

## ● ILR SPRING 2025 CLASSES ● MARCH 10 – JUNE 4 ●

**Animals' Behavior - A Closer Look at Animal Behavior. Karen Martin**

Join veterinarian Karen Martin to explore how behaviors of animals are often misunderstood. Should you encourage the racoon that eats the cat food on the side porch? Has your dog found a new trick as he scoots across the floor on his seat? You are on a trip to Alaska and see a small deer that looks like he is misshapen. Should you go to help?

**Tue. Mar. 11.  
12:00 - 1:30 PM**

**In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member - \$15.00

**Art Class. Bill Simon**

**5 SESSIONS OR MORE**



Instruction on the principles of color, design and perspective.

**Wed. Mar.12 - May.21  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Max: 16

**In-person**

Fees: Regular & Sustaining Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$25.00

**Awe! Finding and Savoring Awe. Laurel Patterson**

Have you ever witnessed something that caused your mouth to drop open, or gave you goosebumps? Awe is not just experienced with wonders of nature. It can be found in so many places and ways - for example, at a football game, a dance club, or even at a bus stop. Seeing something that causes us wonder or admiration does more for us than provide a few minutes of awe. Finding and savoring awe actually brings about changes, which when experienced on a regular basis, awe can contribute to our physical health and mental well-being. And, what could be a drawback to noticing and appreciating the moving and wondrous things that happen around us every day? Join us as we discuss the benefits of awe and possible ways to find and savor it.

**Tue. May 20;  
12:00 - 1:00 PM**

**In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Bible Women. Verna Call**

This Bible study discussion will delve into the stories of women of the Old Testament and their impact on our faith. Some were heroic and righteous figures while others were wicked and immoral. In a period when women were often ignored and powerless, these women had the courage to make a difference in the lives of their families and faith communities. They can inspire and encourage us all in the times we live.

**Tue. Mar. 11; 25, Apr. 8, 22;  
2:00 - 3:00 PM**

**In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Book Club. Debbie Bell & Janet Leise**

Love to read? Here's your chance to discuss a wide variety of books with other bibliophiles. We read fiction, non-fiction, memoirs, biographies, and histories to name a few, and you get to choose the selections for the following semester! Spring Semester selections include: March - West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge; April - Old Girls Behaving Badly by Kate Galley; May - Killers Of The Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann.

**Tue. Mar. 18, May 13;  
12:00 - 1:30 PM  
Apr. 8: 12:30 - 2:00 PM**

**In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Book Writing - We Should Write a Book Someday. Howard Glass**

Why write? Because technology is slowly leaching some valuable skills from us. Becoming dependent on technology is dehumanizing. We instinctively know this. Each one retaining a once essential skill is one way to resist it. The "Back to the Land" movement, with off-grid living, organic farming, and reconnecting with others, are all examples. The presentation will move on with "How to write" and "What to write". Do you have already a plan for writing?

**Mon. Mar. 31,  
12:00 - 1:30 PM  
In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Business: Second Chances. Ruth Leo**

After having a career in one field, is it possible to have a second chance at creating another career? Three panelists will talk about their businesses and both the challenges and rewards they have experienced along the way. Our panelists will be Claudia Porter (Create with Claudia), Amy Nelson (Home Transformations: Stage and Design) and Gary Warriner (The Final Yard Sale). They will share the motivation for the start of their businesses, special training they may have had and how they determined their ideas would work.

**Wed. Mar. 12;  
2:00 - 4:00 PM  
In-person**

Minimum: 6-8,

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Cary Grant - Legendary Leading Man. Steve Cicero**

Widely considered one of the greatest actors of all time, Cary Grant worked with an astonishing line up of top-notch directors and co-stars during his thirty-year film career. His style and intelligence were frequently on display in a wide range of movies. This program will explore his personal life, along with the professional and business success of this fascinating celebrity. The class will serve as an introduction to the film series, but it is open to all members of the ILR.

**Mon. Mar. 10; 12:00 - 1:30 PM  
In-person  
Tue. Mar 11; 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Online**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Cherry Trees. National Cherry Blossom Festival. Janet Leise**

Let's welcome Spring by exploring the history behind and the enduring beauty of Washington DC's annual Cherry Blossom Festival.

