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Lifelong Learning Opportunities for Adults of All Ages!!

LearningQUEST is a non-profit volunteer-led organization for adults of all ages, dedicated to building a learning community through educational and enrichment opportunities. LearningQUEST is partnered with the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. Its programs are generally held at the downtown public library as well as some off-site venues.

The organization's first public gathering was on May 19, 2009, in the downtown library's auditorium when 72 people attended an introductory meeting to learn about the new organization and its plans. From an original 10 members who met with the library's Executive Director to define the basics of the new organization, LearningQUEST has thrived as a 501(c)(3) lifelong learning organization within

our community, continuing to expand and engage its membership, and to offer more program opportunities.

Each calendar year features two terms of programs: Spring (January – June) and Fall (July – December). Each term begins with a Rally Day, which has become a major event for membership registration, making new friends, and program familiarization and selection. On Rally Day, the LearningQUEST catalog describing the term's programs is available for pickup. Members and many course instructors are present to answer questions. But most of all, it is a fun gathering in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

LearningQUEST offers a wide variety of programs in classroom settings.

- **Public programs** are offered each term as LearningQUEST's gift to the community—no fees or registration required. All are welcome to attend, and members are encouraged to invite friends.

With LearningQUEST membership dues of \$20 per calendar year, these additional opportunities are available:

- **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)** are organized and facilitated by LearningQUEST members for members who share a similar interest.
- **Member Meetups (MEETups)** are special events scheduled during the year for LearningQUEST members. They are usually announced in the weekly E-News.
- **Trips** are organized by LearningQUEST members and are self-supporting by the participants. Trips range from day-long adventures to nearby points of interest, to multi-day excursions to foreign countries.

With an additional \$30 term fee, LearningQUEST members are eligible to register for courses—as many as desired during that term as long as space is available.

- **Courses** are offered in a wide variety of disciplines. All instructors are volunteers with special knowledge of and interest in the subjects they teach. Courses range in length from a single meeting to several meetings during the term. No homework or tests are required for any course. Certain courses require an additional fee that must be paid before a member is enrolled in the course.

LearningQUEST is managed through a Board of Directors, member committees, and an Operations Manager who coordinates and facilitates the essential day-to-day activities. As a volunteer-led organization, active member participation is essential to the success of LearningQUEST. Members serve in administrative and leadership roles as program planners, schedulers, and coordinators; as instructors and presenters; and as committee members handling a multitude of essential roles. Every committee needs additional volunteers, and all members are encouraged to find a way to contribute toward sustaining our learning community.

Life is a continuing journey, with never-ending opportunities to learn, give, and grow.

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Program	Venue	Presenter(s)	Dates	Day	Time	#	Coordinator
MEMBER COURSES (WITH TERM FEE)							
1-Shakespeare's King Lear	2FL	Jeff Nelson	7/15 – 7/29	M	10 – 11:30	3	Susan Livingston
2-Armchair Travel	AUD	Multiple	7/22 – 8/19	M	1 – 2:30	5	Joyce Howell
3-Twentieth Century British Poetry	2FL	Walter Thames	7/30 – 8/27	T	10 – 11:30	5	Craig Reinhart
4-Restless Alabama	AUD	Lowell Zoller	7/31	W	10 – 11:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
5-American Poetry of the 1960's and 70's	2FL	Jeff Nelson	8/5 – 8/26	M	10 – 11:30	4	Susan Livingston
6-Dr. Wernher von Braun: My Friend, My Associate	AUD	Jay Foster	8/8	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
7-Patton: Man, Myth, Legend	AUD	Russ Rodgers	8/13 – 27	T	2 – 3:30	3	Judy Frago
8-International Dining Out	Various	Jane Wodtke	8/13;9/10;10/8;11/12;12/10	T	5 – 8	5	Paul Hurst
9-The FBI at Redstone Arsenal	AUD	Alicia T. Imscher	8/14	W	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
10-Beginning Tai Chi and Qigong	AUD	Luyao Ren	8/14 – 28;9/11 – 25	W	10 – 11	6	Larry West
			9/4;10/2		1:30 – 2:30	2	
11-Intermediate Tai Chi and Qigong	AUD	Luyao Ren	8/16 – 30;9/13 – 20	F	1 – 2	5	Larry West
			9/6		10 – 11	1	
12-The Magic of Bird Migration	AUD	Herb Lewis	8/20	T	10 – 12	1	Roberta Dismukes
13-Human Trafficking: The New Face of Slavery	AUD	Patricia McCay	8/21 – 28	W	1 – 2:30	2	Jane Maples
14-Let's Do Lunch - Group 1	Various	No Instructor	8/27;9/24;10/22;11/19	T	11 – 12:30	4	Kay Agliano
15-Let's Do Lunch - Group 2	Various	No Instructor	8/28;9/25;10/23;11/20	W	11 – 12:30	4	Mary Ellen Peters
16-Two Step Chair/Line Dance Class	AUD	Nkenge Hyter	8/15 – 9/26	Th	1 – 2	7	Wanda Shoultes
17-Let's Do Lunch - Group 3	Various	No Instructor	8/29;9/26;10/24;11/21	Th	11 – 12:30	4	Charlotte Hudson
18-A Presidential Election Like No Other	AUD	Tom Borchert	9/3	T	10 – 11:30	1	Carl Lomax
19-Gran Masters Percussion	See Desc.	Frederick Walker	9/4;9/18	W	12:30 – 1:30	2	Susan Bakken
20-Adventures in Sports Writing	2FL	Skip Vaughn	9/4	W	1 – 2:30	1	Jane Jones
21-Snakes for Adults	SLib	Beth Girard	9/5	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Susan Herring
22-Friday Film Festival: Cary Grant Classics	AUD	Jennifer Garlen	9/6;10/4;11/1;12/6	F	2 – 4:30	4	Gina Bain
23-Great Decisions 2024 Edition	SLib	Peter A. Finzel	9/9 – 10/7;10/21 – 11/4	M	10 – 11:30	8	Miriam McClendon
24-Introduction to Quilting	SLib	Jill Burt	9/9 – 9/23	M	1 – 2:30	3	Janis Troeger
25-The Historical Perspective of Mary Magdalene	2FL	Patricia Johnson	9/10	T	10 – 11:30	1	Susan Livingston
26-Birding at Chapman Mountain Preserve	See Desc.	Herb Lewis	9/10	T	10 – 12	1	Roberta Dismukes
27-Chair Yoga	Online	Kristin Mumper	9/16 – 10/21	M	11 – 11:45	6	Ivy Denice Tillman
28-Flower Arranging & Tour of Brosemer Farm	See Desc.	Mary Frances Brosemer	9/17	T	9:30 – 12	1	Susan Wright
29-Senior Safety, Situational Awareness and Scams	AUD	Byron Hunt	9/19	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Roberta Dismukes
30-Audition: The Power of Hearing	SLib	Anita Giles	9/24	T	10 – 11:30	1	Ruth Maddox
31-Roads to the Future	AUD	Pat Tumminello	9/26	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Judy Frago
32-Zen Buddhism and Western Philosophy	2FL	Rolf J. Goebel	10/1 – 22	T	10 – 11:30	4	Diane Olson
33-Senior Living Options	Online	Ann Beltz	10/1	T	1 – 2:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
34-Enduring Voices	AUD	Nancy Rohr	10/9	W	10 – 11:30	1	Phyllis Turner
35-Exploring Mars With Perseverance Rover	AUD	Michael Stallcup	10/9	W	1 – 2:30	1	Anita Conner
36-LQ Antiques Road Show	AUD	George Marchelos	10/11	F	1 – 2:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
37-Maple Hill	AUD	Multiple	10/15	T	2 – 3:30	1	Judy Frago
38-Rascality in Huntsville 1861-1865	AUD	Nancy Rohr	10/16	W	10 – 11:30	1	Phyllis Turner
39-Five Points Walking Tour 1	See Desc.	Katie Stamps	10/16	W	1 – 2:30	1	Diana Travelute
40-Five Points Walking Tour 2	See Desc.	Katie Stamps	10/17	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Ed Bernstein
41-Rhetorical History: Gorgias to Kristeva	2FL	Elaine Fredericksen	10/18 – 11/8	F	1 – 2:30	4	Diana Travelute
42-	See Desc.						

Program	Venue	Presenter(s)	Dates	Day	Time	#	Coordinator
43-When Cash Isn't King	AUD	Jessica Hovis Smith	10/24	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Susan Herring
44-What Makes New Orleans Different	AUD	Connie Atkinson	10/24 – 11/21	Th	1 – 2:30	5	Janis Troeger
45-Introduction to the North Alabama Blding Society	AUD	Ken Ward	10/28	M	10 – 11:30	1	Roberta Dismukes
46-FamilySearch Tutorial	See Desc.	Sue Purves	10/29	T	10 – 11:30	1	Kevin Call
47-All Hallows Afternoon	AUD	Susan Bakken	10/30	W	1 – 2	1	Susan Bakken
48-Optics!	SLib	James Beaupre	11/5;11/12 11/7;11/14	T Th	10 – 11:30	2 2	Schuyler Sampson
49-Readers Theatre for Fun and Profit!	2FL AUD	Anna Blair	11/5;11/12;11/19 11/7;11/14;11/21 11/26	T Th T	1 – 3	3 3 1	Susan Livingston Arnita Cole
50-Monte Sano Village and the Village Movement	AUD	Delia Siegrist Pam Patrick	11/19	T	1 – 2:30	1	Susan Bakken
51-Enlightened Time	AUD	Steven Schneefuss	11/20	W	10 – 11:30	1	Marilyn Puett
52-Parkinson's Dynamics	See Desc.	Carolyn Rhodes	11/21	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Mary Ellen Peters
53-NASA Spinoffs	AUD	Jane Maples	12/5	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
54-Ditto Landing	AUD	Brandi Quick	12/11	W	10 – 11:30	1	Diana Travelute
MEMBER COURSES WITH PRE-PAID FEE (WITH TERM FEE)							
F1-Pizzelle's Chocolate Tasting & Demo	See Desc.	Michelle Novosel	8/8	Th	2–3	1	Joy Anderson
F2-Music Themed Card Workshop	SLib	Jill Stallcup	8/20	T	1–2:30	1	Joy Anderson
F3-Scrappy Card Workshop	SLib	Jill Stallcup	9/10	T	1–2:30	1	Joy Anderson
F4-Fitness and Balance Class	See Desc.	Debra Wade	9/11–10/16	W	11–12	6	TBD
F5-Get Off The Floor	See Desc.	Sara Fimiani	10/10–10/31	Th	10–11	4	TBD
F6-Let's Draw! Intermediate Class	2FL	Mary McGaha	10/23 – 11/27	W	10 – 11:30	6	TBD
TRIPS (NO TERM FEE)							
T1-Overnight Trip to Montgomery, Alabama	See Desc.	See Desc.	8/8 – 8/9	Th-F	8AM – 6PM	2	Vicki Ladner Mary Holder
T2-Tennessee Central Railway Museum - Fall Train Ride	See Desc.	See Desc.	10/26	Sa	5:30AM – 6:30PM	1	Margaret Musser Peter Finzel
T3-The Best of Theater in New York	See Desc.	See Desc.	11/18 – 11/22	M-F	8 – 5	5	Claudia Conn
T4-Branson Show Trip Extravaganza	See Desc.	See Desc.	12/9 – 12/14	M-Sa	TBD	6	Margaret Musser Peter Finzel
LIBRARY SPONSORED TRAINING (NO TERM FEE)							
L1-Literary Librarians	2FL	Jaimee Hannah	8/6;9/3;10/1 11/5	T	2–3:30 10–11:30	3 1	Judy Frago
L2-Creating Digital Images for Crafting	Studio	Rose Stough	8/15	Th	1–2:30	1	Mary Holder
L3-Macramé Hanging Flower Pots	Studio	Rose Stough	9/19	Th	1–2:30	1	Mary Holder
L4-Getting Started with 3D Printing	Studio	Rose Stough	10/10	Th	1–2:30	1	Ruth Maddox
L5-Painting with Q-Tips: Flower Field	Studio	Rose Stough	11/14	Th	1–2:30	1	Mary Holder
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (NO TERM FEE)							
S1-Knitting	A Online	Barbara Ward	1st Wed. starting 7/3 3rd Wed.	W	2 – 3		Barbara Ward
S2-Bunco	A	Joy Anderson	2nd Mon. starting 7/8	M	9:30 – 12		Joy Anderson
S3-Great Literary Conversations	Online	Bob Stagg	Mon. starting 7/8	M	3 – 4:30		Bob Stagg
S4-Hand and Foot	A	Cheryl Hodges	Thu. starting 7/11	Th	12:30 – 4		Cheryl Hodges
S5-UkeQUESTors Jam	Online 2FL	Theresa Miller	1st and 3rd Sun. 2nd and 4th Sun. starting 7/14	S	2 – 3:30		Theresa Miller
S6-Mah Jongg	A	Janet Tedrow	Mon. starting 7/15	M	1 – 4		Janet Tedrow
S7-Poets' Corner	FCR	Liz Hall	Last Wed. starting 7/31	W	1:30 – 3		Liz Hall
S8-Friday Hiking	Various	Jim Kirkwood	Fri. starting 9/6 ending 11/22	F	9		Jim Kirkwood
S9-Photo Sharing-Discussion Group	SLib	Waldy Cuevas	2nd Wed. starting 9/11 ending 10/9	W	10 – 11:30		Waldy Cuevas
PROGRAMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (FREE)							
P1-Music in the Movies	AUD	Bill Nunn	9/3–9/24	T	2–3:30	4	TBD
P2-The Spanish-American War	AUD	David Lilly	10/23–30	W	10–11:30	2	Judy Frago
P3-Members of the Fourth Estate	TBD	John Archibald Kyle Whitmire	12/6	F	12–2	1	Anna Blair

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This page offers a list of frequently asked questions. If you can't find the answer you're looking for, contact the LearningQUEST office at 256-529-8695 or LearningQUEST@lquest.org.

