The following classes are offered through remote instruction using the Zoom meeting platform or in person when a specific location is listed. For remote classes, program staff will notify registered participants with information to access your class 24 hours before class begins. To register online visit www.mchenry.edu/rap or call (815) 455-8588.

**RAP Membership**
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**Fee**: $25 (one year)

**How to Take a Zoom Class, and More!**
Many instructors use Zoom for live/virtual classes such as cooking classes, painting, exercising, computers, music, and others. We all need a working knowledge of how to use Zoom controls. Mike Wilson will help you understand the basics, such as the process of receiving Zoom invites, “getting to your classroom,” plus he’ll teach you about navigating the features used in Zoom.

**Fee**: $5

**Navigating Your Windows 10 Computer**
Do you need help with your computer that operates on the Windows 10 system? Mike Wilson will define and demonstrate the Windows 10 operating system and related features. You’ll see how to navigate the desktop, use the taskbar, and work with icons. Learn about apps and how they are organized in Windows 10, plus use the start menu to explore even more features. (Not for Apple/Mac users.)

**Fee**: $20

**Movie Music Memories 2**
Join us for “Movie Music Memories 2,” a collection of historic film clips from more than 50 years of song and dance performed by the greatest performers on the silver screen from 1964 to present day. We’ll guide you through the decades featuring carefully crafted clips from films that are sure to reawaken some of the happiest times of your life. The stars will be out in this swift-moving songfest, among them Audrey Hepburn, Rex Harrison, Julie Andrews, John Travolta, Emma Stone, Nicole Kidman, Anya Taylor-Joy and The Beatles. You’ll love this experience! This class takes place at Clarendale of Algonquin, 2001 West Algonquin Rd., Algonquin.

**Fee**: $10

**Searching with Google**
You’ll understand how to use and get the best out of a search engine, such as Google, for looking up information and doing research. Find out how to search for practically anything online and focus your searching for more accuracy. This is a great great class to open the power of Google search!

**Fee**: $20

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Strolling Florence: A Live Walking Tour of the Home of the Renaissance

Benvenuti a Florence is the capital city of Tuscany and home of the Renaissance. Florence, located in central Italy, is full of intriguing history, culture, and culinary delights which is a must visit when in Italy. Until then, let’s do a bit of armchair travel! Join your personal guide as we stroll our way through this stunning city stopping at its iconic landmarks such as the Duomo, the Uffizi Gallery, and of course, the Ponte Vecchio. We will discuss the natural landscape and impressive architecture, hear stories of the noble families, and devour Tuscan culture through the eyes of a local who knows it best. Tour leader, Linda, enjoys sharing her deep love and appreciation of Italian culture with others throughout the world. She is a dual citizen of Australia and Italy. NOTE: This Zoom session will be live streamed from Florence, Italy.

Fee: $12  
Linda Soriovanni  
# 3859  
Th  10/6  
9–10:15 a.m.  
Remote

The Calling of St. Matthew

Caravaggio’s The Calling of St. Matthew, 1599-1600, Rome is one of the artist’s most renowned and yet perplexing paintings. The compelling story of Matthew’s calling by Christ with his famous gesture has perplexed art historians and lovers of art: which figure is Matthew? This presentation not only examines the intriguing composition and Caravaggio’s use of light, but also focuses on the historical period in Jerusalem and Matthew’s role as a tax collector. It makes for interesting speculation and debate over “who is Matthew”.

Fee: $12  
Susan Langworthy  
# 3715  
F  10/7  
1–2:30 p.m.  
A, MCC

Chicago’s New Local Architects: Valerio Dewalt Train

Explore today’s high-profile Chicago architectural firms, which have designed Chicago’s newest architectural masterpieces! We will study their innovative new ideas, which have enlivened Chicago’s iconic architectural landscape!