**Mon. Apr. 14; 2:00- 3:30 PM  
In-person  
Tue. Apr. 15; 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Online**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**CIT. What is Crisis Intervention Training? Richard Wozniak**

Crisis Intervention Training/CIT is an innovative program of first responders crisis intervention training involving community health care and Advocacy partnerships based on a nationally recognized model developed by the Memphis, TN Police Dept. The emphasis is on mental health knowledge, crisis resolution skills and access to community services. Multiple community professionals met in the development of CIT.

**Wed.. Mar. 12.  
12:00 - 1:30 PM  
In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Civil War Medicine. James Carnes**

Civil War Medicine delves into the medical practices of the Civil War, especially in the beginning of the war. The methods were crude and caused more deaths and maiming in the war than any weapon. As the war progressed, better methods of treating the wounded were developed which would help in later wars right through to today.

**Tue. Apr. 15: 1:00 - 2:30 PM  
In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Coasters and Corndogs. Steve Cicero**

Amusement Parks. How did these iconic places from our childhood come into being? Why did so many, such as Alameda Park, Luna Park, and West View, disappear? How do the survivors, like Kennywood and Idlewild, remain relevant in the modern world of cable television and smart phones.

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Mon. Apr. 7; 12:00-1:30 PM**

**In-person**

**Tue. Apr. 8; 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

**Online**

**Collision of Political/Economic Theory and Personal Security. Robert Kochems**

The class will attempt to explore the relationships between politics, economics and our personal needs like security. This is not intended to be a depth study of these large topic areas but the beginnings of a discussion for the further development of these relationships

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Thu. Mar. 27, Apr. 3, 10;  
12:00-2:00**

**In-person**

**Creative Writing: Unleash Your Imagination. Antonia Thomas**

**5 SESSIONS OR MORE**



This class will start small with haiku, a Japanese poetry form, move to 6-sentence short stories, and progress to traditional and/or experimental short stories. The end goal will be a final well-developed short story. We will explore various ways students can expand their imaginations. There will be an emphasis on standard grammar and spelling—but room for less standard development, especially with regard to dialogue—and experimental fiction, if students choose that path. Sentence and paragraph development, editing one's own work and suggested edits for classmates' work will be part of the class, as will critique of one another's work.

Fees: Regular/Sustaining Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$25.00

**Thu. Mar. 13 - May 15;  
2:00 - 4:00 PM**

**In-person**

**Dr. Frank W. Preston and Preston Park. Polly Shaw**

Dr. Frank W. Preston was regarded by his peers to be a true genius. By profession he was a glass technologist. In that capacity, he founded Preston Laboratories in Meridian, PA. His avocation was ornithology and geology, which led to becoming the "Father of Moraine State Park". We'll explore his upbringing in Leicester, UK, and his move to the United States with his life here and groundbreaking work. Historic photos of Preston Park will be shared in preparation for the companion trip to Preston Park. Be sure to register for that separately.

Minimum: 5

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Wed. May 14;  
2:00 - 4:00 PM**

**In-person**

**Wed. June 4;  
9:30 - 11:00 AM**

**Online**

**Drone Geographical Mapping. Jack Livingston**

Drone mapping refers to the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to collect aerial data and generate maps, models, and other types of visual representations of a worksite. Drone Mapping is a form of photogrammetry or measuring from images. Participants will fly several types of drones used in mapping and inspection.

Minimum: 6, Max: 18

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Wed. May 21;  
1:30 - 3:00 PM**

**In-person**

**Drumming for Everyone. Janet Leise**

Let's explore rhythm and making music together in a safe, healthy and fun group. No previous musical experience or talent is needed. Percussion instruments and hand drums will be provided, but you can bring your own. Each drum circle will include beginner instructions and will be appropriate for returning participants as well.

Minimum: 3, Max: 20

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Tue. May 6, 13, 20;  
2:00 - 3:30 PM**

**In-person**

**English - Tracing the Fascinating Language History. Ruth Cole**

Shakespeare didn't speak Old English, but the earliest residents of the British Isles did. The Norman Conquest brought the French and Middle English while Shakespeare was Early Modern. Trace all of this and more -- grammar, words, dialects -- in a fascinating sequence. Consider your own language inheritance with its roots.

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Mon. May 19;  
Part I. 10:00-11:30 AM, Part  
II. 1:30 - 3:00 PM  
In-person**

**English Odyssey. Verna Call**

Join a three-part class on travel in England. This English Odyssey will provide an eventful, adventurous, and photographic experience for all who attend. This class covers periods from 10,000 years ago at Stonehenge, to 2,000 years ago at Roman Baths, to 1,000 years ago at Norman Castles, to 500 years ago at Shakespeare's home, to present day towns, coasts, and lakes. Learn about our English heritage and traditions as we take a trip of discovery.