Who can be a member of LearningQUEST?

LearningQUEST is open to adults of *all ages*, 19 and older, interested in lifelong learning.

How do I join and/or register for courses?

- Attend the Fall Rally Day on Tuesday, July 9, 10:30 – 1:00 at the Huntsville Jaycee Building at 2180 Airport Road, Huntsville AL; or
- Attend "Post Rally Days" to the right of the 1st floor Main Desk in the Library on Tuesday, July 16, 10:00 – noon, or Thursday, July 18, 1:00 – 4:00; or
- Go to lquest.org, create an account, and join, register, and pay online using the secure portal; or
- Go to lquest.org, download registration form/s, and mail completed forms and fees to LearningQUEST, P.O. Box 2387, Huntsville, AL 35804; or
- Drop completed forms and fees in the LearningQUEST office mail slot at any time that the library is open, or
- Come by the LearningQUEST office during regular office hours on Tuesdays, 10:00 – noon, or Thursdays, 1:00 – 4:00

How do I know if I am successfully enrolled in a course?

All paid registrants will be notified of their course status by email (or by US post if they do not have an email address). If course limits have been exceeded, registrants may be placed on a waitlist and will be notified if an opening occurs. A reminder email will be sent to all registrants at least five days before the course starts.

What happens when a course or trip reaches its maximum capacity?

The LearningQUEST registrar maintains a waitlist in order of registration date, and, working with the instructor, scheduler, and coordinator, may:

- Review class size limits to see if they can be increased or if larger accommodations are available.
- Schedule additional sessions in the same term or repeat the course or trip in a later term.

What about programs that have additional fees?

For classes where a prepaid fee is required, everyone who registers will be placed in a "pending" status. Members will be enrolled after they pay the fee to the program coordinator. The programs will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment instructions will be included in the course status notification.

What is the Drop/Add Policy?

Notify the registrar at Registrar@lquest.org as soon as possible if you cannot attend a course for which you have registered, or if you wish to add a course. You may also add/drop online at lquest.org through your account. This is especially important for courses that have a waitlist.

Are guests permitted to attend a LearningQUEST course?

As long as the course is not full, guests are welcome to attend a single session before paying the appropriate membership dues and term fee.

What is the inclement weather policy?

LearningQUEST follows the weather policy of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. Library closures are posted and updated throughout the day at HMCPL.org. If the Downtown branch closes, LearningQUEST classes will be canceled. Program coordinators will notify all members registered for a program when there is a cancellation; this includes the library as well as other venues.

How do I register for a trip?

Registration information can be found in the Trips section of the catalog. Members may sign up for most trips on the same registration form used for class registration. Trip registration is not complete until payment and a signed Release of Liability form are received.



SIQs

Check all of the Special Interest Groups in the Fall lineup.
For more info, email or call the contact person in the SIQ description.



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FEES

What are the fees for LearningQUEST?

Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year (January – December) and are not prorated. Any overpayment of dues will be considered a donation to LearningQUEST. Exception: New members who register for the first time after October first will receive free membership for the remainder of that calendar year.

Course costs are \$30 a term, and with this fee you can sign up for as many classes as you like (as long as space is available)!

Membership dues and term fees may be paid online or with one check, and couples are encouraged to combine their payments into a single check (made payable to LearningQUEST).

IMPORTANT: Spaces will be allocated in the order in which the coordinator receives the required fee. Get your fees in early!

Board Financial Policy

Some programs require additional fees as noted in the course description. The coordinator will provide instructions for payment of fees (by check only, made out to LearningQUEST). Checks will be held by the coordinator until one week prior to the event and then deposited. Should a program be canceled, the checks will be returned or destroyed. No refund will be provided after expenses have been incurred in advance of the program start date.

MEMBER INFO

How can I stay informed about LearningQUEST activities and updates?

The LearningQUEST website at lquest.org is the most direct source of information. The online calendar is updated to reflect any changes to the program schedule. The weekly E-News informs the membership of upcoming trips, public programs, changes in course schedules, and any special events. The newsletter is sent through email and is also displayed in the glass case on the left side of the hallway leading to the Downtown Library auditorium. LearningQUEST's Facebook page is an additional way to stay informed. Members may also call the office at 256-529-8695 or email Operations@lquest.org with any questions.

What if I don't want a LearningQUEST photographer to take my picture?

Let the event photographer know you prefer not to have your picture taken. Notify LearningQUEST leadership if you wish to have a picture deleted from the LearningQUEST website or Facebook page.

CONTACT

Where is the LearningQUEST office located, and what are the office hours?

The office is located on the second floor of the Downtown Huntsville Public Library in the alcove to the left of the Reference Desk. Office hours are Tuesdays, 10:00 – Noon, and Thursdays, 1:00 – 4:00. (256-529-8695)

How do I report a change of contact information?

Please keep LearningQUEST informed of any updates to your contact information by sending changes to Membership@lquest.org.

What are some of the most frequently used LearningQUEST email addresses?

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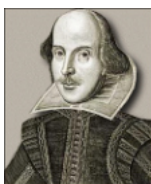
MEMBER COURSES (WITH TERM FEE)

Term Fee of \$30 Required for Unlimited Courses

Downtown Library: AUD (Auditorium), 2FL (2nd Floor Events Room), Studio (Makerspace Studio, 1st floor), A (beside Auditorium), FCR (Foundation Conference Room, 2nd floor), **South Huntsville Public Library:** SLib (Classroom)

1-Shakespeare's King Lear

Instructor: Jeff Nelson
Dates: 3 Mondays Jul. 15 – 29
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL



After making a naïve decision, King Lear faces human evil and a hostile universe. Yet a few loyal followers and their small gestures of compassion help Lear—literally and figuratively stripped to almost nothing—discover his own humanity, and theirs as well. We will explore this play by discussing key scenes from some remarkable DVDs, featuring actors such as Laurence Olivier, Derek Jacobi, and Ian McKellan. This course is designed for both beginners and longtime Shakespeare fans.

2-Armchair Travel

Instructor: Multiple
Dates: 5 Mondays Jul. 22 – Aug. 19
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

Participants are invited to grab a seat and take off on some wonderful travel adventures.

Jul. 22—Exploring Southern Africa Eddie Sewall will share highlights of a trip to South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The trip included Cape Town, visits to two game reserves in South Africa, and a trip to Victoria Falls.

Jul. 29—China and Russia Bob and Phylis Baron will share adventures from 2011: a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored tour of China, including the Great Wall, information about silk, tea, rug, and pearl production; and a University of Tennessee-sponsored trip up the Volga from Moscow to St. Petersburg.

Aug. 5—Ancient Egypt and the Nile Immerse yourself in ancient Egyptian culture. Explore incredible sites including the Pyramids of Giza, Abu Simbel, the Valley of the Kings, and King Tut's Tomb on this photographic journey through the country with Tom Ress. Experience the Nile up close, sailing the river on a dahabiyah, a traditional Nile River boat.

Aug. 12—Driving through New Zealand Steve and Brenda Wynn show and tell their "left side" drive and adventures on their way up the Islands of New Zealand in January of 2008. They flew to Christchurch, New Zealand, after stopping in Fiji, where they picked up a "rent a wreck." Over the next month they drove to Auckland, while enjoying great scenery and adventures.

Aug. 19—Australia Adventures Join Carolyn Mulcahy and Geanine Lehmann for a trip around Australia,

journeying from east to west and south to north, with an exciting few days right in the middle! Traveling by planes, motorcoaches, boats, and trains, they'll share their nearly monthlong visit to the "land down under" through pictures.

3-Twentieth Century British Poetry—Survey and Discussion

Instructor: Walter Thames
Dates: 5 Tuesdays Jul. 30 – Aug. 27
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

This is a survey of the work of important modern British poets Thomas Hardy, Gerard Manley Hopkins, A. E. Housman, W. H. Auden, Wilfred Owen, William Butler Yeats, Dylan Thomas, and others. Over five sessions, we will explore significant poems from these artists as they confront the world wars, economic tumult, and dramatic technological changes of the period.

4-Restless Alabama

Instructor: Lowell Zoller
Dates: 1 Wednesday Jul. 31
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This course will enhance its citizens' appreciation of homeland beauty. The stunning and varied landscape of Alabama is impressive to see, but every hill, every river, every cave is the product of thousands or millions of years of geological history which adds wonder to the beauty. The state has been transitioning ever since starting about 500 million years ago. Adding significant appreciation of the forces and beauty of nature is the ability to absorb a scenic view while also perceiving how it came into being and what it might be like in the future.

MEETups are special Member Enrichment Events planned by LearningQUEST members beyond what is offered in the catalog.

Look for these exciting opportunities to be announced in the E-News.

Do you have an idea for a MEETup?

Send it to MEETup@lquest.org.



Trivia nights, concerts, tours, performances, lectures, sporting events, and social lunches are MEETups we have enjoyed.

5-American Poetry of the 1960's and 70's

Instructor: Jeff Nelson
Dates: 4 Mondays Aug. 5 – 26
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

American poets of the 1960s and 70s faced a changing and often confusing world. Yet how could they address the larger issues of society without writing propaganda or falling into self-centered isolation? How could they meaningfully engage their readers with fresh language and poetic forms? In this course, we will discuss several representative poems—by writers such as Gary Snyder, Adrienne Rich, and Sonia Sanchez—with an eye to larger literary movements. No previous knowledge of poetry is required.



6-Dr. Wernher von Braun: My Friend, My Associate

Instructor: Jay Foster
Dates: 1 Thursday Aug. 8
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD



Be spellbound as Bill Nunn poses questions to Jay Foster, an Army/NASA engineer, about his longtime association with Dr. Wernher von Braun as a colleague. Mr. Foster will address and reminisce about how and when he met Dr. von Braun, his continued association with him through the early Army years, and the NASA/Saturn years. Mr. Foster will also address the period after the Saturn years when, at Dr. von Braun's request, he transferred to NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., along with Dr. von Braun. Lastly, Mr. Foster will also address the impact of Dr. von Braun and his fellow German associates upon the Huntsville community, the ramifications of which are still being felt today.

7-Patton: Man, Myth, Legend

Instructor: Russ Rodgers
Dates: 3 Tuesdays Aug. 13 – 27
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD

General George S. Patton, Jr. is known to many through his portrayal by actor George C. Scott in the 1970s movie. But how much of it is truth vs fiction, and myth vs reality? What was the real Patton like? This class will run for three sessions, examining Patton the man vs Patton the myth and legend. The first session will look at his life through historical sources; the second session will focus on the myth largely created by the famous movie *Patton*; and the third session will discuss the Patton legend and how it impacts the military and our nation today.

