

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



BEEKEEPING WITH LARRY KRENGEL

For retired teacher Larry Kregel, beekeeping is not a profession, but a passion. He enjoys his time with the bees and looks at himself as a member of the “hive team”, just the biggest bug. Larry has kept bees for 38+ years selling honey and teaching those who would like to learn the craft of beekeeping. After decades with the bee, he is still drawn to the challenge of understanding the mysteries of the honeybee colony.

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IMPROV WITH CHERYL COX

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.

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SPANISH WITH MARIA ANDRADE

Maria Andrade serves as the Coordinator of Events and Outreach at McHenry County College, where she connects the college with the community through workforce and outreach initiatives. A bilingual professional fluent in English and Spanish, she brings a strong background in credentialing, administration, and active community engagement through volunteer work at her church. Maria holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Columbia College of Missouri.

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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 or call (815) 455-8588.

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Online Class:  Homesteading Class: 

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

Catalyst Campus: 222 E Church St, Woodstock, IL

ANIMALS AND PETS

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
[13599](#) T 2/24 6–8 p.m. Main

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
[12945](#) 1/1–3/31 1.5 Hours Remote

Explore a Career as an Administrative Medical Assistant

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

Fee: \$154

# 12932	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 12933	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 12934	3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

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

# 12935	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 12936	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 12938	3/18–5/8	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

# 12939	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 12940	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 12941	3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

NEW! Candle Making Creations

Spark your creativity with Riverside Candle Shop and create your own themed candle. This fun, hands-on experience guides you through the full candle-making process as you craft a visually inviting, great-smelling candle that's perfect for gifting or keeping. Everything you need to make your masterpiece is provided.

Fee: \$35				Riverside Candle Shop
Snowball				
# 13832	W	1/14	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
Hearts Square Pillar				
# 13833	W	2/11	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
Clover Teacup				
# 13834	W	3/11	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst



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! In each session, the instructor will guide you through a new project and provide you with all the information and materials needed for the class. Please bring a folder, paper, and writing utensil to class. No class on 2/17.

Fee: \$125				Adonia Fulk
# 13828	T	2/3–3/10	6–8 p.m.	Main

Crochet Beyond the Basics

This class expands your crochet skills beyond the fundamentals, introducing a wider range of stitches and techniques to help create more intricate projects. You'll explore creative crochet methods and exciting patterns that will open up new possibilities in your crafting journey. Students should bring their tension ring, two stitch markers, stitch counter, craft scissors, and yarn needle to class as well as a folder, paper, and writing utensil. The instructor will provide all other project supplies. No class on 2/19.

Fee: \$125				Adonia Fulk
# 13830	Th	2/5–3/12	6–8 p.m.	Main

NEW! Custom Wood Creations

Liven up your home or office decor by creating your own custom wood snow globe. Get hands-on as you choose a design, paint each tiny wooden piece with your own flair, and assemble it into a beautiful, themed snow globe. You'll leave with a one-of-a-kind creation that makes an amazing gift for yourself or someone special. All supplies are included.

Fee: \$35				Mimi's Designs & Creations
Winter Globe				
# 13784	Th	1/29	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
Love Globe				
# 13785	Th	2/12	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
Springtime Globe				
# 13786	Th	3/12	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst



NEW! Candle Holder with Photo Transfer Design: Hearts and Love

Create a handmade candle holder using a glass votive and a selection of patterns. This 2-day class shows how to prepare art for transfer on day one, then transfer the art on day 2. Learn the technique of creating a photo transfer; a skill that can be used for many future art projects. All materials are included.

Fee: \$45				Lorette's Dragonfly Studio & Gallery
# 13973	Th	1/29, 2/5	6–7:30 p.m.	

NEW! Candle Holder with Photo Transfer Design: Lucky Shamrocks

Create a handmade candle holder using a glass votive and a selection of patterns. This 2-day class shows how to prepare art for transfer on day one, then transfer the art on day 2. Learn the technique of creating a photo transfer; a skill that can be used for many future art projects. All materials are included.

Fee: \$45				Lorette's Dragonfly Studio & Gallery
# 13974	T	3/10, 3/17	6–7:30 p.m.	

NEW! Making Cards with Mallory

Create meaningful, handcrafted cards to share with someone special in your life. Learn how to cut, stamp, and lay out thoughtful designs suited for offering comfort and support. Each card is customizable to fit your personal sentiment. Students will create 3-4 cards, depending on style.

Fee: \$20

Mallory McBride

Love/Celebration

[13678](#) Th 1/22 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

Layered Cards

[13679](#) Th 2/19 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

Embossing

[13680](#) Th 3/19 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Needle-Felted Creations

Spruce up your home decor by creating your own needle-felted creation. You'll learn the basics of needle felting by using wool and a felting needle to create your project. Bring a snack and make it a fun night! All supplies included.

Fee: \$39

Rebecca Berry

Elephant Valentine

[13787](#) M 2/2 6–8:30 p.m. Catalyst

Lamb

[13788](#) M 3/2 6–8:30 p.m. Catalyst

Springtime Bunnies

[13789](#) M 3/30 6–8:30 p.m. Catalyst

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: \$29

Material Things Artisan Market

[13675](#) Su 1/11 1–4 p.m.

[13676](#) Su 2/8 1–4 p.m.

[13677](#) Su 3/15 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: \$53

Material Things Artisan Market

[13670](#) Sa 1/10, 1/17 1–4 p.m.

[13671](#) Su 2/15, 2/22 1–4 p.m.

[13672](#) Su 3/22, 3/29 1–4 p.m.

Fused Glass Workshop II

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

Fee: \$53

Material Things Artisan Market

[13673](#) Sa 2/7, 2/14 1–4 p.m.

[13674](#) Sa 3/21, 3/28 1–4 p.m.

NEW! Parent and Child Fun with Fusing Pendants

In this one-session class, you and your child will create one-of-a-kind fused glass pendants. Choose from shapes including square, rectangle, circle, oval, or freeform. You'll have time to make one or two pendants each. The cost is \$9 per pendant and is not included in the original class fee. Finished pieces will be fired the following week and ready for pickup at Material Things Artisan Market.

Fee: \$25

Material Things Artisan Market

[13795](#) Su 1/25 1–4 p.m.

[13796](#) Sa 3/14 1–4 p.m.

Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking

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

Fee: \$129

[12946](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online

[12947](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online

[12948](#) 3/18–5/8 24 Hours Online



About the Pasta Bar

At PastaBar, we take pride in our artisanal approach to pasta. We craft everything in-house, from extruded pastas to hand-cut varieties, meal kits, and sauces, with an unwavering commitment to quality. Every ingredient is rigorously vetted, ensuring that our creations not only meet but exceed the highest standards of authenticity and flavor.

We make our pasta by hand in McHenry, IL, using bronze dies for that signature rough texture that holds sauce the way it should. Our semolina is non-GMO, no-spray, and imported from Italy's Paolo Mariani mill, paired with organic durum wheat from Janie's Mill in Central Illinois. You can find us at local farmers' markets and select specialty shops. We use no seed oils and take no shortcuts. Just real, traditional pasta and sauces made with a purpose.

Basic Pasta Making

Mario, Executive Chef and Owner of Pasta Bar, will show you how to make several different pasta shapes by hand and 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: \$75			Pasta Bar
# 13953	T	1/13	6–8:30 p.m.
# 13954	T	1/27	6–8:30 p.m.
# 13955	T	2/10	6–8:30 p.m.
# 13957	T	3/10	6–8:30 p.m.
# 13958	W	3/18	6–8:30 p.m.

Advanced Pasta Making

Mario, Executive Chef and Owner of Pasta Bar, will show you how to make ravioli and agnolotti by hand as well as 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: \$75			Pasta Bar
# 13956	T	2/24	6–8:30 p.m.

NEW! Decorative and Chocolate Techniques

Decorative and Chocolate Techniques covers the essential skills needed to create decorative elements for cakes, along with beginner techniques for candies, confections, and a variety of chocolate-related elements. This class runs in conjunction with the credit pastry class and includes both an in-person lecture and lab. Basic reading, writing, and math skills are required. The required uniform is included in the class fee.