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Mon. Apr. 28; May 5, 12;  
2:00 - 4:00 PM**

**In-person**

**Tue. May 6, 13, 20; 9:30 -  
11:00 AM**

**Online**

**Faces in Fiber. Cindy Andes**

This class will introduce participants to possibilities of creating small whimsical wall hangings and other fiber art forms of people and animals. The instructor will show a number of pieces of her work, and then give participants time to begin creation of work of their own... Basic fabric pieces will be provided to start the process...(Creations will not be finished in class...but hopefully displayed during the ILR fall of 2025.)

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Mon. Apr. 21;  
10:00 - 12:00 PM**

**In-person**

**Films of Cary Grant. Dale Doran**

Cary Grant was an English and American actor who lived from 1904 to 1986. He was known for his Mid-Atlantic accent, debonair demeanor and sense of comic timing. We will enjoy several of his movies during the time of these classes. Included will information about him and the movies in which he stars.

Minimum: 3

Fees: Regular/Sustaining Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$25.00

**5 OR MORE SESSIONS**



**Wed. Apr. 2 - May 21;  
1:00 - 4:00 PM**

**In-person**

**Finding my Passion Later in Life. Linda Rettstatt**

Following a career as a social worker and clinical counselor, with encouragement from friends, Linda wrote her first book in 2007 and has written over 50 more. She will share her journey in writing and publishing and answer questions from the class. She writes fiction for women as well as stories of strength, love, humor, and hope. Linda will bring several books with her for your perusal.

Note: possible purchase of Linda's books after class.

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Tue. Apr. 29;  
2:00 - 4:00 PM**

**In-person**

**First Atlantic Crossing by Air. Cliff Brown**

Learn about the 1919 competition between the US and Britain to be the first to cross the Atlantic Ocean by air from the Island of Newfoundland. Every manner of air calamities greeted the competitors. One American and one British plane succeeded in crossing. Could each claim they won the race? The presentation will be enhanced by visual images and Power Point slides.

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Mon. Mar. 17;  
12:00 - 1:30 PM**

**In-person**

**Functional Fitness. Ryan Stack**

Functional fitness prepares the body for real-life movements and activities. It trains your muscles to work together and prepares them for daily tasks by simulating common movements used at home, work, or sports. Movements such as squatting, reaching, pulling, and lifting will be made easier with functional fitness integrated into your exercise routine and can be accomplished at home or in a fitness center.

**Tue. Mar. 18;  
12:00 - 1:30 PM  
In-person**

Minimum: 6, Max: 30  
Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Games. Are You Game? Dale Doran****5 OR MORE SESSIONS**

Are you game? Then this class is for you. Come and have fun as a variety of games will be presented for your entertainment - board, card, dice, domino, tile. Learn about new games and revisit old favorites. You won't be 'board'! For more information about this activity, contact the class instructor.

**Mon. Apr. 14, 21, 28,  
May 5, 12;  
12:00 - 2:00 PM**

Minimum: 3, Max: 25  
Fees: Regular/ Sustaining Member: \$0.00; Non-Member \$25.00

**In-person****Great American Voices--The Males. Phil Atteberry**

The class will explore the careers and music of four popular American male singers. Included will be Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole and Bobby Darin. The course will explore how their work and careers both reflected and helped shape American popular culture in the early and mid-20th century. The class will combine lecture, discussion and lots of audio and video clips.

**Tue. Apr. 8, 15, 22, 29;  
11:00 -12:30  
In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Historic Mansions of Butler. Bill May**

Join local historian and storyteller Bill May for his "Historic Mansions of Butler"

The 60 minute PowerPoint presentation will take attendees on a virtual tour of 20 homes of Butler's historic neighborhood of North McKean, East Fulton, and East Pearl Streets. Participants will hear fascinating stories and see photos behind these beautifully persevered homes including Elm Court as well as their connections to Abraham Lincoln, Mark Twain and John D. Rockefeller, the Civil War and the Underground Railroad. The story of a local murder will also be featured!

