



Society for Lifelong Learning

FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER

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FALL TERM DATES: SEPTEMBER 15 – NOVEMBER 7
REGISTRATION FOR FALL TERM BEGINS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd @ 8:00 a.m.

Registration is online or in person
(no phone or email registrations will be accepted)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Society for Lifelong Learning at WKU (SLL) is a university-supported membership organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for adults 50 and better to further their knowledge in both academic and recreational pursuits and to share their experiences and interests with other members.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

FEES

Annual Membership \$200 (Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 Terms)

Single Term Membership \$125 (Fall 2025 Term)

Annual and Single Term members may attend unlimited SLL classes, activities, and events. Additional fees may apply for travel programs and course materials.

Flex Membership \$25 (Fall 2025 Term, plus a per-class course fee)

Flex members pay a per-class fee, which varies by course. Flex members may also attend SLL activities and events. Additional fees may apply for travel programs and course materials.

WKU Masking Guidelines

Masks are optional on WKU's campus. Members of the WKU Community are encouraged to continue to engage in safety measures they feel best protect themselves, including wearing masks if they so choose.

Location of Classes

Most of the SLL classes will meet at the Knicely Conference Center, 2355 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101. The conference center is easily accessible and has an abundance of free parking available to SLL. Some classes may take place off-site at various locations in the community (check the course guide for location details).

Join SLL or Renew your membership online at
wku.edu/sll/membership.php or by calling the SLL office at 270-745-
1912 or 270-745-2640

Fall 2025 Term Course Guide

A Literary Club Experience: Demon Copperhead

Demon Copperhead, a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Barbara Kingsolver, is the focus of this class in the style of a literary club program. Jean Nehm will show how Kingsolver recast Charles Dickens' David Copperfield with contemporary characters wrestling with the opioid crisis in Appalachia. Included in the discussion will be Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty. Participants are not required to read the books in order to join in the discussion of addiction and the power of literature to influence social issues.

- Jean Nehm
- Thursday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 25(one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Jean Nehm is a retired WKU associate professor of English and a 31-year member of the Browning Club, one of the oldest literary clubs in Bowling Green.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

A Trump Revolution?

In his second administration, President Trump has acted decisively in both domestic and international spheres. While many of his actions fulfilled campaign promises, others have been in response to arising developments, sometimes deviating from longstanding policies and traditions. This seminar will explore the question: To what extent has Donald Trump permanently reshaped the U.S. presidency?

- John Parker, David Lee
- Thursday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 2 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

John Parker was a member of the WKU Political Science Department for 36 years. David Lee was a member of the WKU History Department. Now retired, he is WKU Provost Emeritus and serves as University Historian.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Acrylic Fluid Art: The Swipe Technique

Think you aren't artistic? You're wrong! Come along with me on this journey and you'll learn the basics of fluid art; how to choose colors, create a pouring medium, mix your paint, prepare canvas, layer the colors, mix a cell activator, and create your own masterpiece.

- Krystol Stinson
- Tuesday, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. (extended time)
- Oct. 14 (one session)
- Knically Conference Center
- Supply fee: \$10 (fee due at registration; supplies provided during session)

Instructor Bio:

Krystol Stinson is a 'late bloomer' (pun intended), in the world of fluid art. She began pouring and started a new business, KJ's Fluid Art, during the summer of 2024. She sells her work at craft fairs and shows in the region, as well as, on her website, kjsfluidart.com.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

All About Medicare

This class presents an overview of Medicare parts A, B, C & D, the enrollment periods, and the various plan options. Whether you are signing on for the first time or a Medicare veteran, the information in this class will help make your journey a smooth one.

- Kim Fry Johnson
- Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Nov. 6 (one session)
- Knically Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Kim Fry Johnson has worked in the insurance industry for 25 years including with Cigna as a manager for 13 years. She is the owner of Medicare Plan Advisor, LLC.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Artificial Intelligence

Dr. Crews returns for two new sessions exploring the fascinating world of AI. No experience is necessary—just bring your curiosity and a willingness to learn in a relaxed, engaging setting.

- Thad Crews
- Tuesday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Sept. 16 - 23 (two sessions)
- Knically Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Thad Crews is a professor at WKU with over three decades of experience developing AI for education and industry.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

Barren River Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living

The Barren River Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living provides an array of services that allow seniors to age how they choose and where they choose. Services such as personal care assistance, housekeeping, home delivered meals, transportation, and Medicaid Waiver Programs help to keep seniors at home. In the 10 counties we serve BRADD also operates Senior Centers to help seniors maintain a positive social life while providing nutritional meals Monday through Friday.

- Mikayla Patterson
- Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 30 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center
- **NOTE: This class day/date/time subject to change pending final approval**

Instructor Bio:

Mikayla Patterson is an Aging and Disability Resource Coordinator for the BRADD office. She is a WKU graduate with a degree in Social Work. She is passionate about serving the aging population and helping others age how they choose and where they choose.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Basic Beginners Auto Mechanics

This will be an off-site class at my home garage for 6 students per session. If interest warrants, more sessions will be offered. Students will learn how to maintain a vehicle properly and safely. We will discuss basic operations of internal combustion vehicles and identify their components, see what a vehicle looks like underneath, and demonstrate how to do an oil change. Come with your questions and we can cover anything else needed! Don't wear your Sunday finest -- oil splatter could occur!!

- Bruce Hazelton
- Monday, Sept. 15, 10:30 a.m. – Noon
- Friday, Sept. 19. 10:30 a.m. - Noon
- Bruce's home garage, 3057 Meadowview Avenue, Bowling Green

Instructor Bio:

Bruce Hazelton is a lifelong car guy. He was a high school auto mechanics teacher for 11 years and has spent 24 years as an automotive dealership parts and service manager. He has owned and resurrected classic cars and has a personal interest in car racing especially since his son has become a race car driver. When you attend this class in his garage, you will see firsthand his numerous automotive interests.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

Basic Drawing Techniques for Beginners

We will begin this class with still life set ups and photos, using contour drawing, basic shapes, and grid techniques. We will also learn shading, how to represent cast shadows, paint illusion, cross hatching, and free form in pen and ink as well as pencil.

