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FALL 2026 CATALOG

Welcome

Dear CLL Community,

Welcome to Fall 2026 at the USCA Center for Lifelong Learning. You bring your experience and your time. We provide the courses, the instructors, and the resources of a comprehensive university. Together, we produce meaningful learning, stronger credentials, and deeper community connections.

USC Aiken's mission calls on this university to serve as a center for innovation through entrepreneurial partnerships, public service, educational outreach, and community leadership. Your participation fulfills this mission. When you step on campus, you join a learning ecosystem where *careers, credentials, and community connect*.

This catalog features courses built for you. Every course reflects an instructor's direct, practical knowledge of the subject. Our curriculum spans professional development, workforce training, and lifelong enrichment, all designed to move you forward on your schedule.

I ask three things of you this semester.

First, enroll. Find the course matching your interests. Show up. Participate fully.

Second, share your expertise. Teach or volunteer with us. Our programs thrive because people in this community give their time and talent.

Third, spread the word. Invite a friend, a neighbor, or a former colleague. A personal recommendation does more than any advertisement.

You make USC Aiken's vision real. Every enrollment and every connection you form strengthens the Aiken community.

We built this semester for you. I look forward to seeing you here.

Warm regards,

Robert A. Murphy. MBA

Executive Director, USCA External Studies
University of South Carolina Aiken

Welcome to Continuing Education and Center for Lifelong Learning!

We are delighted to have you as part of a community that believes learning never stops.

Our Center offers adults the opportunity to explore new interests, build friendships, and continue growing through a variety of engaging classes and experiences.

From general interest topics that inspire curiosity to technology classes that help us stay connected in today's world, there is truly something for everyone.

Whether you are here to learn a new skill, meet new people, or simply enjoy the rewarding experience of lifelong learning, we are grateful you are interested in being part of our Center.

We also warmly invite you to **join us for our Open House on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in the **Business and Education Building, Room 122.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our team, learn more about our programs, receive assistance with registration and class sign-ups, and ask any questions you may have about our courses and activities.

We would love to welcome you in person and help you begin your next learning journey with us.

Welcome, and we look forward to learning with you!

Debbi Brooks

President
Advisory Board
Center for Lifelong Learning

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WHERE CAREERS, CREDENTIALS, AND COMMUNITY CONNECT

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USCA External Programs exists to move you forward.

Earn professional credentials backed by university resources. Advance your career through workforce training built for working adults. Pursue lifelong enrichment on your schedule. Our conference center serves as a learning ecosystem; hosting corporate training, professional development, and community gatherings on a university campus designed to welcome you. You gain more than courses. You gain a partner committed to your success and our region's strength.

Mission

External Programs connects USC Aiken's resources to the people who need them. We deliver lifelong learning, workforce training, and continuing education that fits real adult lives and drives real career and personal growth.

Vision

External Programs is the place adults in our region turn to first when they want to learn something new, advance their career, or stay sharp at any stage of life.



USCA

Center for Lifelong Learning

The Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) is a community outreach program of the Department of External Programs at the University of South Carolina Aiken, CLL offers an array of non-credit short courses and events of interests to adults in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA). Offerings cover a broad range of topics, both General Interest and Personal Technology. Offerings are for personal enrichment, non-academic credit, and there are no tests or grades. Each semester's curriculum is created and managed by a group of dedicated volunteers under the direction of the voluntary curriculum committee. Instructors are drawn from current and retired USCA Faculty and from many experts in diverse fields located in our community

Mission Statement

The mission of the Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) is to provide both structured and informal continuing education opportunities for adults in the CSRA in conjunction with USCA. These opportunities shall include in-person lecture classes, technology classes, field trips, and social events.

Who Are We?

We are an organization of people from a variety of backgrounds. We share a common interest in continued learning experiences and intellectual stimulation. Not only do we offer lecture courses, but also technology courses for individuals who want to develop or increase their skills in everyday technology. There are no tests or grades. Our courses and activities are planned and implemented by our members. We design our own curriculum and utilize instructors from USCA faculty (current and retired), from our own membership, and from experts in the community.

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CLL MEMBER'S GUIDE

Registration & Membership Fees

As an outreach program, our fees allow us to offer high-quality courses and events to our students. To participate in any Center for Lifelong Learning course or event, a **membership fee of \$35 per student, per season** is required.

The Fall 2026 season runs from August 11, 2026, through November 18, 2026. The membership fee supports per-student costs paid to USCA for classroom use and administrative services, and also helps fund occasional social events for our students. Each class you register for will have a separate fee. Class fees are based on the number of sessions and allow us to compensate our instructors.

Occasionally, there may be an additional charge for class materials; any such fees will be noted in the course description. Registration forms can be found on pages 45 and 46. You may also register in person at Open House on **August 11, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** in the **Business and Education Building, Room 122**.

Registration Information:

Register Online:

Online registration opens **August 11, 2026 at 9:00 AM**.

🌐 **Visit: aikenlearning.org/online.html**
Enter the link directly into your web browser.

After Open House In-Person Registration:

After the Open House, in-person registration assistance will be available **Monday through Thursday from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM:**

📍 **Room 104, Business and Education Building, USCA.**

Important Update:

In alignment with university policy, we are no longer able to accept registration by phone or mail. All registration must be completed online or in person.

No refunds will be issued; only credits will be provided unless the course is canceled by External Programs. Please note that classes with limited enrollment are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Credits will only be issued for cancellation if submitted at least 3 days in advance.

Photo Release Policy

As a member, you agree that your photo may be used for promotional purposes only. If you prefer that your photo not be used, please contact External Programs at **803 - 641 - 3741** or **info@aikenlearning.org**.

CLL MEMBER'S GUIDE

Campus Parking Information & Rules

Most classes and events are held on the USCA campus. A free parking decal is required and must be displayed on the driver's side windshield. Decals are available from the External Program Office and at the CLL Open House and are valid for the current academic year (expiring each August). Please bring your driver's license and vehicle registration to obtain your decal. Students and visitors must park in spaces marked with white lines only. Spaces marked with yellow lines are reserved for USCA faculty and staff - violations may result in a ticket from campus police.

CLL Website – [Aikenlearning.org](http://www.aikenlearning.org)

We are excited to announce that our website has a new look, designed to be more modern, user-friendly, and easier to navigate. We invite you to explore www.aikenlearning.org, where you will find complete course information, the current downloadable CLL Catalog, an interactive calendar of the current semester's classes and activities, current and recent issues of *The Spiral* newsletter, and the latest news, and updates from the Center for Lifelong Learning.

Flexible Planning: Watch for Updates

Dates, times, and room locations listed in this catalog are subject to change at any time. We encourage students to remain flexible and check their email and websites announcements (USCA.edu) daily for the most current information.



In the event of severe weather, the USCA campus may close. We encourage students to check the university's official announcements at www.usca.edu to confirm whether campus is open or closed before coming to class.

Code of Conduct: Our Community Standards

The Center for Lifelong Learning is a community of intellectually active adults. Membership entails mutual respect among members and instructors as they pursue knowledge and explore individual interests. Failure to treat ideas, viewpoints, the classroom environment, and interests of other members of the community, as well as staff and volunteers, with respect and civility will not be tolerated. CLL administration and volunteer leadership are responsible for ensuring the Code of Conduct is being followed in all our sponsored programs.

This CLL Code of Conduct is congruent with that for students at USCA, promoting behavior that enables enlightened discourse among individuals.

CLL MEMBERSHIP PERKS

CLL members are eligible for special offers from the following places:

Library – Access computers and borrow books.

Bookstore – 10% on all logo merchandise, drinkware, apparel, and gift items.

Campus Food Service – The cafe at the Student Activities Center is open to all CLL members.

Planetarium – Senior Discount: \$5.50.

Wellness Center – Contact (803) 641-3641.

Natatorium – Contact (803) 641-3431.

USCA Athletic Events – Pay senior rate for admission; varies with sport.

Two General Interest Class Guest Passes

Bring up to two guests! Request tickets through the Department of External Programs, Business and Education Building, Room 104. Passes are redeemable for guest accompaniment to one (1) session of a general interest class each. Technology classes and limited-enrollment classes are excluded. Please contact our office in advance to confirm eligibility, as all redemptions are subject to approval and availability

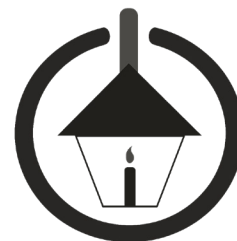
USCA Admissions Office: Learning Audit Class Opportunities for Adults 60+

This program is administered through the USCA Admissions Office, not the Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL). South Carolina residents who are at least 60 years of age may be eligible to audit regular undergraduate and graduate courses for no academic credit, on a space-available basis, provided they meet university admission and other applicable requirements. Please note that application fees are not covered under this policy and are the responsibility of the applicant.

For eligibility details and application assistance, please contact the USCA Admissions Office:
☎ (803) 641-3366

SAVE THE DATE!

CLL Events



OPEN HOUSE – FALL 2026

Attend to get your questions answered and register in person.

 **Date:** Tuesday, August 11, 2026

 **Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

 **Location:** Business and Education Bldg., Room 122

Our Open House is a great opportunity to meet our team and amazing volunteers. During this event, we will assist you with class registration, answer questions, and help you get fully set for the season. You will also receive your membership ID and parking decal (valid for 1 year: August 2026 – August 2027). To keep the energy going, we will be serving coffee and pastries.

Please note that due to our full focus on the Open House, we will not be able to respond to phone calls during the event. If you still need assistance, please call us the following day.

CLL Holiday Drop-In Reception

 **Date:** Wednesday, December 2, 2026

 **Time:** 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

 **Location:** Etherredge Center Lobby

Join us for a festive Holiday Drop-In Reception as we celebrate the end of the year with our CLL community. This is a wonderful opportunity to relax, connect with friends, and wish one another Happy Holidays in a warm and joyful setting.

We will be serving delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages, along with live music from our Fun Band to keep the celebration lively and festive!

An email reminder will be sent to members in November, and an **RSVP is required to attend**.

There is no charge for CLL members. If a member would like to bring a guest, a nominal fee will be collected at the time of RSVP.



CLL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Center for Lifelong Learning is proud to partner with Cumberland Village, whose commitment to resident wellness continues to create meaningful opportunities for learning, connection, and personal growth.

As part of Cumberland Village's focus on supporting the well-being of its residents, their team encouraged and assisted residents in enrolling in Center for Lifelong Learning classes - helping with course selection, registration, and transportation to campus.

Through this partnership, residents were able to return to the classroom, reconnect with learning, and enjoy new experiences alongside fellow lifelong learners.

This collaboration reflects the shared belief of Cumberland Village and the Center for Lifelong Learning that learning has no age limit.

We are honored to celebrate Cumberland Village residents whose enthusiasm and dedication remind us all that curiosity, growth, and discovery can continue throughout every stage of life.



Photos courtesy of Cumberland Village

CLL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

A Scholarship That Inspires Growth and Opportunity

At the USC Aiken Center for Lifelong Learning, we believe education creates opportunity, confidence, and connection across generations.

This year, we were honored to award scholarships to James Hutchinson and Audrey Blessing through USCA LIFE. In her thank-you note, Audrey shared how meaningful this support has been in helping her continue learning and growing as a leader.

Her parents also expressed their gratitude, sharing how much the scholarship means to their family and how deeply they appreciate the Center's commitment to making education accessible.

Their words are a meaningful reminder of the lasting impact of lifelong learning. We are grateful to be part of Audrey's journey and proud to support students as they pursue their goals, discover new possibilities, and build their future.

Dear Members of USCA Center for Lifelong Learning,

Thank you for giving me your scholarship. It is meaningful to me because the Pacer Life Scholarship will allow me to step up and be a leader. I have been learning how to be responsible, and this award will help me be a better me.

I really enjoyed eating a meal with you and meeting all of you. I hope you all enjoy your summer. It was nice to learn that you are students too.

Your scholarship will help me to learn to work really hard. One of my goals for next year is to be a leader. Your scholarship will help me with that too. Sincerely,

Audrey B



Dear Members of the USCA Center for Lifelong Learning,

We were honored to join you at your yearly reception in honor of Mr. Kauffman, and we enjoyed learning more about your organization. What an inspiring group of learners you are! Thank you for letting us join your celebration.

Your gift toward Audrey's education is a powerful statement to the world about your desire to make education accessible to everyone. Your generosity speaks volumes. Thank you for supporting Audrey as she too becomes a Lifelong Learner! Betty Ann Blessing

With Gratitude

Audrey Blessing and her family shared this heartfelt note after Audrey received a scholarship through USCA LIFE. Their words reflect the lasting impact of education, encouragement, and community.

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Course Descriptions

1. LINE DANCING

Date: 5 Mondays: Aug 17, 24, 31; Sept 7, 14

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: Aiken County Shriner Club
1526 Columbia Hwy N., Aiken 29801

Class Size Limit: 45

Instructor: **Brenda Taylor** is a lifetime resident of Aiken; an active lifetime member and past president of CSRA Shag Club Aiken-Augusta; a line dance and Carolina shag instructor; a member of SOS in North Myrtle Beach, SC for over 30 years. She teaches and attends club events all over the South.

Description: Line dancing is a choreographed dance with a repeated sequence of steps in which a group of people dance in one or more lines or rows without regard for partnering, all executing the steps at the same time. Lessons begin with basic steps, broken down and taught slowly for beginners and progress to more intermediate dances. A new dance is taught each week and dances learned in previous weeks are reviewed. Line dancing provides good exercise and is great food for the heart and brain as well as a way to meet new friends. Come out and join the fun. *Note: One session will occur on Labor Day.

2. REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT: HOW SMART GROWTH AND LAND CONSERVATION CAN MAKE CITIES HAPPIER, HEALTHIER AND WEALTHIER

Date: 2 Mondays: Aug 24, 31

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

NEW

Instructor: **Dr. Mike Zang** has worked in land management, conservation, environmental education, and various forms of community development. He recently graduated with a PhD in urban and regional planning from Florida State University, where he studied the impacts of grassroot, community-based organizations on local environmental planning efforts in Milwaukee, WI.

Description: Making cities more sustainable in the 21st century will require much more than renewable energy, autonomous and electric vehicles, and buying organic produce at Whole Foods with reusable bags. This 2-part course focuses on smart growth and land conservation as complementary actions for regional growth management. We will cover various smart growth and conservation tactics at the level of the block,

neighborhood, and district - such as mixed-use zoning, transit-oriented development, and transfer of development rights programs. We will also discuss how sustainable urbanism is critical not only for landscape-scale ecosystem health but also for human health and psychosocial well-being.

3. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS FOR BOOMERS: 1952-2024

Date: 2 Mondays: Aug 24, 31

Time: 12:30 - 1:45 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Bob Botsch** was a political science professor at USCA from 1978 until 2015. He taught classes on presidential politics about 15 times, and a special presidential elections course each fall during every election from 1980 through 2012.

Description: Presidential elections can serve as mileposts in our lives. Baby Boomers might remember elections as early as 1952, and as they came of age in the elections that took place in the later decades. I will discuss each of these elections from two perspectives.

1. Personal, as I became aware of politics and government and its impact on my own life.
2. As a political scientist who applied theories to understand election outcomes and changes over time. My goal is to encourage the audience to think about their own lives and their relationship to presidential elections.

4. THE MICROBIOME AND IMPLICATIONS FOR HUMAN HEALTH

Date: 2 Tuesdays: Aug 25; Sept 1

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Andy Dyer** is a retired biology professor at USC Aiken. He has published two general science books: one on pesticide resistance and agriculture (Chasing the Red Queen, 2014) and the second on the microbiome (Eaters Digest, 2022). His interest in life-history patterns led him to study cemeteries, death certificates and old documents to better understand the people, places and things in Aiken County over the past 200 years.

Description: The Microbiome is now the center of attention in terms of managing human health. Numerous “modern diseases” are being linked to imbalances in the microbiome. What is the microbiome? How does it affect our health? How does this affect what we think about food and our diet? We will discuss the basic question “What is nutrition?” to help us understand the role of the microbiome.

5. SRS NUCLEAR WEAPONS POWERHOUSE: ORIGINS, TRITIUM AND PIT PRODUCTION

Date: 3 Tuesdays: Aug 25, Sept 1, 8

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Chuck Goergen** earned a BS in Chemistry from the University of Detroit. He spent his career of over 40 years at the Savannah River Site working with nuclear materials in numerous facilities across the site. He spent a year on loan to the DOE Office of Nuclear Weapons and has interfaced with many DOE sites and liaised with the IAEA. His international work took him to Japan, Austria, the UK, and Russia. He enjoys ancient and military history as well as coin collecting.

Description: The origin of SRS, history, mission, and timeline, as well as changes and evolution of the Site, will be described. Construction included five heavy-water reactors, two chemical separations areas, a fuel/target, heavy water, tritium, research, and administrative areas, as well as supporting infrastructure. The first products were plutonium and tritium for nuclear weapons.

The site plays a vital role in the Nuclear Weapons Complex. The basic function of plutonium and tritium in weapon systems will be introduced. SRS has the US's only tritium extraction, purification, enrichment, and reservoir loading facilities. The NNSA has a project to build a plutonium pit production facility to refurbish the stockpile. Its role and production processes will be covered.

6. BRITISH REVOLUTION WAR STRATEGIES

Date: 2 Tuesdays: Aug 25; Sept 1

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **John Karas** is a graduate of the University of Toledo and has taught at Harper College in Illinois. He has held executive positions in three Fortune 500 corporations before founding an international corporation, leading to many years of international travel. After retirement, he served as Senior Energy Policy advisor to a U.S. Congressman.

Description: After almost 2 years of war, the British and Rebels are at a stalemate. Britain devised a Northern Strategy to divide the New England states (where the troublemakers were) from the rest of America. Likewise, they developed a Southern Strategy to divide the southern states from the northern states. But the Southern Strategy included a contingency plan as well.



7. A WRITING WORKSHOP: SHARING STORIES OF FARMING AND AGRICULTURE

Date: 2 Wednesdays: Aug 26; Sept 2

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Walter B. Curry, Jr.**, an Orangeburg native, holds a doctorate in education. He founded Renaissance Publications & Educational Programs, LLC to explore African American history and his Aiken County ancestry. An award-winning author and Author-In-Residence at the Aiken Center for the Arts, he promotes historical preservation and education across South Carolina.

Description: Celebrate the heart of rural South Carolina in this evocative Communal Pen writing workshop. Guided by Dr. Curry, you'll draw inspiration from ancestral books and original paintings to unearth and document your own agricultural roots. Whether you're a seasoned writer or a first-time storyteller, this session—presented in partnership with Coastal Carolina University's Atheneum Press—offers a supportive space to honor the farmers who built our landscape. Join us and leave with a meaningful start on preserving your family's unique legacy.

8. CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE EAR, HOW IT WORKS, HOW IT BREAKS, AND WHAT HEARING AIDS CAN AND CANNOT DO

Date: Wednesday: Aug 26

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144



Instructor: **Dr. Jillian Barrett** has been an audiologist, researcher, musician and university instructor for more than 30 years. She has a private practice in downtown Aiken. She earned her doctorate from the University of Kansas Medical Center. She tests hearing, fits hearing aids, and serves as a VA Qualified Medical Examiner.

