everyday life. This course will show you how to use math to your advantage. You won't find theory or memorization here—instead, each lesson is packed with practical exercises and real-world information you can use right away. You'll learn some interesting things about how calculators work, and discover effective ways to manage your income and expenses.

Fee: \$144 ed2go Online
[14272](#) 4/15-6/5 24 Hours Online
[14273](#) 5/13-7/3 24 Hours Online
[14274](#) 6/17-8/7 24 Hours Online

Merrill Speed Reading

Are you struggling to keep up with a flood of emails, articles, reports, and books? Save yourself hours of time and increase your productivity by learning to read faster and with better comprehension. This course is a complete speed-reading experience. Topics are presented in a logical progression with plenty of time to help you master the skills and techniques you will need for lasting proficiency as a speed-reader.

Fee: \$140 ed2go Online
[14275](#) 4/15-6/5 24 Hours Online
[14276](#) 5/13-7/3 24 Hours Online
[14277](#) 6/17-8/7 24 Hours Online

EDUCATION ESSENTIALS

Introduction to Algebra

This online math course integrates mathematics—specifically algebra—with many other areas of study, including history, biology, and geography. You will develop a rich understanding of math while studying algebra in a relaxed and supportive learning environment. The course emphasizes practical applications of your newly acquired algebraic skills, helping you develop mathematical reasoning in a real-world context. As a result, you will acquire a wide variety of basic math skills that will help you find solutions to almost any math problem.

Fee: \$150 ed2go Online
[14262](#) 4/15-6/5 24 Hours Online
[14263](#) 5/13-7/3 24 Hours Online
[14264](#) 6/17-8/7 24 Hours Online

Introduction to Biology

Gain a solid foundation for a career in healthcare or medicine with an understanding of biology. This course will help you learn how cells and DNA determine the structure and function of the human body, which is essential to understanding the fundamental causes of human disease.

Fee: \$135 ed2go Online
[14266](#) 4/15-6/5 24 Hours Online
[14267](#) 5/13-7/3 24 Hours Online
[14265](#) 6/17-8/7 24 Hours Online

FINE ART

Curious about what you'll create? View sample projects on each of the class registration pages.

Introduction to Clay

You make it and glaze it, we'll fire it! It's 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 pinch pot and a slab dish where you can select your choice of glaze. Pieces will be available for pickup within a week. All materials are included.

Fee: \$65

Clayworkers' Guild

# 13518	Th	4/16	6–9 p.m.
# 13519	Th	5/21	6–9 p.m.
# 13520	Th	6/18	6–9 p.m.

A Night Out: Carving in Clay

Looking for a fun and creative way to unwind and have a night out? Then you'll want to join us for this class! You'll learn the art of Sgraffito, a centuries-old technique where you scratch your unique design into colored slip to reveal the white porcelain underneath. At the end of the session, your piece will be glazed and fired by The Guild. This firing will make it food-safe and ready to use at your next party. You will be able to pick up your piece within a week. This fun, entertaining, and educational activity is perfect for friends, siblings, dates, or even a solo adventure—and it's a fantastic way to meet new people! All materials are included. Must be 21 or older and provide proof of age.

Fee: \$75

Clayworkers' Guild

# 13524	F	4/3	6–9 p.m.
# 13526	F	5/1	6–9 p.m.
# 13527	F	6/5	6–9 p.m.



NEW! Acrylic Painting

Discover the essentials of acrylic painting in this hands-on class designed for artists of all levels. Under expert instruction, you will progress from basic principles to the completion of a full painting, leaving with both a new skill set and a finished masterpiece.

Fee: \$125

Therese Cooper-Wiser

Bird in Spring

[14594](#) Sa 4/4–4/25 1–3 p.m. Main

Butterfly in Spring

[14595](#) Sa 5/2–5/23 1–3 p.m. Main

NEW! Clay Creations

Create a unique, seasonal ceramic project while exploring the art of hand-building with clay. In this class, you'll be guided through the process of making both functional and sculptural pieces—all without the use of a pottery wheel. Projects may include magnets, cups, bowls, plates, and more. You'll learn essential construction techniques such as pinching, coiling, and slab building, along with basic surface design methods to personalize your work. This class is ideal for both beginners and those with previous hand-building experience. All materials are included.

Fee: \$65

Clayworkers' Guild

Easter Egg Tray

[13534](#) Th 4/9 6–9 p.m.

Springtime

[13535](#) Th 5/14 6–9 p.m.

Red, White, and Blue Berry Bowl

[13536](#) Th 6/11 6–9 p.m.



NEW! Australian Aboriginal Desert Art

Australian Aboriginal communities continue to practice one of the oldest traditional art forms in the world—dating back over 65,000 years. Originally found on rock formations, bark, and even on people themselves, these artworks were once viewed by Europeans as curiosities, since there was no written language. By the 1930s, archaeologists began to recognize that these paintings depicted desert landscapes. Over time, Europeans came to understand that they also represented detailed stories and narratives told through symbols and icons. Prepare to take a trip Down Under and learn how to create your own symbolic artwork—no sunscreen required! A different project will be completed for each class.

Fee: \$35				Ann Leslie
# 13818	Th	4/2	6–8 p.m.	Main
# 13819	F	4/10	10 a.m.–12 p.m.	Catalyst

NEW! Beginner Pastel Drawing: Summertime Landscape

Discover the vibrant world of pastel pencil art in this beginner-friendly class. Learn essential techniques for blending, shading, and layering as you create your own colorful drawings in a relaxed, supportive environment. No prior experience necessary—just bring your curiosity and creativity! Supply list: white eraser, Exacto knife, pastel pencils: Pale Spectrum Blue P370; Fresh Green P470; Ionion Green P500; Yellow Ochre P006; Dark Gray P072; Aubergine P020; Ultra Marine Blue.

Fee: \$39				Julie Kukreja
# 14558	T	4/7	6–9 p.m.	Catalyst

NEW! Beginner Pastel Drawing: Star Wars

Discover the vibrant world of pastel pencil art in this beginner-friendly class. May the 4th be with you during this fun themed pastel pencil drawing class. Come dressed for the “holiday.” Learn essential techniques for blending, shading, and layering as you create your own colorful drawings in a relaxed, supportive environment. No prior experience necessary—just bring your curiosity and creativity! A template of the drawing will be provided. Supply list: white eraser, Exacto knife, pastel pencils: Titanium white P001; Ivory Black P05; Inca yellow P054; Fresh Green P470; Ionion Green P500; Sakura P0101

Fee: \$39				Julie Kukreja
# 14559	M	5/4	6–9 p.m.	Main

NEW! Beginner Pastel Drawing: Birds

Discover the vibrant world of pastel pencil art in this beginner-friendly class. Learn essential techniques for blending, shading, and layering as you create your own colorful drawings in a relaxed, supportive environment. No prior experience necessary—just bring your curiosity and creativity! A template of the drawing will be provided. Supply list: white eraser, Exacto knife, pastel pencils: Ivory black P050; Titanium white P001; Raw Umber P069; Inca Yellow P054; Pale Spectrum Blue P370; Ultramarine Blue.

Fee: \$39				Julie Kukreja
# 14560	T	6/16	6–9 p.m.	Catalyst



NEW! Paint Night: Colorful Canvas

This class is for beginner/intermediate painters with step-by-step instruction while learning acrylic painting techniques and while having fun with friends. Bring your favorite snacks and drinks. Make it a party with friends or date night! All supplies included!

Fee: \$39				Julie Kukreja
Fish				
# 14555	W	4/1	6–9 p.m.	Catalyst
Flowers				
# 14556	T	5/12	6–9 p.m.	Catalyst
Summertime Landscape				
# 14557	Th	6/11	6–9 p.m.	Catalyst

NEW! Letter Stamped Jewelry

Learn to create unique letter stamped jewelry featuring initials, names, words, or a phrase. Select your choice of aluminum, brass, or copper. You’ll master proper stamping techniques using a metal block and hammer to create a linear design with letter stamps. Finish your piece professionally by applying patina, hand polishing, adding an optional surface rhinestone, and attaching the final jump ring, bail, or earring wires. Bracelets will be formed to fit a wrist.

Fee: \$45				Lorettes Dragonfly Studio & Gallery
Earrings				
# 14563	W	4/1	6–8 p.m.	
Pendant				
# 14564	W	5/6	6–8 p.m.	
Bracelet				
# 14565	W	6/3	6–8 p.m.	

NEW! Mandala Tea Light Stone Art: Relaxation and Harmony

Embark on a transformative journey of self-discovery through the art of mandala stone painting. This class will guide you in creating stunning mandalas—intricate circular designs that have been used for centuries as tools for meditation, relaxation, and spiritual growth. All supplies are included.

Fee: \$39				Nanette Fabros
# 13628	W	4/15	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst

Mandala Painting: Relaxation and Harmony

Embark on a transformative journey of self-discovery through the art of mandala painting. This class will guide you in creating stunning mandalas—intricate circular designs that have been used for centuries as tools for meditation, relaxation, and spiritual growth.

Fee: \$39 Julie Kukreja
[13629](#) W 5/20 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

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Fee: \$39 Julie Kukreja
[13630](#) W 6/17 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Squeegee Scrape Art

Squeegee scrape art is a unique and creative form of abstract painting that uses a squeegee to create bold, expressive patterns on canvas or paper. You'll place dots of paint in strategic patterns, then scrape the paint across the surface to reveal an innovative and dynamic design. Voilà—your masterpiece is complete! This fun, experimental process invites you to explore color combinations, textures, and your own creative style.

Fee: \$35 Ann Leslie

Nature

[13906](#) F 4/17 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Catalyst
[13907](#) Th 4/23 6–8 p.m. Main

Flowers

[13908](#) F 5/8 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Catalyst
[13909](#) Th 5/14 6–8 p.m. Main

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: \$115 Megan Ripke
[13657](#) F 4/3–5/22 10 a.m.–1p.m. Main

NEW! Watercolor for Beginners

Have you wanted to try watercolor painting but aren't sure how to start? Or maybe you've tried before and would like tips and techniques to feel more confident. This class is for you! We will start with beginning exercises and build on techniques each session. You will receive a supply list before the start of class.

Fee: \$129 Lorettes Dragonfly Studio & Gallery
[14561](#) T 4/7–5/12 6–8 p.m.

NEW! Watercolor for Beginners II

For students who have completed Beginning Watercolor I, or students with watercolor skills including basic color mixing and fundamental watercolor painting techniques. As a continuation of Beginning Watercolor - I, students will build on watercolor painting skills, color theory, applying watercolor textures and further developing an artistic style.

Fee: \$129 Lorettes Dragonfly Studio & Gallery
[14562](#) M 4/6–5/11 6–8 p.m.

NEW! Welding: Beginners Metal Art

You'll learn basic welding skills to make metal stick together. This process can be used to create unique projects and yard art. Safe and efficient operation of a MIG welder, and torch and plasma-cutting tools will be covered in this class. Two art projects, a phone holder and metal flower, will be completed in class that is yours to take home. NOTE: You must wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, non-flammable closed-toed shoes, and bring your own welding gloves and safety glasses. Welding jackets and helmets will be provided for use. This class is not designed to teach anyone how to weld for industry or to become certified in any areas of welding.

Fee: \$250 Joe Cooper
[14635](#) Sa 4/18–5/9 8 a.m.–Noon Main



Drawing For The Absolute Beginner

Gain a solid foundation in the basics of drawing to become the artist you've always wanted to be. This course will help you get familiar with paper type, drawing styles, techniques, and basic principles of perspective, layout, and design.

Fee: \$129 ed2go Online
[14281](#) 4/15–6/5 24 Hours Online
[14284](#) 5/13–7/3 24 Hours Online
[14285](#) 6/17–8/7 24 Hours Online

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Anxiety Disorders: An Integrative Approach (Self-Guided)

Learn about the types of anxiety disorders as well as conventional and integrative treatment approaches.

Fee: \$49			ed2go Online
# 14301	4/15–6/5	2.5 Hours	Online
# 14302	5/13–7/3	2.5 Hours	Online
# 14303	6/17–8/7	2.5 Hours	Online

Aromatherapy: The Healing Power of Scent (Self-Guided)

Learn the historical use, extraction methods, clinical effects, current research, contraindications, and key elements of essential oils in aromatherapy.

Fee: \$49			ed2go Online
# 14304	4/15–6/5	2.5 Hours	Online
# 14305	5/13–7/3	2.5 Hours	Online
# 14306	6/17–8/7	2.5 Hours	Online

Depression: An Integrative Approach (Self-Guided)

This course helps learners understand the pathophysiology, symptoms, and diagnosis of depression, while also exploring both conventional and integrative treatment approaches.

Fee: \$49			ed2go Online
# 14307	4/15–6/5	2 Hours	Online
# 14308	5/13–7/3	2 Hours	Online
# 14309	6/17–8/7	2 Hours	Online

Energy Healing (Self-Guided)

This course helps learners explore the different types of energy, the concept of energy healing, and the various types of energy healing available today.

Fee: \$49			ed2go Online
# 14400	4/15–6/5	2 Hours	Online
# 14401	5/13–7/3	2 Hours	Online
# 14402	6/17–8/7	2 Hours	Online

Food and Mood: What's the Connection? (Self-Guided)

This course helps learners understand how food affects one's mood, explores the types of nutrients that can improve or enhance mental health, examines types of eating disorders, and discusses how to incorporate mindful eating as a way of supporting positive mental health.

Fee: \$49			ed2go Online
# 14403	4/15–6/5	2 Hours	Online
# 14404	5/13–7/3	2 Hours	Online
# 14405	6/17–8/7	2 Hours	Online

Handling Medical Emergencies

Learn how to help family, friends, and anyone in an emergency when every second counts. This course will help you recognize the early signs and symptoms of common medical conditions and emergencies, so you can provide appropriate treatment while waiting for the EMS to arrive.

