

# 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



## HISTORY WITH JOHN GOWING

John was a teacher in England for 32 years before retiring as a London Blue Badge tour guide after 11 years service. John now resides in Huntley, IL with his wife and enjoys presenting on British history, culture, and guiding others through the major landmarks in London.

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## EVERYTHING FRENCH WITH GIGI KUHN

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

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## SOURDOUGH WITH JEN CHESKI

Jen has combined professional experience in both culinary arts and education. She graduated from the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago and has worked in catering, culinary education (teaching cooking classes to all ages from preschoolers to adults), production kitchens, and owned her own personal chef business. She began baking sourdough in 2015 as part of her own personal health journey, and now owns and operates her own sourdough registered cottage bakery—Worth Her Salt Sourdough.

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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

### 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  
# [11756](#) T 7/29 5–7 p.m. Remote

### **NEW! Raising Backyard Chickens**

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

Fee: \$25 Emily Akin  
# [11866](#) T 9/2 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

### Bird Watching: Local Bird Identification

This class is designed for beginner and intermediate birders looking to improve their bird identification skills and deepen their understanding of the many species found in the area. Jeff Aufmann of McHenry County Audubon, an experienced bird guide and expert in identifying local birds by sight and sound, will lead the class. The course will begin with an indoor session covering key traits and behaviors that aid in identification, along with a review of the major bird groups found locally. We'll also discuss the latest internet and smartphone tools for locating, identifying, and tracking bird species. There will also be a bird walk at nearby McHenry Dam, where participants will practice using binoculars and spotting scopes. We'll apply new skills in the field to locate and identify as many bird species as possible.

Fee: \$39 Jeff Aufmann  
# [11796](#) Th 9/4 6:30–8:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus  
Sa 9/6 8–10:30 a.m. McHenry Dam State Park

## CAREER EXPLORATION

### Intro To Voiceovers

Explore the fun, rewarding possibilities of the voiceover industry! Discover current trends and how they make it easy and affordable for just about anyone to get involved. You'll learn about different types of voiceovers and tools you'll need to find success. Your instructor, a professional voice actor from Voices For All, will take notes as you read a real script in this one-on-one video chat setting, and offer some coaching to improve your delivery. You'll receive a professional voiceover evaluation later. One-time, 90-minute, introductory class. Your instructor will contact you to establish a class date and time. Must be age 18 or older.

Fee: \$49 Alicia Midgley  
# [11772](#) 7/1–9/30 1.5 Hours Remote

**Meet Jeff:** Jeff Aufmann has been an active member and board member of the McHenry County Audubon for over 20 years. He has held many positions on the Board of Directors and currently serves as the treasurer, membership chair, and spring bird count coordinator. Jeff enjoys helping others learn how to identify local birds within our community and ways to best protect our important flying friends.

## Explore a Career in Cybersecurity

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

Fee: \$144

# <a href="#">11557</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11558</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11559</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## Explore a Career in Medical Transcription

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

Fee: \$154

# <a href="#">11572</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11573</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11574</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## Explore a Career in Nursing

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

Fee: \$154

# <a href="#">11560</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11561</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11562</a>	9/17–11/7	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.

Fee: \$89

Adonia Fulk

# <a href="#">11058</a>	T	7/15–8/5	6–8 p.m.	Main Campus
# <a href="#">11059</a>	T	9/2–9/23	6–8 p.m.	Main Campus



### 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.

Fee: \$89

Adonia Fulk

# <a href="#">11069</a>	Th	7/17–8/7	6–8 p.m.	Main Campus
# <a href="#">11072</a>	Th	8/28–9/25	6–8 p.m.	Main 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 the following week and ready for pickup at Material Things. Some fusing experience is preferred, but not required. Supply costs range from \$15–\$42 and are not included in the course fee, but will be available on site. All classes will be held at Material Things Artisan Market, 103 E. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Ages 12+

Fee: \$27

Material Things Artisan Market

# <a href="#">11399</a>	Sa	7/26	1–4 p.m.
# <a href="#">11874</a>	Sa	8/30	1–4 p.m.
# <a href="#">11894</a>	Su	9/28	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

# <a href="#">11396</a>	Su	7/20, 7/27	1–4 p.m.
# <a href="#">11868</a>	Su	8/24, 8/31	1–4 p.m.
# <a href="#">11870</a>	Su	9/14, 9/21	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

# <a href="#">11401</a>	Sa	7/12, 7/19	1–4 p.m.
# <a href="#">11872</a>	Sa	8/16, 8/23	1–4 p.m.
# <a href="#">11873</a>	Sa	9/20, 9/27	1–4 p.m.

## Machine Sewing for Beginners

Join us for a hands-on sewing adventure! Start by getting comfortable with sewing machine functions and essential tools, with plenty of time to practice your stitching. Then, put your new skills to work by creating three practical projects. The first project is a reversible bread basket liner, which is great for keeping your bread warm while adding a charming touch to your table. Next, you'll make a pretty fabric basket that is adorned with buttons that can be used as a decor element in any area of the home. Finally, you'll make a hot/cold pack that is perfect for soothing bumps, bruises, headaches, and tired eyes. This is a beginner level course with no experience necessary to enjoy. All supplies are included, and sewing machines will be provided for use.

Fee: \$149

Brit Conley

# [11819](#) T 7/15–7/29 6–9 p.m. Catalyst Campus

# [11820](#) Sa 8/23–9/6 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## NEW! One Day Sewing Project: Snazzy Zipper Bag

Discover the art of crafting a beautiful, quilted, fully lined zipper project bag. This charming bag measures 11.5 by 13.5 inches when finished—perfect for holding planners, books, tablets, craft supplies, or anything you want to keep neatly organized. You'll be guided step by step through straight-line quilting and bag assembly, including how to install a zipper. This is a beginner-level course, but basic familiarity with sewing machines and sewing terminology is expected. These bags are fun and easy to make—you'll want to create them again and again! All supplies are included, and sewing machines will be provided.

Fee: \$60

Brit Conley

# [11821](#) Sa 7/19 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

# [11822](#) Sa 9/20 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## Beginning Sewing

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

Fee: \$99

Sewing Concepts

# [11735](#) M 8/18–9/22 6–8:30 p.m.

## Sewing: The Next Step

After completing the beginning sewing class, you'll be ready to take your skills to the next level! The projects for this class include a rope bowl where you'll explore many variation options; a humbug bag where you'll learn basic quilting skills and how to insert a zipper; and a reversible apron with pockets, choice of straps, and a lining. Supplies, fabric, notions, and patterns are not included in the class fee, but are available for purchase at the first class. Your costs will vary based on fabrics and supplies chosen. Each student receives a 15% discount on supplies purchased at Sewing Concepts. Students are encouraged to bring their own sewing machines. Sewing machines will be available for those who are unable to bring their own machine. Sewing Concepts is located on the square in downtown Woodstock.

Fee: \$99

Sewing Concepts

# [11736](#) M 9/29–10/27 6–8:30 p.m.

## 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! Summer Fun Cards

# [11790](#) Th 7/17 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### NEW! Heat Embossing Cards

# [11791](#) Th 8/21 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### NEW! Ink Blending Cards

# [11792](#) Th 9/25 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus



## NEW! Needle Felted Creations

Join us for a fun evening creating your own adorable needle-felted creation. 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

### NEW! Mermaids

# [11815](#) M 7/14 6–8:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### NEW! Nesting Birds

# [11816](#) M 8/11 6–8:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### NEW! Mushrooms

# [11817](#) M 9/15 6–8:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking

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

Fee: \$129

# [11575](#) 7/16–9/5 24 Hours Online

# [11576](#) 8/13–10/3 24 Hours Online

# [11577](#) 9/17–11/7 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.

# [11848](#) T 7/8 5:30–7:30 p.m.

# [11850](#) T 9/2 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

# [11783](#) Th 7/17 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

# [11784](#) Th 8/21 6–8 p.m.

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

Fee: \$25

Casting Whimsy Tea

# [11785](#) Th 9/18 6–8 p.m.

### NEW! Date Night: A Taste of Summer in France

Bring your favorite person along for a fun evening learning to cook some fantastic French cuisine. Chef Stephen will show you all the steps to make this delicious meal consisting of salad niçoise, chicken Provençal, crème brûlée. Come hungry and be prepared to leave full! Registration includes two people.