 Fifteen Years! Remember the Past,
Celebrate the Present, Create the Future

8-International Dining Out

Instructor: Jane Wodtke
Dates: 5 Tuesdays Aug. 13, Sep. 10,
Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10
Time: 5 – 8
Location: Various

This course offers a monthly international dining experience. Starting in August, we will eat and critique Italian, Vietnamese, Greek, Indian, Thai, and other cuisine in and around the Huntsville area. Our rating of these restaurants will be in the LearningQUEST Newsletter. *Mangia Tutti!! Max: 30*



9-The FBI at Redstone Arsenal

Instructor: Alicia T. Imscher
Dates: 1 Wednesday Aug. 14
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

This presentation will explain why the FBI is moving assets from the National Capital Region to the Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will learn about the mission and strategic objectives of this important and sometimes misunderstood agency.

10-Beginning Tai Chi and Qigong

Instructor: Luyao Ren
Dates: 8 Wednesdays Aug. 14 – Oct. 2
Time: 10 – 11 (except Sep. 4, Oct. 2)
1:30 – 2:30 (Sep. 4, Oct. 2)
Location: AUD

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese tradition that, today, is practiced as a graceful form of exercise, and that is one of the most popular methods of movement for seniors. It involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing. Practicing Tai Chi can improve both physical and mental health. Qigong involves using exercise to optimize energy within the body, mind, and spirit, with the goal of improving and maintaining health and well-being. *Min:10 Max:35*

11-Intermediate Tai Chi and Qigong

Instructor: Luyao Ren
Dates: 6 Fridays Aug. 16 – Sep. 20
Time: 10 – 11 (Sep. 6)
1 – 2 (except Sep. 6)
Location: AUD

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Thanks for being on time for class.

Being seated at class start time shows respect for the presenters who have volunteered to teach classes for us.

Occasionally things happen that make us late. When this happens, it is respectful to the class and presenters to close the door quietly when entering, sit in the back and don't disturb others by going up front.

12-The Magic of Bird Migration

Instructor: Herb Lewis
Dates: 1 Tuesday Aug. 20
Time: 10 – 12
Location: AUD

Each spring and fall, for a two-to-three-week period, thousands of migrating songbirds fly over the Tennessee Valley on their epic journey between their nesting areas in the northern parts of North America and wintering areas in the tropics. Join us for a birding presentation that was presented this past spring. Herb will share some secrets for creating a magnet for birds in your own backyard.

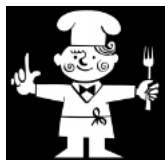
13-Human Trafficking: The New Face of Slavery

Instructor: Patricia McCay
Dates: 2 Wednesdays Aug. 21 – 28
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

This course discusses both sex and labor trafficking and discusses what human trafficking is, who are the most vulnerable to these crimes; the signs displayed by victims of these crimes, the internet's role as a major source of recruitment; where trafficking occurs, trends related to the crimes of human trafficking, and a discussion of Alabama and federal laws that help combat human trafficking.

14-Let's Do Lunch—Group 1

Instructor: No Instructor
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Aug. 27, Sep. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19
Time: 11 – 12:30
Location: Various



Join the LearningQUEST “Lunch Bunch” as they experience lunch at either a newly opened restaurant or one opened within the last couple of years or so within the Huntsville/Madison commuting area. Only restaurants with ample FREE parking or within walking distance of the Huntsville Main Library will be selected. Group 1 will meet on Tuesdays. Two weeks prior to the monthly luncheon, the coordinator will provide the name of the “Restaurant of the Month” to those registered for the class and obtain the head count of those planning to attend. Note: Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be removed. *Max: 20*

15-Let's Do Lunch—Group 2

Instructor: No Instructor
Dates: 4 Wednesdays Aug. 28, Sep. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20
Time: 11 – 12:30
Location: Various

See the description for Group 1. Group 2 will meet on Wednesdays. Note: Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be removed. *Max: 20*

16-Two Step Chair/Line Dance Class

Instructor: Nkenge Hyter
Dates: 7 Thursdays Aug. 15 – Sep. 26
Time: 1 – 2
Location: AUD

A fun, interactive, 1-hour aerobic chair/line dance class is the perfect way for older Americans to increase steps, enjoy a total body workout, and have a blast while doing it! Feel the rhythm and let your body groove to the beats! Our chair/line dance is designed to cater to all fitness levels, promoting cardiovascular health and enhancing overall well-being. Each dance step is carefully crafted to engage your mind and body, making it a delightful experience that benefits both your physical and cognitive health. Our dance routine is specifically designed for older adults, ensuring a safe and enjoyable workout. It's a fantastic way to socialize, stay active, and keep those joints moving.

17-Let's Do Lunch—Group 3

Instructor: No Instructor
Dates: 4 Thursdays Aug. 29, Sep. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 21
Time: 11 – 12:30
Location: Various

See the description for Group 1. Group 3 will meet on Thursdays. Note: Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be removed. *Max: 20*

18-A Presidential Election Like No Other

Instructor: Tom Borchert
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 3
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

It's “déjà vu all over again!” With the 2024 election on the horizon and with the 2020 election still in our rearview mirror, it may surprise you to learn we've been through all this before. Claims of a rigged election. Chaos in the electoral college. Congress chooses the president. A newly elected president sworn in secretly to avoid a potential overthrow of the government. Welcome to the presidential election of 1876! This one-session presentation will take an in-depth look at the wild election that put Rutherford B. Hayes in the White House. It is the perfect time to reflect back on a similar—yet often forgotten—period in our nation's history.

Organizational and leadership skills needed in
the Communications Committee.
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19-Gran Masters Percussion

Instructor: Frederick Walker
Dates: 2 Wednesdays Sep. 4, Sep. 18
Time: 12:30 – 1:30
Location: Huntsville Community
Drumline Center

The Gran Masters program offers seasoned adults a free opportunity to gather together, learn percussion skills, and move their bodies in tune with one another. This program promotes physical movement, social interaction, and brain awareness. All materials will be supplied. The program will be held at the Huntsville Drumline Percussion and Performing Arts Center, 1800 Jordan Lane NW, Huntsville, AL 35816. *Max: 15*



20-Adventures in Sports Writing

Instructor: Skip Vaughn
Dates: 1 Wednesday Sep. 4
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

This longtime local sportswriter will share his experiences and challenges. Covering sports is a year-round endeavor. Spring brings softball and baseball; fall has volleyball and football; and winter brings basketball. This sportswriter covers nearly every sport at every level—from youth through high school, college and even professional. The challenges can be as mundane as trying to get an 8-year-old to share his or her perspective as the leading scorer in a recreational basketball league game. But there is also the challenge of covering high school football games on deadlines and trying to avoid getting locked in a stadium because the sportswriter is usually the last to leave.



Join us at the 2024 Learning *QUEST*
Annual Meeting on Wednesday,
November 13th,
1 pm to 3 pm.
In the Downtown Library
Auditorium.

21-Snakes for Adults Who Aren't Sure About Snakes

Instructor: Beth Girard
Dates: 1 Thursday Sep. 5
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib

Fear is never a comfortable state of being!
Understanding what you are afraid of goes a long way

toward conquering that fear and/or dislike. If you are ready to do so, come learn about the amazing physical and behavioral adaptations of reptiles! You will also learn some identification tips to help you recognize our venomous—and our non-venomous—species. If you feel comfortable, you will have the opportunity to touch and/or hold some very docile snakes and lizards.
Min: 5 Max: 20

A REMINDER...

always keep current by reading the weekly E-News
and checking LQUEST.org for updates,
course changes, and new offerings.

22-Friday Film Festival: Cary Grant Classics

Instructor: Jennifer Garlen
Dates: 4 Fridays Sep. 6, Oct. 4,
Nov. 1, Dec. 6
Time: 2 – 4:30
Location: AUD



Enjoy four classic Cary Grant films with the Friday Film Festival group! We'll start with screwball comedies *The Awful Truth* (1937) and *My Favorite Wife* (1940), and then move on to more thrilling adventures in *Notorious* (1946) and *Charade* (1963). Irene Dunne stars as Grant's leading lady in the two comedies, Ingrid Bergman falls for Grant in Hitchcock's romantic thriller, *Notorious*, and the great Audrey Hepburn costars in the delightful *Charade*. Dr. Jennifer Garlen will introduce each movie and lead a group discussion after the screenings.

23-Great Decisions 2024 Edition

Instructor: Peter A. Finzel
Dates: 8 Mondays Sep. 9 – Oct. 7,
Oct. 21 – Nov. 4
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib

Great Decisions is a program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association; it has received rave reviews. The program is updated annually to highlight eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans. Begun in 1954, the Great Decisions discussion program is intended to promote thoughtful discourse and to bring people together to express their ideas and opinions. The program uses a video and a book from the Foreign Policy Institute. For more information on The Foreign Policy Association, visit <https://www.fpa.org>. Check out the "about" tab. For a list of topics to be discussed, visit the Great Decisions/Topic Resources at the "2024" tab. The required text: *2024 Great Decisions Briefing Book*, can be purchased for \$35 at the "bookstore" tab. *Min: 8 Max: 30*

Thanks for not talking while the presenter is talking.

Talking while the presenter is talking is very disturbing to the presenter and other attendees.

24-Introduction to Quilting

Instructor: Jill Burt
Dates: 3 Mondays Sep. 9 – 23
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLib

Have you thought of quilting but don't know where to begin? This course discusses how to get started, what sort of tools are needed, and how to simplify various designs. You do not need a machine or fabric for this program. It will give you an opportunity to learn how and where to begin.

25-The Historical Perspective of Mary Magdalene: The Apostle's Apostle

Instructor: Patricia Johnson
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 10
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

This presentation attempts to discover the true Mary Magdalene through biblical and historical documents including excerpts from the Mary Magdalene Gospel, supposed prostitute to the Apostle's Apostle. This talk attempts to give Mary Magdalene her true value as the first witness to Jesus Christ's resurrection and as someone who encouraged, rallied, and strengthened the resolve of the disciples for their future Christian ministries.

26-Birding at Chapman Mountain Preserve

Instructor: Herb Lewis
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 10
Time: 10 – 12
Location: Chapman Mountain Nature Preserve

Join Herb Lewis as we prepare for the fall bird migration at Chapman Mountain Nature Preserve. You will gather around the bird blind that was built last year and observe birds as they come to the bubbling rock water feature that works like a magnet to draw them in. Bring your binoculars. The Chapman Mountain Nature Preserve is located on US Highway 72 between downtown Huntsville and Moores Mill Road. *Min: 2 Max:15*



27-Chair Yoga

Instructor: Kristin Mumper
Dates: 6 Mondays Sep. 16 – Oct. 21
Time: 11 – 11:45
Location: Online

This program offers online chair yoga classes over Zoom. The chair yoga classes will be geared for beginners, those who are short on time, or those who are unable to come to an in-person class for any reason. Sessions will work on mindfulness, joint mobility, flexibility, balance, breath practices, and learning basic

poses, flows, and modifications. The instructor works neuroplasticity brain games into all classes. Depending on who is in attendance, attendees may come out of the chairs briefly to work on standing movements, always within reach of the chair. These classes intend to build community as well as guide students to a better connection with themselves. As for supplies, all that is required is a sturdy chair with no wheels or arms. Occasionally participants may utilize household items. Zoom can be used over a phone, tablet, or computer. The goal is to help beginners, seniors, and those who may be hesitant to try (or return to) yoga to find a path back to themselves.

Become a Program Coordinator.
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Training is provided.
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28-Flower Arranging & Tour of Brosemer Farm

Instructor: Mary Frances Brosemer
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 17
Time: 9:30 – 12
Location: Brosemer Farm

Take a tour of the historic Brosemer family farm followed by a floral arrangement demonstration by Mary Frances Brosemer. After the demonstration and with Mary Frances's aid, participants will make their own arrangements to take home and enjoy. Flowers grown at the Brosemer farm will be used in both the demonstration and the take-home arrangements. As the ground at the farm is uneven, it is imperative that participants wear only closed-toe shoes—no sandals. The Brosemer farm is located at 3008 Winchester Road, NW, the northeast corner of Winchester Road and Cecil Fain Drive. Park along Cecil Fain Drive. 3008 Winchester Road is between Pulaski Pike and Colfax Road, NW. Look for balloons that will be placed at the entrance to the farm. *Max: 25*

29-Senior Safety, Situational Awareness, and Scams

Instructor: Byron Hunt
Dates: 1 Thursday Sep. 19
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

As people age, the need to feel secure at home, in cars, and in public grows stronger. Often seniors are the target of some of the most sophisticated scams that reach them through texting, phone calls, e-mails, and door-to-door salesmen. This class educates participants on how to protect themselves at home and in public. The instructor will also discuss the psychological ploys that scammers use to steal money. The clues are there—one just needs to know what they are.



