

# COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

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

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# COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHTS



## PODCASTING WITH JIM STOCKWELL

Jim is an educator, writer, and coach. Since 2003, he has taught at MCC where he currently serves as an Instructor of Film and Broadcast Journalism. When Jim is not in the classroom, you will find him coaching the winning MCC tennis teams or advising the Film and Chess Clubs at the College. Jim enjoys teaching students of all ages, including those in the Kids and College Program.

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## WRITING AND MOVING WITH ROXANNE BOERSMA

Roxanne is an Amazon Best-Selling self-published author with more than 16 published books. She is passionate about writing and telling stories that inspire others to start their own writing journeys. Roxanne has taught self-publishing classes at MCC for many years, becoming a favorite among Community Enrichment students. In addition to her classes for adults, she also teaches for the Kids and College Program, where she encourages youth to believe in themselves through writing and movement.

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## HISTORY WITH STEVEN AAVANG

Steven is an experienced public speaker, storyteller, and author of novels, short stories, and children's books. He is an adjunct professor of speech and communications at Ivy Tech Community College in Indiana and has taught Community Enrichment classes at MCC for many years. With over 50 years of experience running Aavang Enterprises, Steven is passionate about preserving local history and continues to share the many stories of McHenry County.

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# » PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

## KEY

Online Class:  Homesteading Class: 

Senior Interest: 

Main Campus: 8900 US Hwy 14, Crystal Lake, IL

Catalyst Campus: 222 E Church St, Woodstock, IL

## ANIMALS AND PETS

### Beyond Backyard Birding

Explore beyond the birds in your backyard and discover how to identify the hundreds of species that can be found in the area. Jeff Aufmann of McHenry County Audubon is an experienced bird guide and an expert in identifying local birds by both sight and sound. The first part of the class is an indoor lecture covering avian biology, traits, and behaviors that aide in identification, and an overview of the best places in the area to go birding. The class will also cover the latest internet and smartphone technologies available to help find, identify, and track species. There will also be a bird walk at nearby McHenry Dam where we will practice the techniques to effectively use binoculars and spotting scopes. New skills will be used to find and identify as many species as possible.

Fee: \$39

Jeff Aufmann

# <a href="#">11381</a>	Th	5/15	6:30–8:30 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
	Sa	5/17	7–9:30 a.m.	Off Campus



### Make Extra Cash Pet Sitting (after school/work)

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

Fee: \$35

LeeAnne Krusemark

# <a href="#">10748</a>	Su	5/4	4–6 p.m.	Remote
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## 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

# <a href="#">9872</a>	4/1–6/30	1.5 Hours	Remote
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### Explore a Career in Cybersecurity

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

Fee: \$129

# <a href="#">10814</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10815</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10816</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online



## Explore a Career in Nursing

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

Fee: \$135

# <a href="#">10817</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10818</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10819</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## Explore Administrative Medical Assistant

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

Fee: \$135

# <a href="#">10820</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10821</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10822</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

### NEW! Beginning Crochet

Discover the joy of crochet in this beginner-friendly class. Learn the fundamentals, including how to hold your yarn and hook, create a chain stitch, and work single and double crochet stitches. You'll also make a simple project to practice your new skills. No experience is necessary—just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to learn! A supply list will be sent prior to the class. This is a four session class.

Fee: \$89

Adonia Fulk

# <a href="#">11458</a>	T	6/3–7/1	6–8 p.m.	Main Campus
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### NEW! Beginning Knitting

This knitting class is ideal for the complete beginner. Learn the essential skills of casting on, knitting stitch, purling, and binding off while creating a simple project. No experience is necessary—just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to learn! A supply list will be sent prior to the class. This is a four session class.

Fee: \$89

Adonia Fulk

# <a href="#">11051</a>	Th	6/5–7/10	6–8 p.m.	Main Campus
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### NEW! Machine Sewing for Beginners

Learn the basics of machine sewing while creating sewing projects. On the first day, students will learn the basics of using a sewing machine, important safety tips, how to maintain your machine, different stitches, and practice on scraps. The final class sessions will be focused on completing two sewing projects. All supplies included.

Fee: \$149

Brit Conley

# <a href="#">11393</a>	Sa	4/19–5/3	9:30 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">11402</a>	Sa	4/19–5/3	1–3:30 p.m.	Catalyst Campus

### Quilting for Beginners

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

Fee: \$89

Sewing Concepts

# <a href="#">9867</a>	M	4/21–5/19	6–8:30 p.m.	
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### NEW! Making Cards with Mallory

Create stamped greeting cards with Mallory. You will make beautiful cards to share with someone special in your life. Learn how to cut, stamp, and layout the perfect card. Each card is customizable to fit your occasion. Students will create 3–4 cards, depending on style.

Fee: \$20

Mallory McBride

#### NEW! Flower Cards

# <a href="#">11238</a>	Th	4/17	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
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#### NEW! Die Cut Cards

# <a href="#">11239</a>	Th	5/22	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
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#### NEW! Celebration Cards

# <a href="#">11240</a>	Th	6/26	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
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## Needle Felted Creations

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

Fee: \$39

Rebecca Berry

### Chick, Bunny, and Eggs

# [11288](#) M 4/7 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### NEW! Fairies

# [11289](#) M 5/12 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### NEW! Flowers

# [11290](#) M 6/2 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus



## Fused Glass Votives and Photo Frames

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

Fee: \$27

Material Things Artisan Market

# [10519](#) Su 4/13 1–4 p.m.

# [11397](#) Su 5/18 1–4 p.m.

# [11398](#) Sa 6/28 1–4 p.m.

## Fused Glass Workshop

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

Fee: \$49

Material Things Artisan Market

# [10520](#) Su 4/27, 5/4 1–4 p.m.

# [11394](#) Sa 5/10, 5/17 1–4 p.m.

# [11395](#) Su 6/22, 6/29 1–4 p.m.

## Fused Glass Workshop II

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

Fee: \$49

Material Things Artisan Market

# [10521](#) Sa 4/12, 4/19 1–4 p.m.

# [11400](#) Sa 5/31, 6/7 1–4 p.m.

## Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking

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

Fee: \$115

# [10858](#) 4/16–6/6 24 Hours Online

# [10859](#) 5/14–7/4 24 Hours Online

# [10860](#) 6/11–8/1 24 Hours Online

## CULINARY

### Beer 411: History, Process, and Styles

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

Fee: \$25

Kishwaukee Brewing Co.

# [10565](#) T 4/8 5:30–7:30 p.m.

### Craft Spirits 411: Discover. Tour. Taste.

McHenry County is home to a number of local distilleries, including Rush Creek Distilling in Harvard. In this class, you'll explore the history of spirits, learn why craft spirits are so popular, discuss the process of creating spirits, and discover different styles of craft spirits. You'll also tour the distillery and learn about the process including safety, equipment, cleaning and sanitation, and the importance of the right ingredients. A tasting of different spirits is included. Must be age 21+.

Fee: \$25

Rush Creek Distilling

# [10605](#) Th 5/1 5:30–7:30 p.m.

### Tea 411: History. Blends. Taste.

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

Fee: \$25 Casting Whimsy Tea  
# [11246](#) Th 4/17 6–8 p.m.

### Tea Blending: Create Your Own Blend

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

Fee: \$25 Casting Whimsy Tea  
# [11247](#) Th 5/15 6–8 p.m.

### NEW! Tea Tasting: Seasonal Summer Blends

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

Fee: \$25 Casting Whimsy Tea  
# [11248](#) Th 6/26 6–8 p.m.

### NEW! What Can We Do With Puff Pastry?

Chef Stephen will teach you how to work with puff pastry and show you just how versatile it is for creating many delicious dishes. Learn the ins and outs of cooking with puff pastry, come hungry, and be prepared to leave full!

Fee: \$99 Stephen Byrne  
# [10626](#) F 4/18 6–9 p.m. Main Campus

### NEW! Date Night: Spring Steak Dinner with Potatoes Au Gratin

Bring your favorite person for a fun evening learning how to cook the perfect steak—and so much more! Chef Stephen will guide you through every step of preparing this delicious meal. Come hungry and be ready to leave full! Registration includes two people.

Fee: \$149 Stephen Byrne  
# [11234](#) F 5/9 6–9 p.m. Main Campus

### NEW! Date Night: The Perfect Risotto And Focaccia Bread

Bring your favorite person along for a fun evening learning to cook some delicious risotto and focaccia bread. Chef Stephen will show you all the steps to make this delicious meal. Come hungry and be prepared to leave full! Registration includes two people.

Fee: \$149 Stephen Byrne  
# [11235](#) Th 6/12 6–9 p.m. Main Campus

### Fun with Cookie Decorating: Spring is Here

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

Fee: \$39 Lauren Daly  
# [11464](#) T 4/15 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus



### Fun with Cookie Decorating: Ladies Night Out—Groovy Style

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

Fee: \$39 Lauren Daly  
# [10486](#) T 5/13 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### NEW! Sourdough Foundations: Creating and Maintaining a Healthy Sourdough Starter

Learn everything you need to create and maintain a healthy sourdough starter and embark on your journey to baking beautiful, delicious bread. In this hands-on class, you will build your own sourdough starter to take home; learn what sourdough is and how it works; discover how to care for your starter, including feeding, storing, and adapting it to your schedule; learn how to avoid common pitfalls and what to do if you encounter them; explore essential terms you need to know; and discuss recommended equipment for successfully baking sourdough bread. There will also be time for questions and a tasting of freshly baked bread.

Fee: \$45 Worth Her Salt Sourdough  
# [10402](#) W 4/9 6–7:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus  
# [10403](#) W 5/7 6–7:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus



## DANCE

### Belly Dance Foundations: Shimmies and Sparkles

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

Fee: \$89

Vintage Belly Dance

# [11052](#) W 4/9–5/14 6–7:30 p.m. Main Campus

# [11457](#) W 6/4–7/16 6–7:30 p.m. Main Campus

### NEW! Shimmies and Sparkles Level 2: Belly Dancing Beyond Basics

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

Fee: \$89

Vintage Belly Dance

# [11055](#) M 6/2–7/14 6–7:30 p.m. Main Campus



### Country Line Dancing for Beginners 2

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

Fee: \$79

Kimberly Oda

# [10479](#) M 4/7–5/12 7–8:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### East Coast Swing Dancing for Beginners

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

Fee: \$89

Mary Kanter

# [11254](#) Th 4/3–5/1 7–8:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## FINE ART

### NEW! Drawing: Sandpaper with Colored Pencils

Students will enjoy creating beautiful works of art on sandpaper, using colored pencils to bring their designs to life. Experimenting with different textures and techniques to make each piece truly unique! A supply list will be emailed prior to the class.

Fee: \$99

Efrain Gonzalez

# [11370](#) M 4/14–5/19 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

### Watercolor for Beginners

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

Fee: \$99

Efrain Gonzalez

# [11357](#) T 4/15–5/20 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

### Intermediate-Advanced Watercolors

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

Fee: \$115

Megan Ripke

# [10558](#) F 4/4–5/23 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Main Campus

# [11223](#) F 4/4–5/23 1:30–4:30 p.m. Main Campus

## About the Clayworkers' Guild

Located in the historical Woodstock Square, the Clayworkers' Guild of Illinois is a dedicated group of ceramic clay artists and artisans. The Guild exists to provide diverse educational, collaborative, and networking opportunities for both its members and for the general public. Learn more about the Guild at [www.facebook.com/clayworkersguildofillinois](http://www.facebook.com/clayworkersguildofillinois).



## Introduction to Clay

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

Fee: \$65

Clayworkers' Guild

# <a href="#">10525</a>	Th	4/17	6–9 p.m.
# <a href="#">10526</a>	Th	5/15	6–9 p.m.
# <a href="#">10527</a>	Th	6/19	6–9 p.m.



## NEW! Clay Creations

This class will cater to both beginners and experienced hand builders. It will incorporate a special project based upon the season. Students will be guided through creating functional and sculptural ceramic work, all without using the wheel. Projects may include magnets, cups, bowls, plates and much more. Students will learn basic construction techniques such as pinching, coiling, and slabs, as well as basic surface design exploration. This class is the perfect opportunity for creatives. All materials are included.

Fee: \$65

Clayworkers' Guild

### Spring/Easter Theme

# <a href="#">11213</a>	Th	4/10	6–9 p.m.
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### Summertime Theme

# <a href="#">11214</a>	Th	5/29	6–9 p.m.
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### Patriotic Theme

# <a href="#">11215</a>	Th	6/26	6–9 p.m.
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## NEW! A Night Out: Carving in Clay

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

Fee: \$75

Clayworkers' Guild

# <a href="#">11207</a>	F	3/21	6–9 p.m.
# <a href="#">11208</a>	F	4/4	6–9 p.m.
# <a href="#">11209</a>	F	5/2	6–9 p.m.
# <a href="#">11210</a>	F	6/13	6–9 p.m.