Description: How do we hear? What happens to our ears as we age (if you're over 20 years of age, this is you!)? Why can't I hear a noise? Why do I hear better with my eyes open? Why are hearing aids so expensive, and why don't they work as well as eye glasses?

9. CRUISE THE GREAT CIRCLE IN YOUR PRIVATE YACHT

Date: 2 Wednesdays: Aug 26; Sept 2
Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cost:** \$8
Location: B&E Room 144



Instructor: Butch Rachal and his wife, Lynne, lived and cruised aboard their motor yacht, Aisling, from 1999 to 2006. Butch was a licensed captain and planned all their cruises, including the mistakes. They are now 'Clods'- Cruisers Living on Dirt in Aiken.

Description: Come join us for an account of a cruise on a private yacht that circumnavigates the Eastern US. The journey includes the Intracoastal Waterway, Erie Canal, Great Lakes and the river system from Chicago, Illinois, to Mobile, Alabama.

10. CHANGING LIVES EVERY DAY: THE IMPACT OF TRI-DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF AIKEN COUNTY, INC.

Date: Wednesday: Aug 26
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Cost:** \$5
Location: B&E Room 144



Instructor: Heather Waddell is the Executive Director for Tri-Development Center (TDC) of Aiken County, Inc. She has served in many roles during her tenure with the agency (almost 27 years). Heather is committed to maintaining a focus on the needs of people with intellectual disabilities and special needs and improving services. She has a BS in Sociology from Georgia Southern University and an MS in Business from Southern Wesleyan University.

Description: Discover the history and heart of Tri-Development Center and its lasting impact on individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Aiken County. Participants will gain insight into the agency's founding, its evolution over the years, and the innovative programs and services that have shaped the lives of countless individuals and families. The course will also examine how Tri-Development Center has adapted to changing needs, policies, and best practices while remaining steadfast in its commitment to dignity, independence, and inclusion. Attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of the critical role community-based providers, like Tri-Development Center, play in strengthening local systems of care and advancing opportunities for those with disabilities.



11. IRISH TRAVELER ORIGIN DEBATES: THE ANCESTRY OF THE IRISH TRAVELERS

Date: 2 Wednesdays: Aug 26; Sept 2
Time: 3:30 - 4:45 PM **Cost:** \$8
Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: Dr. Zara Browne is an anthropologist who dedicated her doctoral research to the Irish Traveler community of Murphy Village in North Augusta, SC. She specializes in nomadic and separatist communities. Zara's work in Murphy Village has been featured in multiple news outlets, including The Post and Courier and Augusta Today.

Description: What are the ancestral origins of the people who call themselves Irish Travelers? Are they Irish? Are they Roma? What outsiders call "Gypsy?" Or perhaps some other ancestry altogether? In two class meetings, you will learn about the historical (and current) debates about the ancestral origins of the Irish Traveler community, research studies revealing the results of their genetic drift findings, how Irish Travelers and non-Irish Travelers talk about Irish Traveler "difference" in Ireland, their ancestry testing results today, and Irish Traveler theories about their "blood." This is the first course of the "Irish Traveler Origin Debates" series.

12. INSPIRATIONAL JOURNEY OF DR. MATILDA ARABELLA EVANS

Date: Thursday: Aug 27
Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$5
Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: Dr. Walter B. Curry, Jr., an Orangeburg native, holds a doctorate in education. He founded Renaissance Publications & Educational Programs, LLC, to explore African American history and his Aiken County ancestry. An award-winning author and Author-In-Residence at the Aiken Center for the Arts, he promotes historical preservation and education across South Carolina. Dr. Curry is the co-author of the book, "South Carolina Matilda A. Evans: A Medical Pioneer."

Description: This course explores the remarkable life and legacy of Dr. Matilda Arabella Evans (1872-1935), South Carolina's first African American woman physician. Born post-slavery and raised in Aiken County, Dr. Evans became a fervent champion for improved healthcare and civic rights for African Americans, especially children. The course will examine how her early experiences, deep religious faith, and physician work allowed her to significantly enhance healthcare accessibility for families during the challenging era of racial segregation.

13. ELIZABETH VAN LEW: PRESERVATIONIST OF THE UNION

Date: Thursday: Aug 27

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Beverly Eggert**, retired Beaufort Co. English teacher, served as the featured lecturer and program director for the Beaufort County History Center/Beaufort Co. Library lecture series. She also served as the program director and lecturer for the Santa Elena History Center in Beaufort and was a lecturer for the South Carolina Humanities Festival.

Description: Elizabeth Van Lew (1818-1900) was a prominent socialite who risked fortune and social standing to preserve the Union and oppose slavery. She became one of the Union's most effective spymasters during the Civil War. Miss Lizzie organized and led an interracial spy ring in the heart of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia. Her network of spies played a vital role in the famous 1864 breakout from Libby Prison, where her agents helped 109 Union officers escape through a secret tunnel. Despite being ostracized by her community after the war, she remained a lifelong advocate for civil rights and women's suffrage.

14. iPHONE 101

Date: 3 Thursdays: Aug 27; Sept 3, 10

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$20

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Vicki Gibboney** has a BS in Education. She has taught elementary school. She has taught and coached for the Center's Technology Section for over 20 years. She is a life subscriber to insider.iphonelife.com.

Description: Learn the basics. In this hands-on course, we will cover the following: Navigating the iPhone, Passwords and Passcodes, screen gestures, apps, the Dock, Contacts and how to make a phone call. You will also learn how to use the Clock app. There is more to it than you think. Students must bring their charged devices to the class. This course is for beginners to advanced beginners.

15. THE STRATEGIES OF ESTATE PLANNING

Date: 3 Thursdays: Aug 27; Sept 3, 10

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Cost:** \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Karl G. Lutterloh** is an Attorney with the LawyerLisa team. Prior to joining LawyerLisa, Karl was President & Senior Trust Officer for a bank's Trust Division. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law and the University of Florida, where he obtained his LL.M in Taxation.

Description: Estate planning is more than just creating documents - it's about having the right strategies in place for every stage of life. In this three-part series, we'll explore the different types of trusts and how they work, discuss proactive planning while you are healthy to protect your future, and examine strategies for navigating illness or crisis through Life Care Planning. Each session builds on the last, helping you understand how thoughtful planning today can protect your assets, your choices, and your family tomorrow.

16. INTRODUCING MR & MRS. WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, OWNERS OF JOYE COTTAGE

Date: 3 Fridays: Aug 28; Sept 4, 11

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Marty Bailey** owns Tailored Tours of Aiken and is a self-described history enthusiast who loves history, especially as it pertains to Aiken and the people who called it "home." She enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, and traveling, when she's not researching or providing tours.

Description: The Whitneys weren't just winter colonists in Aiken. They were a couple who made front-page headlines across the country because of their romance, were part of the "400" list of Mrs. John Astor, and whose story continues to pique the interest of so many today. Come learn who these two people really were, what their relationship was like, and how they proudly held their own in the Gilded Age.

17. MARY SURRATT-ASSASSINATION CONSPIRATOR?

Date: Monday: Aug 31

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Beverly Eggert**, a retired Beaufort County English teacher, served as the featured lecturer and program director for the Beaufort County History Center/Beaufort County Library lecture series. She also served as the program director and lecturer for the Santa Elena History Center in Beaufort and was a lecturer for the South Carolina Humanities Festival.

Description: Mary Surratt (1823 - 1865) was an American boarding house owner who became the first woman executed by the United States federal government for her involvement in the conspiracy to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln. She was hanged on July 7, 1865. An ongoing historical debate exists regarding whether she was a key conspirator or merely a participant in the assassination. After hearing the evidence, what will be your decision?

18. THE HISTORY AND SECRET LANGUAGE OF VICTORIAN HAND FANS

Date: Tuesday: Sept 1

Time: 2:30 - 3:30 PM

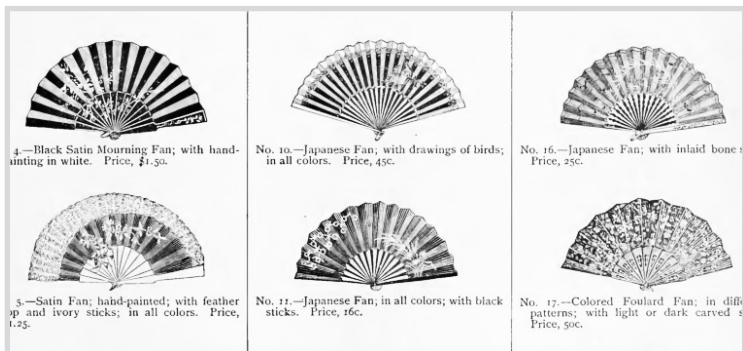
Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144



Instructor: **Jennifer Bowers** is a living historian for the National Park Service. She specializes in niche historical narratives, bringing history to life while wearing historically accurate clothing. She is a graduate of USCA, a Navy Veteran, and enjoys dogs, yoga, & kayaking.

Description: Uncover the art of silent seduction and social signaling from a member of FANA, the Fan Association of North America! This presentation traces the hand fan's journey from invention to status symbol, to the essential fashion accessory of the Victorian era, and beyond. With a borrowed fan, learn to decode the "secret language" - where drawing a fan along your cheek meant "I love you" - or did it?



19. EDGEFIELD IS PEACHY KEEN

Date: 3 Wednesdays: Sept 2, 9, 16

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Tonya A. Browder Guy** graduated from North Augusta High School in 1988 and received a BA cum laude in History from the University of South Carolina at Aiken in 1992. She is currently the Director of the Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society library in Johnston, SC.

Description: Edgefield County has a rich heritage that spans over 200 years. This series will explore this area, which is the "Gateway to Southern History."

Session 1: "Edgefield County History and Legacy." Edgefield County is known for many attributes. We will explore this section of South Carolina, recognized for pottery, peaches, politics and more.

Session 2: "Notable Burials." Many notable individuals were produced in this county who helped shape the history of the state and nation.

Session 3: "Murder and Mayhem." Edgefield County has a fascinating, bloody past. We will explore some of the more bizarre incidents.

20. THEORY OF GENERATIONS

Date: Wednesday: Sept 2

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Phillip B. Bridgmon** is the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of South Carolina Aiken (USCA), a role he began on July 1, 2024. Before joining USCA, he served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Central Missouri. He earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Alabama and has completed specialized studies at Harvard, Cornell, and the University of Michigan.

Description: This short course explores Strauss and Howe's Generational Theory, offering students insight into recurring generational cycles. Through the development of a generational framework rooted in historical epochs, students will examine how generational archetypes are both products and producers of history and societal change. The course highlights key generational eras with a focus on Baby Boomers, Silent, Gen X and Millennials. Students will better understand generational dynamics and anticipate future societal trends.

21. THE LINGUISTICS OF GULLAH GEECHEE AND AFRICAN AMERICAN ENGLISH

Date: 4 Thursdays: Sept 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Cost: \$12

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. John "Spud" McCullough** is an Aiken native who received his PhD in Sociolinguistics from the University of South Carolina and his master's from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Language Documentation and Conservation. He is currently a Lexicographer for the forthcoming Oxford Dictionary of African American English.

Description: This course is an introduction to the linguistic tapestry of African American Language, with an emphasis on Gullah Geechee, an English-based creole language spoken mainly in the Southern Lowcountry. This course will focus on the basics of sociolinguistics and linguistic anthropology and use this knowledge to better understand the role language plays in all of our lives, especially with regard to the relationship between culture and language. Students will learn how our perceptions of race, ethnicity, and class have shaped the linguistic landscape of the African American diaspora, specifically appreciating the contributions of African American Language and Gullah Geechee to the English language.

22. GETTING ALONG WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

Date: 4 Thursdays: Sept 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$12

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Tim McClendon** is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of SC, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston, and holds a doctorate from Emory University in Atlanta, where his dissertation focused on the use of Family Systems Theory in interpersonal relationships.

Description: Everyone has difficult people in their lives. This course will utilize personal discovery, family systems, and successful strategies for getting along with others.

23. WOLLSTONECRAFT. HERE?

Date: Thursday: Sept 3

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144



Instructor: **Dr. Nancy Mastro** spent 40 years in K-12 education in Minnesota as a teacher and administrator. She also taught graduate and undergraduate courses at the university level. In retirement, she writes historical fiction. In 2025, Black Rose Writing published her debut, *Solitary Walker: A Novel of Mary Wollstonecraft*. She lives in Aiken.

Description: Did you know that the writings of eighteenth-century British philosopher Mary Wollstonecraft helped inspire the women's rights movement in America during the middle of the nineteenth century, including the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls in 1848? Her writings also influenced the march toward suffrage and helped shape the women's equal rights movement in America during the twentieth century. In this hour-long course, we'll look at how and who was most influenced.

24. SRNL: SCIENCE AND TECH FRONTIERS

Date: 3 Thursdays: Sept 3, 10, 17

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Cost: \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructors: **Dr. Henning Back** is a senior physicist at Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) who has spent a quarter of a century in underground physics research, from fundamental physics searching for dark matter and neutrinoless double beta decay to applied radiation detection for nuclear nonproliferation and environmental science. He is an internationally recognized expert in radiopure materials and ultra-sensitive low-background radiation detection. At SRNL, he is leading the effort to establish the Facility for Underground Science and Engineering (FUSE) by taking advantage of the Underground Counting Facility (UCF) at SRNL.

Dr. Andrew Thomas is a research meteorologist/atmospheric scientist at the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL). Prior to coming to SRNL, he did research in air quality modeling at Penn State and tropical cyclones that interacted with the land at UGA. Since coming to SRNL, he has worked on numerical weather prediction, atmospheric turbulence, dispersion, atmospheric chemistry, lightning, wildfire-atmosphere modeling, machine learning applications, and the application of numerical methods.

Dr. Jose Cortes Concepcion has Savannah River National Laboratory as a focal point of his 15+ year career, where he currently serves as Hydrogen Isotope Process Science Manager. He has extensive expertise in R&D management, heterogeneous catalysis, and materials characterization.

Description: Explore what SRNL is currently working on at the intersection of cutting-edge technologies and their applications across diverse scientific disciplines in this one-of-a-kind course. From innovations in atmospheric technologies that monitor and protect Earth's climate to ultra-sensitive radiation-detection methods that enhance national security, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the critical advancements shaping our world. The course also delves into tritium processing technologies, providing valuable insight into its safe handling and essential applications in energy and defense.

25. RETURN TO THE MOON

Date: 2 Fridays: Sept 4, 11

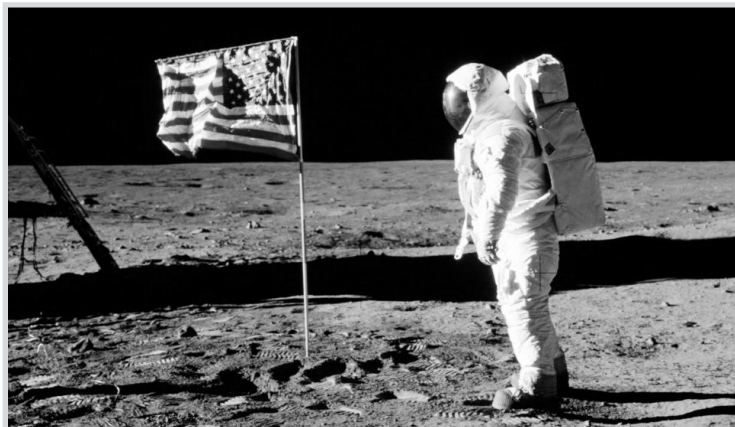
Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Cost: \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Walt Kubilius** is a retired geologist from the Savannah River Site. He has been teaching LLC classes on various science and history topics since 2011.

Description: Now that NASA is planning to return to the Moon, we will do the same. This slide-illustrated two-session class will trace how the scientific understanding of the Moon's nature and origin evolved from the pre-spaceflight years, through the Space Race, and into the post-Apollo era. We'll explore the moon's surface using lander and orbital photos and discuss NASA's plans for a Moon base program.



26. KOREA - THE FORGOTTEN WAR (1950 - 1953)

Date: Tuesday: Sept 8

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Edward Seufert** retired from SRS as a mechanical engineer. Ed is an avid amateur historian with a keen interest in the Revolutionary War, American Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

Description: This course will cover the major aspects of the Korean War including: The Division of Korea after WWII; The N Korean invasion of S Korea (June 25, 1950); Crisis at the Pusan Perimeter; MacArthur's brilliant amphibious landing at INCHON; The UN Advance into N Korea; Communist China enters the war; The Marine retreat from Chosin Reservoir; Armistice, not Peace (1953). A PDF file of the lecture will be available on the CLL website.

27. WHAT IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)?

Date: Tuesday: Sept 8

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Larry Deschaine**, Data Science Team Lead at Savannah River National Laboratory, brings 40 years of expertise in making complex technology accessible. His approachable style ensures you gain valuable, applicable AI skills. Join us for this unique opportunity to learn how to make technology work for you.

Description: This course demystifies Artificial Intelligence (AI) for adults seeking to understand how AI shapes our modern world and impacts daily life. No technical background is required – just bring your curiosity and life experience. Are you curious about ChatGPT, wondering about AI in healthcare, or concerned about how AI might affect your profession and the future of work? This course provides a clear, jargon-free exploration of AI technology and its real-world applications. Through interactive discussions and hands-on demonstrations, you'll gain practical knowledge about using AI tools while understanding both their potential and limitations.

28. HANDS-ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE: FROM COOKIES TO QUARKS

Date: 3 Tuesdays: Sept 8, 15, 22

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM **Cost:** \$10

Location: RPSEC Room 117

Class Size Limit: 27

Instructor: **Bill Wabbersen**, a nuclear engineer, worked at the Savannah River Site for almost 30 years and retired from SRNS and later from NNSA. Bill has conducted nuclear science educational outreach activities across the US. Honors include the ANS Landis Public Communication and Education Award and CNTA's Nuclear Service Award.

Description: This course will provide students with a broad and basic understanding of nuclear science fundamentals. Students will learn about the atomic nucleus, isotopes, radiation, radioactive half-life, and the uses of nuclear technology in our world today in a unique and approachable manner. Each of the three sessions will involve innovative, easy-to-understand, hands-on activities, performed in pairs or teams, designed to engage students and to reinforce key concepts. In one "hands-on" activity, students "fission" Oreo cookies to simulate the nuclear process. In another activity, students determine the "half-life" of M&M candies. Bonus: The cookies and candy can be consumed at the end of the activities.

29. EXERCISE IS MEDICINE

Date: 2 Wednesdays: Sept 9, 16

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Mila L. Padgett** is the Executive Director of Campus Wellbeing at the University of South Carolina Aiken. She has a master's degree in Exercise Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and has been in the field of wellness for 25 years. She is a certified health and wellness coach with Wellcoaches and FASTerWay. "My passion revolves around helping people realize they have all the power and can take control over their health. My role is to give you the tools and strategies to believe in yourself and take that first step."