30-Audition: The Power of Hearing for Cognition and Communication

Instructor: Anita Giles
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 24
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib

This presentation will review our sense of hearing and its importance for and impact on cognition and communication, and of the incidence of hearing loss, how we hear, how hearing is assessed, and the importance of treating hearing loss. As time permits, comorbidities of hearing loss will be reviewed.

31-Roads to the Future

Instructor: Pat Tumminello
Dates: 1 Thursday Sep. 26
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This program will introduce participants to the history of the Catholic Church in north Alabama. Attendees will learn of the church's contributions that may have led to Huntsville being the city it is today.

32-Zen Buddhism and Western Philosophy

Instructor: Rolf J. Goebel
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Oct. 1 – 22
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

This course introduces similarities and differences between Japanese Zen Buddhism and Western philosophy, especially the thought of Martin Heidegger. Topics discussed include the critique of the human self, time and evanescence, the limits of rationality and conceptual language, our immersion in the cosmos, and, most importantly, the cultivation of a non-judgmental openness to the infinitude of the world. No prior knowledge of the subject matter is expected.

33-Senior Living Options

Instructor: Ann Beltz
Dates: 1 Tuesday Oct. 1
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: Online

Learn about all of the levels of care for seniors from in-home care to hospice care. There will be an overview of area retirement communities and cost. Ask questions and learn what resources are available here in our area.

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34-Enduring Voices: Women of Madison County, 1861-1865

Instructor: Nancy Rohr
Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 9
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This program is based on the new book about women's roles during the Civil War in the Tennessee Valley. Photographs of Huntsville during that era will enhance the program. Texts of some women's journals and letters offer glimpses into the lives of these women as their men go off to war and leave them in charge of the home front.
Min: 8

35-Exploring Mars With Perseverance Rover

Instructor: Michael Stallcup
Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 9
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

This presentation will give an overview of NASA's Perseverance Mars rover, its similarity to NASA's Curiosity rover on Mars, and NASA's plans for a sample return mission that would transport rocks and soil from Mars to Earth for detailed analysis.



36-LQ Antiques Roadshow

Instructor: George Marchelos
Dates: 1 Friday Oct. 11
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

This is your chance to have a former PBS *Antiques Roadshow* appraiser examine an heirloom, an item that has been in the family, or something you bought somewhere along the way, and give his opinion on its history and value. Due to time constraints, each person may bring one item for appraisal. Also, the presenter will discuss artifacts and items he obtained during his travels in countries behind the Iron Curtain. Prior to the program, the coordinator will provide detailed instructions for those bringing an item for appraisal.

37-Maple Hill

Instructor: Multiple
Dates: 1 Tuesday Oct. 15
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD

This program offers participants an introduction to important aspects of a local treasure, Maple Hill Cemetery. A slice of Huntsville's fascinating history will be presented with the stories of four former residents—Jane Hamilton Childs, Albert Lane, Samuel Moore, and



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George Steele. Attendees will learn of efforts to save Athens College during the Civil War, become aware of a renowned artist with work displayed in the Hermitage and the Smithsonian, hear about the owner of a champion butter-producing cow, and learn about a self-taught architect who introduced the Greek revival style to the city. All four residents are buried in Maple Hill Cemetery.

38-Rascality in Huntsville 1861-1865: Spies Among Us

Instructor: Nancy Rohr
Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 16
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

Rascality in Huntsville offers participants an opportunity to learn about Union spies here during the Civil War. This program uses records from national archives and officers' letter books that include maps not seen before and names of guerrillas and their supporters with actual spy reports and lists of loyalists. Attendees native to Huntsville may be surprised to discover which list their family appears on. Non-natives will hear fascinating, untold secrets. *Min: 8*

39-Five Points Historic District Walking Tour 1

Instructor: Katie Stamps
Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 16
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: Five Points

This walking tour offers a unique look at Five Points Historic District, Huntsville's first true suburb! Established in 1999 as a Historic Preservation District, Five Points was initially part of the 1892 East Huntsville Addition. This neighborhood's significance lies in its illustration of the evolution of middle-class housing in 20th century Huntsville, rather than a concentration of one period. Five Points was made feasible by the construction of a streetcar line, which allowed working people to live farther than walking distance from jobs and to shop without owning an automobile. The neighborhood still retains its 19th century grid layout of broad, parallel streets, narrow but deep lots, and rear service alleys, which permit pedestrian-oriented streets. Bring whatever you're comfortable carrying! Water, sunscreen, comfortable shoes, and light snacks are always a good idea. Fall weather can be unpredictable in Alabama, so be sure to check the weather ahead of time to dress accordingly. The tour will start at 127 Walker Ave., Huntsville, AL 35801. Please register for one tour only; duplicate registrations will be removed. *Min: 5 Max: 35*



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40-Five Points Historic District Walking Tour 2

Instructor: Katie Stamps
Dates: 1 Thursday Oct. 17
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: Five Points

See course description #39. Please register for one tour only; duplicate registrations will be removed
Min: 5 Max: 35

41-Rhetorical History: Gorgias to Kristeva

Instructor: Elaine Fredericksen
Dates: 4 Fridays Oct. 18 – Nov. 8
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

This course will address the lessons learned from rhetoricians through time: Gorgias, 400 BCE, to Kristeva, 1979. The preservation of public speech and writing allows people today to appreciate the philosophical and intellectual progress of humankind over vast periods of time. Participants may be surprised to discover how much has remained the same over centuries and how slowly new ideas have developed. This six-session class will present some well-known rhetoricians and introduce new ones, with lectures, textual readings, and discussions.

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Member Course 42 has been moved to Member Courses with Pre-Paid Fee section of the catalog as course F6.



Remember to wear your LearningQUEST name badge to all LearningQUEST events!

43-When Cash Isn't King: Three Strategies to Make Your Donations Go Farther

Instructor: Jessica Hovis Smith
Dates: 1 Thursday Oct. 24
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

Now that many individuals are filing with the standard deduction instead of itemizing deductions, charitable giving using cash has lost its tax appeal. In this program, we will focus on three strategies to make your charitable donations go farther and maximize your tax advantages.



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44-What Makes New Orleans Different: Another South

Instructor: Connie Atkinson
Dates: 5 Thursdays Oct. 24 – Nov. 21
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

The food, the festivals, the music, the architecture—Southerners have long been fascinated with the distinctive culture and look of the Crescent City as its colonial development, ethnic makeup, and public life contrast with that of most of the American South. This course will take you on a whirlwind tour of this most flamboyant of southern cities. Its music, food, and public life demonstrate just some of the many ways people carved out new lives in the new world. *Min:15*



45-Introduction to the North Alabama Birding Society

Instructor: Ken Ward
Dates: 1 Monday Oct. 28
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This presentation will cover birding in North Alabama. Topics to be covered include the definition of birding and the necessary equipment, resources, and developmental skills needed, an overview of North Alabama birds, backyard birding, and birding opportunities in North Alabama. If time permits, there will be a brief overview of bird photography.

46-FamilySearch Tutorial Computer-Based

Instructor: Sue Purves
Dates: 1 Tuesday Oct. 29
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Tech Training Center

FamilySearch is a powerful genealogy research tool with millions of records available. It also has a database of what records are available worldwide and hundreds of instructional tutorials on all facets of family history. This course provides a hands-on tutorial on how to use FamilySearch to create a family tree, how to add ancestors to your family tree, and how to post memories, photos, documents, and other information. Several knowledgeable assistants will be available to help course participants with any issues accessing information in FamilySearch. Course participants should establish a personal FamilySearch account prior to the program. The program will be held in the Technical Training Center in the Downtown Library. *Max: 22*

Thanks for turning off and not using your cell phone during class.

Cell phones ringing and attendees using their phones during a class is distracting for presenters.

Most presenters won't mind if you take a photo of a slide as long as it is done quietly.

Website Developer Needed

WordPress experience needed in development of a new website. If you can help, please contact Communications@lquest.org

47-All Hallows Afternoon

Instructor: Susan Bakken
Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 30
Time: 1 – 2
Location: AUD

This spirited Halloween program is for you to relax and enjoy a bewitching hour of select readings from Edgar Allen Poe, Bram Stoker, Shakespeare (and Schulz, plus others for the young at heart) orated by LQ potential poets laureate. A slide presentation will set the mood, and a refreshment table of treats (maybe a trick) awaits! Please wear your Halloween garb if you like and revel in spooky merrymaking!

48-Optics!

Instructor: James Beaupre
Dates: 2 Tuesdays Nov. 5 – 12
2 Thursdays Nov. 7 – 14
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib

Optics is the study of light and how it behaves. The two main themes will be (1) optics developed between the time of Newton (light as speedy little particles) to the present day, where its quantum properties are used in such applications as lasers and quantum cryptography; (2) the basic principles of propagation, reflection, refraction, diffraction, interference, and particle behavior as well as how the constancy of the speed of light led to Einstein's Theory of Special Relativity.

49-Readers Theatre for Fun and Profit!

Instructor: Anna Blair
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Nov. 5 – 26
3 Thursdays Nov. 7 – 21
Time: 1 – 3
Location: 2FL (except Nov. 26)
AUD (Nov. 26)

This nuts-and-bolts course involves an area of the dramatic arts now gaining in popularity. Happily, it offers "stage" experience to folks who may suffer from stage fright. The actors read from selected scripts. No lines or blocking to remember, but they will learn vocal techniques and how to get into character and read with dramatic expression. At the first meeting, participants will select a topic and "scripts" and a cast. They may also decide if they want to wear costumes, as opposed to the traditional black garb, or street clothes. In other words, this course offers opportunities galore to exercise the creative spirit within us all! *Min: 8 Max:10*

Facebook assistance needed.

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50-Monte Sano Village and the Village Movement

Instructor: Delia Siegrist, Pam Patrick
Dates: 1 Tuesday Nov. 19
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

This course offers an introduction to the Village Model. The model provides services enabling individuals to stay in their homes and among neighbors as they age by organizing services, programs, and volunteers. The Village model attracts volunteers of all ages, strengthening intergenerational ties in the community and enhancing the community for today's seniors and those to follow. The costs associated with operating the village are financed by member fees. Monte Sano Village is a member-driven non-profit exclusively staffed by volunteers from our community. Our members are the decision makers, the financiers, the beneficiaries, and often the volunteers. Currently, the Village has over 150 members and about 90 volunteers. The community is made up of about 700 homes.

51-Enlightened Time

Instructor: Steven Schneefuss
Dates: 1 Wednesday Nov. 20
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

For those who have wondered how the hands and numbers of older clocks and watches glowed in the dark, and those who lived before the era of cell phones/smartphones and remember the greenish glow of a wind-up alarm clock, this presentation will cover the topic of dial illuminations. Topics will include why glowing dials were introduced, and which technologies were used along with their pros, cons, and dangers. The presenter will also discuss the Radium Girls and how the workplace hazards they endured helped them push for occupational safety regulations. Another topic will outline precautions to take for anyone who owns or handles older watches or clocks. The presentation will conclude with a display of vintage clocks and watches along with a Geiger counter to determine which clocks and watches are radioactive and which are not. Attendees



***Thanks for sitting in the back
when you know you have to leave early.***

Leaving from the back of the room is less disruptive to the presenter and the class attendees.

may bring an intact clock or watch for screening if desired. Recommended: Watch the movie: *Radium Girls* (2018). *Min: 6 Max: 35*

52-Parkinson's Dynamics

Instructor: Carolyn Rhodes
Dates: 1 Thursday Nov. 21
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Parkinson's Dynamics

This is an 8-year-old program that started as Rock Steady Boxing Rocket City. It has now transformed into a 501(c)(3) called Parkinson's Dynamics, offering so much more than just boxing: exercise, education, and support to the client with Parkinson's and their families to help them navigate the journey of this neuro-degenerative disease with no cure, and to give them HOPE. This program will be held at Parkinson's Dynamics, 2020 Steve Hettinger Dr., Huntsville, AL 35801. *Min: 5 Max: 100*

53-NASA Spinoffs – NASA Technology We Use Every Day

Instructor: Jane Maples
Dates: 1 Thursday Dec. 5
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

How much Space is in your life? Learn what NASA spinoffs are and how they are used in your everyday life. Beyond the destinations NASA has reached and the space exploration accomplished, did you know that NASA technologies benefit life right here on Earth in the form of commercial products? NASA spinoffs are in your everyday life—from your smartphone, car, and household appliances to baby formula. NASA is making sure their technological innovations go beyond their original use to benefit the public as new commercial products and services right here on Earth, right now. Since 1976, NASA has profiled more than 2,000 NASA spinoffs in the annual *NASA Spinoff* publication.

