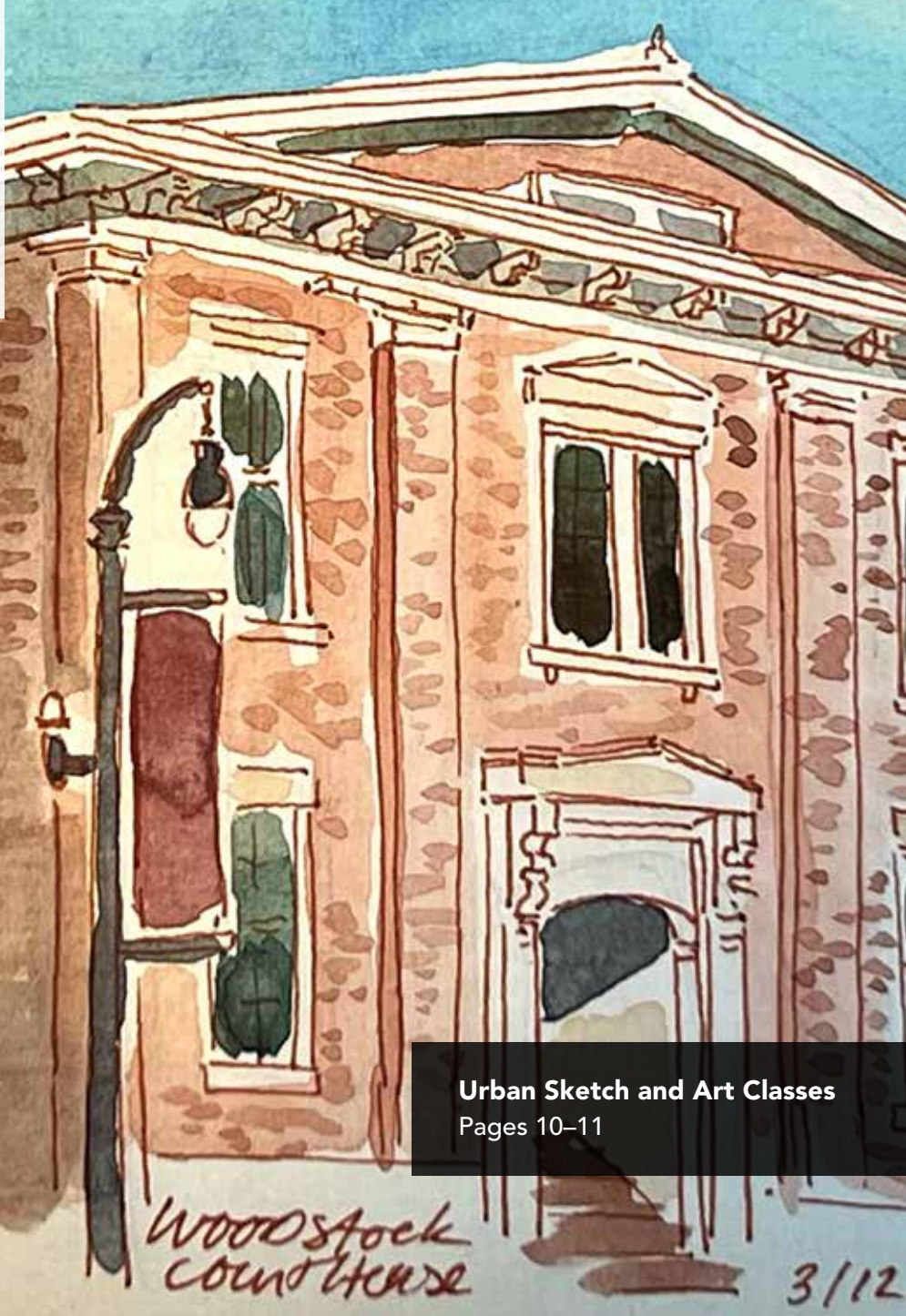


COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

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

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
KIDS AND COLLEGE
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» 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.

Class dates and times are subject to change.

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» ABOUT ED2GO CLASSES



Community Enrichment offers asynchronous online classes in partnership with our third-party educational vendor, ed2go. Classes are led by experts in their field, and are available in self-guided or instructor-led formats. Explore more ed2go classes online by scanning the QR code.

» LOCATIONS

Main Campus: 8900 US Hwy 14, Crystal Lake, IL
Catalyst Campus: 222 E Church St, Woodstock, IL
Off Campus: Various Locations

» 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.

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

[14865](#) T 8/25 6–8 p.m.

Main



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

[15167](#) 7/1–9/30 1.5 Hours

Remote

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

# 14753	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14754	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14755	9/16–11/6	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

# 14756	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14757	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14758	9/16–11/6	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

# 14895	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14896	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14897	9/16–11/6	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

# 14797	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14798	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14799	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

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

NEW! Woodworking for Beginners

This hands-on woodworking class is designed for beginners and hobbyists who want to develop practical skills in a safe, supportive environment. You'll learn woodworking fundamentals, including measuring and layout, tool selection and use, wood types, cutting techniques, fastening methods, sanding, and finishing. Instruction includes the safe operation of common hand tools and stationary power tools such as table saws, miter saws, drills, sanders, and routers. You'll complete guided projects while gaining confidence in shop safety, project planning, and basic construction techniques. By the end of the class, you'll have completed practical projects and developed foundational skills for home improvement, furniture building, and future woodworking projects. No prior experience is required. All materials included.

Fee: \$199

Gerry Blohm

# 15417	T	10/6–10/27	6–8 p.m.	Woodstock HS
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NEW! Block Glass: Fall Leaves

Join us for an evening of fun and creativity. We will decorate a cut glass block with mosaic pieces to create some beautiful fall leaves. All supplies included.

Fee: \$45

Ann Leslie

# 15261	Th	9/10	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
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NEW! Machine Sewing: Beach Day

Get ready for sunny days and sandy toes in this fun, beginner-friendly sewing class. In this hands-on class, students will create a set of practical and stylish accessories perfect for beach outings and summer adventures. Projects include a roomy towel tote bag for carrying all your essentials, a breathable mesh bag ideal for sandy toys or wet items, and a flexible can cooler sleeve to keep drinks cold on hot days. Students will build confidence using a sewing machine while learning foundational skills such as straight stitching, working with different fabric types, and simple construction techniques. By the end of the class, participants will leave with three completed projects ready for their next beach day. This is a beginner level course with no experience necessary. All supplies are included, and sewing machines will be provided for use.

Fee: \$149

Amy Letendre

# 14867	W	7/8–7/22	6–9 p.m.	Catalyst
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NEW! Machine Sewing: Spa Day

Treat yourself to a relaxing and creative experience in this spa-inspired sewing class. Perfect for beginners, this class focuses on creating reusable, self-care essentials that are both practical and eco-friendly. Students will sew a set of soft, reusable makeup remover pads, a comfortable headband for skincare routines, and a lined zipper pouch to keep spa items organized at home or on the go. Participants will learn basic sewing machine skills, including stitching, turning, and working with soft and absorbent fabrics. Emphasis will be placed on simple techniques that build confidence while creating beautiful, useful items. Leave class with a handmade spa set—perfect for gifting or enjoying yourself. This is a beginner level course with no experience necessary. All supplies are included, and sewing machines will be provided for use.