Fee: $12  
Jennifer Scavone  
# 4145  
Th  10/13  
6:30–8:30 p.m.  
Remote

The Life of Betty White

On December 31, 2021, an unexpected sadness swept across the nation. Betty White, America’s beloved personality and classy television had passed away, just weeks before celebrating her 100th Birthday. Betty White was more than just an actress. She brought a sense of home, laughter, and grace that warmed the hearts of many. White was nicknamed the “First Lady” of television and game shows; received eight Emmy Awards and was placed in the Guinness World Record for longest television career. In 2006, she also received the title of “Los Angeles’ Ambassador to Animals” for her lifelong support and work for the welfare of animals. Historical Presenter, Jim Gibbons, will discuss the life, fame, and accomplishments of Betty Marion White Ludden. You’ll learn about her upbringing in Illinois, the television shows she appeared in including The Golden Girls; The Carol Burnett Show; The Betty White Show; Mama’s Family; The Mary Tyler Moore Show; To Tell the Truth; Password; Hollywood Squares, and many more. He’ll explain how White’s legacy, popularity, and fame kept improving with age.

Fee: $12  
James Gibbons  
# 3718  
Th  10/13  
1–3 p.m.  
A, MCC

All About Pictures! Organizing, Editing, and Saving on Your Computer

During this class you will learn how to manage pictures on your computer. Also, find out how to name, rename, and move pictures into folders to get organized. We’ll take a look at using the Photo Gallery and minor editing of pictures, such as cropping and making enhancements. You’ll see how to use pictures for desktop backgrounds and insert a picture into Microsoft Word to manipulate for flyers, invitations, and other printed materials. (Not for Apple/Mac users.)

Fee: $20  
Mike Wilson  
# 4123  
F  10/14  
2:30–3:30 p.m.  
Remote

Jazz, Civil Rights, and the Avante Garde Movement

In the film, Down to the Crux, Bill Dixon said, The Civil Rights Movement was presenting to a public all of these things that needed to be examined, and the music was doing that. Develop your understanding of jazz in the 1960s, the emergence of the Avant Garde and the connections to the Civil Rights Movement. You will have 2 short readings (provided) to help you understand the movement and you’ll watch a film in class that is unavailable to the public. We’ll focus on the careers of Archie Shepp and Sunny Murray as representatives of the music emerging in the 1960s and their use of Europe as an important place for American musicians and American music.

Fee: $25  
Scott Cashman  
# 4147  
F  10/14–11/4  
1–3 p.m.  
Remote
Protect Yourself! Senior Issues and Answers with Patrick Kenneally, McHenry County State’s Attorney

We’re all getting a little older. It’s important to stay up to date on the challenges we may face and how to handle them. Three of the top concerns are elder abuse, financial exploitation, and identity theft. McHenry County State’s Attorney, Patrick Kenneally will give you in-depth information, plus the best course of action to navigate these issues.

Fee: $5  Patrick Kenneally
# 4349  M  10/17  1–2 p.m.  A, MCC

Asian Tales and Travels: Stories from Japan, Korea, and India

Join storyteller Anne Shimojima as she spins tales from Japan, Korea, China, and India. Anne shares photos of her storytelling trip to Japan as a guest of the Japanese government and her discovery of long-lost family. Then you’ll visit China and a historic storytelling village.

Fee: $12  Anne Shimojima
# 4149  T  10/18  1–2:30 p.m.  Remote

Computer Scams and What Not to Click On!

Don’t let your computer control you! Find out what you should and should NOT click on. Mike will discuss scams to know about; frustrating and suspicious popups; advertisements; your haywire computer, e-mail ads, and links. (Not for Apple/Mac users, or tablets.)

Fee: $20  Mike Wilson
# 4116  T  10/18  2:30–3:30 p.m.  Remote

Lost in the Woods: The Real and Unreal Story of Haunted Bachelors Grove

For generations, a tiny, one-acre pioneer cemetery in southwest Chicago has been known as one of the world’s most haunted places. With hundreds of supernatural events reported, from phantom cars and dogs to ghost lights, a mysterious white lady, and even a vanishing house, this enigmatic place has been a lifelong subject of paranormal researcher Ursula Bielski. Author of Haunted Bachelors Grove and ten other books on the the paranormal and supernatural, Ursula will share with you the distinctive findings from her more than three decades of research at this storied site. She’ll explain to you why, after hundreds of visits, she no longer sets foot in the cemetery or the shrouding forest that surrounds it.