## NEW! Paint Night: Spring Flowers

Join us for a fun-filled evening as our instructor guides you through the step-by-step process of painting a these beautiful spring flowers on a 11x14 canvas. Grab your snacks, roll up your sleeves, and unleash your creativity. All materials will be provided. Couples welcome.

Fee: \$39

Julie Kukreja

# <a href="#">11252</a>	W	4/9	6:30–9:30 p.m.	Main Campus
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## NEW! Paint Night: Sloth

Join us for a fun-filled evening as our instructor guides you through the step-by-step process of painting some beautiful flowers paired with an adorable sloth on a 11x14 canvas. Grab your snacks, roll up your sleeves, and unleash your creativity. All materials will be provided. Couples welcome.

Fee: \$39

Julie Kukreja

# <a href="#">11253</a>	W	5/21	6:30–9:30 p.m.	Main Campus
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### **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**

# <a href="#">10865</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10866</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10867</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### **RowFit: Indoor Rowing Fitness**

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

**Fee: \$90**

**Sweeps & Sculls Indoor Rowing Center**

# <a href="#">10535</a>	W	4/2–5/7	6–7 a.m.
# <a href="#">10536</a>	Th	4/3–5/8	7–8 p.m.
# <a href="#">10552</a>	M	5/12–6/23	7–8 p.m.
# <a href="#">10553</a>	W	5/14–6/25	6–7 a.m.
# <a href="#">10554</a>	Th	5/15–6/26	7–8 p.m.

### **NEW! Journal to Self Discovery**

Have you ever purchased a blank journal but then left it blank because you didn't know where to start? Have you ever been told that writing down your feelings could help you express your thoughts and feelings? This class, taught by a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, will introduce you to different journal techniques each week which can help you explore and clarify your thoughts and feelings through writing. No prior writing or journaling experience is required.

**Fee: \$49**

**Shira Greenfield**

# [11452](#) M 4/21–5/12 6:30–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! Creating a Personalized and Practical Guide to Managing Life's Demands**

Today's fast-paced and demanding world often leaves people feeling overwhelmed and disconnected from themselves. People often end up forgetting what will fill their cup and make them feel rejuvenated. In this class, you'll learn about not just why you should pay attention to your own needs, but how. The class includes a guidebook in which students will document their clear and individualized plan toward living a more balanced and fulfilling life. This class is taught by a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor with 40 years of experience helping people learn ways to respond to life's challenges with a plan and with self compassion.

**Fee: \$35**

**Shira Greenfield**

# [11453](#) M 6/2 6:30–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! Home Sweet Home**

Deciding the best living situation for ourselves as we age or for a loved one can be overwhelming. This course will help clarify the choices, services and amenities as well as the cost of your options. This class is offered by our collaborative College of DuPage instructor.

**Fee: \$10**

**Collaborative Partner**

# [11431](#) Th 6/17 1–3 p.m. Remote

### **Anxiety Disorders: An Integrative Approach (Self-Guided)**

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

**Fee: \$44**

# <a href="#">10924</a>	4/16–7/11	2.5 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10925</a>	5/14–8/8	2.5 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10926</a>	6/11–9/5	2.5 Hours	Online



**Meet Shira:** Shira Greenfield is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor who earned her master's degree in counselor education from the University of Iowa in 1985. Since then, she has worked as a therapist, a crisis intervention worker, a group facilitator, and an educator. She has also held several leadership positions in behavioral health care providing oversight to both inpatient and outpatient programs and teams. She currently serves as the Clinical Director for Pivotal Counseling Center with offices in Elgin, Lake in the Hills, and Woodstock. Shira is an experienced and sought-after speaker who is known for her down to earth style and her ability to get people to laugh at themselves.

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

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

Fee: \$44

# <a href="#">10927</a>	4/16–7/11	2.5 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10928</a>	5/14–8/8	2.5 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10929</a>	6/11–9/5	2.5 Hours	Online

### **Depression: An Integrative Approach (Self-Guided)**

This course helps learners understand the the pathophysiology, symptoms, and diagnosis of depression as well as explore the conventional and integrative treatment approaches for depression.

Fee: \$44

# <a href="#">11001</a>	4/16–7/11	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11002</a>	5/14–8/8	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11003</a>	6/11–9/5	2 Hours	Online

### **Energy Healing (Self-Guided)**

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

Fee: \$44

# <a href="#">11004</a>	4/16–7/11	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11005</a>	5/14–8/8	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11006</a>	6/11–9/5	2 Hours	Online

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

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

Fee: \$44

# <a href="#">11107</a>	4/16–7/11	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11108</a>	5/14–8/8	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11109</a>	6/11–8/1	2 Hours	Online

### **Handling Medical Emergencies**

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

Fee: \$135

# <a href="#">11120</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11121</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11122</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

### **Mindfulness Meditation (Self-Guided)**

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

Fee: \$44

# <a href="#">11132</a>	4/16–7/11	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11133</a>	5/14–7/4	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11134</a>	6/11–9/5	2 Hours	Online

### **Music Therapy and Sound Healing (Self-Guided)**

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

Fee: \$44

# <a href="#">11135</a>	4/16–7/11	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11136</a>	5/14–8/8	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11137</a>	6/11–9/5	2 Hours	Online

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

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

Fee: \$44

# <a href="#">11138</a>	4/16–7/11	1 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11139</a>	5/14–8/8	1 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11140</a>	6/11–9/5	1 Hours	Online

### **Wire Your Brain for Happiness (Self-Guided)**

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

Fee: \$44

# <a href="#">11173</a>	4/16–7/11	1.5 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11174</a>	5/14–8/8	1.5 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11175</a>	6/11–9/5	1.5 Hours	Online

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## HISTORY AND SCIENCE

### NEW! Shakespeare's Major Works

Explore Shakespeare's most influential comedies, tragedies, and histories, with special attention given to landmark performances on stage and screen. Participants will further discuss what these plays offer audiences in the twenty-first century, comparing and contrasting this with the audiences' takeaways from the plays' original seventeenth-century runs.

Fee: \$45

Joseph Sullivan

# [11236](#)

W

4/16–5/21

6–8 p.m.

Catalyst Campus



### NEW! Woodstock Days Gone By: The Victorian Gem and Etta's Journal

Orson Welles called Woodstock the Midwest's jewel of Victorianism—but it wasn't just about architecture. Step back into the Victorian era of the late 1800s to early 1900s through photographs of local residents. In contrast, just a few miles down Greenwood Road (now busy Rte 120) lies a farm carved out of the oak savannas that once dominated the landscape. A miracle, perhaps, but a 12-year-old girl's diary was discovered in the attic of the homestead, written nearly one hundred years prior, revealing life on the farm. Great contrasts and common realities come alive.

Fee: \$15

Steven Aavang

# [11228](#)

F

4/11

1–3 p.m.

Catalyst Campus

### NEW! Archaeology Uncovers: Mystery of Atlantis

One of the most enduring mysteries of the past revolves around a city known to us as Atlantis. Scholars continue to debate the existence of this great society, endlessly searching through historical documents and accounts by renowned authors to uncover its location and fate. This class will explore the evidence uncovered by archaeologists and historians to reveal what might be the real story behind Atlantis. The class is taught by Dr. Suzanne Rausch, a collaborative instructor from Harper College.

Fee: \$15

Collaborative Partner

# [9912](#)

W

4/16

1–2:30 p.m.

Remote

### NEW! Fabergé Eggs: Run for Your Life

The Romanoffs are faced with two wars: WWI in Europe and the revolution at home. Nicholas, believing that God always shows him the correct path and that, as Tsar of all the Russias, he can do no wrong, is merely throwing the bodies of Russian soldiers against his enemies. Having never been held accountable for his actions or those of his family, he faces an end that is both spectacular and devastating—and one he never saw coming.

Fee: \$15

Ann Leslie

# [10481](#)

M

4/21

1–3 p.m.

Remote

### NEW! American Still Life Paintings

Explore the rich tradition of trompe l'oeil (French for "deceive the eye"), a technique that was especially prevalent in American still life painting during the last quarter of the 19th century. You'll also learn about contemporary artists who bring a fresh perspective to this art form. This class is taught by Ruth Nelson, a collaborative instructor from the College of DuPage.

Fee: \$15

Collaborative Partner

# [9911](#)

W

4/23

7–9 p.m.

Remote

### NEW! A Walk in London: Westminster

Central London is actually comprised of two cities: Westminster and the City of London. Westminster is home to power, politics, and royalty, while the City is the financial hub. During this presentation, you'll walk through Westminster, all from the comfort of your own chair. You'll see Westminster Abbey, Downing Street, and other famous landmarks while learning fascinating stories about each along the way.

Fee: \$15

John Gowing

# [10399](#)

Th

4/24

1–2:30 p.m.

Catalyst Campus

### NEW! Planetarium: The Wonders of the Universe (age 55+)

Explore the wonders of the universe with our brand-new Digistar Planetarium Projection System, complete with heart-thumping surround sound. See awe-inspiring, cutting-edge images of galaxies billions of light-years away, black holes in motion, and swirling nebulae within moments of when they're captured. Glide through our galaxy, exploring its geometry, exoplanets, and the seasonality of our constellations. Travel to the sun's surface and observe its fiery eruptions in stunning real-time detail. Rove over their topographically mapped surfaces and scout their craters and valleys.

Fee: \$10

Paul Hamill

# [11382](#)

F

4/25

Noon–1 p.m.

Main Campus



**Meet Joe:** Dr. Sullivan currently serves as the Dean of Arts and Humanities at McHenry County College. For over 20 years, he has taught and immersed students into the world of Shakespeare. He is a published author of several articles, books, and conference papers focused on Shakespeare's work. Since 2001, he has served on the Advisory Board of the Ohio Valley Shakespeare Conference.



### **NEW! Brothers in Pacific**

Growing up in Hebron, Illinois—before the town was known for its basketball talent—it seemed unlikely that the last time two brothers would see each other would be thousands of miles from home, in the far reaches of the Pacific. Assigned to different battleships during WWII, they met by pure chance. Years later, one returned home, while the other became McHenry County's only Medal of Honor recipient.

Fee: \$15 Steven Aavang  
# [11229](#) F 5/16 1–3 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! The German Virtuosa—A 19th Century Superwoman**

Clara Schumann (wife of Robert) was a trailblazer in every sense—a virtuoso pianist, gifted composer, and accomplished teacher who managed to balance her groundbreaking 61-year concert career with raising eight children and being the primary breadwinner for her family. In a time when women faced immense societal constraints, Clara defied expectations and achieved international fame. German historian Anette Isaacs offers an inspiring look into the extraordinary life and legacy of Clara Schumann, a true icon of resilience, artistry, and determination.

Fee: \$20 Anette Isaacs  
# [11225](#) M 5/19 6–8 p.m. Remote

### **NEW! Sears Homes of Chicagoland**

From 1908 to 1942, Sears Roebuck and Company sold about 65,000 ready-to-build kit homes through its catalogs. Despite the rash of teardowns in the Chicagoland area, some of these houses have managed to survive, undiscovered treasures that are hidden in plain sight. You'll learn about the history of Sears ready-cut houses, what a Sears house is (and isn't), how to authenticate one, and common misconceptions about these houses. We will explore a variety of Sears houses in the McHenry County area and neighboring communities. The instructor, Lara Solonickne, is the creator of the viral blog Sears Homes of Chicagoland, which spotlights kit homes in the Chicago area. This class will also be offered remotely for those who are unable to attend in person.

Fee: \$20 Lara Solonickne  
# [11456](#) T 6/10 1–3 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! Greek Mythology**

Dive into the captivating world of Greek mythology, where gods, heroes, and monsters come alive! Explore the rich tapestry of myths that shaped ancient Greek culture and continue to influence art, literature, and modern storytelling. From Zeus and Athena to Heracles and Medusa, we'll examine the origins and significance of these timeless tales. Uncover how myths explain natural phenomena, reflect human nature, and offer profound insights into universal themes like love, power, and mortality. This class is taught by Katie Kelaidis, a collaborative instructor from the Harper College.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner  
# [11435](#) T 6/10 7–8:30 p.m. Remote

### **NEW! Rosebud**

Many don't know that the heralded and acclaimed Orson Welles grew up in Woodstock, IL. Not only did he grow up there, but later in life he claimed it was the only place he ever called home. Discover the story of how a boy's transformation into manhood within the confines of Woodstock is seen not only in recollections, but also in clips from his most famous movies.

Fee: \$15 Steven Aavang  
# [11230](#) Th 6/12 1–3 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! Turning Clay into Gold: The King, the Alchemist, and the Birth of Porcelain**

Dive into the extraordinary story of King Augustus the Strong, who dreamed of opulence, and Johann Friedrich Böttger, the alchemist he tasked with making gold—but who instead discovered something even more valuable: porcelain. Learn how their quest for riches led to the creation of Europe's first "white gold" and turned Saxony into a hub of beauty and craftsmanship. German historian Anette Isaacs presents a tale of ambition, accidental genius, and the porcelain that dazzled a continent!