Fee: \$149

Amy Letendre

# 14868	W	8/5–8/19	6–9 p.m.	Catalyst
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Beginning Sewing

Learn basic sewing skills and gain confidence while making three fun projects. These projects include a decorative pin cushion where you'll learn the utility and decorative functions of the sewing machine and basic sewing, cutting, and measuring techniques; an inside-out pillowcase where you'll learn rotary cutting skills, basic and French seams, and pressing techniques; and a drawstring bag, where you'll learn how to make a casing and boxed corners. Supplies, fabric, notions, and patterns are not included in the class fee but are available for purchase at the first class. Your costs will vary based on fabrics and supplies chosen. Each student receives a 15% discount on supplies purchased at Sewing Concepts. Students are encouraged to bring their own sewing machines. Sewing machines will be available for those who are unable to bring their own machine. Sewing Concepts is located on the square in downtown Woodstock.

Fee: \$99

Sewing Concepts

# 15290	M	8/10–9/14	6–8:30 p.m.	
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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
Stenciled Background				
# 15252	Th	7/16	6-8 p.m.	Catalyst
Pop-Up				
# 15253	Th	8/20	6-8 p.m.	Catalyst
Shakers				
# 15254	Th	9/17	6-8 p.m.	Catalyst

NEW! Needle-Felted Creations

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

Fee: \$39				Rebecca Berry
Summer Birds				
# 15035	M	7/13	6-8:30 p.m.	Catalyst
Cats and Dogs				
# 15036	M	8/17	6-8:30 p.m.	Catalyst
Mushroom Buddies				
# 15037	M	9/14	6-8:30 p.m.	Catalyst

NEW! Custom Wood Creations: Falling Leaves Shelf Sitter

Liven up your home or office decor by creating your own custom wood 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 creation. You'll leave with a one-of-a-kind creation that makes an amazing gift for yourself or someone special. Wooden shelf sitter dimensions: 12" w x 6.5" h. All supplies are included.

Fee: \$35				Mary Schirmbeck
# 15384	Th	8/13	6-8 p.m.	Catalyst

NEW! Custom Wood Creations: Fall Street Sign

Liven up your home or office decor by creating your own custom wood 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 creation. You'll leave with a one-of-a-kind creation that makes an amazing gift for yourself or someone special. Wooden street sign dimensions: 5.5" w x 9.8" h. All supplies are included.

Fee: \$35				Mary Schirmbeck
# 15385	Th	9/3	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
# 14736	Su	7/12, 7/19	1-4 p.m.	
# 14737	Su	8/9, 8/16	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
# 14738	Sa	7/11, 7/18	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
# 14739	Su	7/26	1-4 p.m.	
# 14740	Su	8/23	1-4 p.m.	

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
# 14741	Sa	7/25	1–4 p.m.
# 14742	Sa	8/8	1–4 p.m.
# 14743	Sa	8/29	1–4 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
# 14800		7/15–9/4	24 Hours Online
# 14801		8/12–10/2	24 Hours Online
# 14802		9/16–11/6	24 Hours Online

CULINARY

NEW! Fun with Cookie Decorating: Just Ducky

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
# 15137	T	7/14	6–8 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Fun with Cookie Decorating: Apple Orchard/Farm Fresh

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
# 15139	T	9/8	6–8 p.m. Catalyst

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
# 15391	W	9/9	6–8:30 p.m.
# 15392	W	9/23	6–8:30 p.m.

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.
# 15157	T	8/4	5:30–7:30 p.m.

Beverage Management & Introduction to Wine Culture

Discover/explore the facets associated with opening and operating a successful bar including the required regulatory requirements for a liquor license, health permit, state, municipal, or city council board approval, and insurance(s). Students will experience service skills such as serving, guest relations, setting schedules, and management procedures. Bar cost analysis will be determined from bar layout, menu, selecting distributors, and purchasing. Students will examine the craft beer industry, types, styles, and local distributors. Key bartender practices and basic mixology aspects will be reviewed with a laboratory exercise in making house bitters, shrubs, and mocktails. Age Restriction: 21+ Introduction to Wine Culture examines the history, sensory analysis, grape varieties, viticulture, vinification, and service techniques of the wine industry. Principal wine regions are examined with the impact of geological events, topography, and climate. Popular noble grapes are examined for flavor profile, food pairing, and compounds. This course includes smelling and blind tasting exercises, wine and food pairings, and discovering one's level of super taster. Age Restriction: 21+

Fee: \$249			Zachary Dolezal
# 15274	M	9/14–12/7	5:40–8:20 p.m. Main



Meet Laurie: 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.

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: The Mediterranean Experience

Join Chef Stephen of Odes of Food for an unforgettable evening of flavor, laughter, and hands-on fun! You'll explore the world of cooking by creating chicken shish kabob and tabbouleh couscous. Come hungry and great ready to sharpen your skills as you work side-by-side with your culinary partner for the night to create this delicious meal. Registration includes two people.

Fee: \$149 Stephen Byrne
[15125](#) F 8/28 6-9 p.m. Main

NEW! Date Night: Meal Prep

Join Chef Stephen of Odes of Food for an unforgettable evening of flavor, laughter, and hands-on fun! You'll explore the world of cooking by creating easy to create meals for the week. Come hungry and great ready to sharpen your skills as you work side-by-side with your culinary partner for the night to create this delicious meal. Registration includes two people.

Fee: \$149 Stephen Byrne
[15129](#) F 9/25 6-9 p.m. Main

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
[15038](#) Th 7/9 6-8 p.m.
[15040](#) Th 9/17 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
[15039](#) Th 8/20 6-8 p.m.

DANCE

NEW! Danza Folclórica Mexicana (Mexican Folklore Dancing)

Ignite your spirit with the thundering rhythms and vibrant colors of Baile Folklórico, a high-energy journey through Mexico's soul. You'll learn the footwork and the flowing skirt-work of iconic Mexican regions. This exhilarating class transforms cultural storytelling into a vivid spectacle, blending grace with the infectious joy of Mexican heritage. Age 12+

Enciende tu espíritu con los ritmos atronadores y los colores vibrantes del Baile Folklórico, un viaje lleno de energía a través del alma de México. Aprenderás además del zapateado y faldeo, técnica, coordinación, disciplina y mucho mas que se encuentra en cada una de las regiones más emblemáticas de México. Esta clase estimulante transforma la narrativa cultural en un espectáculo vívido, fusionando la gracia con la alegría contagiosa de la herencia mexicana. Age 12+

Fee: \$99 Yarely Julio Gumecindo
[15383](#) W 9/2-10/7 6-7:30 p.m. Catalyst



Country Line Dancing

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

Fee: \$99 Kim Oda
[15149](#) M 9/14-10/19 7-8:30 p.m. Catalyst



Meet Yarely: Yarely is originally from Veracruz, Mexico. Since she was little, folklórico dance has been one of her greatest passions and a dream that over time became an important part of her life. She grew up admiring the music, colors, and traditions of the culture, which inspired in her a deep love for folklórico. Now, after 9 years of dancing, she feels very grateful for everything this beautiful discipline has taught her. Folklórico has allowed her to connect with her roots, grow as a person, and share the beauty and joy of Mexican culture with the community. For Yarely, dancing is a way to keep her family's traditions alive and proudly represent Veracruz and Mexico.

EDUCATIONAL 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

# 14819	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14820	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14821	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

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

# 14826	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14827	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14828	9/16–11/6	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

# 14829	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14830	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14831	9/16–11/6	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

# 14832	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14833	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14834	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

FINE ART

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

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, camp fire candle holder and a web with spider, 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

# 15386	F	9/4–9/25	5:30–9:30 p.m.	Main
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Beginning Design Stamped Jewelry

Learn to create a unique stamped pendant, a pair of earrings, or bracelet on your choice of aluminum, brass, or copper. You'll master proper stamping techniques using a metal block and hammer to create a simple design with a variety of different object and symbol 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

# 15236	W	7/15	6–8:30 p.m.
# 15237	W	8/12	6–8:30 p.m.
# 15238	W	9/16	6–8:30 p.m.

NEW! Hand-Painted Silk Scarf

Unleash your inner artist and create a stunning, one-of-a-kind painted silk scarf. Whether you're designing a signature piece for your own wardrobe or crafting a heartfelt, handmade gift, this experience blends relaxation with creativity. Silk scarves are 6"x54". All supplies included.