Fee: \$154			ed2go Online
# 14406	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14407	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14408	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

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 other factors that influence your weight, setting you on the path to losing weight and keeping it off for good.

Fee: \$140			ed2go Online
# 14331	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14332	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14333	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

Mindfulness Meditation (Self-Guided)

This course helps learners explore mindfulness meditation, including its health benefits, the principles of mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR), and the techniques and practices associated with mindfulness meditation.

Fee: \$49			ed2go Online
# 14334	4/15–6/5	2 Hours	Online
# 14335	5/13–7/3	2 Hours	Online
# 14336	6/17–8/7	2 Hours	Online

Music Therapy and Sound Healing (Self-Guided)

This course helps learners understand the principles, interventions, therapeutic uses, and physiological and psychological responses of music therapy and sound healing.

Fee: \$49			ed2go Online
# 14337	4/15–6/5	2 Hours	Online
# 14338	5/13–7/3	2 Hours	Online
# 14339	6/17–8/7	2 Hours	Online

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Nutrition, Stress, and Immune Function (Self-Guided)

This course helps learners understand the relationship between food and emotions; explain the stress response; discuss the effects of stress on nutrition and health; define mindful eating and methods of eating mindfully; and examine elements of nutrition that support a healthy immune system.

Fee: \$49			ed2go Online
# 14340	4/15–6/5	1 Hours	Online
# 14341	5/13–7/3	1 Hours	Online
# 14342	6/17–8/7	1 Hours	Online

Wire Your Brain for Happiness (Self-Guided)

This course helps learners describe how happiness, positive experiences, and emotions affect the brain. We will also explore the relationship between happiness and neuroplasticity, determinants of happiness, happiness assessment tools, and practices to increase happiness.

Fee: \$49			ed2go Online
# 14343	4/15–6/5	1.5 Hours	Online
# 14344	5/13–7/3	1.5 Hours	Online
# 14345	6/17–8/7	1.5 Hours	Online

HISTORY AND SCIENCE

NEW! Korean Culture and Lotus Flower Lantern Workshop

Join the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project (KSCPP) for a night of cultural discovery by creating your own lotus flower lantern made from colorful paper and a wire frame while learning about the Korean culture. All materials will be provided. The class will be held in-person with a facilitator and a representative from the KSCPP connecting virtually. It will include a short documentary film about the Korean culture and step-by-step instruction on how to create your own lantern.

Fee: \$25			Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project
# 14581	W 4/29	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst



NEW! Route 66 in Illinois

Get your kicks on Route 66 during this class that explores the history of the "Mother Road." Route 66 was established in 1926 and covered a total of 2,448 miles stretching from Chicago to Los Angeles. This class looks at the history of the highway with special attention paid to its route through Illinois. This class is taught by Dr. Jay Sternickle, a collaborative instructor from the College of DuPage.

Fee: \$15			Collaborative Partner
# 13651	W 4/8	12:30–2:30 p.m.	Remote

NEW! Jerks in Chicago History

Join us for a look at some of the badly behaved characters who shaped Chicago's history during the 19th century. Of course, there were the notorious thieves and villains who loomed over the young, struggling prairie town—but we'll also explore mischievous troublemakers and other colorful antiheroes, some of whom might be considered misunderstood visionary thinkers. From Chicago Times publisher Wilbur F. Storey, to department store king Marshall Field, to the dastardly sausage maker Adolph Luetgert, we'll take a delightful look at the individuals who helped shape Chicago in the 1800s.

Fee: \$15			Collaborative Partner
# 13647	M 4/13	10–11:30 a.m.	Remote

NEW! Hitler's Soldiers in America: The Hidden History of German POWs in the USA

During World War II, almost 400,000 German soldiers were held in POW camps across the United States—a story few Americans know. Historian Anette Isaacs explores how these men lived among American communities, confronted Nazism within the camps, and formed relationships that challenge easy narratives of enemy and ally. From Texas to Florida, this lecture reveals a complex and surprising chapter of the American home front. This class will be held in-person with the instructor Zooming in.

Fee: \$20			Anette Isaacs
# 14627	T 4/14	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst

NEW! Presidential Trivia

America's presidents lived and died in ways rarely seen in the history books. Discover the scandals, murders, jobs outside the White House, family dramas, and surprising personal stories of our nation's leaders. From pets to politics and everything in between, this session proves that presidents are just people like the rest of us—well, sort of.

Fee: \$15			Steven Aavang
# 14598	F 4/17	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst



NEW! MCC Planetarium: Wonders of Webb (55+ only)

Wonders of Webb invites audiences on a breathtaking journey through the universe as revealed by the James Webb Space Telescope, the most powerful space observatory ever built. Peering deeper into space—and further back in time—than any telescope before it, Webb unveils glowing stellar nurseries, ancient galaxies forming shortly after the Big Bang, and the hidden structures of planets, nebulae, and cosmic dust cloaked from visible light. Using revolutionary infrared vision, this show brings the unseen universe into stunning focus, revealing how stars and galaxies are born, how planetary systems take shape, and how Webb is transforming our understanding of our cosmic origins. Prepare to experience the universe not as we once imagined it, but as it truly is—rich, dynamic, and filled with wonder.

Fee: \$10 Paul Hamill
 # [14641](#) F 5/22 11 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

NEW! How Vaccines Work

Vaccines are a relatively recent scientific development and play a vital role in keeping our society healthy by preventing infectious diseases. In this class, we'll explore the science behind diseases such as smallpox, measles, influenza, and coronavirus, the vaccines developed to prevent them, and how our immune system works to protect our health and survival.

Fee: \$15 Arlene Vinion-Dubiel
 # [14505](#) Th 5/28 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Lakes and Streams in Illinois and the Upper Midwest

Explore the lakes and streams of Illinois and the Upper Midwest, from intimate creeks to quiet lakes. Discover fish, wildlife, campgrounds, lodges, and waterside inns. Experience every season, including winter adventures. Through photos and descriptions, this course celebrates the serenity, scale, and beauty of regional waters for curious outdoor learners. The class is taught by Keith Warwick, a collaborative instructor from Harper College.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner
 # [14713](#) W 6/17 1–2 p.m. Remote

NEW! More Jerks in Chicago History: 1900–1945

In this session, we'll discuss the men and women who helped turn Chicago into the corrupt, crime-ridden city it became during the first half of the 20th century. We'll begin with William J. Davis, the cost-cutting owner of a theatre where more than 600 people died in a single afternoon. From there, we'll examine James Colosimo, the "grandfather" of the Chicago mob, and consider how "Big Jim" Thompson may have been the most corrupt mayor in the city's history. We'll also look at how Dean O'Banion, Al Capone, and John Dillinger rose to power and exerted their influence over organized crime. The class is taught by Brad Keyes, a collaborative instructor from Rock Valley College.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner
 # [14499](#) Th 6/25 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

NEW! Plague! How Diseases Shape Our World

Infectious diseases have shaped our society in both subtle and obvious ways. In this class, we'll explore three major examples: bubonic plague and biological warfare, cholera and sanitation, and influenza and the media. Along the way, we'll learn the science behind these diseases and how they are fought and prevented.

Fee: \$15 Arlene Vinion-Dubiel
 # [14504](#) Th 4/23 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! The Anatomy of a Dictator: The Private Life, Illnesses, and Early Years of Adolf Hitler

German historian Anette Isaacs examines Hitler's youth, personal struggles, and physical and mental health to understand the roots of his destructive ideology—without ever excusing his actions. This lecture explores how trauma, isolation, and illness may have shaped his worldview, offering insight into the man behind the myth and the forces that allowed one individual to unleash unprecedented cruelty and suffering on the world. This class will be held in-person with the instructor Zooming in.

Fee: \$20 Anette Isaacs
 # [14628](#) T 4/28 1–3 p.m. Catalyst

Regions of France

Discover the beautiful and diverse regions of France, from the Atlantic coast to the Mediterranean Sea. As the world's most visited country, France offers a rich variety of must-see sights, climates, and landscapes unique to each region. Don't miss this special opportunity to virtually travel to France!

Fee: \$15 Gigi Kuhn
 # [14643](#) M 5/4 12:30–2:30 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! The Flying Farmer

Experience the thrilling evolution of aviation through the eyes of McHenry County's first licensed pilot, from the freedom of skipping school to watch hawks soar to the high-stakes era of barnstorming and wingwalking. This presentation traces a remarkable journey through the Golden Age of Flight, navigating the hardships of the Great Depression and the historic transition from local fields to the rise of Boeing. Join us to explore how a rural farmer traded his plow for wings, crossing paths with legends like Lindbergh and Earhart along the way.

Fee: \$15 Steven Aavang
 # [14599](#) F 5/15 1–3 p.m. Catalyst

Paris Arrondissements

Discover what makes Paris the most beautiful city in the world, explore how each neighborhood is unique and diverse, and discuss its iconic monuments. Delve into the rich history of the City of Lights and get inspired to pack your suitcase for a visit to Paris soon!

Fee: \$15 Gigi Kuhn
 # [14644](#) M 6/1 12:30–2:30 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! People, Places, and Things: Interesting Facts about McHenry County

Uncover the hidden history of McHenry County, from the shifting identities of Crystal Lake and Woodstock to a fierce Bears vs. Packers rivalry that predates the NFL. This fast-paced presentation highlights a remarkable cast of characters, including Civil War heroes, world-renowned inventors, famous actors, and even notorious criminals who once called our backyard home. Join us to explore the fascinating other stuff—from Medal of Honor recipients to champion horses—that puts our local heritage on the global map.

Fee: \$15 Steven Aavang
 # [14600](#) T 6/30 1–3 p.m. Catalyst

HOME AND GARDEN

Mushroom Mission

Explore the wonderful world of mushrooms. Andy Andresky and Kurt Thornberry learned almost everything they know about mushrooms “on the search.” They will share their knowledge about mushroom varieties, growing areas, and how to find local edible mushrooms. The first class is an indoor lecture and will be held on the MCC campus. In the second class, you’ll be outdoors “on the search” with Andy and Kurt. Location and directions to the McHenry County spot for mushroom hunting will be provided at the first class.

Fee: \$49 Andy Andresky & Kurt Thornberry
 # [13633](#) Th 4/30 7–8:30 p.m. Main
 Sa 5/2 8:30–10 a.m. Off Campus

Lecture Only

Fee: \$35
 # [13634](#) Th 4/30 7–8:30 p.m. Main



NEW! Establishing Pocket Prairies in a Home Landscape

Create your own prairie at home! Pocket prairies are small-scale ecological restoration projects that support native biodiversity while providing numerous ecological and health benefits. This class will guide you through planning, building, and maintaining a pocket prairie, with topics including landscape design, plant selection, integrated pest management, and tips for long-term success. This class includes a hands-on portion. Please bring graph or sketch paper, pencils and an eraser, colored pencils, and—if possible—a printed satellite image of the area you’d like to plan. Participants will apply class concepts by creating a preliminary design for their own pocket prairie.

Fee: \$25 Will Akin
 # [13639](#) T 4/14 6–8 p.m. Main

NEW! Gardening with Native Plants

Are you curious about native plants? Whether you’re completely new to gardening, new to native plants, or have years of experience, this class offers a welcoming space to learn, share knowledge, and grow together. We’ll explore why and how to garden with native plants, discuss challenges and successes, and share practical tips and tricks—all while spreading our love for native plants.

Fee: \$25 Will Akin
 # [13640](#) T 5/12 6–8 p.m. Main

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: \$99 Noah Taylor
 # [13632](#) T 4/7–4/28 6–8 p.m. Woodstock HS

Basic Vehicle Care

Learn what makes your vehicle run and how to keep it safe for the road. This class covers the essential systems in your car, regular maintenance tasks, and practical skills such as checking fluid levels, monitoring air pressure, changing a tire, and using jumper cables. You’ll also learn what questions you should be asking when getting your car serviced, ensuring you’re informed and confident in your car care.

Fee: \$75 Steven Dempsey
 # [14629](#) T 5/12–6/2 6–8 p.m. Main

Beekeeping: Varroa Mite—Know Your Enemy

The Varroa Destructor (also known as the varroa mite) is enemy #1 in the honeybee world. This parasitic mite attaches to honeybees and their larvae, weakening them and transmitting deadly viruses. Understanding the biology of both honeybees and the varroa mite is crucial for successful beekeeping today. In this class, we'll explore the history, biology, and methods for controlling the Varroa Destructor. A successful strategy for controlling these mites is essential to the survival of a honeybee colony.

Fee: \$25 Larry Krengel
[12893](#) W 4/8 6:30–9 p.m. Catalyst
[12894](#) W 4/8 6:30–9 p.m. Remote

Beekeeping Field Study

This short course offers practical, hands-on instruction for installing, manipulating, and inspecting bee colonies. The class will meet in a bee yard, so appropriate clothing and bee equipment are required. Spring is the ideal time to start with bees, and this course will guide you through the process step by step. Learn everything you need to know to start out right with your bees.

Fee: \$59 Larry Krengel
[12906](#) Sa 4/11, 4/18 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Main
[12907](#) Sa 4/11, 4/18 1–3 p.m. Main

NEW! From Hive to Table: A Sweet Journey Tasting of America's Honey

Join us on a flavorful journey across America as we follow honey bees on their pollination circuit through the 50 states. After a sensory exercise to sharpen your palate, you will taste regional varieties ranging from the robust flavors of the East Coast to the sweet, light notes of the Midwest. The tour even expands globally to include unique samples from Canada and New Zealand. We'll conclude the adventure by savoring natural creamed honey and fresh comb honey.