Fee: \$450			MCC Culinary Program
# 14039	M, T	1/20-5/12	3–6:20 p.m. Main

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.
# 13537	T	2/10	5:30–7:30 p.m.

NEW! Date Night: Knife Skills Valentines Style

Learn how to choose the right knives, care for them properly, and safely cut almost anything in the kitchen—without cutting yourself. This hands-on class focuses on essential knife techniques that make home cooking quicker, easier, and more enjoyable. Participants will prepare a boxed charcuterie and an apple galette, and assist with cleanup. Registration includes two people.

Fee: \$149			Joyce Lande
# 13808	F	2/6	6–9 p.m. Main

NEW! Date Night: Fondue With Chef Stephen

Join Chef Stephen for an evening of fun as you make 3–4 different fondues with your favorite person! Come hungry and enjoy learning new techniques while preparing (and, of course, devouring!) a variety of delicious fondues. Registration includes two people.

Fee: \$149			Stephen Byrne
# 13681	F	2/13	6–9 p.m. Main

NEW! Date Night: Spanish Paella

Travel to Spain with this classic recipe for Paella. This quintessential Spanish dish is usually made on Sundays over an open fire. Learn how to make this simple recipe infused with saffron, smoky chorizo, chicken, and aromatic vegetables in a matter of hours. Wow your friends at your next dinner party with this beautiful family-style dish! Registration includes two people.

Fee: \$149			Joyce Lande
# 13809	F	3/6	6–9 p.m. Main

NEW! Date Night: Taste of Ireland With Chef Stephen

Bring your favorite person along for a fun evening learning to make some fabulous Irish brown bread, a boxty potato, and butter swirl biscuits. Chef Stephen will guide you step-by-step through preparing this delicious meal—so come hungry and be ready to leave full! Registration includes two people.

Fee: \$149			Stephen Byrne
# 13682	F	3/13	6–9 p.m. Main

Notice: The MCC Culinary Program is a classic French-based program; many varieties of allergens may be found in the teaching kitchen such as nuts, seafood, and gluten.

NEW! Fun with Cookie Decorating: Valentine's Day

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
 # [13602](#) T 2/10 6–8 p.m. Catalyst



NEW! Fun with Cookie Decorating: Pets

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
 # [13603](#) T 3/10 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

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
 # [13502](#) Th 2/19 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
 # [13503](#) Th 3/19 6–8 p.m.

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
 # [12952](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
 # [12953](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
 # [12954](#) 3/18–5/8 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. No class on 2/18.

Fee: \$99 Vintage Belly Dance
 # [13824](#) W 2/4–3/18 6–7:30 p.m. Main

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. No class on 2/16.

Fee: \$99 Vintage Belly Dance
 # [13826](#) M 2/2–3/16 6:30–8 p.m. Main



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

[13504](#) M 2/2–3/9 7–8:30 p.m. Catalyst

East Coast Swing Dancing for Beginners

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

Fee: \$89

Mary Kanter

[13506](#) Th 2/5–3/5 7–8:30 p.m. Catalyst

EDUCATION ESSENTIALS

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

[13480](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
[13481](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
[13482](#) 3/18–5/8 24 Hours Online

Introduction to Algebra

This online math course integrates mathematics—specifically algebra—with many other areas of study, including history, biology, and geography. You will develop a rich understanding of math while studying algebra in a relaxed and supportive learning environment. The course emphasizes practical applications of your newly acquired algebraic skills, helping you develop mathematical reasoning in a real-world context. As a result, you will acquire a wide variety of basic math skills that will help you find solutions to almost any math problem.

Fee: \$150

[12955](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
[12956](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
[12957](#) 3/18–5/8 24 Hours Online

Introduction to Biology

Gain a solid foundation for a career in healthcare or medicine with an understanding of biology. This course will help you learn how cells and DNA determine the structure and function of the human body, which is essential to understanding the fundamental causes of human disease.

Fee: \$135

[12958](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
[12959](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
[12960](#) 3/18–5/8 24 Hours Online

Introduction to Chemistry

Even if chemistry tormented you in high school or college, you can master its principles! In this course, you'll gain 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

[12964](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
[12965](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
[12966](#) 3/18–5/8 24 Hours Online

Math Refresher

Math isn't just about plugging numbers into formulas—it's about understanding how to make those numbers and formulas work for you. Math can be incredibly useful, but only if you know how and when to apply it in everyday life. This course will show you how to use math to your advantage. You won't find theory or memorization here—instead, each lesson is packed with practical exercises and real-world information you can use right away. You'll learn some interesting things about how calculators work, and discover effective ways to manage your income and expenses.

Fee: \$144

[12961](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
[12962](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
[12963](#) 3/18–5/8 24 Hours Online

Merrill Speed Reading

Are you struggling to keep up with a flood of emails, 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

[12967](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
[12968](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
[12969](#) 3/18–5/8 24 Hours Online

FINE ART

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

# 13515	Th	1/22	6–9 p.m.
# 13516	Th	2/19	6–9 p.m.
# 13517	Th	3/19	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

# 13521	F	1/9	6–9 p.m.
# 13522	F	2/6	6–9 p.m.
# 13523	F	3/6	6–9 p.m.

Clay Creations

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

Wintry Hot Cocoa

# 13531	Th	1/15	6–9 p.m.
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Love Shaping

# 13532	Th	2/12	6–9 p.m.
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St. Patrick's

# 13533	Th	3/12	6–9 p.m.
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NEW! Beginning Design Stamped Jewelry

Learn to create a unique stamped pendant, a pair of earrings, or bracelet on your choice of aluminum, brass, or copper. You'll master proper stamping techniques using a metal block and hammer to create a simple design with a variety of different object and symbol stamps. Finish your piece professionally by applying patina, hand polishing, adding an optional surface rhinestone, and attaching the final jump ring, bail, or earring wires. Bracelets will be formed to fit a wrist.

Fee: \$45

Lorette's Dragonfly Studio & Gallery

# 13971	W	2/4	6–8:30 p.m.
# 13972	W	3/4	6–8:30 p.m.



NEW! Australian Aboriginal Desert Art

Australian Aboriginal communities continue to practice one of the oldest traditional art forms in the world—dating back over 65,000 years. Originally found on rock formations, bark, and even on people themselves, these artworks were once viewed by Europeans as curiosities, since there was no written language. By the 1930s, archaeologists began to recognize that these paintings depicted desert landscapes. Over time, Europeans came to understand that they also represented detailed stories and narratives told through symbols and icons. Prepare to take a trip Down Under and learn how to create your own symbolic artwork—no sunscreen required! All supplies are included. A different project will be completed for each month's class.

Fee: \$35

Ann Leslie

# 13814	Th	2/5	6–8 p.m.	Main
# 13815	F	2/13	10 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst
# 13816	Th	3/5	6–8 p.m.	Main
# 13817	F	3/13	10 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst



NEW! Watercolor for Beginners

Have you wanted to try watercolor painting, but do not know how to start? Or maybe you've tried but would like some tips and techniques to be more successful. This class is for you! We will start with beginning exercises and build on techniques each session. You will receive a supply list before the start of class.

Fee: \$129 Lorette's Dragonfly Studio & Gallery
[13976](#) W 1/26-3/2 6-8 p.m.

Mandala Stone Art: Relaxation and Harmony

Embark on a transformative journey of self-discovery through the art of mandala stone painting. This class will guide you in creating 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
[13626](#) W 2/18 6-8 p.m. Catalyst



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Fee: \$39 Nanette Fabros
[13627](#) W 3/18 6-8 p.m. Catalyst

NEW! Squeegee Scrape Art

Squeegee scrape art is a unique and creative form of abstract painting that uses a squeegee to create bold, expressive patterns on canvas or paper. You'll place dots of paint in strategic patterns, then scrape the paint across the surface to reveal an innovative and dynamic design. Voilà—your masterpiece is complete! This fun, experimental process invites you to explore color combinations, textures, and your own creative style.

