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

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
RETIRED ADULT PROGRAM
KIDS AND COLLEGE
CAREER TRAINING
TECHNOLOGY

MODES OF INSTRUCTION

IN PERSON
Face-to-face instruction at McHenry County College (MCC) or other specified location.

REMOTE
Synchronous online training via Zoom led by Community Education instructors. Classes will take place at a specific time/date. Zoom links will be sent in advance of each class.

ONLINE
Asynchronous online training offered in partnership with our third-party educational vendors. Learn from expert instructors at your own pace within a timeframe of completion.

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment or call (815) 455-8588
Quality, affordable programming for students entering grades 1–9

In search of summer fun? MCC’s Kids and College program offers hands-on classes in classes in Art, Welding, Culinary, Theatre, Broadcasting, Honey Bees, Science, Minecraft, Game Design, and more!

New classes start each week from June 12–July 27. Choose from morning or afternoon sessions.

All classes will be in-person on the MCC main campus. Our exceptional teachers, MCC faculty, and camp counselors will engage campers with their passion and enthusiasm—ensuring that each camper will experience the joy of learning!

Join Kids and College June 5–8 for Camp Invention®, by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc., a 4-day creative and open-ended learning camp which will include a rotation of four adventures—Catching Air™, Invention Celebration™, Mimicbot™, and Pop-Up Venture™. For grades K–6.
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 or to register, visit www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment or call (815) 455-8588.

ANIMALS AND PETS

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

Fee: $29
LeeAnne Krusemark
# 5917  F  7/14  6–8 p.m.  Remote

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

Fee: $39
Jeff Aufmann
# 6139  Th  9/7  6:30–8:30 p.m.  C, MCC
Sa  9/9  8–10:30 a.m.  Off Campus

RAP Member Fee: $29
# 6153  Th  9/7  6:30–8:30 p.m.  C, MCC
Sa  9/9  8–10:30 a.m.  Off Campus

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
# 5738  7/1–9/1  1.5 Hours  Remote

**Explore Administrative Medical Assistant**
Demand for medical assistants is expected to grow 23% through 2024, so 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 of clinical medical assistants. You will learn about the different types of medical records and how to enhance the overall patient experience. You will also get an introduction to charting patient complaints, creating progress notes, and collecting medical history.

Fee: $119
Jeff Aufmann
# 5712  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 5713  8/16–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 5714  9/13–11/3  24 Hours  Online

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### Explore Medical Coding
Explore a career as a medical coder and gain the knowledge you need to confidently work almost anywhere in the medical field—doctors’ offices, clinics, hospitals, or even in the comfort of your home. This course teaches use of the CPT manual and IDC-10-CM which will give you a leg up on others who are new to this career.

**Fee:** $115  
**# 5715** 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online  
**# 5716** 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online  
**# 5717** 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

### Explore 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:** $115  
**# 5735** 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online  
**# 5736** 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online  
**# 5737** 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

### Computers and Tech for Personal Interest

#### NEW! Introduction to PC Troubleshooting (Self-Paced Tutorial)
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. This is a self-paced class.

**Fee:** $115  
**# 6017** 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online  
**# 6018** 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online  
**# 6019** 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

#### Crafts and Hobbies

#### 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. Characteristics of fused-glass materials, assembling techniques, and firing guidelines will be covered in class 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.

**Fee:** $48  
**# 6212** Sa 7/15, 7/22 1–4 p.m.  
**# 6213** Sa 8/19, 8/26 1–4 p.m.  
**# 6214** Sa 9/30, 10/7 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 with 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.

**Fee:** $48  
**# 6212** Sa 7/15, 7/22 1–4 p.m.  
**# 6213** Sa 8/19, 8/26 1–4 p.m.  
**# 6214** Sa 9/30, 10/7 1–4 p.m.

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

**Fee:** $79  
**# 6224** Th 7/27–8/24 6–8:30 p.m.

#### 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, basic sewing techniques, and 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. Costs will vary based on fabrics and supplies chosen. Each student receives a 15% discount on supplies purchased at Sewing Concepts. Sewing machines will be provided! Sewing Concepts is located on the square in downtown Woodstock. No class on Monday, September 4.

**Fee:** $79  
**# 6182** M 8/7–9/11 6–8:30 p.m.
Sewing: The Next Step
After completing the beginning sewing class, you’ll be ready to take your sewing skills to the next level! The projects for this class include rope bowls where you’ll learn how to create these fabric-lined bowls which are great for any home decor; a hummingbird bag where you will learn basic quilting skills and how to insert a zipper; and a reversible apron that allows for customization to add your own flare, pockets, choice of straps, and a lining. 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. Sewing machines will be provided! Sewing Concepts is located on the square in downtown Woodstock.

Fee: $79  Sewing Concepts
# 6184  M  9/25–10/23  6–8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking
Learn to use digital editing techniques to show off your photos and memorabilia in Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking! Using Photoshop Elements, this course will teach you how to make the most of your scrapbooking talents and artistic ideas when you combine traditional and digital scrapbooking. Starting with simple projects, you’ll quickly learn how to build pages, use artistic journaling, and produce sophisticated illusions. Photoshop Elements lets you build your own clip art, create frames, and develop multi-layer pages with an endless array of layouts and designs. You’ll see how to draw and create your own art, build collages and scrapbooks to share, and work with both color and black and white. If you need to restore or age images, the tools are all available to you. Come take your scrapbooking to a new level!

Fee: $115  
# 5727  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 5728  8/16–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 5730  9/13–11/3  24 Hours  Online

CULINARY

Summer Treats: Fun with Cookies
Kick off summer with some treat-themed cookies! Join Lauren Daly of Tada Cookies in learning how to make and decorate perfect cookies. Learn how to make delicious cookie dough and practice techniques for decorating beautiful cookies. You will receive six pre-baked themed cookies, icing, and sprinkles to decorate your own cookies during the class. Please bring an apron and get ready to decorate!

Fee: $39  Lauren Daly
# 6171  T  7/18  6–8 p.m.  A, MCC
RAP Member Fee: $35
# 6200  T  7/18  6–8 p.m.  A, MCC

Back to School: Fun with Cookies
Get ready to go back to school with some school-themed cookies! Join Lauren Daly of Tada Cookies for an evening of cookie decorating. You will learn tips on dough making and how to decorate your perfect cookie. We will go over flooding, piping, and other techniques to make your cookies stand out. 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
# 6172  M  8/7  6–8 p.m.  A, MCC

Fall Time: Fun with Cookies
Fall leaves and football are in the air—and so are cookies! Spend the evening learning how to make decorated sugar cookies. Lauren Daly of Tada Cookies will share tips on basic dough making, icing your cookies, and 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
# 6173  W  9/13  6–8 p.m.  A, MCC

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

Fee: $115  
# 5740  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 5741  8/16–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 5742  9/13–11/3  24 Hours  Online

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DANCE

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: $59
Kimberly Oda
# 6177 M 9/11–10/16 7–8:30 p.m. A, MCC

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

Fee: $59
Kimberly Oda
# 6178 M 10/23–11/27 7–8:30 p.m. A, MCC

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

Fee: $59
Mary Kanter
# 6201 Th 9/28–10/26 7–8:30 p.m. A, MCC

FINE ART

Sumi-e Japanese Black Ink Art
Discover the beauty of Sumi-e, the Japanese art style of monochrome, black ink painting. You’ll learn the techniques to paint with ink and how to create levels of shading by dissolving ink in water. Your end result will be creating your own elegant masterpieces. All supplies are provided.

Fee: $79
Ann Leslie
# 6218 T 8/8–8/29 6–8 p.m. A, MCC

RAP Member Fee: $69
# 6219 T 8/8–8/29 6–8 p.m. A, MCC

Welding: Metal Art
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 stick welder, MIG welder, and plasma-cutting tool will be covered in this class. One art project will be completed in class that is yours to take home. Additional projects can be created, as time allows, using student-supplied materials that can be purchased at your local farm supply or home center stores. NOTE: You must wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, non-flammable shoes, and bring your own welding gloves. (WORK BOOTS ARE RECOMMENDED.) This class is not designed to teach anyone how to weld for industry or to become certified in any areas of welding. All classes are held at the Woodstock Center: 912 Trakk Ln., Woodstock.