Fee: $12  Ursula Anne Bielski
# 4366  W  10/19  1–2:30 p.m.  Remote

Franklin D. Roosevelt: A Fireside Chat

The news headlines of today call forth the truth of FDR’s words of 80 years ago. He speaks out against religious and racial intolerance; against the voices of deceit and despair. He speaks for the people, for the well being of our neighbors and a for a government that is the embodiment of human charity. FDR reads Depression era letters from citizens asking for help, the most touching from children, and recounts the New Deal programs designed to help in the days when the people mattered. The president reminds us all of the challenges of WWII and the many ifs facing the nation in 1942. When skeptics challenged his war production goals, FDR replied, Let no man say it cannot be done; it must be done and we have undertaken to do it. At the conclusion of his “Fireside Chat” the President invites audience questions. **This presentation is a character portrayal.

Fee: $12  Robert Lindsey
# 3728  Th  10/20  1–2:30 p.m.  Remote

Working with Documents on a Windows 10 Computer

You’ll see how to save files with Microsoft Word on your Windows 10 computer. We’ll also cover how to create a PDF file and why we use them. You’ll see how to view, organize, and find your documents, as well as place them on flash drives, external drives, and the cloud. We’ll explore features to preview documents without opening them and how to attach documents to your e-mail for sending. (Not for Apple/Mac users.)

Fee: $20  Mike Wilson
# 4117  F  10/21  2:30–3:30 p.m.  Remote

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Brush with Death: Art During the Black Plague

In 1347 the Black Death arrived in Europe and quickly spread across Europe. Over the course of the next 300 years, the plague killed about a third of the entire population, because it kept coming back. It became a regular part of life—and death. This class will look at the powerful impact the Black Death had on art as the Renaissance was just getting started.

Fee: $12  Ruth Nelson
# 4151  W 10/26  7–9 p.m.  Remote

Save Time and Money with an Easy Computer Tune-Up

Save money by learning some easy fixes for your computer yourself! No great skills needed. Use three proven free online software to fix most software related issues like malware and viruses with a few clicks of a button! Speed up your computer in no time! (Not for Apple/Mac users.)

Fee: $20  Mike Wilson
# 4118  Th 10/27  2:30–3:30 p.m.  Remote

Julia Child - Bon Appetit! (Character Portrayal)

In the 1960s, thousands tuned in every week to watch Julia Child demonstrate the art of French cooking on television. Actress and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. brings the iconic French Chef to life in this portrayal, where Child discusses everything from her relationship with her husband Paul Child to the mishaps of cooking on television. Bon Appetit! This class takes place at Clarendale of Algonquin, 2001 West Algonquin Rd, Algonquin.

Fee: $10  Leslie Goddard
# 4126  T 11/1  1–2 p.m.  Clarendale of Algonquin

Lucille Ball

During the Golden Age of Television, Lucille Ball became a television icon. Her signature red hair, big personality, and witty humor would make people laugh and smile starting in the 1930’s. One thing is for certain, people everywhere still Love Lucy. Historical Presenter, Jim Gibbons, will discuss the life, fame, and accomplishments of Lucille Desiree Ball. You’ll hear about her early life, her marriage and family life with Desi Arnaz (Ricky), and how she became the first woman to run a major television studio, Desilu Productions. Desilu Productions produced many additional popular television shows including: “The Untouchables,” “Star Trek,” and “Mission: Impossible.” Gibbons will discuss Lucy’s fame and success with the television show, “I Love Lucy,” and its most famous episodes including the Chocolate Factory and Vitameatavegamin. He’ll also discuss the numerous awards received by Ball, including the prestigious Golden Globe Cecil B. DeMille Award, her induction into the Television Hall of Fame, and the two stars she received on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Fee: $12  James Gibbons
# 3719  T 11/1  1–3 p.m.  Remote

Sex Trafficking and Its Effects on McHenry County

Sex trafficking is a dark industry that abuses and exploits people of all ages. An estimated 16,000-25,000 women and girls are exploited in the Chicagoland area every year, many of which go unreported and unrecognized. Meredith Hodge, Executive Director of Refuge for Women Chicago (McHenry County), will present eye-opening information on the often unspoken subject of sex trafficking and exploitation, its myths and misconceptions, its effects on McHenry County, and we can do as community members.