Fee: \$35 Ann Leslie

Winter

[13803](#) Th 1/22 6-8 p.m. Main

Hearts

[13804](#) F 2/6 10 a.m.–Noon Catalyst

[13805](#) Th 2/12 6-8 p.m. Main

St. Patrick's Day

[13806](#) F 3/6 10 a.m.–Noon Catalyst

[13807](#) Th 3/12 6-8 p.m. Main

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

[12970](#) 1/14-3/6 24 Hours Online

[13316](#) 2/11-4/3 24 Hours Online

[13317](#) 3/18-5/8 24 Hours Online

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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

[13811](#) Sa 2/7 9-11:30 a.m. Main



Anxiety Disorders: An Integrative Approach (Self-Guided)

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

Fee: \$49

# 13318	1/14–3/6	2.5 Hours	Online
# 13319	2/11–4/3	2.5 Hours	Online
# 13320	3/18–5/8	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

# 13321	1/14–3/6	2.5 Hours	Online
# 13322	2/11–4/3	2.5 Hours	Online
# 13323	3/18–5/8	2.5 Hours	Online

Depression: An Integrative Approach (Self-Guided)

This course helps learners understand the pathophysiology, symptoms, and diagnosis of depression, while also exploring both conventional and integrative treatment approaches.

Fee: \$49

# 13324	1/14–3/6	2 Hours	Online
# 13325	2/11–4/3	2 Hours	Online
# 13326	3/18–5/8	2 Hours	Online

Energy Healing (Self-Guided)

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

Fee: \$49

# 13327	1/14–3/6	2 Hours	Online
# 13328	2/11–4/3	2 Hours	Online
# 13329	3/18–5/8	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

# 13330	1/14–3/6	2 Hours	Online
# 13331	2/11–4/3	2 Hours	Online
# 13332	3/18–5/8	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

# 13333	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13334	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13335	3/18–5/8	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

# 13336	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13337	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13338	3/18–5/8	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

# 13339	1/14–3/6	2 Hours	Online
# 13340	2/11–4/3	2 Hours	Online
# 13341	3/18–5/8	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.

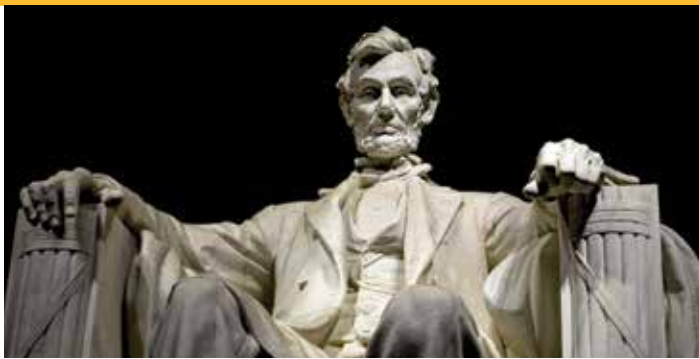
Fee: \$49

# 13342	1/14–3/6	2 Hours	Online
# 13343	2/11–4/3	2 Hours	Online
# 13344	3/18–5/8	2 Hours	Online

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NEW! The Sweet Life: A Buzz-Worthy Look into the World of the Honey Bees

Join us for a delightful journey into the fascinating world of honey bees! We'll explore the secret lives of these industrious little creatures, uncovering how they create the delicious honey we all love. From the Queen Bee's royal duties to the amazing teamwork of the worker bees, we'll learn about their incredible communication, their vital role in our ecosystem, and simple ways we can help them thrive. This presentation is full of fun facts and amazing stories about bees.

Fee: \$15
 # [13501](#) F 1/16 10–11:30 a.m. Remote
 Larry Kregel

NEW! Poor Abe

Everyone knows the stories of Abraham Lincoln's life — but how much do you know about his death and what happened to "Poor Abe" in the years that followed his assassination? Is he even buried in Springfield? "Who's buried in Lincoln's Tomb?" isn't just a bad dad joke. Do you believe in ghosts? You may never look at a penny the same way again.

Fee: \$15
 # [13841](#) F 1/23 1–3 p.m. Catalyst
 Steven Aavang

NEW! Exploring the World of Australian Aboriginal Desert Art

Aboriginal culture dates back over 80,000 years, with rock art more than 65,000 years old and counting. With no written language to convey their cultural stories through the generations, information was portrayed by symbols and icons in artwork. Knowledge, events, beliefs, survival skills, and information about use of the land were shared in this way, creating the oldest continuous art form in the world. Let's go back in time and discover what they said!

Fee: \$15
 # [13813](#) Th 1/29 10 a.m.–Noon Remote
 Ann Leslie

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
 # [13979](#) T 2/9 12:30–2:30 p.m. Catalyst
 Gigi Kuhn

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

# 13345	1/14–3/6	1 Hours	Online
# 13346	2/11–4/3	1 Hours	Online
# 13347	3/18–5/8	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

# 13348	1/14–3/6	1.5 Hours	Online
# 13349	2/11–4/3	1.5 Hours	Online
# 13350	3/18–5/8	1.5 Hours	Online

HISTORY AND SCIENCE

NEW! Wonders of Webb: Exploring the Universe with James Webb Space Telescope

Following the successful launch and deployment of the James Webb Space Telescope, astronomers have explored new vistas and aspects of the Universe made possible with this remarkable instrument. Join an exploration with a new eye on the Universe. This class is taught by James Kovac, a collaborative instructor from Harper College.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner
 # [13635](#) W 1/14 1–2:30 p.m. Remote



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



NEW! The History of Starved Rock and Illinois Valley State Parks

Discover the rich history of Buffalo Rock State Park, Matthiessen State Park, Illini State Park, and Starved Rock State Park (Illinois' most visited state park). Explore the fascinating past of the Illinois Valley, from the Indigenous communities who first called this land home to the French explorers who navigated the Illinois River. Learn how the parks were transformed during the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) era, when the CCC also contributed to projects along the Illinois and Michigan Canal. Hear the stories behind the cliffs, trails, and waterways that have become cherished landmarks and state treasures for generations. This class is taught by Amada Carter, a collaborative instructor from Illinois Valley Community College.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner
[13690](#) T 2/10 6–7:15 p.m. Remote

NEW! Presidential Trivia

America's presidents lived and died in ways rarely seen in the history books. Discover the scandals, murders, jobs outside the White House, family dramas, and surprising personal stories of our nation's leaders. From pets to politics and everything in between, this session proves that presidents are just people like the rest of us—well, sort of.

Fee: \$15 Steven Aavang
[13842](#) M 2/16 10 a.m.–Noon Catalyst

NEW! The Migration of the Monarchs

Each year, monarch butterflies from the northeastern U.S. and Canada begin a remarkable migration that spans four generations. The fourth generation, born in Canada, flies 5,000 miles to mountain forests near Angangueo, Mexico. Scientists are still uncovering how these butterflies navigate such distances and why it takes three generations to return. Join us to explore this fascinating journey! This class is taught by Suzanne Rausch, a collaborative instructor from Harper College.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner
[13636](#) W 2/18 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

NEW! Tennis Anyone? The Court is Calling!

Ready to dive into the greatest sport on Earth? Get ready for a crash course on all things tennis! We'll cover everything you need to know, from how to play and score to becoming a superfan. Join MCC tennis coach and instructor of film and journalism, Jim Stockwell, for a rally of fun stories, mind-blowing history, and, of course, plenty of ace dad jokes. It's game, set, and match for an unforgettable time!

Fee: \$15 Jim Stockwell
[13540](#) F 2/20 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

NEW! Rise and Fall of Al Capone

The notorious Al Capone (Alphonse Gabriel Capone) is one of the world's most recognizable mobsters. As the co-founder and boss of the Chicago Outfit from 1925 to 1931, he was a gangster and businessman whose success paralleled Prohibition. Remarkably, everything he became famous for occurred before he turned 35. In this in-depth look at the man behind the myths, you'll analyze Capone's rise and fall through a live presentation and slideshow led by an experienced educator from The Mob Museum in Las Vegas, Nevada, with time for Q&A. This class is taught by Allyson O'Brien, a collaborative instructor from Rock Valley College.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner
[13541](#) Th 2/26 10:30–11:45 a.m. Remote

NEW! Life in England: Late 1800s Through WWII

We may share a common language, but many ways of life will seem so foreign to you. Explore English holidays, schooling, traditions, and family stories as told by Joy Aavang, who grew up in the countryside made famous by veterinarian James Herriot and later moved to the bustling city of London. Her firsthand stories will both entertain and surprise you.