Fee: \$149

Stephen Byrne

# [11905](#) F 8/29 6–9 p.m.

Main Campus

### NEW! Date Night: Let's Make Sushi and Simple Miso Soup

Join Chef Stephen for an evening of fun learning to make sushi and simple miso soup with your favorite person! Come hungry and enjoy discovering new techniques while preparing—and of course, devouring—delicious food. Registration includes two people.

Fee: \$149

Stephen Byrne

# [11906](#) F 9/26 6–9 p.m.

Main Campus

### NEW! Fun with Cookie Decorating: Cozy Fall

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

# [11763](#) T 9/9 6–8 p.m.

Catalyst Campus

## NEW! Fun with Cookie Decorating: Summer Vibes

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  
# [11762](#) T 7/15 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## NEW! Italian Wines: Discover. Taste. Compare.

Explore Italy's 20 diverse wine regions and hundreds of grape varieties. Learn about wine types, styles, history, and taste unique and classic reds. Develop your palate to identify flavors and aromas, understand food pairings, and discover regional specialties like orange wine and volcanic-soil expressions. Includes tasting 20 wines with regional food pairings. Must be 21+ with ID.

Fee: \$150 Andy Andresky  
# [11839](#) Th 9/18–10/9 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

## NEW! Basic Pasta Making

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

Fee: \$49 Pasta Bar  
# [12142](#) W 9/24 6–8 p.m.

## 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  
# [11804](#) M 7/14 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus  
# [11805](#) M 8/11 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus  
# [11806](#) T 9/16 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## Luscious, Low-Fat, Lightning-Quick Meals

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

Fee: \$140  
# [11581](#) 7/16–9/5 24 Hours Online  
# [11582](#) 8/13–10/3 24 Hours Online  
# [11583](#) 9/17–11/7 24 Hours Online

## DANCE

### Belly Dance Foundations: Shimmies and Sparkles

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

Fee: \$89 Vintage Belly Dance  
# [11054](#) W 7/30–9/17 6–7:30 p.m. Main Campus

### 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  
# [11056](#) M 7/28–9/22 6–7:30 p.m. Main Campus



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

## Country Line Dancing

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

Fee: \$89

Kimberly Oda

# [11800](#) M 9/8–10/13 7–8:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus



## NEW! Merrill Speed Reading

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

Fee: \$140

# <a href="#">12137</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">12138</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">12139</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## EDUCATION ESSENTIALS



## NEW! Introduction to Algebra

This online course integrates mathematics (specifically algebra) with a variety of other subjects, including history, biology, and geography. You'll develop a strong understanding of mathematics while studying algebra in a relaxed and supportive learning environment. The course emphasizes practical applications of your newly acquired algebra skills, helping you build mathematical reasoning in real-world contexts. By the end, you'll have gained a broad set of skills to help you solve a wide range of math problems.

Fee: \$150

# <a href="#">12134</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">12135</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">12136</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online



## NEW! Introduction to Chemistry

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

Fee: \$150

# <a href="#">12131</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">12132</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">12133</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online



## NEW! Math Refresher

Math isn't just about plugging numbers into formulas—it's about knowing how to make those numbers and formulas work for you. Math can be incredibly useful, but only if you know when and how to apply it in everyday life. This course focuses on practical, real-world math you can use right away—no theory or memorization required. You'll discover how calculators really work and learn effective ways to manage your income and expenses, all through hands-on exercises and relatable examples.

Fee: \$144

# <a href="#">12128</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">12129</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">12130</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## FINE ART

### 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="#">11218</a>	Th	7/17	6–9 p.m.
# <a href="#">11219</a>	Th	8/21	6–9 p.m.
# <a href="#">11220</a>	Th	9/18	6–9 p.m.



## A Night Out: Carving in Clay

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

Fee: \$75

Clayworkers' Guild

# <a href="#">11211</a>	F	7/11	6–9 p.m.
# <a href="#">11854</a>	F	8/8	6–9 p.m.
# <a href="#">11855</a>	F	9/5	6–9 p.m.



## NEW! Clay Creations: County Fair Theme

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

Fee: \$65

Clayworkers' Guild

### NEW! County Fair Theme

# [11216](#) Th 7/31 6–9 p.m.

### NEW! Fall Theme

# [11217](#) Th 8/14 6–9 p.m.

### NEW! Mugs for the Fall

# [11757](#) Th 9/11 6–9 p.m.

## NEW! Acrylic Painting: Birds and Butterflies

Paint some beautiful birds and butterflies using acrylic paint. You'll learn the basics, along with other techniques from your instructor, local artist Therese Cooper-Wiser. You can paint from the provided examples or take your artwork to the next level and follow your own creative direction. A supply list will be emailed prior to class.

Fee: \$99

Therese Cooper-Wiser

# [12141](#) Sa 7/12–8/2 12:30–2:30 p.m. Main Campus

## Drawing for Beginners

Do you have an interest in creating and designing? Are you passionate about drawing but unsure where to begin? In this class, you will learn the fundamentals of drawing, including how to create volume through perspective, shading, and shadows. You'll train your eyes to accurately replicate what you see. Students may purchase the optional textbook, *Complete Book of Drawing: Essential Skills for Every Artist*, on Amazon. Students will need to bring a sketch pad, HB and 2B pencils, a pencil sharpener, kneaded erasers, erasers, and a ruler.

Fee: \$99

Efrain Gonzalez

# [11778](#) M 8/11–9/22 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

# [11773](#) T 8/12–9/16 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

## NEW! Watercolor: Stained Paper Collages

Discover a refreshing new watercolor technique using stained paper collage and watercolor painting. Students will learn to stain various papers with watercolor paint, collage different compositions, and complete collages using watercolor paints. Painting and drawing experience is required. A supply list will be sent prior to the start of the class.

Fee: \$115

Megan Ripke

# [11888](#) M 8/11–10/6 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## NEW! Beginner Pastel Painting: Landscape

Have you ever wanted to create stunning pastel paintings you never thought possible? This beginner-friendly pastel painting class is designed for all skill levels and will introduce you to the vibrant world of soft pastels. You'll learn essential techniques, including how to layer pastels to build depth and texture in your landscape paintings. A supply list will be provided prior to the start of class.

Fee: \$115

Julie Kukreja

# [11938](#) W 8/13–9/17 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

## NEW! Beginner Pastel Drawing: Animals

Have you ever wanted to create amazing, lifelike animal portraits? In this class, you'll learn to use pastel pencils to create realistic animal artwork, including subjects like an owl, wolf, and cat. Designed for all skill levels, this class will teach you pastel pencil techniques and how to layer effectively to bring your drawings to life. A supply list will be provided prior to the start of class.

Fee: \$115

Julie Kukreja

# [11939](#) W 9/24–10/29 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

## NEW! Beginner Pastel Drawing: The Art of Star Wars

This beginner pastel drawing class is for the Star Wars fans. Learn basic pastel drawing techniques while creating a drawing that is out of this galaxy! A supply list will be sent out prior to class.

Fee: \$39 Julie Kukreja

### NEW! Porg

# [11943](#) T 8/12 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

### NEW! Chewie

# [11944](#) T 8/26 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

### NEW! Grogu

# [11945](#) T 9/9 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

## NEW! Mandala Painting: Relaxation and Harmony

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

Fee: \$39 Nanette Fabros

# [11836](#) W 7/16 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

# [11837](#) W 8/13 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

# [11838](#) W 9/17 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## NEW! Paint Night: Van Gogh Sunflowers

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

Fee: \$39 Julie Kukreja

# [11946](#) T 9/16 6–8 p.m. Main Campus



## Sumi-e Japanese Black Ink Art

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

Fee: \$35 Ann Leslie

# [11912](#) W 9/3 10 a.m.–Noon Catalyst Campus

# [11914](#) W 10/1 10 a.m.–Noon Catalyst Campus

## NEW! Squeegee Scrape Art

Squeegee art is a unique and creative form of abstract painting that involves using a squeegee to create bold and expressive patterns on canvas or paper. It's a fun and experimental process that allows you to explore various color combinations and textures.