- Judi Adams
- Wednesday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (extended time)
- Sept. 17 – Oct. 8 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center
- Drawing supply kit: \$10 (will be provided at session one)

Instructor Bio:

Judi Adams is a Kentucky native earning her bachelor's and master's degrees at WKU. She taught in Kentucky for 27 years then moved to Florida teaching 20 years at the recreation area of The Villages Florida teaching adults. The Villages is a 55+ city of about 160,000 people.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

Beginners' Bridge

Learn the basic rules of bridge, from how to bid to play party bridge with friends.

- Cathy Adams
- Thursday, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 9 – Nov. 6 (five sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Cathy Adams is a retired hairstylist. She is married with three children and six grandchildren. She is actively involved in several civic groups and has a passion for card playing.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$45

Best Practices for Parkinson's

Do you know someone with Parkinson's, and you are not sure how to help? We will cover medications, exercises, legal information, and any other questions you have.

- Jill Steffey
- Tuesday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 28 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Jill Steffey has personal experience with Parkinson's because of her dad. She is also a Specialist in Parkinson's with Medfit certification. Her knowledge is vast and personal. If you have questions, she can answer them or find the answers for you.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

BG 2050: What We Need to Know about the Future of Our Community

Over the next 25 years, Warren County is expected to nearly double in size. We have a unique opportunity to imagine and proactively plan for our collective future. Learn about BG 2050, a long-term strategic planning effort run by more than 100 volunteers representing both municipal services and private businesses. The project is coordinated by Bowling Green-based innovation implementation company InnoEngine.

- Sam Ford
- Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- September 29 (one session)
- WKU Innovation Campus, 2413 Nashville Road

Instructor Bio:

Sam Ford is an Innovation & Culture Fellow at the Innovation Campus at WKU. He is also a research affiliate with MIT Comparative Media Studies, Columbia University School of Journalism, and the Civic Imagination Project at the University of Southern California.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Blues Music: A Brief History

This course surveys the history of American blues music, starting with Mississippi Delta Blues and covering artists from Texas to Chicago.

- John Martin
- Tuesday, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 16 – Oct. 7 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

John Martin is currently a Senior Instructor in the Music Department at WKU. He has been on faculty for 25 years. He has extensive experience performing and studying blues music and developed the MUS 322 Blues course for the university. He continues to teach almost every semester including summer terms.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

Bowling Green Police Department Presents ...

Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at how the Bowling Green Police Department serves our community. This one-session class will cover everything from how calls are dispatched to how officers investigate crimes, respond to emergencies, and work with other agencies. You'll learn about the people, tools, and training that keep our city safe — and have the chance to ask questions along the way.

- Ronnie Ward
- Wednesday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (extended time)
- Oct. 1 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Ronnie Ward has worked with BGPD for 18 years and as the Public Information Officer for 14 years. He enjoys giving everyone a close-up experience with the Department.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Business Showcases

Beginning in the spring term 2024, the curriculum committee began a new series for SLL members. Business Showcase classes give participants the opportunity to learn more about local and area businesses, where they are, what they do, who they serve, and how they impact the community. Here are the Business Showcase classes for fall term:

Business Showcase: A New Horizon and Beyond at the Nashville Airports

This presentation will bring you up to date on the dynamic expansion and other initiatives underway at the Nashville International Airport® and John C. Tune Airport®. Through firsthand project insights and stunning visuals, you will gain a deeper understanding of the airports' dedication to fulfilling the growing needs of their passengers. Be sure to bring your questions!

- Traci Holton
- Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 23, (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Traci Holton is the Vice President and Chief Engineer for the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority. She is responsible for the design and construction of BNA's \$3B expansion programs and \$100M capital program. Her education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Tennessee Technological University and a master's degree in engineering management from Lipscomb University.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Business Showcase: Constellium Facility Tour

This facility tour of Constellium, located in the Transpark, will provide information about their business of supplying flat rolled aluminum auto body sheet products for the North American market.

- John Forman, Tour Coordinator
- Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- October 17, (one session)
- Constellium facility, TransPark, 714 Commonwealth Blvd

Instructor Bio:

Constellium tour personnel will be introduced during the tour.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Calling Cadence: A Longstanding U. S. Army Tradition

This class will discuss the history of cadence and its purpose and function, types and how to call cadence, a practice session to try it yourself, modern considerations; and Q & A. Attendees will enjoy the sounds of recorded and live cadence and have multiple opportunities to call and respond to cadence in class. Please expect respectful discussions on the origins, evolution, cultural significance, and techniques of calling cadence in the U.S. Army.

- Will Williford
- Monday, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- October 20, (one session)
- Breen & Williford Law Office, 870 Fairview Avenue, Suite 5

Instructor Bio:

Will Williford is a native Kentuckian and combat veteran of the Afghanistan war. He served in the Army with the 82nd Airborne Division (Fort Bragg), Joint Special Operations Command (Fort Bragg), and 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne: Fort Campbell) as a paratrooper and noncommissioned officer from 2008 – 2016. He is currently a practicing attorney in Bowling Green.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Climate Change: Past, Present, and Future

The causes, history, and consequences of climate change will be discussed. Impact on ecosystems, food supplies, and biodiversity will also be included.

- Blaine Ferrell
- Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 15 – Nov. 5 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Blaine Ferrell is Dean Emeritus of Ogden College at WKU. He has been a member of the Kentucky Ornithological Society for 50 years and served as their president. He has taught Ornithology and annually leads the local Christmas and Breeding Bird counts for the Audubon Society.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

D-Day: The People and the Numbers

Journalist Andy Rooney said, “If you think the world is rotten and selfish, go to the (American) cemetery ... overlooking Omaha Beach – see what one group of men did for another on D-Day, June 6th, 1944.” In this course, learn about the men and women who made D-Day a success and the numbers that describe one of the most famous days in human history.

- Ernie VanHooser
- Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 15 - 22 (two sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Ernie VanHooser is a retired attorney and mediator who has taught several SLL classes. He is a Commander, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve (retired), and a history buff who toured the Normandy beaches and the American Cemetery in May 2025.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

Darwinism as a Philosophy

Though not focused on philosophic themes, Charles Darwin's scientific work proved seminal for broader thinking about our place in the universe. Others took its implications in many directions to address the meaning of life, the existence of God, the requirements for social justice, and the nature of many other concepts fundamental to human knowledge.