Description: Exercise is a vital component in maintaining our physical and mental health as we age. This series will include two lectures that introduce four areas of exercise that will help to maintain strength, heart health and joint mobility. Each student will also be given a one-week Gold Class Pass to attend any of the Group Fitness Classes for older adults in the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center.

30. IPHONE 102

Date: 3 Wednesdays: Sept 9, 16, 23

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$20

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructors: **Cherry Johnson** has an MBA and has done leadership training in the past. She has been a coach on the tech side for CLL for several years. Gretchen Pooler has been a coach for the iPhone courses for over 8 years and an instructor for the last two semesters.

Description: This hands-on course will cover the new offerings in iOS26 as well as basic knowledge of commonly used Apple apps and features such as Email, Calendar, Passwords, Maps, Messages/Tests, Translate and more. Students should have an iPhone 11 or later (including the SE 2nd generation). Students must bring their charged phone to class, with the iOS 26 update installed, if possible.

31. WHO'S AFRAID OF OPERA

Date: 6 Wednesdays: Sept 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct 7, 14

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cost:** \$18

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: Dr. Maureen Simpson has performed in over two dozen operas in the United States and Europe, as well as numerous appearances with symphonies and choral societies. She attended the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia and the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. Dr. Simpson is currently Artistic Director of the Aiken Choral Society.

Description: Dr. Simpson, Aiken's own resident diva soprano, will discuss the following operas:

1. Così fan tutte (in theaters Sat., 10-3-26 @ 1:00 pm)

2. Macbeth (in theaters Sat., 10-17-26 @ 1:00 pm)

3. Samson & Delila (in theaters Sat., 12-5-26 @ 1:00 pm)

These sessions will introduce historical and musical background, composer issues, performing problems, and plots, providing both beginner and veteran operagoers with a deeper insight into each work.

32. EXPLORING WINDOWS 11

Date: 5 Wednesdays: Sept 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct 7

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM **Cost:** \$25

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 16

Instructor: Dr. Russell Beckmeyer received his PhD from the University of Missouri. Dr. Beckmeyer has more than fifty-four years of applied computer technology experience. After an extensive career at the Savannah River Site, he spent the last five years of his professional career as an engineering director for two different small nuclear reactors.

Description: This course includes an overview, new features, apps (including the Start Menu), Edge Browser, and new ways to organize and track your work in Windows 11. Also included are methods of personalizing Windows 11, how to manage and back up files, protecting your computer from malware, and recovering from hardware failures or software corruption.

33. ROCK AND ROLL AND SOCIETY: 1960s THE BEATLES AND THE BRITISH INVASION

Date: Wednesday: Sept 9

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: Matt Henderson serves as a Lecturer of Music at the University of South Carolina Aiken, where he directs the USCA Jazz Ensemble and teaches applied low brass. A versatile performer and educator, he maintains an active career as a freelance musician, performing with symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, and jazz and rock bands.

Description: Rock and Roll and Society: 1960s The Beatles and the British Invasion will cover the surprising British takeover of American pop music in the 1960s.

34. TECH TALK: TRAVELING SMARTLY

Date: Thursday: Sept 10

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM **Cost:** \$5

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: Bob Hood holds a BA from Franklin & Marshall College and completed the Executive MBA program at the University of Pittsburgh. He designed and taught computer network courses in Chicago for non-profits. He also ran his own technology consulting practice. He holds the Microsoft Certified Professional and Microsoft Small Business Specialist designations. He has volunteered with the Center since 2017.

Description: Using your iPhone or Android phone while traveling abroad. From "Rome to Rio" to currency calculators to WhatsApp to phone e-SIMs –a review of iPhone tips, tricks, equipment, and applications that will make your overseas travel much more efficient and enjoyable.

35. TOUCH THE GRASS AND SMELL THE AIR: MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION PRACTICES

Date: 2 Thursdays: Sept 10, 17

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: Cheryl Murga, BA, MS, is a retired educator living a zen life in Aiken. A yoga instructor and practitioner of meditation, she has a deep understanding of how the body and mind are connected. She enjoys helping others make connections to the physical world as a Master Gardener and hike leader for the Sierra Club and Aiken Senior Life Services. She strives to support the common good and bring out the best in others by offering her services through outreach and enrichment programs throughout the community.

Description: Learn what mindfulness is and the types of meditative practices that assist in meeting the demands of daily life. Embark on a guided journey learning science-based approaches to physical, nutritional, emotional and spiritual well-being. Discover yourself through personal growth and introspective activities supporting mindfulness, self-care and resiliency.

36. BLACK DEATH IN EUROPE

Date: 3 Mondays: Sept 14, 21, 28

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Alexia Jones Helsley**, Senior Instructor of History and University Archivist, teaches, among other topics, Ancient and Medieval history at USCA. She has published widely on South Carolina and regional history. A former president of the SC Historical Association, she currently chairs the Old Exchange Commission and serves on the board of the Nineteenth Century Studies Association.

Description: Beginning in the 14th Century, a series of plague outbreaks crippled and devastated Europe. This short course will explore the causes, spread and aftermath of this deadly pestilence. Traditionally, the Black Death is considered a combination of bubonic, pneumonic and septicemic plague. The first manifestation ravaged Europe and North Africa from 1347 to 1351.

The plague killed up to 1/2 the residents of London between late September/early November 1348 and the spring 1350. Afterward, the plague became endemic in parts of Europe into the 17th century.

37. IRISH TRAVELER ORIGIN DEBATES: WHEN AND WHY DID THE IRISH TRAVELER COMMUNITY SEPARATE FROM MAINSTREAM IRISH SOCIETY?

Date: 2 Mondays: Sept 14, 21

Time: 12:30 - 1:45 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Zara Browne** is an anthropologist who dedicated her doctoral research to the Irish Traveler community of Murphy Village in North Augusta, SC. She specializes in nomadic and separatist communities. Zara's work in Murphy Village has been featured in multiple news outlets, including The Post and Courier and Augusta Today.

Description: Were Irish Travelers always Irish Travelers? Were they once a part of the mainstream Irish population? What factors caused their separation from Irish society, or were they always their own people? In two class sessions, this course outlines the written records on the Irish Travelers community's "appearance" in Europe, and some of their earliest recorded histories, including Irish Traveler nomadism, trades, and cultural insularity. You will also learn about the Irish Traveler people's accounts of their own history and cultural formation in Ireland. This is the second course of the "Irish Traveler Origin Debates" series.

38. APPLE WATCH

Date: Monday: Sept 14

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructions: You must bring your own Apple Watch and have it paired with your iPhone. A knowledge of basic iPhone fundamentals is required.

Instructor: **Vicki Gibboney** has a BS in Education and has taught elementary school. She has taught and coached for the Center's Technology section for over 20 years. She is a life subscriber to insider.iphonelife.com.

Description: Learn to use the basics of your Apple Watch. Your watch can do some interesting things, like calculate a trip, record a memo, take a picture through your iPhone, and get turn-by-turn haptics through Apple Maps. This course will cover choosing a watch face, opening watch apps, notifications and control center. Learn the dock, the Digital Crown, the flashlight and Siri. Learn how to enable Fall Detection—a lifesaver. There will be a handout for you to take home.



39. OSTEOPOROSIS, A HIDDEN KILLER

Date: Monday: Sept 14

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

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Instructor: **Dr. Bauer Vaughters** has been a practicing endocrinologist in Aiken since 2003. He treats a wide array of endocrine disorders, including but not limited to diabetes, thyroid disease, osteoporosis, adrenal and pituitary disorders and hypogonadism. He is board-certified in both general internal medicine and Endocrinology and Metabolism by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Description: Osteoporosis is a major health issue for older Americans. Complications from osteoporotic fractures range from minor disability to death. Understanding osteoporosis and bone loss, and what you can do to prevent and treat it, could save you or a loved one's life. Dr. Vaughters will review basic bone physiology, review treatment options for bone loss, address controversies about osteoporosis treatments and answer any questions students may have. This is a short, interactive discussion to not only educate students on osteoporosis but also create awareness of an issue that is often overlooked.

40. MAJOR BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR - PART 2

Date: 3 Tuesdays: Sept 15, 22, 29

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Edward Seufert** retired from SRS as a mechanical engineer. Ed is an avid amateur Civil War Historian and has personally visited all the major Eastern and Western Theater Battlefield Sites, including Gettysburg, PA; Antietam, MD; Shiloh, TN; Vicksburg, MS; and Fort Sumter, SC. Ed will use an animated PowerPoint presentation and will make PDF files of each lecture available.

Description: This is a continuation of the Spring 2026 course and will cover the Battles around Vicksburg (May 18-July 4, 1863); The Battle of Gettysburg (July 1-3, 1863); and the sequential Battle of Chickamauga (Sept 19-20, 1863) and Battle of Chattanooga (Nov 23-25, 1863). Note: PDF Files of Part 1 of this Major Battles of the Civil War Series taught in Spring Semester 2026 are available on the CLL website.

41. TECH TALK: ELECTRONIC CALENDARS

Date: Tuesday: Sept 15

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM **Cost:** \$5

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Wayne Rickman** has a master's degree in computer management and has been an instructor with the Center's Tech Section for over 20 years. He is a retired U. S. Navy (Nuclear Submarine) officer.

Description: The universal problem is information overload and feeling out of control. Electronic Calendars may assist in the transition from "to-do lists" to "time commitment." In this hour, we will discuss the three major calendars: Apple, Google and Outlook.

42. THE ISENHEIM ALTARPIECE, MATTHIAS GRUENEWALD, AND THE NORTHERN RENAISSANCE

Date: Tuesday: Sept 15

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Arthur Turfa** has been a Lutheran pastor for 45 years, serving in bilingual congregations and as an Army chaplain. He also has a 25-year+ career teaching German, English, and History on the secondary and post-secondary levels. He took four Art History courses at Penn State in fulfillment of a BA in German, and appreciates the artistic interconnections /influences of one art form on another. A published poet and writer, he enjoys writing ekphrastic poetry.

Description: Matthias Grünewald (c. 1479-1528) painted the Isenheim altarpiece between 1512-1516 (interior sculpture by Nikolaus Hagenauer [c. 1445-1460, before 1538]) for a monastery near Colmar, France. It is Grünewald's largest work and is considered his masterpiece. It influenced the Expressionist movement and also the composer Paul Hindemith. Now housed in Colmar's Unterlinden Museum, the altarpiece was restored in 2022.

43. FUN FOOD FORAGING IN AIKEN: FINDING AND FIXING WILD FOODS

Date: 2 Tuesdays: Sept 15, 22

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Laura Roden** is a retired university professor who is fascinated by nature and food. Her hobbies include making wine vinegar, hot sauce, mustard, and a variety of jams, jellies and pickles, using natural ingredients, many of which she has foraged or cultivated herself right here in Aiken.

Description: This two-session course will discuss a wide variety of foraged edibles that can be found growing wild in our community, from fruits to roots, leaves, berries and nuts (no mushrooms!) We'll examine photos and details such as terrain and seasonality to help locate and identify edible items, and include several suggested preparations and recipes. We'll also mention some of the prominent NON-edibles to watch out for. The content is arranged in alphabetical order by plant name, so even if you can only attend one session, you'll get a lot of information and a copy of the full presentation.

44. APPLIED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - SECTION A*

Date: Tuesday: Sept 15

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Dr. Larry Deschaine**, Data Science Team Lead at Savannah River National Laboratory, brings 40 years of expertise in making complex technology accessible. His approachable style ensures you gain valuable, applicable AI skills. Join us for this unique opportunity to learn how to make technology work for you.

Description: Discover how Artificial Intelligence can make your daily life easier in our engaging 2-hour workshop. We'll show you how to use ChatGPT and similar AI assistants to help you write emails and letters, plan travel, research health topics, understand and visualize information, write computer programs, and more. The workshop includes hands-on practice with popular AI applications. Perfect for adults who want to leverage technology to maintain an active, interconnected, and informed lifestyle. No technical background is needed – just bring your smartphone or tablet and your curiosity. Small class size ensures personal attention and plenty of time for questions.

***The same course will be taught on September 22 and 29.**



45. ROCK AND ROLL AND SOCIETY: 1960s FOLK ROCK, POP, GARAGE BANDS, AND THE MONKEES

Date: Wednesday: Sept 16

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Matt Henderson** serves as a Lecturer of Music at the University of South Carolina Aiken, where he directs the USCA Jazz Ensemble and teaches applied low brass. A versatile performer and educator, he maintains an active career as a freelance musician, performing with symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, and jazz and rock bands.

Description: Rock and Roll and Society: 1960s The American Response to the British Invasion. We see the birth of Folk Rock, Pop reaches new heights of ambition, teens start garage bands across the country, and fictitious TV bands soar up the charts.

46. PERCEPTIONS AND UNDERSTANDING OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

Date: 3 Wednesdays: Sept 16, 23, 30

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Cost: \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Allison Hamilton Molnar** is an expert in non-profit management, fundraising, and American Politics. She has been with Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) since 2017. She is active in the Aiken community, serving on various non-profit boards and organizations. She also teaches political science at Middle Georgia State University and the University of South Carolina Aiken. She received her master's and PhD in Political Science from the University of Iowa, a Master's Degree in Applied Politics from the University of Akron, and attended Grand Valley State University for her bachelor's degree.

Description: What does the public think about nuclear energy? How do we have productive conversations about the benefits and risks associated with this technology? What does it mean when the news talks about SMRs vs AMRs? This course will provide an overview of current technologies in use and in design and help students better understand the news surrounding nuclear energy. We will start with public opinion data on Plant Vogtle, spent nuclear fuel, etc., and end the course with a 'current events' primer.

47. USING THE iPhone/iPAD CAMERA AND PHOTO APPS

Date: 2 Thursdays: Sept 17, 24

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$18

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructions: Students must bring their own device to class, along with their Apple ID and password. Knowledge of iPad or iPhone is required.

Instructor: **Bob Hood** holds a BA from Franklin & Marshall College and completed the Executive MBA program at the University of Pittsburgh. He has designed and taught computer network courses in Chicago for non-profits. He also ran his own technology consulting practice. He holds the Microsoft Certified Professional and Microsoft Small Business Specialist designations. He has volunteered with the Center since 2017.

Description: In this course, students will learn how to make the most of the camera and photo app on their iPhone and iPad, learn to access and use the various camera controls and settings for photos and video and then how to view them. Students will also learn how to use the photo app to edit photos or videos.



48. TECH TALK: BEYOND SECURITY

Date: Thursday: Sept 17

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Gabriel Lemnar** has 20 years of hands-on experience in the computer and network security field. Gabriel has an MS in Information Security and Assurance. He is a Certified Ethical Hacker, a Computer Hacking Forensics Investigator, a Cisco Certified Network Professional, and a Cisco Certified CyberOps Associate.

Description: "Beyond Security" is a Tech Talk that emphasizes the critical role people play in cybersecurity. While technology is important, true protection depends on informed, aware, and proactive individuals. This session explores how human judgment, awareness, and teamwork help prevent threats that technology alone cannot stop, encouraging a strong culture of shared security responsibility.

49. QUILLED PUMPKINS

Date: Friday: Sept 18

Time: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM **Cost:** \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Class Size Limit: 12

***Supply Cost:** Additional \$10

Instructor: Debbie Bruce has been making quilled art for six years. She is a member of the North American Quilling Guild, where she has attained several first-place blue ribbons in her skill category at their annual conference. She sells her quilling art in a local art shop and also teaches classes.

Description: Bring the ancient art of paper filigree to life and learn some of the shapes and techniques needed to turn simple paper strips into beautiful art, ornaments, and home decor. During the course, each student will practice various methods and then create a beautiful pumpkin wall hanging. Manual and fine finger dexterity is helpful. ***Supply cost (exact cash or check made out to Debbie Bruce) is a separate payment.**

50. WONDERFUL WETLANDS: IMPORTANT ECOSYSTEMS AND LOCAL GEM, PHINIZY SWAMP

Lecture: Date: Monday: Sept 21

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Field Trip: Date: Monday: Sept 28

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Phinizy Center and Nature Park
1858 Lock and Dam Rd, Augusta, GA

Instructor: Camilla Sherman has a bachelor's in wildlife sciences and a master's in natural resources from UGA and has worked at Phinizy since 2018 and is the Education Director. Certified through Advanced Training for Environmental Educators of Georgia and serving on the board, she is also certified in Project WET, WILD, and Learning Tree and has 13 years of experience in Environmental Education.

Description: What do you think of when you hear the word "swamp"? We will dive into a brief history of wetlands in our country, what they are, the vast services they provide, and how Phinizy Swamp Nature Park, in our own backyard, has a unique role to play.



51. HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS

Date: Monday: Sept 21

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: Dr. Russell Beckmeyer received his PhD from the University of Missouri. He has more than fifty-four years of applied computer technology experience. After an extensive career at the Savannah River Site, he spent the last five years of his professional career as an engineering director for two different small nuclear reactors.

Description: Most of us would like the peace of mind and convenience of knowing our home and everything in it is safe and secure. From Burglar Alarm Systems to Full Security Systems with and without cameras, this course covers all the systems available today. This course will help you determine the type of home security system that is right for you, your home, your needs, your lifestyle, and your budget.

52. PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI IN TANZANIA, AFRICA PART II

Date: Monday: Sept 21

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: Christine Kupcha is a retired Junior HS/Middle School teacher, originally from NJ, who retired to Aiken in 2006 with her husband. She and her husband have always loved traveling the world and sharing their stories and experiences with others... as well as hearing about others' travel adventures.

Description: Join us on a travelogue, where you will experience Tanzania, Africa, as you follow a 12-day photographic safari where some of the most interesting creatures inhabit the earth. This adventure was with a small group that traveled with Overseas Adventure Travel. This trip included camping in the Serengeti for 4 days in tents, with an experience that none of us were expecting! Three guides, each from a different tribe, provided a most fascinating and informative experience. This safari took place in March, and at that time, we were most fortunate to witness a wonderful part of the migration. The guides told us that even they had experienced things they had never experienced before. This course is a continuation from Spring 2026.

53. SUGAR + SALT + FAT, OH MY!

Date: 4 Mondays: Sept 21, 28; Oct 5, 12
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 PM **Cost:** \$12
Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Cheryl Mehta** is a Licensed Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist with over 20 years of experience teaching people how to eat healthfully. She has a B.A. in Biology from Wartburg College and a B.S. in Food and Nutrition/Dietetics from Iowa State University.