Fee: \$35 Ann Leslie

# [11915](#) W 9/17 10 a.m.–Noon

Catalyst Campus

# [11916](#) W 10/15 10 a.m.–Noon

Catalyst Campus

## Drawing For The Absolute Beginner

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

Fee: \$129

# [11600](#) 7/16–9/5 24 Hours Online

# [11601](#) 8/13–10/3 24 Hours Online

# [11602](#) 9/17–11/7 24 Hours Online

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

## NEW! Nurturing Balance: A Class for New and Expecting Parents

Having a baby is life-changing in the best and hardest ways, and learning how to share the load is one of the most important (and often overlooked) parts of the journey. The Nurturing Balance Framework offers simple, practical tools to help couples divide responsibilities, reduce stress, and feel more connected during the perinatal period. By supporting a more equitable partnership, this class can also help reduce the risk of postpartum mood and anxiety disorders. Nurturing Balance is taught by Rachael M. Jones, a licensed marriage and family therapist and certified perinatal mental health professional specializing in working with moms and couples in the perinatal period. Your class fee includes a workbook to start in class and take home to keep the conversation going. Class fee is per couple.

Fee: \$75 Rachael Jones

# [12125](#) M 7/14 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

# [12126](#) Sa 8/16 10 a.m.–Noon Catalyst Campus

# [12127](#) M 9/15 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus



## Personal Self Defense

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

Fee: \$10

Thomas Kretschmer

# [12117](#) Sa 8/9 9–11:30 a.m. Main Campus



## Rowing: Adult Discover Rowing Clinic

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

Fee: \$75

Sweeps & Sculls Indoor Rowing Center

# [11525](#) Sa 8/9 9–11:30 a.m.  
Su 8/10 7–9 a.m.  
# [11526](#) Sa 8/23 9–11:30 a.m.  
Su 8/24 7–9 a.m.  
# [11527](#) Sa 9/6 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
Su 9/7 7–9 a.m.

## 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

# [12094](#) W 6/25–8/6 6–7 a.m.  
# [12096](#) Th 6/26–8/7 7–8 p.m.  
# [12097](#) M 8/11–9/15 7–8 p.m.  
# [12098](#) W 8/13–9/17 6–7 a.m.  
# [12099](#) Th 8/14–9/18 7–8 p.m.  
# [12100](#) M 9/22–10/27 7–8 p.m.  
# [12101](#) W 9/24–10/29 6–7 a.m.  
# [12102](#) Th 9/25–10/30 7–8 p.m.

## 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: \$49

# [11627](#) 7/16–10/10 2.5 Hours Online  
# [11628](#) 8/13–11/7 2.5 Hours Online  
# [11629](#) 9/17–12/12 2.5 Hours Online

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

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

Fee: \$49

# [11639](#) 7/16–10/10 2.5 Hours Online  
# [11640](#) 8/13–11/7 2.5 Hours Online  
# [11641](#) 9/17–12/12 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: \$49

# [11642](#) 7/16–10/10 2 Hours Online  
# [11643](#) 8/13–11/7 2 Hours Online  
# [11644](#) 9/17–12/12 2 Hours Online



**Meet Sue:** Sue Koscielski is the founder, owner, and head coach of Sweeps and Sculls Rowing Club in Crystal Lake. Coach Sue started her rowing journey as an adult and quickly found a passion for the sport and a desire to continue to improve. From very early on, she sought opportunities including attending camps and competing at various regattas including Masters Nationals. Coaching soon became a natural extension of rowing as a way to share her experiences with others, and rooted in the belief that rowing can have a positive impact on people of all ages and abilities. Along the way, she has also sought out opportunities to improve as a coach and is currently a US Rowing Level 3 Coach, the highest certification offered.

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

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

**Fee: \$49**

# <a href="#">11645</a>	7/16–10/10	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11646</a>	8/13–11/7	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11647</a>	9/17–12/12	2 Hours	Online

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

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

**Fee: \$49**

# <a href="#">11648</a>	7/16–10/10	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11649</a>	8/13–11/7	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11650</a>	9/17–12/12	2 Hours	Online

## **Handling Medical Emergencies**

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

**Fee: \$154**

# <a href="#">11651</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11652</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11653</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## **Lose Weight and Keep It Off**

Discover how to establish a healthy approach to weight loss and weight management. By the end of this course, you'll know how to set effective goals for eating, exercise, and other factors that influence your weight, setting you on the path to losing weight and keeping it off for good.

**Fee: \$140**

# <a href="#">11654</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11655</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11656</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

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

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

**Fee: \$49**

# <a href="#">11657</a>	7/16–10/10	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11658</a>	8/13–11/7	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11659</a>	9/17–12/12	2 Hours	Online

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

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

**Fee: \$49**

# <a href="#">11660</a>	7/16–10/10	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11661</a>	8/13–11/7	2 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11662</a>	9/17–12/12	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: \$49**

# <a href="#">11663</a>	7/16–10/10	1 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11665</a>	8/13–11/7	1 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11664</a>	9/17–12/12	1 Hours	Online

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

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

**Fee: \$49**

# <a href="#">11666</a>	7/16–10/10	1.5 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11667</a>	8/13–11/7	1.5 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11668</a>	9/17–11/7	1.5 Hours	Online

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## HISTORY AND SCIENCE

### **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.

Fee: \$15 Steven Aavang  
# [12152](#) T 7/1 1–3 p.m. Catalyst Campus



### **NEW! Origins and Consequences of the French Revolution**

Explore the rise and fall of the French monarchy and discover how the Revolution of 1789 transformed France's social and political landscape, leading to the establishment of a republic. Learn why the French Revolution is commemorated as Bastille Day—France's national holiday celebrated on July 14.

Fee: \$15 Gigi Kuhn  
# [11858](#) M 7/14 12:30–2:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! Keeping Your Computer Safe and Efficient**

Learn how to keep your computer safe, secure, and running efficiently. In this class, you'll be introduced to built-in and free software tools available for home computers that help protect against viruses, malware, and other common threats. We'll also cover essential practices to help you avoid issues caused by installing untrusted programs or clicking suspicious links. The class includes live demonstrations of software tools and built-in utilities that can scan for threats, clean out unnecessary files, and free up space by removing cookies, cache, and other digital clutter. This class is presented by our collaborative Rock Valley College instructor, Bob Bertolasi.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner  
# [11437](#) T 7/15 10 a.m.–Noon Remote

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

Join German historian Anette Isaacs as she explores the extraordinary musical journey of Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn—19th-century German siblings and prolific composers. While Felix's innovative works brought him widespread acclaim, Fanny's remarkable talents as a pianist and composer were constrained by the societal expectations of her time. Descendants of philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, their family played a significant role in shaping both cultural and Jewish heritage, leaving an indelible mark on classical music and intellectual pursuits.

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

### **NEW! The Dark History of Nursery Rhymes**

Almost as soon as we learn to speak, we learn our first nursery rhymes. These simple little verses are easy to learn and have delighted children for centuries. What is not widely known is that many of these rhymes were created about some dark periods in Britain's past. Come along and learn the dark history of nursery rhymes! This class is not suitable for individuals under age 16.