Fee: \$20 Anette Isaacs  
# [11226](#) W 6/18 1–3 p.m. Remote

### **NEW! If It's What My Country Wants Me to Do**

A young boy dreams of the skies above, captivated by the idea of becoming a pilot. When World War II begins, he eagerly volunteers for the Air Corps, but he is too young, and his mother says, No. Undeterred, he studies the stars and attends college to learn more. Once he's old enough, he finally joins the service with his sights set on flying. He excels in his training, but the Army has other plans for him. The boy's dreams are shattered, yet he stoically accepts his new role, saying, If that's what my country wants. What follows becomes one of the most dangerous tours of duty during World War II. Based on a true story from McHenry County.

Fee: \$15 Steven Aavang  
# [11231](#) W 7/2 1–3 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! Notes of Legacy: Revisiting Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn's Marvelous Musical Journey**

Explore the extraordinary musical journey of Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn, 19th-century German siblings and prolific composers, as we join German historian Anette Isaacs in unraveling their family's rich legacy. Fanny's talents as a pianist and composer faced societal constraints, while Felix's innovative compositions earned him widespread acclaim. Descendants of philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, their family played a pivotal role in both cultural and Jewish heritage, leaving an indelible mark on classical music and intellectual pursuits. This class is offered by our collaborative College of DuPage instructor.

Fee: \$20 Anette Isaacs  
# [11430](#) Th 7/17 6–8 p.m. Remote

## **NEW! Waltzing Australia**

From sophisticated cities to rugged outback, desert to rainforest, Great Barrier Reef to ancient inland ranges, the land Down Under offers an often-surprising kaleidoscope of memorable experiences. This fast-moving presentation spans the full the 20,000-mile journey that is the subject of Clampitt's award-winning book, *Waltzing Australia*. This class is taught by Cynthia Clampitt, a collaborative instructor from the Harper College.

**Fee: \$10** Collaborative Partner  
# [11436](#) T 7/29 1–2 p.m. Remote

## **NEW! Angels Over Afghanistan**

It seems like forever ago, but just 10 short years ago. My son-in-law received his MD and was immediately sworn into the Air Force with a Captain's commission and a mission to save the lives of Americans critically injured in Afghanistan. The injured servicemen (and some animals and local tribal leaders) would be snatched from the battlefield and flown to Germany where America's best military surgeons would save lives and repair the broken bodies and soles. The young captain's orders during the 12-hour flight: keep them alive and out of pain.

**Fee: \$15** Steven Aavang  
# [11232](#) F 8/22 1–3 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## **NEW! Lost Adolescence**

A girl's youth was spent in London's Blitz and under constant threat of destruction of life, home, family, friends, and work. Meager food and clothing didn't cause despair, and neither did school in a bomb shelter. Discover the realities of this existence and how people coped. It required hope, perseverance, hard work, a sense of humor, and some luck.

**Fee: \$15** Steven Aavang  
# [11233](#) F 9/19 1–3 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## **NEW! Bridging the Divide: 35 Years of German Unification**

As Germany approaches the 35th anniversary of its unification, the journey of bringing together two countries separated for 45 years remains a profound chapter in its modern history. The last three decades were marked by both hope and hardship as East and West Germany struggled to bridge deep divides—political, economic, and cultural. Join German historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion on the complexities of unification, the many challenges faced, and the hard-won successes that shaped the New Germany.

**Fee: \$20** Anette Isaacs  
# [11227](#) M 9/22 1–3 p.m. Remote

## HOME AND GARDEN

### **Mushroom Mission**

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

**Fee: \$35** Andy Andresky & Kurt Thornberry  
# [9907](#) Th 5/1 7–8:30 p.m. Main Campus  
Sa 5/3 8:30–10 a.m. Off Campus

**Lecture Only**  
# [9908](#) Th 5/1 7–8:30 p.m. Main Campus



### **Growing Your Own Mushrooms**

Edible mushrooms have important medicinal and culinary uses, and they are relatively easy to grow once you have the supplies and know the techniques. This class will begin with a lecture covering the most common home and commercially grown mushrooms, including identification, practices, procedures, and equipment. The class will also include a lab session where you will inoculate logs (shiitake), as well as straw and coffee grounds (oyster mushrooms). The session will conclude with a discussion of the mushroom business. Please bring a clean, wide-mouth quart jar and about 4 cups of spent coffee grounds.

**Fee: \$45** Richard Tobiasz  
# [9909](#) Sa 4/26 9 a.m.–Noon Main Campus



## Honey Tasting: A Sensory Analysis of Honey

Honey takes a long journey before it lands in your jar. The final product can be affected by many variables, including the local climate, botanical sources and the honeybees who visit them, and the activity of beekeepers. In this class, we will study varietal honeys using our senses of sight, smell, taste, and touch to fully appreciate their unique qualities. We'll approach honey tasting as a sensory journey, reviewing at least five varietal honeys and comparing their flavor profiles. We will also review and discuss: a Honey Sensory Wheel and how that impacts fragrances within the honey; how to more finely tune our senses to appreciate our local varieties of honey; how honeys acquire certain aromas that often differ from what we would expect; methods of tasting the full balance of flavors of these honeys; how to appreciate the different textures of honey and their impact on our taste buds; and sample 20+ varieties of handcrafted local honeys (creamed, infused, raw, and barrel-aged) and other honey-based products (honey sauces, mustards, and honey hot sauces). Students will receive their own Honey Sensory Booklet for future tastings.

Fee: \$45

Frank Moriarty

# [10513](#)

T

5/6

6–8 p.m.

Catalyst Campus



## NEW! Easy Seed Saving

Learn the simple secrets to saving seeds and never buy packets again! This class takes the mystery out of seed saving, showing you how easy it can be to preserve your favorite vegetable and flower varieties. We'll cover the basics, from choosing the best plants to proper drying and storage techniques. See a live demonstration and get all your questions answered. Plus, take home a variety of free vegetable and flower seeds to start your own seed-saving journey.

Fee: \$30

Caron Wenzel

# [11449](#)

M

4/14

6–8 p.m.

Catalyst Campus



## NEW! Lettuce Begin: Grow a Salad Garden

Ready to grow fresh, healthy leafy greens? In this hands-on workshop, you'll plant and take home a portable lettuce garden featuring easy-to-grow varieties like looseleaf, butterhead, and romaine. We'll provide the lettuce plants, soil, and a planter, so all you need to do is dig in and learn essential tips to keep your garden thriving. Perfect for beginners and seasoned gardeners alike, this workshop will have you enjoying fresh, homegrown salads all season long.

Fee: \$55

JulieAnn Gardens

# [11459](#)

F

5/9

6:30–8 p.m.

Main Campus



## Beekeeping Field Study

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

Fee: \$59

Larry Krengel

# [9799](#)

Sa

4/5, 4/12

10 a.m.–Noon

Main Campus

# [9800](#)

Sa

4/5, 4/12

1–3 p.m.

Main Campus



## NEW! Beekeeping: Varroa Mite—Know Your Enemy

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

Fee: \$25

Larry Krengel

# [9910](#)

W

4/9

7–9:30 p.m.

Catalyst Campus

# [10512](#)

W

4/9

7–9:30 p.m.

Remote

## NEW! Buzzing Beauty: DIY Beeswax Lip Balm Workshop

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

Fee: \$39

Stephanie Slater

# [10404](#)

W

4/16

6–8 p.m.

Catalyst Campus



## NEW! Dye Plants Everywhere

Give your old clothes and fabrics a vibrant new life! This class explores the exciting world of natural dyes, showing you how to transform recycled textiles using common plants and ingredients you might already have in your kitchen. Learn how to extract color from flowers, vegetables, and other readily available sources, and discover simple techniques to create beautiful, unique shades. We'll cover the basics of preparing fabric, creating dye baths, and achieving lasting color. Give your wardrobe a sustainable refresh and unleash your inner artist.

Fee: \$30 Caron Wenzel  
# [11450](#) M 5/12 6-8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## NEW! The Environmental Life

Want to live a greener life but don't know where to start? This class empowers you to make a real difference with simple, sustainable choices. From fixing a leaky faucet and mastering recycling best practices to exploring the possibilities of solar energy, we'll cover a range of practical skills and knowledge. Learn how small changes in your daily routine can have a big impact on the environment and your wallet. Get inspired to live more sustainably and discover the many ways you can contribute to a healthier planet.

Fee: \$30 Caron Wenzel  
# [11451](#) T 6/10 6-8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## NEW! Garden Preservation Beyond Canning

Learn easy, practical ways to preserve your harvest—no canning required! In this hands-on workshop, we'll explore simple methods for freezing, drying, and other preservation techniques to extend the life of your homegrown tomatoes, peppers, herbs, and more. Perfect for all skill levels, you'll leave with the confidence to enjoy your garden's flavors long after the season ends.

Fee: \$35 JulieAnn Gardens  
# [11460](#) M 6/16 6:30-8 p.m. Main Campus

## NEW! Home Heating and Cooling Systems

Have you ever thought about buying a new furnace and air conditioning unit from a big-box store and installing it yourself? Or maybe you've wondered if it's time to add some Freon and give that old A/C unit a little boost. Doing so, however, is a violation of the EPA's Clean Air Act and could result in fines of up to \$44,539 per day, per violation, and/or the requirement to appear in court. In this course, you'll become familiar with the laws governing refrigerant handling and practice supervised recovery, evacuation, and charging for an A/C unit in a state-of-the-art HVAC lab. You will also have the opportunity to learn about accredited, approved training for obtaining the necessary EPA refrigerant handling license, allowing you to charge HVAC appliances properly, safely, and legally.

Fee: \$45 Pops Levandowski  
# [11141](#) Th 4/3 8 a.m.-Noon Main Campus  
# [11142](#) Sa 4/5 8 a.m.-Noon Main Campus

## Small Engine Repair

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

Fee: \$79 Noah Taylor  
# [10477](#) T 4/8-4/29 6-8 p.m. Woodstock High School

## NEW! Basic Vehicle Care

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

Fee: \$75 Steven Dempsey  
# [11408](#) T 5/20-6/10 6-8 p.m. Main Campus



## Introduction to Interior Design

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

Fee: \$129

# <a href="#">11123</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11124</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11125</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## Start Your Own Edible Garden

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

Fee: \$129

# <a href="#">11161</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11162</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11163</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## KIDS AND COLLEGE



### Rainbow Light Circuit: An Introduction to Electronics, Grades 1–8

Join the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry (MSI) for an introductory workshop on basic electronics. Explore the fundamentals of electricity and its functions within a circuit through three engaging hands-on activities. You will have the opportunity to create their own illuminated name badge and assemble a cardboard circuit board equipped with switches. No soldering skills are necessary!

Fee: \$45

MSI Instructor

# <a href="#">10857</a>	Sa	4/26	9 a.m.–Noon	Main Campus
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## LANGUAGES

### Spanish I

This class is for those with a basic understanding of Spanish who want to practice their conversation skills. You will focus on speaking, pronunciation, listening, and understanding through the culture of Spanish-speaking countries and people. We'll use vocabulary, grammar, and verbs to understand the structure of the language.

Fee: \$109

Veronica Petersen

# <a href="#">11282</a>	M	4/7–6/2	6–8 p.m.	Main Campus
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### American Sign Language for Beginners

Join a fun and relaxed environment where you start signing immediately. You'll start with the alphabet, numbers, vocabulary of categories, finger spelling, and basic phrases to greet people and express yourself. This course is taught by a deaf instructor. The required textbook is *Learn to Sign the Fun Way* and is available on Amazon.

Fee: \$119

Carol Puca

# <a href="#">11249</a>	M	4/7–6/2	6–8 p.m.	Main Campus
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### American Sign Language 2

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

Fee: \$109

Carol Puca

# <a href="#">11250</a>	W	4/9–5/28	6–8 p.m.	Main Campus
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## 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

# <a href="#">11033</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11034</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11035</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## Conversational Japanese

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

Fee: \$115

# <a href="#">11036</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11037</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11038</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## Instant Italian

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

Fee: \$115

# <a href="#">11042</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11043</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11044</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## Speed Spanish

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

Fee: \$125

# <a href="#">11045</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11046</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11047</a>	6/11–8/1	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: \$99

Patricia Gaughan

# <a href="#">10560</a>	T	4/1–5/6	6–7 p.m.	Main Campus
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### Advanced Guitar/Ukulele

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

Fee: \$99

Patricia Gaughan

# <a href="#">10562</a>	T	4/1–5/6	7–8 p.m.	Main Campus
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## NEW! Group Piano/Keyboard II

This class is perfect for those who have completed Group Piano I or for anyone with basic piano knowledge who is looking to refresh their skills and move forward.