Fee: \$15 Joy Aavang
[13844](#) F 2/27 1–3 p.m. Catalyst

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.

Fee: \$15 Gigi Kuhn
[13978](#) M 3/9 12:30–2:30 p.m. Catalyst



Meet Gigi: 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.

NEW! Bertha Benz: Trailblazer in Automotive History

In 1888, Bertha Benz—a mother of five and a visionary pioneer—made history as the first person to complete a long-distance journey by automobile. Her bold adventure not only demonstrated the potential of her husband Carl Benz's invention but also sparked the global revolution of the automobile. German historian Anette Isaacs brings to life the inspiring story of Bertha Benz, a woman of courage and determination whose journey forever changed the course of transportation history. This class is taught by Anette Isaacs, a collaborative instructor from the College of DuPage.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner
[14018](#) M 3/9 6–8 p.m. Remote

NEW! Cursed Objects

What happens when you steal a priceless cultural object or artwork that's cursed? During WWII, the Nazis were fascinated with mythical and rare relics stealing trillions of dollars of art and antiquities spanning cultures across human history. Caught up in their obsession were objects that were sacred, revered, stunningly beautiful and some considered to be alive and imbued with curses. Contact meant your life was forfeit. Let's explore what was stolen and who's left alive... if anyone!

Fee: \$15 Ann Leslie
[13812](#) T 3/17 10 a.m.–Noon Catalyst

NEW! If These Old Timbers Could Talk

McHenry County was once a patchwork of family farms, each defined by barns built from timber cut from the very land they stood on. Learn about the construction, purpose, and evolution of these barns—and the stories the old timbers still seem to whisper. Step back in time to experience farm life as told through the wooden walls that witnessed it all.

Fee: \$15 Steven Aavang
[13843](#) F 3/20 10 a.m.–Noon Catalyst

NEW! The Debates Heard 'Round the Country

In the summer and fall of 1858, the nation's attention was surprisingly focused on Illinois, still considered the frontier. Two men—Stephen Douglas and Abraham Lincoln—both vying for the open U.S. Senate seat, traveled the length and breadth of the state, conducting a series of seven debates. This class will take you to all seven debate sites and let you relive what the crowds in attendance witnessed as Lincoln and Douglas squared off on the central issues consuming the nation: slavery and popular sovereignty. Little did these men know that their discourse would change the course of history for the entire country. This class is taught by Lorraine McCallister, a collaborative instructor from Illinois Valley Community College.

Fee: \$15 Collaborative Partner
[13692](#) T 3/24 6–7:15 p.m. Remote

HOME AND GARDEN

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Fee: \$15 Larry Kregel
[13501](#) F 1/16 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

Beekeeping 101

Keeping honeybees is a fascinating and rewarding hobby. Bees not only pollinate your garden but also provide a sweet harvest of honey. In this class, you'll learn how to get started as a beekeeper. We'll cover bee biology, modern beekeeping techniques, hive construction, and how to acquire your first colony. Keep bees for the enjoyment, as a side business, or to benefit your garden and orchard.

Fee: \$75 Larry Kregel
[12873](#) W 2/4–2/25 6:30–9 p.m. Catalyst
[12874](#) W 2/4–2/25 6:30–9 p.m. Remote

Beekeeping: Seven Ways to Raise a Queen

The number of small-scale beekeepers is increasing, and the demand for locally raised queen bees continues to grow. Purchased queens are often raised in areas with Africanized honeybees or come from migratory operations where dangerous viruses can spread. In this class, you'll gain information and learn seven simple methods for raising healthy honeybee queens. With a few insights and a small amount of equipment, the backyard beekeeper can raise locally adapted queens from bee stock known for excellent winter survival, good temperament, and strong honey production.

Fee: \$25 Larry Kregel
[12889](#) W 3/4 6:30–9 p.m. Catalyst
[12890](#) W 3/4 6:30–9 p.m. Remote



Beekeeping: Comb Honey

Comb honey is a traditional form of honey harvested in the bees' own wax case. A hundred years ago, honey was commonly eaten straight from the comb. Today, extracted honey in jars is the norm. This course offers a chance to return to this old-fashioned—and some argue, healthier—method of harvesting honey. Producing honey in the comb presents unique beekeeping challenges, which we will explore in this class.

Fee: \$25 **Larry Krengel**
[12891](#) W 3/11 6:30–9 p.m. Catalyst
[12892](#) W 3/11 6:30–9 p.m. Remote

Beekeeping: Varroa Mite—Know Your Enemy

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

Fee: \$25 **Larry Krengel**
[12893](#) W 4/8 6:30–9 p.m. Catalyst
[12894](#) W 4/8 6:30–9 p.m. Remote

Beekeeping Field Study

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

Fee: \$59 **Larry Krengel**
[12906](#) Sa 4/11, 4/18 10 a.m.–Noon Main
[12907](#) Sa 4/11, 4/18 1–3 p.m. Main

NEW! Incorporating Native Plants into Home Gardens

Have a brand-new garden? One that's been growing for 20 years? Inherited a garden? If you're curious about how native plants can fit into your overall landscape design, this is the place to start! Many people think gardens need to be either all native or all ornamental, but there can be a happy medium. We'll talk about how natives, non-natives, and nativars/cultivars can all play nicely together and be good "neighbors." We'll cover the do's and don'ts of blending these worlds and explore how to create a garden that reflects your style while also supporting ecological health.

Fee: \$25 **Will Akin**
[13638](#) T 3/10 6–8 p.m. Main

Private Wells: Don't Be Dead in the Water

Most of McHenry County relies on private wells for water. Yet, many homeowners, businesses, and institutions give little thought to their wells—until the need arises for a new or replacement one. In this class, you'll explore the evolution of well technology from early settlement times to the present day and learn how modern municipal and public water systems compare. The session will also include a discussion of the recently released McHenry County Water Resource Action Plan (WRAP). It raises an important question: Wells, wells everywhere—but will you be able to drink?

Fee: \$25 **EJ Varga**
[13884](#) W 2/11 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

Everything To Know About Septic Systems

Many homes and businesses in McHenry County rely on septic systems to process waste—yet most people have little understanding of how these systems actually work. In this class, you'll learn what can, should, and shouldn't go through a septic system, as well as best practices for maintenance, typical life spans, repairs, and more. The instructor, licensed by the State of Illinois, has over 30 years of experience in analyzing, designing, and installing septic systems.

Fee: \$25 **EJ Varga**
[13883](#) W 3/4 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

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. Specific classroom information will be emailed to students prior to the class.

Fee: \$99 **Noah Taylor**
[13631](#) T 2/17–3/10 6–8 p.m. Woodstock HS



Mushroom Mission

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

Fee: \$49 Andy Andresky and Kurt Thornberry
 # [13633](#) Th 4/30 7–8:30 p.m. Main
 Sa 5/2 8:30–10 a.m. Off Campus

Lecture Only

Fee: \$35
 # [13634](#) Th 4/30 7–8:30 p.m. Main

Interior Design Basics

This introductory interior design course covers essential concepts and skills, from space planning and material selection to color theory and lighting design. You will learn to create functional and aesthetically pleasing residential design plans while considering sustainability and accessibility. By the end of the course, you will understand the role of a professional interior designer and be ready to enhance any space.

Fee: \$144
 # [13351](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
 # [13352](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
 # [13353](#) 3/18–5/8 24 Hours Online

LANGUAGES

NEW! Cafecito & Conversación: Spanish for the Everyday

Are you ready to stop saying un poco and start speaking with confidence? This fun, friendly class is your perfect introduction to practical, real-world Spanish. Forget complicated grammar tables—we focus on the language you need to make meaningful connections and navigate everyday situations.

Fee: \$129 Maria Andrade
 # [13966](#) Th 2/5–4/2 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

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: \$129 Gigi Kuhn
 # [13977](#) T 2/3–3/10 6–7:30 p.m. Catalyst

American Sign Language for Beginners

Join a fun and relaxed environment where you can start signing immediately. You’ll begin with the alphabet, numbers, basic vocabulary, and phrases to greet people and express yourself. The class includes interactive games and activities to practice the signs you’ve learned. The recommended textbook is *Learn to Sign the Fun Way*, available on Amazon.