Fee: \$15 John Gowing  
# [11841](#) Th 7/24 1–2:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! Waltzing Australia**

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

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

### **NEW! Eleanor Roosevelt: The First Lady of World War II**

In August 1943, while the world was waging war, Eleanor Roosevelt embarked on a secret five-week mission at the request of her husband, President Roosevelt. She boarded a military transport plane and headed to the Pacific theater while the war with Japan was far from being decided. Her quest was to discover and report back first-hand accounts of the war, in such a way that only she could do. This presentation follows Eleanor's rigorous and daring trek to Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia and military bases along the way. Learn what she discovered and reported back to her husband, as well as the unexpected responses she received from military personnel, ranging from top leaders to foot soldiers in the trenches. This class is offered by our collaborative Rock Valley College instructor, Brad Keyes.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner  
# [11438](#) M 8/11 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

### **NEW! Travel to the Regions of France**

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

Fee: \$15

Gigi Kuhn

# [11859](#)

M

8/11

12:30–2:30 p.m.

Catalyst  
Campus

### **NEW! Old Bones, Young Spirit**

Get ready for adventure, laughs, and inspiration! Author John McShea proves age is just a number in his humorous and heartwarming account of a solo, unsupported bike ride around Lake Michigan at 67, as chronicled in his book *Old Bones, Young Spirit*. Hear the best (and funniest!) stories about going it alone, the fascinating people he met along the way, and the powerful motivation behind his ride: epilepsy awareness. Discover why this unique journey captured the hearts of readers and earned recognition from the Daily Herald, WGN, and Amazon. Prepare to leave feeling motivated and with a smile!

Fee: \$15

John McShea

# [12085](#)

T

8/19

1–3 p.m.

Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! Son of a Gun!: Origins of Common Phrases**

Many expressions we use in everyday speech wouldn't make sense if translated directly into another language. For example, telling someone to break a leg might sound hurtful to a non-English speaker, but we know it means good luck. Join us to explore the fascinating history behind these idioms and well-known expressions. You'll discover that there's more to them than just a flash in the pan!

Fee: \$15

John Gowing

# [11842](#)

Th

8/21

1–2:30 p.m.

Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! Angels Over Afghanistan**

Just ten short years ago, the presenter's son-in-law received his MD and was immediately commissioned as a Captain in the Air Force. His mission: to save the lives of Americans critically injured in Afghanistan. The wounded servicemen—and sometimes animals and local tribal leaders—were swiftly evacuated from the battlefield and flown to Germany, where America's top military surgeons worked to save lives and repair broken bodies and spirits. The young captain's orders were clear: on the 12-hour flight, keep them alive and free from pain.

Fee: \$15

Steven Aavang

# [11232](#)

F

8/22

1–3 p.m.

Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! Galveston, Texas: America's Deadliest Nature Disaster**

Galveston, Texas, was a pleasant seaside community of 13,000 residents on September 8, 1900, and the leading port for the great Southwest of a bustling United States. Little did anyone realize that a violent hurricane was about to change their lives and the makeup of their city forever. It is estimated that over 8,000 people lost their lives that day. Join us for this presentation on America's worst natural disaster as we examine the science behind how this monstrous storm developed and why the U.S. Weather Service failed to recognize its potential. This class is offered by our collaborative college partner, Rock Valley College instructor Brad Keyes.

Fee: \$15

Collaborative Partner

# [11901](#)

M

9/8

10–11:30 a.m.

Remote

### **NEW! Twenty Arrondissements of Paris**

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

Fee: \$15

Gigi Kuhn

# [11860](#)

M

9/8

12:30–2:30 p.m.

Catalyst  
Campus

### **NEW! Lost Adolescence**

A girl's youth was spent in London during the Blitz, living under the constant threat of destruction to life, home, family, friends, and work. Despite meager food and clothing, and attending school in a bomb shelter, despair did not take hold. Discover the harsh realities of this experience and learn how people coped using courage, perseverance, hard work, a sense of humor, and a bit of 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



**Meet John:** John McShea is a former institutional bond salesman, sales consultant, professional actor, and avid cyclist. Most recently, he has been a professional actor appearing in film, TV, and commercials. John has been an avid cyclist for the last 30+ years riding throughout various areas of the United States. In September of 2023, he rode his bike 1150 miles around Lake Michigan and wrote a book describing the crazy people, places, weather, and cycling encountered along the way.

### **NEW! Let's Visit: Central London's Bridges**

This presentation will be a virtual tour of some of the wonderful, historic bridges that span the iconic River Thames. From Westminster to Tower Bridge, they all have stories to tell in the development of London.

Fee: \$15

John Gowing

# [11843](#) Th 9/25 1–2:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus



### **NEW! The Magic of Oz**

Follow the yellow brick road with Dorothy Gale and Toto into the magical world of Oz! Historical presenter Michelle Gibbons will captivate audiences with a theatrical portrayal of beloved actress Judy Garland. Discover Judy Garland's rise to worldwide fame, her childhood, and the struggles she faced on her journey to stardom—all from her perspective. This class is taught by Michelle Gibbons, a collaborative instructor from Harper College.

Fee: \$15

Collaborative Partner

# [12078](#) F 10/10 2–4 p.m. Remote

### **NEW! Influence of the French Language and Culture on Vietnam**

Discover the rich history of French influence in Vietnam, from the alphabet and gastronomy to iconic monuments. Explore how French leadership shaped Southeast Asia during the Indochine period, including Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. This class is available both in-person and remotely. The instructor will be presenting remotely from France.

Fee: \$15

Gigi Kuhn

# [11895](#) M 10/13 12:30–2:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

# [11896](#) M 10/13 12:30–2:30 p.m. Remote

### **NEW! Legendary Creatures of Cryptozoology**

Explore the “myths” and “truths” about Bigfoot, the Loch Ness monster, and more. Cryptozoology is the search for and study of animals whose existence is disputed or unsubstantiated. Learn about a variety of legendary creatures, including Chupacabra, the Yeti, the Jersey Devil, and Champ of Lake Champlain. This class is taught by Jay Sternickle, a collaborative instructor from the College of DuPage.

Fee: \$15

Collaborative Partner

# [12114](#) T 10/21 10 a.m.–Noon Remote

### **Jack the Ripper**

If you asked people around the world to name a serial killer, chances are that it would be “Jack the Ripper,” given the lasting fascination with the 1888 murders of five London prostitutes. Join us to learn about Victorian London and the poverty and squalor of the East End, where Jack carried out his grisly work. Please note: This is a graphic presentation that delves into the details of the murders. It may not be suitable for those who are easily shocked and it is not intended for children.

Fee: \$15

John Gowing

# [12075](#) Th 10/23 1–2:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! New France: French Heritage in IL and WI**

This class explores the years 1524–1763, when the French explored and eventually settled in North America, including Illinois (Il-len-nohwa) and Wisconsin (Wis-kon-sa). It examines French relations with Native Americans and the events that unfolded as the French and Native Americans clashed with the British. French sites such as Fort De Chartres (IL), Portage (WI), and others are reviewed. Participants will learn three key facts about Illinois during the French colonial period and discover the French remnants that still exist in IL and WI today. This class is offered by our collaborative college partner, Rock Valley College instructor Mark Pete.

Fee: \$15

Collaborative Partner

# [12113](#) F 11/7 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

### **NEW! Celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of French Impressionism**

Discover why this painting movement was a true artistic revolution, not only in France, but throughout Europe. Relive the milestones of Impressionism from 1874 to 2024 through major master painters and key artwork.

Fee: \$15

Gigi Kuhn

# [12111](#) M 11/17 12:30–2:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

### **NEW! Unique Festivals Around the World: New and Old**

Explore some of the most unique and exceptional festivals enjoyed by millions around the world! While you're likely familiar with Mardi Gras, Holi, and Running with the Bulls, have you ever heard of the Boryeong Mud Festival or the International Hair Freezing Festival? Join us as we discover both well-known and lesser-known festivals from around the globe.

Fee: \$15

Collaborative Partner

# [12077](#) T 11/18 1–2:30 p.m. Remote



## **NEW! Plant Your Own Portable Fall Herb Garden**

Ready to grow with easy-to-care-for herbs? In this hands-on workshop, you'll plant and take home a portable culinary herb garden featuring herbs like parsley, dill, oregano, thyme, and chives. We'll provide fresh herbs, soil, and a planter, so all you need to do is dig in and learn essential tips to keep your garden thriving. Whether you're new to gardening or a seasoned pro, this workshop will leave you ready to enjoy fresh, homegrown herbs all season long. Register now and start your herb-growing journey!