Fee: \$99

Tara Singer

# <a href="#">10395</a>	W	4/2–5/7	6:15–7:15 p.m.	Main Campus
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## NEW! Popular Styles and Improvisation (All Instruments)

Do you have a basic working knowledge of how to play a musical instrument but would like to be more versatile, get some experience playing with others and learn to improvise? Are you classically trained and always wanted to learn how to play pop, rock, country, blues or jazz? This class includes: introductory tools for improvising, playing in a band or combo, following a lead sheet, arranging for small groups, live performance tips, and more. Requirements: Must have a year or more experience on your instrument, be able to navigate the instrument well enough to locate all pitches by name [including sharps and flats] and have a basic understanding of standard treble clef notation and rhythm. Proficient note reading is not necessary. Except for keyboard players, you must have your own instrument [and small amp, if needed] and bring to class each session.

Fee: \$99

Tara Singer

# <a href="#">10396</a>	W	4/2–5/7	7:30–8:30 p.m.	Main Campus
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### MCC Jazz Ensemble

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

Fee: \$20

Michael Bazan

# <a href="#">11283</a>	W	6/18–8/6	7–8:50 p.m.	Main Campus
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### Private Music Lessons

Students who wish to take private music lessons may register through Community Enrichment. There will be a total of 7.5 hours of instruction. After you've registered, the instructor will call you to schedule a specific day and time for your lessons. The cost is \$329 excluding music, which you'll need to purchase on your own. All classes will run June 16–August 9. Other musical instrument lessons are also available. For more information about private music lessons, please call Paige Lush at (815) 479-7670.

Fee: \$329

Class	Course Code	Instructor
Guitar	# <a href="#">11287</a>	Thomas Sergey
Piano	# <a href="#">11284</a>	Tara Singer
Piano	# <a href="#">11285</a>	Rebecca Chu Park
Voice	# <a href="#">11286</a>	Christopher Jackson

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

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

## » ABOUT MCC MUSIC DEPARTMENT



The Music Department at McHenry County College offers a variety of credit-based and community enrichment classes and ensembles. The department is led by talented and experienced faculty members who are truly artists themselves. Our faculty

enjoy spreading the love of music by teaching others in class or through private lessons. Learn more about our faculty by scanning the QR code.



## Financial Smarts for Young Adults

Are you a young adult looking for assistance in understanding basic financial management? Join the team from Stairway to Prosperity, a local non-profit dedicated to helping young adults navigate the complexities of everyday life, to learn how to open a bank account, how to manage your finances through budgeting, gain a foundational understanding of how credit works, and more.

Fee: \$25

Stairway to Prosperity

# <a href="#">11344</a>	Sa	4/19	10–11:30 a.m. Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">11346</a>	Sa	5/24	10–11:30 a.m. Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">11347</a>	Sa	6/21	10–11:30 a.m. Catalyst Campus



## Real Estate Investing

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

Fee: \$125

# <a href="#">11158</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11159</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11160</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## Stocks, Bonds, Investing: Oh My!

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

Fee: \$125

# <a href="#">11164</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11165</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11166</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## The Analysis and Valuation of Stocks

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

Fee: \$125

# <a href="#">11167</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11168</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11169</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## Introduction to Stock Options

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

Fee: \$129

# <a href="#">11126</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11127</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11129</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## Keys to Successful Money Management

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

Fee: \$125

# <a href="#">11143</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11144</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11145</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## Personal Finance

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

Fee: \$129

# <a href="#">11155</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11156</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11157</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online



**Meet Mandy:** Mandy Jagarnauth is the Founder and President of Stairway to Prosperity, an organization dedicated to empowering young adults aged 18–26 in the McHenry County area through programs that teach essential life skills, fostering independence, hope, and resilience. She is a lifelong resident of McHenry County and received her early childhood development certificate from MCC and psychology degree from Arizona State University.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### Cell Phone Photography (iOS)

Do you have an iPhone and want to take better-quality photos? Unleash the power of your smartphone's camera and learn to capture stunning photos in both auto and manual modes. We'll introduce the art of composition and show you how to enhance your photos using iOS's built-in editing tools. Join us to improve your selfie game and elevate your everyday photography.

Fee: \$39

Alyssa Rivera

# <a href="#">11185</a>	W	4/2	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">11186</a>	Th	6/26	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus

### Digital Photography for Beginners

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

Fee: \$79

Alyssa Rivera

# <a href="#">11189</a>	Th	5/8	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
	Sa	5/17	4:30–6 p.m.	Off Campus

### NEW! Digital Photography for Beginners II

Designed as a continuation of the Digital Photography for Beginners course, this class offers more in-depth knowledge for beginner photographers. Explore advanced techniques in lighting, composition, and manual camera settings while experimenting with various photography styles. Through hands-on practice and using real-world subjects, you'll refine your unique style and build confidence behind the camera.

Fee: \$79

Alyssa Rivera

# <a href="#">11190</a>	Th	5/22	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
	Sa	5/31	4:30–6 p.m.	Off Campus

### Portrait Photography for Beginners

Ready to bring your portrait photography to life? Join our dynamic portraiture class and learn the art of capturing captivating imagery. Master composition, lighting, and posing techniques while discovering new ways to prompt and engage your subject. Gain hands-on experience during a creative on-location shoot, guided by the instructor. Sign up now and dive into the world of portrait photography!

Fee: \$99

Alyssa Rivera

# <a href="#">11187</a>	Th	6/5	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
	Sa	6/7	4:30–6 p.m.	Off Campus

### Digital Editing with Adobe Lightroom

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

Fee: \$49

Alyssa Rivera

# <a href="#">11188</a>	W	6/25	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
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### Discover Digital Photography

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

Fee: \$115

# <a href="#">10909</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10910</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10911</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

### Mastering Your Digital SLR Camera

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

Fee: \$115

# <a href="#">10915</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10916</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10917</a>	6/11–8/1	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

# <a href="#">10912</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10913</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10914</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online



## **Photoshop CC for the Digital Photographer**

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

Fee: \$115

# <a href="#">10918</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10919</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10920</a>	6/11–8/1	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: \$125

# <a href="#">10921</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10922</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10923</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## RECREATION AND SPORTS

### **Open Chess with McHenry County Chess Club**

Join the McHenry County Chess Club for weekly Thursday night open chess from 6 to 8 p.m. Open to everyone ages 10 and up, this event welcomes players of all skill levels, from beginners to experts. Players may bring their own chess boards, though limited boards will also be available for use. Open chess is a great way to connect with other chess enthusiasts, practice your playing skills, and learn from veteran chess players. Vending machines are available onsite for snacks.

Fee: \$5 McHenry County Chess Club

# <a href="#">9874</a>	Th	4/3–6/26	6–8 p.m.	Main Campus
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## **NEW! Senior Hike: Exner Marsh**

This beautiful 1.3-mile hike takes you through a shallow glacial lake bed, now underlain by organic deposits and bordered by uplands made of glacial till and outwash deposits. Exner Marsh supports a rich wetland bird community, including migratory species that use the marsh as a staging area during their spring and fall migrations. Birds you may encounter include blue-winged teal, sora, Virginia rail, king rail, least bittern, pied-billed grebe, common moorhen, and yellow-headed blackbird. Black-crowned night herons and great egrets also feed in the area.

Fee: \$5 Exner Marsh—M.C.C.D.

# <a href="#">11031</a>	F	5/23	10–11:30 a.m.
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## **NEW! Senior Hike: Kishwaukee Headwaters**

Join the McHenry County Conservation District for a hike along this beautiful 1.75-mile nature trail. The Kishwaukee Headwaters offers a diverse array of prairie plants and flowers, while grassland birds, butterflies, and dragonflies are frequently seen darting about the property. This looped trail takes you over a boardwalk and through wetland, sedge meadow, and savanna habitats.

Fee: \$5

Kishwaukee Headwaters M.C.C.D.

# <a href="#">11030</a>	F	4/25	10–11:30 a.m.
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## **NEW! Senior Hike: Lyons Prairie and Marsh**

Join the McHenry County Conservation District for a 1.4-mile hike at Lyons Prairie and Marsh, an Illinois State Nature Preserve. In addition to its stunning views, the property offers opportunities for horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and fishing in a small 2.5-acre pond.

Fee: \$5

Lyons Prairie and Marsh M.C.C.D.

# <a href="#">11032</a>	F	6/27	10–11:30 a.m.
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## SPECIAL INTEREST

### **NEW! Laugh, Love, and Connect: An Improv Comedy Workshop for Couples**

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

Fee: \$45

Cheryl Cox

# <a href="#">11433</a>	Th	4/24	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">11434</a>	Th	6/26	7–9 p.m.	Catalyst Campus

## **Improv for Seniors**

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

Fee: \$20

Cheryl Cox

# <a href="#">10407</a>	Th	4/10	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">10408</a>	Th	5/8	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">10409</a>	Th	6/5	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst Campus



## Beginner Coin Collecting Workshop

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

Fee: \$29

John Kent

# [10693](#)

Sa

4/19

10 a.m.–Noon

Catalyst  
Campus

## NEW! Demystifying Record Stores and Audio Equipment

Ever felt overwhelmed walking into a record store or confused by audio equipment jargon? Join us for a one-time workshop designed to make the hobby of record collecting approachable for everyone! Taught by Kelly, co-owner of The Records Department, this session will cover the basics of navigating record stores, choosing the right records, and understanding audio equipment—no prior experience needed. Kelly brings her expertise as one half of the dynamic ownership team behind The Records Department, a community-centered store passionate about music and inclusivity. This workshop is perfect for anyone new to vinyl or looking to gain confidence in curating their collection outside of a big box or online setting. Let's break down the barriers and make music fun, accessible, and empowering—just like it's meant to be. Come curious, leave inspired! Located downtown Woodstock.

Fee: \$25

The Records Department

# [11255](#)

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4/23

6–8 p.m.

## NEW! Caring for Your Vinyl Collection

Want to keep your vinyl sounding flawless for years to come? Join Michael, co-owner of The Records Department, for a hands-on workshop all about cleaning and maintaining your record collection. In this class, we'll cover how to properly clean your records and keep them dust-free, the best tools and techniques for record care, how to store vinyl to prevent warping and damage, and tips for preserving sound quality over time. Michael's expert advice will help you protect your collection and get the most out of your favorite albums. Whether you're a casual listener or a dedicated collector, this class will give you the know-how to keep your vinyl in top shape. Bring your questions and a few dirty records to clean, and let's keep the music alive! Located downtown Woodstock.

Fee: \$25

The Records Department

# [11256](#)

W

5/28

6–8 p.m.

## NEW! Podcasting for Beginners

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

Fee: \$75

Jim Stockwell

# [11403](#)

TTh

5/13–5/22

6–8 p.m.

Main Campus

## Save Money with Extreme Couponing!

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

Fee: \$25

LeeAnne Krusemark

# [10707](#)

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5/9

3–4 p.m.

Remote

## Genealogy Basics

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

Fee: \$125

# [11110](#)

4/16–6/6

24 Hours

Online

# [11111](#)

5/14–7/4

24 Hours

Online

# [11112](#)

6/11–8/1

24 Hours

Online



## 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**

# <a href="#">11114</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11115</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11116</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## Learn to Buy and Sell on eBay

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

**Fee: \$125**

# <a href="#">11146</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11147</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11148</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## TECHNOLOGY

## Introduction to PC Troubleshooting

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

**Fee: \$129**

# <a href="#">10862</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10863</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10864</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## Adobe Illustrator Essentials

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. In this course, you will learn Adobe Illustrator fundamentals to set up a print document and use various tools to draw, type and color all kinds of shapes and illustrations. Learn how to efficiently manage layers and artboards, and create print-ready PDF documents. Access to Adobe Illustrator software required. One-month course.

**Fee: \$225**

**Andy Helmi**

# <a href="#">10130</a>	4/7–5/2	16 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10131</a>	6/2–6/27	16 Hours	Online

## Adobe InDesign Essentials

Adobe InDesign is the industry standard page-layout program that works with Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop seamlessly. InDesign allows you to create simple to complex multi-page documents such as brochures, flyers, books and magazines. This course is a comprehensive exploration of InDesign tools and capabilities to create professional documents. You will learn how to manage the InDesign environment, create, setup, design, enhance and finalize multi-page documents. Access to Adobe InDesign software required. One-month course.

**Fee: \$225**

**Andy Helmi**

# <a href="#">10132</a>	4/7–5/2	16 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">10133</a>	6/2–6/27	16 Hours	Online

## Adobe Photoshop Essentials

This fundamental course covers Adobe Photoshop CC most commonly used tools, menus and panels. You'll learn all the basics of 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 art work. Impress your business organization, friends and family by enhancing their photos and create magazine cover quality enhanced images. Access to Adobe Photoshop software required. One-month course.