- Olin Joynton
- Thursday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 9 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Olin Joynton taught philosophy at community colleges in Texas and Wyoming before coming in 2004 as president of Alpena Community College in Michigan. After retiring in 2015, he and his wife, Patricia have roamed to be near family, arriving in 2020 to enjoy life in Bowling Green.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Declining Health of a Loved One: What are My Options?

These sessions will discuss how to care for a family member with "life limiting" conditions. We will cover topics from early palliative care, advanced directives, long-term care, home health, DNR, funeral preparations, and the Hospice admission process, to grief support.

- Scott Stivers, Course Coordinator
- Thursday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Sept. 25 – Oct. 23 (five of six sessions)
- Oct. 31. 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (session six)
- Knicely Conference Center (sessions 1-5), Hospice House, 7872 Scottsville Rd. (session 6)

Instructor Bio:

These sessions will have numerous presenters. Bios will be share during each session.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$54

Discerning Reality: Critical Thinking and Disinformation

How do we sift fact from fiction in a world that bombards us with information? This course develops critical thinking skills one can apply to the news, advertising, and political discourse that surround us. We will examine the psychology of money and scams, consumer manipulation, and other misleading data produced daily in mainstream and social media. The class should help you be better prepared to distinguish fact from fiction.

- Matt Foraker
- Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 29 – Nov. 5 (two sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center
- **NOTE: This class day/date/time subject to change pending final approval**

Instructor Bio:

Matt Foraker conducts statistical research at WKU for the Institutional Research Department. He has taught a variety of math courses for the mathematics department and a course in critical thinking and discerning reality for the Honors College at WKU.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

Does Agatha Christie Hate Hercule Poirot?

Join the conversation about one of Agatha's two most popular detectives and discover Poirot from birth to death. Compare actors' interpretations to choose your favorite. Do you agree or disagree with the opinions of critics and reviewers? Why is her writing so popular? Why did she attempt to kill off Poirot? Why does he wear the lapel pin? No required reading but you may wish to read the books prior to viewing films. Each class session is free standing so don't worry if you can't attend all of them.

- Sandra Hazelton
- Thursday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (extended time)
- Sept. 18 – Oct. 23 (six sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

During the Spring 2025 term, Sandra Hazelton facilitated "Agatha Christie is Pleased to Meet You." The enthusiastic response and participant requests encouraged her development of the Poirot focused course. Thanks to all who assisted in her conquest (maybe) over technology!

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$54

Ending Hunger and Food Insecurity

An ever-growing number of food banks and food pantries are providing increasing amounts of food assistance. Where are we on the journey to end hunger and food insecurity? This class will explore these questions by viewing two recent documentaries which share the reality, progress, and solutions. For each class we will watch a 30-minute documentary, hear from the filmmaker, and discuss with a local expert.

- Dave Miner, Rhondell Miller
- Wednesday, 10:30 – 12:00 (session one), 9:00-10:30 (session two)
- Oct. 1 - 8 (two sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Rhondell Miller is an experienced non-profit leader who has guided the development of HOTEL INC over the last 12 years. Her leadership has resulted in a new vision of holistic care and development in which the root causes of homelessness and economic poverty in Warren County can be addressed. Dave Miner holds a BS and Ph.D. in Chemistry. He has provided leadership for multiple organizations working to end hunger. He helped produce the recent documentary; *The Working Hungry*.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

Euchre: The Card Game

Learn the rules and history of this card game that is played with a deck of 24 cards, where a jack can beat an ace (but only sometimes), and the lowest card is a nine. Then play a game with fellow participants in groups of three or four.

- Janeen Grohsmeyer
- Wednesday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 22 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Janeen grew up playing the game of euchre, and her family holds euchre tournaments at holiday gatherings. She has also taught SLL classes on gardening, math, and history.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Following the Footsteps of John Lewis

For this class, violent and nonviolent protest will be compared. With the Nashville sit-ins as our model of nonviolent direct action, we will explore how the protestors prepared through workshops, activities, philosophies, and rules. With the help of the media, this group of previously invisible college students became an influential social movement. Through their efforts Nashville became the first integrated city of the South.

- Judith Hoover
- Wednesday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Sept. 17 - 24 (two sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Judith Hoover earned her Ph.D. from Indiana University. She has taught at IU, Austin Peay, Vanderbilt, Waikato University in Hamilton, New Zealand, and at WKU. She and her husband, Tom, enjoy travel and gardening. Since retirement in 2007, she has published two novels, "Beyond Monongah" and "Hardship and Hope".

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

From Lawn to Living Landscape

Learn how to transform the space around your house or business from a monoculture of mowed grass to a living landscape that provides a home for butterflies and birds. Your yard can become a live-saving oasis of food, water, and shelter for Kentucky wildlife.

- Janeen Grohsmeyer
- Thursday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 16 – Nov. 6 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Janeen Grohsmeyer is a past president of the Franklin-Simpson Garden Club and the founder and past president of the Southern Kentucky Chapter of Wild Ones, a nation-wide organization focusing on native plants. She is a Kentucky Master Gardener and has completed the Landscape Design Courses offered by the National Garden Clubs. She has taught SLL classes in gardening, math, and history.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

How to Join SAR or DAR

Did you ever have a wise older relative say "You're qualified to join the DAR?" They were telling you that you have a patriot in your family tree -- someone who promoted the cause of liberty during the American Revolution. In this class we will learn about the three-part mission of the DAR - education, patriotism, and historic preservation -, a little DAR history, and how to find that patriot lurking in your family tree in time for the semi quincentennial in 2026.

- Janet Cobb
- Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 23 (two sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center
- NOTE: both sessions meet in one day

Instructor Bio:

Janet Cobb is a member of the Samuel Davies Chapter NSDAR and is on the state genealogy team. She also holds a state committee chairmanship that presents the DAR Medal of Honor.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

How to Mat Your Artwork

Learn the art of framing in this hands-on class! You will discover how to cut a mat and mount your artwork like a professional. You will need to purchase a mat board in a color to complement your art. Local hobby stores may have precut pieces to meet your needs instead of buying a full sheet. You will also need a sharp pencil, an eraser, and a ruler that can measure to 32nds of an inch. During the second and third sessions, you will use a specialized cutter to finish your project.