Fee: \$55 JulieAnn Gardens  
# [12095](#) M 8/18 6:30–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## **Lettuce Begin: Grow a Salad Garden**

Ready to grow fresh and 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 fresh 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 leave you ready to enjoy fresh, homegrown salads all season long. Register now and start growing your greens!

Fee: \$55 JulieAnn Gardens  
# [12093](#) F 9/5 6:30–8 p.m. Main Campus

## **NEW! The Fall Garden: Getting Ready for Winter and More**

You've grown a wonderful garden through spring, summer, and early fall—but is it really time to put away the tools for winter? Or is there still important work to be done? From cover crops and garlic to spring-flowering bulbs and native plant seeding, there's plenty to tackle before the snow flies. And with just a bit more effort—and a mild early winter—you might even extend your harvest into January. Join instructor Rich Tobiasz as he takes you on a season-extending journey, including a short walk to the MCC Student Farm. Then, at last, you can put away your tools and start browsing seed catalogs for 2026!

Fee: \$25 Richard Tobiasz  
# [12013](#) Sa 9/13 9 a.m.–Noon Main Campus

## **Start Your Own Edible Garden**

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

Fee: \$144  
# [11669](#) 7/16–9/5 24 Hours Online  
# [11670](#) 8/13–10/3 24 Hours Online  
# [11671](#) 9/17–11/7 24 Hours Online

## **NEW! Let's Visit: The British Museum**

This presentation will explain how the British Museum was created and how it has evolved into the breathtaking building it is today. Some of the most popular exhibits will be explored, including the Rosetta Stone, the Parthenon Frieze (also known as the Elgin Marbles), Egyptian mummies, and several others.

Fee: \$15 John Gowing  
# [12076](#) Th 11/20 1–2:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## **NEW! Beautiful Castles of France**

Step back in time to explore the splendor of some of the most stunning castles throughout history. Discover the origins of medieval fortresses, the Renaissance castles of Italy, and the iconic classic castles of the Loire Valley.

Fee: \$15 Gigi Kuhn  
# [12112](#) M 12/15 12:30–2:30 p.m. Catalyst Campus

## HOME AND GARDEN

## **NEW! You Can Do It! Introduction to Food Preservation**

Learn the basics of safe water bath canning techniques and explore various ways to use canned and preserved items to suit your personal tastes. We will discuss what can be preserved and how to use those quality preserves all year long. This is a lecture-only class.

Fee: \$30 Stephanie Slater  
# [12012](#) W 8/27 6–8 p.m. Catalyst 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**

# [11798](#) T 9/2–9/23 6–8 p.m.

Noah Taylor  
Woodstock  
High School

## LANGUAGES

### **NEW! Bonjour! Basic French for Everyday and Travel**

Are you dreaming of your next trip to a French-speaking destination? Or perhaps you're simply curious about learning a new language? This class provides you with the practical skills and confidence to begin communicating in French immediately. You'll master the fundamental words and phrases for greetings, ordering food, everyday interactions, and making your travels more enjoyable. Furthermore, you'll discover aspects of French culture and important etiquette. À bientôt! (See you soon!)

**Fee: \$115**

# [12014](#) T 7/15–9/2 6–8 p.m. Catalyst Campus

Gigi Kuhn

### **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!

**Fee: \$143**

# <a href="#">12147</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">12148</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">12149</a>	9/17–11/7	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: \$130**

# <a href="#">11687</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11688</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11689</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

### **Discover Sign Language**

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

**Fee: \$131**

# <a href="#">11690</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11691</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11692</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

### **Instant Italian**

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

**Fee: \$130**

# <a href="#">11693</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11694</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11695</a>	9/17–11/7	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

# [11897](#) T 9/30–11/11 6–7 p.m. Main Campus

### 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

# [11899](#) T 9/30–11/11 7–8 p.m. Main Campus

### MCC Concert Band

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

Fee: \$20

Paige Lush

# [11833](#) M 8/18–12/8 7–8:50 p.m. Main Campus

### MCC Concert Choir

MCC's Chorus welcomes MCC students and community members. For more information, contact Michael Hillstrom at [mhillstrom@mchenry.edu](mailto:mhillstrom@mchenry.edu)

Fee: \$20

Christopher Jackson

# [11830](#) Th 8/21–12/11 7–8:50 p.m. Main Campus

### MCC Guitar Ensemble

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

Fee: \$20

Patricia Gaughan

# [11832](#) Th 8/21–12/11 4:30–6:20 p.m. Main Campus

### 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

# [11831](#) W 8/20–12/10 7–8:50 p.m. Main Campus

### MCC New Orleans Jazz Band

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

Fee: \$20

David Dcamp

# [11834](#) Th 8/21–12/11 2:30–4:20 p.m. Main Campus

### MCC Woodwind Ensemble

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

Fee: \$20

David Dcamp

# [12145](#) 8/18–12/13 Main Campus

### MCC String Orchestra

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

Fee: \$20

Leah Hagel-Kahmann

# [11835](#) T 8/19–12/9 6–7:50 p.m. Main Campus

## » ABOUT THE 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.

## Private Music Lessons

Students who wish to take private music lessons may register through Community Enrichment. There will be a total of 7.5 hours of instruction. After you've registered, the instructor will call you to schedule a specific day and time for your lessons. The cost is \$329 excluding music, which you'll need to purchase on your own. All classes will run August 18–December 12. Other musical instrument lessons are also available. For more information about private music lessons, please call Paige Lush at (815) 479-7670.

**Fee: \$329**

Class	Course Code	Instructor
Banjo	# <a href="#">11828</a>	Thomas Sergey
Bassoon	# <a href="#">11829</a>	David Dcamp
Guitar	# <a href="#">11825</a>	Patricia Gaughan
Guitar	# <a href="#">11826</a>	Thomas Sergey
Piano	# <a href="#">11823</a>	Tara Singer
Piano	# <a href="#">11824</a>	Rebecca Chu Park
Voice	# <a href="#">11827</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.

## Keys to Successful Money Management

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

**Fee: \$140**

# <a href="#">11699</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11700</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11701</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## Personal Finance

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

**Fee: \$146**

# <a href="#">11702</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11703</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11704</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## Real Estate Investing

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

**Fee: \$141**

# <a href="#">11705</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11706</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11707</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## Stocks, Bonds, Investing: Oh My!

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

**Fee: \$141**

# <a href="#">11708</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11709</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11710</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

### NEW! Life Planning 101—Are you prepared for your future?

Laura Johnson of Kelleher & Holland and Stacy Brown of New York Life will provide valuable tools to help you plan for a secure future while creating a lasting legacy for your family or business. Learn strategies for estate and retirement planning, as well as tax diversification.

**Fee: \$20**

Kelleher & Holland and New York Life

# <a href="#">12025</a>	W	8/20	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
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## Introduction to Stock Options

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

**Fee: \$147**

# <a href="#">11696</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11697</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11698</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online



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

## The Analysis and Valuation of Stocks

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

**Fee: \$140**

# <a href="#">11711</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11712</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11713</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### NEW! Digital Photography for Beginners 1

Discover the art of photography in this hands-on introductory class. Learn the fundamentals of manual mode on your camera, including ISO, aperture, and shutter speed. Explore basic composition principles to enhance your photos, and 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. A digital camera is required for this class.