Fee: \$65 Lorettes Dragonfly Studio & Gallery
[15250](#) MT 8/3, 8/4 6–8:30 p.m.

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
[15074](#) Th 7/23 6–9 p.m.
[15075](#) Th 8/20 6–9 p.m.
[15076](#) Th 9/24 6–9 p.m.

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
Country Fair Theme
[15089](#) Th 7/16 6–9 p.m.
Leaf Plate and Pinch Pot
[15090](#) Th 8/13 6–9 p.m.
Mugs
[15091](#) Th 9/17 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
[15077](#) F 7/10 6–9 p.m.
[15078](#) F 8/7 6–9 p.m.
[15079](#) F 9/11 6–9 p.m.

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
[15239](#) M 9/14–10/19 6–8:30 p.m.

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
[15240](#) T 9/15–10/20 6–8:30 p.m.

NEW! Watercolor for Fun

Unlock your inner artist in this beginner-friendly workshop, where we transform basic watercolor techniques into a stunning, themed masterpiece. Whether you're creating a personal treasure or a handmade gift, we provide all the supplies and guidance you need to dive right in. No experience is required—just bring your curiosity and leave with a beautiful piece of art!

Fee: \$35 Lorette Dodt
Patriotic
[15248](#) M 7/20 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Catalyst
Fall Leaves
[15249](#) F 9/11 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Urban Sketchers Retreat Day: Historic Woodstock

“Share the world, one drawing at a time” by joining the Crystal Lake chapter of Urban Sketchers (USk) for a day of creativity in Woodstock Square. Our home base will be the MCC Catalyst Campus in downtown Woodstock, where we’ll gather for meals and share ideas. From there, we’ll head out to capture the vibrant beauty of Woodstock’s historic buildings. New to sketching? Don’t be intimidated! Urban sketching is simply the practice of drawing on location and capturing the world as you see it. This inclusive community of artists is eager to share tips, tricks, and guidance to help you get started. Have unused supplies? Join us for the Art Supplies Swap and Share during the event, where you can bring extra materials to exchange with fellow artists for fresh inspiration. Meals (light breakfast, lunch, and dinner) are included with registration. Participants are responsible for bringing their own supplies, such as a sketchbook, drawing materials, portable seating, and personal items. Questions about what to bring? Email Julie Kukreja at julie@penandmousedesign.com. Ages 18+

Fee: \$50 Julie Kukreja
[14825](#) Sa 8/22 9:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Urban Sketching Workshop Series: Step by Step: How to Draw a Street in Perspective

Feeling overwhelmed by urban landscapes? Not sure where to start with perspective? In this workshop, you’ll learn the basic principles of perspective drawing and how to apply them to sketch architecture with greater confidence. Urban sketching is the practice of drawing the world around you, capturing what you see in real time. It’s a great fit for artists of all skill levels, including beginners, and for anyone who enjoys being part of a creative, like-minded community. As part of a worldwide movement, you can take your sketchbook anywhere and connect with other chapters while traveling. Class materials: Sketchbook (5 inches or larger), pen, pencil, eraser, and a portable chair. This class includes both indoor and outdoor activities.

Fee: \$45 Julie Kukreja
[14859](#) M 7/13 6–8:30 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Urban Sketching Workshop Series: Blocking in Shapes to Work Faster

Sometimes, when urban sketching, time is limited—whether you’re on your own or sketching with a group. In this workshop, you’ll learn simple blocking techniques to quickly capture your subject so you don’t miss a moment of your artistic adventure. Urban sketching is the practice of drawing the world around you, capturing what you see, live and in person. It’s a perfect hobby for artists of all skill levels, including beginners, and especially for those who enjoy connecting with a creative community. As part of a worldwide movement, you can take your sketchbook anywhere and join other chapters while traveling. Class materials: Sketchbook (5 inches or larger), pen, pencil, eraser, and a portable chair. This class includes both indoor and outdoor activities.

Fee: \$45 Julie Kukreja
[14860](#) M 7/27 6–8:30 p.m. Catalyst

» SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST

Diana Coco Russell, former Disney assistant animator and storyboard artist, will be offering a workshop during the Urban Sketchers Retreat Day. See online class description for details.

NEW! Urban Sketching Workshop Series: Drawing People: Removing the Fear!

There are many ways to approach drawing people in urban sketching. In this workshop, you’ll learn a variety of techniques—from using simple shapes to capturing lively crowds—so you can sketch figures with more confidence. Urban sketching is the practice of drawing the world around you, capturing what you see in real time. It’s a great fit for artists of all skill levels, including beginners, and for anyone who enjoys being part of a creative, like-minded community. As part of a worldwide movement, you can take your sketchbook anywhere and connect with other chapters while traveling. Class materials: Sketchbook (5 inches or larger), pen, pencil, eraser, and a portable chair. This class includes both indoor and outdoor activities.

Fee: \$45 Julie Kukreja
[14861](#) M 8/10 6–8:30 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Urban Sketching Workshop Series: The Power of Light and Shadows

Do your sketches feel flat or lacking dimension? As the saying goes, “Color gets all the glory, while value does all the work.” Learn what that means and how to apply it to take your sketches to the next level. Urban sketching is the practice of drawing the world around you—capturing what you see in real time. It’s a great fit for artists of all skill levels, including beginners, and for anyone who enjoys being part of a creative, like-minded community. As part of a worldwide movement, you can take your sketchbook anywhere and connect with other chapters while traveling. Class materials: Sketchbook (5 inches or larger), pen, pencil, eraser, and a portable chair. This class includes both indoor and outdoor activities.

Fee: \$45 Julie Kukreja
[14862](#) M 8/24 6–8:30 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Urban Sketching Workshop Series: Travel Journal: Food and Drink

Many artists capture their travel experiences not only through landmark sketches, but also through food and drink. In this workshop, you’ll explore how to document meals, settings, and atmosphere in your sketchbook—creating rich visual memories that engage all the senses. Urban sketching is the practice of drawing the world around you, capturing what you see in real time. It’s a great fit for artists of all skill levels, including beginners, and for anyone who enjoys being part of a creative, like-minded community. As part of a worldwide movement, you can take your sketchbook anywhere and connect with other chapters while traveling. Class materials: Sketchbook (5 inches or larger), pen, pencil, eraser, and a portable chair. This class includes both indoor and outdoor activities.

Fee: \$45 Julie Kukreja
[14863](#) M 9/14 6–8:30 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Urban Sketching Workshop Series: Exploring Different Mediums

One of the most enjoyable aspects of urban sketching is experimenting with different art mediums. Your sketchbook becomes a space to explore ideas, techniques, and personal style. In this workshop, you'll try a variety of mediums, learn how to use them effectively, and discover creative ways to combine them to enhance your work. Urban sketching is the practice of drawing the world around you, capturing what you see in real time. It's a great fit for artists of all skill levels, including beginners, and for anyone who enjoys being part of a creative, like-minded community. As part of a worldwide movement, you can take your sketchbook anywhere and connect with other chapters while traveling. Class materials: Sketchbook (5 inches or larger), pen, pencil, eraser, and a portable chair. This class includes both indoor and outdoor activities.

Fee: \$45 Julie Kukreja
[14864](#) M 9/28 6–8:30 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Paint Night

This class is designed for beginner to intermediate painters and includes step-by-step instruction as you learn acrylic painting techniques in a fun, relaxed environment. Bring your favorite snacks and drinks, and make it a party with friends or a creative date night. All supplies are included!