Fee: $249
Justina Becker
# 6194 Sa 7/8–7/29 8 a.m.–Noon
# 6195 Sa 8/19–9/9 8 a.m.–Noon

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Paint Night: Charcuterie Board
Paint your own personalized charcuterie board for your kitchen décor. You will pick either a sunflower, wine glass, or monogram design, and our instructor will take you through the steps to creating your new masterpiece. All supplies are provided. Bring a snack and make it a fun night!
Fee: $45

Artistic Journaling
Do you like to journal? Have you ever wanted to take your journaling to the next step? Learn how to create beautiful, one-of-a-kind pages in your journals using a variety of art materials and mediums. You will learn how to blend different art mediums to create unique layering effects and explore different styles of doodling and journaling. This would make a unique journal to keep or share with your special someone. A supply list will be sent to you prior to the start of the class.
Fee: $79

NEW! Reverse Flower Dip Acrylic Painting
Create your next masterpiece by using the reverse flower dip method. Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward, will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep your 8x8 canvas, and apply the paint for a beautiful flower effect. The fun begins the moment the paint hits the canvas. You’ll leave your painting to dry until the second class where you will varnish your masterpiece. Please bring a shirt box larger than 8x8 to transport your painting home safely. All class supplies are included except for the box. Let's have some fun and be creative! This is a two-day class.
Fee: $49
Patricia Berry

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NEW! Flip Cup Acrylic Painting
Create your next masterpiece by using the flip cup method. Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward, will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep your 11x14 canvas, and apply the paint for a beautiful effect. The fun begins the moment the paint hits the canvas. You’ll leave your painting to dry until the second class where you will varnish your masterpiece. Please bring a box larger than 11x14 to transport your painting home safely. All class supplies are included except for the box. Let’s have some fun and be creative! This is a two-day class.

Fee: $59

Patricia Berry
# 6203  M  8/21  6–8 p.m.  A, MCC
Th  8/24  6–7:30 p.m.  A, MCC

RAP Member Fee: $49

# 6206  M  8/21  6–8 p.m.  A, MCC
Th  8/24  6–7:30 p.m.  A, MCC

NEW! Open Cup Pour Acrylic Painting
Create your next masterpiece by using the open cup pour method. Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward, will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep your 11x14 canvas, and apply the paint for a beautiful effect. The fun begins the moment the paint hits the canvas. You’ll leave your painting to dry until the second class where you will varnish your masterpiece. Please bring a box larger than 11x14 to transport your painting home safely. All class supplies are included except for the box. Let’s have some fun and be creative! This is a two-day class.

Fee: $59

Patricia Berry
# 6204  M  9/18  6–8 p.m.  A, MCC
Th  9/21  6–7:30 p.m.  A, MCC

RAP Member Fee: $49

# 6207  M  9/18  6–8 p.m.  A, MCC
Th  9/21  6–7:30 p.m.  A, MCC

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

Fee: $99

Johanna Yoder
# 6115  F  9/22–11/10  10 a.m.–1 p.m.  A, MCC

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: $115

# 5743  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 5744  8/16–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 6188  9/13–11/3  24 Hours  Online

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Brain Health: Concussion Management
Concussions happen—and they can be scary—but it’s how we manage them that makes a difference! Learn from Certified Concussion Specialist, Dana Tress, the signs and symptoms of a concussion along with the latest, most up-to-date protocols for concussion management and treatment. Discover how to help yourself, your kids, and your athletes return to activity as safely as possible following this specific type of head injury.

Fee: $19
Dana Tress
# 6189 Th 8/17 6–7:30 p.m. A, MCC
# 6196 Th 8/17 6–7:30 p.m. Remote

RAP Member Fee: $12
# 6191 Th 8/17 6–7:30 p.m. A, MCC
# 6197 Th 8/17 6–7:30 p.m. Remote

Brain Health: Understanding Dementia
Learn the basics of dementias—everything you never wanted to know. Discover signs to look for in yourself and others, identify different types of dementia (including Alzheimer’s), and learn what to expect once a diagnosis is made. Dr. Jennifer Wilson-Binotti owns and is the sole practitioner of Compassionate Neuropsychology LLC. She specializes in diagnosis of dementias and will discuss neuropsychological evaluation for dementia and how to manage loved ones with the illness. She will also discuss tactics to help avoid the disease.

Fee: $15
Jennie Wilson-Binotti
# 6134 W 9/20 5:30–7 p.m. A, MCC
# 6135 W 9/20 5:30–7 p.m. Remote

RAP Member Fee: $10
# 6136 W 9/20 5:30–7 p.m. A, MCC
# 6137 W 9/20 5:30–7 p.m. Remote

Brain Health: Headache Management
Take control of your headaches! If you’re one of the 90% of adults who suffer from headaches, this class is designed for you. Understand the important facts about the most common types of headaches. Learn ways to take control of your head pain through medical intervention, alternative therapies, exercises, and work/ posture habits. You’ll participate in a gentle posture strength and stretching program that can be used immediately to begin to address your headaches.

Fee: $19
Dana Tress
# 6190 W 10/18 6–7:30 p.m. A, MCC
# 6199 W 10/18 6–7:30 p.m. Remote

RAP Member Fee: $12
# 6192 W 10/18 6–7:30 p.m. A, MCC
# 6198 W 10/18 6–7:30 p.m. Remote

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: $15
Thomas Kretschmer
# 6124 Sa 8/5 9–11:30 a.m. A, MCC
# 6125 T 9/12 6–8:30 p.m. A, MCC

High School and College Student Fee: $10
# 6126 Sa 8/5 9–11:30 a.m. A, MCC
# 6127 T 9/12 6–8:30 p.m. A, MCC

RAP Member Fee: $10
# 6128 Sa 8/5 9–11:30 a.m. A, MCC
# 6129 T 9/12 6–8:30 p.m. A, MCC

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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: $115
# 5835 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5836 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 5837 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

Helping Elderly Parents
Are your parents in their golden years? Learning how to help parents or other loved ones through their transition can prepare you for your own. This compassionate and comprehensive class will give you the tools, techniques, and insights for this passage. Growing older is a part of life. Some aspects are joyful, some bittersweet, some frustrating, some frightening. You will learn what to expect, what to watch for, how to deal with physical and emotional challenges, and where to find resources to help. You’ll understand the impact of retirement, learn how to choose a nursing home, and be prepared to deal with death. You’ll learn about financial and legal considerations, health issues, and family interpersonal relationships. You’ll be introduced to special communication skills, observation methods, and coping mechanisms to ease the burden for everyone involved. You’ll learn to handle most of the challenges you will face while coming to appreciate and cherish the privilege of the journey.
Fee: $115
# 5838 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5839 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 5840 9/13–11/3 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 many other elements that affect your weight, and be on your way to losing weight and keeping it off for good.
Fee: $115
# 6023 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 6024 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 6025 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

Everything You Wanted to Know About the Drinking Water in Your Home
This course will present information about your home’s potable water system—from how the water gets to your home to how it is distributed inside your home; what causes low water pressure, stains on fixtures, and rotten egg smells; how you can maintain your water heater; and what a water softener is for and how to make sure it isn’t wasting water. Other topics that will be covered include: lead and/or copper in your water as well as other contaminants; and which is better, tap water or bottled water. Attendees are encouraged to bring your latest Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) provided by your public water supply. There will be plenty of time for your questions.
Fee: $19
# 6148 W 7/19 6–7:30 p.m.
# 6149 W 7/19 6–7:30 p.m.
Harry Harman
RAP Member Fee: $10

Home Electrical Systems: Troubleshooting and Fixing Common Problems
When problems arise with electrical devices in your home, most people call an electrician—which could cost hundreds of dollars. This class will discuss common electrical problems that can be easily fixed without the help of an electrician. We’ll discuss the basics of how your home's electrical system works, the advantages of switching from incandescent bulbs to LEDs, how to install a ceiling fan to help cool your home and save energy, and more.
Fee: $19
# 6147 W 8/16 6–7:30 p.m.
# 6150 W 8/16 6–7:30 p.m.
Harry Harman

Grow Plants for Fun and Profit
Turn your love of plants into an enjoyable and profitable home business. This course provides information on licensing, site preparation, equipment, how and where to find supplies, how to select and produce plants, how to produce quality material, and how to market your product.
Fee: $115
# 5859 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5860 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 5861 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

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Introduction to Interior Design

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

Fee: $119

# 5862 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5863 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 5864 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

Start Your Own Edible Garden

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

Fee: $119

# 5865 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5866 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 5868 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

American Sign Language for Beginners

Join a fun and relaxed environment where you start signing immediately. You’ll start with the alphabet, numbers, vocabulary of categories, finger spelling, and basic phrases to greet people and express yourself. This course is taught by a deaf instructor. The required textbook is: Learn to Sign the Fun Way (ISBN: 0-7615-3263-3) and can be found on Amazon.