**Wed. Apr. 30;  
11:30 AM- 12:30PM  
In-person**

Minimum: 20,  
Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Irish Brigade in the Civil War. James Carnes**

The Irish Brigade was an infantry brigade, consisting predominately of Irish Americans, who served in the Union Army. Mr. Carnes will discuss the reason for forming the Brigade, its leaders, especially General Meagher, and the history of their fighting in the Civil War, especially the Battle of Gettysburg.

**Tue. Mar. 18;  
2:00 - 3:30 PM  
In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Irish Music. St. Patrick's Day Music. Janet Leise**

St. Patrick's Day!!! Let's celebrate the rich culture of Ireland. This class will be part history of Irish songs and part sing-a-long. Enrollment is open to singers and non-singers alike. Lyric sheets will be provided. Bring along a favorite St. Patrick's Day snack and/or nonalcoholic beverage to share. Wearin' of the green is encouraged!!

**Mon. Mar. 17;  
2:00 - 3:30 PM  
In-person**

Max: 30  
Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Italy. A Taste of Italy. Ron Fodor**

Italy offers landscapes that will take your breath away, rich history and delicious food. A trip to Italy is nothing short of unforgettable. From the majesty of Rome to the magic of Venice, to the artistry of Florence and beyond, Italy delivers an experience like no other.

**Tue. Apr. 1;  
2:00 -3:30 PM  
In-person**

Minimum: 6, Max: 30

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**JFK Assassination. Tom Percy**

It has been 62 years since November 22, 1963 when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. Despite the time lapse, Americans are still fascinated by the incident. The controversies and speculation surrounding who conducted the shooting and why has perpetuated interest. This class will consist of two principle components. First, examining the assassination--events preceding it, what happened in Dallas that day, and what happened afterward. Was this the work of a 'lone gunman' as Senator Arlen Specter and the Warren Report contend, or was it a coup D'Etat where political forces acted to accomplish something they might not have achieved at the ballot box? Second, this class will be an exercise in historiography--how scholars do history. How can two authors, viewing the same act and using the same basic materials, arrive at diametrically-opposed conclusions? SRU history professor Dr. Thomas Percy will share his knowledge and experience on the subject.

**Thu. May 15;  
1:30 - 3:00 PM  
In-person**

Minimum: 6, Max: 30

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**JWB. In the Footsteps of John Wilkes Booth—160th Remembrance of the Lincoln Assassination. Bill May**

Historian and storyteller Bill May presents a PowerPoint presentation telling the story of the Lincoln Assassination of April 14, 1865. Highlights of the talk include John Wilkes Booth's time spent in western Pennsylvania and how it changed the course of American history and the story of a local Butler resident who played a surprising role in the escape of John Wilkes Booth.

**Mon. Apr. 14;  
12:00- 1:30 PM  
In-person**

Minimum: 20

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Marquis de Lafayette: An Amazing Life. Tom Call**

The Marquis de Lafayette participated in three revolutions. Sometimes he led military battles. Sometimes he led by his oratory and his writings. Once he was imprisoned and his property seized. Amidst those tumultuous events, Lafayette never wavered in his guiding principle: dedication to and a belief in the ideals of liberty and freedom. We know Lafayette as an American hero, but he was born a wealthy, titled French aristocrat. Join us as we examine the remarkable life of "The Hero of Two Worlds."

**Mon. May 12;  
10:00-11:30 PM  
In-person**

**Mon. May. 19;  
7:00 - 8:30 AM**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Online**

**Medicare - What You Need to Know. Jeffery Johnstone**

Consumer advocates note that people who are Medicare eligible get a much better deal if they know the facts. Learn about the Medicare and Medicare Advantage programs, supplement plans and how to choose the correct Medicare plan. Topics include the four parts of Medicare (Parts A-D); enrollment periods and how to enroll. This course will help participants currently receiving Medicare as well as those preparing for the future.

**Tue, April 1;  
12:00 - 2:00 PM  
In-person**

Minimum: 6, Max: 30

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Mexican Adventure: Puerto Vallarta. Janet Leise & Sherri Schleiter**

Let's explore the rich history, culture, geography and adventure of Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

**Mon. Mar. 10; 2:00-3:30 PM**

**In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Mon. Apr. 7; 7:00-8:30 PM**

**Online**

**Moon Mammoth Site. Eric Scuoteguazza**

A "mammoth" discovery was made in the depths of Lake Pleasant in Erie County. During this presentation, we will discuss a rare find – the remains of a Woolly Mammoth that had been hunted and partially butchered by humans 14,000 years ago. The presentation will also provide insights to the earliest known inhabitants of North America and the implications of this fortunate and significant archaeological discovery.