Fee: \$45 Frank Moriarty
[14639](#) T 5/5 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

Buzzing Beauty: DIY Beeswax Lip Balm Workshop

Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll learn to create your own natural lip balms using beeswax! Discover the benefits of beeswax and explore a variety of essential oils and natural ingredients to customize your balms. This workshop will cover the entire process, from melting and mixing to pouring and packaging, ensuring you leave with your own personalized lip balm to take home. Perfect for beginners and anyone interested in natural skincare, this fun and informative session will have you crafting your own lip care products in no time! All materials will be provided.

Fee: \$39 Stephanie Slater
[14632](#) W 5/6 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Grow a Flavorful Salad Garden

In this hands-on workshop, you'll create and take home a portable lettuce garden and learn how to grow, harvest, and enjoy fresh greens just steps from your kitchen, no green thumb required. It's perfect for small spaces and for anyone who wants to bring more homegrown food to the table. During the workshop, you'll plant your own salad garden with 5–6 flavorful varieties like butterhead, romaine, kale, and leaf lettuce, and take it home ready to grow. In just a few weeks, you'll be harvesting your very first bowl of fresh, homegrown salad. This class is ideal for new gardeners who want to start small, build confidence, and learn the basics before diving into gardening on a larger scale. You'll leave with a 12-inch salad garden planted and ready to grow, a few simple recipes, care guide to help your plants thrive, and tips for harvesting and storing greens in your fridge. Grow a garden you can eat from, and turn everyday meals into something fresh, joyful, and truly homegrown.

Fee: \$65 JulieAnn Gardens
[14630](#) M 5/18 6–8 p.m. Main

You Can Do It! Introduction to Food Preservation

Learn about the basics of safe water bath canning techniques and diverse ways to use canned/preserved items to meet your individual taste. We will discuss what can be preserved and how to use those quality preserves all year long. This is a lecture-only class.

Fee: \$30 Stephanie Slater
[14631](#) T 6/30 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

Interior Design Basics

This introductory interior design course covers essential concepts and skills, from space planning and material selection to color theory and lighting design. You will learn to create functional and aesthetically pleasing residential design plans while considering sustainability and accessibility. By the end of the course, you will understand the role of a professional interior designer and be ready to enhance any space.

Fee: \$144 ed2go Online
[14409](#) 4/15–6/5 24 Hours Online
[14410](#) 5/13–7/3 24 Hours Online
[14411](#) 6/17–8/7 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: \$144 ed2go Online
[14412](#) 4/15–6/5 24 Hours Online
[14413](#) 5/13–7/3 24 Hours Online
[14414](#) 6/17–8/7 24 Hours Online

LANGUAGES

American Sign Language for Beginners

Join a fun and relaxed environment where you can start signing immediately. You'll begin with the alphabet, numbers, basic vocabulary, and phrases to greet people and express yourself. The class includes interactive games and activities to practice the signs you've learned. The recommended textbook is *Learn to Sign the Fun Way*, available on Amazon.

Fee: \$129 Ruth Ready
[14568](#) W 4/8–5/27 6–8 p.m. Main

American Sign Language 1

This course is designed for students who have completed ASL for Beginners. You will learn basic ASL grammar rules, including the use of body and facial expressions, while expanding your sign vocabulary. Basic Deaf culture and Deaf history will also be covered, along with career exploration for those who use American Sign Language. The recommended textbook is *American Sign Language for Absolute Beginners* by Fedde Schulte, available on Amazon.

Fee: \$129 Ruth Ready
[14569](#) Th 4/9–5/28 6–8 p.m. Main

American Sign Language 2

This course is designed for students who have completed ASL 1. It builds on previous knowledge with additional ASL grammar, including parameters of signs and classifiers, expanded vocabulary, expressive and receptive practice, and more in-depth exploration of Deaf culture and Deaf history. The recommended textbook is *American Sign Language for Absolute Beginners* by Fedde Schulte, available on Amazon.

Fee: \$129 Ruth Ready
[14570](#) T 4/7–5/26 6–8 p.m. Main

Cafecito and Conversación: Spanish for the Everyday

Are you ready to stop saying un poco and start speaking with confidence? This fun, friendly class is your perfect introduction to practical, real-world Spanish. Forget complicated grammar tables—we focus on the language you need to make meaningful connections and navigate everyday situations. Students should know some basic Spanish grammar for this class.

Fee: \$129 Maria Andrade
[13967](#) Th 4/23–6/11 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

Bonjour! Basic French for Everyday and Travel

Are you dreaming of your next trip to a French-speaking destination? Or perhaps you're simply curious about learning a new language? This class provides you with the practical skills and confidence to begin communicating in French immediately. You'll master the fundamental words and phrases for greetings, ordering food, everyday interactions, and making your travels more enjoyable. Furthermore, you'll discover aspects of French culture and important etiquette. À bientôt! (See you soon!). Students should purchase the following textbooks available on Amazon: *Mon Alter Ego 1 - Pack Cahier d'activités + Version numérique (A1)* and *Mon Alter Ego 1 - Livre de l'élève (A1)* Paperback.

Fee: \$129 Gigi Kuhn
[14642](#) T 5/5–6/9 6–7:30 p.m. Catalyst

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: \$130 ed2go Online
[14349](#) 4/15–6/5 24 Hours Online
[14350](#) 5/13–7/3 24 Hours Online
[14351](#) 6/17–8/7 24 Hours Online

Discover Sign Language

Learn how to sign basic phrases and sentences, allowing you to introduce yourself and start a conversation. Along the way, you will learn signs for colors, numbers, locations, family, and the activities you like to do. Discover how to make the signs and to incorporate facial expression to communicate in this beautiful language. You'll also gain an introduction to the world of the Deaf culture and explore topics such as lip reading, baby signs, and the career of interpreting.

Fee: \$131 ed2go Online
[14352](#) 4/15–6/5 24 Hours Online
[14353](#) 5/13–7/3 24 Hours Online
[14354](#) 6/17–8/7 24 Hours Online



Meet Gigi: Gigi is the ultimate global citizen, teacher by training, and lover of the French language and culture. She was born in Saigon, raised in Paris, studied in Montreal, and worked in London. Gigi is trilingual, with French as her primary language, and holds three passports from Vietnam, France, and the USA. She enjoys teaching others the French language and history.

MUSIC

Private Music Lessons

Students who wish to take private music lessons may register through Community Enrichment. 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 June 15–August 8. Other musical instrument lessons are also available. For more information about private music lessons, please call Paige Lush at (815) 479-7670.

Lessons may also be available for additional instruments including those listed below. Please contact Community Enrichment 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.

Fee: \$329

Beginner Guitar/Ukulele

Learn to play guitar or ukulele in this fun, in-person, group setting. We will start with the basics of song accompaniment by learning chord fingerings in a variety of keys, and strum patterns using a variety of rhythmic patterns. Well-known folk and pop songs will be used as a learning tool. Basic guitar/ukulele care, tuning and elements of music will be covered.

Fee: \$99

Patricia Gaughan

[14637](#) T 4/7–5/12 6–7 p.m. Main

Advanced Guitar/Ukulele

This course is designed for the musician with an understanding of basic chord shapes and strum patterns. A variety of topics will be covered, including finger-style playing techniques, advanced chord shapes, movable scales, and scales for improvisation. These will be applied to well-known songs.

Fee: \$99

Patricia Gaughan

[14638](#) T 4/7–5/12 7–8 p.m. Main

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

[14656](#) W 6/17–8/5 7–8:50 p.m. Main



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: \$130

ed2go Online

# 14355	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14356	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14357	6/17–8/7	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: \$143

ed2go Online

# 14358	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14359	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14360	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

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: \$130

ed2go Online

# 14346	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14347	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14348	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online



Meet Pat: Pat Gaughan is a vocalist/guitarist who performs on the folk circuit either solo or as a duo with fiddler/mandolinist LJ Slavin. Her original material ranges from lyrical ballads to acoustic rock flavored songs. She plays traditional folk and blues as well as Irish songs and tunes. Pat has performed at many traditional Irish festivals and venues. Her intricate guitar work compliments her rich voice.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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: \$147			ed2go Online
# 14361	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14362	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14363	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

Keys to Successful Money Management

Let a certified financial planner show you how most wealthy people build their fortunes. This course will introduce you to a broad array of investment choices, help you discover the best ways to accumulate cash and property, and demonstrate how to best protect your investments.

Fee: \$140			ed2go Online
# 14364	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14365	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14366	6/17–8/7	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: \$146			ed2go Online
# 14367	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14368	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14369	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

Real Estate Investing

Discover how to make money in real estate, even if you have little to start with. This course includes specially designed worksheets and hands-on activities to take the guesswork out of investing in the real estate market.

Fee: \$141			ed2go Online
# 14370	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14371	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14372	6/17–8/7	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: \$141			ed2go Online
# 14373	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14374	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14375	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

PHOTOGRAPHY

Digital Photography for Beginners 1

Discover the art of photography in this hands-on introductory class. Learn the fundamentals of manual mode on your camera, including ISO, aperture, and shutter speed. Explore basic composition principles to enhance your photos, and put it all into practice with an exciting on-location photoshoot to kickstart your portfolio. Perfect for beginners, this class will help you capture everyday moments while tapping into your creative side. A digital camera is required for this class.

Fee: \$89			Paul LeVan
# 14567	M 4/20	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
	Sa 4/25	10 a.m.–Noon	Off Campus

Digital Photography for Beginners 2

Designed as a continuation of the Digital Photography for Beginners course, this class offers more in-depth knowledge for beginner photographers. Explore advanced techniques in composition, depth of field, and other manual camera settings while experimenting with various photography styles. The final class will be an on-location shoot where you will get to practice your newly acquired skills. Through hands-on practice and guidance, you'll refine your unique style and build confidence behind the camera. A digital camera is required for this class.

Fee: \$99			Paul LeVan
# 14566	M 5/4, 5/11	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
	Sa 5/16	10 a.m.–Noon	Off Campus



Meet Paul: Paul is a commercial and lifestyle photographer and editor with over 15 years of experience working with major brands and publications. He specializes in delivering high-quality, captivating visuals that tell stories. His expertise extends beyond the lens, as he designs and styles sets and implements creative solutions for small businesses to increase output and brand consistency. Paul holds a Bachelor of Arts in photography from DePaul University. He enjoys helping others find their passion for photography, no matter their level of expertise.

RECREATION AND SPORTS

Introduction to Lightroom Classic CC

Do you have a lot of images to manage? Adobe Photoshop Lightroom is a fantastic tool for digital photographers at any skill level who need to manipulate and organize photos and images. This course will teach you how to use Lightroom Classic CC, Adobe's easy-to-use software that prepares, edits, and organizes photos quickly and effectively. Through hands-on exercises, you will learn to use Lightroom Classic CC like a pro and perfect your digital photos!

Fee: \$146			ed2go Online
# 14286	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14287	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14288	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

Mastering Your Digital SLR Camera

Break through the technology barrier and discover how to use your DSLR to take beautiful photos. This course will help you learn about features and controls, proper lenses, metering, exposure, and more to take your photography to the next level.

Fee: \$129			ed2go Online
# 14289	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14290	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14291	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

Photograph Nature With Your Digital Camera

Discover how your nature photos can become works of art rather than just snapshots. This course will help you explore composition and lighting as you master your digital camera's controls and features to take exceptional nature photos in no time.

Fee: \$130			ed2go Online
# 14292	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14293	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14294	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

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: \$130			ed2go Online
# 14295	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14296	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14297	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

Blackjack: Learn the Fun and Easy Way

Ready to hit the table with confidence? Join our engaging Blackjack class led by a former professional dealer! Whether you're brand new to the game or looking to sharpen your skills, this class offers a relaxed and fun environment to learn and improve. We'll cover everything from the basic rules and betting to essential strategies that will give you an edge. Through a combination of insightful lectures and hands-on practice (no gambling involved), you'll gain a solid understanding of Blackjack and feel comfortable playing in any setting. Come learn the secrets of the game and enjoy the thrill of making the right decisions.

Fee: \$25				Anne Fortin
# 13960	W	4/15	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
# 13962	F	4/24	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst
# 13963	W	5/20	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
# 13965	W	6/17	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst



Main Stay's Horsemanship Lessons

Main Stay's Horsemanship Lessons are designed for individuals new to horses who want to learn from the ground up—no riding involved. Through groundwork-based sessions facilitated by a PATH Intl. certified instructor and supported by trained volunteers, participants will build confidence, safety awareness, and a meaningful connection with our horses. Groups are kept small to ensure a supportive and engaging learning environment. Participants will learn essential horsemanship skills, including how to safely approach a horse; haltering and grooming; leading a horse and building trust; and understanding equine behavior and body language. Learning the language of horses and the skills to safely interact with them lays the groundwork for a lifelong partnership. Whether you're just curious or considering future riding, this is a great place to start your journey. Come have some fun and meet the Main Stay horses! Students will need to be able to walk on uneven surfaces, stand for up to an hour, and be age 18+.

Fee: \$275				Main Stay Therapeutic Farm
# 13932	M	4/13–5/18	6–7:15 p.m.	

SPECIAL INTEREST



Podcasting for Fun

Ever dreamed of sharing your voice with the world? This class provides a hands-on introduction to the exciting world of podcasting. We'll cover tips and tricks for getting started, developing your concept, recording techniques, editing essentials, and publishing your first podcast. Students will have the opportunity to explore and record in the MCC Recording Studio. No prior experience necessary.