Fee: $12  Meredith Hodge
# 4342  W 11/2  1–3 p.m.  A, MCC

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Fee: $20  Mike Wilson
# 4115  Th 11/3  2:30–3:30 p.m.  Remote

The Logic of Conspiracy Theories

Somebody is out to get us. Come to this lecture and find out who... and why! Why do so many people believe in conspiracy theories? How do we tell the difference between a conspiracy theory and an actual conspiracy? In this lecture, we will explore the development and structure of various conspiracy theories, identify the patterns of thinking that lead to them, and the fallacies that are inherent within them. We will also identify tools that help to distinguish between conspiracy theories and actual conspiracies. Then we will apply these tools to a variety of modern-day conspiracy theories. We will figure out who is most susceptible to conspiracy thinking... and why.

Fee: $12  Brian Wagner
# 4158  F 11/4  1:30–3:30 p.m.  Remote

Defining Time

What time is it? That’s a surprisingly hard question to answer! Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium will take you on a venture through several thousand years of history in the human quest to measure and define time.

Fee: $12  Michelle Nichols-Yehling
# 3727  M 11/7  1–2:30 p.m.  Remote

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Weather on Planet Earth
Weather has always been a source of conversation throughout history, and never more so than recently. The storms and extreme weather has put many regions in peril. What is the cause of weather events? Why do tornadoes occur? What is a microburst? How are blizzards similar to hurricanes? Why do some countries have monsoons? How has the weather changed over the millennia? How is it possible to make accurate weather forecasts? This class will describe conditions around the world and in various seasons that cause our weather!
Fee: $12
# 4159  Th  11/10  1–2:30 p.m.  Remote

Microsoft Word: The Very Basics
We will break down the unknown Microsoft Word stuff. and present them to you in a clear, sensible, and enjoyable way! We will briefly look at the free and paid version of word processors. Then the instructor will open and show basic functions in Microsoft Word. We will go on to explore saving, alignments, bullets, numbering, and indents. (Not for Apple/Mac users.)
Fee: $20
# 4119  M  11/14  2:30–3:30 p.m.  Remote

The First Transcontinental Railroad
What does the transcontinental railroad mean in American history? Find out why it was built and how. This class will examine different populations that were either involved in construction or affected by it. The transcontinental railroad will be considered from multiple perspectives and the larger legacy of the railroad will be evaluated. Join Lindsey Marolt, Education Coordinator at the Union Pacific Museum, to learn about both the large and small stories of the railroad. The Union Pacific Railroad Museum is housed in a historic Carnegie Library building in Council Bluffs, Iowa. It contains an extensive collection of artifacts, photographs, documents, and equipment from more than 150 years of our nation’s western history witnessed by the railroad.
Fee: $12
# 4146  T  11/15  1:30–2:45 p.m.  Remote

The Problem with Tom: Jefferson and Slavery
What was the problem with Thomas Jefferson? The problem was that he, out of all of the Founding Fathers, spoke the most passionately and eloquently about the horror of slavery and the desperate plight of America’s slaves, but at the same time he continued to hold and profit from over a hundred of his own slaves. This lecture explores the contradictions in Jefferson’s life and possible ways to reconcile them. It illustrates the deep conflict between American slavery and American freedom.
Fee: $12
# 4160  W  11/16  10 a.m.–Noon  Remote

Excel for the Absolute Beginner
You’ll see how to navigate and interface with Excel’s basic features, such as, how to create a simple contact list, use calculations such as Autosum and how to generate simple formulas. Mike will also demonstrate how to use the fill handle, sort existing data, merge and center, move cells and ranges, and wrap text.
Fee: $20
# 4120  F  11/18  11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  Remote
# 4121  M  11/21  2:30–3:30 p.m.  Remote

Getting to Know Your iPhone
Mike Wilson will demonstrate how to use your smart phone. This class is designed for mature and recent iPhone users! We’ll cover cell phone topics, such as: the photo app, texting, navigating, apps, contacts, e-mail, camera, App store, settings, and the Internet. Not for Android users.
Fee: $49
# 4122  MTW  11/28–11/30  6:30–7:30 p.m.  Remote

The Real James Bond
Bond is a man’s man, a myth & a legend admired by men and women alike, but was Bond an actual person or just a character created by Hollywood? And what about his British Secret Service, M., Q., and all those glorious gadgets? Is it possible to eject a passenger out of a car, spew oil & smokescreens across the highway and fire a rocket from your car? And what about those super weapons and world domination? The answer is shaken not stirred with history! Well, maybe a little stirred!
Fee: $20
# 4344  T  11/29  1–3 p.m.  Remote