**Wed. Mar.26;**

**12:00-1:30 PM**

**In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member - \$15.00

**NAMI: Its Significance in the Lives of Those Affected by Mental Health Conditions. Jim Clendaniel**

NAMI is the largest grassroots mental health organization. It focuses on improving the lives of those affected by mental illness, both for the mentally ill and those who love and support them. I will share my experiences and describe how NAMI has positively influenced my family members lives. Through this process, I will describe my journey as a caregiver and as a NAMI volunteer along with sharing relevant information about mental illness in America.

**Wed. Apr. 23;**

**11:30-12:30 PM**

**In-person**

Max: 30

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**PA Dept of Corrections (DOC) Explained. Brad Jester**

Lieutenant Brad Jester from the PA Department of Corrections will discuss how the department functions as well as the types of facilities within it. He will answer questions about the facilities and inmates. One of the prisons is a regional prison in Mercer, PA. If you know of persons who may be interested in working in corrections, invite them to the class as Lt. Jester is a Specialist in Recruitment and Retention. If you have questions, send them to Ruth Leo at RLEO@zoominternet.net before March 30th, 2025.

**Tue, May 5;**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**In-person**

Minimum: 6,

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Photography - Art of Seeing in Black and White. Sherri Schleiter**

Art of seeing in Black and White photography: Develop an eye for seeing in black and white to create images. Learn about well-known black and white photographers and techniques used by these photographers. Explore reasons to choose black and white images. No camera needed for class.

**Mon. Mar. 31;**

**2:00 - 3:30 PM**

**In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**POA. I'm Not Dead Yet! Durable Power of Attorney, Living Wills and Advanced Healthcare Directives. John Golden**

This class will be incredibly valuable to help you make informed decisions on how to designate a trusted person to make legal, financial, and/or healthcare decisions on your behalf if you become unable to do so. Some topics include: Durable general power of attorney (POA); healthcare POA; springing POA Living Wills; •What to include (e.g., treatment preferences, organ donation, and resuscitation instructions, surrogates); • Advanced Healthcare Directives; How to specify preferences for end-of-life care, pain management, and resuscitation; • What steps are necessary to ensure validity of documents in Pennsylvania; • Tips for discussing these decisions with family members, caregivers, and healthcare providers.

**Tue. March 25;**

**12:00 - 1:30**

**In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Sayings - Interpreting Unusual Sayings and Practices. Ruth Leo**

Learn what various words mean in our country and elsewhere. If you say "I'll be there with bells on!", what do you mean? Your friend from Australia says that a friend of yours is a "stickbeak". Should you be offended? Do you remember cross-cut saws, 8-track tapes, party-line telephones, and pin curls? Come and share your insights with others. Think about how your profession has changed in 25 to 50 years. Tell us about it.

**Thu. May 8;  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Soaring Spirit: Birds and the Human Psyche. Dave Kwasnick**

The instructor did not provide a description of this presentation. You might remember Dave from the Bird Watchers Store on New Castle Rd. in Slippery Rock, as well as previous semesters at the ILR

**Fri. May 2;  
10:00 AM - 11:30 PM  
In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Special Olympics. Janet Leise**

Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, providing year-round training and activities to 5 million participants and Unified Sports partners in 172 countries. This presentation will feature presentations by athletes and coaches who participate in Butler County Special Olympic programs. Guests: Tim Spence, Mary Pitzer and 2-3 Special Olympians.

**Mon. Apr. 28;  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**SRU - Historical Tour of SRU's Campus. Robert Watson**

Take a Power Point tour recounting the history of Slippery Rock University's beautiful 660-acre campus. From the original upper campus to the lower campus including Storm Harbor Equestrian Center and McFarland Recreational Sports Complex. Learn about the institutions stream of history beginning as a state normal school and the addition of programs and facilities that promoted its growth to a state teachers' college, state college and now a university. The class will include an optional walking tour from the Alumni House through the main campus corridor and lunch (everyone pays for themselves) at Boozle Dinning Hall.

**Thu. May 29;  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
In-person**

Minimum: 6, Max: 30

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Stress Management Through Vagus Nerve Awareness. Curtis Green**

Explore the benefits of self-generated sound, breath work, and movement to reduce the negative effects of stress. Learn the keys to unlocking vibrant living.