Fee: \$75 **Jim Stockwell**
 # [14640](#) MW 4/27–5/6 6–8 p.m. Main

Beginner Coin Collecting Workshop

Embark on a journey through the captivating world of coin collecting! This course is designed for curious minds seeking to uncover the stories behind these tiny metallic marvels. We'll explore the rich history, intriguing designs, and fascinating tales that make coin collecting an enjoyable hobby. Get ready to dive into art, history, and adventure.

Fee: \$29 **John Kent**
 # [13653](#) Sa 5/2 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

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. It encourages adults to let go of inhibitions and embrace spontaneity, tapping into their inner child for 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. This class will include some physical movement.

Fee: \$20 **Cheryl Cox**
 # [13910](#) Th 4/16 1–3 p.m. Catalyst
 # [13911](#) Th 5/21 1–3 p.m. Catalyst
 # [13912](#) Th 6/25 1–3 p.m. Catalyst

Laugh, Love, and Connect: An Improv Comedy Workshop for Couples

Rediscover the joy of connection through laughter! This interactive workshop uses the magic of improvisational comedy to help couples strengthen communication, build trust, and embrace playfulness. No comedy or acting experience needed—just bring your partner and an open mind. Through fun, lighthearted exercises, you'll learn to navigate challenges together, spark creativity, and deepen your bond while sharing plenty of laughs. Perfect for all couples looking to refresh their relationship in a unique and memorable way! Price per couple.

Fee: \$45 **Cheryl Cox**
 # [13913](#) Th 4/16 6:30–8:30 p.m. Catalyst
 # [13914](#) Th 5/21 6:30–8:30 p.m. Catalyst
 # [13916](#) Th 6/25 6:30–8:30 p.m. Catalyst

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. Open to everyone ages 10 and up, this event welcomes players of all skill levels, from beginners to experts. Players may bring their own chess boards, though limited boards will also 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: \$10 **McHenry County Chess Club**
 # [13654](#) Th 4/2–6/25 6–9 p.m. Main

Senior Hike: Hickory Grove Highlands

Join us on this 1½-mile hike as we look for signs of spring, spot migratory birds, explore glacial topography, and discuss the site's land use and history. Enjoy beautiful scenery while making new friends along the way. Please dress for the weather and hiking, with sturdy shoes, and bring your own water.

Fee: \$5 **Hickory Grove—M.C.C.D.**
 # [14418](#) F 4/24 10–11:30 a.m.

Senior Hike: Fel-Pro RRR

Join a McHenry County Conservation District educator for a spring hike through the restored prairies and oak patches of Fel-Pro RRR Conservation Area in Cary. We'll hike a moderate 1.2-mile trail with some gentle hills, stopping along the way to talk about the ecology of this lovely place and its unique history as a former corporate retreat. Please dress for the weather and hiking, with sturdy shoes, and bring your own water.

Fee: \$5 **Fel Pro RRR M.C.C.D.**
 # [14419](#) F 5/22 10–11:30 a.m.

Senior Hike: Harrison Benwell

Join us on this 1.6-mile hike looking at the beautiful oak and hickory savannas and a small meandering stream make this a favorite site for hikers. The natural communities alternate between wet-mesic silt loam prairie and dry-mesic silt loam savanna. Please dress for the weather and hiking, with sturdy shoes, and bring your own water.

Fee: \$5 **Harrison Benwell M.C.C.D.**
 # [14420](#) F 6/26 10–11:30 a.m.

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: \$140

ed2go Online

# 14379	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14380	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14381	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

TECHNOLOGY

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: \$144

ed2go Online

# 14251	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14252	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14253	6/17–8/7	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: \$89

Lori Lattanzio

# 13751	W	4/1	9–11:30 a.m.	Catalyst
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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

# 14467	W	4/1	Noon	Remote
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Microsoft Word Tips and Tricks

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

# 14466	W	4/1	8 a.m.–12 p.m.	Remote
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WRITING

How to Self-Publish for Free

This course will guide you on your journey to becoming a royalty-earning, self-published author. Whether you're writing the next Great American Novel, sharing your expertise, or telling your family's story, you can publish it yourself—and reach readers worldwide. Taught by a successful self-published author, this course covers how to produce both e-books and print books using Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing and other platforms. You'll learn about manuscript formatting, book cover design, editing tools, and publishing options. We'll also explore important topics such as setting up accounts, using dashboards and sales reports, understanding copyrights, ISBNs, LCCNs, and AISNs. You'll create a personalized self-publishing plan and learn how to put it into action. Students with a book in progress can develop it for publication, while newcomers will gain a solid understanding of the self-publishing industry. This is a self-paced course with direct communication with the instructor. After registering, you'll receive an email from the instructor within two weeks.

Fee: \$79

Roxanne Boersma

# 13656	4/1–6/30	8 Hours	Remote
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NEW! Say Yes to Creative Writing: The Write Page Workshop

Do you have ideas for a story you want to write and either don't know where to start or you have started and never finished? Or are you like many who daydream of characters and plots but don't think you could ever write a story and get it published? Maybe you write just for your own enjoyment and do nothing with it after you've written it but would like to? Or maybe you would just like to develop your creative writing. If you said yes to any of these scenarios, this workshop is for you. This fiction writing workshop combines interactive lessons, group discussions, and hands-on writing activities while in class and while completing out of class writing assignments. Workshop participants will receive support and one-on-one coaching from a #1 Best-Selling Self-Published Amazon Author of 24 novels. Writing activities are designed to stimulate creativity, enhance character development, and story building, as well as acquaint you with many other aspects of creative writing over the course of the 4 sessions.

Fee: \$99

Roxanne Boersma

# 14634	W	4/15–5/27	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
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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: \$130

ed2go Online

# 14385	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14386	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14387	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

The Craft of Magazine Writing

Learn the skills and insights you will need to jump-start your career as a magazine writer. This course will teach you how to get your work published and turn your writing skills into an easy source of extra income.

Fee: \$144			ed2go Online
# 14388	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14389	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14390	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

Write Fiction Like A Pro

Learn how to use story outlines like a professional writer with the help of lessons developed by a published author. This course will show you how to apply narrative structure to lend your fiction writing the maximum dramatic effect.

Fee: \$129			ed2go Online
# 14391	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14392	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14393	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

Writing Essentials

Master the essentials of writing so you can excel at business communications, engage online audiences, and take your creative literary talents to a new level. This course provides you with the writing tools you need for success.

Fee: \$144			ed2go Online
# 14394	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14395	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14396	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

Writing for Children

Create stories that touch the hearts of children with the help of a published children's author. This course provides you with an essential overview of planning, researching, writing, and marketing children's books that engage audiences and sell to publishers.

Fee: \$130			ed2go Online
# 14397	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14398	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14399	6/17–8/7	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: \$146			ed2go Online
# 14382	4/15–6/5	24 Hours	Online
# 14383	5/13–7/3	24 Hours	Online
# 14384	6/17–8/7	24 Hours	Online

» **ABOUT COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT**

The Community Enrichment Center provides a variety of in-person and online enrichment classes for the community in the areas of art, crafts and hobbies, culinary, dance, health and wellness, home and garden, languages, music, personal finance, photography, writing, and more.

For additional in-person, remote, and online class offerings, please visit www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment.

Refund Policy: A class registration canceled by a participant or employer at least one business day in advance is subject to a full refund (or the tuition may be applied to enrollment in another class). No refund will be issued for classes dropped on or after the class start date. To withdraw your registration, please contact (815) 455-8593.

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personaldevelopment@mchenry.edu
(815) 455-8758



» KIDS AND COLLEGE SUMMER 2026



Camp Invention®

Camp Invention®, by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.®, is a four-day creative and open-ended learning camp which includes a rotation of four adventures for students in grades 1–6. The camp will be held June 22–25, 2026.

IdeaWorks



The MCC IdeaWorks Makerspace, located in the Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation, offers a series of Makers Camps designed to spark creativity, fuel curiosity, and empower students to turn their ideas into reality.

ABOUT KIDS AND COLLEGE

The Kids and College Program offers a variety of year-round, hands-on programming for elementary, middle, and high school students. Students are immersed in career exploration across various fields, including culinary arts, science, technology, engineering, art, and manufacturing. The program strives to inspire new ideas and enhance students' skills, fostering a deeper knowledge and enthusiasm for learning.

For FAQ, including information about registration and program requirements, please visit www.mchenry.edu/kidsandcollege.

For information about the Kids and College Program, contact the Community Enrichment Center at (815) 455-8758 or kidsandcollege@mchenry.edu. Learn more online at www.mchenry.edu/kidsandcollege.

Early Arrival and Late Departure

The Kids and College Program will be offering early arrival and late departure options for Summer 2026. Campers must register for each option to participate. Early arrival begins at 7:30 a.m. and late departure ends at 5:30 p.m.

WEEK 1: WEEK OF JUNE 1

Early Arrival, Week of June 1

The Kids and College Program will offer early arrival from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Campers must be registered for early arrival to check in. Check-in for early arrival will begin at 7:30 a.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14205](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 7:30–8:30 a.m. Main

Late Dismissal, Week of June 1

The Kids and College Program will offer late dismissal from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Campers must be registered for late dismissal and be picked up by 5:30 p.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14208](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 4:30–5:30 p.m. Main

Steampunk Art, Grades 1-5

Discover the world of Steampunk through art! Each day, you'll complete a hands-on art project that blends Victorian elegance with industrial machinery, using gears, metallic colors, and imagination to build your own retro-futuristic masterpieces.

Fee: \$125

[14096](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

STEAM for Kids, Grades 1-3

Explore the world of STEAM through this hands-on, engaging class. Students will complete a variety of STEAM focused projects to grow their creativity and critical thinking skills. Different set of projects will be completed each week.

Fee: \$125

[14699](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main



Amazing World of Chalk, Grades 1-3

Through the work of the world's greatest chalk artists, we'll explore how they captivate audiences with illusions, humor, games, and art. Inspired by their techniques, students will create their own illusions, character stories, and games to share with everyone—until the rain comes!

Fee: \$125

[14098](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 1–4 p.m. Main

Creative Writing Adventures, Grades 1-3

Designed for beginning writers, this class welcomes students who are just starting to explore story elements like character and plot while mastering the fundamentals of grammar and sentence structure. Under the guidance of an Amazon Best-Selling Author, participants will bring their imaginative ideas to life by learning exactly what makes a story engaging. Through a mix of fun exercises and independent writing, students will reinforce their technical skills and creative confidence as they craft their own unique tales.

Fee: \$125

[14584](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 1–4 p.m. Main

Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

Spend a week in the IdeaWorks Makerspace, an MIT-certified Fab Lab. Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$250

[14104](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main

Amazing World of Chalk, Grades 4-6

Through the work of the world's greatest chalk artists, we'll explore how they captivate audiences with illusions, humor, games, and art. Inspired by their techniques, students will create their own illusions, character stories, and games to share with everyone—until the rain comes!

Fee: \$125

[14099](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Novice Baking and Culinary, Grades 4-6

In this beginner camp, students will learn to safely and properly handle a knife, prepare a variety of recipes using premade dough, puff pastry, and breakfast foods, and develop introductory baking and pastry skills. Notice: The MCC Culinary Program is a classic French-based program; many varieties of allergens may be found in the teaching kitchen such as nuts, seafood, and gluten. Students with these allergies are advised not to enroll.

Fee: \$125

[14102](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Geometry and Construction, Grades 5-6

Step into the role of lead architect as you discover how geometry brings massive structures to life! You'll design a custom blueprint to build your very own city and engineer a high-flying tetrahedron kite to test out in the sky. Put your creativity to work and turn math into a hands-on construction adventure.

Fee: \$125

[14100](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 1–4 p.m. Main

Shining Star! Theatre Camp: Putting on a Show, Grades 4-6

Students will embark on a journey filled with creativity and camaraderie as they learn all aspects of putting on a theatre show! Young thespians will have the opportunity to discover, refine, and showcase their theatre skills. The week will culminate in a performance on the last day, where campers will present their talents for family and friends to enjoy!

Fee: \$125

[14312](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 1–4 p.m. Main

STEAM for Kids, Grades 4-6

Explore the world of STEAM through this hands-on, engaging class. Students will complete a variety of STEAM focused projects to grow their creativity and critical thinking skills. Different set of projects will be completed each week.

Fee: \$125

[14700](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 1–4 p.m. Main

Geometry and Construction, Grades 7-8

Step into the role of lead architect as you discover how geometry brings massive structures to life! You'll design a custom blueprint to build your very own city and engineer a high-flying tetrahedron kite to test out in the sky. Put your creativity to work and turn math into a hands-on construction adventure.

Fee: \$125

[14101](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Second Act! Theatre Camp: Camp's Got Talent!, Grades 7-9

Show off your skills in this fun theatre camp focused on putting on a talent show! Campers will spend the week practicing their talents while sharpening their acting skills through lessons in voice, facial expressions, improv, stage confidence, and more. The week culminates in a talent show performance, where campers can celebrate their unique abilities for parents and family to enjoy.

Fee: \$125

[14313](#) M–Th 6/1–6/4 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Advanced Baking and Culinary, Grades 7-9

In this advanced camp, students will learn how to make scratch-made breads and pastas, master saute techniques, and create sauces to accompany the dishes. Students will also continue developing knife skills and advanced pastry techniques. Notice: The MCC Culinary Program is a classic French-based program; many varieties of allergens may be found in the teaching kitchen such as nuts, seafood, and gluten. Students with these allergies are advised not to enroll.

Fee: \$125

[14103](#) M-Th 6/1-6/4 1-4 p.m. Main

Steampunk Art, Grades 6-9

Discover the world of Steampunk through art! Each day, you'll complete a hands-on art project that blends Victorian elegance with industrial machinery, using gears, metallic colors, and imagination to build your own retro-futuristic masterpieces.