Fee: \$39 Julie Kukreja

Pupcake American Celebration

[15029](#) W 7/22 6:30–9:30 p.m. Main

Flower Bee

[15030](#) W 8/26 6:30–9:30 p.m. Main

Monet's Garden

[15031](#) W 9/23 6:30–9:30 p.m. 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
[14838](#) 7/15–9/4 24 Hours Online
[14839](#) 8/12–10/2 24 Hours Online
[14840](#) 9/16–11/6 24 Hours Online

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Personal Self Defense

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

Fee: \$10 Thomas Kretschmer
[15376](#) Sa 8/8 9–11:30 a.m. Main

RowFit: Indoor Rowing Fitness

Looking to shake up your fitness routine? Try a workout that targets both cardio and strength! If you're looking for something low-impact that is still a total body workout, RowFit indoor rowing fitness classes could be just what you need! Classes run for 6 weeks (1 hour each week) and are held at Sweeps & Sculls Indoor Rowing Center in Crystal Lake.

Fee: \$75 Sweeps & Sculls Indoor Rowing Center

[15410](#) M 8/10–9/14 7–8 p.m.

[15411](#) W 8/12–9/16 6–7 a.m.

[15412](#) Th 8/13–9/17 7–8 p.m.

[15413](#) M 9/21–10/26 7–8 p.m.

[15414](#) W 9/23–10/28 6–7 a.m.

[15415](#) Th 9/24–10/29 7–8 p.m.

Rowing: Adult Discover Rowing Clinic

Get a hands-on introduction to the sport of rowing in this two-part clinic, with each session lasting approximately 2 to 2.5 hours. The first session will be a dryland orientation held at the Sweeps & Sculls boatyard or indoor rowing center. You'll learn key rowing terminology, get familiar with the equipment, and practice the basic rowing stroke—everything you need to feel confident before getting on the water. In the second session, you'll hop in a boat and try rowing for yourself!

Fee: \$75 Sweeps & Sculls Indoor Rowing Center

[15404](#) Sa 8/8 9–11:30 a.m.

Su 8/9 7–9 a.m.

[15405](#) Sa 8/22 9–11:30 a.m.

Su 8/23 7–9 a.m.

[15406](#) Sa 9/12 9–11:30 a.m.

Su 9/13 7–9 a.m.



Meet Julie: Julie Kukreja has a deep love for art and a passion for teaching. As the owner of Pen and Mouse Design House, Inc. and Art Attack Paint Party in McHenry County, she inspires both youth and adults in her classes, including those at MCC. Julie's love for art includes character design, prop design, environment design, story beats, and color scripting, as well as traditional mediums such as oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastels, and charcoal.

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
# 14883	7/15–9/4	2.5 Hours	Online
# 14884	8/12–10/2	2.5 Hours	Online
# 14885	9/16–11/6	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
# 14886	7/15–9/4	2.5 Hours	Online
# 14887	8/12–10/2	2.5 Hours	Online
# 14888	9/16–11/6	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
# 14889	7/15–9/4	2 Hours	Online
# 14890	8/12–10/2	2 Hours	Online
# 14891	9/16–11/6	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
# 14892	7/15–9/4	2 Hours	Online
# 14893	8/12–10/2	2 Hours	Online
# 14894	9/16–11/6	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
# 14898	7/15–9/4	2 Hours	Online
# 14899	8/12–10/2	2 Hours	Online
# 14900	9/16–11/6	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
# 14901	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14902	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14903	9/16–11/6	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
# 14822	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14823	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14824	9/16–11/6	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
# 14904	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14905	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14906	9/16–11/6	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
# 14907	7/15–9/4	2 Hours	Online
# 14908	8/12–10/2	2 Hours	Online
# 14909	9/16–11/6	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
# 14910	7/15–9/4	2 Hours	Online
# 14913	8/12–9/4	2 Hours	Online
# 14914	9/16–11/6	2 Hours	Online

HISTORY AND SCIENCE

NEW! The Germans and their Führer: Insights into a Mutual Obsession

Addressing a huge and adoring audience at the Party Convention in Nuremberg in 1936, Adolf Hitler stated: "That you have found me among so many millions is the miracle of our time! And the fact that I found you—that is Germany's good fortune!" German historian Anette Isaacs explores how this consummate symbiosis of Volk and Führer (People and Leader) came into existence and how it changed and evolved during the course—and especially the demise—of the Third Reich. The instructor will be streaming live into the classroom.

Fee: \$20 Anette Isaacs
[15438](#) T 8/11 1–3 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! 1945: The Year that Shaped the New Germany

The year 1945 proved to be pivotal for the transformation of Germany from a brutal belligerent dictatorship to a flourishing and pacifist democracy. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of how key events like the bombing of Dresden, the Potsdam Conference, and the beginning of the Nuremberg trials played a crucial role in this remarkable process. The instructor will be streaming live into the classroom.

Fee: \$20 Anette Issacs
[15439](#) T 8/25 1–3 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Chicago's Riverview Amusement Park

Join us as we reminisce and view photos of the Chicago area's historic Riverview Park. Riverview operated from 1904 to 1967 and had a rich and fascinating history. It is best remembered for its many rides, including The Bobs roller coaster, Shoot the Chutes water ride, and its famous Pair-O-Chutes. Other attractions included Aladdin's Castle, a classic fun house, and the famous Riverview Carousel. Let's travel down memory lane together! The class is taught by Jay Sternickle, a collaborative instructor from the College of Dupage.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner Instructor
[14732](#) W 7/8 6–8 p.m. Remote

NEW! Art Nouveau Architecture

Relish in the fascinating Belle Époque period of international architecture (1890–1910), which celebrates sinuous, natural plant and flower forms, as well as the inventive use of modern materials such as iron, glass, ceramics, and later, concrete. This class is taught by Jennifer Scavone collaborative instructor from the College of Dupage.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner Instructor
[14734](#) Th 7/16 7–9 p.m. Remote

NEW! Comparing Planets

With renewed interest in space exploration, this class examines the surfaces and conditions of other planets, including Mars and Venus. We'll compare worlds in our solar system, explore challenges humans would face living elsewhere, and consider why Earth remains uniquely suited for life. The class is taught by Dr. Suzanne Rausch, a collaborative instructor from Harper College.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner Instructor
[14735](#) T 7/21 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

NEW! Howard Hughes: His Brilliance and His Madness

Howard Hughes was a true American original: legendary lover, record-setting aviator, award-winning film producer, talented inventor, political influencer, ultimate eccentric, and for much of his life, the richest man in the United States. His desire for privacy was so intense—and his isolation so complete—that even now, fifty years after his death, inaccurate stories continue to circulate, with many published as fact. Join us as we examine the different eras of Hughes's life to better understand what shaped him and why he lived as he did.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner Instructor
[14733](#) M 8/3 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

NEW! More Weird and Wonderful Illinois

Continue your exploration of the many weird and wonderful people and places that make Illinois great. Learn about the Alley of Death, Chicago's fabulous Tiffany Dome and the Garden of the Gods. Discover the extraordinary stories behind places like the Old Slave House, Mermott Springs and Collinsville's Seven Gates to Hell. The class is taught by Jay Sternickle, a collaborative instructor from the College of Dupage.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner Instructor
[15042](#) T 9/1 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Remote

NEW! Exploring the World of Australian Aboriginal Desert Art

Aboriginal culture dates back over 80,000 years, with rock art more than 65,000 years old and counting. With no written language to convey their cultural stories through the generations, information was portrayed by symbols and icons in artwork. Knowledge, events, beliefs, survival skills, and information about use of the land were shared in this way, creating the oldest continuous art form in the world. Let's go back in time and discover what they said!