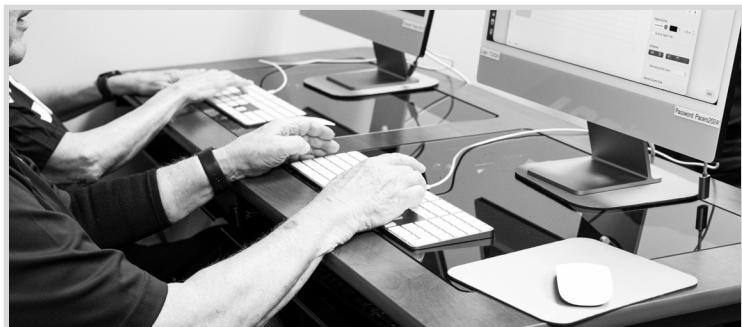
Description: Confused about recommendations on amounts and types of sugar/carbohydrates, sodium and fat to eat? Cut through the hype and learn how to identify sugar, carbs, sodium and fat in your diet and make food and lifestyle changes that nourish your body and decrease risk and manage conditions like diabetes and heart disease. Topics will include practical ways to manage sugar/carbs, sodium and fat in your diet, reading food labels and eating out. Processed foods that contain these ingredients often contain food dyes and additives. Learn about the latest recommendations for their use.

54. PC BASICS REVIEW

Date: Tuesday: Sept 22
Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM **Cost:** \$15
Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library
USCA Parking Lot B
Class Size Limit: 16

Instructor: **Dennis Harkins** was a teacher and technology specialist in Pennsylvania schools for over 30 years and an adjunct professor at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Area Computer Society. He has been with the Center's Tech Section for more than 15 years.

Description: This course reviews the essential skills needed to confidently use a Windows PC. The changes introduced by Windows 11 have added new tools and techniques that complicate our daily tasks, but using the mouse and keyboard, managing files and folders, connecting to the internet, and staying safe online are the tools you need most! Our focus is to help you use your laptop or desktop PC for your everyday tasks and keep things as simple as possible. Use laptops provided or bring your own.



55. APPLIED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - SECTION B*

Date: Tuesday: Sept 22
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$15
Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library
USCA Parking Lot B
Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Dr. Larry Deschaine**, Data Science Team Lead at Savannah River National Laboratory, brings 40 years of expertise in making complex technology accessible. His approachable style ensures you gain valuable, applicable AI skills. Join us for this unique opportunity to learn how to make technology work for you.

Description: Discover how Artificial Intelligence can make your daily life easier in our engaging 2-hour workshop. We'll show you how to use ChatGPT and similar AI assistants to help you write emails and letters, plan travel, research health topics, understand and visualize information, write computer programs, and more. The workshop includes hands-on practice with popular AI applications. Perfect for adults who want to leverage technology to maintain an active, interconnected, and informed lifestyle. No technical background is needed – just bring your smartphone or tablet and your curiosity. Small class size ensures personal attention and plenty of time for questions.
***The same course will be taught September 15 and 29.**

56. HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

Date: 4 Wednesdays: Sept 23, 30; Oct 7, 14
Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$12
Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Hannah Mottel** is a registered nurse and assistant professor at USCA. She received both her master's in nursing education and Doctor of Nursing Practice from Walden University. She is a certified nurse educator and certified healthcare simulation educator. She is also a certified basic life support (BLS) CPR instructor. Dr. Mottel has a passion for health, fitness, and overall wellness. She has several publications on mindfulness.

Description: This course will have a total of 4 sessions focusing on the following:

Session 1: Improving overall preventative health, emphasizing overall wellness (mind, body and spirit).

Session 2: Basic first aid to include: cleaning minor cuts, scrapes, or scratches; treating a minor burn; applying bandages and dressings; the use of non-prescription medicine.

Session 3: Reducing obesity through diet and exercise.

Session 4: Mindfulness (focusing on meditation and its link to overall improvement of wellness and mental health).



57. ROCK AND ROLL AND SOCIETY: 1960s PSYCHEDELIC ROCK

Date: Wednesday: Sept 23

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Matt Henderson** serves as a Lecturer of Music at the University of South Carolina Aiken, where he directs the USCA Jazz Ensemble and teaches applied low brass. A versatile performer and educator, he maintains an active career as a freelance musician, performing with symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, and jazz and rock bands.

Description: Rock and Roll and Society: 1960s Psychedelia. We focus on the end of the decade and the music that grew out of the mind-expanding psychedelic movement on both sides of the Atlantic. We will cover music meant to enhance a drug experience, music meant to simulate a drug experience, and bands including the Beatles, the Beach Boys, Jefferson Airplane, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Pink Floyd, The Doors...

58. MAC/IPHONE HELP DESK

Date: Wednesday: Sept 23

Time: 3:00 - 5:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructors: Various instructors from CLL.

Description: We will be present to answer any questions about your Mac computers, iPhones, iPad and anything related to these devices. **There will be no lesson or lecture. You should bring your own charged devices.** It will be an **open forum to assist you with your specific issues.** If we cannot answer your questions, we hope to direct you to resources where you can get more help.

59. DANGEROUS VICTORIAN FASHION

Date: Thursday: Sept 24

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Jennifer Bowers** is a living historian for the National Park Service. She specializes in niche historical narratives, bringing history to life while wearing historically accurate clothing. She is a graduate of USCA, a Navy Veteran, and enjoys dogs, yoga, & kayaking.

Description: Step into the perilous world of 19th-century glamour, where beauty was quite literally breathtaking. This presentation uncovers the dark side of the Victorian aesthetic, from emerald-green gowns laced with arsenic to the toxic lead foundations that ravaged complexions. We'll explore the explosive dangers of crinoline fires and the harrowing working conditions of the seamstresses who sacrificed their health for high society's vanity. Join us to discover how the pursuit of the "perfect look" created a trail of environmental destruction and deadly consequences for creators and wearers alike.

60. ICED - IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR DEATH

Date: 2 Fridays: Sept 25; Oct 2

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Cheryl Murga**, BA, MS, offers her personal and professional experiences of navigating the legal system to understand the requirements of losing a loved one. Both careers as an educator and paralegal have prepared her for bringing that knowledge to the populace. She strives to support the common good through outreach and enrichment programs in the community. Her services are offered as a Master Gardener, a yoga instructor and hike leader with Sierra Club and Aiken Senior Life Services.

Description: Develop understanding of the documents and financial information needed when a partner, spouse or loved one dies. The course provides information to assist in navigating the steps to move through the process by building an "in case of death" or ICED binder to serve as a guidebook. ICED binders provide the information needed should an emergency, illness or death occur.

61. STAMP COLLECTING

Date: Monday: Sept 28

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Bob Hartung** started collecting stamps at age 9. After joining a local stamp club, he became a show-and-bourse dealer. He then ventured into the mail-order business, eventually building a customer base of over 1,100. He was a charter member of the National Stamp Dealers Association and several other national and international philatelic organizations.

Description: In this course, we will discuss the history of stamp collecting, the current state of the hobby and other pertinent areas. Students are encouraged to bring their album or individual U.S. or foreign stamps that they would like evaluated or identified. During class and after class, the instructor can offer suggestions on how collections can be disposed of for those interested in this option.

62. HOME SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

Date: Monday: Sept 28

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Dr. Russell Beckmeyer** received his PhD from the University of Missouri. Dr. Beckmeyer has more than fifty-four years of applied computer technology experience. After an extensive career at the Savannah River Site, he spent the last five years of his professional career as an engineering director for two different small nuclear reactors.

Description: Should you decide that a home surveillance system might be right for you, this course will acquaint you with security camera systems, along with the integration of Burglar Alarm/Security Systems and Camera Surveillance systems. Residential surveillance systems range from single to multiple cameras and can be incorporated into a comprehensive whole-house security system. Students will learn about the interactions between these various systems and the networks that can be used to support their functions.



63. INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AND JAMES BOND

Date: 4 Mondays: Sept 28; Oct 5, 12, 19

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Cost:** \$12

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Kenneth Stephens** is a nuclear physicist educated at Georgia Tech and MIT. He is a popular platform speaker from California to Cambridge (England). He worked for multiple government agencies, sailed a large sailboat with Tom Clancy, speaks Russian and Farsi, consulted for the National Academy of Sciences, and still consults for the government.

Description: If you are a fan of James Bond, you know that the James Bonds of Sean Connery, Roger Moore, and James Craig are very different. Have you ever wondered whether they represent the real world? Join us for a look at intelligence gathering today, from Ian Fleming to the present. Tidbits include: Margaret Thatcher, a Party at the UK Embassy, and Two Terrified Americans; An Incident at the Iranian Embassy that Brought Diplomatic Washington to a Screeching Halt; a Nuclear Weapon Test and 200 Sea Otters; and The Most Damaging Spies, Including One with More Shoes Than Imelda Marcos. The material is Unclassified, but informative.

64. APPLIED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - SECTION C*

Date: Tuesday: Sept 29

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Dr. Larry Deschaine**, Data Science Team Lead at Savannah River National Laboratory, brings 40 years of expertise in making complex technology accessible. His approachable style ensures you gain valuable, applicable AI skills. Join us for this unique opportunity to learn how to make technology work for you.

Description: Discover how Artificial Intelligence can make your daily life easier in our engaging 2-hour workshop. We'll show you how to use ChatGPT and similar AI assistants to help you write emails and letters, plan travel, research health topics, understand and visualize information, write computer programs, and more. The workshop includes hands-on practice with popular AI applications. Perfect for adults who want to leverage technology to maintain an active, interconnected, and informed lifestyle. No technical background is needed – just bring your smartphone or tablet and your curiosity. Small class size ensures personal attention and plenty of time for questions.

***The same course will be taught September 15 and 22.**

65. GERMANS AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Date: Tuesday: Sept 29

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Arthur Turfa** holds MAs in German and History, has taught over 25 years on secondary and post-secondary levels, and has served two bilingual (English-German) Lutheran congregations. A native Pennsylvanian, he has lived in South Carolina for 20 years, most of them in the Dutch Fork.

Description: In 1775, Germans were the largest non-English group of European ancestry. The 100,000 German speakers, immigrant and Colonial-born, constituted around 5% of the European-ancestry population. While concentrated in the Mid-Atlantic region, there were significant communities in the Carolinas. The Revolution saw Germans on both sides and some remained neutral, primarily for religious reasons. We examine the motivations for the choices made, look at several key figures, and the 15,000 Hessian soldiers recruited as mercenaries.

66. RILKE'S LIFE AND POEMS

Date: Tuesday: Sept 29

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Arthur Turfa** has an MA in German from UC-Irvine, where he took a Rilke seminar. He has studied, traveled, and lived in Germany. In his 25 year+ teaching career, he has taught German on university and secondary levels, and served in bi-lingual Lutheran parish settings. A published poet, he considers Rilke as one of his main influences. For English-speaking audiences, Rilke is perhaps the best-known German-language poet.

Description: Rainer Maria Rilke is one of the best writers of the 20th Century, and perhaps in the US the best-known one who wrote in German. Austrian by birth, he truly was cosmopolitan in every sense of the word. This course will briefly review the Austria-Hungary and Europe in which he lived and then look at his poetic output. The New Poems, Life of Mary, Duino Elegies and Sonnets to Orpheus come into consideration, with attention being paid to the Dinggedicht (Thing Poem).

67. APPLE IMACS AND MACBOOKS

Date: 3 Tuesdays: Sept 29; Oct 6, 13

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Cost: \$20

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructions: Students must bring their own fully charged Apple MacBook laptops. A flash drive is required for this course.

Instructor: **Wayne Rickman** has a master's degree in computer management and has been an instructor with the Center's Tech Section for over 20 years. He is a retired U. S. Navy (Nuclear Submarine) officer.

Description: Moving from a Microsoft Windows computer to an Apple MacBook laptop or Apple iMac computer can be tricky. This course is designed to help students get familiar with the many features available on Apple computers. An introduction to Pages, Apple's answer to Microsoft Word, is included.

68. THE HEART OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE

Date: Tuesday: Sept 29

Time: 2:00 - 3:15 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: RPSEC Room 117

Instructor: **Amy Yarshen**, Certified Nuclear Medicine Technologist, Associate Professor, and Nuclear Medicine Program Director at Augusta University, has 20 years' experience providing patient care in the hospital setting, 18 years directing and delivering nuclear medicine educational content in the classroom, and 16 years leading accreditation efforts as a JRCNMT site evaluator.

Description: This course will provide students with a basic understanding of nuclear medicine technology and techniques. Although this course will focus on nuclear cardiology imaging, students will learn the foundational principles associated with a wide variety of nuclear medicine imaging and non-imaging procedures. An engaging and active learning environment will help reinforce the nuclear medicine topics discussed.

69. ROCK AND ROLL AND SOCIETY: 1960s MOTOWN, POP AND SOUTHERN SOUL

Date: Wednesday: Sept 30

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Matt Henderson** serves as a Lecturer of Music at the University of South Carolina Aiken, where he directs the USCA Jazz Ensemble and teaches applied low brass. A versatile performer and educator, he maintains an active career as a freelance musician, performing with symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, and jazz and rock bands.

Description: We track the changing attitude toward cover songs and the growing national popularity of African American pop. Artists leading the charge include Smokey Robinson, Aretha Franklin, Otis Redding, and James Brown.

70. INTRODUCTION TO THE CORONER'S SYSTEM AND CASE STUDIES

Date: Thursday: Oct 1

Time: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (includes 30- minute break)

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Laura G. Kneece, MPA, F AMBDI, C-MDI, is the elected Coroner of Newberry County, South Carolina, in office since 2017. A certified medicolegal death investigator—one of only ten in SC—she brings extensive law enforcement and forensic experience from her prior roles in Lexington County. Kneece founded the Newberry County Coroner's Foundation to support education and community needs, and under her leadership, the Coroner's Office achieved rare national accreditation. She resides in Prosperity with her family and balances public service with personal interests like gardening, camping, and travel.

Description: Discover the critical role of the coroner system in investigating sudden, unexplained, or suspicious deaths. Through real-world case studies—including accidental deaths, homicides, and public health investigations—students will see how coroners collaborate with law enforcement, forensic pathologists, and other agencies to determine cause and manner of death. This course highlights how the coroner system supports justice, informs public health, and enhances community safety. This course will include a 30-minute break.

71. USING iCloud WITH YOUR iPad/iPHONE

Date: Thursday: Oct 1

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructions: Students must bring their devices and have their Apple ID and Apple password with them. Learning To Use Your iPad/iPhone course or equivalent knowledge is a prerequisite.

Instructor: Bob Hood holds a BA from Franklin & Marshall College and completed the Executive MBA program at the University of Pittsburgh. He designed and taught computer network courses in Chicago for non-profits. He also ran his own technology consulting practice. He holds the Microsoft Certified Professional and Microsoft Small Business Specialist designations. He has volunteered with the Center since 2017.

Description: Having trouble making sense of the iCloud? In this course, students will investigate syncing their iPad/iPhone to other devices and backing up their devices using iCloud for photo management, as well as taking a look at other non-Apple cloud storage choices.

72. COMPUTER/TECH SECURITY SCAMS - FIGHT BACK!

Date: Thursday: Oct 1

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: Gabriel Lemnaru has 20 years of hands-on experience in the computer and network security field. Gabriel has an MS in Information Security and Assurance. He is a Certified Ethical Hacker, a Computer Hacking Forensics Investigator, a Cisco Certified Network and a Cisco Certified CyberOps Associate.

Description: Students will learn how to defend themselves against a growing spectrum of scams that are targeting individual users more than ever before. Anti-viruses, firewalls, and modern security tools are no match for the evolving landscape of sophisticated phishing campaigns and fraud attempts that target a wide variety of devices and services. It is the Human Link that is the most important link in the Cybersecurity Chain. And it is the Human Link that is the most vulnerable. Let's get educated and stop the hackers. They are becoming more sophisticated as they become richer. The average scam is between \$3500 and \$10000 with extreme cases of hundreds of thousands, with no hope of recovery. Law enforcement is overwhelmed and most of the time do not have the means or resources to investigate the hacks.

73. ADVENTURES WHEN VOLUNTEERING

Date: 2 Mondays: Oct 5, 12

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

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Instructor: Christine Foulkes is a retired university lecturer from Britain with an M.Ed. and M.Phil in education. Her career has involved teaching in different countries. She taught "International Business Culture" at Liverpool John Moores University. Her research included "International Teacher Training" and "The Examination of the Bologna Agreement in European Student Mobility".

Description: The aim of these two sessions is to share my experiences during a month volunteering in the capture and release of cheetahs and leopards in the wilds of southern Namibia. The second trip, lasting two months in Madagascar, was dedicated to marine conservation in a remote village in the western part of the island. Living, working and meeting different people and animals will hopefully be portrayed in the photos I managed to take.

74. THE GRIMKE SISTERS: ABOLITIONIST LEADERS AND FEMINIST PIONEERS

Date: Monday: Oct 5

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: Beverly Eggert, a retired Beaufort County English teacher, served as the featured lecturer and program director for the Beaufort County History Center/Beaufort County Library lecture series. She also served as the program director and lecturer for the Santa Elena History Center in Beaufort and was a lecturer for the South Carolina Humanities Festival.

Description: Sarah and Angelina Grimke were abolitionist leaders and feminist pioneers. Born into a prominent slave holding family in Charleston, South Carolina, the sisters risked social exile to expose the horrors of slavery through firsthand accounts. Their early activism played a pivotal role in fighting for racial equality and women's rights. The sisters became the first female agents of the American Anti-Slavery Society. These courageous sisters challenged the moral conscience of a divided nation and left an amazing legacy for us to admire.

75. IRISH TRAVELER ORIGIN DEBATES: THE ROOTS AND HISTORY OF IRISH TRAVELER LANGUAGE

Date: 2 Mondays: Oct 5, 12

Time: 12:30 - 1:45 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: Dr. Zara Browne is an anthropologist who dedicated her doctoral research to the Irish Traveler community of Murphy Village in North Augusta, SC. She specializes in nomadic and separatist communities. Zara's work in Murphy Village has been featured in multiple news outlets, including The Post and Courier and Augusta Today.

Description: Did you know that the Irish Travelers speak their own historical language that is unique to them? Common misrepresentations of the Irish Travelers call their language an “argot” or a “dialect.” In this two-session course, we will address the history of the language, called Cant or Gammon, and debates in the literature and among Irish Travelers about when and where the language first appeared, and why. This course will not teach the language out of respect to the Irish Traveler community’s wish for linguistic privatism, but we will touch upon some Irish Traveler words, which Irish Travelers have made public, and the status of the Irish Traveler language today. This is the third course of the “Irish Traveler Origin Debates” series.

76. TECH TALK: PASSWORD MANAGERS

Date: Monday: Oct 5

Time: 1:30 - 2:30 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Dr. Russell Beckmeyer** received his PhD from the University of Missouri. Dr. Beckmeyer has more than fifty-four years of applied computer technology experience. After an extensive career at the Savannah River Site, he spent the last five years of his professional career as an engineering director for two different small nuclear reactors.

Description: A Password Manager is a secure app that manages your passwords for all your accounts. Many of the managers can be used across all your devices [computers, Apple and/or PC; phones, Apple and/or Android, etc.]. Instead of relying on memory or risky habits like using the same login everywhere, a Password Manager becomes your secure digital vault of strong passwords. In this CLL Tech Talk, we’ll explain the basics of how a Password Manager works and why these apps are a must-have. We will discuss security and we’ll provide a simple table comparing many of the most popular Managers.