Fee: $99

# 6122 W 8/9–9/27 6–8 p.m. A, MCC
# 6123 T 10/17–12/12 6–8 p.m. A, MCC

American Sign Language I

This course is for students who show proficiency through an instructor-administered assessment and have completed ASL for Beginners. You will learn basic ASL grammar rules including body and facial expressions. This will help you to improve your signing skills by using vocabulary to form a sentence that ASL uses. This will help you improve your signing skills to form sentences and ask and answer questions using ASL. This course is taught by a deaf instructor. The required textbook is: Signing Fun: American Sign Language, vocabulary, phrases, games, & activities. (ISBN: 1-56368-292-3) and is available for purchase from Amazon.

Fee: $99

# 6116 M 8/7–10/2 6–8 p.m. A, MCC
# 6117 W 10/18–12/13 6–8 p.m. A, MCC

American Sign Language 2

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

Fee: $99

# 6120 Th 8/10–9/28 6–8 p.m. A, MCC
# 6121 M 10/16–12/11 6–8 p.m. A, MCC

American Sign Language 3

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

Fee: $99

# 6118 T 8/8–9/26 6–8 p.m. A, MCC
# 6119 Th 10/19–12/14 6–8 p.m. A, MCC

Beginning Conversational French

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

Fee: $115

# 5796 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5797 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 5798 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment or call (815) 455-8588
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. In each lesson, you’ll find helpful audio aids and Japanese words written in the English alphabet. This technique will allow you to bypass one of the biggest obstacles for most beginners of Japanese: the letter system. By the end of this course, you’ll have acquired basic conversational skills that enable you to travel around the country easily, and you’ll have discovered the heart of Japan!

Fee: $115

# 5799  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 5800  8/16–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 5801  9/13–11/3  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 Deaf culture and explore topics such as lip reading, baby signs, and the career of interpreting.

Fee: $115

# 5790  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 5791  8/16–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 5792  9/13–11/3  24 Hours  Online

Discover Sign Language II

Learn to build phrases and sentences with the vocabulary you used in Discover Sign Language 1, as well as some new vocabulary. You will practice phrases and sentences by recording your own signing and uploading them for review. You will also continue to explore the world of Deaf culture by learning more about the history of Deaf culture in the United States, famous Deaf individuals, and the impact of recent laws and technology on the modern-day Deaf community.

Fee: $115

# 5793  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 5794  8/16–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 5795  9/13–11/3  24 Hours  Online

Instant Italian

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

Fee: $115

# 5802  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 5803  8/16–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 5804  9/13–11/3  24 Hours  Online

Music

Beginner Guitar/Ukulele

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

Fee: $79  Patricia Gaughan

# 6216  T  9/12–10/24  6–7 p.m.  B, MCC

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

The advanced guitar/ukulele class will explore the music of the Beatles and use their songs as a learning tool for various techniques. The class will cover power chords in “Come Together,” soloing in “While My Guitar Gently Weeps,” bass strumming in “I’ve Just Seen a Face,” fingerstyle in “Blackbird,” and much more. Students should have a basic knowledge of open position chords to enroll.

Fee: $79
# 6217 Patricia Gaughan
T 9/12–10/24 7–8 p.m. B, MCC

MCC Chorus

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

Fee: $20
# 5784 Christopher Jackson
Th 8/17–12/7 7–8:50 p.m. B, MCC

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
# 5787 Paige Lush
M 8/14–12/4 7–8:50 p.m. B, MCC

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
# 5785 Michael Bazan
W 8/16–12/6 7–8:50 p.m. B, MCC

New Orleans Jazz Band

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

Fee: $20
# 5788 David Dcamp
Th 8/17–12/7 2:30–4:20 p.m. B, MCC

Guitar Ensemble

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

Fee: $20
# 5789 Patricia Gaughan
Th 8/17–12/7 4:30–6:20 p.m. B, MCC

String Orchestra

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

Fee: $20
# 5786 Leah Hagel-Kahmann
T 8/15–12/5 6–7:50 p.m. B, MCC

Private Music Lessons

Students who wish to take private music lessons may register through Community Education. There will be a total of 7.5 hours of instruction. After you’ve registered, the instructor will call you to schedule a specific day and time for your lessons. The cost is $329 excluding music, which you’ll need to purchase on your own. All classes will run August 14–December 8. For more information about private music lessons, please call Paige Lush at (815) 479-7670.

Fee: $329
Class Course Code Instructor
Banjo # 5981 Thomas Sergey
Cello # 5982 Leah Hagel-Kahmann
Guitar # 5987 Patricia Gaughan
Mandolin # 5984 Thomas Sergey
Percussion # 5985 Brent Jordan
Piano # 5989 Tara Singer
Piano # 5990 Rebecca Chu
Tuba # 5991 Paige Lush
Voice # 5992 Christopher Jackson

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

Baritone Horn, Bassoon, Clarinet, Dulcimer, Flute, French Horn, Guitar, Mandolin, Oboe, Organ, Percussion, Saxophone, String or Electric Bass, Trombone, Trumpet, Violin, Voice.
**PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

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

Fee: $119

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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 smartphone cameras.

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#### 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!

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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: $115
# 5887 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5888 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 5889 9/13–11/3 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: $115
# 5890 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5891 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 5892 9/13–11/3 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. You will experiment with Photoshop’s tools for correcting exposure, adjusting color and colorcasts, and work with Adobe’s powerful layer and selection tools. You will learn how to add text, retouch, and even clone away unwanted elements from your images. You will discover how to work with raw images and prepare images for print or online use. Whether you are a novice or accomplished photo editor, this course will give you a collection of useful techniques that will quickly show you amazing results in your images.
Fee: $115
# 5893 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5894 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 5895 9/13–11/3 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: $115
# 5902 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5903 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 5904 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

Chess for Beginners to Intermediates
Do you have an interest in learning how to play chess? Do you enjoy playing chess and would like to improve? This 8-week class will cover the essentials of chess, how to get started, basic strategy, and the resources to improve your next move. Instructor Jeff Varda, an experienced chess coach and player, will guide you on how to move your first pawn, how to protect your king, and finally, how to capture your opponent’s king. Checkmate! Chess sets will be provided for use during each class. This class is open to students ages 10 and up.
Fee: $25
# 6138 W 8/9–9/27 6–7:30 p.m.
RAP Member Fee: $20
# 6140 W 8/9–9/27 6–7:30 p.m.

Open Chess with McHenry Area Chess Club
Join the McHenry Area Chess Club for weekly Thursday night open chess from 6 to 8 p.m. at McHenry County College. Everyone aged 10 and up are welcomed. Open chess is for beginners to experts. Players are welcome to bring their own chess boards but not required to do so. Limited boards will be available for use. Open chess is a great way to connect with other chess enthusiasts, practice your playing skills, and learn from veteran chess players. Vending machines are available onsite for snacks.
Fee: $5
# 6130 Th 7/6–9/28 6–8 p.m.