PowerPoint for Zoom
You can create eye-catching personal presentations for clubs, Church, family events, etc., with PowerPoint! Explore the PowerPoint interface and see presentations from simple stock designs. You’ll see how to easily apply themes, animate text, and insert images, plus create text boxes and manipulate slides for printing. You’ll get a few tips and tricks to design your personal presentations for maximum impact. (Not for Apple/Mac users.)
Fee: $49
# 4345  W  11/30  1–3 p.m.  Remote

Amazing Castles Around the World
Are you curious about castles? Although these structures have been around since before the Middle Ages, you may have wondered about who built them, why they were built, their defining characteristics, as well as their historic and cultural significance. We’ll explore some of the world’s most extraordinary castles by revealing their intriguing histories and must-see treasures.
Fee: $12
# 3860  Th  12/1  10–11:15 a.m.  Remote

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Christmas at Marshall Field’s
For many Chicagoans, no Christmas season was complete without a visit to Marshall Field’s, the city’s Grande dame of department stores. This illustrated talk traces the store’s beloved holiday traditions, including the Walnut Room Christmas tree, the holiday window displays, the toy department, Cozy Cloud cottage, and the Christmas catalog. See family photos with Santa Claus over the years and peek behind-the-scenes at the employee party. And of course, meet Uncle Mistletoe and his family. This class takes place at Clarendale of Algonquin, 2001 West Algonquin Rd, Algonquin.
Fee: $10  Leslie Goddar
# 4127  M  12/5  1–2 p.m.
Clarendale of Algonquin

Holiday Movies and Music
Journey back with us over the past century of film history as John LeGear showcases some of the happiest and most memorable holiday moments from classic and popular films. Join us for songs, including a show-ending sing-along, dances, and magical movie scenes from some of the most warmly embraced holiday films of all time, among them “Holiday Inn,” “It’s a Wonderful Life,” “The Polar Express,” “Going My Way,” and of course, Bing Crosby’s “White Christmas.” Look for more familiar faces like James Stewart, Donna Reed, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, Whitney Houston, Denzel Washington, Tom Hanks and Bob Hope. “Holiday Movies and Music” is an uplifting experience that will remind you why we surround ourselves with loved ones to celebrate the season. We’ll see you then!
Fee: $12  John LeGear
# 4125  W  12/7  1–2:30 p.m.  A, MCC

Space and Exciting New Discoveries
We’ve made assumptions about our place in the universe, space, our planet, and what the other planets are like. And we were wrong every single time. With telescopes, satellites, and technology, we have discovered a universe that is so much more exciting than what the best science-fiction writer could ever have imagined! How we got to where we are is the miracle!
Fee: $12  Ann Leslie
# 4346  F  12/9  1–3 p.m.  Remote

The Ghosts of Christmas Past—Chicago Style!
Christmas time ghost stories are a Yuletide tradition dating to the time of Dickens. Chicago ghostlorist Ursula Bielski, author of eleven books on Chicago’s paranormal and supernatural history, will share the heartbreaking stories of past Chicago Decembers and the ghost stories that are still told of them, including the Iroquois Theater Fire, the arrest of John Wayne Gacy, and the vanishing of the Christmas Tree Ship.
Fee: $12  Ursula Anne Bielski
# 4367  T  12/13  1–2:30 p.m.  Remote

Home for the Holidays
Local storyteller, Steven Aavang, will delight your mind, satisfy your soul, and warm your heart with a collection of several short stories from 1800 to 1900, which are all based in McHenry County. Sit back, relax, and get in the mood for the holidays!
Fee: $10  Steven Aavang
# 4368  Th  12/15  1–2:30 p.m.  A, MCC

The World’s Tiniest Sculptures
There is a new category of sculpture being created by some of the most amazing people in the world. What if I told you that you could only see these sculptures with a magnifying glass, or under a microscope, or under an electron microscope? But as astonishing as these sculptures are, the artists who make them are just as unique & surprising as their creations.
Fee: $12  Ann Leslie
# 4345  F  12/16  1–3 p.m.  Remote

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Fee: $12  John LeGear
# 4348  M  12/19  1–2:30 p.m.  Clarendale of Algonquin

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