77. SUBMARINE HISTORY, HEROES AND MISSIONS

Date: Tuesday: Oct 6

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Jim Tisaranni** is a retired Navy Captain with 29 years of service. His distinguished career included assignments aboard both diesel and nuclear submarines, encompassing Fast Attack and Boomer classes. The depth of experience gained from nearly three decades in the submarine force provides a unique perspective and authority for this course.

Description: The course explores US Navy submarine history, highlighting the heroes and missions from both past and present. Through engaging stories and detailed accounts, students will learn about the evolution of the submarine force

and how it became the most formidable and feared in the world. The course will illustrate the development and shaping of this elite force, offering insights into its legacy and ongoing significance.

78. TECH TALK: QUANTUM COMPUTING

Date: Tuesday: Oct 6

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM **Cost:** \$5

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Dr. Larry Deschaine**, Data Science Team Lead at Savannah River National Laboratory, brings 40 years of expertise in making complex technology accessible. His approachable style ensures you gain valuable, applicable AI skills. Join us for this unique opportunity to learn how to make technology work for you.

Description: Quantum computing is poised to revolutionize industries from healthcare to cybersecurity, and South Carolina has an opportunity to position itself at the forefront of this technological shift. This Tech Talk will demystify quantum computing, exploring what makes it different from traditional computing and why it matters for our state’s economic future. We’ll examine how quantum technologies could impact South Carolina’s key sectors—including aerospace, advanced manufacturing, biomedicine, and financial services—and discuss emerging quantum initiatives already taking root in the Southeast. The talk will address practical workforce development questions: What skills will be needed? How can educational institutions prepare students? What opportunities exist for career changers and lifelong learners?

79. THE WAR WITH IRAN AND HOW IT HAPPENED

Date: 4 Tuesdays: Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$12

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Kenneth Stephens** is a nuclear physicist educated at Georgia Tech and MIT. He is a popular platform speaker from California to Cambridge (England). He worked for multiple government agencies, sailed a large sailboat with Tom Clancy, speaks Russian and Farsi, consulted for the National Academy of Sciences, and still consults for the government.

Description: In March of 2026, the Middle East exploded. What happened has been festering for decades. Join us for an explanation of why the war with Iran occurred, how it developed, and what it continues to mean for all of us. Included will be an examination of why or why not negotiation can be a solution. We will discuss the secret to ALL negotiations and how it can or cannot be used.

80. DECISIONS IN THE DARKEST DAYS OF 1941

Date: 2 Tuesdays: Oct 6, 13

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Steve Gordy** is an active CLL volunteer who studied history at the University of Florida and Yale University. One of his interests is looking at "when things changed, and why." He believes that often the things that make the greatest difference in human lives can only be discerned in retrospect.

Description: Despite surviving the Battle of Britain and the Blitz, Great Britain was arguably in worse shape in the Spring of 1941. Hitler conquered the Balkans and inflicted a major defeat on the British at Crete. Although American Lend-Lease aid was running the German gauntlet in the Atlantic, an airborne invasion of the UK looked possible. But two things changed the dynamic of the war: a significant naval victory, followed by the German invasion of the Soviet Union. This reversal of fortune meant that things were never as dark for Britain as before.

81. NUCLEAR WASTE RESOLUTIONS: DEALING WITH LETHAL WASTE

Date: 2 Tuesdays: Oct 6, 13; 2 Thursdays: Oct 8, 15

Time: 3:00 - 4:00 PM **Cost:** \$12

Location: RPSEC Room 117

Class Size Limit: 24

Instructor: **Dr. Rose O. Hayes**, medical anthropologist, B.S., M.S., M.A., Ph.D., managed Third World & U.S. government health and safety programs, served on State University of New York faculty, national standards & university advisory boards & SRS Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) as Nuclear Materials Committee chair. Authored Politics Trumps Nuclear Science (2014).

Description: Resolutions to nuclear waste are critical. Atom splitting led to global military/commercial nuclear reactor development, more than 450,000 gallons of lethal nuclear waste globally, some 90,000 stored in the U.S., while 2,000 more are produced each year. Congressional efforts to plan a national, safe, and permanent geologic repository for high-level radioactive waste failed. Public safety and health are at risk of unanticipated catastrophic events. Deadly radioactive poison used on unknowing victims leaves the prospect for new forms of warfare. This course refutes the mantra that nuclear energy and waste are "clean, cheap & safe," and reviews prospective resolutions.



82. MUSIC FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Date: 2 Thursdays: Oct 8, 15

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Matt Caine** is Director of Traditional Music at St. John's Methodist Church, Aiken. Both a Fulbright Scholar and a Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow in Bulgarian Language and Culture of the United States Department of Education, his research is frequently cited by scholars in the US and Bulgaria.

Description: Shrouded in mystery, the music of Bulgaria, a former Warsaw Pact country, is relatively unknown to audiences in the United States. Join Bulgarian music scholar Dr. Matt Caine in exploring the vast wealth of Bulgarian music, focusing on the music that was composed during the Cold War. From mass songs for the Communist Party to politically subversive music that managed to get past government censorship, there is a wide range of interesting and beautiful music to be discovered.

83. FEMALE OPERATIVES OF THE O.S.S.

Date: 3 Thursdays: Oct 8, 15, 22

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Justin Guy** is a Jean Laney Heritage Award winner and a native of Edgefield. He works primarily at the Old Edgefield Pottery, producing high-quality historical pottery by digging clay and firing in a wood-burning kiln. He also helps run the Tompkins Genealogical Library at the Edgefield County Archives to preserve Edgefield's History.

Description: This course will focus on the three female operatives working for the O.S.S.

Session 1: Virginia Hall: America's first and arguably the greatest spy of the Second World War.

Session 2: Oddette Sansom, a French-British spy captured by the Gestapo and sent to Ravensbrück concentration camp.

Session 3: "The White Mouse", Nancy Wake, a courageous and adventurous woman who helped end the German occupation of France in the Second World War.

84. IPAD 101

Date: 2 Thursdays: Oct 8, 15

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$18

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructors: **Cherry Johnson** has an MBA and has done leadership training in the past. She has been a coach on the tech side for CLL for several years. Gretchen Pooler has been a coach for the iPhone courses for over 8 years and an instructor for the last two semesters.

Description: This hands-on course will cover the new offerings in iPadOS 26 as well as basic knowledge of commonly used Apple apps and features on your iPad: Safari, Mail, Contacts, Photos, Calendar, FaceTime, Messages and so many more. Students should have an iPad (8th gen or later), iPad mini (5th gen or later) or iPad Air (3rd gen or later). Students must bring their charged iPad to class with iPad iOS 26 installed, if possible.

85. REBECCA BREWTON MOTTE & AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Date: 2 Mondays: Oct 12, 19

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Alexia Jones Helsley**, Senior Instructor of History and University Archivist, teaches, among other topics, South Carolina history at USCA. Her latest publication is a study of Rebecca Motte and the American Revolution. A former president of the SC Historical Association, she currently chairs the Old Exchange Commission and lectures on the revolution in South Carolina.

Description: The American Revolution was a time of great conflict and change in South Carolina. This short course examines the life and familial connections of one woman, Rebecca Brewton Motte. Motte suffered great losses during the war – her home, husband, brother and more – but never wavered in her support for the cause of American independence.

86. TECH TALK: SEARCH SMARTER: UNLOCK THE POWER OF THE WEB

Date: Monday: Oct 12

Time: 1:30 - 2:30 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Dr. Russell Beckmeyer** received his PhD from the University of Missouri. Dr. Beckmeyer has more than fifty-four years of applied computer technology experience. After an extensive career at the Savannah River Site, he spent the last five years of his professional career as an engineering director for two different small nuclear reactors.

Description: Stop wading through endless results and start finding exactly what you need—fast. This upbeat, hands-on course shows you how to turn any search engine into your personal research assistant. Learn the insider tricks: powerful keywords, smart filters, credibility checks, and time-saving shortcuts that cut through the noise. Whether you're solving problems, planning life's details, or staying informed, you'll walk away with practical skills that make every search quicker, clearer, and more reliable. Discover how effortless the internet can be when you know how to search like a pro.

87. USING YOUR ANDROID DEVICES

Date: 2 Tuesdays: Oct 13, 20

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM **Cost:** \$18

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructions: Students must bring their Android phones or tablets with them to class. Students should also bring their passwords that allow them to download apps, if their Android devices require passwords.

Instructor: **Dennis Harkins** was a teacher and technology specialist in Pennsylvania schools for over 30 years. He was also an adjunct professor at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Area Computer Society. He has been with the Center's Tech Section for more than 15 years.

Description: Android phones are five times more numerous than iPhones in the world, and with a 2-1 advantage in this country. Android devices are manufactured and sold by many companies all over the world because the Android operating system is not proprietary. This course will help students navigate the sometimes confusing settings and app functions of Androids. Also, students will learn about some of the most popular apps for Android.

88. WINDOWS PRACTICAL FILE MANAGEMENT

Date: Wednesday: Oct 14

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Dr. Russell Beckmeyer** received his PhD from the University of Missouri. Dr. Beckmeyer has more than fifty-four years of applied computer technology experience. After an extensive career at the Savannah River Site, he spent the last five years of his professional career as an engineering director for two different small nuclear reactors.

Description: Think you know how to manage your computer files? Think again. Many Windows users struggle with organizing and protecting their data—and that's where this course comes in. You'll learn practical, hands-on strategies for managing files and folders in Windows, how to safeguard your valuable data with smart organization techniques and a quick dive into OneDrive and cloud-based file storage. Whether you're a tech novice or just want to sharpen your skills, this course gives you the tools to take control of your digital workspace.



89. AIKEN'S HAUNTED HISTORY

Date: Wednesday: Oct 14

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144



Instructor: **Dr. Kent Cabbage** has owned and operated Aiken Ghost Tours since 2002. He has been a professor of biology and education for more than 25 years at several colleges and universities and has been a technical writer at Savannah River National Laboratory for the last three years.

Description: This course examines Aiken's myths, legends and lore and how they intertwine with Aiken's rich history. Stories involve all eras of Aiken's past, including the early days of the railroad, the Winter Colony and recent history.

90. ADVANCED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY SCAMS & CHALLENGES

Date: Thursday: Oct 15

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Cost: \$15

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Gabriel Lemnar** has 20 years of hands-on experience in the computer and network security field. Gabriel has an MS in Information Security and Assurance. He is a Certified Ethical Hacker, a Computer Hacking Forensics Investigator, a Cisco Certified Network and a Cisco Certified CyberOps Associate.

Description: This course is designed for those who want to learn more about modern scams that target the digital frontier of the 21st Century. Intermediate knowledge of computers and technology is desired for students in this course, but it's not required. No matter how advanced or novice you are with technology, you will have a lot to learn from this course. Knowledge is power when it comes to technology and keeping your digital assets safe online. The next few years will bring more technology into our lives, and there will be no shortage of advanced scams that target users. Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be better leveraged by hackers and scammers rather than the security tools developed to keep us safe. Learn how to protect yourself and rest better at night.

91. RUNNING A SMALL CITY: AIKEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 1842-1900

Date: 2 Mondays: Oct 19, 26

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Cost: \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Andy Dyer** is a retired biology professor at USCA. He has published two general science books: one on pesticide resistance and agriculture (Chasing the Red Queen, 2014) and the second on the microbiome (Eaters Digest, 2022). His interest in life-history patterns led him to study cemeteries, death certificates and old documents to better understand the people, places and things in Aiken County over the past 200 years.

Description: Aiken has a well-known reputation for being a playground for wealthy northerners from the late 1800s on, but this didn't begin until the 1880s. After the Civil War, the Aiken City Council minutes were less focused on play and more focused on infrastructure as the Council continued to build a small southern town with a small budget but big plans. This talk will present a look at the interesting, quirky, and sometimes odd business of the early days of Aiken.

Session 1: 1842-1864

Session 2: 1878-1900

92. ATTRACTING BUTTERFLIES TO YOUR GARDEN

Date: Tuesday: Oct 20

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructors: **Susan Potter and Pat Dunlop** established the Butterfly Monarchy Club (BMC) in 2020. Susan is the President, and Pat is the VP. They were also responsible for starting the first and only chapter of the North American Butterfly Association in SC. Both have extensive knowledge in growing milkweed and raising monarchs and swallowtails. They have been instrumental in educating and bringing awareness to the importance of providing host and nectar plants to local garden clubs, civic organizations, etc.

Description: This course will be presented by the Butterfly Monarchy Club (BMC) Board Members. The mission of the BMC is to encourage community involvement and education for the well-being and preservation of all butterflies, with special emphasis on monarchs. The BMC has joined the North American Butterfly Association and is the first and only SC Chapter of the organization.

Information will be provided on attracting butterflies to your garden and what can be done to help save the monarchs. Live exhibits, including butterfly eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis, and butterflies, will be on display at the class.

Students will be provided with informational handouts on SC native plants, which are host plants for butterflies and nectar plants for pollinators.

93. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS USING RATIOS

Date: 3 Tuesdays: Oct 20, 27; Nov 3

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cost:** \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Laura Roden** spent her career in financial and investment management. She is a professor emeritus of San Jose State University, where she taught financial management, commercial banking and entrepreneurial finance. She received her undergraduate and MBA degrees from Harvard University and holds FINRA Series 7, 65 and 79 certifications.

Description: Financial ratios are simple mathematical calculations that help you quickly evaluate the health of a business enterprise. Whether you're interested in stock investing or in improving your own business, ratios will give you important insights with a minimum of effort. Many ratios can be applied to personal finance as well! The first session will focus on income statement ratios, the second on balance sheet ratios, and the third will be a fun look at real-life companies' ratios and the story they tell us.



94. FACEBOOK SECURITY

Date: 2 Tuesdays: Oct 20, 27

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$18

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Wayne Rickman** has a Master's degree in Computer Management and has been an instructor with the Center's Tech Section for over 20 years. He is a retired U. S. Navy (Nuclear Submarine) officer.

Description: Get your Facebook questions answered while reviewing your privacy settings. This two-session course includes updating your Facebook account and privacy settings. A Facebook account is required to take this course. Students will need their Facebook user ID and passwords, since they will be using their own FB page in class on classroom computers or on their own personal devices.

95. HISTORY AND STORIES FROM YELLOWSTONE JUDGES

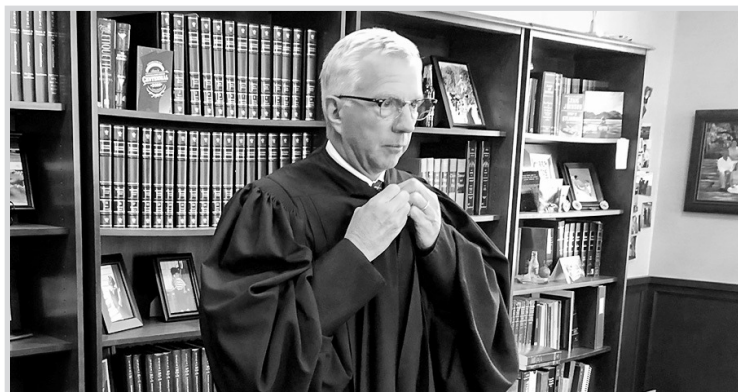
Date: Tuesday: Oct 20

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Mark Carman** graduated from Colorado State University in Wildland Hydrology and obtained his law degree from the University of Wyoming in 1981. He was a litigation attorney practicing in many western states until his appointment to the Federal Bench in 2013, with his primary chambers located in Yellowstone National Park, where he presided over cases arising within Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and the vast federal lands of western Wyoming.

Description: Yellowstone National Park has hosted a Federal Judge for 132 years, and Judge Carman had the honor of serving in that position. Judge Carman will share the history, stories and remembrances of the Yellowstone Judiciary as well as his thoughts on the art of judgeship in this unique Court.



96. 2026 GENERAL ELECTION-EXPECTATIONS & RESULTS

Date: 4 Wednesdays: Oct 21, 28; Nov 4, 11

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$12

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Allison Hamilton** has worked on elections and has taught political science courses for over 20 years. She is currently the executive director of Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness in Aiken, SC, and teaches political science for Middle Georgia State University. Dr. Hamilton has a doctorate in Political Science from the University of Iowa.

Description: This course will spend the weeks leading up to the general election looking at the polling data, expected outcomes, and why the electoral process is how it is. After the election, the session will consist of a debrief- what happened compared to expectations, what the results mean, and consider the 'next steps' to formally finalize the results. What will the government look like in 2027? While all are welcome, this course will remain respectful and will not tolerate any disruptive/disrespectful language or behavior.

97. THROWN OUT OF COLLEGE

Date: Wednesday: Oct 21

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144



Instructor: Thomas Rosensteel has been a trust officer, land developer, and real estate broker for over 30 years, and a transactional attorney for over 50 years. Tom has taught his formula for success to students at the elementary, middle, high school, college, and law school levels, as well as to professionals preparing for licensing exams.

Description: Readmitted to college on academic "super probation," Tom ultimately achieved Dean's list status and secured Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts in teaching and Juris Doctor degrees. In this course, you will learn Tom's formula for unstoppable success and how Tiger Woods, Michelangelo, Einstein and others achieved their success. If you have a child, grandchild or student in your life who could benefit from learning a simple and straightforward formula for achieving success in/out of the classroom, this course is for you. Sign up if you are passionate about assisting others in your life and becoming a lifelong learner.

98. DEEP DIVE INTO AMERICA'S 4 OLDEST CONTINUING SETTLEMENTS

Date: 4 Wednesdays: Oct 21, 28; Nov 4, 11

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cost:** \$12

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: John Karas is a graduate of the University of Toledo and has taught at Harper College in Illinois. He held executive positions in three Fortune 500 corporations before founding an international corporation, leading to many years of international travel. After retirement, he served as Senior Energy Policy advisor to a U.S. Congressman.

Description: In this course, we will explore the four oldest continuously occupied settlements in the U.S. We will discuss St. Augustine from 1565 to present day; Jamestown (1607); Plymouth (1620) and New Amsterdam (New York) from 1624 to present day. These settlements have played a significant role in shaping the history and culture of the United States. Each has its own unique history and significance, contributing to the nation's diverse heritage. Come and learn.

99. HOW DO I USE ONEDRIVE?

Date: Wednesday: Oct 21

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 16

Instructor: Dr. Russell Beckmeyer received his PhD from the University of Missouri. Dr. Beckmeyer has more than fifty-four years of applied computer technology experience. After an extensive career at the Savannah River Site, he spent the last five years of his professional career as an engineering director for two different small nuclear reactors.

Description: OneDrive is one of Microsoft's most powerful yet often not well-understood computer technologies. OneDrive is a file hosting service based on the cloud storage model. The free service allows users to access the file over the internet from any computer or phone. Topics to be covered include: file access anywhere, free storage, no accidental deletes, extra security, and automatic backups.