**Fee: \$79**

**Paul LeVan**

# <a href="#">11811</a>	M	8/11	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
	Sa	8/16	1:30–3 p.m.	Off Campus

### NEW! Digital Photography for Beginners 2

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

**Fee: \$89**

**Paul LeVan**

# <a href="#">11813</a>	M	9/8, 9/15	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
	Sa	9/20	1:30–3 p.m.	Off Campus

## Discover Digital Photography

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

**Fee: \$130**

# <a href="#">11597</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11598</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11599</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## Introduction to Lightroom Classic CC

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

**Fee: \$146**

# <a href="#">11603</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11604</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11605</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## Mastering Your Digital SLR Camera

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

**Fee: \$129**

# <a href="#">11606</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11607</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11608</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## Photograph Nature With Your Digital Camera

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

**Fee: \$130**

# <a href="#">11609</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11610</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11611</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online



## Photoshop CC for the Digital Photographer

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

Fee: \$130

# <a href="#">11612</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11613</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11614</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## Secrets of Better Photography

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

Fee: \$141

# <a href="#">11616</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11617</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11618</a>	9/17–11/7	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 9 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="#">11761</a>	Th	7/10–9/25	6–9 p.m.	Main Campus
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## **NEW! Hit Me! Learn Blackjack the Fun and Easy Way**

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

Fee: \$25

Anne Fortin

# <a href="#">12006</a>	M	7/14	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">12007</a>	W	7/16	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">12008</a>	F	8/15	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">12009</a>	W	8/20	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">12010</a>	F	9/12	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">12011</a>	W	9/17	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus

## **NEW! Senior Hike: Glacial Park Kettle Lot**

Join a McHenry County Conservation District educator for a hike through Glacial Park, where you'll learn about the geological features of this unique conservation site, including its bogs and wetlands. It's a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, get some exercise, and connect with nature. Please note that this hike may include uneven surfaces and inclines. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring your own water.

Fee: \$5

Glacial Park—M.C.C.D.

# <a href="#">11768</a>	F	8/22	10–11:30 a.m.
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## **NEW! Senior Hike: Marengo Ridge**

Marengo Ridge Conservation Area is one of McHenry County's most popular and treasured areas. It contains over 818 acres of oak and hickory woodlands interspersed with spruce, aspen, ash, and sumac groves. The Marengo Ridge, from which the site derives its name, was formed by the retreating Wisconsin glacier. Stretching 40 miles long and 3 miles wide, the Marengo Ridge moraine is one of the steepest and most vertical in Illinois, rising to 1,050 feet above sea level. This glacial feature was created around 24,000 years ago. Be sure to dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring your own water.

Fee: \$5

Marengo Ridge—M.C.C.D.

# <a href="#">11769</a>	F	9/26	10–11:30 a.m.
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**Meet Anne:** For five thrilling years, Anne Fortin commanded the tables at Hollywood Casino, expertly dealing Blackjack, the mesmerizing spin of Roulette, and the strategic showdown of Caribbean Stud. Now, having conquered the casino world, Anne has traded the felt for the classroom, driven by an unyielding passion for the king of card games: Blackjack. Prepare to have the secrets of the game unlocked as Anne reveals the insider knowledge and sharp strategies that will transform your understanding from novice to knowing.

## NEW! Senior Hike: Pleasant Valley Conservation

Join a McHenry County Conservation District educator for a 1.3-mile hike through Pleasant Valley, a beautiful conservation area that spans 2,080 acres. This diverse landscape includes a high-quality oak savanna, a Grade A stream, an untouched wetland, and an impressive prairie ecosystem. The combination of these habitats makes it one of the most biologically diverse and visually captivating sites in the county. Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring your own water.

Fee: \$5 Pleasant Valley Conservation—M.C.C.D.

# [11767](#) F 7/25 10–11:30 a.m.

### SPECIAL INTEREST

## 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="#">12066</a>	Th	7/10	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">12067</a>	Th	8/14	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">12069</a>	Th	9/4	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst Campus

## 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="#">12068</a>	Th	8/14	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">12073</a>	Th	12/4	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst Campus

## NEW! Keeping Your Computer Safe and Efficient

Learn how to keep your computer safe, secure, and running efficiently. In this class, you'll be introduced to built-in and free software tools available for home computers that help protect against viruses, malware, and other common threats. We'll also cover essential practices to help you avoid issues caused by installing untrusted programs or clicking suspicious links. The class includes live demonstrations of software tools and built-in utilities that can scan for threats, clean out unnecessary files, and free up space by removing cookies, cache, and other digital clutter. This class is presented by our collaborative Rock Valley College instructor, Bob Bertolasi.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner

# [11437](#) T 7/15 10 a.m.–Noon Remote

## 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

# [11738](#) Th 7/10 3–4 p.m. Remote

## 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

# <a href="#">12059</a>	Sa	9/27	10 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">12060</a>	Sa	9/27	1–3 p.m.	Main Campus



**Meet Cheryl:** Cheryl is the owner of Woodstock Improv. She has completed all five levels of the improvisation program at the Second City in Chicago. She is a former educator who is passionate about helping others to discover their full potential through the power of improvisation.

## TECHNOLOGY

### Introduction to PC Troubleshooting

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

**Fee: \$144**

# <a href="#">11578</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11579</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11580</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

### Introduction to Windows 11

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

**Fee: \$144**

# <a href="#">11534</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11535</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11536</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## 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="#">11995</a>	W	7/9	9:30 a.m.–Noon	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="#">11999</a>	Th	8/7	1–3 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
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## 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**

# <a href="#">11997</a>	Th	8/14	1–2 p.m.	Remote
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## 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**

# <a href="#">11998</a>	T	9/9	2–3 p.m.	Remote
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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**

# <a href="#">11996</a>	M	9/22	3–4 p.m.	Remote
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## 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**

# <a href="#">11849</a>	Th	7/10	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">11853</a>	ThF	9/11, 9/12	8 a.m.–Noon	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**

# <a href="#">11851</a>	Th	7/31	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">11856</a>	ThF	9/18, 9/19	8 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst Campus

## Microsoft Excel Level 3 (Advanced)

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

Fee: \$179

Audrey Minkalis

# <a href="#">11852</a>	Th	8/21	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">11857</a>	ThF	9/25, 9/26	8 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst Campus

## 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

# <a href="#">11861</a>	W	7/30	8 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst Campus
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## Microsoft Word Tips and Tricks

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

Fee: \$89

Audrey Minkalis

# <a href="#">11865</a>	W	7/30	12:30–4:30 p.m.	Remote
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## Keyboarding

Become faster and more confident at the keyboard. This course will help you learn how to touch-type the alphabetic, numeric, and symbol keys; create, save, and edit word processing documents; and successfully take a timed writing test during a job interview.

Fee: \$141

# <a href="#">11537</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11538</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11539</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online



## WRITING

### How to Self-Publish for Free

This course will guide you on your journey to becoming a royalty-earning self-published author. Whether you're writing the next Great American Novel, sharing your expertise, or telling your family's story, you can publish it yourself. 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

# <a href="#">11720</a>	7/1–9/30	8 Hours	Remote
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### Creative Writing 101: A Beginner's Guide

You don't need a degree in creative writing to be an exceptional writer and get paid for it! Anyone with a passion for writing can learn and develop their fiction and non-fiction writing skills. Whether you're writing from your own life experience, creating new worlds, or informing readers about important information, this class will teach you about the different forms of creative writing, the top 10 creative writing tips for beginners, as well as how to brainstorm for new creative writing ideas, bring your words to life with engaging descriptions, develop your own writing style, and how to get paid for your creative writing. 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

# <a href="#">11737</a>	W	7/9	4–6 p.m.	Remote
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### 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

# <a href="#">11739</a>	Th	7/10	4–6 p.m.	Remote
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## 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  
# [11740](#) Th 7/10 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  
# [11741](#) T 7/15 3–5 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  
# [11742](#) T 7/15 5–7 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  
# [11743](#) W 7/16 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  
# [11744](#) Th 7/17 3–6 p.m. 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  
# [11746](#) Th 7/17 6–8 p.m. Remote

## Introduction to Journaling: A Beginner's Guide

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

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark  
# [11747](#) T 7/22 3–5 p.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  
# [11748](#) T 7/22 5–7 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  
# [11749](#) W 7/23 6–9 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  
# [11750](#) Th 7/24 3–4 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  
# [11752](#) Th 7/24 4–6 p.m. Remote

## Writing Short Stories: A Beginner's Guide

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

Fee: \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark  
# [11754](#) T 7/29 3–5 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  
# [11755](#) W 7/30 6–9 p.m. Remote



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

## **Beginning Writer's Workshop**

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

**Fee: \$146**

# <a href="#">11714</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11715</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11716</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## **Grammar Refresher**

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

**Fee: \$130**

# <a href="#">11717</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11718</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11719</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## **Write Fiction Like A Pro**

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

**Fee: \$129**

# <a href="#">11724</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11725</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11726</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## **Writing for Children**

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

**Fee: \$130**

# <a href="#">11730</a>	7/16–9/5	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11731</a>	8/13–10/3	24 Hours	Online
# <a href="#">11732</a>	9/17–11/7	24 Hours	Online

## » **ABOUT COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT**

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

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

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

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## 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 3: JUNE 16-18

### Early Arrival, Week of June 16

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

Fee: \$15

# [10759](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 7:30–8:30 a.m. Main Campus

### Late Dismissal, Week of June 16

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

Fee: \$15

# [10760](#) MTW 6/16–6/18 4:30–5:30 p.m. Main Campus

### 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 Main Campus

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).