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment or call (815) 455-8588
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 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: $19
LeeAnne Krusemark
# 5916
M 7/10
5–6 p.m. Remote

Get Funny!
Gain the ability to create humor, an important skill that can open many doors. This course is filled with opportunities to laugh as you learn how to come up with jokes or witticisms on the fly, punch up dull material for an audience, or entertain friends and even make new ones.
Fee: $115
# 5951  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 5952  8/16–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 5953  9/13–11/3  24 Hours  Online

Learn to Buy and Sell on eBay
Learn from an auction pro how to work from home or earn extra income by buying and selling goods online for top dollar. This course will teach you how to get noticed, value items, sell quickly, protect against fraud, and safely conduct financial transactions.
Fee: $115
# 5954  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 5955  8/16–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 5956  9/13–11/3  24 Hours  Online

TEST PREP

GRE Prep Series
If you’re planning to apply for graduate school, this series is the perfect place to prepare for the GRE. Learn techniques for taking on the verbal reasoning, analytical writing, and quantitative math sections of the test. We’ll also provide pointers on managing time, reducing anxiety, and explain how scoring is calculated.
Fee: $199
# 5805  7/12–10/6  48 Hours  Online
# 5806  8/16–11/10  48 Hours  Online
# 5807  9/13–12/7  48 Hours  Online

SAT/ACT Part 1-English Prep Course
This class focuses on the verbal questions of the ACT and SAT for the reading test, English test, and science test. We’ll assess your knowledge of English usage, grammar, and reading comprehension and prepare you for specific question types on both exams. The course also includes tips related to time management, anxiety relief, scoring, and general standardized test-taking.
Fee: $115
# 5808  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 5809  8/16–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 5810  9/13–11/3  24 Hours  Online

SAT/ACT Part 2-Math Prep Course
This course focuses on the math questions of the ACT and SAT and includes a complete review of geometry, trigonometry, and basic statistics. Learn how to use your time wisely so you finish as many math questions as possible in the 60 minutes given to you for the math test. We’ll also cover functions and other Algebra II subjects now tested on the SAT. This course also includes tips related to time management, anxiety relief, scoring, and general standardized test-taking.
Fee: $115
# 5811  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 5812  8/16–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 5813  9/13–11/3  24 Hours  Online

SAT/ACT Prep Series
Making the decision to attend college is probably one of the most important decisions you’ll ever make—and your performance on college entrance exams is instrumental in determining your college choice. Universities and colleges throughout the U.S. require applicants to take the SAT or ACT as part of their evaluation package. This series will help prepare you to excel in all sections, for both tests, and provide you with the means to achieve your best potential score!
Fee: $199
# 5814  7/12–10/6  24 Hours  Online
# 5815  8/16–11/10  24 Hours  Online
# 5816  9/13–12/7  24 Hours  Online
**WRITING**

**How to Self-Publish for Free**

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

Fee: $79

# 5907 7/1–9/30

LeeAnne Krusemark

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

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

Fee: $29

# 5908 7/8 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

LeeAnne Krusemark

**Introduction to Screenwriting for Television or Movies**

In this comprehensive session, you will learn about special screenwriting terms and formats for television and the big screen. You will also learn how to plot a story, develop characters, and execute your work in the proper screenwriting format. You will discover the difference between a treatment, a spec script, and a shooting script, and when to do each. And, you’ll get an inside look into the business of selling your script to agents and producers. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The instructor, LeeAnne Krusemark, is a former journalist, current author and editor, and a nationwide Professor of Publishing at higher learning institutions, including Harvard Adult Education. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: $19

# 5909 7/8 1–2 p.m.

LeeAnne Krusemark

**Write a Riveting Mystery, Suspense, or Crime Story**

Become a mystery writer for fun or profit! You will discover the different sub-genres and three-act story structure of mystery writing and create an intriguing cast of characters. Learn how to research and pick your setting, make sure your opening grabs readers’ attention, use “red herrings” to misdirect your readers and create suspense until you’re ready for the final reveal. Publishing options will also be discussed. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The instructor, LeeAnne Krusemark, is a former journalist, current author and editor, and a nationwide Professor of Publishing at higher learning institutions, including Harvard Adult Education. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: $29

# 5910 7/8 2–4 p.m.

LeeAnne Krusemark

**Explore the World as a Travel Writer**

If you love to travel and love to write, this is for you! We will discuss how to use all your senses in a new destination to create more detailed and in-depth descriptions that capture and maintain readers’ interest, and whether or not you include photos with your work. You will also learn how to find and submit your finished product to print and online markets, the business side of travel writing (how to take travel tax deductions), and how to avoid worn-out travel writing cliches. Informative handouts for future use are included in the class fee. The instructor, LeeAnne Krusemark, is a former journalist, current author and editor, and a nationwide Professor of Publishing at higher learning institutions, including Harvard Adult Education. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: $29

# 5911 7/8 4–6 p.m.

LeeAnne Krusemark

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment or call (815) 455-8588
How to Outline and Write an Irresistible Romance

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

Fee: $19
LeeAnne Krusemark
# 5912 M 7/10 5–6 p.m. Remote

Beginner’s Guide to Starting a Free Blog

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

Fee: $29
LeeAnne Krusemark
# 5913 W 7/12 6–8 p.m. Remote

Comedy Writing: How to Be Funny on Paper and Stage

Whether you need to make a dull work presentation more lively, mix laughter with learning in the classroom, or ultimately want to write for print/production or perform your own stand up routine, this fast-paced session will show you how to apply humor to all aspects of your life. You will learn the anatomy of a joke, how to use your powers of observation to sharpen your wit, write different types of jokes, and use humor to entertain and influence people. Informative handouts for future use are included in the class fee. The instructor, LeeAnne Krusemark, is a former stand-up comedian at places like The Laugh Factory in Hollywood, current author and editor, and a nationwide Professor of Publishing at higher learning institutions, including Harvard Adult Education. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: $19
LeeAnne Krusemark
# 5915 Sa 7/15 1–2 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 instructor, LeeAnne Krusemark, is a former journalist, current author and editor, and a nationwide Professor of Publishing at higher learning institutions, including Harvard Adult Education. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: $39
LeeAnne Krusemark
# 5914 Sa 7/15 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Remote

A to Z Grant Writing

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

Fee: $119
# 5957 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5958 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 5959 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

Beginning Writer’s Workshop

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

Fee: $115
# 5960 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5961 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 5962 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online
Grammar Refresher
Level up your grammar, speaking, and writing skills! In this course, we’ll review the eight parts of speech, punctuation and mechanics, and foundational sentence construction. We’ll also discuss phrases, clauses, problem words, common grammar mistakes, and much more using practical, hands-on exercises, short videos, and even fun games.
Fee: $115
# 5963 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 5999 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 6000 9/13–11/3 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: $119
# 6001 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 6002 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 6003 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

Write Fiction Like A Pro
Learn how to use story outlines like a professional writer with the help of lessons developed by a published author. This course will show you how to apply narrative structure to lend your fiction writing the maximum dramatic effect.
Fee: $115
# 6005 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 6006 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 6007 9/13–11/3 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: $119
# 6008 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 6009 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 6010 9/13–11/3 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: $115
# 6011 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 6012 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online
# 6013 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

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Fee: $25 (one year)

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

Fee: $69

Open Chess with McHenry Area Chess Club
Join the McHenry Area Chess Club for weekly Thursday night open chess from 6 to 8 p.m. at McHenry County College. Everyone aged 10 and up are welcomed. Open chess is for beginners to experts. Players are welcome to bring their own chess boards but not required to do so. Limited boards will be available for use. Open chess is a great way to connect with other chess enthusiasts, practice your playing skills, and learn from veteran chess players. Vending machines are available onsite for snacks.

Fee: $5

Chess for Beginners to Intermediates
Do you have an interest in learning how to play chess? Do you enjoy playing chess and would like to improve? This 8-week class will cover the essentials of chess, how to get started, basic strategy, and the resources to improve your next move. Instructor Jeff Varda, an experienced chess coach and player, will guide you on how to move your first pawn, how to protect your king, and finally, how to capture your opponent’s king. Checkmate! Chess sets will be provided for use during each class. This class is open to students ages 10 and up.