Fee: \$125

[14097](#) M-Th 6/1-6/4 1-4 p.m. Main

WEEK 2: WEEK OF JUNE 8

Early Arrival, Week of June 8

The Kids and College Program will offer early arrival from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Campers must be registered for early arrival to check in. Check-in for early arrival will begin at 7:30 a.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14210](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 7:30-8:30 a.m. Main

Late Dismissal, Week of June 8

The Kids and College Program will offer late dismissal from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Campers must be registered for late dismissal and be picked up by 5:30 p.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14211](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 4:30-5:30 p.m. Main

Art in Motion, Grades 1-3

We are constantly fascinated by art that moves, walks, defies gravity, and invites our touch! We're exploring the exciting intersection of art and movement by building projects that twist, turn, and spin. By choosing from a room full of art materials, students are encouraged to use their imagination to bring masterpieces to life in fun and unexpected ways. Yes, there is science involved—but don't tell anyone!

Fee: \$125

[14112](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

STEAM for Kids, Grades 1-3

Explore the world of STEAM through this hands-on, engaging class. Students will complete a variety of STEAM focused projects to grow their creativity and critical thinking skills. Different set of projects will be completed each week.

Fee: \$125

[14701](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

Junior Shining Star! Theatre Camp, Grades 1-3

This fun-filled class allows students to explore their imaginations and discover their natural performing abilities through games and activities. Participants will learn how to embody characters and act out stories while building confidence, expressing themselves creatively, and learning to work patiently and respectfully with others.

Fee: \$125

[14314](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 1-4 p.m. Main

Just Move, Groove, and Dance, Grades 1-5

Let's get moving! In this creative, high-energy movement class, students will explore the history of dance and learn choreography from some of the most popular, age-appropriate styles. Together, the class will create a ripple video—a fun combination of different dance moves. Please note: students will be recorded during class.

Fee: \$125

[14583](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 1-4 p.m. Main

Sewing, Grades 3-5

In this hands-on class, students will learn basic hand-sewing techniques while crafting their very own stuffed friends each day! From stitching to shaping, they'll bring their cute creations to life, learning valuable skills and unleashing their creativity with every stitch.

Fee: \$125

[14110](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 1-4 p.m. Main

Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

Spend a week in the IdeaWorks Makerspace, an MIT-certified Fab Lab. Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$250

[14109](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Main

Junior Electronic Circuits with Micro:bits, Grades 4-6

Students will learn how electronic circuits are created and how programmed microcontrollers can be used to build devices for everyday use. Using both a virtual environment (Tinkercad) and hands-on Micro:bit kits, students will design and recreate projects in both digital and real-world settings.

Fee: \$125

[14107](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

Shining Star! Theatre Camp: Puppet Show, Grades 4-6

Students will have a blast this week as they learn all aspects of putting on a puppet show! In this camp, they will design their own puppets, discover how to bring them to life through voice projection and inflection, explore different personality types through fun improv techniques, and much more! All puppet supplies will be provided. The week will culminate in an interactive puppet performance on the last day of camp, where campers will showcase their work for parents and family to enjoy!

Fee: \$125

[14315](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

A Week with the Honey Bees, Grades 5-9

The honey bees arrived on the earth millions of years before mankind appeared. Today, they are an important part of the environment in which we live. In this class, students are invited to join us for an exciting honey bee adventure as we explore the life of a honey bee colony. We'll provide bee veils as we visit the apiary (the beeyard) and discuss bee history, biology, hives, languages, and, of course, honey.

Fee: \$125

[14115](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

Art in Motion, Grades 4-6

We are constantly fascinated by art that moves, walks, defies gravity, and invites our touch! We're exploring the exciting intersection of art and movement by building projects that twist, turn, and spin. By choosing from a room full of art materials, students are encouraged to use their imagination to bring masterpieces to life in fun and unexpected ways. Yes, there is science involved—but don't tell anyone!

Fee: \$125

[14113](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 1-4 p.m. Main

STEAM for Kids, Grades 4-6

Explore the world of STEAM through this hands-on, engaging class. Students will complete a variety of STEAM focused projects to grow their creativity and critical thinking skills. Different set of projects will be completed each week.

Fee: \$125

[14702](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 1-4 p.m. Main



Broadway Academy Junior, Grades 5-8

For students looking to level up their performance skills, this class offers an introduction to musical theatre scenework and performance. Students will build their skills in key performance disciplines and work together to create exciting scenes and musical numbers from favorite classic and modern Broadway shows. A joint performance will be held on Saturday, June 20 at MCC. Taught by the Vocal Academy of Crystal Lake. Class dates are: 6/8, 6/9, 6/10, 6/11, 6/15, 6/16, 6/17, and 6/19. No class on 6/12 and 6/18.

Fee: \$250

[14233](#) M-Th 6/8-6/17 1-4 p.m. Main
6/19 1-4 p.m. Main

Sewing, Grades 6-9

In this hands-on class, students will learn basic hand-sewing techniques while crafting their very own stuffed friends each day! From stitching to shaping, they'll bring their cute creations to life, learning valuable skills and unleashing their creativity with every stitch.

Fee: \$125

[14111](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

Healthcare Camp, Grades 6-9

Explore the world of healthcare in this hands-on camp! Students will discover what it's like to work in nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, radiology, and respiratory therapy through a series of interactive and engaging activities.

Fee: \$125

[14117](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

Broadway Academy, Grades 9-12

This intensive musical theatre class, taught by the Vocal Academy of Crystal Lake, is designed for students ready to take their craft to the next level. Students will work on scenes and songs from hit Broadway musicals, with a special focus on performance skills and pre-professional audition techniques. A joint performance will be held on Saturday, June 20 at MCC. Class dates are 6/8, 6/9, 6/10, 6/11, 6/12, 6/15, 6/16, 6/17, and 6/19. There is no class on 6/18.

Fee: \$350

[14234](#) M-F 6/8-6/17 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Main
6/19 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Main

Electronic Circuits with Micro:bits, Grades 6-9

Students will learn how electronic circuits are created and how programmed microcontrollers can be used to build devices for everyday use. Using both a virtual environment (Tinkercad) and hands-on Micro:bit kits, students will design and recreate projects in both digital and real-world settings.

Fee: \$125

[14108](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 1-4 p.m. Main

Lights. Camera. Action. Film Camp, Grades 6-9

Step behind the lens and bring your ideas to life in this high-energy filmmaking adventure! Students will master the entire movie-making process, taking charge of everything from sketching storyboards to filming and editing a group commercial. It's a hands-on experience where young creators turn their vision into a cinematic reality!

Fee: \$125

[14114](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 1-4 p.m. Main

Healthcare Camp, Grades 10-12

Students will discover what it's like to work in nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, radiology, and respiratory therapy through a series of interactive and engaging activities. Learn about career opportunities in the healthcare field and the requirements to join these highly sought out and needed professions.

Fee: \$125

[14118](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

Culinary HS Bootcamp, Grades 9-12

Interested in the culinary arts or considering a hands-on career after high school? Join the MCC Culinary Program for a four-day Culinary High School Bootcamp. Students will gain experience in a professional culinary teaching lab, hear from local culinary professionals, and explore career-connected opportunities. Limited scholarships of up to \$100 are available. For more information, contact the Community Enrichment Center at kidsandcollege@mchenry.edu or (815) 455-8758.

Fee: \$250

[14116](#) M-Th 6/8-6/11 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Main

WEEK 3: WEEK OF JUNE 15

Early Arrival, Week of June 15

The Kids and College Program will offer early arrival from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Campers must be registered for early arrival to check in. Check-in for early arrival will begin at 7:30 a.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14213](#) MTW 6/15-6/17 7:30-8:30 a.m. Main

Late Dismissal, Week of June 15

The Kids and College Program will offer late dismissal from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Campers must be registered for late dismissal and be picked up by 5:30 p.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14215](#) MTW 6/15-6/17 4:30-5:30 p.m. Main

Mosaic Art, Grades 1-3

For 5,000 years, we've used precious stones, shells, ivory, and tiles to decorate our spaces. Today, we have hundreds of thousands of new materials at our fingertips! We're exploring the art of arranging these unique, colorful elements into striking patterns and original mosaic masterpieces.

Fee: \$125

[14121](#) MTW 6/15-6/17 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

Print Making, Grades 1-5

Step into the colorful world of printmaking and create one-of-a-kind art pieces using Gelli pads. Students will get hands-on with exciting projects such as making pattern prints with stamps, drawing in paint, and transferring images, all while crafting stylish bandanas and personalized greeting cards.

Fee: \$125

[14119](#) MTW 6/15-6/17 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

Junior Science, Grades 1-3

Students will explore the world of science through this hands-on, engaging class. Through fun and interactive experiments, they will discover the fascinating principles that make the world work.

Fee: \$125

[14127](#) MTW 6/15-6/17 1-4 p.m. Main

Broadway Academy Kids, Grades 1-4

For young students looking to have fun while learning the basics of being on stage. Students will learn short scenes and songs while developing public speaking and teamwork skills. Taught by the Vocal Academy of Crystal Lake, a final joint performance will be held on Saturday, June 20. Class dates are: 6/15, 6/16, 6/17, and 6/19. No class on 6/18.

Fee: \$175

[14235](#) MTW 6/15-6/17 1-4 p.m. Main
6/19 1-4 p.m. Main

Fun With Words, Grades 1-4

This class is for students who love to play games and their parents who like that they'll be learning about words and grammar and building their vocabulary. Word Search, Sudoku, Words Scramble, Riddles, Word Building Games, Scavenger Hunt for Words, Scrabble-like Word Games, etc. will be played while introducing the basic parts of a sentence like Noun, Verb, Adjective, and concepts such as Rhymes, Synonyms, Antonyms, Homonyms, Homophones, Homographs, etc. Taught by an Amazon Best-Selling Author who knows a thing or two about words and using them correctly, your campers will have fun and learn in this interactive and engaging class.

Fee: \$125

[14588](#) MTW 6/15-6/17 1-4 p.m. Main



Introduction to Model Aviation, Grades 4-9

Take flight as we explore the science of aviation through three exciting, hands-on adventures including Chuck Glider Build & Fly, Drone Build & Fly, and RC Ground School. Students will learn the four forces of flight by building and flying a foam board chuck glider, then test and refine their designs for maximum performance. Students will also learn the basics of safe drone operation by assembling and flying a Discovery Drone and completing fun flight missions. On the last day, students will explore the inner workings of RC airplanes. Students will learn about radio systems, aircraft types, essential electronics, and rules for safe RC flight. Hands-on activities include flying simulators and using 3-axis gyro systems to experience RC controls. Students who complete the class are eligible to join the AMA Introductory Pilot Program (IPP) with the COL Eagles in Hebron, IL, which includes 90 days of free participation, insurance coverage, and access to club aircraft and equipment at no cost. Note: Drones and RC aircraft used in class remain property of the program and are not taken home.

Fee: \$125

[14129](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

[14130](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 1–4 p.m. Main

First Responders Camp, Grades 6-8

Ever wonder what it takes to be a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or paramedic/EMT? Want to know how first responders work together during an incident? In this hands-on camp, students will learn the requirements and training needed to become a first responder and discover what the job entails.

Fee: \$125

[14259](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Math Skills and Games, Grades 6-7

Students will boost their math skills through engaging and interactive activities that make learning feel like a fun adventure. With a focus on mastering the fundamentals, they'll build confidence and set themselves up for success in school—all while having a blast along the way!

Fee: \$125

[14126](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Movies in Motion: Animation, Grades 6–9

Examine the magic of animated movies, both critically and creatively. We'll talk about the early days of animated films and discuss the evolution to the digital age as we work through the process of developing an idea, writing a script, creating a storyboard, and putting it together into a short film.

Fee: \$125

[14123](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

Spend a week in the IdeaWorks Makerspace, an MIT-certified Fab Lab. Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$250

[14131](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main

Diamond Art Painting, Grades 4-6

Diamond art painting is a craft hobby that combines elements of paint-by-numbers and cross-stitch. In this activity, students will apply resin diamonds to a coded adhesive canvas, creating a shimmering piece of art. This fun and easy-to-learn art form requires no prior experience in painting or drawing. All kits and tools will be provided, and participants will get to take home their completed work of art on the last day of class.

Fee: \$125

[14316](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Junior Science, Grades 4-6

Students will explore the world of science through this hands-on, engaging class. Through fun and interactive experiments, they will discover the fascinating principles that make the world work.

Fee: \$125

[14128](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Mosaic Art, Grades 4-6

For 5,000 years, we've used precious stones, shells, ivory, and tiles to decorate our spaces. Today, we have hundreds of thousands of new materials at our fingertips! We're exploring the art of arranging these unique, colorful elements into striking patterns and original mosaic masterpieces.

Fee: \$125

[14122](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 1–4 p.m. Main

Math Skills and Games, Grades 4-5

Students will boost their math skills through engaging and interactive activities that make learning feel like a fun adventure. With a focus on mastering the fundamentals, they'll build confidence and set themselves up for success in school—all while having a blast along the way!

Fee: \$125

[14125](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 1–4 p.m. Main

Diamond Art Painting, Grades 6-9

Diamond art painting is a craft hobby that combines elements of paint-by-numbers and cross-stitch. In this activity, students will apply resin diamonds to a coded adhesive canvas, creating a shimmering piece of art. This fun and easy-to-learn art form requires no prior experience in painting or drawing. All kits and tools will be provided, and participants will get to take home their completed work of art on the last day of class.

Fee: \$125

[14319](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 1–4 p.m. Main

Print Making, Grades 6-9

Step into the colorful world of printmaking and create one-of-a-kind art pieces using Gelli pads. Students will get hands-on with exciting projects such as making pattern prints with stamps, drawing in paint, and transferring images, all while crafting stylish bandanas and personalized greeting cards.