100. THE ORIGINS OF MANNERS AND CIVILITY

Date: 2 Thursdays: Oct 22, 29

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: Dr. Daniel Heimmermann became the fifth Chancellor of the University of South Carolina Aiken on July 1, 2021. Originally from Wisconsin, Chancellor Heimmermann received undergraduate degrees in History and Spanish before earning Master of Arts and Ph.D. degrees in early-modern French history from Marquette University. Before coming to USCA, Dr. Heimmermann served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Texas Permian Basin, where he ranked as the most senior chief academic officer in the University of Texas System. A historian of early-modern France, Dr. Heimmermann has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in early-modern European history and the French Revolution and Napoleonic periods.

Description: The early-modern period in Europe witnessed what historians have called a "civilizing process" in which newly developed social customs and rules sought to transform human behavior to become more cerebral, refined, and peaceful. The repertoire of these ritualized social graces, or etiquette, was intended to instill in people self-control in order to subordinate brutish emotions and actions associated with the lower body in favor of rational and spiritual qualities represented by the upper body. A primary target for social and religious reformers was popular festivals such as Carnival, which heavily emphasized the gratification of the visceral lower body. Coming just before Lent, Carnival was a week of wild self-indulgence, gluttony, promiscuity, and violence, culminating with a drunken day of revelry on Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras. New manners, habits, and etiquette developed during the period sought to curb these unbridled carnivalesque tendencies to produce more "humane" beings and society. These included rituals related to the consumption of food (through dining rituals/etiquette), the pursuit of sexual pleasure/procreation (through courtship rituals), and the mitigation of violent impulses and actions (through organized sports, dispute resolution, and modern criminal justice systems). This course will explore this "civilizing" process that is apparent in our world today.

101. DISCOVER SMART GLASSES: SEE META RAY-BAN IN ACTION

Date: Thursday: Oct 22

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: B&E Room 144

Cost: \$15



Instructor: **Karrie Bolton** has long been an early adopter of various technologies. In 2014, she sought ways to make everyday tasks simpler by fully embracing virtual assistants and Smart devices. A native of the West Coast, she brings a curious mind and a genuine eagerness to learn and share knowledge with others.

Description: We'll explore a variety of smart glasses currently available, highlighting hands-free features and benefits such as photo/video capture, live streaming, audio for calling, messaging, music, AI "look and ask", directions, reminders/tasks, note-taking, plus smart home control. They can be helpful for POV (point-of-view) remote assistance, such as for work tasks, home appliances, computer help, or even various medical purposes. A new, fun way for someone to watch you cook or pick out an outfit. Great to self-analyze active hobbies too! Available in clear, tinted, and prescription.

102. EXPLORING THE COUNTRY AT 10 MPH

Date: Monday: Oct 26

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructors: **Ellen and Jeff DeGange** met through their shared hobby of mountain biking and, after getting married, continued to pursue different types of cycling. They have found that their favorite way to travel has been through bike touring and continue to look forward to other areas of the country (and world) to travel. Jeff is a retired mechanical engineer from Savannah River National Lab, and Ellen is a retired elementary school teacher who worked in public and private schools in GA and SC.

Description: The instructors will share their adventures traveling by bicycle on some of the cycling trails in the United States. They will take you to the Erie Canal in NY, the Greater Alleghany Passage and the C&O Towpath from Pittsburgh, PA to Washington DC, the Amish country, and Cuyahoga Valley on the OTET (Ohio to Erie Trail), the swamps and beaches on the FL Coast-to-Coast Trail, and the KATY Trail across the farm and wine countryside of Missouri. Come discover how bicycle travel connects us to people and places in ways that no other mode of travel can- at the right speed to enjoy landscapes off the beaten path and discover nature's surprises.

103. RHETORIC, PROTEST SONGS AND WOODY GUTHRIE

Date: Monday: Oct 26

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Jason B. Munsell** is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Communication and Emerging Media Department at USCA. He is a former president of the Southern States Communication Association as well as the Carolinas Communication Association. He is currently the Executive Director of the Carolinas Communication Association and an Endowed Chair in Humanities. He has a PhD in Speech Communication from LSU.

Description: This course will cover rhetorical theory applied to protest songs, discuss the various functions of protest songs with plenty of fun examples, and then focus on Guthrie's famous "This Land is Your Land" song as a case study.



104. RISE AND FALL OF YUGOSLAVIA

Date: 4 Mondays: Oct 26; Nov 2, 9, 16

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Cost: \$12

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Joseph Lyons** is a native of Biloxi, Mississippi, and holds a BS in Electrical Engineering, a BS in Accounting and a doctorate in Business Administration. His work experience includes service with Ingalls Shipbuilding, Bausch & Lomb, the Air Force Communications Command and 30 years with DOE-Savannah River. He has been married to Mary Elaine for 53 years and has three children and three grandsons.

Description: In 1920, a new country appeared in Europe. This new country, known as Yugoslavia, was created by the Paris Peace Conference after World War I by assigning Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro and Macedonia (all provinces of the former Austrian Empire) to the Kingdom of Serbia. This new nation lasted only 70 years, breaking up into 6 independent countries after a series of wars of independence in the early 1990s.

This course describes how that nation was formed, why it broke apart after such a short time and discusses the status of the new countries formed from the breakup.

105. DAY OF THE DEAD - CAROLINA EDITION

Lecture Date: Tuesday: Oct 27

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Field Trip Date: Monday: Nov 2

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Meet at St Thaddeus Churchyard

125 Pendleton St SW, Aiken, SC 29801

Class Size Limit: 30

Instructor: Tom Mack is a recipient of the Governor's Award in the Humanities and holds the rank of USC Distinguished Professor Emeritus. For 36 years, he has written a weekly column in the Aiken Standard.

Description: Melding pre-Hispanic traditions with All Souls' and All Saints' days, the Day of the Dead features cemetery visits. This course will consist of a lecture and a field trip to three historic cemeteries to visit the final resting places of eight notable Carolinians. The classroom session will focus on the biographies of those seven notable South Carolinians. For the field trip, we will meet in the St. Thaddeus churchyard and then carpool to Edgefield to visit Willowbrook. Lunch will be at your own expense after the field trip.

106. TECH TALK: FAMILY HISTORIES

Date: Tuesday: Oct 27

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM **Cost:** \$5

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: Dennis Harkins was a teacher and technology specialist in Pennsylvania schools for over 30 years. He was also an adjunct professor at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Area Computer Society. He has been with the Center's Tech Section for more than 15 years.

Description: The Aiken Public Library has a new tool, the Ancestry Library Edition, to help you find your family history and create your own family tree. This overview will show you how to use it, and other resources that the library and internet have for family history research.

107. SMART HOME SOLUTIONS FOR SMART SENIORS

Date: Wednesday: Oct 28

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: Dr. Russell Beckmeyer received his PhD from the University of Missouri. Dr. Beckmeyer has more than fifty-four years of applied computer technology experience. After an extensive career at the Savannah River Site, he spent the last five years of his professional career as an engineering director for two different small nuclear reactors.

Description: Are you intrigued by the idea of a smart home? Perhaps you are curious about what exactly a smart home entails. Whether you are interested in enhancing security, optimizing energy usage, or simply making daily life more convenient, our comprehensive course has you covered. You will learn what a smart home is and how it works. We will explore the most common smart home features, including voice assistants, smart lighting, security cameras, and more.

108. DR. MARY EDWARDS WALKER: PHYSICIAN, SURGEON

Date: Thursday: Oct 29

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: Beverly Eggert, a retired Beaufort County English teacher, served as the featured lecturer and program director for the Beaufort County History Center/Beaufort County Library lecture series. She also served as the program director and lecturer for the Santa Elena History Center in Beaufort and was a lecturer for the South Carolina Humanities Festival.

Description: Dr. Mary Edwards Walker (1832-1919) was a pioneering American physician, surgeon, and women's rights advocate. She became the first female surgeon in the United States Army during the Civil War. Volunteering on the front lines, she treated soldiers and civilians alike and was captured and imprisoned by Confederate forces. For her courage and service to the Union, she received the Medal of Honor on November 11, 1865. It was later taken away and then reinstated by Pres. Jimmy Carter in 1977. Her legacy embodies medical dedication, equality and fearless advocacy for women's rights in 19th-century America.

109. DRESSING THE 1860'S LADY: A LIVE DEMONSTRATION

Date: Thursday: Oct 29

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: Jennifer Bowers is a living historian for the National Park Service. She specializes in niche historical narratives, bringing history to life while wearing historically accurate clothing. She is a graduate of USCA, a Navy Veteran, and enjoys dogs, yoga, & kayaking.

Description: Step back into the 1860s, the height of the "Hoop Skirt" era. Dressing in this period was a ritual of layers, designed to create the iconic bell-shaped silhouette while maintaining modesty and hygiene. This dressing demonstration is a step-by-step assembly of a Victorian lady's ensemble with clarification of why each garment is worn.

NEW

110. THE HOPE DIAMOND AND ITS LAST PRIVATE OWNER

Date: 3 Mondays: Nov 2, 9, 16

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Marty Bailey** owns Tailored Tours of Aiken and is a self-described history enthusiast who loves history, especially as it pertains to Aiken and the people who called it “home”. She enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, and traveling, when she’s not researching or providing tours.

Description: Learn about the famous Hope Diamond and how it came to be owned by Evalyn Walsh McLean, the last private individual to own it. Explore the legends surrounding the largest blue diamond in the world and be prepared to be amazed at Evalyn’s life of excess, kind deeds, loves, pain, and her determined spirit to live life to its fullest.

111. AN AIKEN ICON AND THE HORSE CREEK VALLEY

Date: Monday: Nov 2

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dennis Harkins** taught in Pennsylvania schools for over 30 years. He has been a volunteer for Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Center in Gloverville for 15 years and has presented a summary of the life of Msgr. Smith to a meeting of the Historic Aiken Foundation.

Description: Monsignor George Smith was a lawyer, a Winter Colonist...and a long-time priest at St. Mary’s Help of Christians. He was as passionate about helping the poor as he was about fox hunting. Meanwhile, the Horse Creek Valley just beyond Aiken was one of the most destitute regions of the US during the Great Depression. Come hear the forgotten story of Smith’s unusual life and his mission to expose and alleviate the poverty just a few miles from Aiken’s mansions.

112. CODE TALKERS: WWI AND WWII

Date: 3 Mondays: Nov 2, 9, 16

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cost:** \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Class Size Limit: 40

Instructor: **Tiajuana Cochnauer**, a professional cultural and historical interpreter, is an invited presenter at international, national, regional and local conferences. Her contribution to telling the story of the WWI Choctaw Code Talkers is acknowledged in *The First Code Talkers* by William C. Meadows, published by the University of Oklahoma Press, ©2021.

Description: Despite the U.S. government’s efforts to eliminate languages of Tribes/Nations, those very languages are now credited with helping the U. S. military successfully communicate during war. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is the first Federally Recognized Tribe whose language is documented to confound the German enemy in World War I. Cochnauer’s photographs of WWI battlefields in France enhance the presentations while she wears a WWI Doughboy uniform. Resources include WWI American Expeditionary Force photographs and military maps. The sessions will also demonstrate the U.S. military’s incorporation of “code talking” as an effective wartime tool during WWII.

113. WHAT ARE “CULTS”? AN INTRODUCTION TO NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS (NRMs)

Date: 2 Mondays: Nov 2, 9

Time: 3:30 - 4:45 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

NEW

Instructor: **Dr. Zara Browne** is an anthropologist who dedicated her doctoral research to the Irish Traveler community of Murphy Village in North Augusta, SC. She specializes in nomadic and separatist communities. Zara’s work in Murphy Village has been featured in multiple news outlets, including *The Post and Courier* and *Augusta Today*.

Description: We hear about the latest “cults” on the news, TV, and film, but what exactly is a “cult?” Anthropologists refer to “cults” as New Religious Movements (NRMs). In this two-session course, you will learn about the definition(s) and criteria that constitute NRMs, and a brief historical overview of NRMs, especially in the United States. We will touch upon the most common backgrounds and mental health contexts of both those who are drawn to NRMs and those who want to lead them. Finally, we will review a few case studies of some of the most well-known NRMs in U.S. history and how (or if) they ended.

114. NATIVE CAVITY NESTING BIRDS

Date: Tuesday: Nov 3

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

NEW

Instructor: **Glen Hendry** has a B.S. degree in Geology from Pennsylvania State University and is the Vice President of the South Carolina Bluebird Society. He and his wife do educational seminars/presentations throughout South Carolina and Georgia.

Description: An educational seminar on attracting and caring for the Eastern Bluebird and other native cavity-nesting birds.

115. UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH YOUR PUBLIC SERVANTS

Date: 3 Tuesdays: Nov 3, 10, 17

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Cost: \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Marty Bailey** is a Texan living in Aiken for 17 years, nine of which she's been a volunteer firefighter and 13 years the owner of Tailored Tours of Aiken. She's passionate about history and supporting those who serve the community as public servants. She especially loves time with her grandsons.

Description: We all depend on our public servants having the proper training and the heart for service when we call them in an emergency. Through this course, you'll learn about the training and demands of your local public servants. You'll get to meet some of your local servants (a firefighter, law enforcement, and a paramedic) to learn firsthand about their training, what a typical workday is for them, and how their job affects their family life. You'll hear from them what their greatest like/dislike of their jobs are and how they deal with certain situations they sometimes face.



116. HOW THE WINTER COLONY PARTIED

Date: Wednesday: Nov 4

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Ms. Lauren Virgo** is the Director of the Aiken County Museum and has been with the ACM since 2017. She has a bachelor's degree in history from Clemson University, a master's degree in Art History and a Certificate in Museum Management from the University of South Carolina. Ms. Virgo has worked professionally in the museum field for 21 years.

Description: We all know that the Winter Colonists enjoyed equestrian sports, but that's not all they did while living in Aiken during those cold winter months. They also partied! There were theatrical plays, scavenger hunts, flower parades, shooting sports, big galas, and even a park where you could pet the local deer when you got bored of everything else. Come learn about the Winter Colonists and some of their fun adventures during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

117. INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL NETWORKS

Date: Wednesday: Nov 4

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Cost: \$15

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Dr. Russell Beckmeyer** received his PhD from the University of Missouri. Dr. Beckmeyer has more than fifty-four years of applied computer technology experience. After an extensive career at the Savannah River Site, he spent the last five years of his professional career as an engineering director for two different small nuclear reactors.

Description: This course introduces students to the capabilities of digital networks. Students will gain a basic knowledge of various digital networks used to connect phones, computers, home automation, and home security. This includes network data limits and availability in this area. This lecture-based course with limited hands-on activity will acquaint students with a broad overview of network digital options.

118. DISSECTING A MASTERPIECE

Date: 3 Thursdays: Nov 5, 12, 19

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Cost: \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Matt Caine** is Director of Traditional Music at St. John's Methodist Church, Aiken. Frequently in demand as a guest conductor, he is also a perennial presenter at national, regional, and state conferences of the American Choral Directors Association.

Description: A musical masterwork that was hastily composed in just 24 days in 1741 and premiered in 1742 but continues to have chart-topping new recordings made and receives sold-out performances worldwide, some 285 years since its inception, can be described as nothing short of a masterpiece. Join us as we dissect George Frideric Handel's beloved oratorio, Messiah, focusing this year on the choruses.

Then, join us on Sunday, November 22, at 3:00 pm for a free live performance of nearly all the choruses from Handel's Messiah, including the well-known "Hallelujah" chorus.

119. THE ABC'S OF DATING GLASS BOTTLES

Date: Thursday: Nov 5

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Andy Dyer** is a retired biology professor at USCA. He has published two general science books: one on pesticide resistance and agriculture (Chasing the Red Queen, 2014) and the second on the microbiome (Eaters Digest, 2022). His interest in life-history patterns led him to study cemeteries, death certificates, and old documents to better understand the people, places and things in Aiken County over the past 200 years.

Description: Aiken was established in 1835, and nearly every property in the older parts of town has been used for different purposes and built on several times. There is broken glass everywhere. Often, it is possible to find intact glass or pieces with recognizable marks. Determining the age of the glass begins with keen observation, finding maker's marks, and knowing a few websites. After an introduction, the session will be a hands-on experience in looking for telltale clues.

120. BONES, BELIEFS & BREAKTHROUGHS: ANDREW TAYLOR STILL AND THE BIRTH OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Date: Thursday: Nov 5

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Lisa Ennis** holds academic degrees in history, information sciences, and public health and serves as Dean of the Gregg-Graniteville Library and Director of the Student Success Center at USC Aiken. She enjoys topics that connect science, history, and everyday life, from environmental health to emerging technologies. A dedicated gardener and native plant enthusiast, she brings curiosity, humor, and a love of learning to every class she teaches.

When she's not teaching or working at the library, she can often be found sketching, gardening, or exploring the ways science and history intersect in everyday life. She is passionate about making complex topics accessible and engaging for lifelong learners and believes curiosity is one of our most valuable lifelong skills.

Description: Why do we have both MDs and DOs—and what makes them different? Travel back to the 1800s and meet Andrew Taylor Still, the rebel doctor who challenged bleeding, purging, and other “treatments” of his day. His radical ideas launched osteopathic medicine, giving rise to DO physicians who share the same medical training as MDs but add a whole-person, structural approach. This fast-paced talk uncovers the controversies, characters, and surprising twists behind the DO profession.

121. HOW THE STAMP ACT INITIATED THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Date: Thursday: Nov 5

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144



Instructor: **Jennifer Bowers** is a living historian for the National Park Service. She specializes in niche historical narratives, bringing history to life while wearing historically accurate clothing. She is a graduate of USCA, a Navy Veteran, and enjoys dogs, yoga, & kayaking.

Description: Discover how a single piece of legislation transformed loyal British subjects into determined revolutionaries. This presentation explores the Stamp Act, the first direct tax on the American colonies, and its role as the catalyst for organized resistance. Witness the moment the American identity was truly born. Don't worry - it is not necessary to remember that one day back in your 4th grade class when the Stamp Act was actually mentioned.

122. QUILLED ANGEL ORNAMENT

Date: Friday: Nov 6

Time: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Cost: \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Class Size Limit: 12

***Supply Cost:** Additional \$10

Instructor: **Debbie Bruce** has been making quilled art for six years. She is a member of the North American Quilling Guild, where she has attained several first-place blue ribbons in her skill category at their annual conference. She sells her quilling art in a local art shop and also teaches classes.

Description: Bring the ancient art of paper filigree to life and learn some of the shapes and techniques needed to turn simple paper strips into beautiful art, ornaments, and home decor. During the course, each student will practice various methods and then create a beautiful, quilled Christmas ornament. Manual and fine finger dexterity is helpful. ***Supply cost (exact cash or check made out to Debbie Bruce) is a separate payment.**

123. HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: SMALL CHANGES - BIG IMPACT

Date: Tuesday: Nov 10

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Cost: \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Mila L. Padgett** is the Executive Director of Campus Wellbeing at the University of South Carolina Aiken. She has a master's degree in Exercise Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and has been in the field of wellness for 25 years. She is a certified health and wellness coach with Wellcoaches and FASTerWay. “My passion revolves around helping people realize they have all the power and can take control over their health. My role is to give you the tools and strategies to believe in yourself and take that first step.”