Fee: $20

Writer Wannabees
Are you interested in writing, but don’t know where to start? Do you like to write and share your thoughts? Are you looking for an honest, gentle critique? Join other RAP members to discuss the rewards and challenges of writing. Facilitated by Dan Giallombardo, this is a self-directed writing support group. Registration is limited to 15 people. Monday classes meet the second and fourth Monday of each month. Monday class dates are: July 10 and 24, Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 13 and 27, Dec. 11; Wednesday classes meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Wednesday class dates are: July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23, Sept. 13 and 27, Oct. 11 and 25, Nov. 8, Dec. 13.

Fee: $15

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/rap or call (815) 455-8588.
The History of Baseball

This program will review the history of baseball from its origins through its various stages of development to what the game is today. We'll highlight certain players and personalities, plus include baseball trivia questions from Mr. Baseball throughout the presentation. You'll gain a better understanding of what baseball has meant to our culture and how it affects society today.

Fee: $12

Bob Pressman
# 5720  T  7/11  9:30–11:30 a.m.  Remote

RAP Hike: Rush Creek

Rush Creek Conservation Area is 726 acres of upland forest, oak, and hickory woodlands, wetlands, and sedge meadows. Within the woodlands, you can find a variety of trees, including shagbark hickory, aspen, black walnut, basswood, black cherry trees, and red, white, and bur oaks. The strong branches on these trees provide favorable nesting places for larger birds such as red-tailed hawks and great horned owls, while the hollows and holes in the trees provide habitats for smaller wildlife like woodpeckers, screech owls, and flying squirrels. Coyote, deer, raccoons, groundhogs, grey squirrels and opossums also live here. The seasonal wetlands provide crucial habitats for salamanders, Blanding’s turtles, American toads, and chorus frogs during the spring and early summer months. Several species of wildflowers scatter the forest floor, including May apples, shooting stars, violets, and trillium. Other wildflowers in the prairie and wet meadow include sunflowers, yellow coneflowers, aster, wild geranium, cardinal flowers, and marsh marigolds. Join the experts from the McHenry County Conservation District for a fun, informative hike through the beauty of Rush Creek. The address is: 20501 McGuire Road, Harvard, IL.

Fee: $5

Nate Szkil
# 6157  F  7/14  10–11:30 a.m.

The Lone Ranger Rides Again!

2023 marks the 90th anniversary of the Lone Ranger, the fictional character who has had a lasting influence on American culture. This class shares the fascinating story of how the Lone Ranger and Tonto were created, including pictures courtesy of the family of actor Clayton Moore who portrayed the Lone Ranger on television and movies.

Fee: $12

Maria Jose Tenuto
# 5722  F  7/14  1–3 p.m.  Remote

Religious Terrorism: A Recipe for Disaster

Many religions have engaged in acts of terrorism, and when they do, they exhibit five common ingredients that are prone to generate violence. In this class, we will begin by defining what religious terrorism is and then examine these five common ingredients to show how they contribute to escalating violence. The instructor will show how removing any one of those ingredients prevents the inevitable violence that terrorism brings. We will end with several examples in modern-day religions where these five ingredients led to disaster.

Fee: $12

Brian Wagner
# 5721  M  7/17  1:30–3:30 p.m.  Remote

Reverse Flower Dip Acrylic Painting

Create your next masterpiece by using the reverse flower dip method. Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward, will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep your 8x8 canvas, and apply the paint for a beautiful flower effect. The fun begins the moment the paint hits the canvas. You’ll leave your painting to dry until the 2nd class where you will varnish your masterpiece. Please bring a shirt box larger than 8x8 to transport your painting home safely. All class supplies are included except for the box. Let’s have some fun and be creative! This is a two-day class.

Fee: $39

Patricia Berry
# 6205  M  7/17  6–8 p.m.  A, MCC
# 6206  Th  7/20  6–7:30 p.m.  A, MCC

Summer Treats: Fun with Cookies

Kick off summer with some treat-themed cookies! Join Lauren Daly of Tada Cookies in learning how to make and decorate perfect cookies. Learn how to make delicious cookie dough and practice techniques for decorating beautiful cookies. You will receive six pre-baked themed cookies, icing, and sprinkles to decorate your own cookies during the class. Please bring an apron and get ready to decorate!

Fee: $35

Lauren Daly
# 6200  T  7/18  6–8 p.m.  A, MCC

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/rap or call (815) 455-8588
Everything You Wanted to Know About the Drinking Water in Your Home

This course will present information about your home's potable water system—from how the water gets to your home to how it is distributed inside your home; what causes low water pressure, stains on fixtures, and rotten egg smells; how you can maintain your water heater; and what a water softener is for and how to make sure it isn’t wasting water. Other topics that will be covered include: lead and/or copper in your water as well as other contaminants; and which is better, tap water or bottled water. Attendees are encouraged to bring your latest Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) provided by your public water supply. There will be plenty of time for your questions.

Fee: $10
# 6198
# 6192
W 8/16 6–7:30 p.m. A, MCC

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
# 6128 Sa 8/5 9–11:30 a.m. A, MCC
# 6129 T 9/12 6–8:30 p.m. A, MCC

Sumi-e Japanese Black Ink Art

Discover the beauty of Sumi-e, the Japanese art style of monochrome, black ink painting. You’ll learn the techniques to paint with ink and how to create levels of shading by dissolving ink in water. Your end result will be creating your own elegant masterpieces. All supplies are provided.

Fee: $69
# 6219 T 8/8–8/29 6–8 p.m. A, MCC

RAP Hike: Hickory Grove Highlands

Hickory Grove Highlands serves as a refuge for northern Illinois wildlife, and provides visitors with opportunities for hiking through the beautiful woodlands. For hundreds of years, the first Americans and the Potawatomi, Winnebago, and Fox tribes lived in and passed through this woodland area. Hickory Grove Conservation Area opened to the public in 1981. Join the experts from the McHenry County Conservation District for a fun, informative hike through the beauty of Hickory Grove Highlands. The address is: 500 Hickory Nut Grove Road (South side of the street), Cary.

Fee: $5
# 6158 F 8/11 10–11:30 a.m.

Home Electrical Systems: Troubleshooting and Fixing Common Problems

When problems arise with electrical devices in your home, most people call an electrician—which could cost hundreds of dollars. This class will discuss common electrical problems that can be easily fixed without the help of an electrician. We’ll discuss the basics of how your home’s electrical system works, the advantages of switching from incandescent bulbs to LEDs, how to install a ceiling fan to help cool your home and save energy, and more.

Fee: $10
# 6150 W 8/16 6–7:30 p.m. A, MCC

Brain Health: Concussion Management

Concussions happen—and they can be scary—but it’s how we manage them that makes a difference! Learn from Certified Concussion Specialist, Dana Tress, the signs and symptoms of a concussion along with the latest, most up-to-date protocols for concussion management and treatment. Discover how to help yourself, your kids, and your athletes return to activity as safely as possible following this specific type of head injury.

Fee: $12
# 6191 Th 8/17 6–7:30 p.m. A, MCC
# 6197 Th 8/17 6–7:30 p.m. Remote

Brain Health: Understanding Dementia

Learn the basics of dementias—everything you never wanted to know. Discover signs to look for in yourself and others, identify different types of dementia (including Alzheimer’s), and learn what to expect once a diagnosis is made. Dr. Jennifer Wilson-Binotti owns and is the sole practitioner of Compassionate Neuropsychology LLC. She specializes in diagnosis of dementias and will discuss neuropsychological evaluation for dementia and how to manage loved ones with the illness. She will also discuss tactics to help avoid the disease.

Fee: $10
# 6136 W 9/20 5:30–7 p.m. A, MCC
# 6137 W 9/20 5:30–7 p.m. Remote

Brain Health: Headache Management

Take control of your headaches! If you’re one of the 90% of adults who suffer from headaches, this class is designed for you. Understand the important facts about the most common types of headaches. Learn ways to take control of your head pain through medical intervention, alternative therapies, exercises, and work/posture habits. You’ll participate in a gentle posture strength and stretching program that can be used immediately to begin to address your headaches.