**Fee: \$225**

**Andy Helmi**

# <a href="#">10733</a>	5/5–5/30	16 Hours	Online
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## All About Canva Pro Level 1

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

**Fee: \$69**

**Lori Lattanzio**

# <a href="#">11307</a>	T	4/1	9–11:30 a.m.	Catalyst Campus
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## All About Canva Pro Level 2

Let's put your Canva skills to use! This workshop picks up where Canva Pro Level 1 left off. First, we'll recap Canva features and tools while also learning a few new advanced tricks! Then, you'll get the opportunity to experiment and create marketing material for personal or professional use. This hands-on class is taught in a computer lab – no need to bring your own technology. Canva Pro subscription/log-in required. Please arrive to class 10 minutes early to get signed in and ready for class by the start time.

**Fee: \$69**

**Lori Lattanzio**

# <a href="#">11308</a>	F	5/9	1:30–3:30 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
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## Canva Pro: Presentations

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

Fee: \$29 Lori Lattanzio  
# [11310](#) W 5/21 11 a.m.–Noon Remote

## Canva Pro: Social Media

There are many apps to use for social media marketing, but Canva makes it simple with its templates, content planner, mockups, and more. We'll navigate through all the great tools Canva has specifically for social media marketing creation! Canva Pro subscription/log-in required. Please arrive to class 10 minutes early to get signed in and ready for class by the start time.

Fee: \$29 Lori Lattanzio  
# [11309](#) Th 4/24 9:30–10:30 a.m. Remote

## Canva Pro: Video Editor

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

Fee: \$29 Lori Lattanzio  
# [11311](#) M 6/9 2–3 p.m. Remote

## Microsoft Excel Basic Formulas and Printing Tools

Learn the basics of creating formulas in Excel, including adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. You will then learn how to use the basic functions of SUM, AVERAGE, MIN, MAX, COUNT and COUNTA. We'll also discuss printing and the basics of changing paper orientation, margins, scaling, creating headers and footers, and adding page breaks and print titles.

Fee: \$69 Audrey Minkalis  
# [11299](#) Th 5/1 1:30–3:30 p.m. Remote

## Microsoft Excel Level 1 (Basic)

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

Fee: \$179 Audrey Minkalis  
# [11293](#) ThF 5/1, 5/2 8 a.m.–Noon Catalyst Campus  
# [11294](#) M 6/2 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## Microsoft Excel Level 2 (Intermediate)

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

Fee: \$179 Audrey Minkalis  
# [11295](#) ThF 5/8, 5/9 8 a.m.–Noon Catalyst Campus  
# [11296](#) M 6/16 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## Microsoft Excel Logical IF Functions and Lookup Functions

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

Fee: \$69 Audrey Minkalis  
# [11300](#) Th 5/8 1:30–3:30 p.m. Remote

## Microsoft Excel Pivot Tables

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

Fee: \$69 Audrey Minkalis  
# [11303](#) Th 5/22 1:30–3:30 p.m. Remote

## Microsoft Excel Sorting, Filtering and Working with Tables

Learn the proper way to build a table for sorting and filtering in Excel. We'll discuss how to sort single and multiple columns, and how to use Auto Filter techniques to view only specific rows in a table. You'll also learn table tools for formatting and formulas.

Fee: \$69 Audrey Minkalis  
# [11302](#) F 5/9 1:30–3:30 p.m. Remote

## Microsoft Excel Working with Multiple Sheets

Learn how to add, delete, rename, change the color of sheet tabs, hide/unhide, and move/copy sheets in Excel. Discover how and why you should select multiple sheets at the same time using shift and control. You will also learn how to write formulas between sheets to create a summary sheet.

Fee: \$69 Audrey Minkalis  
# [11301](#) F 5/2 1:30–3:30 p.m. Remote



## Microsoft PowerPoint Tips and Tricks

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

Fee: \$89

Audrey Minkalis

# [11306](#) W 4/2 8 a.m.–Noon Remote

## Microsoft Word Tips and Tricks

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

Fee: \$89

Audrey Minkalis

# [11305](#) W 4/2 12:30–4:30 p.m. Remote

## WRITING

### How to Self-Publish for Free

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

Fee: \$79

Roxanne Boersma

# [9873](#) 4/1–6/30 8 Hours 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, ultimately want to write for print/production, or perform your own stand up routine, this fast-paced session will show you how to apply humor to all aspects of your life. You will learn the anatomy of a joke, how to use your powers of observation to sharpen your wit, write different types of jokes, and use humor to entertain and influence people. Informative handouts for future use are included in the class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$35

LeeAnne Krusemark

# [10705](#) Th 5/1 4–6 p.m. Remote

## Write Your First Novel in 90 Days

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

Fee: \$45

LeeAnne Krusemark

# [10706](#) Th 5/1 6–9 p.m. Remote

## Explore the World as a Travel Writer

If you love to travel and write, this class is for you! We'll explore how to use all your senses in a new destination to create detailed, engaging descriptions that capture readers' interest. We'll also discuss whether to include photos with your work, how to find and submit your writing to print and online markets, and the business side of travel writing, including how to take travel tax deductions. Plus, you'll learn how to avoid worn-out travel writing clichés. Informative handouts for future reference are included in the class fee. Webinar login details will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$35

LeeAnne Krusemark

# [10712](#) F 5/2 2–4 p.m. Remote

## Writing for Online Blogs, Magazines, and Websites

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

Fee: \$35

LeeAnne Krusemark

# [10710](#) F 5/2 4–6 p.m. Remote

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

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

Fee: \$45

LeeAnne Krusemark

# [10713](#) Sa 5/3 8–11 a.m. Remote

## Introduction to Journaling: A Beginner's Guide

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

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark  
# [10753](#) Sa 5/3 3–5 p.m. Remote

## Ten Practical Tips to Writing Powerful Dialogue

Writing believable, relatable dialogue is an art form. Fortunately, there are some tried and tested methods and techniques you can use to improve the dialogue in your novel or script. In this fast-paced session, you'll learn how to turn ordinary words into compelling dialogue, use clean dialogue tags, differentiate character voices, use dialogue instead of narrative/voiceover, avoid dialogue dumps, and be real but not boring. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$25 LeeAnne Krusemark  
# [10752](#) Th 5/8 3–4 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 any other information you'd like 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 linking to other websites and advertising) and how to increase your internet ranking. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark  
# [10754](#) Th 5/8 6–8 p.m. Remote

## Writing Short Stories: A Beginner's Guide

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

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark  
# [10751](#) F 5/9 4–6 p.m. Remote

## 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 (which may even help you receive a promotion at work or get noticed by a publisher!). In this hands-on session, we'll go through many writing/editing examples and exercises so you can see in real time how to make sentences flow properly while still maintaining reader interest. You'll also leave with a workbook full of writing tips and tricks, which is included in the class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$45 LeeAnne Krusemark  
# [10749](#) F 5/9 6–9 p.m. Remote

## How to Outline and Write an Irresistible Romance

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

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark  
# [10708](#) Sa 5/10 8–10 a.m. Remote

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

Become a mystery writer for fun or profit! You'll explore different sub-genres and the three-act story structure of mystery writing. We'll show you how to create an intriguing cast of characters, choose your setting, craft an opening that grabs readers' attention, and use red herrings to misdirect and create suspense. Publishing options will also be discussed. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark  
# [10709](#) Sa 5/10 10 a.m.–Noon Remote

## Introduction to Screenwriting for Television or Movies

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

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark  
# [10714](#) Su 5/11 Noon–2 p.m. Remote

## Beginners Guide to Using Free ChatGPT (AI) for Writers

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

Fee: \$35

LeeAnne Krusemark

# [10711](#) Su 5/11 2–4 p.m. Remote

### Beginning Writer's Workshop

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

Fee: \$129

# <a href="#">11104</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11105</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11106</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

### Grammar Refresher

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

Fee: \$115

# <a href="#">11117</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11118</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11119</a>	6/11–8/1	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: \$129

# <a href="#">11170</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11171</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11172</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online

## » ABOUT COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

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

For additional in-person, remote, and online class offerings, please visit [www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment](http://www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment).

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222 East Church Street, Woodstock, IL 60098  
[personaldevelopment@mchenry.edu](mailto:personaldevelopment@mchenry.edu)  
(815) 455-8758

### 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

# <a href="#">11176</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11177</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11178</a>	6/11–8/1	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: \$129

# <a href="#">11179</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11180</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11181</a>	6/11–8/1	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

# <a href="#">11182</a>	4/16–6/6	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11183</a>	5/14–7/4	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11184</a>	6/11–8/1	24 Hours	Online



# Curiosity has a new name:

# LISI.

Meet LISI—that's short for the Liebman Institute for Science Innovation at McHenry County College.

LISI is the place for conversation and exploration of how things work. Through a series of groundbreaking programming, discussions, and partnerships, LISI provides relevant scientific information to help individuals make informed choices and decisions.

## PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH LISI

### **The Science Behind It—Immersive Seminar Series**

Immerse yourself into some of today's most cutting-edge science topics. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from widely acclaimed experts in their fields, across a variety of topics.

### **LISI Lecture Series**

LISI's seminal lecture series brings science to the forefront of our community and collective consciousness. Lectures will include a meet-and-greet with guest speakers and other refreshments.

### **Hall of Human Origins**

The Hall of Human Origins offers critical insight into hominin evolution through the exploration of fossil evidence. This interactive exhibit is on permanent display in the Life Sciences wing of the Liebman Science Center (Building F).

### **Planetarium Showcases**

MCC's planetarium features a spectacular 8.3-meter dome with high-definition video and immersive surround sound. The planetarium is available for students of all ages, as well as the general public.

### **LISI-Sponsored Programs**

LISI is a Science Olympiad sponsor and aims to make MCC the hub for Science Olympiad tournaments in the State of Illinois.



Learn more about LISI programming:  
[www.mchenry.edu/lisi](http://www.mchenry.edu/lisi)



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Camp Invention®

# DISCOVER

## FOUR ALL-NEW ADVENTURES IN HANDS-ON INVENTION EDUCATION



- As travelers on the ultimate road trip, campers put their **navigation skills** to the test as they study traditional travel maps and explore the use of **artificial intelligence** in GPS.
- Campers explore **electromagnetic waves** as they assemble their very own receiver and transmitter and are given secret messages in **Morse code**.
- Campers use **creative problem solving** and build **persistence** by inventing their way out of numerous bumps in the road that threaten their course.



- Campers explore the science behind **optical illusions** in art, movies, theater and animation, finding inspiration from real-life theme park technology and the inventors behind it.
- While exploring **special effects** in the entertainment industry, campers find inspiration for their own moving props using **pneumatics**.
- Campers are challenged to create their own **Spin-o-scope™** to show the illusion of motion, blending the realms of science and art.



- Campers build their very own functional **claw machines** complete with one-of-a-kind prizes as they dive into the world of **physics and mechanics**.
- Campers discover the **biology** of claws, talons and pincers and mimic how animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow and meet their needs.
- After exploring **entrepreneurial principles** and crafting marketing strategies, campers pitch their arcade ideas to hook investors and secure funding for their claw arcades.



- Campers embark on an eco-expedition to investigate penguins and the **geography** and **climate** of their home in Antarctica.
- With the help of a Snow-ver – a rover equipped with a **robotic research penguin** that can roll and glide across snowy and icy surfaces—campers enter penguin colonies undetected.
- Campers unleash **design thinking** to create flippers and launchers that propel their own **plush penguin** across the South Pole and beyond, delivering penguin -and planet-saving messages.

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Camp Invention® is a 4-day creative and open-ended learning camp which includes a rotation of four adventures for students in grades K–6.



# » KIDS AND COLLEGE SUMMER BREAK 2025



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**GRIFFIN MUSEUM  
OF SCIENCE+INDUSTRY**

@ **McHenry  
County College**

The MCC Kids and College Program has partnered with the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry to host a series of Young Makers Camps in the MSI Makers Space, located within the newly opened MCC Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation.

## ABOUT KIDS AND COLLEGE

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

### **NEW! Early Arrival and Late Departure**

The Kids and College Program will be offering early arrival and late departure options for Summer 2025. Campers must register for each option to participate. Early arrival begins at 7:30 a.m. and late departure ends at 5:30 p.m.

## WEEK 1: JUNE 2-5

### **Junior Science, Grades 1-3**

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

**Fee: \$115**

# [10959](#) M–Th 6/2–6/5 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### **Mosaic Art, Grades 1-3**

Students will learn the art of arranging colorful materials to form unique patterns and designs, all while creating their own mosaic masterpiece.

**Fee: \$115**

# [10798](#) M–Th 6/2–6/5 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### **Crazy Clay Creations, Grades 1-5**

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

**Fee: \$115**

# [10831](#) M–Th 6/2–6/5 1–4 p.m. MCC

### **Junior Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 3-5**

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! In this class, students will make a variety of recipes from pre-made dough, including pasta with sauces, sweet doughs, cupcakes, and easy, healthy snacks.