Fee: \$15 Ann Leslie
[15210](#) T 9/15 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Remote



Meet Anette: German-born cosmopolitan Anette Isaacs holds Master's degrees in American Studies, Political Science, and History from Emory University, the University of Vienna, and the Free University of Berlin. As the former Director Germany for the New York-based Group I.S.T., she designed and managed highly successful seminars and lectures introducing her native country to thousands of international tourists. Additionally, she conceived the acclaimed Road Scholar seminar Opera and Classical Music in Berlin, Dresden, and Leipzig, which has ranked among the organization's most popular programs for over two decades.

NEW! Even More Jerks in Chicago History: 1945–2025

Join us for the last of three presentations on Jerks in Chicago History where we examine the actions of even more thieves, murderers, jerks, and mobsters in Chicago. Beginning in 1945 and ending in 2025, we look at the lives of individuals who make up the latter half of the 20th Century. Some were politicians, some were law enforcement officers, some were drifters, and some were respected business entrepreneurs. Whatever their role, they resorted to their dark side and added to the list of badly-behaved characters who shaped the history of the Windy City. This class is taught by Brad Keyes, a collaborative instructor from Rock Valley College.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner Instructor
[15204](#) Th 9/17 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

NEW! Environmental Issues: What We Are Learning from Yellowstone National Park

Americans take pride in establishing the national park concept, beginning with the creation of Yellowstone National Park in 1872. Since its founding, the park has highlighted complex issues that grew into national concerns, especially around wildlife management. These challenges have sparked ongoing public and political debate, often reflecting tension between conservation efforts and recreational use. This discussion will explore the historical foundations of these conflicts and examine the current issues shaping policy and stewardship today. By looking at Yellowstone as a case study, we can better understand how these competing priorities continue to influence decisions in our national parks. The class is taught by Dr. Suzanne Rausch, a collaborative instructor from Harper College.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner Instructor
[15206](#) T 9/22 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

NEW! Mysteries of the Cosmos: Search for Life Beyond Earth

Are we alone in the universe? This course explores whether life is common or rare, examining extreme micro-environments on Earth to understand how life persists under harsh conditions. Discover how these insights inform the search for life beyond our planet and shape our understanding of other worlds. The class is taught by Jim Kovas, a collaborative instructor from Harper College.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner Instructor
[15207](#) W 9/30 1–2:30 p.m. Remote



HOME AND GARDEN

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: \$125 Noah Taylor
[15256](#) T 9/1–9/22 6–8 p.m. Woodstock HS

Shade Gardening with Native Plants

Transform your garden's dimmest corners into a lush, ecological sanctuary by mastering the use of shade-tolerant native species. This session provides expert guidance on selecting and cultivating resilient plants that thrive without direct sunlight, ensuring your landscape remains vibrant and sustainable year-round.

Fee: \$25 Will Akin
[15399](#) T 7/14 6–8 p.m. Main

How to Maintain Your Garden Effectively and Efficiently

Master the art of high-impact gardening by scaling professional land management strategies down to the size of your backyard. This guide teaches you how to adapt time-tested native restoration techniques to achieve a thriving, low-maintenance landscape that works with nature rather than against it. By applying these efficient large-scale principles to your own square footage, you can reduce your workload while maximizing the ecological health of your home garden.

Fee: \$25 Will Akin
[15400](#) T 8/11 6–8 p.m. Main

Propagation: Seed Collection, Stratification, and Division

Unlock the potential of your landscape by mastering the art of plant propagation through seed collection, stratification, and division. Learn how to grow your own plants for free and avoid paying hundreds of dollars every spring. Why purchase them when you can do it yourself?

Fee \$25 Will Akin
[15401](#) T 9/8 6–8 p.m. Main

LANGUAGES

NEW! Spanish for Beginners

Discover a vibrant new world with this immersive introduction to Spanish. Dive into the essentials of writing, speaking, and listening while exploring the rich, colorful cultures of Spanish-speaking countries. You'll learn the basic foundational building blocks of the language—grammar, vocabulary, and verbs—through high-energy, practical practice. Book requirements will be discussed at the first class.

Fee: \$129 Maricella Garza
 # [15152](#) M 8/17–10/12 6–8 p.m. Main

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
 # [15229](#) T 8/18–10/6 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
 # [15230](#) W 8/19–10/7 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
 # [15233](#) Th 8/20–10/8 6–8 p.m. Main



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!) Student 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
 # [15397](#) T 8/4–9/8 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

# 14931	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14932	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14933	9/16–11/6	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

# 14937	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14938	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14939	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

Instant Italian

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

Fee: \$130 ed2go Online

# 14934	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14935	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14936	9/16–11/6	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

# 14928	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14929	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14930	9/16–11/6	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

# 14940	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14941	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14942	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

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 August 17–December 12. Other musical instrument lessons are also available. For more information about private music lessons, please call Paige Lush at (815) 479-7670.

Fee: \$329

Class	Course Code	Instructor
Bassoon	# 15026	David DCamp
Euphonium	# 15022	Bryce Bowlin
Guitar	# 15023	Patricia Gaughan
Piano	# 15027	Tara Singer
Piano	# 15028	Rebecca Chu
Tuba	# 15024	Bryce Bowlin
Voice	# 15025	Christopher Jackson

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.

MCC Concert Band

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

Fee: \$20

Paige Lush

# 15007	M	8/17–12/7	2:30–4:20 p.m.	Main
# 14813	M	8/17–12/7	7–8:50 p.m.	Main

String Orchestra

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

Fee: \$20

Leah Hagel-Kahmann

# 15010	T	8/18–12/8	6–7:50 p.m.	Main
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MCC Chamber Singers

Chamber Singers is a small vocal ensemble that provides students at various levels of musical proficiency the opportunity to perform a variety of vocal repertoire. The course emphasizes sight-reading and musicianship while developing vocal skills and musical understanding. Skills in basic music reading are required. Please contact instructor Christopher Jackson at cjackson4632@mchenry.edu to schedule an audition appointment.

Fee: \$20

Christopher Jackson

# 15019	TTh	8/18–12/10	11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	Main
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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

# 15009	W	8/19–12/9	7–8:50 p.m.	Main
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New Orleans Jazz Band

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

Fee: \$20

David Dcamp

# 15021	Th	8/20–12/10	2:30–4:20 p.m.	Main
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Guitar Ensemble

Guitar Ensemble is a small instrumental ensemble that provides students at various levels of musical proficiency the opportunity to perform a variety of guitar literature, especially folk, blues, country, and rock. The class emphasizes sight reading, musicianship, and skills in improvisation. This group is for the advanced beginner and above who can minimally play open position chords and read notes in the first position.

Fee: \$20 Patricia Gaughan
[15020](#) Th 8/20–12/10 4:30–6:20 p.m. Main

MCC Concert Choir

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

Fee: \$20 Christopher Jackson
[15008](#) Th 8/20–12/10 7–8:50 p.m. Main

Woodwind Ensemble

Woodwind Ensemble introduces a variety of chamber music, including analysis of composition and performance practices. Students develop written, aural, and instrumental competence on selected instruments. The date and time of the ensemble to be determined.

Fee: \$20 David Dcamp
[15011](#) 8/20–12/12 Dates and Time TBD Main

PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

NEW! Money Moves for the Recently Retired

This class is built for retirees who left the workforce within the last few years and are adjusting to a new stage of life. It focuses on the financial challenges that often appear after retirement begins, including creating a sustainable withdrawal strategy, managing investments for income, handling taxes, and avoiding costly emotional decisions during market swings. You'll gain practical ideas to help make your retirement feel more stable and organized. This class is taught by a professional financial planner and MCC adjunct instructor.