## 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 Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## WEEK 4: JUNE 23-26

### Early Arrival, Week of June 23

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

Fee: \$20

# [10761](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 7:30–8:30 a.m. Main Campus

### Late Dismissal, Week of June 23

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

Fee: \$20

# [10762](#) M–Th 6/23–6/26 4:30–5:30 p.m. Main Campus

### Camp Invention, Grades K-6

\*\*\*Change in location\*\*\* 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. Catalyst Campus

### 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 Main Campus

### 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. Main Campus

### 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. Main Campus

### 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 Main Campus

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

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

# [10881](#) M-Th 6/23-6/26 9 a.m.-Noon Main Campus

### 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 Main Campus

# [10970](#) M-Th 6/23-6/26 1-4 p.m. Main Campus

### 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. Main Campus

### 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. Main Campus

### 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. Main Campus

### 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 Main Campus

# [10843](#) M-Th 6/23-6/26 1-4 p.m. Main Campus

### WEEK 5: JUNE 30-JULY 2

#### Early Arrival, Week of June 30

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

Fee: \$15

# [10763](#) MTW 6/30-7/2 7:30-8:30 a.m. Main Campus

#### Late Dismissal, Week of June 30

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

Fee: \$15

# [10764](#) MTW 6/30-7/2 4:30-5:30 p.m. Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## NEW! Click, Edit, Print: Intro to Photoshop, Grades 4-6

This class will cover the beginning fundamentals of photography and Adobe Photoshop. Students will take photos, make memes, learn about making art with just a flashlight and camera, and have fun with a green screen. We'll even have our own art show on the last day.

Fee: \$99

# [12120](#) MTW 6/30–7/2 1–4 p.m. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## NEW! Click, Edit, Print: Intro to Photoshop, Grades 6-9

This class will cover the beginning fundamentals of photography and Adobe Photoshop. Students will take photos, make memes, learn about making art with just a flashlight and camera, and have fun with a green screen. We'll even have our own art show on the last day.

Fee: \$99

# [12119](#) MTW 6/30–7/2 9 a.m.–Noon Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## WEEK 6: JULY 7-10

### Early Arrival, Week of July 7

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

Fee: \$20

# [10765](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 7:30–8:30 a.m. Main Campus

### Late Dismissal, Week of July 7

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

Fee: \$20

# [10766](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 4:30–5:30 p.m. Main Campus

### 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 Main Campus

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

### 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 Main Campus

### 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 Main Campus

### 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. Main Campus

### 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. Main Campus

### 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 Main Campus

### 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

# [10791](#) M–Th 7/7–7/10 1–4 p.m. Main Campus

### Sewing Camp: Making Fluffy Friends, Grades 4-6

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

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

## 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. Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## WEEK 7: JULY 14-17

### Early Arrival, Week of July 14

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

Fee: \$20

# [10767](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 7:30–8:30 a.m. Main Campus

### Late Dismissal, Week of July 14

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

Fee: \$20

# [10768](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 4:30–5:30 p.m. Main Campus

### 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 Main Campus

### 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 Main Campus

### Theme Park Creations, Grades 1-5

Design your very own theme park or dark ride and build a model to take home! In this fun-filled class, you'll create your ride concept, construct a model, and use an iPhone to simulate a ride-through experience, which you'll then present to the class.

Fee: \$115

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

## 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 Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## NEW! Junior Electronics, Grades 4-6

Students will learn the basics of electronic circuits and how devices can be programmed to work with them. Students will experiment with them in a virtual environment (Tinkercad) and learn some basic programming.

Fee: \$115

# [12122](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 1–4 p.m. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## NEW! Electronic Circuits with Micro:bits, Grades 6-9

Students will learn how electronic circuits are created and how we can supplement that with programmed microcontrollers to create various devices for everyday use. In addition to using a virtual environment (Tinkercad) we will also use MicroBit kits to recreate some of the projects in the real world.

Fee: \$115

# [12121](#) M–Th 7/14–7/17 9 a.m.–Noon Main Campus

## Theme Park Creations, Grades 6-9

Design your very own theme park or dark ride and build a model to take home! In this fun-filled class, you'll create your ride concept, construct a model, and use an iPhone to simulate a ride-through experience, which you'll then present to the class.

Fee: \$115

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

## Colorful Canvas, Grades 7-9

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

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

## 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. Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

## WEEK 8: JULY 21-24

### Early Arrival, Week of July 21

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

Fee: \$20

# [10769](#) M–Th 7/21–7/24 7:30–8:30 a.m. Main Campus

### Late Dismissal, Week of July 21

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

Fee: \$20

# [10770](#) M–Th 7/21–7/24 4:30–5:30 p.m. Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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 Main Campus

## 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. Main Campus

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

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

Fee: \$99

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

## 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

# [10977](#) M–Th 7/21–7/24 9 a.m.–Noon Main Campus

# [10978](#) M–Th 7/21–7/24 1–4 p.m. Main Campus

## 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

# [10952](#) M–Th 7/21–7/24 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main Campus

## 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

# [10839](#) M–Th 7/21–7/24 9 a.m.–Noon  
Woodstock High School

## 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

# [10795](#) M–Th 7/21–7/24 9 a.m.–Noon Main Campus

## 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

# [10780](#) M–Th 7/21–7/24 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main Campus

## 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

# [10948](#) M–Th 7/21–7/24 1–4 p.m. Main Campus

## Interactive Chalk Art, Grades 6-9

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

# [10945](#) M–Th 7/21–7/24 1–4 p.m. Main Campus

## 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

# [10893](#) M–Th 7/21–7/24 1–4 p.m. Main Campus

### WEEK 8: JULY 25-27

## 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. Students will practice at MCC on Friday, July 25 (Times TBD). Students will perform on Saturday, July 26 from 4-7 p.m. at Kingston Lanes in Woodstock and on Sunday, July 27 at McHenry County College during the MCC Community Block Party.

Fee: \$100

# [11404](#) F–Su 7/25–7/27 1–4 p.m. Main Campus

### WEEK 9: JULY 28-31

## Early Arrival, Week of July 28

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

Fee: \$20

# [10771](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 7:30–8:30 a.m. Main Campus

## Late Dismissal, Week of July 28

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

Fee: \$20

# [10772](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 4:30–5:30 p.m. Main Campus

### Magical Potions, Grades 1-3

Students 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. While mimicking the idea of potion-making from magical stories, they'll learn about basic chemistry and measurement concepts.

Fee: \$115

# [10812](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 9 a.m.–Noon Main Campus

### 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

# [10947](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 9 a.m.–Noon Main Campus

### 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. Main Campus

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Fee: \$99

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

### 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 Main Campus

### Young Makers Camp, Grades 4-6

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Fee: \$199

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

### NEW! Programming for Kids, Grades 4-6

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

Fee: \$115

# [12123](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 9 a.m.–Noon Main Campus

### 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. Main Campus

### Magical Potions, Grades 4-6

Students 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. While mimicking the idea of potion-making from magical stories, they'll learn about basic chemistry and measurement concepts.