- Bruce Hazelton
- Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 8 - 22 (three sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center
- Bring to class: mat board, ruler, pencil

Instructor Bio:

Bruce Hazelton is a former high school teacher and a Master do-it-yourselfer. He has taught several SLL classes. This class is a repeat offering due to the interest in watercolor painting classes. After paying dearly for his own works to be matted, he decided to learn how to do it himself.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$27

Irish Landscapes and Gardens

With long summer days, mild climate, and abundant rainfall, Ireland is home to a variety of lush and beautiful plants, earning it the nickname of the Emerald Isle. Gardens range from tiny cottage plots to vast estates, and the wild landscape is renowned. Come take a virtual tour of some Irish landscapes and gardens, with images from the presenter's visit in the summer of 2022.

- Janeen Grohsmeyer
- Wednesday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 29 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

In the summer of 2022, Janeen Kelley Grohsmeyer and a dozen other members of her family visited Ireland, the land of their ancestors. Janeen enjoys gardening, history, and photography, and the trip allowed her to enjoy all three at the same time. She has presented SLL courses on gardening, math, and history.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

It Takes a Village to Age at Home

Most of us would prefer to stay in our homes as we age, but we face many challenges. What happens when we can no longer drive, or climb a ladder to change a light bulb? Come learn about the BG Resource Connections Village, a new non-profit group of volunteers and staff is a one-stop shop for older adults who want to age in place. The organization provides information, answers questions, and connects you with trustworthy service providers.

- Maryanne Datesman
- Wednesday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 15 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Maryanne Datesman taught in and administered English as a Second Language programs in several universities. She is a founding member and Vice President of the BG Resource Connections Village, a non-profit dedicated to empowering older adults to thrive in their homes and remain active in their communities.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Jack the Ripper: The World's Ultimate Cold Case

In this lively mix of information and discussion over four sessions, we will dive into the facts surrounding the world's ultimate cold case - the victims, the settings, the police investigation, and the possible suspects. In the process, we will address what motivates serial killers and how we might identify a potential role in the creation of serial killer notoriety, beginning with the famous Jack case.

- Katherine Pennavaria
- Monday, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 22 – Oct. 13 (four sessions)
- Via Zoom (link will be sent to all registrants)

Instructor Bio:

Katherine Pennavaria is a retired WKU librarian who has taught several classes for the SLL program. She is currently the Library Director at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster, PA.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

Keeping Up with the City of Bowling Green: Development, Community, Improvements and More

Our friends from the City of Bowling Green are set to share and show what is happening in our community. There will be four opportunities for members to participate and gain some insights and behind the scenes updates. Members will sign up for each of these separately:

- ❖ Friday, September 19th, 11:00 – 12:30 Mustang Club Lunch and 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Shake Rag Walking Tour (lunch is open to all SLL members with RSVP; walking tour is limited to 20 members)
- ❖ Friday, September 26th, 9-11am Riverfront Park Plans and Field Trip, begin at NCS Community Room, end with Riverfront site tour (Brent Childers)
- ❖ Friday, October 3rd, 9-11am, NCS Meeting Rm, WCPR Bike co-op & Fringe (Nick Lawhon)
- ❖ Friday, November 7th, 9-11am, NCS Mtg Rm, Community Engagement and Downtown Development (Leyda Becker, Telia Butler)
- (four sessions; register for each session separately)

Instructor Bio:

Participating presenters will be introduced during each session.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9 per session

Kentuckians at War

Kentuckians have often answered their nation's call to service. WKU historian David Serafini will begin our session with a discussion about Kentuckians who served during World Wars I and II. Afterward, join Bryan Morey and Christy Spurlock as they share a rare collection of over 50 artifacts from both World Wars. You will get an up-close look at weapons, uniforms, battlefield souvenirs, letters, and more, all connected to the Kentuckians who served in the European and Pacific theaters.

- Christy Spurlock, David Serafini, Bryan Morey
- Friday, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7 (one session)
- Kentucky Museum, 1444 Kentucky Street

Instructor Bio:

Christy Spurlock is a WKU Associate Professor and the Education Curator at Kentucky Museum. David Serafini is a WKU History Professor. Bryan Morey is the Collections Manager at Kentucky Museum.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Mathematics in Our World

In this course, you will discover the surprising and practical ways mathematics is woven into our daily lives. From making a simple online purchase with a credit card to countless other activities, mathematics is everywhere, even if we don't always notice it. No prior math knowledge is needed—just a willingness to have some fun and see the world in a new way.

- Claus Ernst
- Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 15 – Nov. 5 (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Claus Ernst is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus from WKU where he taught mathematics at all levels for more than 30 years.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0

Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

Military Women's Memorial

In Arlington National Cemetery, the Military Women's Memorial stands as a testament to the three million women who defended our country in uniform. The course will explain what the memorial is, why it is important, and how the servicewomen's stories are preserved there.

- Phyllis Wilson, Janet Cobb (Facilitator)
- Monday, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 22 (one session)
- Via Zoom (link will be sent to all registrants)

Instructor Bio:

Phyllis Wilson is the Military Women's Memorial President. She spoke at the DAR National Convention in June. She served in the U. S. Army for 37 years. She held the highest Warrant Officer rank in the Army Reserve.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0

Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Movie: Food, Inc.

Have you ever truly wondered where your food comes from? If you did not grow up on a farm, this movie will open your eyes to where and how your food is produced, processed, and sold. It will make you rethink some things.

- Jill Steffey
- Tuesday, 3:30 – 5:30 (extended time)
- Nov. 4 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Jill is a certified nutritionist so she can teach about food but not write meal plans. Her knowledge is vast. She will make learning fun and interactive. If you have questions, she can answer them or find answers for them.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0

Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

“Mrs. Christie” the Play

In this class, we prepare for a field trip to attend the play's World Premiere in Cincinnati. Playwright Heidi Armbruster granted us an exclusive gratis copyright waiver to use her script and she will join us for a Zoom discussion during one session. The other session will feature SLL's talented 'Agatha Christie Players' presenting an exciting 'sneak peek' reading of Act I. Class participation will enhance your play experience, but our travel adventure to the *Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park* will be open to all SLL members. (Late February or early March 2026 ticketing. Details to follow.)