Fee: \$20 Trevor Johnson
[15363](#) T 7/14 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Get Ready to Retire With Confidence

Created for individuals and couples who are within five years of retirement and want to know if they are truly ready. This class covers how to turn savings into income, how much you can realistically spend, key tax considerations, and the financial decisions that become more important as retirement gets closer. The goal is to help you move into retirement with more clarity and less uncertainty. This class is taught by a professional financial planner and MCC adjunct instructor.

Fee: \$20 Trevor Johnson
[15364](#) T 8/11 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Investing Now for the Future Retirement You Want

This class is designed for people in their 40s and 50s who are still 10 to 20 years away from retirement. It focuses on the financial moves that have the biggest impact while time is still on your side, including saving strategies, investment decisions, taxes, and avoiding common mistakes that can quietly derail long-term plans. You'll leave with a clearer understanding of how today's decisions shape the retirement they will eventually live. This class is taught by a professional financial planner and MCC adjunct instructor.

Fee: \$20 Trevor Johnson
[15365](#) T 9/8 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

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
[14943](#) 7/15–9/4 24 Hours Online
[14944](#) 8/12–10/2 24 Hours Online
[14945](#) 9/16–11/6 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
[14946](#) 7/15–9/4 24 Hours Online
[14947](#) 8/12–10/2 24 Hours Online
[14948](#) 9/16–11/6 24 Hours Online



Meet Trevor: Trevor Johnson is the Founder of Dream Weaver Financial Planning and an adjunct instructor at McHenry County College. He holds a finance degree from Lewis University and an MBA from Northern Illinois University, with prior finance experience at two Fortune 500 companies. Trevor takes a practical, easy to understand approach to retirement planning, helping people make confident financial decisions without pressure or complicated jargon.

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

# 14949	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14950	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14951	9/16–11/6	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

# 14952	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14953	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14954	9/16–11/6	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

# 14955	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14956	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14957	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

The Analysis and Valuation of Stocks

Learn fundamental and advanced techniques for researching and analyzing stocks. This comprehensive course will teach you how to read financial statements, calculate financial ratios, perform industrial comparisons, and conduct economic research.

Fee: \$140

ed2go Online

# 14958	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14959	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14960	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

COUPON	NAME	Interest Rate	Value
0.10 %	3 Month	0.18 %	+26
0.30 %	6 Month	0.42 %	+36
40 %	1 Year	0.58 %	+48
60 %	2 Year	0.80 %	+51
0 %	5 Year	1.15 %	+47

PHOTOGRAPHY

Discover Digital Photography

Gain the skills you need to take great photos with your digital camera and never miss a memorable moment again. This course is an informative introduction to digital photography, from DSLRs to smart phone cameras.

Fee: \$130

ed2go Online

# 14835	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14836	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14837	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

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

# 14841	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14842	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14843	9/16–11/6	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

# 14844	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14845	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14846	9/16–11/6	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

# 14847	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14848	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14849	9/16–11/6	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

# 14850	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14851	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14852	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

Secrets of Better Photography

Learn to take outstanding photos and get the best results whether you are using a DSLR, a point-and-shoot, or your phone camera. Each lesson contains exercises and assignments that will help you apply new techniques to your own camera and make a distinctive difference in your photos.

Fee: \$141

ed2go Online

# 14853	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14854	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14855	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

RECREATION AND SPORTS

Open Chess with McHenry County Chess Club

Join the McHenry County Chess Club for weekly Thursday night open chess from 6 to 8 p.m. 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

# 15166	Th	7/2–9/24	6–9 p.m.	Main
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Senior Hike: Rush Creek

Enjoy this hike through stands of hickory, white and red oak, and black cherry trees as we take a leisurely 1.5-mile interpretive hike at Rush Creek in Harvard. Sightings of great horned owls, red-tailed hawks, and woodpeckers will liven up your senses and lift your spirits. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes.

Fee: \$5

Rush Creek - M.C.C.D.

# 14421	F	7/24	10–11:30 a.m.
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Senior Hike: Winding Creek

Join us on a beautiful, scenic 1.7-mile looped hiking trail that runs through restored prairie and woodlands around a pond. In the early nineteenth century, this area, known locally as Bailey's Grove, was 1,000 acres of nearly continuous woodland. As European American settlers built farms and homesteads in northern Illinois, groves such as this provided fuel, lumber, and fence posts. Hike and learn some local history of the Winding Creek Conservation area and all its inhabitants, including the fox, beaver, muskrat, skunks, ducks, fish, turtles, and more!

Fee: \$5

Winding Creek M.C.C.D.

# 14422	F	8/28	10–11:30 a.m.
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Senior Hike: The Hollows

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

Fee: \$5

The Hollows: M.C.C.D.

# 14423	F	9/25	10–11:30 a.m.
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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

# 15357	W	7/22	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
# 15358	W	8/19	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
# 15359	W	9/16	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst



About Main Stay Therapeutic Farm

Main Stay's mission is to enrich mind, body and spirit through powerful connections with horses, animals, and nature. Main Stay became a 501(c)3 organization in 1987, dedicated to children

and adults with physical, developmental, emotional, and social challenges. Main Stay expanded service in 2012 to include our unique Animal Assisted Learning programs for individuals, families, and groups.

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
[15369](#) M 7/13–8/17 6–7:15 p.m.

SPECIAL INTEREST

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
[15247](#) Sa 8/22 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

NEW! Improv for Adults

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. Ages 18+

Fee: \$35 Cheryl Cox
[15242](#) Th 7/16 6–8 p.m. Catalyst
[15246](#) Th 9/17 6–8 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
[15244](#) Th 8/20 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

Improv for Seniors

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Fee: \$20 Cheryl Cox
[15241](#) Th 7/16 1–3 p.m. Catalyst
[15243](#) Th 8/20 1–3 p.m. Catalyst
[15245](#) Th 9/17 1–3 p.m. Catalyst

Save Money with Extreme Couponing!

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

Fee: \$25 LeeAnne Krusemark
[14752](#) F 7/24 3–4 p.m. Remote

Genealogy Basics

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

Fee: \$140 ed2go Online
[14961](#) 7/15–9/4 24 Hours Online
[14962](#) 8/12–10/2 24 Hours Online
[14963](#) 9/16–11/6 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
# 14803	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 14804	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 14805	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

Introduction to Excel 365

Learn to quickly and efficiently use Microsoft Excel 365 as you discover dozens of shortcuts and tricks for setting up fully formatted worksheets. This introduction to Excel course, designed by an experienced Microsoft Excel instructor, provides in-depth knowledge for beginners that will help you use Excel efficiently.

Fee: \$163			ed2go Online
# 15062	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 15063	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 15064	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 365

Introduction to PowerPoint is a beginner-friendly course designed to help you turn ideas into clear, engaging presentations. Perfect for students, professionals, or community organizers, this PowerPoint course requires no prior experience—just a willingness to learn. You will start with the basics of the PowerPoint interface, then move on to building and formatting slides, adding multimedia, and using tools like SmartArt and charts. By the end, you will be able to create polished, effective presentations for any setting, whether live or recorded.

Fee: \$163			ed2go Online
# 15146	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 15147	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 15151	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

Introduction to Microsoft Word 365

Embark on your journey to becoming a proficient Microsoft Word user with this comprehensive introductory online course. Conquer Microsoft Word 365 and create professional documents effortlessly. From basics to advanced features, formatting, collaboration, and automation, gain practical tips and step-by-step guidance to enhance your Word experience. This training is suitable for all skill levels so you can get started and become a Word expert with no prerequisites.

