

Retired Adult Program (RAP)

The following Retired Adult Program (RAP) classes are now being offered through remote instruction using the Zoom meeting platform. Program staff will notify registered participants with information to access your class 24 hours before class begins. To register online, visit www.mchenry.edu/rap or call (815) 455-8588.

RAP Membership

A twelve month RAP membership is \$25 and is renewable on your membership anniversary. You can register for the membership and RAP classes online at www.mchenry.edu/rap. You need a valid membership to enroll in RAP classes. For more information, please call (815) 455-8559.

Fee: \$25 (one year)

Before the Mother Road: Route 66, Illinois 4, & the Pontiac Trail

When the U.S. Highway system was created on November 11, 1926, over 96,000 miles of roads under the jurisdiction of the 48 states were given uniform numbers to assist the motoring public. Route 66 was unique on the map, tracing a crescent-shaped path 2448 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles through 8 states. Within Illinois, 66 would connect Chicago to East St. Louis by way of Bloomington and Springfield. This diagonal path was one of the oldest travel corridors in the state. Before recorded history, Native Americans followed herds of bison along this route, and early settlers used it to make their way from the great rivers along the Illinois border to and through the vast tall-grass prairie. Then came the railroads and farm-to-market paths along section lines. This program covers this early history and the changes of the 20th century that tamed the path for motor vehicles and led the way to the Mother Road, the Main Street of America.

Fee: \$12

[1421](#) Th 6/3 1–2:20 p.m.

David Clark

Remote

Writer Wannabees

Are you interested in writing, but don't know where to start? Do you like to write and share your thoughts? Are you looking for an honest, gentle critique? Join other RAP members to discuss the rewards and challenges of writing. Facilitated by Dan Giallombardo, this is a self-directed writing support group. Registration is limited to 15 people. Class meets on: June 9, 23, July 7, 14, August 4, 18

Fee: \$10

[2021](#) W 6/9–8/18 1–2:50 p.m. A103, MCC

The Science of Climate Change

The concept of climate change is a hot topic these days. In this presentation, we will turn our attention to the science evidence: What does science say is happening? Where does the data come from? What might be in our future?

Fee: \$12

Michelle Nichols-Yehling

[1605](#) Th 6/10 6:30–8 p.m. Remote

Archaeology Uncovered – The Mystery of Atlantis

One of the most enduring stories of the past revolves around a city known to us as Atlantis. Scholars debate the possible existence of such a great society and search endlessly through documents and accounts by great historic authors as to the location and the outcome of this fabled city. This class will take a look at the evidence uncovered by archaeologists and historians as to what might be the real story about Atlantis.

Fee: \$12

[1505](#) T 6/15 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Remote

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Sears Homes of Chicagoland

From 1908 to 1942, Sears Roebuck and Company sold about 65,000 ready-to-build kit homes through catalogs. Despite the rash of teardowns in the Chicago area, some of these houses have managed to survive—undiscovered treasures hidden in plain sight.

Fee: \$12

[1519](#) W 6/16 10 a.m.–Noon Remote

Benjamin Franklin: Entrepreneur, Scientist, Revolutionary

With a wink and a smile, ol' Ben invites you to dinner, and tells stories of his youth, his inventions (lightning rod, stove, bifocal glasses, book grabber, swim fins, first political cartoon), public institutions (the first police force, volunteer fire department, fire insurance company, lending library, hospital, educational academy) and people of the revolution: cantankerous John Adams, bilious Arthur Lee, the bumbling British, the fascinating French, the double-dealing Dutch. From Philadelphia, London and Paris: he shares stories of spies, secret codes, court intrigues, Congressional jealousies and America's most clever ambassador, B. Franklin, printer.

Fee: \$12

Robert Lindsey

[1517](#) Th 6/17 1–2:20 p.m. Remote

History of Chicago Candy Companies

Since the early 1900s, Chicago was referred to as the Candy Capital of the world. Chicago was once home to more than 1,000 candy purveyors including: Mars, Wrigley, Nestle, Fannie Mae, Sara Lee and Frango Mints. Explore the history of Chicago candy companies and the evolution from taverns to candy shops. A fascinating story of Chicago's 'sweet' history.

Fee: \$12

[1513](#) M 6/21 10 a.m.–Noon Remote

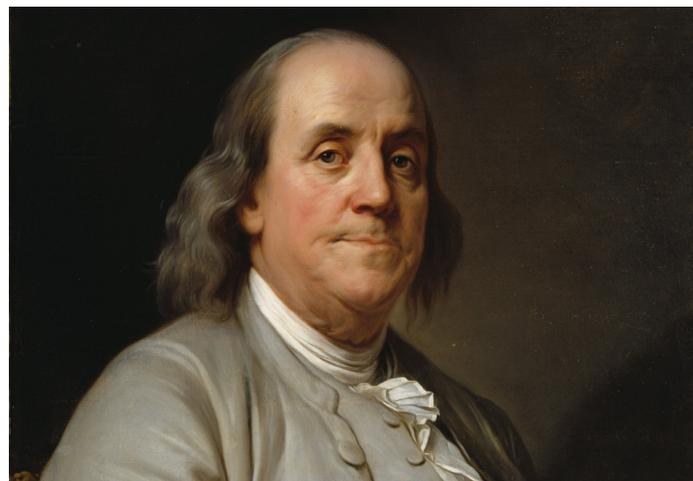
Germany 2021

Understanding the latest developments Thirty years after its unification, Germany is facing a challenging time. Recent state election results and various opinion polls yielded somewhat upsetting results, revealing an unfortunate rift in political philosophies between East and West Germans. Add to that a flagging economy that is suffering from the fallout of the 2020 pandemic, and not to forget, a political class that seems to be lacking direction and a clear vision to move the country forward. Join German political scientist Anette Isaacs, for a fascinating discussion of the latest developments in Europe's most populous nation.

Fee: \$15

Anette Isaacs

[1772](#) T 6/22 1–2:20 p.m. Remote



Searching the Internet: Safety & Security

A look at the safety and security of using Google for searching the Internet and other less-known, but better-protecting options. Discussion to include a comparison of features and conveniences provided by Google Chrome to other safer alternatives. Learn the advantages and disadvantages of using more secure sites and why you might want to switch between them. Find out the good and the bad of having search criteria linking to "relative products" that show up the next time you log onto Facebook or the weather channel.

Fee: \$12

[1514](#) W 6/23 9:30–11:30 a.m. Remote

Midcentury Cuisine: American Food Fads from the 1940s through the 1960s

Remember Jell-O salads and cheese sprayed out of a can? When every pantry held Velveeta and all the kids wanted to drink Tang? Join historian and author Leslie Goddard for a nostalgic look at the food innovations and marketing approaches that transformed how we ate at midcentury. Using classic cookbooks, advertisements, and family magazines, we'll explore how society and technology shaped American food from the 1940s through the 1960s.

Fee: \$12

Leslie Goddard

[1398](#) M 6/28 1–2:20 p.m. Remote

Archaeology of Northern Illinois

Enjoy an overview of the archaeology of northern Illinois from a cultural resource management perspective. You'll see examples of archaeological material and information about several known sites, general geology, and excavations in McHenry, Winnebago, Kane, and Cook counties.

Fee: \$12

Steven Katz

[1515](#) W 6/30 1–2:30 p.m. Remote

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