54-Ditto Landing: An Update From the River

Instructor: Brandi Quick
Dates: 1 Wednesday Dec. 11
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This program investigates Ditto Landing, Huntsville's only access point to the Tennessee River. In an unprecedented move, the City and Madison County are working together to rejuvenate a warehouse dock space into a multifunction event space. This is one of many partnerships that make Ditto Landing special—it's a confluence of greenways, the midpoint of the Tennessee River, and a place to be at peace with the water. Ditto Landing covers over 600 acres in Madison County and 200 acres in Morgan County. Over 400 boats call Ditto Landing home while up to 70 campers/RVs can enjoy camping nearby.

MEMBER COURSES WITH PRE-PAID FEE (WITH TERM FEE)

Some courses require an additional fee that must be pre-paid to the Coordinator. Members registering for these courses will be in a "pending" status. The registration process is complete, and a member is enrolled in the course only when the coordinator receives the required fee, and there are spaces still available.

F1-Pizzelle's Chocolate Tasting & Demo

Instructor: Michelle Novosel
Dates: 1 Thursday Aug. 8
Time: 2 – 3
Location: Pizzelle's Confections

Pizzelle's chocolatiers and pastry chefs will demonstrate how they produce their delicious and beautiful chocolates, cakes, buttercream flowers, ice creams, and confections. Participants will be able to taste their way through the kitchens, sampling the products created that day. After the kitchen tour, there will be a chocolate tasting and a short lecture. The program will be held at Pizzelle's Confections, Campus 805 Student Union Building, 2500 Clinton Ave. W, Huntsville, AL 35805. *Fee: \$20 Min: 8 Max: 12*

F2-Music-Themed Card Workshop

Instructor: Jill Stallcup
Dates: 1 Tuesday Aug. 20
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLib

This workshop will feature cards with a music theme. Three different cards will be created using different techniques. All supplies will be provided. *Fee: \$10 Min: 3 Max: 12*

F3-Scrappy Card Workshop

Instructor: Jill Stallcup
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 10
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLib

This workshop will feature cards and ideas for using up scraps from other projects. Three different cards will be created using different techniques. All supplies will be provided. *Fee: \$10 Min: 3 Max: 12*

F4-Fitness and Balance Class

Instructor: Debra Wade
Dates: 6 Wednesdays Sep. 11 – Oct. 16
Time: 11 – 12
Location: Steady for Life

Are you interested in experiencing a Fitness and Balance class, but not ready to dive in at full speed? This 6-week course emphasizes balance, fall prevention, strengthening, and flexibility. Brain work is incorporated into each class, as working the mind with the body is an important aspect of staying healthy. The instructor offers a gentle entry to an important experience toward a stronger body. All equipment for the class will be provided by Steady for Life. We ask

that you bring water to the class. The class will be held at 7900 Bailey Cove Road SE, Ste G, Huntsville, AL 35802 in Jill's Dance Studio. *Fee: \$20*

F5-Get Off The Floor

Instructor: Sara Fimiani
Dates: 4 Thursdays Oct. 10 – 31
Time: 10 – 11
Location: Steady for Life

Falling is the leading cause of injuries among seniors 65 and older. Over 14 million or one in four older adults report falling every year according to the Center for Disease Control. This 4-week class will address risk factors involved in falling and how to get up safely after a fall. Participants will learn the steps to prevent falls, which muscle groups to strengthen, and different ways to get up off the floor, as well as how to get down onto the floor safely. The class will also address how to accommodate a knee or hip replacement, shoulder injury, or damage from the fall. Attendees should expect to get down on the floor. Please bring your own yoga mat and water. Class will be held at the Steady for Life main location located at 7900 Bailey Cove Road SE, Ste G, Huntsville, AL 35802. We are located inside Jill's Dance Studio. *Fee: \$20 Min: 6 Max: 12*

F6-Let's Draw! Intermediate Class

Instructor: Mary McGaha
Dates: 6 Wednesdays Oct. 23 – Nov. 27
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

This class is designed for those students who have had the Beginning Let's Draw! class or other similar training. Students will improve on previous drawing skills. They will be introduced to other types of media as well as other techniques. Creative drawing methods will be explored using methods employed by other artists. *Fee: \$15 Max: 16*



Spring '25 Term Programs

Got an idea for a new program? Just click on the "General Proposal Form" at the LQUEST.org website, and email your idea to Proposals@lquest.org.

TRIPS (NO TERM FEE)

Trips are organized by LearningQUEST members and are self-supporting by the participants. No term fee payment is required. Additional fee requirements are presented in each trip description and may change due to unforeseen changes by the venue or transportation operator. The registration process is complete, and a member is enrolled in a trip only when the coordinator receives the required fee and liability waiver, and slots are still available.

T1-Overnight Trip to Montgomery, Alabama

Coordinator: Mary Holder
Dates: 2 Days Thursday Aug. 8 – Friday Aug. 9
Time: Thursday 8 AM – Friday 6 PM
Location: Montgomery, Alabama

Overnight Trip to Montgomery, AL! Join your LearningQUEST friends on a trip to Montgomery later this summer. We will travel in an air-conditioned, restroom-equipped bus and stay overnight in Montgomery where we will enjoy a variety of activities. First day activities include a docent-led, 45-minute tour of the Capitol building, followed by a trip to the Museum of Alabama. In the evening, our bus will take us to the 7 p.m. performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. On the second day, we will visit the Legacy Sites including the Legacy Museum, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and the Freedom Monument Sculpture Park. After lunch, we will board our bus and return to Huntsville. All locations provide assistance for people with disabilities. Watch for more information about this trip in the weekly LearningQUEST newsletter. *Cost: TBD Min: 40 Max: 54*

T2-Tennessee Central Railway Museum – Fall Train Ride

Coordinator: Margaret Musser, Peter Finzel
Dates: 1 Saturday Oct. 26
Time: 5:30 AM – 6:30 PM
Location: Nashville, TN

Join us for a fall foliage train ride. Leave Huntsville by motorcoach at 5:30 a.m. Board the train at 9:00 a.m. for a five-hour tour, taking you through the scenic mountains of Tennessee. Return to Huntsville at 6:30 p.m. Lunch boxes are included. There is also food and drink available in the diner car for purchase. There is no ramp, and there are five steps onto the train. *Cost: \$120.00 Max: 40*

Photos Needed

Photos of LearningQUEST activities are welcomed and may be submitted to the Social Media team for posting and adding to the photo archive. Just email the photos to SocialMedia@lquest.org and PhotoArchive@lquest.org. Please also include a brief statement about the relevant LQ activity for inclusion in the social media post.

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T3-The Best of Theater in New York

Coordinator: Claudia Conn
Dates: 5 Days Monday Nov. 18 – Friday Nov. 22
Time: 8 – 5
Location: New York City, NY

Hit the streets of the Great White Way and discover the excitement of New York's incredible theater scene, from Broadway events to the adventurous Off-Broadway stage and beyond. Get an inside look at a world ordinary members of the audience never see as you spend five days immersed in New York theater and meet with those who help create it. Trip includes tickets to a musical, a drama, and an Off-Broadway play. *Cost: \$2249 Double, \$2968 Single Min: 18 Max: 24*

T4-Branson Show Trip Extravaganza

Coordinator: Margaret Musser, Peter Finzel
Dates: 6 Days Monday Dec. 9 – Saturday Dec. 14
Time: TBD
Location: Branson, Missouri

Join us on a top-quality motorcoach and set off for the "Live Music Capital of the world" – Branson, Missouri. Enjoy three morning shows: *Dalena Ditto's Country Evolution*, *Doug Gabriel Morning Show* & *Neil Diamond Tribute Show* and three evening shows: *Hughes Music Show*, *Laugh Your Yak-Off Show* featuring Yakov Smirnoff, and The Sight and Sound Theater's *The Miracle of Christmas*. Enjoy historic downtown Branson, with its old-fashioned charm, novelty shops, and restaurants. And, at Branson Landing, discover waterfront shopping, dining, and attractions on Lake Taneycomo's beautiful waterfront. The cost includes five nights' lodging and eight meals, including five breakfasts and three dinners. Online travel insurance at Travel Confidence is also available for purchase. *Cost: \$860 Double, \$1040 Single Min: 30 Max: 54*

LIBRARY-SPONSORED TRAINING (NO TERM FEE)

Although no term fee is required for Library-Sponsored Training, registration is required for scheduled programs.

LP1-Literary Librarians

Instructor: Jaimee Hannah
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Aug. 6, Sep. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5
Time: 2 – 3:30 (except Nov. 5)
10 – 11:30 (Nov. 5)
Location: 2FL

Each month we'll discuss a book featuring librarians and explore the impact that libraries had on their communities during the era in which the book is set.

Aug. 6—*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

Sep. 3—*The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

Oct. 1—*The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

Nov. 5—*The Librarianist* by Patrick DeWitt


LP2-Creating Digital Images for Crafting

Instructor: Rose Stough
Dates: 1 Thursday Aug. 15
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: Studio

What are vector images? If you are interested in using the Cricut embroidery machine and other tools and equipment in the Makerspace, you'll want to know all about them! Learn what a vector image is, how to make one, and how to use it.



Many thanks to the Huntsville–Madison County Public Library and its entire staff. Their continuing support of our activities by use of facilities, equipment, and personnel is essential to the growth and success of LearningQUEST. Thanks to everyone at the Library!!!!



Report Your Volunteer Hours
Reporting your volunteer hours is VERY important to the library! Just click **VOLUNTEER HOURS** at the bottom of the E-News or send your hours to VolunteerHours@lquest.org.

LP3-Macramé Hanging Flower Pots

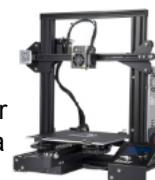
Instructor: Rose Stough
Dates: 1 Thursday Sep. 19
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: Studio

Make your own hanging flower pot with macramé, a form of textile art using knots. Use your macramé to hang a 3D-printed flower pot, made right here in the Downtown Studio!

LP4-Getting Started with 3D Printing

Instructor: Rose Stough
Dates: 1 Thursday Oct. 10
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: Studio

Learn the basics of 3D printing as well as how to find (or make) your own 3D objects! We'll show you how the 3D printer works and how to take an object from idea to reality.



LP5-Painting with Q-Tips: Flower Field

Instructor: Rose Stough
Dates: 1 Thursday Nov. 14
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: Studio

Join us for a relaxing painting session as we show you how to use Q-Tips to create various types of flowers and textures in a flower field. Materials will be provided.

The Membership Committee offers many opportunities for involvement in LearningQUEST. If you are a people person and want to contribute, contact VolunteerLead@lquest.org.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (NO TERM FEE)

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are organized and facilitated by current LearningQUEST members for those who share a similar interest. Participants must be current LearningQUEST members. No registration is required. For more information, email or call as directed in the SIG's description. To explore creating a new SIG, please contact the Program Development Committee (PDC) chair at PDCChair@lquest.org

S1-Knitting

Instructor: Barbara Ward
Dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, starting Jul. 3
Time: 2 – 3
Location: A 1st Wednesday
Online 3rd Wednesday

Knitters of all skill levels meet to share their talents, ideas, and projects. We seldom solve world problems, but we always have fun. We will meet in person the first Wednesday of each month and on Zoom the third Wednesday. For further information, contact Barbara Ward at bward@hiwaay.net.