Fee: \$163			ed2go Online
# 15122	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 15123	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 15124	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

Introduction to Windows 11

Master the basic skills you need for Windows 11, the new operating system from Microsoft, which offers a more robust, more powerful, and unique computing experience. From managing files and editing photos to working with external drives, you will learn everything you need to know about getting the most from this operating system. Additionally, since security is essential, you will also learn how to protect your files and protect and update Windows 11.

Fee: \$144			ed2go Online
# 15119	7/15–9/4	24 Hours	Online
# 15120	8/12–10/2	24 Hours	Online
# 15121	9/16–11/6	24 Hours	Online

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
# 15168	7/1–9/30	8 Hours	Remote

Creative Writing 101: A Beginner's Guide

You don't need a degree in creative writing to be an exceptional writer and get paid for it! Anyone with a passion for writing can learn and develop their fiction and non-fiction writing skills. Whether you're drawing from your own life experience, creating new worlds, or sharing important information, this class will introduce you to different forms of creative writing. You'll learn the top 10 creative writing tips for beginners, how to brainstorm new ideas, bring your words to life with engaging descriptions, develop your own unique writing style, and discover ways to get paid for your work. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$40			LeeAnne Krusemark
# 14744	T	7/14	4–6 p.m. Remote

Writing Short Stories: A Beginner's Guide

Writing short stories (1,000–30,000 words) helps you discover your writing voice and convey your ideas effectively. You'll learn how to bring your story to life with an engaging plot, character development, action, and dialogue. Additionally, you'll explore the technical aspects of crafting a short story, including structure, key character moments, and story progression. You'll also learn what to do with your completed short story, including editing, proofreading, and publishing options. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[14745](#) W 7/15 4–6 p.m. Remote

Writing for Online Blogs, Magazines, and Websites

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

Fee: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[14746](#) Th 7/16 4–6 p.m. Remote

Write Your First Novel in 90 Days

This intensive course provides a step-by-step schedule to help you craft your novel from start to finish—with the possibility of completing it in as little as 90 days! You'll learn how to stay motivated throughout the process, choose your novel's genre, develop a compelling premise, create multidimensional characters, build immersive settings, and craft a detailed plot outline. You'll also discover how to manage your time to maintain consistent writing, overcome obstacles like writer's block, master self-editing, refine your plot, and improve pacing, dialogue, and characterization. We'll explore publishing options and offer opportunities for constructive feedback. By the end of the course, you'll have the tools to complete your novel and the confidence to move forward with the publishing process. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$50 LeeAnne Krusemark
[14747](#) F 7/17 6–9 p.m. Remote

How to Write Your Life Story (for fun or profit)

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

Fee: \$50 LeeAnne Krusemark
[14748](#) Sa 7/18 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Remote

Introduction to Journaling: A Beginner's Guide

Journaling is simply recording your thoughts, feelings, and insights in a written, drawn, or typed format. It can be done on paper or on a computer, and it's a low-cost way to improve your mental health. Journaling can reduce stress, improve self-awareness, help prioritize concerns, and foster positive self-talk. You'll learn how to start journaling (even when you're unsure what to write), explore the 10 most popular types of journaling, and discover how to kick-start self reflection, track progress, and promote personal growth. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[14749](#) Sa 7/18 3–5 p.m. Remote

Be a Better Writer: 10 Easy Tips to Improve Your Writing NOW

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

Fee: \$50 LeeAnne Krusemark
[14750](#) Su 7/19 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Remote



Meet LeeAnne: LeeAnne Krusemark is an author, speaker, business owner, Chamber of Commerce Past President, and guest instructor at more than 200 colleges and other institutions from Maine to Hawaii, as well as an adjunct online professor of publishing through Ed2Go at more than 2,000 facilities worldwide, including Harvard.

Beginners Guide to Using Free ChatGPT (AI) for Writers

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

Fee: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
 # [14751](#) T 7/21 4–6 p.m. Remote

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
 # [14964](#) 7/15–9/4 24 Hours Online
 # [14965](#) 8/12–10/2 24 Hours Online
 # [14966](#) 9/16–11/6 24 Hours Online

Grammar Refresher

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

Fee: \$130 ed2go Online
 # [14967](#) 7/15–9/4 24 Hours Online
 # [14969](#) 8/12–10/2 24 Hours Online
 # [14970](#) 9/16–11/6 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
 # [14971](#) 7/15–9/4 24 Hours Online
 # [14973](#) 8/12–10/2 24 Hours Online
 # [14974](#) 9/16–11/6 24 Hours Online

» WE WANT YOU!

Become an instructor for McHenry County College's Community Enrichment Center. MCC offers classes for personal interest, hobby, leisure, and skill development for community members of all ages. We are looking for people who are interested in sharing their expertise and unique class ideas with members of our community.

Contact the Community Enrichment Center at personaldevelopment@mchenry.edu.

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
 # [14975](#) 7/15–9/4 24 Hours Online
 # [14977](#) 8/12–10/2 24 Hours Online
 # [14979](#) 9/16–11/6 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
 # [14989](#) 7/15–9/4 24 Hours Online
 # [14990](#) 8/12–10/2 24 Hours Online
 # [14994](#) 9/16–11/6 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
 # [14995](#) 7/15–9/4 24 Hours Online
 # [14996](#) 8/12–10/2 24 Hours Online
 # [14997](#) 9/16–11/6 24 Hours Online



» KIDS AND COLLEGE SUMMER 2026



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



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.

WEEK 6: WEEK OF JULY 6

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. A 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

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

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

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

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

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.

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Fee: \$125

[14325](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 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. A different set of projects will be completed each week.

Fee: \$125

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

Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

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Fee: \$250

[14166](#) M–Th 7/13–7/16 9 a.m.–4 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

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

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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

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

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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

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

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

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Fee: \$125

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

Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

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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

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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. Main

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. A 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

STEAM for Kids, Grades 1-5

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Fee: \$125

[14707](#) 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

[14192](#) 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

Kindness Through Art, Grades 4-6

“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

[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

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

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

3D Drawing, Grades 6-9

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

[14187](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Main

Ready, Vet, Go! Camp, Grades 6-9

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

[14719](#) M–Th 7/27–7/30 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

[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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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 SERVICE AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Basic Operations Firefighter

This course meets all the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) requirements for Illinois State Certification as a Basic Operations Firefighter, as well as NFPA 1001. Successful completion of the course will prepare students for the OSFM exam for certification in Basic Operations Firefighter, Hazardous Materials Operations, and Fire Service Vehicle Operations. Students will also receive MABAS Division V RIT Certification, NIMS 100 and 700 Certifications, and Courage to Be Safe Certification. Students must be equipped with NFPA-compliant protective clothing and SCBA. Required Textbook: Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills & Hazardous Materials Response: Jones & Bartlett Learning Enhanced, 4th Edition Advantage Package. ISBN: 9781284151336 Link: <https://bit.ly/2O8zKmb>. Pre-Requisites: Must be a rostered member of a fire department and on OSFM roster to attend this course. Career Spark Course Registration: Email your MCC company sponsorship form to careerspark@mchenry.edu.

Fee: \$2,380.75

Larry Kane

# 15045	M–Th	8/17–11/5	6–9:50 p.m.	Main
	Sa	8/22–11/7	8 a.m.–4:50 p.m.	Main
# 15046	Sa	8/22	8 a.m.–4:50 p.m.	Main
	M–Th	9/8–11/7	8 a.m.–4:50 p.m.	Main

Company Fire Officer

The Company Fire Officer course is designed to give first line officers the knowledge, skills, and abilities to lead a single company or station. This course will focus on leadership and management theories, community relations and risk reduction, fire department administration, safety and health, fire prevention, and emergency operations. This course will include a full day of live fire evolutions. The company officers will be able to demonstrate fire ground communication and decision making, command and control of fire ground operations, accountability, and resource management. This course meets or exceeds the requirements of NFPA 1021 (2020 Edition) and Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal Company Fire Officer certification. This class blends online learning, classroom learning, skills, and live-fire evolutions.