**Tue. May 6;  
12:00 - 2:00 PM**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**In-person**

**Two Century Quilts: Restoring Vintage Quilts. Barbara Frohne**

Quilting has been of interest for centuries both in providing warmth for one's family members and as an art form. A quilter could design and make a quilt top faster than it could be hand quilted. When a quilter passed on to her eternal rest, often several quilt tops were waiting to be finished. The presenter finds these at yard sales, auctions and thrift stores and finishes them to be displayed or used. It has become her passion. Learn how to restore these quilts through a demonstration.

**Wed. Mar. 26;  
2:00 - 3:30 PM  
In-person**

Minimum: 6,

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00



**Ukraine Refugees - From Ukraine to Ambridge WWII Refugee Orysia Hladio's Story. Orysia Hladio**

Join Orysia Hladio, and her daughter Patty, for a mother-daughter presentation sharing the trials and tribulations Orysia and her family experienced during their journey as WW II refugees. Orysia is a native of Ukraine who at the age of seven, spent the next five years, along with her parents and siblings, as refugees in Europe, immigrating to America in 1949.

**Wed. May 7;  
1:15 - 2:45 PM  
In-person**

Minimum: 6, Max: 30  
Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Ukulele - So You Want to Learn to Play the Ukulele, Good! Andy Johnson, Peggy Johnson & Janet Leise**

This four-session class will teach you the basics of uke tuning, chords, and strumming. You will learn to play a simple song in the first class. This class is a low pressure/high reward experience. Our three instructors will give you lots of attention as they gently guide you into the realm of the uke. When you sign up please indicate if you are bringing a uke or are in need of a uke. Printed instructions, tuners, and (if needed) ukes will be provided.

**Wed. Apr. 16, 23, 30,  
May 7;  
3:00 - 4:00 PM  
In-person**

Minimum: 3, Max: 8-10  
Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Writing - Guided Writers' Workshop. Dorie Schleiden**

My buddy Larry named this class! The name says a lot. We will read short excerpts from established writers, then write, share, and edit three class inspired works. Enjoy four fun-filled sessions learning more about yourself and the stories you have to tell. If you have a favorite sweater, ball cap, or worn pair of jeans...if you enjoy cooking and/or eating...if you long to find out which was Johnny Cash's favorite shirt..you already have your writing inspirations. Please join the group!

**Mon. Mar. 24 - Apr. 14;  
10:00AM - 12:00 PM  
In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Excel - A Step by Step Review and Tips. Delia Draghiciu****BONUS CLASS**

In this class you will review how to create a spreadsheet, enter data quickly, apply formulas and format data or spreadsheet. Working with tables, saving, sharing, and printing spreadsheets will be addressed. The participants will be able to create a budget-table, budget planner and tracker, invoice, contacts' agenda, mail merge, and more. Other subjects based on the participants' needs can be addressed. The laptop for presentation runs on Windows 11 and Microsoft 365. Bring your own laptop for practice. Follow-up sessions might be scheduled. This class is offered only to ILR members

**Mon. Mar. 11; 18;  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
In-person**

Maximum: 10.

**PowerPoint for Teaching Presentations. Delia Draghiciu****BONUS CLASS**

This class will review basic knowledge and tools to create a PPP (e.g.: enter text, shapes, pictures, format content, and apply a design). Next, the participants will learn how to add effects to the presentation (such as animation, video & audio, and transitions) and manage settings for a makeover. A guide for presenting and creating effective teaching presentations will be combined with examples and demonstrations. Saving, sharing and printing options are among the topics. The laptop for presentation runs on Windows 11 and Microsoft 365. Participants must bring their own laptops for practice. Follow-up sessions might be scheduled at the end of the class. Presenters with experience are invited to share their tips and wisdom. This class is offered only to ILR members

**Tue. Mar. 10, 17;  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
In-person**

Maximum: 10.

**Ice Cream Social. Kathy Flood & Debbie Bell & Rich Thornhill****EARLY DEADLINE!**

The recently revived Social Committee invites you to an Ice Cream Social to open the Spring 25 semester. Ice cream, toppings, beverages, and most important, social interaction with other members, will be provided. We need you to register for this event so we have enough ice cream! Hope to see you there!

Deadline for registration: **March 12.**

**Wed. Mar. 19;  
1:00 - 4:00 PM****In-person**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$0.00