- Sandra Hazelton
- Thursday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30 – Nov. 6 (two sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Former English teacher, Sandra Hazelton is excited to add this world premiere script to her collection of Agatha. Sandra is a great Christie fan.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

Our “New Deal” History and Heritage: Arthurdale, West Virginia

Arthurdale is the first New Deal Homestead Community, established in 1933 during the Great Depression to provide opportunities for unemployed miners and farmers. Part of the short-lived subsistence homesteads division and with personal involvement by Eleanor Roosevelt to combat poverty through farming, education and cooperative manufacturing. The aim of this experiment was to encourage self-sufficiency and reduce dependence on both market forces and welfare provision. Success or failure?

- John Forman
- Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 14 - 21 (two sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

John is a retired engineer with curiosity for many things. One of his most recent curiosities is to investigate further his heritage that is partially rooted in Arthurdale, WV.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

Overcoming Autopilot to be an Engaged and Informed Driver

By taking this course, you are taking that first important step away from autopilot and using skills as an informed and engaged driver. This course focuses on filling the knowledge gaps seen in traditional driving education, specifically on sharing the road safely with bicyclists and pedestrians. It aims to educate motorists about how and why bicyclists travel the roadways in the ways they do, with the objective of developing a shared understanding for all users.

- Natasha Smith
- Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Sept. 17, 24, and Oct. 8 (three sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center
- NOTE: this class does not meet on Oct. 1

Instructor Bio:

Natasha Smith is a Warren County native and WKU graduate. She is coordinator with BikeWalkBG, planning and scheduling community program. She enjoys walking, biking, driving, and not being run over by cars. Carrol Duckworth is the Metropolitan Transportation Organization Coordinator with City County Planning Commission. He chairs the MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee and runs the local Bicycle Education Program for 4th graders and all things BikeWalkBG.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$27

Pinochle: The Card Game

Learn the rules and history of this card game that's played with a deck of 48 cards, where 10's beat Kings but 9 is the lowest-ranked card, and there are two of everything. Then play a game with fellow participants, in groups of either three or four. Instructor

- Janeen Grohsmeyer
- Wednesday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Nov. 5 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Janeen grew up watching her parents and aunt and uncle play pinochle at family gatherings. Her parents taught her to play the game at their kitchen table. She has taught SLL classes on gardening, math, and history.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Preserving Family Treasures

Photographs will fade and paper ages. What steps can you take to care for family Bibles, diaries, photographs, scrapbooks, furniture, record albums, etc.? This class highlights how to properly care for, handle, display, and preserve family treasures.

- Nancy Richey, Joe Shankweiler
- Thursday, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 6 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Nancy Richey serves as the Special Formats Librarian for the Department of Library Collections and Discovery at Western Kentucky University. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and WKU where she received degrees in Information Science and Southern History. Richey is responsible for instruction using the rare materials housed in our special collections library. Joseph Shankweiler serves as the Special Collections Librarian in the Department of Library Collections and Discovery at Western Kentucky University. Joseph holds a Master of Library Science Degree (MLS) from Indiana University, Bloomington, and a M.A. in English Literature from James Madison University in Virginia. Mr. Shankweiler is responsible for instruction using rare library materials, collection development, and overseeing library gallery exhibitions.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Riverview at Hobson Grove Tour

Tour Bowling Green's only house museum. Take a look into Victorian life in Civil War times. This tour will be led by SLL Member Jane Barthelme, who has served as a docent at Riverview.

- Jane Barthelme, Docent
- Friday, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Oct. 10 (one session)
- Riverview at Hobson Grove, 1100 W Main Avenue
- **NOTE:** Riverview is not ADA compliant. There are many stairs.
- Tour fee: \$9 (to be paid at Riverview day of tour)

Instructor Bio:

Jane Barthelme will introduce herself at the beginning of the tour.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$0 (only pay tour fee)

Sandford Duncan Inn: Presentation and Tour

The first session is in classroom and will include a presentation about the development of the Sandford Duncan Inn Historic Site in rural Simpson County followed by watching a new video documentary detailing the history of the inn. The second session is a field trip to tour the Sandford Duncan Inn, featuring dueling as practiced at the nearby Linkumpinch Duelling Grounds.

- Nicky Hughes
- Wednesday, Sept. 17, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. at Knicely (session one)
- Friday, Sept. 19, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Sandford Duncan Inn, 5083 Nashville Road, Franklin (session two)

Instructor Bio:

Nicky Hughes worked for the Kentucky Historical Society from 1973-1997 for Frankfort Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites from 200-2012. He is currently the Innkeeper of the Sandford Duncan Inn, Franklin-Simpson Tourism. He graduated from Franklin Simpson High School in 1968 and attended WKU from 1968-1972.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

Senior Nutrition: Do You Know What You Should be Eating?

Did you know that you need to eat differently as you get older? We will cover everything from how much water to drink every day to different modern "diets". Do you know what to eat when to help you stay healthy? Do you know what people eat in Blue Zones?

- Jill Steffy
- Tuesday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 21 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Jill is a certified nutritionist so she can teach about food but not write meal plans. Her knowledge is vast. She will make learning fun and interactive. If you have questions, she can answer them or find answers for them.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Stanley Kubrick: An Exploration of Cinematic Genius

This class explores four Kubrick films, examining his visionary style, recurring themes, like obsession, power, and identity, and his groundbreaking techniques in cinematography and storytelling. We will analyze these iconic and sometimes controversial films: Lolita, Dr. Strangelove, Barry Lyndon, and The Shining, while discussing Kubrick's influence on cinema and culture. The course seeks to understand a true auteur's lasting legacy. Please note that our class meets through the lunch break so feel free to bring lunch or snacks. Subtitles available.