Description: Health, healthy, wellness, wellbeing – these are words that are mainstreamed in the media, but what do they really mean, and how do you know what is best for you? We will focus on behaviors that require small tweaks but have a big impact on your mind and body. Nutrition, sleep, movement, stress and mindset, to name a few.

124. 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON CROSSING THE DELAWARE ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND THE MEN WHO GOT HIM ACROSS

Date: 2 Tuesdays: Nov 10, 17

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **John Karas** is a graduate of the University of Toledo and has taught at Harper College in Illinois. He held executive positions in three Fortune 500 corporations before founding an international corporation, leading to many years of international travel. After retirement, he served as Senior Energy Policy advisor to a U.S. Congressman.

Description: The glory of Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill, and the British abandoning Boston is a distant memory. Washington and his forces had been badly defeated at the Battle of New York. Washington saves his army by crossing the Hudson into New Jersey. Crossing the Delaware into Pennsylvania, he prepared for his attack at Trenton. But the story also includes the Marblehead Massachusetts Men who got him across the Delaware again.

Session 1: John Glover and his Marblehead Men

Session 2: Christmas Day and the crossing

125. WASHINGTON COAST AND ALASKA

Date: 2 Tuesdays: Nov 10, 17

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Jeff Wallace** is a retired editor from the Aiken Standard who has lived in Aiken for more than 70 years. He and his wife, Mary Lou, have taken a number of trips since their retirement and love to visit interesting places far from the pines and sand hills of South Carolina. He has been an adjunct faculty member at USCA for more than 25 years.

Description: This is a photo log of western Washington State, including the Olympic Peninsula, a cruise to Alaska and an overland trip to Anchorage and to Denali National Park. It features photos of the interesting geographic features of the areas, as well as the flora and fauna of both western Washington State and Alaska.

126. SWITZERLAND TRAVEL STORIES 1985

Date: Tuesday: Nov 10

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Carl Fields** is a retired Westinghouse and Savannah River Site engineer who has lived in Aiken since 1990. He has been a member of the CLL and its predecessor organization since around 2005, and he has taught six previous CLL courses, including an earlier course covering other portions of the 1985 trip.

Description: This course, which includes many photographs, describes several things the instructor learned during a few days spent in Switzerland in 1985. The stop in Switzerland was part of a longer European tour. Topics include: "The Longest Tunnel in the World," "Memories From a 4th Grade Geography Textbook," "Camouflaged Fortifications," and "Swiss Guards, a Dying Lion, and a Hidden Pig." The course also includes a small amount of material on the "business" of European tourist hotels and bus-tour companies.

127. CONSPIRACY THEORIES, PARANOID RHETORIC AND SKEPTICISM

Date: Wednesday: Nov 11

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Jason B. Munsell** is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Communication and Emerging Media Department at USCA. He is a former president of the Southern States Communication Association as well as the Carolinas Communication Association. He is currently the Executive Director of the Carolinas Communication Association and an Endowed Chair in Humanities. He has a PhD in Speech Communication from LSU.

Description: This course will cover some popular contemporary conspiracy theories and explain how they function from a theoretical point of view using the concept of paranoid rhetoric. Then the course will cover practical ways to be skeptical about conspiracy theories and engage in basic media literacy.

128. COMPUTER SECURITY

Date: Wednesday: Nov 11

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM **Cost:** \$15

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: **Dr. Russell Beckmeyer** received his PhD from the University of Missouri. Dr. Beckmeyer has more than fifty-four years of applied computer technology experience. After an extensive career at the Savannah River Site, he spent the last five years of his professional career as an engineering director for two different small nuclear reactors.

Description: You have read about rogues hacking into commercial, government, and financial computer systems. Why do you think your computer is any safer? It is a lot easier and a lot cheaper to prevent an intrusion than it is to clean up after your computer has been compromised. Learn about protecting your Windows 11 computer from viruses, worms, adware, spyware, and malware. The second half of the class will address basic internet privacy and tracking. Learn how to protect your online identity.

129. NAVIGATING LIBRARY RESOURCES

Date: 2 Thursdays: Nov 12, 19

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$8

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B, Classroom 218

Class Size Limit: 22



Instructor: **Susie O'Connor** is the Access Services and Government Information Librarian at the Gregg-Graniteville Library, University of South Carolina Aiken, where she has worked since 2019. She holds a Master of Library Science (MLS) degree from Emporia State University.

Description: Welcome to Library Navigation Basics. We'll learn how to find physical books, CDs, and DVDs using the library catalog (Find It) and the Library of Congress call number system. CLL patrons may check out up to 10 items at a time. We'll also cover how to access materials with in-library licensing restrictions, including eBook chapters, articles, and newspapers available through the library catalog and databases. Additional services include getting a library card, accessing library computers, and using paid printing, lamination, and copy services. Finally, we'll explore the library's collections and the DOE Reading Room.

130. DINNER WITH DANGER: THE POISON SQUAD, THE JUNGLE AND THE BIRTH OF FOOD SAFETY

Date: Thursday: Nov 12

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144

Instructor: **Dr. Lisa Ennis** holds academic degrees in history, information sciences, and public health and serves as Dean of the Gregg-Graniteville Library and Director of the Student Success Center at USC Aiken. She enjoys topics that connect science, history, and everyday life, from environmental health to emerging technologies. A dedicated gardener and native plant enthusiast, she brings curiosity, humor, and a love of learning to every class she teaches.

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Description: At the turn of the 20th century, Americans were unknowingly dining on everything from borax-laced meat to formaldehyde "preserved" milk. Enter Dr. Harvey Wiley's daring Poison Squad, a team of volunteers who ate unregulated additives to expose the truth. Coupled with Upton Sinclair's explosive novel *The Jungle*, their work ignited public outrage and paved the way for the Meat Inspection Act of 1906. This lively talk explores the science, scandals, and personalities behind one of the most important public health revolutions in U.S. history.

131. QUILLED CHRISTMAS TREE

Date: Friday: Nov 13

Time: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM **Cost:** \$10

Location: B&E Room 144

Class Size Limit: 12

***Supply Cost:** Additional \$10

Instructor: **Debbie Bruce** has been making quilled art for six years. She is a member of the North American Quilling Guild, where she has attained several first-place blue ribbons in her skill category at their annual conference. She sells her quilling art in a local art shop and also teaches classes.

Description: Bring the ancient art of paper filigree to life and learn some of the shapes and techniques needed to turn simple paper strips into beautiful art, ornaments, and home decor. During the course, each student will practice various methods and then create a beautiful, quilled Christmas tree suitable for framing. Manual and fine finger dexterity is helpful. ***Supply cost (exact cash or check made out to Debbie Bruce) is a separate payment.**

132. THE HOBBY GREENHOUSE

Date: Monday: Nov 16

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: B&E Room 144



Instructor: **Pam Kolb** attended Clemson University for 3 years to study ornamental horticulture before transferring to Seattle University, where she earned a BS in Biology. Following graduation, she worked at Fred Hutchinson Research Foundation, the University of Washington, for 30 years and at Lifespan Biosciences as a Research Biologist. She loves to grow plants.

Description: The Hobby Greenhouse: a gardener's friend. This talk will outline factors that should be considered when planning and assembling a greenhouse for general or specialized plants. We will talk about size, site choice, foundation, frame, glazing, venting, cooling, heating, benches, floor materials, electrical outlets, water, shade cloth, and misting systems. The example used in the talk is a 20' x 20' greenhouse designed to grow tropical plants such as anthuriums and orchids, but it is also used for starting vegetable seeds and overwintering patio plants. The kit was manufactured to my specifications and assembled by my husband and I.





133. TECH TALK: USING ALEXA

Date: Wednesday: Nov 18

Time: 1:30 - 2:30 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: Gregg-Graniteville Library

USCA Parking Lot B

Class Size Limit: 20

Instructor: Dr. Russell Beckmeyer received his PhD from the University of Missouri. Dr. Beckmeyer has more than fifty-four years of applied computer technology experience. After an extensive career at the Savannah River Site, he spent the last five years of his professional career as an engineering director for two different small nuclear reactors.

Description: Amazon's adoption of Alexa, an artificial intelligence assistant, has changed the way we control and interface with our gadgets. With a click of a button, Alexa can tell you things, play music for you, set alarms, or even control your home appliances, just to mention a few. But what exactly is this futuristic AI assistant, Alexa, and how does it work? In this CLL Tech Talk, we will present the basics of how Alexa works, present the most popular usage, and discuss your questions and experiences with this new device, making life easier.

FIELD TRIPS OR TOURS

134. PLANT VOGTLE TOUR

Date: Thursday: Nov 5

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 PM **Cost:** \$5

Location: Plant Vogtle (map and directions will be provided to students)

Class Size Limit: 25

Description: Joel A. Leopard, Senior Communications Coordinator at Plant Vogtle, will conduct a tour of the plant. The tour will include a 'Nuclear 101' overview and discussion, and a driving tour of the plant site with one stop at the cooling towers. A tour of a control simulator may be included if time permits. Students must be at the meeting location by 8:30 AM. Prior to the tour date, a map will be sent to all students who have registered for the tour. The map will show how to reach the plant and where the meeting location will be. The tour is limited to 25 students, which is the capacity of the plant bus.



CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ & Phone #: _____

☐ New Student

☐ Returning Student

Class	\$ Cost	Class	\$ Cost	Class	\$ Cost
1. Line Dancing	\$ 15	46. Nuclear Energy	\$ 10	91. Aiken Council Minutes	\$ 8
2. Growth Mgmt in Cities	\$ 8	47. iPhone/iPad Camera	\$ 18	92. Butterflies	\$ 5
3. Pres. Elections: '52 - '24	\$ 8	48. TT Beyond Security	\$ 5	93. Financial Ratios	\$ 10
4. Microbiome & Health	\$ 8	49. Quilled Pumpkins	\$ 10	94. Facebook Security	\$ 18
5. SRS Nuclear Weapons	\$ 10	50. Wonderful Wetlands	\$ 8	95. Yellowstone Judges	\$ 5
6. British War Strategies	\$ 8	51. Home Security Systems	\$ 15	96. 2026 Election	\$ 12
7. Writing Workshop	\$ 8	52. Tanzania Safari Pt II	\$ 5	97. Thrown Out of College	\$ 5
8. Can You Hear Me?	\$ 5	53. Sugar + Salt + Fat	\$ 12	98. Oldest Settlements	\$ 12
9. Cruise Great Circle	\$ 8	54. PC Basics Review	\$ 15	99. Using OneDrive	\$ 15
10. Tri-Development Impact	\$ 5	55. Applied AI (Sec B)	\$ 15	100. Manners & Civility	\$ 8
11. Irish Trav Ancestry	\$ 8	56. Health & Wellness	\$ 12	101. Smart Glasses	\$ 15
12. Dr. Matilda Evans	\$ 5	57. Psychedelic Rock	\$ 5	102. Exploring at 10mph	\$ 5
13. Elizabeth Van Lew	\$ 5	58. Mac/iPhone Help Desk	\$ 5	103. Woody Guthrie	\$ 5
14. iPhone 101	\$ 20	59. Victorian Fashion	\$ 5	104. Yugoslavia	\$ 12
15. Estate Planning	\$ 10	60. In Case of Emergency	\$ 8	105. Day of the Dead	\$ 8
16. Whitney's Joye Cottage	\$ 10	61. Stamp Collecting	\$ 5	106. TT Family Histories	\$ 5
17. Mary Surratt	\$ 5	62. Home Surveillance	\$ 15	107. Smart Home Solution	\$ 15
18. Victorian Hand Fans	\$ 5	63. James Bond	\$ 12	108. Mary Walker	\$ 5
19. Edgefield is Peachy	\$ 10	64. Applied AI (Sec C)	\$ 15	109. Dressing 1860s Lady	\$ 5
20. Theory of Generations	\$ 5	65. Germans in Amer. Rev.	\$ 5	110. Hope Diamond	\$ 10
21. Gullah Geechee	\$ 12	66. Rilke Life & Poems	\$ 5	111. Aiken Horse Creek	\$ 5
22. Getting Along	\$ 12	67. iMacs and MacBooks	\$ 20	112. Code Talkers	\$ 10
23. Wollstonecraft. Here?	\$ 5	68. Nuclear Medicine	\$ 5	113. What Are Cults?	\$ 8
24. SRNL Science Frontiers	\$ 10	69. Motown & Southern Soul	\$ 5	114. Cavity Nesting Birds	\$ 5
25. Return to the Moon	\$ 8	70. Coroner System	\$ 8	115. Public Servants	\$ 10
26. Korean War	\$ 5	71. iCloud w/ iPad iPhone	\$ 15	116. Winter Colony Partied	\$ 5
27. What Is AI?	\$ 15	72. Security Scams	\$ 15	117. Digital Networks	\$ 15
28. Cookies to Quarks	\$ 10	73. Volunteering	\$ 8	118. Dissect Masterpiece	\$ 10
29. Exercise Is Medicine	\$ 8	74. Grimke Sisters	\$ 5	119. Dating Glass Bottles	\$ 5
30. iPhone 102	\$ 20	75. Irish Trav Language	\$ 8	120. Osteopathic Medicine	\$ 5
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33. Beatles & Brit. Invasion	\$ 5	78. TT Quantum Computing	\$ 5	123. Small Changes Impact	\$ 5
34. Traveling Smartly	\$ 5	79. War with Iran	\$ 12	124. Washington Crossing	\$ 8
35. Mindfulness Practices	\$ 8	80. Darkest Days 1941	\$ 8	125. Washington & Alaska	\$ 8
36. Black Death in Europe	\$ 10	81. Nuclear Waste	\$ 12	126. Switzerland Stories	\$ 5
37. Irish Trav Society	\$ 8	82. Iron Curtain Music	\$ 8	127. Conspiracy Theories	\$ 5
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39. Osteoporosis	\$ 5	84. iPad 101	\$ 18	129. Library Resources	\$ 8
40. Civil War Battles II	\$ 10	85. Rebecca Brewton Motte	\$ 8	130. Dinner with Danger	\$ 5
41. TT Electronic Calendars	\$ 5	86. TT Power of the Web	\$ 5	131. Quilled Christmas	\$ 10
42. Isenheim Altarpiece	\$ 5	87. Android Devices	\$ 18	132. Hobby Greenhouse	\$ 5
43. Food Foraging in Aiken	\$ 8	88. Windows File Mgmt	\$ 15	133. TT Using Alexa	\$ 5
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45. Folk Rock, Pop, Garage	\$ 5	90. Advanced Tech Scams	\$ 15		

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CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ & Phone #: _____

☐ New Student

☐ Returning Student

Class	\$ Cost	Class	\$ Cost	Class	\$ Cost
1. Line Dancing	\$ 15	46. Nuclear Energy	\$ 10	91. Aiken Council Minutes	\$ 8
2. Growth Mgmt in Cities	\$ 8	47. iPhone/iPad Camera	\$ 18	92. Butterflies	\$ 5
3. Pres. Elections: '52 - '24	\$ 8	48. TT Beyond Security	\$ 5	93. Financial Ratios	\$ 10
4. Microbiome & Health	\$ 8	49. Quilled Pumpkins	\$ 10	94. Facebook Security	\$ 18
5. SRS Nuclear Weapons	\$ 10	50. Wonderful Wetlands	\$ 8	95. Yellowstone Judges	\$ 5
6. British War Strategies	\$ 8	51. Home Security Systems	\$ 15	96. 2026 Election	\$ 12
7. Writing Workshop	\$ 8	52. Tanzania Safari Pt II	\$ 5	97. Thrown Out of College	\$ 5
8. Can You Hear Me?	\$ 5	53. Sugar + Salt + Fat	\$ 12	98. Oldest Settlements	\$ 12
9. Cruise Great Circle	\$ 8	54. PC Basics Review	\$ 15	99. Using OneDrive	\$ 15
10. Tri-Development Impact	\$ 5	55. Applied AI (Sec B)	\$ 15	100. Manners & Civility	\$ 8
11. Irish Trav Ancestry	\$ 8	56. Health & Wellness	\$ 12	101. Smart Glasses	\$ 15
12. Dr. Matilda Evans	\$ 5	57. Psychedelic Rock	\$ 5	102. Exploring at 10mph	\$ 5
13. Elizabeth Van Lew	\$ 5	58. Mac/iPhone Help Desk	\$ 5	103. Woody Guthrie	\$ 5
14. iPhone 101	\$ 20	59. Victorian Fashion	\$ 5	104. Yugoslavia	\$ 12
15. Estate Planning	\$ 10	60. In Case of Emergency	\$ 8	105. Day of the Dead	\$ 8
16. Whitney's Joye Cottage	\$ 10	61. Stamp Collecting	\$ 5	106. TT Family Histories	\$ 5
17. Mary Surratt	\$ 5	62. Home Surveillance	\$ 15	107. Smart Home Solution	\$ 15
18. Victorian Hand Fans	\$ 5	63. James Bond	\$ 12	108. Mary Walker	\$ 5
19. Edgefield is Peachy	\$ 10	64. Applied AI (Sec C)	\$ 15	109. Dressing 1860s Lady	\$ 5
20. Theory of Generations	\$ 5	65. Germans in Amer. Rev.	\$ 5	110. Hope Diamond	\$ 10
21. Gullah Geechee	\$ 12	66. Rilke Life & Poems	\$ 5	111. Aiken Horse Creek	\$ 5
22. Getting Along	\$ 12	67. iMacs and MacBooks	\$ 20	112. Code Talkers	\$ 10
23. Wollstonecraft. Here?	\$ 5	68. Nuclear Medicine	\$ 5	113. What Are Cults?	\$ 8
24. SRNL Science Frontiers	\$ 10	69. Motown & Southern Soul	\$ 5	114. Cavity Nesting Birds	\$ 5
25. Return to the Moon	\$ 8	70. Coroner System	\$ 8	115. Public Servants	\$ 10
26. Korean War	\$ 5	71. iCloud w/ iPad iPhone	\$ 15	116. Winter Colony Partied	\$ 5
27. What Is AI?	\$ 15	72. Security Scams	\$ 15	117. Digital Networks	\$ 15
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NEW LOOK CLL Website

Our Website, Redesigned for You! Explore our new look today.

As you explore this Fall 2026 Catalog, we're also excited to share our newly redesigned Center for Lifelong Learning website **www.AikenLearning.org**.

With a fresh look, improved navigation, and better accessibility, the new site makes it easier than ever to browse classes, register, and stay connected.

This redesign was shaped by feedback from our students and community - thank you to everyone who participated in our survey.

Your input made a real difference.

A special thank you to our **Web Designer, Jim Brown**, for his creativity, hard work, and dedication in bringing this new site to life.

We invite you to visit the new site and explore what's ahead this fall.