S2-Bunco

Instructor: Joy Anderson
Dates: 2nd Monday, starting Jul. 8
Time: 9:30 – 12
Location: A

Come join us for a fun-filled morning of Bunco. As it is played today, Bunco is a social dice game played in teams of four involving 100% luck and very little skill (there are few decisions to be made). The rules are simple and can be learned in five minutes or less. Beginners and seasoned players are welcome. For information, contact Joy Anderson at jma82182@aol.com.

S3-Great Literary Conversations

Instructor: Bob Stagg
Dates: Mondays, starting Jul. 8
Time: 3 – 4:30
Location: Online

This literary discussion group reads one selection each week and discusses the author, its time period, and its relevance in today's world. Since there is a new selection each week, prior attendance is not a requirement. Come when you are available. Notes are emailed on Friday detailing the upcoming selection. The anthology used changes each term. Contact Bob Stagg at 256-520-0417 for more information.

S4-Hand and Foot

Instructor: Cheryl Hodges
Dates: Thursdays, starting Jul. 11
Time: 12:30 – 4
Location: A

Everyone, beginner to expert, is welcome to play the Hand and Foot variation of Canasta. Instruction and

"cheat sheets" are provided upon request. For further information, contact Cheryl Hodges at maxine46@ymail.com.

S5-UkeQUESTors Jam

Instructor: Theresa Miller
Dates: Sundays, starting Jul. 14
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: Online - 1st and 3rd Sunday
2FL - 2nd and 4th Sunday

The LearningQUEST UkeQuestors are a special interest group (SIG) that provides an opportunity for ukulele players of all levels to meet in an open, unintimidating, and accepting environment to refine and expand their skills, and to "jam" and sing. Though players are assisted in development, beginner lessons are not provided at this time. To wit, JUST HAVE FUN! One goal of the sessions is for participants to gain confidence in their playing ability so that they will be willing to perform in ensemble at events such as the Alabama Uke Fest. For information, contact Theresa Miller at art.tree.hsv@gmail.com. LearningQUEST members can also join the SIG by requesting membership to the UkeQuestor SIG Facebook page. Once a member, the schedule, music resource webpage, and Zoom links will be available.



S6-Mah Jongg

Instructor: Janet Tedrow
Dates: Mondays, starting Jul. 15
Time: 1 – 4
Location: A



Mah Jongg players of all levels meet weekly on Mondays to play. Beginning class is available upon request. For information, contact Janet Tedrow at wftedrow@aol.com.

S7-Poets' Corner

Instructor: Liz Hall
Dates: Last Wednesday, starting Jul. 31
Time: 1:30 – 3
Location: FCR

This special interest group is for members who enjoy reading or writing poetry and want to share that enjoyment with others. Whether you are a neophyte or a published poet, come join our conversations! Poems will

be written, shared, and discussed. Our conversations may include poetry by well-known as well as, perhaps, lesser-known poets whom we have enjoyed. The group will be loosely structured according to participants' interests. The purpose is to participate in a poetic appreciation of life! For more information, contact Liz Hall (256-881-6099) or lizhall076@gmail.com.



S8-Friday Hiking

Instructor: Jim Kirkwood
Dates: Fridays starting Sep. 6, ending Nov. 22
Time: 9
Location: Various

Explore a variety of local hiking trails in Madison County. Enjoy the trees, flowers, and streams in our local forest preserves. Hike with other LearningQUEST members who appreciate the outdoors. Liability waivers are required. Hiking announcements with



directions are provided weekly by email. If interested, please send an email to hiking@lquest.org. For our hikes, it is recommended to wear sturdy hiking boots and to bring water and a hiking stick.

S9-Photo Sharing-Discussion Group

Instructor: Waldy Cuevas
Dates: 2 Wednesdays Sep. 11, Oct. 9
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib

The Photo Sharing-Discussion Group is about the joy of sharing our photos and discussing our approach and photographic techniques in making the photographs. We will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6 times per year (January through April and September and October). The group provides a place for folks to share their passion for photography. To join or for more information, please send an email to Waldy at waldyphoto@outlook.com.



PROGRAMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (FREE)

Several public programs are offered by LearningQUEST each term as its gift to the community. No registration or fees. Registration for members is suggested during online registration or in-person registration. Please help spread the word and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

P1-Music in the Movies

Instructor: Bill Nunn
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Sep. 3 – 24
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD

This may perhaps turn out to be Billy Bob's BEST program ever! With 72 songs from 72 different movies including 20 Academy Award winners and a long, long list of Billboard Number 1s, the afternoons will be filled with memorable music from the Silver Screen's most unforgettable movies. With hundreds of thousands of songs to choose from—songs from *American Graffiti* to *Zorba the Greek*—the dilemma was which to play and what to omit! What's a poor DJ supposed to do? Come and find out.

P2-The Spanish American War: Birth of the American Empire

Instructor: David Lilly
Dates: 2 Wednesdays Oct. 23 – 30
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

Although phrases from the time such as "Remember the Maine!" and "San Juan Hill" are embedded in popular American history, the Spanish American War is rarely studied and little understood. We'll examine the causes of the war, look at the naval and military

operations that occurred around the world, and analyze its impact on future American politics and foreign relations.

P3-LearningQUEST Welcomes Members of the Fourth Estate

Instructor: John Archibald, Kyle Whitmire
Dates: 1 Friday Dec. 6
Time: 12 – 2
Location: TBD

During what has become a tradition for LearningQUEST, we joyfully and proudly welcome John Archibald and Kyle Whitmire from Alabama Media Group, both esteemed members of Alabama's Fourth Estate. Laden with accolades, including the prestigious Pulitzer Prize, they are eager to engage with us. They will reflect on the highlights and challenges of the past year, sharing insights into their experiences since last December. Additionally, they may offer glimpses into upcoming projects that we can anticipate reading about in the future. John and Kyle enjoy audience participation, so please come with questions and comments to enrich the discussion. The term "Fourth Estate" symbolizes the press's vital role as a watchdog in a functional democracy, often paralleling the three branches of government: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial.

LEARNINGQUEST INSTRUCTORS

Number in () indicates Term Program(s), Fee (F), Trip (T), Library (L), or Public (P) being presented by Instructor.

John Archibald has been a journalist in the South for more than 35 years. He is a two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize. He is the recipient of many national awards and commendations, most recently for his work on Brookside, Alabama. In addition to his journalistic endeavors, John is also a teacher, a critically acclaimed author, and a playwright. In 2023 he was named the inaugural Writer in Residence at Boston University. (P3)

Dr. Connie Atkinson, Ph.D., is the former co-director of the Midlo Center for New Orleans Studies and professor emeritus at the University of New Orleans, where she taught the history of New Orleans music for over 20 years. She received her Ph.D. from the Institute of Popular Music, University of Liverpool, England. As a music journalist in New Orleans for many years, she edited and published *Wavelength, New Orleans Music Magazine* from 1980-1992. (44)

Susan Bakken came to Huntsville in 1982 from Colorado. She taught pre-school and learned the necessary skills of a lifetime. She retired after 30 years in Administration in 2012. She has been a member of LearningQUEST since then, enjoying the programs and volunteering. She worked on the Apollo program in California before moving to Colorado in 1973 and then to Alabama with her husband Gordon, two kids and pets. She has many interests and admires all aspects of nature, including a Wildlife Certified backyard. (47)

Bob and Phylis Baron have been active in the Huntsville metro community since 1975. Phylis works with Village of Promise, Burritt Museum, Huntsville Botanical Gardens, Huntsville Boys and Girls Clubs, and others. Bob was a popular Huntsville TV weatherman. He was the founder and CEO of Baron Weather and then founded the Baron Critical Weather Institute, a non-profit that established a free weather net for the state. Bob has numerous honors including the Huntsville-Madison County Entrepreneur of the Year and the Ernst and Young Southeast Technology Entrepreneur of the Year. They have two children, Bob Jr. and Elizabeth, and six grandchildren. (2)

James Beaupre, Ph.D., attended Iowa State University for graduate studies and received a Ph.D. in theoretical physics. He continued his education as an Atomic Energy Commission Post-doctoral Fellow at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center and worked as a physicist at a German university. After five years, he returned to the United States and began employment at Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville, Alabama. He taught a graduate-level course at University of Alabama in Huntsville. In 2004, he received several major awards from Teledyne including Teledyne Brown Engineering Fellow for lifetime technical achievement. (48)

Ann Beltz has a B.A. from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, over 17 years' experience in the senior living industry, and is currently Business Development Director for Brookdale Senior Living for Huntsville/Decatur. She is a certified Optimum Life Speaker and served as the 2020 President of the Huntsville Madison County Council on Aging. (33)

Anna Blair, J.D., is a legal specialist in healthcare regulatory compliance and risk management, working to keep hospitals and doctors safe from trial lawyers and federal regulators. Blair is also educated and experienced in the dramatic arts as an actor and a

director, and spends a good amount of her free time on or near the stage. Her *Alabama Speaks Readers Theatre* events have attracted the attention of AL.com. She also taught a popular class entitled *Alabama Reads*, which celebrates Alabama authors. (49)

Tom Borchert, J.D., is a retired trial attorney. He practiced civil litigation in Los Angeles for 35 years before retiring and moving to Huntsville in 2014. He has presented several LearningQUEST classes in the past: You Be the Judge; Alligators in the East Room & Other White House Tales; and Bogart, Nixon & the Supreme Court. (18)

Mary Frances Brosemer has been a flower farmer for 25 years, providing locally grown flowers for local organizations, farmers markets, and individuals. Like her parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, she has been an active member of St. Mary of the Visitation Church on Jefferson Street in Huntsville, Alabama. (28)

Jill Burt, Ph.D., attended Auburn University as an undergraduate. She holds a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alabama, Huntsville and spent her career working for the U.S. Government. (24)

Sara Fimiani has been teaching exercise classes since 1986 and is certified in water aerobics, yoga, Pilates, and personal training, and is a medical exercise specialist. She taught Get Off The Floor in fitness facilities at Continuing Care Retirement Communities. Sara is excited to teach seniors how to stay strong and balanced, and most importantly, how to prevent falls. (F5)

Peter A Finzel, Ph.D., received his Doctor of Management Degree from the University of Phoenix in 2004. He also has a B.S. degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and an M.S. degree in Systems Engineering from the University of Tennessee. He grew up in Huntsville as the son of a German engineer who was part of the von Braun rocket team. He worked as a Computer Engineer Project Leader for missile systems for the US Army Missile Command. After retiring in 2010, he has taken numerous LearningQUEST and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes over the last five years. (23)

Jay Foster hails Chicago, Illinois as his hometown and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. In 1955, he joined the von Braun team in Huntsville and spent five years in manufacturing, producing the Jupiter and Redstone rockets. He then joined NASA and spent nine years on the Executive Staff with Dr. von Braun. After the first Lunar Landing, he transferred to Washington, D.C., and worked on NASA'S Long Range Plans but eventually transferred back to Huntsville and served as the Director of Institutional Support. (6)

Elaine Fredericksen, Ph.D., holds a B.A. in Spanish from the University of California, Los Angeles, an M.A. in English and American Literature from the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and a Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Writing Studies from the University of Alabama and served for many years on university faculties, most recently on the graduate faculty of The University of Texas at El Paso. She is a longtime member, instructor, and volunteer at LearningQUEST. (41)

Jennifer Garlen, Ph.D., is a former member of the English faculty at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and a longtime volunteer with LearningQUEST. She holds a Ph.D. from Auburn University and is the author of several books, including *Beyond Casablanca: 100 Classic Movies Worth Watching*. (22)

Anita Giles, M.S., CCC-A Audiologist, earned a Master's degree in Audiology in 1980 from the University of Montevallo. She has been a practicing audiologist for 43 years in both pediatric and adult settings. Anita has been employed at North Alabama ENT Associates for the past 12 years. (30)

Beth Girard is a retired natural resources educator. She continues to learn about the natural world and loves to share that knowledge with visitors to Tims Ford State Park, where she is a volunteer educator. She has been a Minnesota Master Naturalist since 2007 and graduated from the Tennessee Naturalist Program in 2023. She is enrolled in the Alabama Master Naturalist Program because lifelong learning is what life is all about!! (21)

Rolf J. Goebel, Ph.D., was born in Kiel, Germany, and holds degrees from Brown University (M.A. in English, 1977), the University of Kiel (Staatsexamen in German and English, 1979), and the University of Maryland (Ph.D. in German Language and Literature, 1982). From 1982-2020 he taught German language and culture at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He presently is Distinguished Professor Emeritus at this institution. Dr. Goebel is also active as a non-professional organist and harpsichordist, having served as the Dean of the Greater Huntsville, Alabama Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. (32)