- John Fox
- Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (extended time)
- Sept. 30 – Oct. 28, (five sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

John Fox is an avid film aficionado and enjoys exploring great movies and learning from others in the process. He is a retired educator and administrator. He is also an E-bike enthusiast and volunteer.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$45

The Ideal Tree for Your Landscape

In this one-session class we will learn how to critically think about trees for your landscape and home. You will learn which tree characteristics you should consider and probably many that you had not considered. You will also learn where to find information to select the ideal tree for the Kentucky climate and for your landscape or garden. This is an engaging and brisk session with time for questions and answers afterwards.

- Martin Stone
- Thursday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Sept. 18 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Martin Stone is an Associate Professor at WKU where he teaches classes on Local Foods and Landscape Horticulture. He is a community organizer for local foods having co-founded the Community Farmers Market and also sells his family farm's products. He is a contributing editor to the magazine, Kentucky Gardener.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0

Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Creation of New Americans

When the Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892, the United States faced a tidal wave of new immigrants; the New York City public schools had more immigrant children enrolled than native-born. The writers of the Pledge believed that a flag in every school would inspire love of country in all children and help immigrant students become "Americans." Today, once again 15% of our population were born in another country. How will we assimilate them?

- Maryanne Datesman
- Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 30 – Oct. 7 (two sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Maryanne Datesman taught in and administered English as a Second Language programs in several universities. She wrote "Making Sausage: Our American Values at Work," co-authored "American Ways: An Introduction to American Culture," and produced a film on the Pledge of Allegiance.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0

Flex Member Course Fee: \$18

Travel Journals Series

Each session will feature a different presenter(s) telling about their personal travels – near and far – as they share photos, stories, and more. Where will you go after hearing about their adventures? Members will register for each session individually rather than as a whole series. Days and times vary for each session.

Travel Journal: From Sultans to Spices and Freddie: The Fascinating Geography of Zanzibar

This session explores the development of the island as an independent society, its incorporation into the Omani empire, and its 20th century union with Tanzania.

- David Keeling
- Tuesday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 30, (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

David Keeling is a Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Cultural Geography from WKU who now travels the world as a guest lecturer with a private tour company. He has traveled to more than 130 countries and continues to do so as he gains more knowledge about these countries and their cultures.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Travel Journal: Islands of the Indian Ocean

This session will visit several of the Indian Ocean islands, including Mauritius, Reunion, Seychelle Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Madagascar, exploring their cultural and physical diversity.

- David Keeling
- Thursday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 2, (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

David Keeling is a Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Cultural Geography from WKU who now travels the world as a guest lecturer with a private tour company. He has traveled to more than 130 countries and continues to do so as he gains more knowledge about these countries and their cultures.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Travel Journal: Montana: The Last Best Place

“Big Sky Country” Montana is magnificent. This course discusses some history, folklore, and a few unique facts that make this place so special. This is not a travelogue, but an insider’s view from someone who lived in Montana for 42 years and wrote travel guides for the five tourism “countries”, as well as many articles about the state in newspapers and magazines. If you’ve never visited, this might inspire you to take that trip!

- Lynn Kinnaman
- Wednesday, 1:30 – 3:00
- Oct. 8 (one session)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Lynn Kinnaman was the Editor/Contributing Writer for 5 Montana Travel Guides, and Auto Adventures in Southwestern Montana and Gold West Auto Tours. She wrote for Montana newspapers and various magazines. She spent many summers travelling throughout Montana in her RV.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Walk and Talk: Landscape Plants on the WKU Campus

In this one-session class we walk portions of the WKU campus and learn which landscape plants perform well and why they might work in your garden and landscape. We will explore common problems with landscape plants including those caused by poor planning, poor soils, and life in a landscape setting. We will celebrate those that are unusual, excellent, venerable, and historically important. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers along the way.

- Martin Stone
- Friday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 24 (one session)
- WKU Campus (address and directions will be sent to all registrants)

Instructor Bio:

Martin Stone is an Associate Professor at WKU where he teaches classes on Local Foods and Landscape Horticulture. He is a community organizer for local foods having co-founded the Community Farmers Market and also sells his family farm's products. He is a contributing editor to the magazine, Kentucky Gardener.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Warren County Sheriff's Office Showcase

This expanded, interactive course explores the multiple facets of the Warren County Sheriff's Office. The sessions are as follows:

Session 1: Old Courthouse - Welcome by the Sheriff, agency overview and tour of Dispatch Center.

Session 2: Justice Center - Tour of facility, Court Security, Taser demo, UAS (drone) team demo.

Session 3: Sugar Maple Square - Tour this new facility, Virtual Reality demo, Patrol demo.

Optional opportunities include "ride along" opportunities, immersion in various police scenarios through VR trainer, and observation in Dispatch.

- Brett Hightower
- Monday, Oct. 20, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (session one)
- Friday, Oct. 24, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (session two)
- Monday Oct. 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (session three)
- See above for session locations

Instructor Bio:

Sheriff Hightower and his deputies will be introduced during each session.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$27

Watercolor for Beginners and Intermediate

Have you always wanted to paint? Or was art your favorite class in school? This is your chance to learn basic watercolor techniques in a fun and informative class. You will create a beautiful watercolor scene, ready to be framed when you are finished. You will sketch a simple scene, paint in the sky with a foreground and background, add trees and water with reflections, and even get some tips for making your own greeting cards. PLEASE NOTE: This is a repeat of the spring class.

- Judi Adams
- Wednesday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (extended time)
- Oct. 15 – Nov. 5, (four sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center
- Supply Kit: \$25 (kits may be picked up after Oct. 7 in the SLL office)

Instructor Bio:

Judi Adams is a Kentucky native earning her bachelor's and master's degrees at WKU. She taught in Kentucky for 27 years then moved to Florida teaching 20 years at the recreation area of The Villages Florida teaching adults. The Villages is a 55+ city of about 160,000 people.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

What's Your Story?

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 7th from 3:30 – 5:00**

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Why Opera? Part Two

Why Opera? Part 2 will be an extension of Why Opera! that was offered in the Spring 2025. This series will focus on the Repertoire of Opera, Discussion of Composers, Listening vs Watching as well as Voices. There will be more time spent listening to examples and class discussions. We will look at some of the most popular operas while also peeking into the great pieces most don't know exist but are well worth knowing about.

The course is given from Timothy's perspective on these topics drawn from his experience.