Fee: \$125

[14120](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 1–4 p.m. Main

Voice Power: News Reporting, Grades 6–9

Has your student ever wanted to be on the radio or TV? How about writing the next front-page newspaper article? In this fun and interactive class, they will explore using their voice in different areas of mass media. Students will dive into the world of news reporting and discuss the creation of content for live productions, recordings, and the written word. The week will culminate with students conducting their own news report!

Fee: \$125

[14124](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 1–4 p.m. Main

First Responders Camp, Grades 9-12

Ever wonder what it takes to be a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or paramedic/EMT? Want to know how first responders work together during an incident? In this hands-on camp, students will learn the requirements and training needed to become a first responder and discover what the job entails. Students will have a chance to receive their CPR certification and will participate in a police investigation training.

Fee: \$125

[14260](#) MTW 6/15–6/17 1–4 p.m. Main

WEEK 4: WEEK OF JUNE 22

Early Arrival, Week of June 22

The Kids and College Program will offer early arrival from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Campers must be registered for early arrival to check in. Check-in for early arrival will begin at 7:30 a.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14217](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 7:30–8:30 a.m. Main

Early Arrival, Week of June 22—Camp Invention Only

The Kids and College Program will offer early arrival from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Campers must be registered for early arrival to check in. Check-in for early arrival will begin at 7:30 a.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14219](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 7:30–8:30 a.m. Catalyst

Late Dismissal, Week of June 22

The Kids and College Program will offer late dismissal from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Campers must be registered for late dismissal and be picked up by 5:30 p.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14218](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 4:30–5:30 p.m. Main

Late Dismissal, Week of June 22—Camp Invention Only

The Kids and College Program will offer late dismissal from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Campers must be registered for late dismissal and be picked up by 5:30 p.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14220](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 4:30–5:30 p.m. Catalyst

Camp Invention®, Grades 1-6

Back by popular demand! Camp Invention®, by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.®, is a four-day creative and open-ended learning camp that includes a rotation of four adventures. This year's brand-new program, Spark, will boost imaginations, inspire curiosity and help kids build essential STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) skills through collaboration and problem solving. The adventures include The Infringers, Fur-ensics, Make Waves, and Space Morphers.

Fee: \$299

[14138](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Catalyst

Crazy Sculptures, Grades 1-5

Wacky designs? Yes! Ingenious ideas? Absolutely! In this hands-on class, students will use a variety of techniques and materials to spark their inner artist and bring wild ideas to life through freestanding works of art. Please wear clothing that can get messy with paint and glue—really!

Fee: \$125

[14134](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Junior Shining Star! Theatre Camp, Grades 1-3

This fun-filled class allows students to explore their imaginations and discover their natural performing abilities through games and activities. Participants will learn how to embody characters and act out stories while building confidence, expressing themselves creatively, and learning to work patiently and respectfully with others.

Fee: \$125

[14317](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 1–4 p.m. Main

Wonderful World of Pixels, Grades 1-5

Learn how to draw, create, and design projects themed around pixels. This fun class is a modern-day impressionism adventure.

Fee: \$125

[14136](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 1–4 p.m. Main

Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

Spend a week in the IdeaWorks Makerspace, an MIT-certified Fab Lab. Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$250

[14139](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main

Crazy Sculptures, Grades 1-5

Wacky designs? Yes! Ingenious ideas? Absolutely! In this hands-on class, students will use a variety of techniques and materials to spark their inner artist and bring wild ideas to life through freestanding works of art. Please wear clothing that can get messy with paint and glue—really!

Fee: \$125

[14135](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 1–4 p.m. Main

Minecraft Survival Grades 6-9

Can you survive in Minecraft with limited resources? Students will explore the world of Minecraft while learning about sustainability by planning and building their own colonies. Using problem-solving, teamwork, and diplomacy, students will work together to create a self-sustaining community and ensure their colony thrives.

Fee: \$125

[14132](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

[14133](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 1–4 p.m. Main



Second Act! Theatre Camp: One Act Play, Grades 7-9

All the world's a stage—and all the campers merely players! In this collaborative camp, students will develop characters, learn acting and technical skills, build confidence, and strengthen teamwork. The week culminates in a short, staged one-act play, bringing a unique story to life in just a few days. No memorization is required. The week will culminate in a final performance for parents and family to enjoy.

Fee: \$125

[14318](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Wonderful World of Pixels, Grades 6-9

Learn how to draw, create, and design projects themed around pixels. This fun class is a modern-day impressionism adventure.

Fee: \$125

[14137](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Welding Camp, Grades 6-9

Students will learn the basics of MIG welding, shop safety, and metal fabrication in this hands-on class. They'll put their skills to work building a 3D metal puzzle, with all necessary safety gear provided.

Fee: \$125

[14140](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Advanced Welding Camp, Grades 6-9

In this hands-on class, students will learn the basics of TIG welding, shop safety, and metal fabrication. They'll get practical experience building one of three 3D sculpture designs. Before the class begins, students will receive an email to select their sculpture. All necessary safety gear is provided. Participants must have completed Basic Welding Camp (MIG Welding) or have prior welding experience to enroll.

Fee: \$125

[14141](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 1–4 p.m. Main

The Great Debate, Grades 6-9

Debate and the ability to communicate effectively with well-researched facts presented in a thought-out presentation are valuable skills. In this class, students will develop skills in critical thinking, research, and debate preparation on non-controversial topics. To keep the class light and fun, we won't talk politics, religion, or current world circumstances. Students will learn and practice debate skills, debating fun topics including pop cultural topics such as books and authors, games, sports and sporting events, technology, pets, and historical events, often asked to take a side opposite of their own opinion. Content (arguments/evidence), strategy, and style (delivery/persuasion), will be taught and practiced individually, with a partner, and in teams.

Fee: \$125

[14590](#) M–Th 6/22–6/25 1–4 p.m. Main

Early Arrival, Week of June 29

The Kids and College Program will offer early arrival from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Campers must be registered for early arrival to check in. Check-in for early arrival will begin at 7:30 a.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14221](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 7:30-8:30 a.m. Main

Late Dismissal, Week of June 29

The Kids and College Program will offer late dismissal from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Campers must be registered for late dismissal and be picked up by 5:30 p.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14222](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 4:30-5:30 p.m. Main

Fun with Cookie Decorating, Grades 1-9

Does your student have a love for baking or decorating cookies? How about eating them? In this class, they'll learn the basics of making and decorating delicious cookies. Students will discover how to make the perfect cookie dough, understand basic measurements, cut and shape dough, and master icing and decorating techniques. Each day, they will receive a different set of pre-baked, themed cookies to decorate and bring home to share with others. Please note, campers will not be baking in this class. An apron is recommended but not required.

Fee: \$125

[14708](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

Crazy Clay Creations, Grades 1-5

Let your creative run wild in this fun, engaging clay class. Students will learn new techniques each day to create a variety of creatures and objects by using air dry magic clay.

Fee: \$125

[14591](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

Natural Disasters, Grades 1-3

"Volcanoes, earthquakes, and tornadoes—OH MY!" Natural events like these can be overwhelming, but understanding them makes them less scary. Through discussions, hands-on activities, and experiments, we'll learn fascinating facts about natural disasters, including the weird and the funny: ice tsunamis, fire tornadoes, mud volcanoes, and the "Ice Finger of Death!"

Fee: \$125

[14142](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Main

Crazy Clay Creations, Grades 1-5

Let your creative run wild in this fun, engaging clay class. Students will learn new techniques each day to create a variety of creatures and objects by using air dry magic clay.

Fee: \$125

[14592](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 1-4 p.m. Main

Fun With Words, Grades 1-4

This class is for students who love to play games and their parents who like that they'll be learning about words and grammar and building their vocabulary. Word Search, Sudoku, Words Scramble, Riddles, Word Building Games, Scavenger Hunt for Words, Scrabble-like Word Games, etc. will be played while introducing the basic parts of a sentence like, Noun, Verb, Adjective, and concepts such as Rhymes, Synonyms, Antonyms, Homonyms, Homophones, Homographs, etc. Taught by an Amazon Best-Selling Author who knows a thing or two about words and using them correctly, your campers will have fun and learn in this interactive and engaging class.

Fee: \$125

[14589](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 1-4 p.m. Main

Fun with Cookie Decorating, Grades 1-9

Does your student have a love for baking or decorating cookies? How about eating them? In this class, they'll learn the basics of making and decorating delicious cookies. Students will discover how to make the perfect cookie dough, understand basic measurements, cut and shape dough, and master icing and decorating techniques. Each day, they will receive a different set of pre-baked, themed cookies to decorate and bring home to share with others. Please note, campers will not be baking in this class. An apron is recommended but not required.

Fee: \$125

[14709](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 1-4 p.m. Main

Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

Spend a week in the IdeaWorks Makerspace, an MIT-certified Fab Lab. Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$250

[14148](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Main



Introduction to Model Aviation, Grades 4-9

Take flight as we explore the science of aviation through three exciting, hands-on adventures including Chuck Glider Build & Fly, Drone Build & Fly, and RC Ground School. Students will learn the four forces of flight by building and flying a foam board chuck glider, then test and refine their designs for maximum performance. Students will also learn the basics of safe drone operation by assembling and flying a Discovery Drone and completing fun flight missions. On the last day, students will explore the inner workings of RC airplanes. Students will learn about radio systems, aircraft types, essential electronics, and rules for safe RC flight. Hands-on activities include flying simulators and using 3-axis gyro systems to experience RC controls. Students who complete the class are eligible to join the AMA Introductory Pilot Program (IPP) with the COL Eagles in Hebron, IL, which includes 90 days of free participation, insurance coverage, and access to club aircraft and equipment at no cost. Note: Drones and RC aircraft used in class remain property of the program and are not taken home.

Fee: \$125

[14146](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main
[14147](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 1-4 p.m. Main

Math Skills and Games, Grades 4-5

Students will boost their math skills through engaging and interactive activities that make learning feel like a fun adventure. With a focus on mastering the fundamentals, they'll build confidence and set themselves up for success in school—all while having a blast along the way!

Fee: \$125

[14144](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Natural Disasters, Grades 4-6

"Volcanoes, earthquakes, and tornadoes—OH MY!" Natural events like these can be overwhelming, but understanding them makes them less scary. Through discussions, hands-on activities, and experiments, we'll learn fascinating facts about natural disasters, including the weird and the funny: ice tsunamis, fire tornadoes, mud volcanoes, and the "Ice Finger of Death!"

Fee: \$125

[14143](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 1-4 p.m. Main

Math Skills and Games, Grades 6-7

Students will boost their math skills through engaging and interactive activities that make learning feel like a fun adventure. With a focus on mastering the fundamentals, they'll build confidence and set themselves up for success in school—all while having a blast along the way!

Fee: \$125

[14145](#) MTW 6/29-7/1 1-4 p.m. Main

Early Arrival, Week of July 6

The Kids and College Program will offer early arrival from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Campers must be registered for early arrival to check in. Check-in for early arrival will begin at 7:30 a.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14223](#) M-Th 7/6-7/9 7:30-8:30 a.m. Main

Late Dismissal, Week of July 6

The Kids and College Program will offer late dismissal from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Campers must be registered for late dismissal and be picked up by 5:30 p.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14224](#) M-Th 7/6-7/9 4:30-5:30 p.m. Main

Discover Southeast U.S.A. through Geography, Grades 1-5

Take a fun trip across the Southeast United States to see what makes this part of the country so unique. Students will explore the region's amazing landscapes, landmarks, and nature while learning how the world around us works through hands-on activities. It's a great way to discover new places and see the map come to life. This class is taught by a retired teacher who shares adventures from years of RV travel across the country.

Fee: \$125

[14256](#) M-Th 7/6-7/9 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Optical Illusions, Grades 1-3

Illusions are fun, surprising, and make us see things differently. They trick our eyes and play games with our brains—but are they real, or something else entirely? In this class, we'll check out different kinds of illusions made by scientists and artists from around the world.

Fee: \$125

[14156](#) M-Th 7/6-7/9 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Discover Central U.S.A. through Geography, Grades 1-5

Take a fun trip across the Central United States to see what makes this part of the country so unique. Students will explore the region's amazing landscapes, landmarks, and nature while learning how the world around us works through hands-on activities. It's a great way to discover new places and see the map come to life. This class is taught by a retired teacher who shares adventures from years of RV travel across the country.

Fee: \$125

[14258](#) M-Th 7/6-7/9 1-4 p.m. Main

STEAM for Kids, Grades 1-5

Explore the world of STEAM through this hands-on, engaging class. Students will complete a variety of STEAM focused projects to grow their creativity and critical thinking skills. Different set of projects will be completed each week.

Fee: \$125

[14703](#) M–Th 7/6–7/9 1–4 p.m. Main

Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

Spend a week in the IdeaWorks Makerspace, an MIT-certified Fab Lab. Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$250

[14149](#) M–Th 7/6–7/9 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main

Mini Art Masters Museum, Grades 4-6

Students will dive into the world of art by creating their own mini masterpiece inspired by famous artists such as Monet, Picasso, Van Gogh, and Matisse. From vibrant brushstrokes to bold shapes and colors, they'll explore the unique styles of these art legends and bring their own creative visions to life!

Fee: \$125

[14152](#) M–Th 7/6–7/9 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Novice Baking and Culinary, Grades 4-6

In this beginner camp, students will learn to safely and properly handle a knife, prepare a variety of recipes using premade dough, puff pastry, and breakfast foods, and develop introductory baking and pastry skills. Notice: The MCC Culinary Program is a classic French-based program; many varieties of allergens may be found in the teaching kitchen such as nuts, seafood, and gluten. Students with these allergies are advised not to enroll.