Jaimee Hannah is the Information and Business Center Manager at the Downtown Branch of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. She received her B.A. in English and Philosophy from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and her M.L.I.S. from the University of Alabama, and has worked in libraries for over a decade. (L1)

Byron Hunt is an insurance fraud investigator located in Huntsville, Alabama. Prior to moving here, he spent 26 years in law enforcement in Ohio. He started his career as a state trooper and then joined the Delhi Township Police Department, serving 19 years as a detective. He has advanced training in interviewing and interrogation, arson investigations, burglary, sexual assaults, domestic violence and the victimization of juveniles. He earned his Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Xavier University and has taught law enforcement-related subjects at several universities and police departments. (29)

Nkenge Hyter is an Urban Regional Extension Agent specializing in Health and Nutrition at Alabama Extension-Alabama A&M University. With a profound passion for education and a commitment to fostering healthier communities, she intertwines her diverse educational background with several physical activity certifications such as StayActive and Independent for Life (SAIL), and Chair Chi. Nkenge embraces her role as a catalyst for positive change, allowing her faith to guide her mission in motivating others toward healthier and happier lives. (16)

Alicia T. Imscher is the Public and Congressional Affairs Officer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Redstone Arsenal. (9)

Patricia Johnson is a licensed supervisory counselor, spiritual director, and great admirer of Mary Magdalene. Her research on Mary Magdalene has taken her to many destinations including Magdala village in Israel and the Mary Magdalene Basilica in Vézelay, France. (25)

Herb Lewis, since retiring in 2002, has focused his personal hobbies of landscaping, birding, and photography into creating a natural wildlife habitat within his backyard garden, primarily to attract birds. Herb is an honorary Master Gardener, and volunteers as a docent and shuttle driver at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. He and his wife Terry sponsored and helped develop the Lewis Birding Trail at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. Herb is partnering with the Land Trust of North Alabama in the creation of an educational birding trail complete with bird-viewing blinds and a rock water feature on the Chapman Mountain Nature Preserve. (12, 26)

David Lilly has been on the staff at HMCPL since 1977. He was Head of the Reference Department for many years and more recently a Librarian in the Special Collections Department. From 2005 to 2018, he created and led the Library's Tuesday Evening Concerts, bi-monthly events highlighting local musical talent who performed in the Atrium at the Downtown Branch Library. He is also a frequent presenter for LearningQUEST on a variety of topics. (P2)

Jane Maples, a native of Limestone County Alabama, grew up on one of the oldest Black Angus cattle farms in the state. She has a B.S.B.A. from Auburn University and an M.B.A. from the University of Kentucky. Her 36+ year career with NASA began in Procurement as a Contract Specialist and concluded in the Chief Information Office as an IT Specialist. Over the course of her career, she interacted frequently with the New Technology/Technology Utilization Office, which was responsible for identifying NASA technologies that could be commercialized. (53)

George Marchelos, Ph.D., is a notable historian in addition to his expertise familiar to LearningQUEST members as a graduate of Asheford Institute of Antiques, an appraiser on PBS *Antiques Roadshow*, and an educator and genealogist. Dr. Marchelos holds degrees in history, management, and chemistry, and is a lecturer and professor at various universities and colleges. He is currently at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. (36)

Patricia McCay has a B.A. degree with a major in Marketing from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Since 1993, she has been President/CEO of The Consulting Group, Inc. Building on her interest in human trafficking, Patricia is the Founder/Chair of the North Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force and Co-Founder/Chair of the Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force. In these roles, she has spoken extensively about human trafficking, giving over 60 public presentations over the last two years. Patricia was a contributor to the Alabama Human Trafficking Assessment Project. (13)

Mary McGaha received her B.A. in Art Education from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and M.A. in Art Education from Alabama A&M University. She worked in the Huntsville City Schools as an art teacher in elementary and middle schools for 28 years. She then worked at Calhoun Community College teaching Art Appreciation. (F6)

Carolyn Mulcahy and Geanine Lehmann have been cycling, hiking, and traveling friends for many years. Geanine retired from federal government service in 2018 and Carolyn from state government service in 2006. They have enjoyed visiting National Parks, gone on cycling trips, and made trips to several foreign countries. (2)

Kristin Mumper is a 500-hour certified and registered yoga teacher with a special interest in chair yoga and adaptive vinyasa. Her training includes certifications in Mindful Resilience for Trauma Recovery through Veterans Yoga Project, Adaptive Yoga through

Mind Body Solutions, Chair Yoga through Yuva Yoga, and Brain Longevity through the Alzheimer's Research and Prevention Association. In spring of 2023, she added Krista Fairbrother's Water Yoga to her repertoire. Her teaching style is lighthearted and dynamic, encouraging individual exploration while embracing creativity. (27)

Jeff Nelson, Ph.D., recently retired after having taught English and Shakespeare at the University of Alabama in Huntsville for 30 years. His credentials include a B.A. from Illinois Wesleyan and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He has been a frequent presenter for LearningQUEST. (1, 5)

Michelle Novosel graduated from culinary school at the Art Institute of Tennessee in Nashville in 2009. She received her Professional Chocolatier Certificate, with Honors, from the Ecole Chocolat Professional School of Chocolate Arts in 2012 and is now an instructor for the Ecole Chocolat Masterclass – Color on Chocolate. In 2013, Michelle and her sister Caitlin Lyon opened Pizzelle's Confections, an award-winning eclectic mix of edible art and culinary exploration. (F1)

Bill Nunn is a sixth generation Huntsvillian, a member of the first graduating class at Butler High School, a graduate of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute School of Pharmacy in Auburn, and a lifelong resident of Madison County. He is a volunteer and frequent instructor for LearningQUEST. (P1)

Pam Patrick taught at Martin Luther King, Monte Sano, and Hampton Cove Elementary Schools before working with student teachers at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She is a charter member of the Monte Sano Community Garden. She volunteered with La Leche League International and served on the Board of Directors of Friends, Inc. (50)

Sue Purves has been working on her family history and helping and teaching others for many years. She recently found ways to organize her many papers, pictures, stories, and documents in order to leave them as a legacy in both physical and digital formats. She has given occasional family history-focused presentations to interested groups. (46)

Brandi Quick grew up north of Huntsville. After graduating from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, she worked at the Von Braun Center for 19 years. As she advanced to Assistant Director at the VBC, she also graduated from University of Alabama in Huntsville with a Master's degree in Public Affairs. She has had the honor of serving as Executive Director for Ditto Landing for eight years. She is also a mom to her son Cooper and a loving wife to her husband Scott. (54)

Luyao Ren is an expert in Martial Arts and is a visiting scholar at Alabama A&M University. He won the International Taijiquan Coach Certificate in 2017 and has taught Martial Arts for eight years. (10, 11)

Tom Ress is one of LearningQUEST's popular long-time presenters because his excellent photography and narration bring his trips to life for participants. He is an avid traveler and adventurer and a prolific freelance writer. He has visited all seven continents and dozens of countries. He writes about his travels and adventures for numerous magazines, newspapers, and websites including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Backpacker*, *Blue Ridge Country*, *Alabama Heritage*, and *Discover.com*. He is a volunteer at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge and a board member of Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Association. (2)

Carolyn Rhodes, B.A., President, served as the Director of Fitness for the Huntsville Madison County Senior Center for 16 years. In addition to managing 23 fitness classes at the senior center, she started Huntsville Pickleball in 2010 and Rock Steady Boxing Rocket City in 2016. Recently she is a co-founder, President, and Board Member of Parkinson's Dynamics, a new 501(c)(3) organization offering exercise, education, wellness, and support for the Parkinson's client and their families. (52)

Russ Rodgers is a retired US Army Command Historian and author of numerous books and articles, mostly on military history, including *Historic Photos of Patton*, published by Turner Publishing. He served in the US Army in armor, infantry, and military intelligence and received a Master's degree in military history with honors from the American Military University. (7)

Nancy Rohr, respected local historian, has written articles and books about life in early Huntsville and Madison County. She enjoys sharing these stories and the success (and a few failures) of early citizens. (34, 38)

Steven Schneefuss has been a watch and clock enthusiast for over 50 years. He is a member of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors, as well as the Rocket City Regulators (Chapter 61) NAWCC. He is currently a professional organizer following a work career in process management and quality control for the electrical industry. A lifelong interest in the culture and technology of the 20th century, Steven is usually searching for a new find among the old. (51)

Eddie Sewall is a retired US Air Force pilot and Aerospace Engineer. He is from Texas, originally, but has lived in Huntsville for the past 34 years. He started photography as a hobby in 2007, and he joined the Huntsville Photographic Society in 2008, serving as President of the Society for four years. Four of his photographs have been part of the HPS exhibitions in the Huntsville Museum of Art. (2)

Delia Siegrist holds B.A. and M.S. degrees and is the founder of Monte Sano Village, has had various work and volunteer experiences including teaching and tutoring math, working on two small business start-ups, and working as a realtor. (50)

Jessica Hovis Smith, Certified Financial Planner, Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy, Certified public wealth advisor, and chartered life underwriter, is the President and a Financial Advisor at Longview Financial Advisors, Inc., a fee-only financial planning and wealth-management firm. Jessica has worked in the financial planning field for 19 years and specializes in working with charitably minded individuals and families. She enjoys working with clients and non-profits to develop strategic giving plans to create more impact. (43)

Jill Stallcup is a longtime Madison resident and a lifelong crafter. She started rubber stamping and creating cards while still in high school. Her favorite thing is sharing her knowledge with others and learning from them as well. Thus, she has instructed many classes for card making and paper crafting. (F2, F3)

Michael Stallcup grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of New Mexico with an emphasis on structural analysis. After working for the Air Force for two years, he transferred to NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in 1983, retiring in 2016. At MSFC, he provided structural analysis and testing support for Shuttle, Spacelab, International Space Station, Chandra X-ray Observatory, James Webb Space Telescope, various optical projects, Constellation, and SLS/Artemis.

He lives in Madison, Alabama and spends time as a docent at the US Space & Rocket Center. (35)

Katie Stamps, a Madison, Alabama native, is the Preservation Planner for the City of Huntsville. In 2007, she received a B.S. in Secondary Social Science from Auburn University, where she led regular campus tours as a student recruiter. In 2010, while studying in Charleston, South Carolina, Katie received an M.S. in Historic Preservation from Clemson University/College of Charleston. Prior to working for the City of Huntsville, she was the Architectural Historian for Redstone Arsenal for seven years. She has led multiple architectural walking tours for the Historic Huntsville Foundation and served on the Madison Station and Huntsville Historic Preservation Commissions. (39, 40)

Rose Stough is a Makerspace Librarian with the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. She has experience in art, technology, and education, including graphic design, digital media conversion, fashion and costume design, additive manufacturing, electronics repair, and traditional crafts. Rose has worked as an art consultant for the nonprofit LoveHuntsville and has assisted with several large-scale interactive art projects throughout the city. (L2, L3, L4, L5)

Walter Thames is a lifelong lover of Yeats and has a particular affection for his later and more perplexing poems. Following graduate work in English at University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Walter chose a non-academic career but has never abandoned a love for poetry and literature; it remains a key part of his daily study. Yeats has been a regularly featured poet in the decades-long great books poetry and art series at the Church of the Nativity. (3)

Pat Tumminello is a local historian, researcher, and genealogist. She is also the co-author and editor of the history and reference book, *A Mighty Fortress of Faith: A History of St. Mary of the Visitation Church 1861-2011*. (31)

Skip Vaughn, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, moved to Huntsville in 1968, graduated from Butler High School in 1972, and from Auburn University in 1976 with a journalism degree. He was a news reporter for *The Huntsville Times* before becoming an Army public affairs specialist at Redstone. Ever since, he has been the editor of the *Redstone Rocket*, the Army's weekly newspaper and a member of the Garrison-Redstone Public Affairs Office. Vaughn covers sports part-time for AL.com. He and his wife Janice, a retired teacher, reside in Huntsville with their son Cole, and daughter Glorian. (20)