Fee: \$129 Ruth Ready
 # [13667](#) Th 1/29–3/19 6–8 p.m. Main

American Sign Language 1

This course is designed for students who have completed ASL for Beginners. You will learn basic ASL grammar rules, including the use of body and facial expressions, while expanding your sign vocabulary. Basic Deaf culture and Deaf history will also be covered, along with career exploration for those who use American Sign Language. The recommended textbook is *American Sign Language for Absolute Beginners* by Fedde Schulte, available on Amazon.

Fee: \$129 Ruth Ready
 # [13668](#) T 1/27–3/17 6–8 p.m. Main

American Sign Language 2

This course is designed for students who have completed ASL 1. It builds on previous knowledge with additional ASL grammar, including parameters of signs and classifiers, expanded vocabulary, expressive and receptive practice, and more in-depth exploration of Deaf culture and Deaf history. The recommended textbook is *American Sign Language for Absolute Beginners* by Fedde Schulte, available on Amazon.

Fee: \$129 Ruth Ready
 # [13669](#) W 1/28–3/18 6–8 p.m. Main



Meet Ruth: Ruth Ready has been a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing since 1995. She has taught children of all ages in Hawaii, at Chicago Public Schools, and the Wisconsin School for the Deaf in Delavan. She holds Bilingual-Bicultural Certification from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Ruth is passionate about the field of Deaf education and loves to share her knowledge of American Sign Language, Deaf culture, and history. She currently resides in Harvard with her husband, daughter, and three spoiled cats.



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

# 13363	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13364	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13365	3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

Speed Spanish

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

Fee: \$143

# 13366	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13367	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13368	3/18–5/8	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

# 13839	T	2/3–3/10	6–7 p.m.	Main
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Advanced Guitar/Ukulele

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

Fee: \$99

Patricia Gaughan

# 13840	T	2/3–3/10	7–8 p.m.	Main
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Beginning Conversational French

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

Fee: \$130

# 13357	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13358	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13359	3/18–5/8	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

# 13354	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13355	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13356	3/18–5/8	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

# 13360	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13361	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13362	3/18–5/8	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.

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
[13712](#) Th 1/22–5/7 4:30–6:20 p.m. Main

MCC Concert Band

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

Fee: \$20 Paige Lush
[13709](#) M 1/26–5/11 7–8:50 p.m. Main

MCC Concert Choir

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

Fee: \$20 Christopher Jackson
[13710](#) Th 1/22–5/7 7–8:50 p.m. Main

MCC Jazz Ensemble

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

Fee: \$20 Michael Bazan
[13713](#) W 1/21–5/6 7–8:50 p.m. Main

New Orleans Jazz Band

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

Fee: \$20 David Dcamp
[13721](#) Th 1/22–5/7 2:30–4:20 p.m. Main

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
[13711](#) T 1/20–5/5 6–7:50 p.m. Main

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 date and time of the ensemble to be determined.

Fee: \$20 David Dcamp
[13717](#) TBA 1/20–5/16 TBA Main

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 January 20–May 16. 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	# 13722	Thomas Sergey
Bassoon	# 13707	David Dcamp
Euphonium	# 13708	Bryce Bowlin
Guitar	# 13719	Patricia Gaughan
Guitar	# 13720	Tom Sergey
Percussion	# 13723	Brent Jordan
Piano	# 13714	Tara Singer
Tuba	# 13716	Bryce Bowlin
Voice	# 13715	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.



Meet Christopher: Light-lyric tenor Christopher Jackson has a voice that is praised for its warm tone and effortless high extension. He has performed leading operatic roles including Alfred (*Die Fledermaus*), Rinuccio (*Gianni Schicchi*), and Ferrando (*Così fan tutte*), and worked with companies such as the Cincinnati Opera, Toledo Opera, and Chicago Sinfonietta. Based in the Chicago area, he also directs choirs and teaches voice at MCC and Fox Valley Presbyterian Church.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Introduction to Stock Options

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

Fee: \$147

# 13369	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13370	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13371	3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

Keys to Successful Money Management

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

Fee: \$140

# 13372	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13374	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13376	3/18–5/8	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

# 13378	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13379	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13380	3/18–5/8	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

# 13381	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13382	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13384	3/18–5/8	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

# 13386	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13388	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13389	3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

The Analysis and Valuation of Stocks

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

Fee: \$140

# 13390	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13392	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13394	3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

PHOTOGRAPHY

Discover Digital Photography

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

Fee: \$130

# 13396	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13397	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13399	3/18–5/8	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

# 13402	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13403	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13404	3/18–5/8	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

# 13405	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13406	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13407	3/18–5/8	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

# 13468	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13469	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13470	3/18–5/8	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.

Fee: \$130

# 13471	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13472	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13473	3/18–5/8	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

# 13474	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13475	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13476	3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

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 put it all into practice 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

# 13837	M	2/16	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
	Sa	2/21	10 a.m.–12 p.m.	Off Campus

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

# 13838	M	3/9–3/16	6–8 p.m.	Catalyst
	Sa	3/21	10 a.m.–12 p.m.	Off Campus



Meet Paul: Paul is a commercial and lifestyle photographer and editor with over 15 years of experience working with major brands and publications. He specializes in delivering high-quality, captivating visuals that tell stories. His expertise extends beyond the lens, as he designs and styles sets and implements creative solutions for small businesses to increase output and brand consistency. Paul holds a Bachelor of Arts in photography from DePaul University. He enjoys helping others find their passion for photography, no matter their level of expertise.

RECREATION AND SPORTS



About Main Stay Therapeutic Farm

Main Stay's mission is to enrich mind, body and spirit through powerful connections with horses, animals, and nature.

In 1984, two women, life-long equestrian, Sara Foszcz, and Physical Therapist, Sandy Barcus, started Main Stay in order to meet the growing need for adaptive horseback riding in the area. Our adaptive riding program was one of the first of its kind in Chicagoland. Main Stay became a 501(c)3 organization in 1987, dedicated to children and adults with physical, developmental, emotional, and social challenges. Main Stay expanded service in 2012 to include our unique Animal Assisted Learning programs for individuals, families, and groups.

NEW! Main Stay's Horsemanship Lessons

Main Stay's Horsemanship Lessons are designed for individuals new to horses who want to learn from the ground up—no riding involved. Through groundwork-based sessions facilitated by a PATH Intl. certified instructor and supported by trained volunteers, participants will build confidence, safety awareness, and a meaningful connection with our horses. Groups are kept small to ensure a supportive and engaging learning environment. Participants will learn essential horsemanship skills, including how to safely approach a horse; haltering and grooming; leading a horse and building trust; and understanding equine behavior and body language. Learning the language of horses and the skills to safely interact with them lays the groundwork for a lifelong partnership. Whether you're just curious or considering future riding, this is a great place to start your journey. Come have some fun and meet the Main Stay horses! Students will need to be able to walk on uneven surfaces, stand for up to an hour, and be age 18+.

Fee: \$275 Main Stay Therapeutic Farm
[13810](#) M 2/9–3/16 6–7:15 p.m.

Blackjack: Learn 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
[13845](#) W 2/18 6–8 p.m. Catalyst
[13846](#) F 2/27 10 a.m.–Noon Catalyst
[13847](#) W 3/18 6–8 p.m. Catalyst

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: \$10 McHenry County Chess Club
[13528](#) Th 1/8–3/19 6–9 p.m. Main

SPECIAL INTEREST

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
[13652](#) Sa 2/28 10 a.m.–Noon Main
[13653](#) Sa 3/14 10 a.m.–Noon Catalyst

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
[13797](#) Th 1/22 1–3 p.m. Catalyst
[13798](#) Th 2/19 1–3 p.m. Catalyst
[13799](#) Th 3/19 1–3 p.m. Catalyst



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

# 13800	Th	1/22	6:30–8:30 p.m.	Catalyst
# 13801	Th	2/19	6:30–8:30 p.m.	Catalyst
# 13802	Th	3/19	6:30–8:30 p.m.	Catalyst

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

# 13738	T	3/17	4–5 p.m.	Remote
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Genealogy Basics

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

Fee: \$140

# 13483		1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13484		2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13485		3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

TECHNOLOGY

Introduction to PC Troubleshooting

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

Fee: \$144

# 12949		1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 12950		2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 12951		3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

All About Canva Pro Level 1

Canva is an 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: \$89

Lori Lattanzio

# 13750	W	1/14	1–3:30 p.m.	Catalyst
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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: \$89

Lori Lattanzio

# 13752	T	2/17	10 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst
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Canva Pro: Presentations

Presentations don't have to be boring. With Canva, you can create visually engaging presentations packed with graphics and animations that capture your audience's attention and showcase your brand or business. Canva Pro subscription/log-in required.