Fee: \$1,350

Joshua Koelper

# 14771	M–F	9/21–11/13	8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Online/Catalyst
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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

# 14786	MTW	8/17–8/26	8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.	Main
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Illinois Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue

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

Fee: \$800

Jason Kedrok

# 14720	M–F	8/10–8/14	8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Whitey's Towing
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POWER TEST

In Illinois, all entry-level candidates must take the Peace Officer Wellness Evaluation Report (POWER Test) before entering a police academy. This physical fitness assessment evaluates the physical fitness of those entering law enforcement. MCC offers the POWER Test three times yearly. Wear suitable exercise attire for both indoor and outdoor events, as the 1.5-mile run will be held outside. The POWER Test consists of four parts: 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 identification to receive POWER Test completion card. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before event start. No one will be admitted after 10 a.m.

Fee: \$55

[14807](#) Sa 9/12 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

[15065](#) M 7/20 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Catalyst

[15067](#) T 9/29 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

[15066](#) M 8/31 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

Elizabeth Melendez

[14784](#) MW 8/17–10/26 6–9 p.m. Main

[14818](#) MW 11/9–2/1 6–9 p.m. Main

EKG Technician

Prepare to become a Certified EKG Technician (CET)! In this course, you'll study both basic and advanced EKG concepts, including cardiac anatomy and physiology, proper lead placement for 5- and 12-lead EKGs, technical aspects of the EKG machine, how to calculate heart rate, and how to interpret rhythm strips. You'll also learn advanced techniques for working with 12-lead EKG machines, patient preparation for EKG monitoring, and how to troubleshoot EKG artifacts. This training will equip you to assist physicians in diagnosing myocardial infarction, cardiac arrhythmias, and heart rhythm irregularities. EKG machines are used in physicians' offices, hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities. After successful completion of the course, you'll be prepared to take the National Healthcareers Association (NHA) Certified EKG Technician (CET) exam.

Fee: \$999

Kristin Lynam

[14787](#) Th 9/10–10/29 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Main

Pharmacy Technician

The Professional Pharmacy Technician Training course is designed to teach students the fundamentals and particulars of being a pharmacy technician. This program is ideal for a variety of students, including those interested in pursuing pharmacy careers and those with a healthcare background looking to enhance their skills. The class introduces students to various pharmacy practice settings and covers drug classes, basic physiology, drug interactions and daily pharmacy operations. It trains individuals to effectively assist in pharmaceutical preparations and complete essential tasks in any pharmacy environment, while also acknowledging the importance of on-the-job training. Upon completion, students will be prepared to take the National Healthcareers Association (NHA) Certified Pharmacy Technician (ExCPT) exam. *It is highly recommended that students possess pre-algebra and basic computer web navigation skills as well as fluency in English before enrolling in the class.

Fee: \$1,999

Lisa Watson and Ameira Lambaz

[15044](#) TTh 8/18–12/10 5:30–7:30 p.m. Main

Sterile Processing Technician Training

Learn to clean, sterilize, assemble, and distribute surgical instruments and medical equipment used in hospitals and surgical centers. Aligned with the standards of the Healthcare Sterile Processing Association (HSPA), this program prepares students for the Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) exam. Students receive a provisional license until they complete the 400-hour clinical. Clinical schedules are determined by the student and preceptor; completion times may vary. Students will gain practical knowledge in microbiology, infection control, sterilization techniques, surgical instrumentation, and inventory management. The course combines classroom instruction with clinical lab experiences to ensure students are job-ready and qualified for entry-level positions in sterile processing departments. 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

Kendra Lucas

[14858](#)

TTh 10/13–12/10 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Main

REAL ESTATE/HOME INSPECTION

Home Inspection Pre-Licensing Course

Get licensed and gain real-world experience with the Home Inspection Pre-Licensing Course—now enhanced through an exciting new partnership with HouseDoctors INC! This comprehensive course meets Illinois state requirements and prepares you to become a licensed home inspector. You'll gain in-depth knowledge of building systems, inspection techniques, and industry standards—plus, benefit from field inspection events led by professionals at HouseDoctors INC. This course covers the major elements of home inspection to help prepare you for the National Home Inspector Examination. Successful completion of this 60-hour course, along with the 15-hour field inspection course through HouseDoctors INC, is required to sit for the National Home Inspector Examination. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the inspection event sites, and may be required to complete additional inspections outside of this course in order to meet the state licensure requirements. Topics covered include: exteriors, interiors, roofing, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, structural, misc. appliances, laws, and standards of practice. Tuition includes textbook, 5 field inspection events, and the field exam. Please expect to pay an additional \$49 for a 1-month interNACHI membership. National Home Inspector Examination and IDFPR application fee not included. If you have had a felony conviction, you will need to contact the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) at (217) 785-0800 to see if you will be eligible to sit for the exam. IDFPR requires students be at least 18 years old to take the licensure exam.

Fee: \$1,650

Theodore Dinkelman

[14817](#)

TTh 10/6–12/10 6–9 p.m.

Main

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

[14788](#)

MTh 9/21–11/9 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 p.m.

Fee: \$5,400

Eagle Training Services, Inc.

[14780](#)

M-F 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Monthly Start Dates



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. Training sessions run Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$6,400 Eagle Training Services, Inc.
[14781](#) M-F 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Monthly Start Dates

Freight Broker/Agent Training

This course prepares you to connect shippers with carriers, manage freight movement, and build a successful career in one of the economy's most critical industries. You'll gain real-world knowledge in setting up and operating a brokerage, industry regulations and legal requirements, negotiating rates and managing contracts, building carrier and customer relationships, and using load boards, dispatch tools, and tracking systems. This training will provide you with the knowledge and resources needed to break into the shipping industry.

Fee: \$999 James Wilbrandt
[14789](#) W 8/19–10/28 6–9 p.m. Main

Motorcycle Technician Training

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

Fee: \$3,999 Dave Sciabaras
[14785](#) M–Th 8/17–10/22 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Woodstock Harley Davidson

VETERINARY

Veterinary Assistant

Veterinary assistants have been identified by the U.S. Department of Labor as one of the fastest growing professions. Vet assistants work with veterinarians in private practice, animal shelters, animal control facilities, pet stores, kennels and veterinary drug companies. Working with veterinarians and veterinarian technicians, they help to provide medical care to sick and injured animals. This course includes 150 hours of classroom instruction and a 100 hour externship experience. Times of externship will vary based on availability and hours of the externship sites. Successful completion of the class requires successful completion of the externship. This program is NAVTA approved. Students who successfully complete the course can sit for the NAVTA AVA exam.

Fee: \$2,499 Beth Adams and Madison Lamberti

[14782](#) MTTh 8/3–12/10 6–9 p.m. Remote/Main

High School Students Only

Fee: \$1,249

[14783](#) MTTh 8/3–12/10 6–9 p.m. Remote/Main

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

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

Career Spark programs include EKG Technician, Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, and Sterile Processing.

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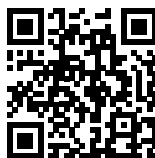
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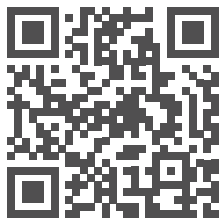
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-  Fun activities for kids
-  Special alumni giveaways



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