**Fee: \$125**

# [10872](#) M–Th 6/2–6/5 1–4 p.m. MCC

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

Let's get our move on! In this creative, high energy movement class, students will explore the history of dances and learn the choreography from some of the most popular age appropriate dances. Together, the class will create a ripple video which is a combination of different dance moves. Students will be recorded in the class.

**Fee: \$99**

# [10906](#) M–Th 6/2–6/5 1–4 p.m. MCC

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



### Pastel Exploration and Street Painting, Grades 4-6

Students will let their creativity shine as they explore the world of chalk pastels. Over four exciting days, they'll make playful chalk games, learn pastel painting techniques, and work to create a stunning sidewalk art show featuring their favorite cartoon characters. This class is all about fun, teamwork, and turning ordinary sidewalks into extraordinary art.

Fee: \$115

# [10782](#) M-Th 6/2-6/5 9 a.m.-Noon MCC

### Shining Star! Theatre Camp, Grades 4-6

This fun and interactive theatre camp is designed for kids who are new to theatre or have participated in a few shows. Campers will focus on building performance and communication skills, boosting self-confidence, and fostering teamwork through theatrical warm-ups, games, and activities. They will build their "Actor's Toolbox" with an engaging introduction to the theatre, learning to use voice exercises, facial expressions, and stage movement techniques.

Fee: \$99

# [10938](#) M-Th 6/2-6/5 9 a.m.-Noon MCC

### Junior Science, Grades 4-6

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

Fee: \$115

# [10960](#) M-Th 6/2-6/5 1-4 p.m. MCC

### Mosaic Art, Grades 4-6

Students will learn the art of arranging colorful materials to form unique patterns and designs, all while creating their own mosaic masterpiece.

Fee: \$115

# [10799](#) M-Th 6/2-6/5 1-4 p.m. MCC

### Crazy Clay Creations, Grades 6-9

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

Fee: \$115

# [10873](#) M-Th 6/2-6/5 9 a.m.-Noon MCC

### Teen Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 6-9

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will work with advanced doughs to create scratch-made pasta, bake simple cakes, decorate pastries, and prepare healthy snacks.

Fee: \$125

# [10871](#) M-Th 6/2-6/5 9 a.m.-Noon MCC

### Young Makers Camp, Grades 7-9

Spend a week at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry Makers Space at MCC! Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more, while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$199

# [10773](#) M-Th 6/2-6/5 9 a.m.-4 p.m. MCC

### Broadway Academy Junior, Grades 5-8

For students looking to level up their performance game—an introduction to musical theatre scenework and performance! Students will build their skills in key performance disciplines and work together to create exciting scenes and musical numbers from favorite classic and modern Broadway shows. A joint performance will be held on Saturday, June 14. Taught by the Vocal Academy of Crystal Lake.

Fee: \$225

# [11244](#) M-Th 6/2-6/12 1-4 p.m. MCC

### Second Act! Theatre Camp, Grades 7-9

"Umm, what now?" Many young actors may find themselves asking this question, seeking more acting tips or guidance. This camp is designed to sharpen their skills while providing an inclusive, creative, and supportive theatre community. Campers will embark on a fun journey through various aspects of theatre that will help them grow in their craft. They will explore comedic and dramatic timing, improvisation, script interpretation, character creation, auditioning techniques, and the importance of listening and reacting to events in a scene.

Fee: \$99

# [10939](#) M-Th 6/2-6/5 1-4 p.m. MCC

### Pastel Exploration and Street Painting, Grades 7-9

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Fee: \$115

# [10783](#) M-Th 6/2-6/5 1-4 p.m. MCC

### Broadway Academy, Grades 9-12

An intensive musical theatre class, taught by the Vocal Academy of Crystal Lake, for students ready to take their craft to the next level! Students will work on scenes and songs from hit Broadway musicals, with special focus on performance and pre-professional audition technique. A joint performance will be held on Saturday, June 14.

Fee: \$350

# [11243](#) M-F 6/2-6/13 10 a.m.-1 p.m. MCC

## WEEK 2: JUNE 9-12

### Magical Plants and Creatures, Grades 1-3

Students will journey across the earth to discover magical plants and creatures. The focus will be on unique, magical creatures that are small in size but cast a large shadow. This adventure in art will be creative and fantastic—limited only by the borders of their imagination!

Fee: \$115

# [10800](#) M–Th 6/9–6/12 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Junior Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 3-5

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will make a variety of recipes from pre-made dough, including pasta with sauces, sweet doughs, cupcakes, and easy, healthy snacks.

Fee: \$125

# [10874](#) M–Th 6/9–6/12 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Broadway Academy Kids, Grades 1-4

For young students looking to have fun while learning the basics of being on stage. Students will learn short scenes and songs while developing public speaking and teamwork skills. Taught by the Vocal Academy of Crystal Lake, a final joint performance will be held on Saturday, June 14.

Fee: \$175

# [11245](#) M–Th 6/9–6/12 1–4 p.m. MCC

### STEM for Kids, Grades 1-5

Explore the world of STEM through this hands-on, engaging class. Students will complete a variety of STEM focused projects to grow their creativity and critically thinking skills. New projects each week.

Fee: \$115

# [11007](#) M–Th 6/9–6/12 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Big Art, Really Big Art, Grades 4-6

Does your student like art? How about really big art? In this hands-on class, they'll create unique, large-scale art projects that let their imaginations run wild.

Fee: \$115

# [10784](#) M–Th 6/9–6/12 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Flipbook Animation, Grades 4-6

Jump into the exciting world of animation! Flipbooks are the building blocks of movies, and everybody enjoys them. They're fun, creative, and fascinating! In this class, students will receive a flipbook kit to create, color, and animate cards to develop a unique story and bring it to life.

Fee: \$115

# [10876](#) M–Th 6/9–6/12 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Young Makers Camp, Grades 4-6

Spend a week at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry Makers Space at MCC! Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more, while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$199

# [10774](#) M–Th 6/9–6/12 9 a.m.–4 p.m. MCC

### Magical Plants and Creatures, Grades 4-6

Students will journey across the earth to discover magical plants and creatures. The focus will be on unique, magical creatures that are small in size but cast a large shadow. This adventure in art will be creative and fantastic—limited only by the borders of their imagination!

Fee: \$115

# [10801](#) M–Th 6/9–6/12 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Rocket Science, Grades 4-6

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

Fee: \$115

# [10962](#) M–Th 6/9–6/12 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Writing Adventures, Grades 4-6

Students are invited to use their imaginations and bring their stories to life in this creative writing class! Taught by an Amazon best-selling author, this class will present the elements needed to write an engaging story. Students will participate in fun exercises to develop their skills while writing a story of their choice.

Fee: \$99

# [10833](#) M–Th 6/9–6/12 1–4 p.m. MCC

### A Week with the Honey Bees, Grades 6-9

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

Fee: \$115

# [10838](#) M–Th 6/9–6/12 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### First Responders Camp, Grades 6-9

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

Fee: \$115

# [10905](#) M-Th 6/9-6/12 9 a.m.-Noon MCC

### Healthcare Camp, Grades 6-9

Explore the world of healthcare in this hands-on camp! Students will discover what it's like to work in nursing, occupational therapy, and physical therapy through a series of interactive activities. The camp wraps up with a realistic live emergency simulation, where students will team up with the First Responders Camp to test their skills in action.

Fee: \$115

# [10936](#) M-Th 6/9-6/12 9 a.m.-Noon MCC

### Rocket Science, Grades 7-9

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

Fee: \$115

# [10965](#) M-Th 6/9-6/12 9 a.m.-Noon MCC

### Big Art, Really Big Art, Grades 7-9

Does your student like art? How about really big art? In this hands-on class, they'll create unique, large-scale art projects that let their imaginations run wild.

Fee: \$115

# [10785](#) M-Th 6/9-6/12 1-4 p.m. MCC

### Flipbook Animation, Grades 7-9

Jump into the exciting world of animation! Flipbooks are the building blocks of movies, and everybody enjoys them. They're fun, creative, and fascinating! In this class, students will receive a flipbook kit to create, color, and animate cards to develop a unique story and bring it to life.

Fee: \$115

# [10877](#) M-Th 6/9-6/12 1-4 p.m. MCC

### Teen Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 6-9

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will work with advanced doughs to create scratch-made pasta, bake simple cakes, decorate pastries, and prepare healthy snacks.

Fee: \$125

# [10875](#) M-Th 6/9-6/12 1-4 p.m. MCC

#### WEEK 3: JUNE 16-18

### Fun with Cookie Decorating, Grades 1-5

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

Fee: \$99

# [10836](#) MTW 6/16-6/18 9 a.m.-Noon MCC

### Print Making, Grades 1-5

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

Fee: \$99

# [10786](#) MTW 6/16-6/18 9 a.m.-Noon MCC

### Superhero Cartoon Creations, Grades 1-5

Calling all super artists! Students will set their imaginations free and learn how to draw cartoon superheroes while creating dynamic action scenes. They'll enjoy a fun-filled week crafting their very own superhero comic strip, starting from scratch.

Fee: \$99

# [10802](#) MTW 6/16-6/18 9 a.m.-Noon MCC

### Fun With Words, Grades 1-3

Students will learn to take their writing to the next level through strategy games such as word searches, Sudoku, word scrambles, riddles, word-building challenges, scavenger hunts for words, Scrabble-like games, and more. These activities will introduce key concepts like sentence structure (nouns, verbs, adjectives) and word-related concepts such as rhymes, synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, homophones, and homographs. Taught by an Amazon best-selling author who knows a thing or two about words and how to use them correctly, this interactive and engaging class promises plenty of fun and learning.

Fee: \$75

# [10834](#) MTW 6/16-6/18 1-4 p.m. MCC



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

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

Fee: \$99

# [10841](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Math Skills and Games, Grades 4-5

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

Fee: \$99

# [10898](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Wire Sculpture Art, Grades 4-6

Students will learn wire sculpture basics while having fun twisting and turning the wire to create special works of art.

Fee: \$99

# [10878](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Movies in Motion: Animation, Grades 7–9

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

Fee: \$75

# [10832](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

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

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

Fee: \$99

# [10840](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Young Makers Camp, Grades 6-9

Spend a week at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry Makers Space at MCC! Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more, while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$175

# [10775](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 9 a.m.–4 p.m. MCC

### Fun with Cookie Decorating, Grades 6-9

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

Fee: \$99

# [10837](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Math Skills and Games, Grades 6-7

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

Fee: \$99

# [10899](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Print Making, Grades 6-9

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

Fee: \$99

# [10787](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Superhero Cartoon Creations, Grades 6-9

Calling all super artists! Students will set their imaginations free and learn how to draw cartoon superheroes while creating dynamic action scenes. They'll enjoy a fun-filled week crafting their very own superhero comic strip, starting from scratch.

Fee: \$99

# [10803](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Voice Power: News Reporting, Grades 6–9

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

Fee: \$75

# [10826](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Wire Sculpture Art, Grades 6-9

Students will learn wire sculpture basics while having fun twisting and turning the wire to create special works of art.

Fee: \$99

# [10879](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 1–4 p.m. MCC

#### WEEK 4: JUNE 23–26

### Camp Invention, Grades K-6

Back by popular demand! Camp Invention®, by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.®, is a four-day creative and open-ended learning camp that includes a rotation of four adventures – In Control™, Illusion Workshop™, Claw Arcade™, and Penguin Launch™. This year's brand-new program will boost imaginations, inspire curiosity and help kids build essential STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) skills through collaboration and problem solving.

Fee: \$289

# [10827](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 9 a.m.–4 p.m. MCC

### Drawing: Fantasy, Grades 1-5

Students will bring their fantasy lands to life by creating 3D drawings of magical castles, enchanted fairy lands, and underwater worlds for their characters to live in.

Fee: \$99

# [10788](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Crazy Sculptures, Grades 1-5

In this hands-on class, students will use a variety of materials to bring their wildest ideas to life in the form of freestanding works of art. From wacky designs to imaginative creations, your student will have a blast crafting their own one-of-a-kind sculptures.

Fee: \$115

# [10804](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Drawing: Sandpaper with Colored Pencils, Grades 4-6

Students will enjoy creating beautiful works of art on sandpaper, using crayons and colored pencils to bring their designs to life. Your artist will love experimenting with different textures and techniques to make each piece truly unique!

Fee: \$115

# [10880](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Crazy Sculptures, Grades 6-9

In this hands-on class, students will use a variety of materials to bring their wildest ideas to life in the form of freestanding works of art. From wacky designs to imaginative creations, your student will have a blast crafting their own one-of-a-kind sculptures.

Fee: \$115

# [10805](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Drawing: Sandpaper with Colored Pencils, Grades 6-9

Enjoy learning how to create the perfect sandcastle sculpture! Students will discover essential techniques and key tips for building impressive towers, stairs, windows, and more, while avoiding common mistakes along the way.