Fee: $12
# 6192 W 10/18 6–7:30 p.m. A, MCC
# 6198 W 10/18 6–7:30 p.m. Remote
### Flip Cup Acrylic Painting

Create your next masterpiece by using the flip cup method. Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward, will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep your 11x14 canvas, and apply the paint for a beautiful effect. The fun begins the moment the paint hits the canvas. You’ll leave your painting to dry until the second class where you will varnish your masterpiece. Please bring a box larger than 11x14 to transport your painting home safely. All class supplies are included except for the box. Let’s have some fun and be creative! This is a two-day class.

**Fee:** $49  
**# 6206**  
M 8/21 6–8 p.m.  
Th 8/24 6–7:30 p.m.

**# 6207**  
M 9/18 6–8 p.m.  
Th 9/21 6–7:30 p.m.

**Patricia Berry**

### Paint Night: Charcuterie Board

Paint your own personalized charcuterie board for your kitchen décor. You will pick either a sunflower, wine glass, or monogram design and our instructor will take you through the steps to creating your new masterpiece. All supplies are provided. Bring a snack and make it a fun night!

**Fee:** $40  
**# 6227**  
W 8/30 6–8:30 p.m.  
**# 6228**  
W 9/27 6–8:30 p.m.

**Julie Kukreja**

### Bird Watching: Local Bird Identification

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

**Fee:** $29  
**# 6153**  
Th 9/7 6:30–8:30 p.m.  
Sa 9/9 8–10:30 a.m.

**# 6159**  
F 9/8 10–11:30 a.m.

**Jeff Aufmann**

### Open Cup Pour Acrylic Painting

Create your next masterpiece by using the open cup pour method. Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward, will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep your 11x14 canvas, and apply the paint for a beautiful effect. The fun begins the moment the paint hits the canvas. You’ll leave your painting to dry until the second class where you will varnish your masterpiece. Please bring a shirt box larger than 11x14 to transport your painting home safely. All class supplies are included except for the box. Let’s have some fun and be creative! This is a two-day class.

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M 9/18 6–8 p.m.  
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**Patricia Berry**

### RAP Hike: Marengo Ridge

Marengo Ridge Conservation Area is one of McHenry County’s most popular and treasured areas. It contains over 818 acres of oak and hickory woodlands interspersed with spruce, aspen, ash, and sumac groves. The Marengo Ridge, from which the site derives its name, was left by the retreating Wisconsin glacier. The Marengo Ridge moraine is 40 miles long, 3 miles wide, and creates one of the steepest, vertical moraines in Illinois at 1,050 feet above sea level. The Marengo Moraine was created about 24,000 years ago. Join the experts from the McHenry County Conservation District for a fun, informative hike through the beauty of Rush Creek. The address is: 2411 N. Route 23, Marengo, IL.

**Fee:** $5  
**# 6159**  
F 9/8 10–11:30 a.m.

**Nate Szkil**

### Artistic Journaling

Do you like to journal? Have you ever wanted to take your journaling to the next step? Learn how to create beautiful, one-of-a-kind pages in your journals using a variety of art materials and mediums. You will learn how to blend different art mediums to create unique layering effects and explore different styles of doodling and journaling. This would make a unique journal to keep or share with your special someone. A supply list will be sent to you prior to the start of the class.

**Fee:** $69  
**# 6221**  
M 9/11–10/23 6–8 p.m.

**Julie Kukreja**

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/rap or call (815) 455-8588.
# Career Training

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

## Construction/Flagger

### Flagger Certification

The National Safety Council (NSC) Work Zone Flagger Program incorporates classroom instruction, hands-on training and a flagging skills test to teach roadway personnel how to minimize confusion with standard flagging procedures and provide safe passage of traffic through and around Temporary Traffic Control Work Zones. This four-hour NSC Certification program meets federal industry guidelines and includes a manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. This certificate is valid for three years.

Participants will learn:
- Key flagging procedures
- Critical do’s and don’ts for flaggers
- How to maintain safety for themselves, roadway users, and their crew

Fee: $150

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## Food Service Sanitation

### ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification

All food service operations that prepare and serve food are required to have a certified food safety manager on the premises when food is being handled. This course, taught in Spanish, 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 course uses ServSafe (an ANSI-CFPM accredited exam provider), meeting the Illinois Department of Public Health requirements. The ServSafe Manager Certification verifies that a manager/person in charge has sufficient food safety knowledge to protect the public from a foodborne illness. The certification is valid for five years. You must arrive promptly by 8 a.m. Spanish Language Book is included in class fee. Bring photo ID to class.

Fee: $189

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## Professional Healthcare

### BLS Healthcare Provider CPR

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

Fee: $75

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EKG Technician

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

Fee: $999
# 6026 ThF 9/7–10/27 9–11 a.m.  A, MCC

Kristin Lynam

Phlebotomy Technician CPT

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

Fee: $1,999
# 5950 TTh 8/15–10/24 4:30–7:30 p.m.  A, MCC

Pinakini Thakkar

911 Emergency Dispatcher

This course will give you training to prepare for the career of emergency dispatching. You’ll get information about the profession and an overview of what you will encounter on the job, as well as scenario-based training. Topics include an overview of the profession, call-taking technology, law enforcement communication, fire communication, emergency medical dispatching, emergency radios, liability and accountability, crisis intervention, and stress management. Successful completion of this course prepares the student to take the National Communications Certification Exam, which is included in the price of the course and will be administered the last day of class.

Fee: $749
# 6279 W 8/16–12/6 5–6:50 p.m.  SCC
# 6229 Sa 8/19–12/9 9 a.m.–Noon  SCC

Stephanie Erb

REAL ESTATE/HOME INSPECTION

Home Inspection Pre-Licensing Course

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

Fee: $999
# 6004 TTh 10/3–12/14 6–9 p.m.  Remote

Theodore Dinkelman

Real Estate Broker Pre-Licensing Series

This blended-home study course satisfies the 90 hours of instruction required by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to become a Real Estate Broker (75 hours from Broker Pre-Licenses Topics section; 15 hours from Broker Pre-License Applied Estate Principles section). 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, contract knowledge, independent contractor/employee agreements, and occupational disciplines. We’ll cover role play, case study examples, demonstration examples, and “what if” situational examples in areas such as listing presentation, agreement and disclosure, writing purchase agreements, market analysis, seller net sheets, confronting fair housing violations (seller or buyer), distressed property issues, antitrust scenarios, and inspection/repair issues.

Fee: $799
# 5766 T 8/15–11/14 6–9:30 p.m.  Remote

Kristine Brown
**TRANSPORTATION**

**Motorcycle Technician Training Program**

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

Fee: $3,999

Windy City Fox Motor Sports

# 5655 M–Th 8/21–10/26 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Windy City Motorcycle Company Academy

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**VETERINARY**

**Veterinary Assistant**

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

Fee: $2,499

Tabitha Arenson

# 5578 MTTh 8/7–12/14 6–9 p.m. A, MCC

**Veterinary Assistant-High School Students Only**

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Fee: $1,249

Tabitha Arenson

# 5579 MTTh 8/7–12/14 6–9 p.m. A, MCC

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

### Keyboarding
Become faster and more confident at the keyboard. This course will help you learn how to touch-type the alphabetic, numeric, and symbol keys; create, save, and edit word processing documents; and successfully take a timed writing test during a job interview. When the class starts, you’ll receive instructions for downloading and installing a working copy of Keyboarding Pro 5. Please do not purchase or download the software from another source. This course must be taken on a PC or Chromebook. Macs are not compatible. Software requirement: PC: Windows 11 or later. Participants will receive an email with login information 24-48 hours after registering.