Debra Wade is a certified peak Pilates instructor. She has been teaching senior fitness for the past seven years for Steady for Life and the YMCA. She is an instructor through the National Association of Sports Medicine, a RedCord specialist, and a Yamuna Body Rolling practitioner. Debra has been teaching Pilates for the past 25 years and was a Pilates studio owner in Huntsville for ten years. It's been exciting to observe Debra's class participants improve their strength, flexibility, and balance. (F4)

Frederick Walker is a 2018 graduate of Alabama A&M University. He is a professionally trained percussionist and is classically trained in piano. Since 2010, Frederick has been responsible for developing the musical skills and leadership training at Huntsville Community Drumline, a free non-profit organization in Huntsville, Alabama. Fred teaches private drum and piano lessons and is the

pianist for Beans Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Huntland, Tennessee. He is married to the former Brittani Hewlett. They have a daughter Luelani. (19)

Ken Ward has been the president of the North Alabama Birding Society for 20 years. He also served as president of the Alabama Ornithological Society from 2013-2014. Ken is a trip leader for NABS. He previously taught this program at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. (45)

Kyle Whitmire, a graduate of Birmingham Southern College, has spent the last 20 years covering the political culture of Alabama. In addition to a 2023 Pulitzer Prize, Kyle has received the Scripps Howard Foundation's Walker Stone Award for opinion writing, the Sigma Delta Chi award for best opinion writing from the Society of Professional Journalists, the Molly Ivins prize for political commentary, and the Mike Royko Award for commentary. (P3)

Jane Wodtke grew up in a rural area outside of Louisville, Kentucky. She met and married her husband at the University of Kentucky and has a son and daughter. Jane was a Special Education teacher for 30 years. Since she moved to Huntsville after living in New Jersey for 29 years, she is enjoying her retirement with volunteer work and LearningQUEST. (8)

Steve and Brenda Wynn are veteran vacation travelers, spanning 50+ years. Brenda started in 1966, traveling around Europe after her Peace Corp Tour in Senegal. Steve met his wife while working for Martin-Marietta in 1969. She had a career in Social Work, and he worked as an aerospace engineer and then as a lawyer, specializing in Federal Acquisition Law for the Army. He also worked for NASA in Huntsville from 1964 to 1967. (2)

Lowell Zoller joined NASA at the beginning of the Apollo Program in 1961 and was involved in many NASA Programs until retirement in 1995, at which time he was Associate Director of Science and Engineering. He continues his space interest as a docent at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and is involved in several community volunteer programs. (4)

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Downtown Library: AUD (Auditorium), 2FL (2nd Floor Events Room), Studio (Makerspace Studio, 1st floor), A (beside Auditorium), FCR (Foundation Conference Room, 2nd floor), **South Huntsville Public Library:** SLib (Classroom)

Venues are designated when programs are held in a standard location. Otherwise, see the program description or, in some cases, the coordinator will contact registrants.

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July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Knitting 2-3 A</i>	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Library Closed	5	6
7	8 <i>Bunco 9:30-12 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	9 RALLY DAY	10	11 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i>	12	13
14 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL</i>	15 King Lear 10-11:30 2FL <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	16	17 <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	18 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i>	19	20
21 <i>Uke 2-3:30 Online</i>	22 King Lear 10-11:30 2FL <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	23	24	25 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i>	26	27
28 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL</i>	29 King Lear 10-11:30 2FL <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	30 Br Poet 10-11:30 2FL	31 Restless Alabama 10-11:30 AUD <i>Poets Cmr 1:30-3 FCR</i>			

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i>	2	3
4 <i>Uke 2-3:30 Online</i>	5 Am. Poet 10-11:30 2FL <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	6 Br Poet 10-11:30 2FL Literary Lib 2-3:30 2FL	7 <i>Knitting 2-3 A</i>	8 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> von Braun 1-2:30 AUD Pezelle's 2-3 Montgomery, AL 8/8 8 AM-8/9 6 PM	9	10
11 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL</i>	12 <i>Bunco 9:30-12 A</i> Am. Poet 10-11:30 2FL <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	13 Br Poet 10-11:30 2FL Patton 2-3:30 AUD Int'l Dining Out 5-8	14 Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD FBI 1-2:30 AUD	15 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Digital Image 1-2:30 Studio Two-Step 1-2 AUD	16 Int Tai Chi 1-2 AUD	17
18 <i>Uke 2-3:30 Online</i>	19 Am. Poet 10-11:30 2FL <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	20 Br Poet 10-11:30 2FL Bird Migr. 10-12 AUD Mus. Cards 1-2:30 SLib Patton 2-3:30 AUD	21 Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Trafficking 1-2:30 AUD <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	22 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Two-Step 1-2 AUD	23 Int Tai Chi 1-2 AUD	24
25 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL</i>	26 Am. Poet 10-11:30 2FL <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	27 Br Poet 10-11:30 2FL Lunch Gp 1 11-12:30 Patton 2-3:30 AUD	28 Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Lunch Gp 2 11-12:30 Trafficking 1-2:30 AUD <i>Poets Cmr 1:30-3 FCR</i>	29 Lunch Gp 3 11-12:30 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Two-Step 1-2 AUD	30 Int Tai Chi 1-2 AUD	31

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Uke</i> 2-3:30 <i>Online</i>	2 LABOR DAY Library Closed	3 Election 10-11:30 AUD <i>Literary Lib</i> 2-3:30 2FL <i>Music In Movies</i> 2-3:30 AUD	4 GRAN Masters 12:30-1:30 Beg Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 AUD Sports 1-2:30 2FL <i>Knitting</i> 2-3 A	5 Snakes 10-11:30 SLib <i>Hand & Ft</i> 12:30-4 A Two-Step 1-2 AUD	6 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	7
8 <i>Uke</i> 2-3:30 2FL	9 <i>Bunco</i> 9:30-12 A Grt Dec 10-11:30 SLib Quilting 1-2:30 SLib <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1-4 A <i>Lit Conv</i> 3-4:30 Online	10 Mary Magdalene 10-11:30 2FL Birding 10-12 Scrappy Cards 1-2:30 SLib <i>Music In Movies</i> 2-3:30 AUD Int'l Dining Out 5-8	11 Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD <i>Photo Share</i> 10-11:30 SLib Fit & Bal 11-12	12 <i>Hand & Ft</i> 12:30-4 A Two-Step 1-2 AUD	13 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Int Tai Chi 1-2 AUD	14
15 <i>Uke</i> 2-3:30 <i>Online</i>	16 Grt Dec 10-11:30 SLib Chair Yoga 11-11:45 Online Quilting 1-2:30 SLib <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1-4 A <i>Lit Conv</i> 3-4:30 Online	17 Brosemer Farm 9:30-12 <i>Music In Movies</i> 2-3:30 AUD	18 Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Fit & Bal 11-12 GRAN Masters 12:30-1:30 <i>Knitting</i> 2-3 Online	19 Sr. Safety 10-11:30 AUD <i>Hand & Ft</i> 12:30-4 A Two-Step 1-2 AUD <i>Macrame</i> 1-2:30 Studio	20 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Int Tai Chi 1-2 AUD LQ FALL PICNIC 10-2 Monte Sano State Park	21
22 <i>Uke</i> 2-3:30 2FL	23 Grt Dec 10-11:30 SLib Chair Yoga 11-11:45 Online Quilting 1-2:30 SLib <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1-4 A <i>Lit Conv</i> 3-4:30 Online	24 Audition 10-11:30 SLib Lunch Gp 1 11-12:30 <i>Music In Movies</i> 2-3:30 AUD	25 Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Fit & Bal 11-12 Lunch Gp 2 11-12:30 <i>Poets Crnr</i> 1:30-3 FCR	26 Roads to Future 10-11:30 AUD Lunch Gp 3 11-12:30 <i>Hand & Ft</i> 12:30-4 A Two-Step 1-2 AUD	27 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i>	28
29	30 Grt Dec 10-11:30 SLib Chair Yoga 11-11:45 Online <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1-4 A <i>Lit Conv</i> 3-4:30 Online					

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October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Zen 10-11:30 2FL Senior Living 1-2:30 Online Literary Lib 2-3:30 2FL	2 Fit & Bal 11-12 Beg Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 AUD Knitting 2-3 A	3 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	4 Hiking 9 Various Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	5
6 Uke 2-3:30 Online	7 Grt Dec 10-11:30 SLib Chair Yoga 11-11:45 Online <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	8 Zen 10-11:30 2FL Int'l Dining Out 5-8	9 End. Voices 10-11:30 AUD <i>Photo Share</i> <i>10-11:30 SLib</i> Fit & Bal 11-12 Exploring Mars 1-2:30 AUD	10 GetOffTheFloor 10-11 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A 3D Print 1-2:30 Studio	11 Hiking 9 Various LQ Antiques Rd Show 1-2:30 AUD	12
13 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	14 Chair Yoga 11-11:45 Online <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i> LIBRARY STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY <i>Library Closed</i>	15 Zen 10-11:30 2FL Maple Hill 2-3:30 AUD	16 Rascality 10-11:30 AUD Fit & Bal 11-12 5 Pts Tour #1 1-2:30 <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	17 GetOffTheFloor 10-11 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A 5 Pts Tour #2 1-2:30	18 Hiking 9 Various Rhetoric 1-2:30 2FL	19
20 Uke 2-3:30 Online	21 Grt Dec 10-11:30 SLib Chair Yoga 11-11:45 Online <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	22 Zen 10-11:30 2FL Lunch Gp 1 11-12:30	23 Sp Am War 10-11:30 AUD Let's Draw! 10-11:30 2FL Lunch Gp 2 11-12:30	24 GetOffTheFloor 10-11 Cash 10-11:30 AUD Lunch Gp 3 11-12:30 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A NOLA 1-2:30 AUD	25 Hiking 9 Various Rhetoric 1-2:30 2FL	26 Fall Train Ride 5:30 AM- 6:30 PM
27 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	28 N AL Birding Society 10-11:30 AUD Grt Dec 10-11:30 SLib <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	29 FamSearch 10-11:30	30 Let's Draw! 10-11:30 2FL Sp Am War 10-11:30 AUD All Hallows 1-2 AUD <i>Poets Cmr 1:30-3 FCR</i>	31 GetOffTheFloor 10-11 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A NOLA 1-2:30 AUD		

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November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Hiking 9 Various Rhetoric 1-2:30 2FL Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	2
3 Uke 2-3:30 Online	4 Grt Dec 10-11:30 SLib Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	5 Literary Lib 10-11:30 2FL Optics 10-11:30 SLib Readers Theater 1-3 2FL	6 Let's Draw! 10-11:30 2FL Knitting 2-3 A	7 Optics 10-11:30 SLib Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A NOLA 1-2:30 AUD Readers Theater 1-3 2FL	8 Hiking 9 Various Rhetoric 1-2:30 2FL	9
10 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	11 VETERANS DAY Library Closed	12 Optics 10-11:30 SLib Readers Theater 1-3 2FL Int'l Dining Out 5-8	13 Let's Draw! 10-11:30 2FL LQ ANNUAL MEETING 1-3 AUD	14 Optics 10-11:30 SLib Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A NOLA 1-2:30 AUD Q-Tip 1-2:30 Studio Readers Theater 1-3 2FL	15 Hiking 9 Various	16
17 Uke 2-3:30 Online	18 Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online Best of Theater in NY 11/18 8 AM- 11/22 5 PM	19 Lunch Gp 1 11-12:30 Village 1-2:30 AUD Readers Theater 1-3 2FL	20 Let's Draw! 10-11:30 2FL Time 10-11:30 AUD Lunch Gp 2 11-12:30 Knitting 2-3 Online	21 Parkinsons 10-11:30 Lunch Gp 3 11-12:30 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A NOLA 1-2:30 AUD Readers Theater 1-3 2FL	22 Hiking 9 Various	23
24 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	25 Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	26 Readers Theater 1-3 AUD	27 Let's Draw! 10-11:30 2FL Poets Cmr 1:30-3 FCR	28 THANKSGIVING Library Closed	29 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING Library Closed	30

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Uke 2-3:30 Online	2 Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	3	4 Knitting 2-3 A	5 NASA 10-11:30 AUD Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	6 Fourth Estate 12-2 Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	7
8 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	9 Bunco 9:30-12 A Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online Branson MO Show trip 12/9-12/14	10 Int'l Dining Out 5-8	11 Ditto 10-11:30 AUD	12 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	13	14
15 Uke 2-3:30 Online	16 Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	17	18 Knitting 2-3 Online	19 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	20	21
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