Fee: \$115

# [10881](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Minecraft: Survive! Grades 7-9

Can you survive in Minecraft—even with limited resources? Students will explore the world of Minecraft and learn about sustainability. Working in groups, students will plan and construct their own colonies—using limited resources—with the goal of self-sustaining. Problem-solving, teamwork, and diplomacy will be key skills students need to ensure their colony thrives!

Fee: \$115

# [10968](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

# [10970](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Welding Camp, Grades 6-9

Students will learn the basics of MIG welding, shop safety, and metal fabrication in this hands-on class. They'll get down and dirty as they build their own metal rose, with all the necessary gear provided.

Fee: \$99

# [10842](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

# [10843](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Young Makers Camp, Grades 6-9

Spend a week at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry Makers Space at MCC! Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more, while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$199

# [10776](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 9 a.m.–4 p.m. MCC

### Mini Pet Portraits, Grades 6-9

Students will paint pictures of their beloved pets while exploring value and basic color theory in this beginner/intermediate art class. Each session will build on the previous one, ensuring steady progress and helping their artistic abilities grow with every lesson.

Fee: \$115

# [10789](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 1–4 p.m. MCC

## Writing Adventures, Grades 7-9

Students are invited to use their imaginations and bring their stories to life in this creative writing class! Taught by an Amazon best-selling author, this class will present the elements needed to write an engaging story. Students will participate in fun exercises to develop their skills while writing a story of their choice.

Fee: \$99

# [10900](#) M-Th 6/23–6/26 1–4 p.m. MCC

## Math Skills and Games, Grades 4-5

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

Fee: \$99

# [10901](#) MTW 6/30–7/2 1–4 p.m. MCC

## Math Skills and Games, Grades 6-7

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

Fee: \$99

# [10902](#) MTW 6/30–7/2 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

## Sand Castle Sculpture, Grades 6-9

Enjoy learning to build the perfect sandcastle sculpture! Students will learn the basics and important do's and don'ts creating all the cool techniques building towers, stairs, windows and more.

Fee: \$99

# [10883](#) MTW 6/30–7/2 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

## Natural Disasters, Grades 6-9

Volcanoes, earthquakes, and tornadoes! Natural events like these can be overwhelming, but by understanding them, they can seem less scary. Through discussion, hands-on activities, and experiments, students will learn fascinating facts about natural disasters such as fires, tornadoes, sand volcanoes, and the Ice Finger of Death!

Fee: \$99

# [10807](#) MTW 6/30–7/2 1–4 p.m. MCC

## Teen Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 6-9

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will work with advanced doughs to create scratch-made pasta, bake simple cakes, decorate pastries, and prepare healthy snacks.

Fee: \$109

# [10885](#) MTW 6/30–7/2 1–4 p.m. MCC

## WEEK 6: JULY 7-10

## Minecraft: Creative Mode, Grades 1-5

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

Fee: \$115

# [10971](#) M-Th 7/7–7/10 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

# [10976](#) M-Th 7/7–7/10 1–4 p.m. MCC

## Natural Disasters, Grades 1-5

Volcanoes, earthquakes, and tornadoes! Natural events like these can be overwhelming, but by understanding them, they can seem less scary. Through discussion, hands-on activities, and experiments, students will learn fascinating facts about natural disasters such as fires, tornadoes, sand volcanoes, and the Ice Finger of Death!

Fee: \$99

# [10806](#) MTW 6/30–7/2 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

## Junior Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 3-5

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will make a variety of recipes from pre-made dough, including pasta with sauces, sweet doughs, cupcakes, and easy, healthy snacks.

Fee: \$109

# [10884](#) MTW 6/30–7/2 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

## Sand Castle Sculpture, Grades 1-5

Enjoy learning how to create the perfect sandcastle sculpture! Students will discover essential techniques and key tips for building impressive towers, stairs, windows, and more, while avoiding common mistakes along the way.

Fee: \$99

# [10882](#) MTW 6/30–7/2 1–4 p.m. MCC

## Writing Adventures, Grades 1-3

Students are invited to use their imaginations and bring their stories to life in this creative writing class! Taught by an Amazon best-selling author, this class will present the elements needed to write an engaging story. Students will participate in fun exercises to develop their skills while writing a story of their choice.

Fee: \$99

# [10835](#) MTW 6/30–7/2 1–4 p.m. MCC

## Young Makers Camp, Grades 4-6

Spend a week at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry Makers Space at MCC! Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more, while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$175

# [10777](#) MTW 6/30–7/2 9 a.m.–4 p.m. MCC

### Mini Art Masters Museum, Grades 1-3

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

Fee: \$115

# [10790](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Sewing Camp: Making Fluffy Friends, Grades 1-3

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

Fee: \$115

# [10808](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Junior Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 3-5

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will make a variety of recipes from pre-made dough, including pasta with sauces, sweet doughs, cupcakes, and easy, healthy snacks.

Fee: \$125

# [10886](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 1–4 p.m. MCC

### STEM for Kids, Grades 1-5

Spend a week at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry Makers Space at MCC! Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more, while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$115

# [11008](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 1–4 p.m. MCC

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

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

Fee: \$99

# [10940](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Mini Art Masters Museum, Grades 4-6

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

Fee: \$115

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Fee: \$115

# [10809](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Fabrication Camp, Grades 6-9

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

Fee: \$115

# [10844](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 9 a.m.–4 p.m. MCC

### Teen Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 6-9

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will work with advanced doughs to create scratch-made pasta, bake simple cakes, decorate pastries, and prepare healthy snacks.

Fee: \$125

# [10887](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Young Makers Camp, Grades 7-9

Spend a week at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry Makers Space at MCC! Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more, while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$199

# [10778](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 9 a.m.–4 p.m. MCC

### Fun With Words, Grades 7-9

Students will learn to take their writing to the next level through strategy games such as word searches, Sudoku, word scrambles, riddles, word-building challenges, scavenger hunts for words, Scrabble-like games, and more. These activities will introduce key concepts like sentence structure (nouns, verbs, adjectives) and word-related concepts such as rhymes, synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, homophones, and homographs. Taught by an Amazon best-selling author who knows a thing or two about words and how to use them correctly, this interactive and engaging class promises plenty of fun and learning.

Fee: \$99

# [10903](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 1–4 p.m. MCC



## Second Act! Theatre Camp: Nothing But Improv, Grades 7-9

This camp offers students the opportunity to exercise their creative energies while exploring the fundamentals of improv. Campers will have a blast developing improv skills such as creative thinking, self-confidence, active listening, brainstorming, team building, and communicating with an audience. It's a fun and interactive way to unlock potential and share plenty of laughs along the way!

Fee: \$99

# [10941](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 1–4 p.m. MCC

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

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

Fee: \$99

# [10942](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

## Young Makers Camp, Grades 4-6

Spend a week at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry Makers Space at MCC! Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more, while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$199

# [10779](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 9 a.m.–4 p.m. MCC

## Fun With Words, Grades 4-6

Students will learn to take their writing to the next level through strategy games such as word searches, Sudoku, word scrambles, riddles, word-building challenges, scavenger hunts for words, Scrabble-like games, and more. These activities will introduce key concepts like sentence structure (nouns, verbs, adjectives) and word-related concepts such as rhymes, synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, homophones, and homographs. Taught by an Amazon best-selling author who knows a thing or two about words and how to use them correctly, this interactive and engaging class promises plenty of fun and learning.

Fee: \$99

# [10904](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 1–4 p.m. MCC

### WEEK 7: JULY 14-17

## Optical Illusions, Grades 1-3

Illusions amuse, entertain, and challenge our perceptions, fooling our eyes and tricking our brains. But are they real, or something else entirely? In this class, students will explore various types of illusions created by scientists and artists from around the world. Campers are encouraged to bring their digital cameras or phones to capture and investigate these mind-bending visuals.

Fee: \$115

# [10810](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

## Junior Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 3-5

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will make a variety of recipes from pre-made dough, including pasta with sauces, sweet doughs, cupcakes, and easy, healthy snacks.

Fee: \$125

# [10888](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

## Theme Park Creations, Grades 1-5

Design your perfect Theme Park/ Dark Ride Design and make a model of it to take home. This fun filled class will have you design a dark ride design that you will build and finally ride through with the aid of an iPhone and presented to the class.

Fee: \$115

# [10890](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 1–4 p.m. MCC

## Colorful Canvas, Grades 4-6

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

Fee: \$115

# [10792](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

## Optical Illusions, Grades 4-6

Illusions amuse, entertain, and challenge our perceptions, fooling our eyes and tricking our brains. But are they real, or something else entirely? In this class, students will explore various types of illusions created by scientists and artists from around the world. Campers are encouraged to bring their digital cameras or phones to capture and investigate these mind-bending visuals.

Fee: \$115

# [10811](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 1–4 p.m. MCC

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

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

Fee: \$115

# [10845](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 9 a.m.–4 p.m. MCC

## Game Design in JavaScript, Grades 7-9

Make interactive games using the language of JavaScript! No experience is needed, but those with experience will still be challenged. JavaScript is a platform-independent language, so all games created can run on a computer or any phone. No software is needed to continue programming at home. This is a great class to learn programming for the first time or expand on your programming knowledge!

Fee: \$175

# [10951](#) M-Th 7/14–7/17 9 a.m.–4 p.m. MCC

## Theme Park Creations, Grades 6-9

Design your perfect Theme Park/ Dark Ride Design and make a model of it to take home. This fun filled class will have you design a dark ride design that you will build and finally ride through with the aid of an iPhone and presented to the class.

Fee: \$115

# [10891](#) M-Th 7/14–7/17 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

## Colorful Canvas, Grades 7-9

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Fee: \$115

# [10793](#) M-Th 7/14–7/17 1–4 p.m. MCC

## Second Act! Theatre Camp: Competitive Speech, Grades 7-9

Competitive speech is a powerful activity that teaches students valuable life skills. This camp introduces students to the world of competitive speech by focusing on acting techniques, performance tips, and competition strategies that will enhance their artistry—whether they choose to compete or deliver a speech in the classroom. Students will build confidence in their abilities through this supportive, engaging, and respectful camp environment.

Fee: \$99

# [10943](#) M-Th 7/14–7/17 1–4 p.m. MCC

## Teen Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 6-9

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will work with advanced doughs to create scratch-made pasta, bake simple cakes, decorate pastries, and prepare healthy snacks.

Fee: \$125

# [10889](#) M-Th 7/14–7/17 1–4 p.m. MCC

## WEEK 8: JULY 21-24

## Interactive Chalk Art, Grades 1-5

Students will learn about interactive art through the use of chalk, illusions, and games. Students will develop their own characters and then create them by using chalk and illusions.

Fee: \$115

# [10944](#) M-Th 7/21–7/24 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

## Junior Shining Star Theatre Camp, Grades 1-3

This fun-filled class allows students to explore their imaginations and discover their natural performing abilities through games and activities. The camp teaches kids how to embody characters and act out stories, while also helping them gain confidence, express themselves, and learn to work patiently and respectfully with one another.

Fee: \$99

# [10946](#) M-Th 7/21–7/24 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

## Junior Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 3-5

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will make a variety of recipes from pre-made dough, including pasta with sauces, sweet doughs, cupcakes, and easy, healthy snacks.

Fee: \$125

# [10892](#) M-Th 7/21–7/24 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

## Miniature World: Four Seasons, Grades 1-5

Students will showcase their creativity as they craft a mini diorama art piece that brings the four seasons to life! From the blooming colors of spring to the frosty charm of winter, they'll explore different techniques to capture the beauty and transformation of each season.

Fee: \$115

# [10794](#) M-Th 7/21–7/24 1–4 p.m. MCC

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

Let's get our move on! In this creative, high energy movement class, students will explore the history of dances and learn the choreography from some of the most popular age appropriate dances. Together, the class will create a ripple video which is a combination of different dance moves. Students will be recorded in the class.

Fee: \$99

# [10907](#) M-Th 7/21–7/24 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Minecraft: Survive! Grades 4-6

Can you survive in Minecraft—even with limited resources? Students will explore the world of Minecraft and learn about sustainability. Working in groups, students will plan and construct their own colonies—using limited resources—with the goal of self-sustaining. Problem-solving, teamwork, and diplomacy will be key skills students need to ensure their colony thrives!

Fee: \$115

# <a href="#">10977</a>	M–Th	7/21–7/24	9 a.m.–Noon	MCC
# <a href="#">10978</a>	M–Th	7/21–7/24	1–4 p.m.	MCC

### Game Design in JavaScript, Grades 7-9

Make interactive games using the language of JavaScript! No experience is needed, but those with experience will still be challenged. JavaScript is a platform-independent language, so all games created can run on a computer or any phone. No software is needed to continue programming at home. This is a great class to learn programming for the first time or expand on your programming knowledge!