**Fee:** $115  
# 5940  
9/13–11/3  
24 Hours  
Online

### Computer Skills for the Workplace
Learn the fundamental computer competencies you need to survive and prosper in today’s quickly evolving workplace. You’ll learn how to implement the powers of modern office software (Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint) to work faster and more efficiently. This course will also focus on practical applications for software most common in the workplace, utilizing the internet, and transferring and protecting data. By the time you finish, you’ll see why technological literacy is so critical to the success of any organization. This course must be taken on a PC. Macs are not compatible. Software Requirement: Any edition of Microsoft Office with desktop apps: Excel, Word, Outlook, PowerPoint, and Access (not included in enrollment). Participants will receive login information 24-48 hours after registering.

**Fee:** $115  
# 5934  
7/12–9/1  
24 Hours  
Online  
# 5935  
9/13–11/3  
24 Hours  
Online

### Getting Started with Google Workspace
Discover the many free apps of Google and learn how to put them to work for both business and personal projects. You’ll explore the most popular Google apps (Gmail, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive, Contacts, Calendar, Meet, and Chat) and learn how they work together to make daily tasks easier.

**Fee:** $139  
# 5942  
9/13–11/3  
24 Hours  
Online

### Introduction to Windows 11
Learn to use Windows 11, a powerful new operating system, to customize your desktop, manage and protect files and folders, and navigate the web with the latest Microsoft Edge browser. You’ll discover how File Explorer can help you manage your files, create text documents using WordPad, and update Windows 11. From editing photos to working with external drives, you’ll learn everything you need to know to get the most from this operating system. Participants will receive login information 24-48 hours after registering.

**Fee:** $115  
# 5937  
7/12–9/1  
24 Hours  
Online  
# 5938  
9/13–11/3  
24 Hours  
Online

### Introduction to Microsoft Word 2019
Across all industries, the ability to create documents in a word processing tool is essential in day-to-day functions. Microsoft Word, the most widely used word processing program, adds an important skill set to your professional profile. This course will introduce you to the 2019 version of Microsoft Word. You will learn the basics needed to write and edit text and to create, format, and organize documents. By the time you’re done with these hands-on activities, you will be able to use Word confidently at home or on the job. Participants will receive an email with login information 24-48 hours after registering.

**Fee:** $129  
# 6052  
7/12–9/1  
24 Hours  
Online  
# 6053  
9/13–11/3  
24 Hours  
Online
Introduction to PowerPoint 2019/Office 365

This in-depth course introduces PowerPoint’s functions to teach you how to plan and create professional-quality presentations. You will learn how to catch your audience’s attention with PowerPoint’s visual features like photo album. As you become acquainted with Office 365, you’ll learn how to utilize OneDrive and PowerPoint Online’s cross-functionality—saving, editing, and sharing your presentations online. This course is perfect for beginners looking to learn how to use the latest PowerPoint software. You will have the opportunity to create a custom presentation with content specific to your needs. At the end of the course, you will be able to create captivating presentations and contribute to your company’s business processes. Participants will receive an email with login information 24-48 hours after registering.

Fee: $129
# 6059  7/12–9/1  24 Hours  Online
# 6060  9/13–11/3  24 Hours  Online

MICROSOFT EXCEL SERIES

This series includes Microsoft Excel Levels 1, 2, and 3 and is offered at a discounted rate. Taking all three courses within a few weeks allows the learner to start with a solid foundation and then follow a progression of learning that builds on each skill. If you use Excel on a daily basis or are looking to upskill your resume, this Excel Series will greatly enhance your knowledge and productivity.

Take the entire Microsoft Excel Series (3 sessions) and save! Series # SER-EX Series Fee: $477

Microsoft Excel Level 1 (Basic)

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

Fee: $179
# 5986  MW  7/17, 7/19  8 a.m.–Noon  SCC
# 6072  Th  8/17  8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  SCC

Microsoft Excel Level 2 (Intermediate)

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

Fee: $179
# 5988  MW  8/21, 8/23  8 a.m.–Noon  SCC
# 6073  Th  8/31  8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  SCC

Microsoft Excel Level 3 (Advanced)

You will benefit most from this class if you want to use Excel to perform tasks such as getting information from large amounts of data sources inside and outside of Excel, creating output that varies according to conditions, manipulating dates and texts and automating repetitive tasks. Topics include lookup and decision-making functions; auditing and error-handling; array functions; special functions such as date, time and text functions; importing and exporting; what-if-analysis; automating repetitive tasks by recording and running macros; and forms.

Fee: $179
# 6074  Th  9/14  8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  SCC
# 6062  MW  9/18, 9/20  8 a.m.–Noon  SCC

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MICROSOFT EXCEL 2019 ONLINE SERIES

In this online course bundle, you’ll be introduced to Microsoft Office Excel 2019 and its intermediate and advanced features. Whether you’re new to Excel or need a refresher, the Microsoft Excel 2019 Series bundle will help you master this longstanding spreadsheet software. This course must be taken on a PC. It is not suitable for Macs or Chromebooks. Software Requirements: Microsoft Excel 2019: Available to download with a subscription to Microsoft 365, or with Microsoft Office Home and Student 2019. (not included in enrollment). Participants will receive login information 24-48 hours after registering.

Take the entire Microsoft Excel 2019 Online Series (3 sessions) and save!

Series # SER-EX2019
7/12–11/3 72 hours Online

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2019
Explore Microsoft Excel’s basic functions and uses. Through hands-on lessons, you’ll learn numerous shortcuts to set up worksheets quickly and efficiently. We’ll discuss using the function wizard to calculate statistics and future values, and give tips on sorting and analyzing data, creating three-dimensional workbooks, and automating frequently repeated tasks with macros and buttons. Participants will receive login information 24-48 hours after registering.
Fee: $129
# 6078 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online

Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2019
Learn to harness the power of Excel's data analysis tools and AutoFilter commands and create macros that eliminate repetitive tasks. Set yourself apart from the casual Excel user by adding VLOOKUP, INDEX & MATCH, and other intermediate functions to your professional skill set. In addition, you will learn to create macros that let you manipulate data with the push of a button. You will also discover how to use Goal Seek and Solver and apply them to real-world problems. Participants will receive login information 24-48 hours after registering.
Fee: $129
# 6113 8/16–10/6 24 Hours Online

Advanced Microsoft Excel 2019
Learn the secret to using formula-based conditional formatting as a creative solution to common issues and discover how to leverage Excel’s Power Query tool to import and transform data from just about any source. Participants will receive login information 24-48 hours after registering.
Fee: $129
# 6114 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

Microsoft Excel - Pivot Tables
Most organizations rely heavily on Microsoft Excel pivot tables to analyze and report financial information. This course will teach you how to utilize the numerous pivot tables to develop useful analysis models and reports within your company. Learn how to create functional and eye-catching interactive dashboards using a combination of pivot tables, pivot charts, and slicers. You will discover advanced techniques for pivot tables, like creating timelines, calculated fields, and calculated items. You will also learn how to use Excel’s table function to efficiently manage changes to the pivot table's source data to avoid making mistakes when data is added or deleted. Participants will receive an email with login information 24-48 hours after registering.
Fee: $119
# 6056 7/12–9/1 24 Hours Online
# 6057 9/13–11/3 24 Hours Online

Certificate in Data Analysis
Data Analysis is quickly becoming one of the most sought-after skills in the workplace. Companies have vast amounts of data, but it is rare to have someone with the ability to analyze that data to see trends and make predictions. Add a whole new skill set to your portfolio, and make a big difference in the success of your organization by acquiring data analysis skills.

Take each class individually — or register for the entire series and save!

Certificate Series Fee: $495
# 4782 6/5–9/1 48 Hours Online

Introduction to Data Analysis
Fee: $195
# 4785 6/5–6/30 16 Hours Online

Intermediate Data Analysis
Fee: $195
# 4788 7/4–7/28 16 Hours Online

Advanced Data Analysis
Fee: $195
# 4791 8/7–9/1 16 Hours Online

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/workforce or call (815) 455-8588
Power BI Certificate

Gain insights into your data using business intelligence software – Power Business Intelligence. Power BI is a widely used business analytics service offered by Microsoft. Discover the process of creating interactive reports; integrate financial, marketing, or any other source data in your accounting system, Excel, or on the Web; streamline your data; and create charts, maps, and other visuals to see your data in real time. Delve further into Power Query to ETL (Extract, Transform, and Load) your data; utilize time Intelligence functions to view YoY or YTD reports; and add user-friendly features to enhance your reports and analyze your results.