The screenshot displays the homepage of the Aiken Learning Center for Lifelong Learning website. At the top, a dark navigation bar includes the phone number 803-641-3741, the email info@aikenlearning.org, and a Site Map link. Below this, the header features the organization's logo on the left and a menu with links to Home, News, Courses, Calendar, Catalog, Newsletter, About, and Contact, alongside a Register Online button. The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, a large heading reads 'Lifelong Learning for Curious Minds', followed by a subtext: 'Explore non-credit courses in history, science, literature, technology, and more — right here in Aiken.' Below this text are two buttons: 'Browse Courses' and 'View Calendar'. On the right, a banner image shows a building with a sign that says 'Registration opens 9 AM, August 11 for both Open House and online registration.' Below the main content, there are two columns. The left column is titled 'STARTING SOON' and features a 'View Full Schedule >>' link. It lists a course 'Line Dancing' which begins on August 17 for 5 weeks, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. A small box with the number '1' is next to the course name. The description for the course is 'Learn line dancing step by step, build confidence with new dances each week, and enjoy exercise, music, memory work, and friendly fun.' A 'View Details' button is located to the right of the description. The right column is titled 'BROWSE COURSES' and contains a list of links: 'By Topic', 'By Day', 'By Instructor', and 'Full Schedule', each with a right-pointing arrow.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

Continuing Education

Continuing Education offers the opportunity to expand your knowledge, sharpen your skills, and stay ahead in today's rapidly evolving world. Whether you're looking to advance in your career, switch fields, or pursue a passion, Continuing Education provides the tools and resources you need to succeed.

Find out more about Continuing Education programs at [LinkedIn] or at <https://www.usca.edu/departments/external-programs/continuing-education/>. Additional classes not listed here include topics in legal studies, real estate, and a wide range of personal and professional skills.



New Horizon Jazz & Concert Band

USCA offers continuing education opportunities in art, writing and music. Join other students in a hands on opportunity to develop your skills under our award winning faculty.

Concert & Jazz Band Information

Location: Room 125, Etherredge Center

Rehearsals: Sept 10, 17, 24; Oct 1, 15, 22, 29; Nov 5, 12, 19

Concert Band: 5:30-6:30 PM

Jazz Band: 6:30-7:30 PM

Final Concert: Sunday, Nov 22, 2026 @ 3:00 PM

Important Note

These Continuing Education (Band) courses are a separate USCA program and do not require the \$35 CLL membership fee to register.

Register Online

Visit [enter URL]

Enter the link directly into your web browser



The Concert Band is part of a nationwide organization designed to allow adult participants to experience the joy of music making with others in their community. Courses are designed to allow participants to develop individual performance skills and to collaborate with other local musicians. Participants are required to provide their own instrument. The course instructor can provide guidance on renting or purchasing quality instruments. The Concert Band is designed for participants who have already completed the Band Class or have some background performing on their instrument. **Registration fee for this class is \$100.**

Concert Band Instructor: Todd Jenkins is Director of Instrumental Studies at the University of South Carolina Aiken. At USCA, Professor Jenkins conducts the USCA Wind Ensemble, USCA Pacer Pulse Pep Band, the Aiken Concert Band and the USCA New Horizons Concert Band. Additionally, Professor Jenkins is responsible for teaching classes in conducting, music technology and music appreciation. He coaches chamber music and teaches private trumpet lessons to majors and non-majors.

The Jazz Band class is designed for participants with little to no experience playing music. Topics include reading music and its notation, instrument specific instruction, and ensemble rehearsal. Participants are required to provide their own instrument. The course instructor can provide guidance on renting or purchasing quality instruments. **Registration fee for this class is \$100.**

Jazz Band Instructor: Matt Henderson is a lecturer at USCA. He teaches Applied Brass Lessons, Jazz Band, Form and Analysis, World Music and Rock 'n Roll History. Additionally, Mr. Henderson holds degrees from the Lynn University Conservatory of Music and the University of South Carolina Columbia.



He performs regularly around the CSRA with various brass quintets, orchestras, The Garden City Bones (trombone quintet), The Experiment and the I-20 Horns (rock band), and is the Director at St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal in South Aiken.

Continuing Education: Equine Courses

FLEXIBLE & CONVENIENT

We offer 23 horse-related courses designed for flexible learning. Start anytime during the month and take one or multiple courses at your own pace. Each course must be completed within one year of registration. ***Most Classes requires access to a horse**

RELEVANT & PRACTICAL

Choose the topics that interest you most and build confidence working with horses, equine facilities, and horse care management. These courses provide strong foundational knowledge for those interested in equine careers or personal enrichment.

AFFORDABLE & REWARDING

- Courses: **\$275 each**
- Earn a USCA Certificate of Completion upon finishing each course
- Complete six courses and receive a “Horse Smart” Certificate
- After Horse Smart certification, additional courses are \$250 each

EASY ACCESS

All courses are online and require:

- Internet access
- Ability to upload videos

IMPORTANT NOTE

These Continuing Education (Equestrian) courses are a separate USCA program and **do not require the \$35 CLL membership fee to register.**

TO REGISTER

- Visit the webpage:
www.usca.edu/departments/external-programs/continuing-education/equestrian-online-courses
- Or call **(803) 641-3741**

EQUINE COURSES OFFERED

* = Requires access to a horse

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bits, Saddle Fitting & Hoof Balance*• Business of Making Money with Horses*• Competitive Lunge Line*• Conformation & Selection for Performance• Dressage: Foundation for All Riding Disciplines*• Equine Massage* | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equine Photography*• Equine Reproduction*• Fit to Ride• Health & Disease Management• Legal Aspects of Horse Management• Nutrition for Maximum Performance• Preparation for Competition*• Rev Up Your Dressage*• Riding Instructor Role & Responsibilities* | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Riding Instructor Teaching Techniques*• Showmanship in Hand*• Stable Management*• Stallion Management*• Train for Trail Class*• Training Performance Horses*• Understanding Equine Behavior |
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ADDITIONAL LOCATION

Gregg-Graniteville Library

Celebrate 50 years of the Gregg-Graniteville Library!

This season we are partnered with the Gregg-Graniteville Library, which will be providing us with additional locations for the classes you love. We give special thanks to the Gregg-Graniteville Library for their generosity.

The Gregg-Graniteville Library is located **on-campus at USCA: 152 Scholar Loop, Aiken, SC 29801.**

Parking will be most convenient in **Parking Lot B.** See the campus map at the back of this catalog for clarification.

Directions are available here: <https://library.usca.edu/about/map-directions>.

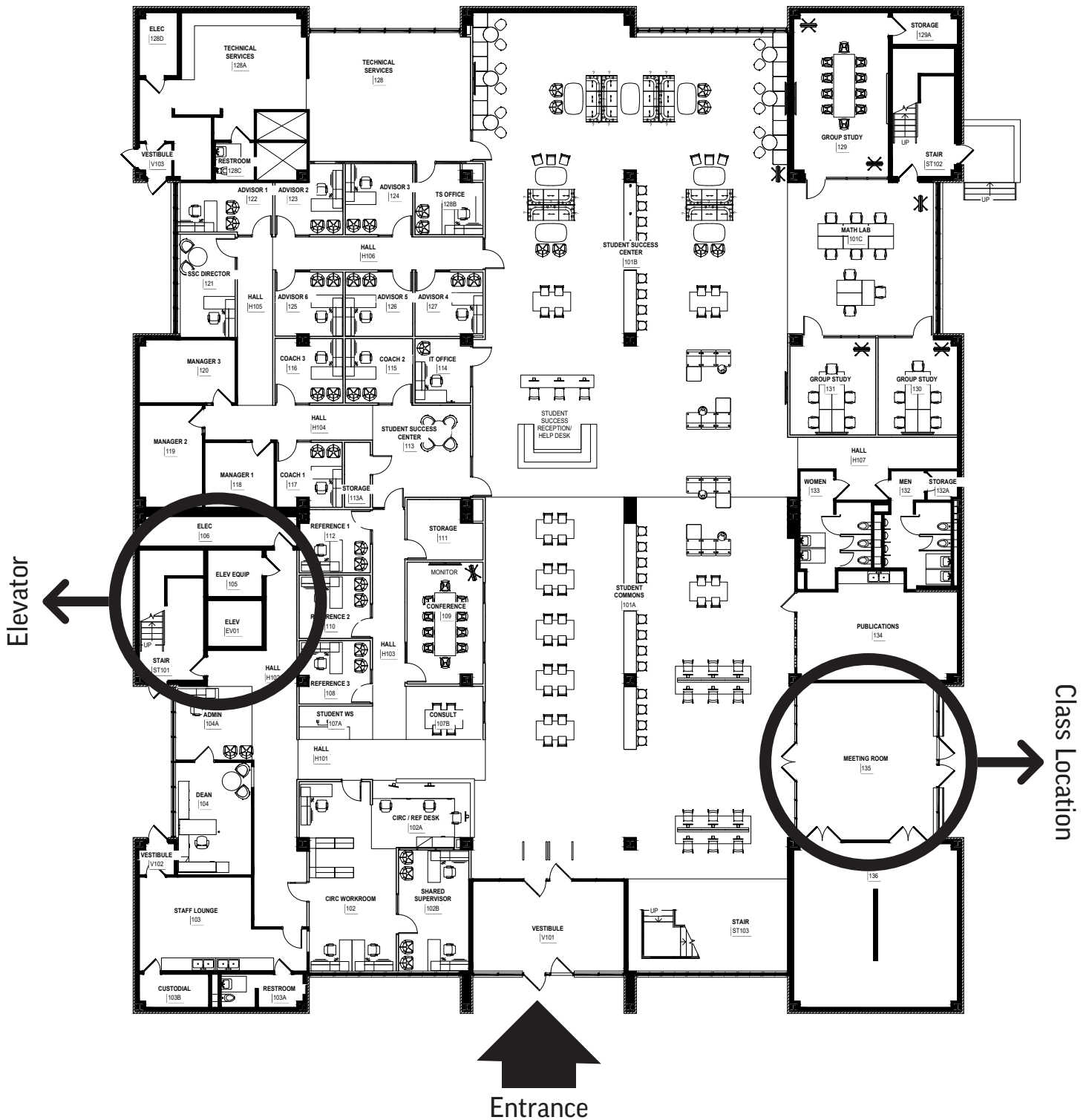
You can call the Gregg-Graniteville Library at **(803) 641-3465.**

You may find floor plans for the Gregg-Graniteville Library on the following pages for your convenience.



Gregg-Graniteville Library

First Floor

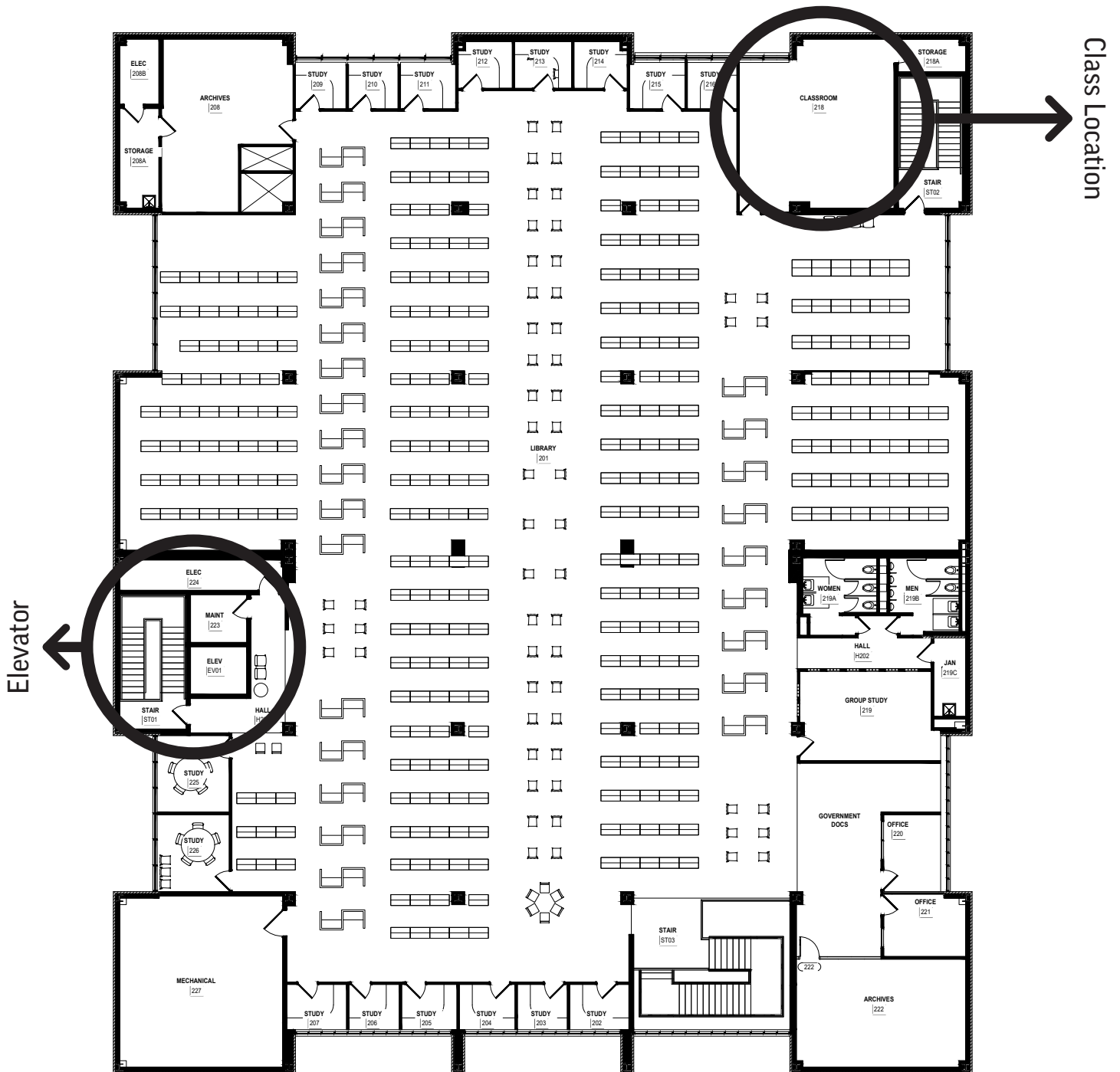


When you enter the Gregg-Graniteville Library, look for the signs directing you to your classes. You can also ask anyone at the front desk to the left of the entrance for assistance.

The most convenient parking for the library is Parking Lot B. Consult the campus map on page 57 for clarification.

Gregg-Graniteville Library

Second Floor

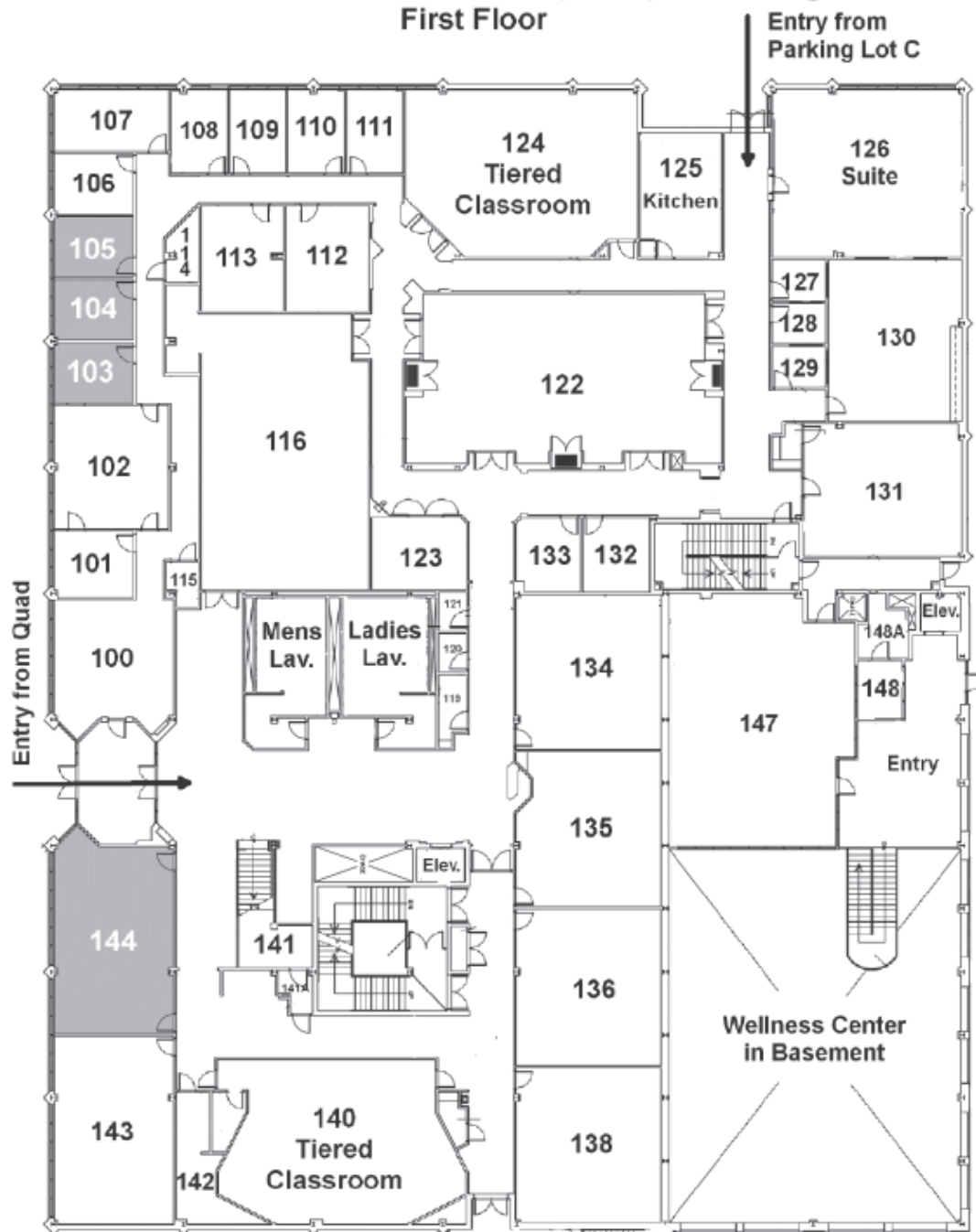


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Please keep in mind that the second floor of the library is meant for quiet studying as you walk to your class.

Business & Education (B&E) Building

First Floor



USCA EXTERNAL PROGRAMS DEPT. OFFICES ROOMS 103, 104, 105

CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING CLASSROOMS MOST LECTURES ROOM 144



LEGEND EAST CAMPUS

Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative.....1	Intramural Softball Field.....12	Science Building.....23
Aiken Scholars Academy.....2	J.H. Satcher Field.....13	Starbucks.....24
Alan B. Miller Nursing Building.....3	Natatorium.....14	Student Activities Center.....24
Alumni House.....4	Pacer Commons.....15	Student & Educational Support Building...2
Business & Education.....5	Pacer Crossing.....16	Student Success Center.....9
Center for Lifelong Learning Tech Center...6	Pacer Downs.....17	Tennis Courts.....25
Children's Center.....7	Pacer Makerspace Facility.....18	Wellness Center.....5
Etherredge Center.....8	Pacer Pit Soccer Complex.....19	
Greenhouse.....9	Police Station.....20	
Gregg-Graniteville Library.....10	Robert E. Penland Administration Building..21	
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