Fee: \$175

# <a href="#">10952</a>	M–Th	7/21–7/24	9 a.m.–4 p.m.	MCC
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### Junior Small Engine Repair, Grades 7-9

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

Fee: \$115

Woodstock High School

# <a href="#">10839</a>	M–Th	7/21–7/24	9 a.m.–Noon	
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### Miniature World: Book Nook Project, Grades 6-9

Students will showcase their creativity as they craft a mini diorama art piece that brings their favorite book scenes to life. Discover the art of diorama creation while enhancing your storytelling skills as you build and decorate your unique nook.

Fee: \$115

# <a href="#">10795</a>	M–Th	7/21–7/24	9 a.m.–Noon	MCC
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### Young Makers Camp, Grades 7-9

Spend a week at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry Makers Space at MCC! Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more, while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$199

# <a href="#">10780</a>	M–Th	7/21–7/24	9 a.m.–4 p.m.	MCC
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### Diamond Art Painting, Grades 6-9

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

Fee: \$115

# <a href="#">10948</a>	M–Th	7/21–7/24	1–4 p.m.	MCC
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### Interactive Chalk Art, Grades 6-9

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Fee: \$115

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### Teen Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 6-9

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will work with advanced doughs to create scratch-made pasta, bake simple cakes, decorate pastries, and prepare healthy snacks.

Fee: \$125

# <a href="#">10893</a>	M–Th	7/21–7/24	1–4 p.m.	MCC
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### Rockstar Academy, Grades 8-12

Have you ever wanted to be the lead singer of a rock band? This class makes that dream come true! Sing with the musicians of The Double Standard. Do you play an instrument? Bring it to practice and jam with a real rock band. Song selections must be approved and learned before practice. Students will practice with the band on the first day and then perform with them at the MCC Block Party on the second day. Please note, practice time maybe adjusted.

Fee: \$100

# <a href="#">11404</a>	SaSu	7/26, 7/27	1–4 p.m.	MCC
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### WEEK 9: JULY 28-31

### Magical Potions, Grades 1-3

This class will engage in imaginative play by creating their own magic potions using various natural ingredients, often incorporating elements of fantasy and science to mix and concoct colorful, fizzy, or scented mixtures, essentially mimicking the idea of potion-making from magical stories, while learning about basic chemistry and measurement concepts through play.

Fee: \$115

# <a href="#">10812</a>	M–Th	7/28–7/31	9 a.m.–Noon	MCC
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### Junior Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 3-5

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will make a variety of recipes from pre-made dough, including pasta with sauces, sweet doughs, cupcakes, and easy, healthy snacks.

Fee: \$125

# [10894](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 1–4 p.m. MCC

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

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Fee: \$99

# [10908](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 1–4 p.m. MCC

### World of Mixed Media, Grades 4-6

Art takes on many forms and mixed media combines different materials to create visual art. In this class, students will learn how to blend various mediums together to create unique and fun pieces of artwork.

Fee: \$115

# [10796](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Young Makers Camp, Grades 4-6

Spend a week at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry Makers Space at MCC! Students will explore the world of 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more, while completing a series of hands-on projects to take home.

Fee: \$199

# [10781](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 9 a.m.–4 p.m. MCC

### Watercolors, Grades 4-6

For students interested in trying watercolor painting or looking for tips to make painting easier, this class is the perfect fit. They'll learn techniques to enhance their watercolor skills and have fun creating their own works of art.

Fee: \$115

# [10896](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Magical Potions, Grades 4-6

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Fee: \$115

# [10813](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 1–4 p.m. MCC

### Teen Cooking and Baking Skills, Grades 6-9

Learn basic kitchen safety and nutrition skills! Students will work with advanced doughs to create scratch-made pasta, bake simple cakes, decorate pastries, and prepare healthy snacks.

Fee: \$125

# [10895](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Watercolors, Grades 7-9

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Fee: \$115

# [10897](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 9 a.m.–Noon MCC

### Diamond Art Painting, Grades 6-9

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Fee: \$115

# [10949](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 1–4 p.m. MCC

### World of Mixed Media, Grades 7-9

Art takes on many forms and mixed media combines different materials to create visual art. In this class, students will learn how to blend various mediums together to create unique and fun pieces of artwork.

Fee: \$115

# [10797](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 1–4 p.m. MCC

## WEEK 10: AUGUST 4-8

### Youth Discover Rowing Camp, Grades 5-9

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

Fee: \$325

Sweeps & Sculls Indoor Rowing Center

# [10937](#) M–Th 8/4–8/7 8 a.m.–Noon



# » CAREER SPARK CENTER

The following classes are offered through in-person, remote (Zoom), or online instruction. Registered participants will receive location or access information by email within 24-hours before a class begins. For updated class offerings, refund policy, or to register, visit [www.mchenry.edu/careerspark](http://www.mchenry.edu/careerspark) or call (815) 479-7879.

## CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY

### 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.

Fee: \$150

Philip Senn

# <a href="#">9919</a>	F	4/18	8 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">9920</a>	F	5/16	8 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">9921</a>	W	6/18	8 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst Campus

### Forklift Operator Training

This hands-on class will focus on both the didactic and practical training following OSHA guidelines for the Powered Industrial Trucks Standard. In the classroom we will discuss the various types of trucks, their controls, steering and maneuvering, capacities, load stabilities, pre-use inspection safety checklists, and any other safe operating instruction. Once didactic instruction is complete, there will be an operator performance evaluation on completion of the safety pre-check, mounting the vehicle, expressing knowledge of each control, and showing ability to safely operate the vehicle through a required task course. Attendees will be provided a Certificate of Completion.

Fee: \$195

Robert Bower

# <a href="#">10222</a>	F	4/25	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Main Campus
# <a href="#">10223</a>	F	5/23	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Main Campus
# <a href="#">10224</a>	Th	6/26	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Main Campus

### Forklift Train The Trainer

This comprehensive 3 day course will provide your company's trainer, safety department or supervisory staff with the proper tools to effectively train new powered industrial truck operators with the skills they need to operate their forklift in an approved and acceptable manner. By the end of this course each student is required to demonstrate both practical lift truck operation and presentation skills.

Fee: \$1,100

David Ritter

# <a href="#">11384</a>	WTh	5/7, 5/8	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
	F	5/9	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Main Campus

### OSHA 10-Hour Voluntary Compliance In General Industry

What are your rights and responsibilities under the OSHA Act? This 10-hour course includes an introduction to general industry standards and an overview of the requirements of the more frequently cited standards. Upon successful completion of this course, participants will receive a certificate of attendance and an OSHA 10-hour card.

Fee: \$399

Robert Bower

# <a href="#">11259</a>	TTh	5/13, 5/15	8 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
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### OSHA 30-Hour General Industry Outreach Program

This comprehensive four-day course provides detailed coverage of OSHA's General Industry standards, requirements, and employer's responsibility to ensure a safe and healthy workplace. Ideal for safety officers, supervisors, and employees with safety-related duties, this course provides critical knowledge to help maintain compliance and minimize workplace hazards. Upon successful completion, participants will receive the OSHA 30-Hour card, a recognized certification of safety training.

Fee: \$679

Robert Bower

# <a href="#">10225</a>	TTh	4/15–4/24	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
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## OSHA Record Keeping

This class covers the OSHA 1904 Recordkeeping Standard. This includes all updates and revisions including reporting of work-related injuries / illnesses without fear of Employer retaliation. This class will discuss in detail the recording criteria, including definitions of work-relatedness, work environment, and exceptions. We will talk about how to document injuries and illnesses and which OSHA forms to use. Fatality and Catastrophic reporting will be included in this training.

Fee: \$119

Robert Bower

# [10227](#) Th 5/1 8–11 a.m. Catalyst Campus

## FIRE SERVICE

### Fire Apparatus Engineer

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

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

Email your Company Sponsorship Form to [careerspark@mchenry.edu](mailto:careerspark@mchenry.edu).

Fee: \$700

Jason Kedrok

# [10847](#) MTW 4/21–4/30 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Huntley Fire Protection District Station #4

## FOOD SERVICE SANITATION

### ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification

All food service operations that prepare and serve food are required to have a certified food safety manager on the premises when food is being handled. This course covers all critical principles including personal hygiene, cross-contamination, time and temperature, receiving and storage, food safety management systems, training, cleaning, and sanitizing. This 8-hour ServSafe course and exam (an ANSI-CFPM accredited provider) meets the Illinois Department of Public Health requirements. The certification is valid for five years.

Fee: \$189

Mark Halverson

# [11263](#) T 4/15 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Catalyst Campus

# [11265](#) T 6/10 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification (Spanish)

All food service operations that prepare and serve food are required to have a certified food safety manager on the premises when food is being handled. This course covers all critical principles including personal hygiene, cross-contamination, time and temperature, receiving and storage, food safety management systems, training, cleaning, and sanitizing. This 8-hour ServSafe course and exam (an ANSI-CFPM accredited provider) meets the Illinois Department of Public Health requirements. The certification is valid for five years.

Fee: \$189

Mark Halverson

# [11264](#) T 5/13 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE

### EKG Technician

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

Fee: \$999

Kristin Lynam

# [10644](#) Th 4/3–5/22 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Main Campus

### Heartsaver® First Aid CPR/AED/BBP

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

Fee: \$125

Michelle Krysiak

# [11260](#) W 5/7 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## BLS Healthcare Provider CPR

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

Fee: \$75

Michelle Krysiak

# <a href="#">11261</a>	W	5/7	2:30–6:30 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">11262</a>	W	6/11	6–10 p.m.	Catalyst Campus

## 240-Hr Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

In partnership with Eagle Training Services, Inc., located in Crystal Lake, Illinois, McHenry County College is pleased to offer comprehensive hands-on training that prepares students to take the Secretary of State Class A test. Students will train on city, county, and federal highways, practicing behind the wheel using the same equipment they will use for the test. To register, students must be at least 18 years old, able to read and write in English, and have a valid driver's license. This course consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction and 200 hours of yard and road skills. This training includes the hazmat certification and extended drive time. Classes are held monthly; please contact [careerspark@mchenry.edu](mailto:careerspark@mchenry.edu) to schedule your start date.

Fee: \$6,000

Eagle Training Services, Inc.

# [8385](#) M–F

7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

## Freight Broker Training

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

Fee: \$1,895

# [11113](#) 4/1–6/30

100 Hours

Online

## TRANSPORTATION

### 160-Hr Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

In partnership with Eagle Training Services, Inc., located in Crystal Lake, Illinois, McHenry County College is pleased to offer comprehensive hands-on training that prepares students to take the Secretary of State Class A test. Students will train on city, county, and federal highways, practicing behind the wheel using the same equipment they will use for the test. To register, students must be at least 18 years old, able to read and write in English, and have a valid driver's license. This course consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction and 120 hours of yard and road skills. Classes are held monthly; please contact [careerspark@mchenry.edu](mailto:careerspark@mchenry.edu) to schedule your start date.

Fee: \$5,000

Eagle Training Services, Inc.

# [8384](#) M–F

7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.



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

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

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

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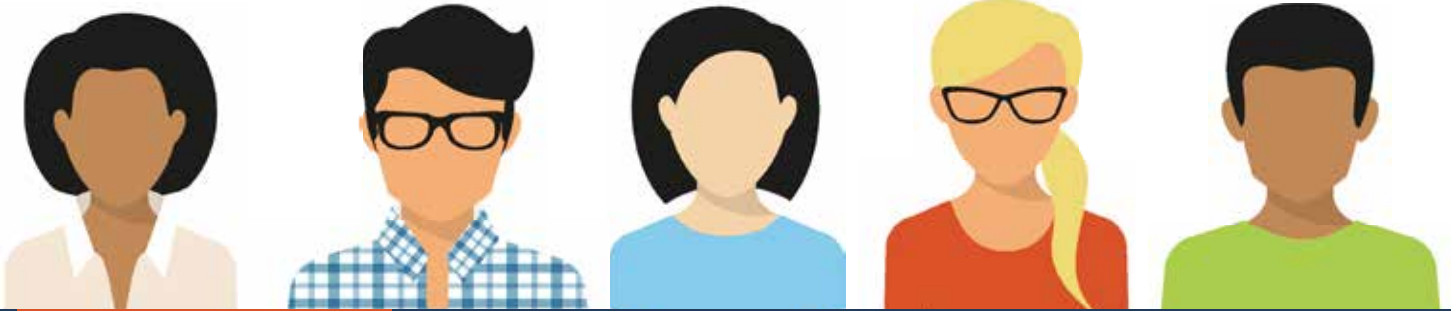
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**Wednesday, April 16 | 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | MCC Gym**

Free for students, alumni, and community members. Connect with nearly 100 local employers seeking interns, temporary workers, and part- and full-time employees.

Dress to impress, have your resume in hand, and bring a positive attitude! Whether you're new to the job search arena or seeking a career change or advanced position, this event has something for everyone!

Details at [www.mchenry.edu/jobfair](http://www.mchenry.edu/jobfair)

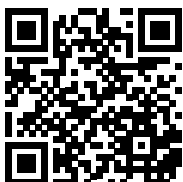
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## Questions?

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