Fee: \$39

Lori Lattanzio

# 13756	F	2/20	11 a.m.–Noon	Remote
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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: \$39

Lori Lattanzio

# 13754	Th	1/29	2–3 p.m.	Remote
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Canva Pro: Video Editor

Looking to create fun and engaging video content? Canva's video editor makes it easy with intuitive tools for everyday videos or special occasions. In this course, we'll explore Canva's video features and show you how to bring your videos to life! Canva Pro subscription/log-in required.

Fee: \$39

Lori Lattanzio

# 13772	F	3/20	1–2 p.m.	Remote
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Introduction to Excel 365

Learn to quickly and efficiently use Microsoft Excel 365 as you discover dozens of shortcuts and tricks for setting up fully formatted worksheets. This introduction to Excel course, designed by an experienced Microsoft Excel instructor, provides in-depth knowledge for beginners that will help you use Excel efficiently.

Fee: \$163

# 13618	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13619	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13621	3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2019

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

Fee: \$163

# 13595	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13596	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13604	3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

Introduction to PowerPoint 2019/Office 365

This in-depth course introduces PowerPoint's functions to teach you how to plan and create professional-quality presentations. Discover how to catch your audience's attention with PowerPoint's visual features like photo album. You'll learn how to utilize OneDrive and PowerPoint Online's cross-functionality—saving, editing, and sharing your presentations online. You will have the opportunity to create a custom presentation with content specific to your needs.

Fee: \$162

# 13608	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13609	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13610	3/18–5/8	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

# 13586	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13587	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13588	3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

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

# 13589	1/14–3/6	24 Hours	Online
# 13590	2/11–4/3	24 Hours	Online
# 13591	3/18–5/8	24 Hours	Online

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: \$180

Audrey Minkalis

# 13773	ThF	2/5, 2/6	8 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst
# 13774	M	2/23	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Catalyst

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: \$180

Audrey Minkalis

# 13775	ThF	2/12, 2/13	8 a.m.–Noon	Catalyst
# 13776	M	3/9	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Catalyst

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

# 13779	Th	1/22	8 a.m.–Noon	Remote
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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

# 13780	Th	1/22	12:30–4:30 p.m.	Remote
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NEW! Nonfiction Writing Essentials: Telling True Stories With Purpose

Ready to turn your real-life stories into unforgettable nonfiction? Whether you're crafting a memoir, how-to guide, personal essay, or narrative article, this class is your launchpad to powerful, authentic writing. Discover how to pick compelling topics, unleash your unique voice, and organize your ideas with clarity and punch. Explore every nonfiction format—from blogs to books—and master techniques for crafting openings that hook, weaving in research seamlessly, and polishing your work for maximum impact. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13729](#) W 3/11 4–6 p.m. Remote

Beginner's Guide to Starting a Free Blog

Online blogging is a great way to get the word out about you, your service, your product, or 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: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13731](#) Th 3/12 6–8 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: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13730](#) Th 3/12 4–6 p.m. Remote

WRITING

How to Self-Publish for Free

This course will guide you on your journey to becoming a royalty-earning, self-published author. Whether you're writing the next Great American Novel, sharing your expertise, or telling your family's story, you can publish it yourself—and reach readers worldwide. Taught by a successful self-published author, this course covers how to produce both e-books and print books using Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing and other platforms. You'll learn about manuscript formatting, book cover design, editing tools, and publishing options. We'll also explore important topics such as setting up accounts, using dashboards and sales reports, understanding copyrights, ISBNs, LCCNs, and AISNs. You'll create a personalized self-publishing plan and learn how to 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
[13529](#) 1/1–3/31 8 Hours 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: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13728](#) T 3/10 4–6 p.m. Remote



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

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 drawing from your own life experience, creating new worlds, or sharing important information, this class will introduce you to different forms of creative writing. You'll learn the top 10 creative writing tips for beginners, how to brainstorm new ideas, bring your words to life with engaging descriptions, develop your own unique writing style, and discover ways to get paid for your work. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13732](#) F 3/13 4–6 p.m. Remote

Write Your First Novel in 90 Days

This intensive course provides a step-by-step schedule to help you craft your novel from start to finish—with the possibility of completing it in as little as 90 days! You'll learn how to stay motivated throughout the process, choose your novel's genre, develop a compelling premise, create multidimensional characters, build immersive settings, and craft a detailed plot outline. You'll also discover how to manage your time to maintain consistent writing, overcome obstacles like writer's block, master self-editing, refine your plot, and improve pacing, dialogue, and characterization. We'll explore publishing options and offer opportunities for 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: \$50 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13733](#) F 3/13 6–9 p.m. Remote

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

We write every day: 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: \$50 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13734](#) Sa 3/14 10 a.m.–1 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: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13735](#) Su 3/15 11 a.m.–1 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: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13736](#) Th 3/19 4–6 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: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13742](#) T 3/24 6–8 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: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13739](#) T 3/24 4–6 p.m. Remote

NEW! Writing Personal Essays That Matter

Ready to transform your life stories into powerful essays? You'll uncover how to dig deep into your memories, craft compelling narratives, and write with raw honesty and unforgettable voice. Whether you're capturing life-changing moments or finding meaning in everyday experiences, you'll learn how to create personal essays that truly resonate. Plus, get insider tips on where to submit your work—from top literary magazines to popular online platforms—so your stories reach readers eager to connect. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13743](#) W 3/25 4–6 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: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13744](#) Th 3/26 6–8 p.m. Remote

Comedy Writing: How to Be Funny on Paper and Stage

Whether you need to make a dull work presentation more lively, mix laughter with learning in the classroom, 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: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13746](#) F 3/27 6–8 p.m. Remote

NEW! 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: \$40 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13745](#) F 3/27 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: \$50 LeeAnne Krusemark
[13747](#) Sa 3/28 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Remote

NEW! Overcome Writer's Block: Tools to Get Unstuck and Inspired

Words stuck in your head instead of on the page? This high-energy class is your breakthrough. Discover powerful techniques and dynamic creative exercises that blast through writer's block and ignite your imagination. You'll learn how to spark ideas from the unlikeliest places, ditch perfectionism, and build unstoppable daily writing habits. Walk away with renewed confidence, a flood of inspiration, and the momentum to write boldly, consistently, and with joy. 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
[13748](#) Sa 3/28 2–3 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.



» 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.

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.

Catalyst Campus at McHenry County College
222 East Church Street, Woodstock, IL 60098
personaldevelopment@mchenry.edu
(815) 455-8758

Ten Practical Tips to Writing Powerful Dialogue

Writing believable, relatable dialogue is an art form. Fortunately, there are tried-and-true techniques to help you 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
[13749](#) Sa 3/28 3–4 p.m. Remote

Beginning Writer's Workshop

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

Fee: \$146
[13477](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
[13478](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
[13479](#) 3/18–5/8 24 Hours Online

The Craft of Magazine Writing

Learn the skills and insights you will need to jump-start your career as a magazine writer. This course will teach you how to get your work published and turn your writing skills into an easy source of extra income.

Fee: \$144
[13489](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
[13490](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
[13491](#) 3/18–5/8 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
[13492](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
[13493](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
[13494](#) 3/18–5/8 24 Hours Online

Writing Essentials

Master the essentials of writing so you can excel at business communications, engage online audiences, and take your creative literary talents to a new level. This course provides you with the writing tools you need for success.