Take each class individually — or register for the entire series and save!

Certificate Series Fee: $495
# 4991 6/5–9/1 48 Hours Online

Introduction to Power BI
Fee: $195
# 4977 6/5–6/30 16 Hours Online

Intermediate Power BI
Fee: $195
# 4988 7/4–7/28 16 Hours Online

Advanced Power BI
Fee: $195
# 4974 8/7–9/1 16 Hours Online

Coding Certificate

Coding is becoming one of the most in-demand skills in the workplace today. As a result, coding has become a core skill that bolsters one’s chances for becoming a higher value to organizations. The highest demand is for programming languages with broad applicability. Begin with an introduction to the basics of computer programming and various programming languages. Then, go to the next level and acquire all the basics of HTML and CSS. You will learn the relationship between these two industry-standard web page coding languages and the step-by-step process of hand-coding and building web pages. Finally, discover the advanced features of CSS and learn how to use this very powerful language.

Fee: $595
# 4950 6/5–9/1 48 Hours Online

SQL Certificate

Structured Query Language (SQL) is the industry standard database programming language. Proficiency in SQL is one of the most in-demand skills in occupations that require interaction with data and data analysis. In this course, you’ll learn about relational database structures, the history and uses of Structured Query Language, and how to use SQL to create a database, add records to database tables, and extract meaningful data from database tables.

Fee: $595
# 4997 6/5–9/1 48 Hours Online

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/workforce or call (815) 455-8588
Digital Marketing Certificate
Get a fundamental yet advanced introduction to eMarketing, including improving email promotions, analyzing your website traffic, implementing search engine optimization, and successfully employing online advertising. Relevant for any type of organization, including businesses, companies, non-profits, and government agencies. No eMarketing experience or expertise is necessary. If you are already at an advanced level, your instructors are experts and can provide the latest, most advanced information and answer your toughest questions.

Take each class individually — or register for the entire series and save!

Certificate Series Fee: $495

# 4836 6/5–9/1 48 Hours Online

Improving Email Promotions
Fee: $195

# 4839 6/5–6/30 16 Hours Online

Boosting Your Website Traffic
Fee: $195

# 4842 7/4–7/28 16 Hours Online

Online Advertising
Fee: $195

# 4845 8/7–9/1 16 Hours Online

Integrated Marketing Certificate
Discover best practices in integrated marketing, an increasingly popular strategy that combines traditional print marketing with digital marketing for even greater success. Younger generations are embracing print as well as online media, creating exciting opportunities to connect with audiences in new ways. Find out the keys to success in printed collateral, including catalogs, direct mail letters, and postcards. Learn advanced marketing concepts and principles such as RFM analysis, AIDA, and the 3-30-3 principle, and understand how digital and print marketing complement and enhance each other. You’ll come away with new marketing expertise that will increase your value in any workplace.

Take each class individually — or register for the entire series and save!

Certificate Series Fee: $495

# 4847 6/5–9/1 48 Hours Online

Integrated Marketing Best Practices
Fee: $195

# 5024 6/5–6/30 16 Hours Online

Successful Print Marketing
Fee: $195

# 5037 7/4–7/28 16 Hours Online

Integrated Marketing Best Practices
Fee: $195

# 5025 8/7–9/1 16 Hours Online

Social Media for Business Certificate
Get in on this exciting and growing way to communicate, market, and serve your customers and clients. From Facebook and Twitter to blogging, YouTube, LinkedIn, and more, discover the new principles of communication that apply across all networks. Discover how these specific social networks work and identify possible uses for your organization. For businesses, nonprofits, government, and other organizations.

Take each class individually — or register for the entire series and save!

Certificate Series Fee: $495

# 4720 6/5–9/1 48 Hours Online

Introduction to Social Media
Fee: $195

# 4723 6/5–6/30 16 Hours Online

Marketing Using Social Media
Fee: $195

# 5674 7/4–7/28 16 Hours Online

Integrating Social Media Into Your Organization
Fee: $195

# 4727 8/7–9/1 16 Hours Online

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/workforce or call (815) 455-8588
Certificate in Web Design
Understanding what it takes to produce effective web design is essential in today’s market of highly saturated digital competition. First, discover the basics of web design using HTML and CSS. No prior knowledge of HTML or web design is required. After the first course, you will have the info you need to plan and design effective web pages. Then find out how to create effective and dynamic websites/applications. Take away a functioning web application hosted on a web server that is both accessible and Search Engine Optimized. Finally, learn about responsive design process, advanced layout and design features using the Bootstrap framework. In addition, explore CMS frameworks and industry standard technologies and frameworks.

Take each class individually — or register for the entire series and save!
Certificate Series Fee: $595
# 4935  6/5–9/1  48 Hours  Online

Introduction to Web Design
Fee: $245
# 4932  6/5–6/30  16 Hours  Online

Intermediate Web Design
Fee: $245
# 4941  7/4–7/28  16 Hours  Online

Advanced Web Design
Fee: $245
# 4938  8/7–9/1  16 Hours  Online

Graphic Design Software Essentials Certificate
The Adobe software tools are the leading software for graphic design. Adobe Illustrator is the industry standard computer illustration software. Use Illustrator to draw shapes and design logos, flyers, posters, banners, business cards, or any other vector graphics for print or web. Adobe InDesign is the industry standard page-layout program that works with Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop seamlessly. InDesign allows you to create simple or complex multi-page documents such as brochures, flyers, books, and magazines. Use Adobe Photoshop to effectively work with selection and editing tools, layers, and masks to edit, retouch, and enhance existing images or create your own composite digital artwork. Access to the Adobe software tools is required.

Take each class individually — or register for the entire series and save!
Certificate Series Fee: $545
# 4947  6/5–9/1  48 Hours  Online

Adobe Illustrator Essentials
Fee: $225
# 4965  6/5–6/30  16 Hours  Online

Adobe Photoshop Essentials
Fee: $225
# 4971  7/4–7/28  16 Hours  Online

Adobe InDesign Essentials
Fee: $225
# 4968  8/7–9/1  16 Hours  Online

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

Saturday, July 8, 2023
9 a.m.–4 p.m.

The Gardens
Come out for a day of gorgeous gardens, education, and fun! On Saturday, July 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the University of Illinois Extension McHenry County Master Gardeners and McHenry County College will host their annual Garden Walk, a tour of nine gardens (two demonstration and seven residential). This self-guided drive will feature gardens in Crystal Lake, Woodstock, Harvard, and McHenry. Experience colorful gardens studded with artwork, edible plots, and more. You’ll learn many new things as you enjoy the diversity of these beautiful spaces.

Ticket Information
Advance tickets ($15) may purchased starting May 22 at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/garden-walk-2023-tickets-631615347507. All tickets must be picked up the day of the walk. Tickets may be purchased day of for ($20) at the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at MCC—Parking Lot C. No ticket sales will be available from Friday, June 30 through Friday, July 7, 2023. No tickets will be mailed. No refunds. Event is held rain or shine. No pets please.

Scan the QR code to register.
For more information about Garden Walk, visit www.mchenry.edu/gardenwalk, email conferencecenter@mchenry.edu, or call (815) 479-7570.
Join us for a Free Community Event

MCC

Community Block Party

Sunday, July 30 / Noon–5 P.M.
Sew Hop’d Brewery | Huntley, IL.

- Free admission / all are welcome / family friendly
- Free gift for MCC alumni
- Live music from: David’s House, Shukin and the Ramblers, and Renegade Wildflower
- Food trucks available for purchasing food
- Children’s entertainment
- Market stand hosted by MCC Center for Agrarian Learning

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, The Ruth Family!

This event will have opportunities to give, as proceeds will support MCC’s Student Success Fund and related support services.
Bird Watching: Local Bird Identification

Improve your birding skills to better identify species found in the area.