Fee: \$125

[14158](#) M–Th 7/6–7/9 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Creative Writing Adventures, Grades 4-6

Designed for beginning writers, this class welcomes students who are just starting to explore story elements like character and plot while mastering the fundamentals of grammar and sentence structure. Under the guidance of an Amazon Best-Selling Author, participants will bring their imaginative ideas to life by learning exactly what makes a story engaging. Through a mix of fun exercises and independent writing, students will reinforce their technical skills and creative confidence as they craft their own unique tales.

Fee: \$125

[14585](#) M–Th 7/6–7/9 1–4 p.m. Main

Junior Rocket Science, Grades 4-6

3...2...1...blast off! Explore science through the world of rocketry. In this exciting class, students will conduct a variety of experiments, including designing egg-protection devices to withstand high falls and building homemade rockets from simple materials like construction paper. On the last day, students will put their creations to the test by launching their rockets across the MCC campus.

Fee: \$125

[14154](#) M–Th 7/6–7/9 1–4 p.m. Main

Optical Illusions, Grades 4-6

Illusions are fun, surprising, and make us see things differently. They trick our eyes and play games with our brains—but are they real, or something else entirely? In this class, we'll check out different kinds of illusions made by scientists and artists from around the world.

Fee: \$125

[14157](#) M–Th 7/6–7/9 1–4 p.m. Main

Rocket Science, Grades 6-9

3...2...1...blast off! Explore science through the world of rocketry. In this exciting class, students will conduct a variety of experiments, including designing egg-protection devices to withstand high falls and building homemade rockets from simple materials like construction paper. On the last day, students will put their creations to the test by launching their rockets across the MCC campus.

Fee: \$125

[14155](#) M–Th 7/6–7/9 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Robotics Camp, Grades 6-9

Explore the world of robotics in this hands-on, engaging manufacturing camp. Students will learn the basics of robotics, how to safely work around robotic arms and equipment, and how robotics fit into manufacturing and the local economy. They will build and program their own robotic arm to complete specific tasks and gain an introduction to electronic circuitry, touch controls, and industrial robotics in the MCC Robotics Lab.

Fee: \$125

[14150](#) M–Th 7/6–7/9 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

[14151](#) M–Th 7/6–7/9 1–4 p.m. Main

Mini Art Masters Museum, Grades 6-9

Students will dive into the world of art by creating their own mini masterpiece inspired by famous artists such as Monet, Picasso, Van Gogh, and Matisse. From vibrant brushstrokes to bold shapes and colors, they'll explore the unique styles of these art legends and bring their own creative visions to life!

Fee: \$125

[14153](#) M–Th 7/6–7/9 1–4 p.m. Main

Advanced Baking and Culinary, Grades 7-9

In this advanced camp, students will learn how to make scratch-made breads and pastas, master saute techniques, and create sauces to accompany the dishes. Students will also continue developing knife skills and advanced pastry techniques. Notice: The MCC Culinary Program is a classic French-based program; many varieties of allergens may be found in the teaching kitchen such as nuts, seafood, and gluten. Students with these allergies are advised not to enroll.

Fee: \$125

[14159](#) M–Th 7/6–7/9 1–4 p.m. Main

Discover Northwest U.S.A. through Geography, Grades 1-5

Take a fun trip across the Northwest United States to see what makes this part of the country so unique. Students will explore the region's amazing landscapes, landmarks, and nature while learning how the world around us works through hands-on activities. It's a great way to discover new places and see the map come to life. This class is taught by a retired teacher who shares adventures from years of RV travel across the country.

Fee: \$125

[14325](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 1–4 p.m. Main

WEEK 7: WEEK OF JULY 13

Early Arrival, Week of July 13

The Kids and College Program will offer early arrival from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Campers must be registered for early arrival to check in. Check-in for early arrival will begin at 7:30 a.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14225](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 7:30–8:30 a.m. Main

STEAM for Kids, Grades 1-5

Explore the world of STEAM through this hands-on, engaging class. Students will complete a variety of STEAM focused projects to grow their creativity and critical thinking skills. Different set of projects will be completed each week.

Fee: \$125

[14704](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 1–4 p.m. Main

Late Dismissal, Week of July 13

The Kids and College Program will offer late dismissal from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Campers must be registered for late dismissal and be picked up by 5:30 p.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14226](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 4:30–5:30 p.m. Main

Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

Spend a week in the IdeaWorks Makerspace, an MIT-certified Fab Lab. Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$250

[14166](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main

Magical Beasts, Grades 1-3

Of course dragons are real! We're journeying across the earth to study magical beasts of myth, folklore, and legend. Our focus is on the most unique, shy, and difficult-to-find magical creatures. It's time to discover if you're ready for this fantastic adventure in art—an adventure limited only by the borders of your imagination! Magic wands and robes are welcomed.

Fee: \$125

[14160](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Junior Programming, Grades 4-6

In this fun and interactive class, students will dive into programming using Code.org's Sprite Lab. They'll learn how to create and control characters, make animations, and bring their own stories to life through coding. By the last class, students will have the skills to design their own games and animations.

Fee: \$125

[14164](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Discover Southwest U.S.A. through Geography, Grades 1-5

Take a fun trip across the Southwest United States to see what makes this part of the country so unique. Students will explore the region's amazing landscapes, landmarks, and nature while learning how the world around us works through hands-on activities. It's a great way to discover new places and see the map come to life. This class is taught by a retired teacher who shares adventures from years of RV travel across the country.

Fee: \$125

[14324](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Shining Star! Theatre Camp: Stage Splash! Grades 4-6

This sea creature-themed theatre camp explores important lessons about friendship, courage, and the wonders of the sea through reader's theatre. Camp activities focus on imaginative play, character building, and storytelling through drama games, creature movement, prop/character craft creations, and acting skills. A short showcase of the students' aquatic story will be performed on the last day of camp, about 30 minutes before pickup.

Fee: \$125

[14320](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Art Attack: Colorful Canvas, 4-6

Does your student love to paint or be creative? Each day, they will paint an instructor-led colorful masterpiece to add to their art collection. A new technique will be introduced daily, and by the end of the class, they will go home with four unique paintings. No artistic experience is needed—everyone can enjoy this fun, creative class!

Fee: \$125

[14162](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 1–4 p.m. Main

Magical Beasts, Grades 4-6

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Fee: \$125

[14161](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 1–4 p.m. Main

Novice Baking and Culinary, Grades 4-6

In this beginner camp, students will learn to safely and properly handle a knife, prepare a variety of recipes using premade dough, puff pastry, and breakfast foods, and develop introductory baking and pastry skills. Notice: The MCC Culinary Program is a classic French-based program; many varieties of allergens may be found in the teaching kitchen such as nuts, seafood, and gluten. Students with these allergies are advised not to enroll.

Fee: \$125

[14170](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 1–4 p.m. Main

Colorful Finishes: A Chemical Coater Camp, Grades 6-9

That flashy paint job on a sports car may look cool, but industrial finishing does much more than just look good. In this class, campers will explore the science behind finishes like electrocoating, liquid coating, and powder coating through hands-on projects, guest speakers, and a plant tour. They'll discover how manufacturers choose colors and create fun names like Jeep's "Punk'n Metallic" and Ford's "Mischievous Purple," all while learning how finishes make everyday items both beautiful and durable.

Fee: \$125

[14169](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main



Advanced Welding Camp, Grades 6-9

In this hands-on class, students will learn the basics of TIG welding, shop safety, and metal fabrication. They'll get practical experience building one of three 3D sculpture designs. Before the class begins, students will receive an email to select their sculpture. All necessary safety gear is provided. Participants must have completed Basic Welding Camp (MIG Welding) or have prior welding experience to enroll.

Fee: \$125

[14168](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Art Attack: Colorful Canvas, 6-9

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Fee: \$125

[14163](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Advanced Baking and Culinary, Grades 7-9

In this advanced camp, students will learn how to make scratch-made breads and pastas, master saute techniques, and create sauces to accompany the dishes. Students will also continue developing knife skills and advanced pastry techniques. Notice: The MCC Culinary Program is a classic French-based program; many varieties of allergens may be found in the teaching kitchen such as nuts, seafood, and gluten. Students with these allergies are advised not to enroll.

Fee: \$125

[14171](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

All Booked Up Camp! Grades 6-9

Are you a bookworm who loves to get lost in a good story? Join us for this camp where the focus is all on the joy of reading, discussion, and creative expression - no writing required! Campers will bring a book they haven't read yet and, through fun creative activities, share their reading journey with others. Additional activities include a tour of the MCC library, an introduction to the world of libraries and librarianship, and the opportunity to create a unique, personalized bookmark.

Fee: \$125

[14415](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 1–4 p.m. Main

Programming with Python, Grades 6-9

This exciting programming class introduces Python, a powerful and easy-to-learn language. Students will learn the basics of coding, including variables, loops, and functions, while building fun and interactive projects. By the end of the course, students will have the skills to create their own basic games and applications.

Fee: \$125

[14165](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 1–4 p.m. Main

Welding Camp, Grades 6-9

Students will learn the basics of MIG welding, shop safety, and metal fabrication in this hands-on class. They'll put their skills to work building a 3D metal puzzle, with all necessary safety gear provided.

Fee: \$125

[14167](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 1–4 p.m. Main

Minecraft: Creative Mode, Grades 1-5

What is Minecraft? This engaging computerized game is built around blocks, creatures, and building community. We'll explore creative mode to get you started on your adventure. Come learn tips and tricks to help your creativity run wild.

Fee: \$125

[14175](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

[14176](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 1–4 p.m. Main

WEEK 8: WEEK OF JULY 20

Early Arrival, Week of July 20

The Kids and College Program will offer early arrival from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Campers must be registered for early arrival to check in. Check-in for early arrival will begin at 7:30 a.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14227](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 7:30–8:30 a.m. Main

Late Dismissal, Week of July 20

The Kids and College Program will offer late dismissal from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Campers must be registered for late dismissal and be picked up by 5:30 p.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14228](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 4:30–5:30 p.m. Main

Magical Potions, Grades 1-3

First, we are not turning anyone into frogs... anymore. In this class, science and magic come together as students learn to measure, mix, and concoct potions that create fizzy, gooey, and sometimes bouncy substances! Wands are highly encouraged, as is clothing that can be covered in goo—really! Robes may be worn if they can be folded and kept in a safe place; we don't want them to be blown up like... well, we don't like to talk about that class.

Fee: \$125

[14173](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Junior Shining Star! Theatre Camp: Stage Splash! Grades 1-3

This sea creature-themed theatre camp explores important lessons about friendship, courage, and the wonders of the sea through reader's theatre. Camp activities focus on imaginative play, character building, and storytelling through drama games, creature movement, prop/character craft creations, and acting skills. A short showcase of the students' aquatic story will be performed on the last day of camp, about 30 minutes before pickup.

Fee: \$125

[14321](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Writing Adventures for the Experienced Writer, Grades 1-4

Tailored for students already familiar with story elements and basic grammar, this course offers a deep dive into advanced creative prose under the guidance of an Amazon Best-Selling Author. Through one-on-one coaching and engaging exercises, participants will refine their unique writing styles while developing complex characters, settings, and plots. To foster a collaborative environment, students will craft original stories and share their work with the class to bring their imaginative visions to life. This class is for students who have completed previous writing adventures classes. Students will be required to share their stories with the class.

Fee: \$125

[14586](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 1–4 p.m. Main

STEAM for Kids, Grades 1-5

Explore the world of STEAM through this hands-on, engaging class. Students will complete a variety of STEAM focused projects to grow their creativity and critical thinking skills. Different set of projects will be completed each week.

Fee: \$125

[14705](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 1–4 p.m. Main

Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

Spend a week in the IdeaWorks Makerspace, an MIT-certified Fab Lab. Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$250

[14181](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main

Novice Baking and Culinary, Grades 4-6

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Fee: \$125

[14188](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

3D Painting, Grades 4-6

Bring your paintings to life! In this class, students will discover fun secrets and techniques to make their flat designs appear three-dimensional. Watch your artwork transform into objects that almost leap off the canvas—a magical experience for young artists to impress themselves and their friends.

Fee: \$125

[14182](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 1–4 p.m. Main

Magical Potions, Grades 4-6

First, we are not turning anyone into frogs... anymore. In this class, science and magic come together as students learn to measure, mix, and concoct potions that create fizzy, gooey, and sometimes bouncy substances! Wands are highly encouraged, as is clothing that can be covered in goo—really! Robes may be worn if they can be folded and kept in a safe place; we don't want them to be blown up like... well, we don't like to talk about that class.

Fee: \$125

[14174](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 1–4 p.m. Main

3D Painting, Grades 6-9

Bring your paintings to life! In this class, students will discover fun secrets and techniques to make their flat designs appear three-dimensional. Watch your artwork transform into objects that almost leap off the canvas—a magical experience for young artists to impress themselves and their friends.

Fee: \$125

[14183](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Junior Automotive Camp, Grades 6-9

For students who love cars, trucks, and large construction machinery, this class offers an exciting opportunity to learn how these vehicles run. Students will explore the importance of regular maintenance, discover the tools used in vehicle care, and gain hands-on experience with small engine repair.

Fee: \$125

[14282](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Woodstock HS

Fabrication Camp, Grades 6-9

In this hands-on camp, students will design and build a useless box while learning valuable skills in welding, automation, robotics, and mechatronics. During the first two days, students will focus on TIG welding, shop safety, and metal fabrication to create their box. Over the next two days, they will explore automation and robotics to make their box functional. Students will also learn about the world of manufacturing and experience the new Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation at MCC.