- Timothy Simpson
- Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 17 – Oct. 1, (three sessions)
- Knicely Conference Center

Instructor Bio:

Timothy Simpson holds a Bachelor of Music from WKU and a Master of Music from The Eastman School of Music. He has had a 20+ year career as an operatic tenor soloist in German and European opera companies.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0 Flex Member Course Fee: \$27

WKU Campus Tour: College Heights Weather Instrument Museum

The College Heights Weather Station was established on the WKU campus in 1932. Serving primarily as a teaching laboratory for meteorology students, the station continued through the administration of three directors, only to fall to advances in technology (the Kentucky MESONET) The College Heights Instrument Museum is a testament to the Station and the instruments used to monitor the atmosphere through time. Take a trip down memory lane and see how it was all done in the "old days."

- **NOTE:** This class has three time slots to choose from for the tour. Please register for only one time slot. Due to the small museum space, slots are for a maximum of five people.
- Michael Trapasso
- Monday, 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., or 7:00 p.m. (select only one time)
- September 22, (one session, three time slots)
- WKU main campus, College Heights Weather Instrument Museum at the EST Building, 3rd floor, Room 342, Chestnut Street (building is close to where Cabell meets Chestnut)

Instructor Bio:

Michael Trapasso is an Emeritus Professor of Geography, and Curator of the College Heights Weather Instrument Museum. Having walked all seven continents, he has photographed significant and enigmatic geographical sites. He has traveled all 50 states studying the geography a of our country as well.

Annual/Single Term Membership Course Fee: \$0

Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

SLL TRAVEL ADVENTURES

*We have been working with **Collette** to offer travel opportunities for **SLL members** and **instructors**. We will begin our trip adventures soon! Look what is planned for 2026!*

“Discover Hawaiian Adventure”

January 22 – 31, 2026

“Discover the Painted Canyons of the West”

May 31 – June 8, 2026

“Sunny Portugal Discovery”

November 10 – 19, 2026

Printed copies of the trip information are available in the SLL office.

2025 SLL Advisory Board and Committees

Advisory Board

The governing body of the SLL is the Advisory Board composed of six members elected by the general membership, with two being elected per year in rotation and serving a three-year term; board-appointed chair/co-chairs of the four standing committees; and the Program Director who serves without vote as ex-officio and is the liaison between SLL and the University.

Jane Barthelme, Chair
Nancy Bussiere
Libby Davies
Olin Joynton
Carrie Morgan
Bonnie Pinkerton
Derek Olive, Ex-Officio

Cathy Fox, Chair-Elect
Becky Cann
John Forman
Ken Kuehn
Scott Nehm
Ernie VanHooser

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee makes course and instructor selections. They coordinate with the SLL staff to set course times and locations, edit course publication materials, and make recommendations for course costs. Any SLL member may serve on this committee.

Libby Davies, Co-Chair
Howard Bailey
Mike Breen
David Lee

Ken Kuehn, Co-Chair
Debbie Breen
John Forman
Ernie VanHooser

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee monitors expenses, recommends appropriate membership fees, and oversees the SLL Operating Plan – annual and long-term. Any SLL member may serve on the committee.

Scott Nehm, Chair
John Forman
Bob Nylin

Membership Relations Committee

The Membership Relations Committee supports SLL by recruiting and retaining members through speaking engagements, social gatherings, day trips, events, and other activities. The committee provides opportunities for members and their guests to gather outside of spring and fall terms. These include taking tours (wineries, historic sites, breweries, church renovations, distilleries, and more), attending events as a group (concerts, performances, sporting events, etc.), and other educational and social activities. Any SLL member may serve on this committee.

Becky Cann, Co-Chair
Debbie Breen
Cathy Fox
Terri Hinton
Mike Morgeson
JoAnn Ryan
Patsy Sloan
Chrys Wilson

Bonnie Pinkerton, Co-Chair
Ann Esterle
Vicki Gregory
Kathee Morgeson
Joan Norris
Robert Ryan
Sharon Spall

Volunteer Committee

The Volunteer Committee provides classroom assistance to instructors, helps with onsite events, and assists with activities and functions of the SLL. Assistance may be in the form of table decorations for events, taking photos during classes and events, coordinating activities with the Membership Relations Committee, and more. Any SLL member may serve on this committee.

Nancy Bussiere, Chair
Brenda Bush
Becky Cann
Pam Coe
Lisa Dalporto
John Forman
Jan Kissler
Sue Meyer
Bonnie Pinkerton
Molly Wilson

Patsy Bowman
Greg Bussiere
Sidney Cann
Ed Cohen
Beth D'Eramo
Cathy Fox
Bill Leonard
Deb Myers
Ernie VanHooser
Sonia Young

SLL FALL 2025 ONSITE CLASS CALENDAR (KNICELY CONFERENCE CENTER)