Fee: \$115

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

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

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Fee: \$125

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

### Watercolors, Grades 7-9

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Fee: \$115

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Fee: \$115

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

## World of Mixed Media, Grades 7-9

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Fee: \$115

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

## NEW! Programming with Python, Grades 6-9

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

Fee: \$115

# [12124](#) M–Th 7/28–7/31 1–4 p.m. Main Campus

### 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–F 8/4–8/8 8 a.m.–Noon

### FALL 2025

## Young Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

Explore 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry Makers Space at MCC. New students will learn the essential skills needed to earn their first Belt by completing a series of engaging projects. Returning students can build upon their existing knowledge and continue their journey towards their next Belt.

Fee: \$75

# [12103](#) Sa 9/13 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main Campus

## Minecraft: Creative Mode, Grades 1-8

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: \$30

# [12107](#) Sa 9/27 9 a.m.–Noon Main Campus

## Young Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

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Fee: \$75

# [12104](#) Sa 10/11 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main Campus

## Mad Science of Halloween, Grades 1-8

Watch science at work as you engage in Halloween-themed science experiments! We'll create homemade blood and carve a pumpkin that makes goo from its eyes, nose, and mouth. And you can't have Halloween without fog made by dry ice! A parent/guardian is required for students in grades 1-5. Parents/guardians are welcome to join their students in grades 6-9.

Fee: \$45

# [12108](#) Sa 10/25 9 a.m.–Noon Main Campus

## Young Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

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Fee: \$75

# [12105](#) Sa 11/8 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main Campus

## Science of the Rubik's Cube, Grades 4-8

Learn the science of solving Rubik's Cubes. This hands-on, interactive class will teach you the basics of solving the Cube. A Rubik's Cube will be provided to use during class, but students are also welcome to bring their own.

Fee: \$45

# [12109](#) Sa 11/22 9 a.m.–Noon Main Campus

## Electronic Circuits with Micro:bits, Grades 5-8

Students will learn how electronic circuits are created and how we can supplement that with programmed microcontrollers to create various devices for everyday use. In addition to using a virtual environment (Tinkercad) we will also use MicroBit kits to recreate some of the projects in the real world.

Fee: \$50

# [12110](#) Sa 12/13 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Main Campus

## Young Makers Camp, Grades 4-8

Explore 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, digital embroidery, and more at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry Makers Space at MCC. New students will learn the essential skills needed to earn their first Belt by completing a series of engaging projects. Returning students can build upon their existing knowledge and continue their journey towards their next Belt.

Fee: \$75

# [12106](#) Sa 12/13 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main Campus



### ABOUT THE MSI MAKERSPACE

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

### YOUNG MAKERS CAMPS

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

### MSI MAKERSPACE COMMUNITY INTEREST

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

# » CAREER SPARK CENTER

The following classes are offered through in-person, remote (Zoom), or online instruction. Registered participants will receive location or access information by email within 24-hours before a class begins. For updated class offerings, refund policy, or to register, visit [www.mchenry.edu/careerspark](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="#">11985</a>	W	7/16	8 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">11986</a>	F	8/15	8 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">11987</a>	F	9/19	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="#">12034</a>	Th	7/17	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Main Campus
# <a href="#">12035</a>	F	8/15	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Main Campus
# <a href="#">12036</a>	F	9/19	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Main Campus

## NPDES PERMIT and Permit Renewal Process Workshop

This IEPA approved seminar reviews the permit every Wastewater Facility must have. Limitations, Monitoring, and Reporting requirements along with Special Conditions are explained. Also, upcoming changes to permits will be discussed. Additionally, the NPDES renewal application process is covered. You don't need an engineer to do the renewal application. A complete review of the application will be covered along with the required paperwork and testing involved. ECHO website is a covered. This website can benefit any community to understand the various industries that are present in their community. IEPA CEU code upon completion

Fee: \$119

Anna Kootstra

# <a href="#">12062</a>	T	8/19	8–11 a.m.	Catalyst Campus
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## FOOD SERVICE SANITATION

### ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification

All food service operations that prepare and serve food are required to have a certified food safety manager on the premises when food is being handled. This course 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

# <a href="#">12031</a>	T	7/22	8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">12033</a>	T	9/16	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

# [12032](#) M 8/11 8 a.m.–5 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="#">12087</a>	W	8/13	2:30–6:30 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
# <a href="#">12088</a>	W	9/17	6–10 p.m.	Catalyst 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

# <a href="#">12086</a>	W	8/13	8 a.m.–2 p.m.	Catalyst Campus
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## PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE

### Pharmacy Technician

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

Fee: \$1,999

Samantha Rimas

# [11680](#) TTh 8/19–12/11 5:30–7:30 p.m. Main Campus

### Phlebotomy Technician

Phlebotomists draw blood for tests, transfusions, research, or blood donations. As a certified phlebotomist, you can work in a variety of healthcare settings and perform critical work in the healthcare field. MCC's certification program consists of 60 classroom and lab hours in which you'll be required to complete a minimum of 30 venipunctures and 10 capillary sticks (must be able to find volunteers—friends, family, etc.). After successful completion of the course, you'll be prepared to take the National Healthcareers Association (NHA) Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) exam. Must be at least 18 years old to enroll.

Fee: \$1,999

Elizabeth Melendez

# [11684](#) MW 8/18–10/22 5–8 p.m. Main Campus

## PUBLIC SERVICE

### Fire Apparatus Engineer

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

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

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

Fee: \$700

Jason Kedrok

# [11686](#) MTW 8/18–8/27 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Main Campus

### Illinois Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue (VMO)

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

Fee: \$800

Jason Kedrok

# [11482](#) M–F 8/11–8/15 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Whiteys Towing

### POWER TEST

In Illinois, all entry-level candidates must take the Peace Officer Wellness Evaluation Report (POWER Test) before entering a police academy. This physical fitness assessment evaluates the physical fitness of those entering law enforcement. MCC offers the POWER Test on the Crystal Lake Campus three times yearly: March, June, and September. Wear suitable exercise attire for both indoor and outdoor events, as the 1.5-mile run will be held outside. The POWER Test consists of four parts: 1. Sit and reach 2. One-minute sit-up test 3. One-repetition maximum bench press 4. 1.5-mile run \*Must bring government-issued identification to receive POWER Test completion card. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before event start. No one will be admitted after 10 a.m. Power Test Standards

Fee: \$55

# [11551](#) Sa 9/13 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Main Campus

## REAL ESTATE/HOME INSPECTION

### Real Estate Broker Pre-Licensing Series

Real Estate Sales Broker Pre-Licensing Series: Study the broad field of real estate with an emphasis on license law, real property, agency structure, buyer and seller relationships and counseling. We'll also explore Illinois law, Federal law, marketing and advertising, market analysis and appraisal, financing, and contract knowledge, independent contractor/employee agreements and occupational disciplines. This blended home-study course satisfies 60 hours of the 75 hours of instruction required by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to become a Real Estate Broker. Real Estate Sales Broker Applied Real Estate Principles Interactive Course: We will cover role-playing, case studies, demonstration examples, and what-if scenarios in areas such as listing presentations, agreements and disclosures, writing purchase agreements, market analysis, seller net sheets, confronting fair housing violations, distressed property issues, antitrust scenarios, and inspection/repair issues. This course satisfies 15 hours of the 75 hours of interactive/situational training required by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to become a Real Estate Broker. Successful completion of this series qualifies you to sit for the Illinois Real Estate Broker Examination.

Fee: \$799

Becky Kirchner

# [11818](#) MTh 8/11–9/29 5:30–9 p.m. Main Campus

## 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.

# [11676](#) M–F 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.



## 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.

# [11677](#)

M-F

7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

## Motorcycle Technician Training

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

Fee: \$3,999

Windy City Motorcycle Company Academy

# [11681](#)

M-Th 8/11–10/16 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

## VETERINARY

### Veterinary Assistant

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