Fee: \$125

[14179](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

[14180](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 1–4 p.m. Main

Advanced Baking and Culinary, Grades 7-9

In this advanced camp, students will learn how to make scratch-made breads and pastas, master saute techniques, and create sauces to accompany the dishes. Students will also continue developing knife skills and advanced pastry techniques. Notice: The MCC Culinary Program is a classic French-based program; many varieties of allergens may be found in the teaching kitchen such as nuts, seafood, and gluten. Students with these allergies are advised not to enroll.

Fee: \$125

[14189](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 1–4 p.m. Main

Diamond Art Painting, Grades 6-9

Diamond art painting is a craft hobby that combines elements of paint-by-numbers and cross-stitch. In this activity, students will apply resin diamonds to a coded adhesive canvas, creating a shimmering piece of art. This fun and easy-to-learn art form requires no prior experience in painting or drawing. All kits and tools will be provided, and participants will get to take home their completed work of art on the last day of class.

Fee: \$125

[14322](#) M–Th 7/20–7/23 1–4 p.m. Main

WEEK 9: WEEK OF JULY 27

Early Arrival, Week of July 27

The Kids and College Program will offer early arrival from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Campers must be registered for early arrival to check in. Check-in for early arrival will begin at 7:30 a.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14229](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 7:30–8:30 a.m. Main

Late Dismissal, Week of July 27

The Kids and College Program will offer late dismissal from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Campers must be registered for late dismissal and be picked up by 5:30 p.m. Campers will be supervised by camp staff, and hands-on activities will be available. Please note that food and drinks are not provided.

Fee: \$20

[14230](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 4:30–5:30 p.m. Main



Kindness Through Art, Grades 1-3

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." — Aesop. In this class, students will create art while discovering how "kindness projects" can spark positive change when shared with others. Every project, whether created by the group or an individual, is designed to be experienced in unique and surprising ways—from large-scale interactive installations to small artworks intended to be given away. Together, we will experience firsthand the profound impact of simple, generous gestures.

Fee: \$125

[14184](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

STEAM for Kids, Grades 1-5

Explore the world of STEAM through this hands-on, engaging class. Students will complete a variety of STEAM focused projects to grow their creativity and critical thinking skills. Different set of projects will be completed each week.

Fee: \$125

[14706](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

3D Drawing, Grades 1-5

Get ready to make your drawings jump right off the page! Students will explore fun techniques to turn flat sketches into realistic, 3D-looking creations. It's a magical way for young artists to bring their ideas to life and impress their friends.

Fee: \$125

[14186](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 1–4 p.m. Main

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Fee: \$125

[10101](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 1–4 p.m. Main

"Ready, Vet, Go!" Camp, Grades 1-5

Campers will learn some of the key responsibilities of a veterinarian and perform a whisker-to-tail exam on their newly "adopted" plush animal. These future veterinarians will study animal body language, learn how to maintain a healthy environment, how to care for animals, and more!

Fee: \$125

[14718](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 1–4 p.m. Main



Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

Spend a week in the IdeaWorks Makerspace, an MIT-certified Fab Lab. Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$250

[14707](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main

Minecraft: Survive! Grades 4-6

Can you survive in Minecraft with limited resources? Students will explore the world of Minecraft while learning about sustainability by planning and building their own colonies. Using problem-solving, teamwork, and diplomacy, students will work together to create a self-sustaining community and ensure their colony thrives.

Fee: \$125

[14177](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

[14178](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 1–4 p.m. Main

Novice Baking and Culinary, Grades 4-6

In this beginner camp, students will learn to safely and properly handle a knife, prepare a variety of recipes using premade dough, puff pastry, and breakfast foods, and develop introductory baking and pastry skills. Notice: The MCC Culinary Program is a classic French-based program; many varieties of allergens may be found in the teaching kitchen such as nuts, seafood, and gluten. Students with these allergies are advised not to enroll.

Fee: \$125

[14190](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

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Fee: \$125

[14185](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 1–4 p.m. Main

Shining Star! Theatre Camp: Puppet Show, Grades 4-6

Students will have a blast this week as they learn all aspects of putting on a puppet show! In this camp, they will design their own puppets, discover how to bring them to life through voice projection and inflection, explore different personality types through fun improv techniques, and much more! All puppet supplies will be provided. The week will culminate in an interactive puppet performance on the last day of camp, where campers will showcase their work for parents and family to enjoy!

Fee: \$125

[14323](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 1–4 p.m. Main

All Booked Up Camp! Grades 6-9

Campers will bring a book they haven't read yet and, through fun creative activities, share their reading journey with others. Additional activities include a tour of the MCC library, an introduction to the world of libraries and librarianship, and the opportunity to create a unique, personalized bookmark.

Fee: \$125

[14416](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

3D Drawing, Grades 6-9

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Fee: \$125

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Fee: \$125

[14719](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

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Fee: \$125

[14191](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 1–4 p.m. Main

Writing Adventures for the Experienced Writer, Grades 5-9

Tailored for students already familiar with story elements and basic grammar, this course offers a deep dive into advanced creative prose under the guidance of an Amazon Best-Selling Author. Through one-on-one coaching and engaging exercises, participants will refine their unique writing styles while developing complex characters, settings, and plots. To foster a collaborative environment, students will craft original stories and share their work with the class to bring their imaginative visions to life. This class is for students who have completed previous writing adventures classes. Students will be required to share their stories with the class.

Fee: \$125

[14587](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 1–4 p.m. Main

Youth Discover Rowing Camp, Grades 5-12

Get an introduction to the exciting sport of rowing! Campers will learn the different types of rowing (sweep rowing and sculling), get hands-on experience with equipment (boats, oars, and rowing machines), experience rowing fitness training, and review water safety basics. This camp will include both indoor and outdoor water activities. No prior experience is necessary. Campers will be required to complete additional camper forms prior to the start of the camp. Life jackets will be required for all water activities. The camp will take place at the rowing boat yard. Address and directions will be provided prior to the camp by email. In the event of poor weather, the camp will be held indoors.

Fee: \$350

Sweeps & Sculls Indoor Rowing Center

[14172](#) M–F 8/3–8/7 8 a.m.–12 p.m.



The Kids and College Program and its manufacturing camps are supported by SparkForce, the charitable foundation of the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association (FMA). SparkForce's mission is to inspire, attract, and support individuals in exploring manufacturing and pursuing careers in the industry. In 2025, the Kids and College Program was selected as a Future of Industry Award Finalist by SparkForce. McHenry County College is a proud member of FMA.



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ABOUT THE MSI MAKERSPACE

In partnership with the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, McHenry County College has created the MSI Makerspace in the newly opened MCC Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation. The MSI Makerspace provides an opportunity for community members and groups to explore 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more.

YOUNG MAKERS CAMPS

The MCC Kids and College Program, in partnership with MSI, offers camps throughout the year for students in grades 4 and up to learn about these exciting technologies and to complete a variety of projects to showcase their new knowledge and talents.

MSI MAKERSPACE COMMUNITY INTEREST

Local groups, schools, and other community members interested in using the space should contact community@mchenry.edu or (815) 455-8593 for more information.

» CAREER SPARK CENTER

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. For updated class offerings, refund policy, or to register, visit www.mchenry.edu/careerspark or call (815) 479-7879.

FIRE AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Fire Apparatus Engineer

This course exceeds the requirements outlined by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and those defined by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1002. It provides students with the essential knowledge and skills needed to perform as professional fire apparatus engineers. The course includes classroom hours along with an additional day of hands-on scenarios, ensuring that students gain the confidence and repetition needed by every pump operator. There is also a blended learning component incorporated into the course. For state certification, students are required to:

- Be certified as a Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter
- Pass the OSFM written exam (the student must sign up on the Pearson Vue website after the completion of the course)
- Complete a driving practical with the student's employing fire department

Email your Company Sponsorship Form to careerspark@mchenry.edu.

Fee: \$700

Jason Kedrok

[12914](#) MTW 4/6–4/15 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Main

POWER TEST

In Illinois, all entry-level candidates must complete the Peace Officer Wellness Evaluation Report (POWER) Test before entering a police academy. This physical fitness assessment evaluates the readiness of individuals pursuing a career in law enforcement. MCC offers the POWER Test three times per year. Participants should wear appropriate exercise attire for both indoor and outdoor events, as the 1.5-mile run will be conducted outdoors. The POWER Test consists of four components: 1) Sit-and-reach 2) One-minute sit-up test 3) One-repetition maximum bench press 4) 1.5-mile run. *Must bring government-issued ID to receive a POWER Test completion card. Please arrive 10–15 minutes prior to the event start time. No one will be admitted after 10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$55

[13598](#) Sa 5/30 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Main

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 certification is valid for five years.

Fee: \$189

Mark Halverson

[13688](#) M 4/27 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Catalyst
[13691](#) T 6/30 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Catalyst

ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification (Spanish)

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 certification is valid for five years.

Fee: \$189

Mark Halverson

[13689](#) M 5/18 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Catalyst



PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE

Phlebotomy Technician

Phlebotomists draw blood for tests, transfusions, research, or blood donations. As a certified phlebotomist, you can work in a variety of healthcare settings and perform critical work in the healthcare field. MCC's certification program 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) Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) exam. Must be at least 18 years old to enroll. This course requires medical forms. Students must be able to show proof of health insurance.

Fee: \$1,999

Hemangi Patel

# 14575	M	6/8–8/10	10 a.m.–4 p.m.	Main
# 14577	T	6/9–8/11	10 a.m.–4 p.m.	Main

Medical Assistant Academy

Medical assistants work under the supervision of a practice or operations manager to support both administrative and clinical functions. Duties include scheduling appointments; assisting with patient intake and care; maintaining medical records; preparing patients for examinations; recording vital signs and medical histories; performing routine diagnostic procedures; drawing blood; administering medications; and providing first aid. This course covers anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, medical law and ethics, patient communication, medical office procedures, and clinical testing and treatment skills. A 60-hour clinical experience is integrated into the program, providing hands-on training in a hospital or medical office setting. Upon completion, students are eligible to sit for the NHA CCMA certification exam. Students must complete phlebotomy technician training, EKG technician training, and certified nursing assistant (CNA) training prior to enrolling in the medical assistant course. This course has immunization requirements and requires a background check and drug screening. This class meets twice a week on Wednesday and Thursday.

Fee: \$1,999

Sarah Novy

# 14645	W	6/3–8/5	2:30–5:30 p.m.	Main
	Th	6/4–8/6	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Main

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

# 14494	W	5/6	2:30–6:30 p.m.	Catalyst
# 14495	W	6/10	6–10 p.m.	Catalyst



Heartsaver® First Aid CPR/AED/BBP

Learn critical first-aid, CPR, and AED skills to manage emergencies like choking, bleeding, broken bones, and cardiac arrest until EMS arrives. This course also covers bloodborne pathogens (BBP) to help protect against exposure to blood. Ideal for those with limited or no medical training, it meets OSHA requirements and provides an American Heart Association completion card for job or regulatory purposes.

Fee: \$125

Michelle Krysiak

# 14493	W	5/6	8 a.m.–2 p.m.	Catalyst
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Stop the Bleed Certificate

Learn how to recognize and respond to life-threatening bleeding using simple, proven techniques like applying pressure, packing wounds, and using a tourniquet. This hands-on class gives you the skills and confidence to act quickly in an emergency - no medical experience needed. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate of completion from the American College of Surgeons.

Fee: \$49

Michelle Krysiak

# 14496	W	6/10	4:30–5:30 p.m.	Catalyst
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REAL ESTATE/HOME INSPECTION

Real Estate Broker Pre-Licensing Series

Real Estate Sales Broker Pre-Licensing Series: 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 60 hours of the 75 hours of instruction required by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to become a Real Estate Broker. Real Estate Sales Broker Applied Real Estate Principles Interactive Course: We will cover role-playing, case studies, demonstration examples, and what-if scenarios in areas such as listing presentations, agreements and disclosures, writing purchase agreements, market analysis, seller net sheets, confronting fair housing violations, distressed property issues, antitrust scenarios, and inspection/repair issues. This course satisfies 15 hours of the 75 hours of interactive/situational training required by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to become a Real Estate Broker. Successful completion of this series qualifies you to sit for the Illinois Real Estate Broker Examination. Illinois Real Estate Broker Examination and IDFPR application fee not included in tuition.

Fee: \$799

Becky Kirchner

[14574](#)

MTh

5/4–6/22

5:30–9 p.m.

Main

TRANSPORTATION

160-Hr Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

Offered in partnership with Eagle Training Services in Crystal Lake, IL, this comprehensive hands-on training prepares students to take the Secretary of State Class A CDL test. Training includes driving on city, county, and federal highways, using the same equipment required for the test. To register, students must be at least 18 years old, able to read and write in English, and hold a valid driver's license. The course consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction and 120 hours of yard and road skills training. Classes are held monthly. To schedule your start date, please contact careerspark@mchenry.edu. The CDL training is Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5,400

Eagle Training Services, Inc

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240-Hr Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

Offered in partnership with Eagle Training Services in Crystal Lake, IL, this comprehensive hands-on training prepares students to take the Secretary of State Class A CDL test. Training includes driving on city, county, and federal highways, practicing behind the wheel with the same equipment required for the test. This course also includes hazmat certification and extended drive time. To register, students must be at least 18 years old, able to read and write in English, and hold a valid driver's license. The course consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction and 200 hours of yard and road skills training. Classes are held monthly. To schedule your start date, please contact careerspark@mchenry.edu. The CDL training is Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$6,400

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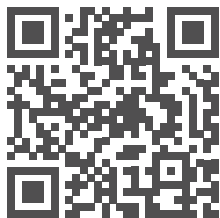
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