	9:00 – 10:30	11:00 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:00	3:30 – 5:00	5:30 – 7:00
TUESDAY	<p>Business Showcase: A New Horizon and Beyond at the Nashville Airports (one session), Sept. 23</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance and the Creation of New Americans (two sessions), Sept. 30 – Oct. 7</p> <p>Our New Deal History and Heritage: Arthurdale, West Virginia (two sessions) Oct, 14-21</p>	<p>How to Join SAR or DAR (two sessions in one day) Sept. 23 (session one)</p> <p>Stanley Kubrick: An Exploration of Cinematic Genius (five sessions) Sept. 30 – Oct. 28 ext. time 11-2</p>	<p>Artificial Intelligence (two sessions) Sept. 16-23</p> <p>Stanley Kubrick: An Exploration of Cinematic Genius (five sessions) Sept. 30 – Oct. 28 ext. time 11-2</p>	<p>How to Join SAR or DAR (two sessions in one day) Sept. 23 (session two)</p> <p>Travel Journal: From Sultans to Spices and Freddie: The Fascinating Geography of Zanzibar (one session), Sept. 30</p> <p>Acrylic Fluid Art: The Swipe Technique (one session), Oct. 14, Ext. 3:30 - 6:30</p> <p>Senior Nutrition: Do You Know What You Should be Eating? (one session), Oct. 21</p> <p>Best Practices for Parkinson's (one session), Oct. 28</p> <p>Movie: Food, Inc. (one session), Nov. 4, Ext. 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>Blues Music: A Brief History (four sessions), Sept. 16 – Oct. 7</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>Sandford Duncan Inn: A Presentation and Tour (two sessions) Sept. 17 (at Knicely), Sept. 19 1:30 (at the inn)</p> <p>Ending Hunger and Food Insecurity (two sessions) 9-10:30 (session two), Oct. 8</p> <p>Mathematics in Our World (four sessions), Oct. 15– Nov. 5</p>	<p>Ending Hunger and Food Insecurity (two sessions) 10:30-12:00 (session one), Oct. 1</p> <p>Overcoming Autopilot: To be an Engaged and Informed Driver (three sessions), Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 8</p> <p>How to Mat Your Artwork (three sessions), Oct. 8 – 22,</p> <p>Climate Change: Past, Present, and Future (four sessions), Oct. 15 – Nov. 5,</p>	<p>Following the Footsteps of John Lewis (two sessions), Sept. 17 – 24</p> <p>Basic Drawing Techniques for Beginners (four sessions), Sept. 17 – Oct.8, ext. 1:00 – 3:00</p> <p>Bowling Green Police Department Presents ... (one session), Oct. 1, ext. 1:00 – 3:00, NOTE: subject to change pending final approval</p> <p>Travel Journal: Montana: The Last Best Place (1 session), Oct. 8,</p> <p>It Takes a Village to Age at Home (one session), Oct. 15</p> <p>Watercolor for Beginner and Intermediate (four sessions), Oct. 15 – Nov. 5 ext. 1 - 3</p> <p>Euchre: The Card Game (one session), Oct. 22</p> <p>Irish Landscapes and Gardens (one session), Oct. 29</p> <p>Pinochle: The Card Game (one session), Nov. 5</p>	<p>Why Opera? Part Two (three sessions), Sept. 17 – Oct. 1</p> <p>D-Day: The People and the Numbers (two sessions), Oct. 15 – 22</p> <p>Discerning Reality: Critical Thinking and Disinformation (two sessions), Oct. 29 – Nov. 5, NOTE: subject to change pending final approval</p>	

SLL FALL 2025 ONSITE CLASS CALENDAR (KNICELY CONFERENCE CENTER)

	9:00 – 10:30	11:00 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:00	3:30 – 5:00	5:30 – 7:00
THURSDAY	<p>A Literary Club Experience: Demon Copperhead (one Session), Sept. 25</p> <p>A Trump Revolution (one session), Oct. 2</p> <p>Darwinism as a Philosophy (one session), Oct. 9</p> <p>From Lawn to Living Landscape (four sessions), Oct. 16 – Nov. 6</p>	<p>Barren River Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living (one session), Oct. 30, NOTE: subject to change pending final approval</p> <p>All About Medicare (one session), Nov. 6, NOTE: subject to change pending final approval</p>	<p>The Ideal Tree for Your Landscape (one session), Sept 18</p> <p>Does Agatha Christie Hate Hercule Poirot? (six sessions), Sept 18 – Oct. 23, ext. 1:00 – 3:00</p> <p>Declining Health of a Loved One: What are My Options? (5 onsite sessions, 1 offsite session), Sept. 25 – Oct. 23 (onsite), Fri. Oct 31 (offsite)</p> <p>Mrs. Christie the Play (two sessions), Oct. 30 – Nov. 6</p>	<p>Travel Journal: Islands of the Indian Ocean (1 session), Oct. 2</p> <p>Beginners Bridge (five sessions), Oct. 9 – Nov. 6, adjusted time: 4 – 5:30</p>	<p>Preserving Family Treasures (one session), Nov. 6</p>

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SLL FALL 2025 OFFSITE/ZOOM CLASS CALENDAR (VARIOUS LOCATIONS and TIMES)

	9:00 – 10:30	11:00 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:00	3:30 – 5:00	5:30 – 7:00
MONDAY (OFFSITE OR ZOOM)	<p>Military Women's Memorial (one session), Sept. 22, adjusted time: 10:00 – 11:30 (via Zoom)</p> <p>BG 2050: What We Need to Know About the Future of Our Community (one session), Sept. 29, adjusted time: 9:30 – 11:00</p>	<p>Basic Beginners Auto Mechanics (two sessions), Sept. 15, adjusted time: 10:30 – Noon (session two is on Fri.)</p>			<p>WKU Campus Tour: College Heights Weather Instrument Museum (select one time of the three offered), Sept. 22, 5:00 or 6:00 or 7:00</p> <p>Jack the Ripper: The Worlds Ultimate Cold Case (four sessions), Sept. 22 – Oct. 13, (via Zoom)</p> <p>Calling Cadence: A Longstanding U. S. Army Tradition (one session), Oct. 20</p> <p>Warren County Sheriff's Office Showcase (3 sessions) Oct. 20, Fri. Oct. 24, Oct. 27</p>
FRIDAY (OFFSITE)	<p>Keeping Up with the City of Bowling Green: Development, Community, Improvements and More (four sessions), Sept. 19 (11:00 – 1:00), Sept. 26, Oct. 3, and Nov. 7 (9:00 – 11:00)</p> <p>Riverview at Hobson Grove Tour (1 session), Oct. 10, adjusted time: 10:00 – 11:30</p> <p>Business Showcase: Constellium Facility Tour (one session), Oct. 17, adjusted time: 9:30 – 12:30</p> <p>Declining Health of a Loved One: What are My Options? (session six), Oct. 31</p>	<p>Basic Beginners Auto Mechanics (two sessions), Sept. 19, adjusted time: 10:30 – Noon (session one is on Mon.)</p>	<p>Sandford Duncan Inn: Presentation and Tour (2 sessions), Sept. 19 (session two), adjusted time 2:00 – 3:30, (session one is on Wed.)</p> <p>Walk and Talk: Landscape Plants on the WKU Campus (one session), Oct. 24</p> <p>Kentuckians at War (one session), Nov. 7, adjusted time: 2:00 – 3:30</p>		<p>Warren County Sheriff's Office Showcase (3 sessions) Oct. 20, Fri. Oct. 24, Oct. 27</p>