Fee: \$144
[13495](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
[13496](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
[13497](#) 3/18–5/8 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
[13498](#) 1/14–3/6 24 Hours Online
[13499](#) 2/11–4/3 24 Hours Online
[13500](#) 3/18–5/8 24 Hours Online

» KIDS AND COLLEGE SPRING 2026



Camp Invention®, by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.®, is being offered over spring break in single-day unique camps, giving your student the opportunity to learn something exciting and different each day. Campers are invited to sign up for one day or all three.



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.

CASTING DREAMS COMPETITION



Casting Dreams Competition, Grades 2–12

Casting Dreams is a hands-on, creative competition where participants carve their dream design into a sand scratch mold and then cast it in aluminum metal. Each participant will receive a scratch mold—4x4-inch square—and carving tools to create their unique design. Participants are encouraged to bring a sketch of their design. Once created, your design will be cast in aluminum metal. Each creation will be judged, and the top three designs will receive a gift card valued up to \$150. The winners will also advance to the 2026 National Competition in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in April 2026. The competition is hosted by the Steel Founders' Society of America in Crystal Lake, in partnership with the Kids and College Program at McHenry County College. All supplies are included. Participants must attend the entire event to be eligible for judging. As a bonus, participants will get to experience the profession of blacksmithing by forging their own S hook.

Fee: \$5

[13867](#) Sa 2/7 9–11 a.m. Main

MONDAY, MARCH 23



Camp Invention: In Control, Grades 1–5

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 will also explore electromagnetic waves as they assemble their very own receiver and transmitter. Camp Invention®, by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.®, is offering a series of unique one-day camps over spring break, with something exciting and different to learn each day. Campers are invited to sign up for one day or all three.

Fee: \$75

[13848](#) M 3/23 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main



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: \$150

[13851](#) MTW 3/23–3/25 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main



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. Learn more online at www.mchenry.edu/kidsandcollege.

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: \$75

[13853](#) MTW 3/23–3/25 9 a.m.–Noon Main

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: \$75

[13857](#) MTW 3/23–3/25 1–4 p.m. Main

Fun with Cookie Making, Grades 6–8

Does your student have a love for baking or decorating cookies? In this class, they'll learn the basics of making, baking 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. An apron is recommended but not required.

Fee: \$75

[13858](#) MT 3/23, 3/24 9 a.m.–Noon Main

Colorful Canvas, Grades 1–4

Does your student love to paint or be creative? During this class, they will paint an instructor-led colorful masterpiece to add to their art collection. Painting techniques will be introduced, and by the end of the class, they will go home with a unique painting. No artistic experience is needed—everyone can enjoy this fun, creative class!

Fee: \$35

[13861](#) M 3/23 9 a.m.–Noon Main

Colorful Canvas, Grades 5–8

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Fee: \$35

[13862](#) M 3/23 1–4 p.m. Main

Improv for Kids, Grades 5–8

This class introduces the fundamentals of improvisation through various games that develop essential communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and creativity skills while having fun! All skill levels are welcome.

Fee: \$75

[13860](#) MTW 3/23–3/25 9 a.m.–Noon Main

Discover Drones: Build, Fly, Engineer!, Grades 4–8

The "Know Before You Fly" program offers a dive into the exciting world of drones in this hands-on course designed for curious young minds and aspiring pilots. Students will assemble and fly a Discovery Drone from a real kit—no prior experience required. Alongside instructors, participants will learn safe flight procedures, tackle fun challenges like delivery missions and payload lifts, and explore engineering concepts by modifying their drone's design for speed, stability, or style. While drones stay in class, the skills and confidence gained will soar far beyond. Whether you're into tech, teamwork, or just love things that fly, this class is your launchpad into aviation, creativity, and STEM innovation.

Fee: \$35

[13980](#) M 3/23 9 a.m.–Noon Main

[13981](#) M 3/23 1–4 p.m. Main

TUESDAY, MARCH 24



Camp Invention® Workshop, Grades 1–5

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. Campers are challenged to create their own Spin-o-scope™ to show the illusion of motion, blending the realms of science and art. Camp Invention®, by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.®, is offering a series of unique one-day camps over spring break, with something exciting and different to learn each day. Campers are invited to sign up for one day or all three.

Fee: \$75

[13849](#) T 3/24 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main

Colorful Glow Canvas, Grades 1–4

Does your student love to paint or be creative? During this class, they will paint an instructor-led colorful glow masterpiece to add to their art collection. Painting techniques will be introduced, and by the end of the class, they will go home with a unique glow painting. No artistic experience is needed—everyone can enjoy this fun, creative class!

Fee: \$35

[13863](#) T 3/24 9 a.m.–Noon Main

Colorful Glow Canvas, Grades 5–8

Does your student love to paint or be creative? During this class, they will paint an instructor-led colorful glow masterpiece to add to their art collection. Painting techniques will be introduced, and by the end of the class, they will go home with a unique glow painting. No artistic experience is needed—everyone can enjoy this fun, creative class!

Fee: \$35

[13864](#) T 3/24 1–4 p.m. Main

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Fee: \$35

[13982](#) T 3/24 9 a.m.–Noon Main

[13983](#) T 3/24 1–4 p.m. Main

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25



Camp Invention: Claw Arcade, Grades 1–5

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. Camp Invention®, by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.®, is offering a series of unique one-day camps over spring break, with something exciting and different to learn each day. Campers are invited to sign up for one day or all three.

Fee: \$75

[13850](#) W 3/25 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Main

Drawing: Twirlies Animation, Grades 1–4

Do you love to draw or doodle? This class will teach how to become a better artist by drawing your own cartoon animation. Then bring your animation alive through the technique of twirling.

Fee: \$35

[13865](#) W 3/25 9 a.m.–Noon Main

Drawing: Twirlies Animation, Grades 5–8

Do you love to draw or doodle? This class will teach how to become a better artist by drawing your own cartoon animation. Then bring your animation alive through the technique of twirling.

Fee: \$35

[13866](#) W 3/25 1–4 p.m. Main

Fun with Cookie Decorating, Grades 1–8

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. Students will decorate a 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: \$35

[13859](#) W 3/25 9 a.m.–Noon Main

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Fee: \$35

[13984](#) W 3/25 9 a.m.–Noon Main

[13985](#) W 3/25 1–4 p.m. Main





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**McHenry
County College**

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 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 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. Participants must be 18 years or older to enroll.

Fee: \$150

Philip Senn

[13762](#)

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3/18

8 a.m.–Noon

Catalyst

Forklift Operator Training

This hands-on class provides both classroom and practical training in accordance with OSHA's Powered Industrial Trucks Standard. In the classroom, participants will learn about various types of forklifts, their controls, steering and maneuvering, load capacities and stability, pre-use inspection checklists, and other safe operating procedures. After the classroom portion, attendees will complete an operator performance evaluation, including a safety pre-check, mounting the vehicle, demonstrating knowledge of each control, and safely completing a task course. Attendees will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants must be 18 years or older to enroll.

Fee: \$195

Robert Bower

[13703](#)

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3/13

8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Main



FIRE AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Fire Service Instructor I

Fire Service Instructor I is designed for those who want to build a foundation in teaching and instruction within the fire service. This course provides essential education on instructor–student relationships, creating dynamic learning environments, effective teaching methods, impactful delivery, and lesson plan development.

Fee: \$500

Joshua Koelper

[12403](#)

M–F

1/26–1/30

8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Catalyst

Basic Operations Firefighter

This course meets all the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) requirements for Illinois State Certification as a Basic Operations Firefighter, as well as NFPA 1001. Successful completion of the course will prepare students for the OSFM exam for certification in Basic Operations Firefighter, Hazardous Materials Operations, and Fire Service Vehicle Operations. Students will also receive MABAS Division V RIT Certification, NIMS 100 and 700 Certifications, and Courage to Be Safe Certification. Students must be equipped with NFPA-compliant protective clothing and SCBA. Required Textbook: Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills & Hazardous Materials Response: Jones & Bartlett Learning Enhanced, 4th Edition Advantage Package. ISBN: 9781284151336 Link: <https://bit.ly/2O8zKmb> Prerequisites: Must be a rostered member of a fire department and on OSFM roster to attend this course. Career Spark Course Registration: Email your MCC company sponsorship form to: careerspark@mchenry.edu.

Fee: \$2,359.75

Larry Kane

[12404](#)

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6–9:50 p.m.

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2/23–5/2

8 a.m.–4:50 p.m.

Main

Company Fire Officer

The Company Fire Officer course is designed to give first line officers the knowledge, skills, and abilities to lead a single company or station. This course will focus on leadership and management theories, community relations and risk reduction, fire department administration, safety and health, fire prevention, and emergency operations. This course will include a full day of live fire evolutions. The company officers will be able to demonstrate fire ground communication and decision making, command and control of fire ground operations, accountability, and resource management. This course meets or exceeds the requirements of NFPA 1021 (2020 Edition) and Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal Company Fire Officer certification. This class blends on-line learning, classroom learning, skills, and live-fire evolutions.

Fee: \$1,450 Joshua Koelper
[12407](#) M-F 3/23-5/15 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Online/Main

Advanced Technician Firefighter

This course exceeds the requirements outlined by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and as defined by National Fire Protection Association 1001. The new curriculum focuses on the experienced firefighters who can lead a company, rather than be lead. The course includes ALL required hands-on practicum for certification, advanced skills for RIT, and 8 hours of live fire evolutions! For state certification, students must be certified as a Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter, have at least three years of fire service experience, and successfully pass the OSFM written exam (scheduled through the student's department training officer). In addition, from the date of certification, students are required to hold Fire Service Vehicle Operator (FSVO) certification, NIMS 200, Vehicle & Machinery Operations (VMO) certification, and a Courage to Be Safe certificate. All participants must be equipped with NFPA-compliant PPE and SCBA. Email your Company Sponsorship Form to careertraining@mchenry.edu.

Fee: \$700 Eric Busby
[12913](#) M-Th, S 3/30-4/4 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Main

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.

Fee: \$55
[13597](#) Sa 3/21 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Main
[13598](#) Sa 5/23 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Main

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
[13685](#) M 1/26 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Catalyst
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ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification (Spanish)

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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 Sam Rimas and Lisa Watson
[12916](#) TTh 1/27-5/21 5:30-7:30 p.m. Main

EKG Technician

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

Fee: \$999

Kristin Lynam

[13569](#) Th 1/29–3/19 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Main

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. This course requires medical forms. Students must be able to show proof of health insurance.

Fee: \$1,999

Elizabeth Melendez

[12915](#) MW 3/2–5/13 5–8 p.m. Main

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

[13875](#) W 2/11 2:30–6:30 p.m. Catalyst

[13876](#) W 3/11 6–10 p.m. Catalyst

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

[13874](#) W 2/11 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Catalyst

REAL ESTATE/HOME INSPECTION

Real Estate Broker Post-Licensing Series

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) requires all new brokers to complete 45 hours of post-license education before their first license renewal. The course combines three key components—Applied Broker Principles, Risk Management and Discipline, and Transactional Issues—designed to strengthen your professional knowledge and practical skills as a broker. Through real-world examples and interactive discussions, students will deepen their understanding of brokerage operations, client relationships, compliance, and best practices for reducing risk in real estate transactions. Prerequisite: Must hold an active Illinois Real Estate Broker License. Requirement: Students must successfully pass each individual class exam to complete the full post-licensing series. Attendance is mandatory. Students must attend ALL classes to receive the post license credit.

Fee: \$799

Becky Kirchner

[13684](#) MTh 2/5–4/23 5:30–9 p.m. Main

TRANSPORTATION

160-Hr Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

Offered in partnership with Eagle Training Services in Crystal Lake, IL, this comprehensive hands-on training prepares students to take the Secretary of State Class A CDL test. Training includes driving on city, county, and federal highways, using the same equipment required for the test. To register, students must be at least 18 years old, able to read and write in English, and hold a valid driver's license. The course consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction and 120 hours of yard and road skills training. Classes are held monthly. To schedule your start date, please contact careerspark@mchenry.edu. The CDL training is Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$5,400

Eagle Training Services, Inc.

[11676](#) 1/1–3/31

240-Hr Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

Offered in partnership with Eagle Training Services in Crystal Lake, IL, this comprehensive hands-on training prepares students to take the Secretary of State Class A CDL test. Training includes driving on city, county, and federal highways, practicing behind the wheel with the same equipment required for the test. This course also includes hazmat certification and extended drive time. To register, students must be at least 18 years old, able to read and write in English, and hold a valid driver's license. The course consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction and 200 hours of yard and road skills training. Classes are held monthly. To schedule your start date, please contact careerspark@mchenry.edu. Training sessions run Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$6,400

Eagle Training Services, Inc.

[11677](#) 1/1–3/31

Freight Broker/Agent Training

The Freight Broker/Agent Training prepares you to connect shippers with carriers, manage freight movement, and build a successful career in one of the economy's most critical industries. You'll gain real-world knowledge in setting up and operating a brokerage, industry regulations and legal requirements, negotiating rates and managing contracts, building carrier and customer relationships, and using load boards, dispatch tools, and tracking systems. This freight broker course will provide you with the knowledge and resources needed to break into the shipping industry.

Fee: \$999

Jim Wilbrandt

[13794](#)

W

1/21-4/8

6-9 p.m.

Main

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

Dave Sciabaras

[13572](#)

M-Th 2/2-4/9

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Fee: \$2,499

Beth Adams and Madison Lamberti

[13570](#)

MTTh 1/12-5/21

6-9 p.m.

Hybrid/Main

Fee: \$1,249 (High School Students Only)

[13571](#)

MTTh 1/12-5/21

6-9 p.m.

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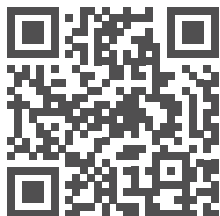
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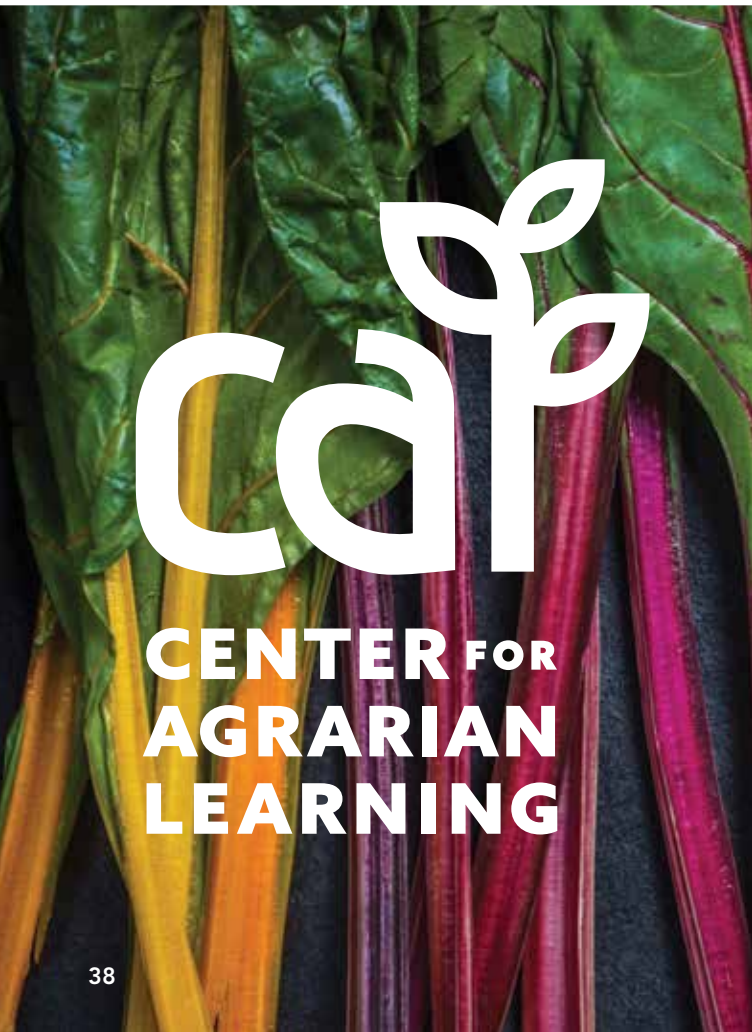
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