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Welcome to University Express, Fall 2016 Edition

Dear Friends,

Researchers often say that lifelong learning is an important part of healthy aging, and provides many cognitive and social benefits. We feel University Express, based on our annual increase in class attendance, is proof that this is true. We encourage you to join us for a class and listen to the lively discussions, insights, and questions as both the instructor and the audience members delve into a topic!

We are delighted that over 2,000 older adults have discovered our classes, and share their excitement about University Express with their friends and family.

As always, we truly appreciate the generosity of our sponsors – BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York, Excelsior Orthopaedics, Wegmans, our host sites, and especially our talented instructors and eager lifelong learners. It is your combined passion and enthusiasm that makes University Express such a vibrant and unique lifelong learning program.

We welcome your feedback and encourage you to keep sending along suggestions for future topics.

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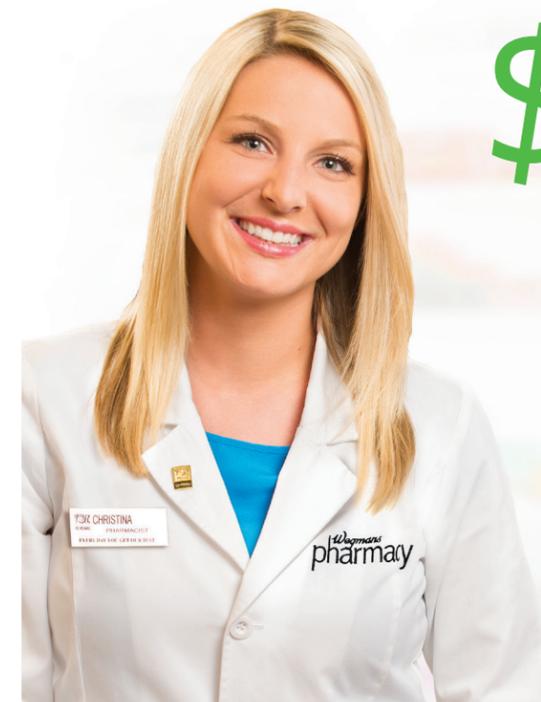


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About Roundabouts

Roundabouts are changing traffic patterns in many Western New York communities. We'll discuss the origin of the modern roundabout as compared to its predecessor the traffic circle. What is the difference between the two? Are roundabouts a safer option? We'll talk about the basics of roundabout design and terminology, and look at examples of recently built roundabouts in Western New York.

Instructor: Ken Kuminski, licensed professional engineer who managed roundabout projects in Hamburg and East Aurora

Tuesday, November 1 1 p.m.

Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055, ext. 3108 to register

Friday, November 18 1:30 p.m.

Orchard Park Senior Center, 662-6452 to register

Monday, November 21 10 a.m.

Cheektowaga Senior Center, 686-3930 to register

Brexit: What Happens Now?



When the results of the Brexit referendum were announced, the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union rattled the world. But what does it actually mean? Will markets reflect longer-term concerns about investments in Britain and the EU? Will Brexit serve as the catalyst for increased economic governing?

Instructors: Jeffrey Goldfarb, Certified Financial Planner and Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy; Chintan Shukla, Investment Executive; and Adam Goldfarb, Financial Advisor and Philanthropic Consultant

Friday, November 4 1:30 p.m.

Orchard Park Senior Center, 662-6452 to register

Monday, November 14 8 p.m.

Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register

Monday, November 21 1:30 p.m.

Clarence Senior Center, 633-5138 to register

Buffalo-Niagara: Past, Present, and Future

At the turn of the 20th century, Buffalo-Niagara was one of the largest ports in the world. Buffalo was one of the largest cities in the country, and home to innovation and two U.S. Presidents. By the turn of the 21st century, it was a shadow of its former self. Where will it be at the end of this century?

Instructor: Larry Brooks, local author and board president of the Western New York Land Conservancy

Friday, October 21 10:30 a.m.

Hamburg Senior Community Center, 646-0665 to register

Thursday, December 1 1 p.m.

Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055, ext. 3108 to register

Disappearing Act: What Happened to the Middle Class?

Strong economies have strong middle classes, and for nearly half of a century, ours has been dwindling. Neither side of the political spectrum has been able to slow down the middle class' depletion, which has shrunk by about 2% every decade.

Instructors: Jeffrey Goldfarb, certified financial planner and chartered advisor in philanthropy; Chintan Shukla, investment executive; and Adam Goldfarb, financial advisor and philanthropic consultant

Wednesday, November 9 10:30 a.m.

Hamburg Senior Community Center, 646-0665 to register

Diversity in Israel

We'll look at the diverse ethnic and religious groups that make up the Israeli population. The discussion will include Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Israelis, "indigenous" communities, and immigrant communities. How has Israel's response to diversity compared to that of the U.S.?

Instructor: Maxine Seller, retired professor, SUNY Buffalo

Tuesday, October 25 1:30 p.m.

Clarence Senior Center, 633-5138 to register

Thursday, November 17 1 p.m.

Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055, ext. 3108 to register

Human Rights and Human Wrongs

The unparalleled abuses of World War II led to a series of UN-sponsored human rights treaties, dealing with topics such as genocide, economic and social rights, the rights of women and children, and racial discrimination. Despite these agreements, major abuses continue. What can individuals, governments, non-governmental organizations, and international groups do to diminish human wrongs?

Instructor: Claude Welch, distinguished service professor, political science; recipient of two lifetime achievement awards for scholarship in the area of human rights

Friday, October 21 2 p.m.

Baptist Manor, 819-1820 to register

Tuesday, November 15 1:30 p.m.

Clarence Senior Center, 633-5138 to register

The New World of News

People used to get news from the morning newspaper and the evening TV news. Today, information and opinions are shared on 24/7 cable news networks, the internet, and social media. How has this instant and virtual world changed news coverage? How can we tell what is a confirmed fact and what is not? Two journalists reflect on the changes in media over the past four decades.

Instructors: Rich Newberg and Rich Kellman, award-winning journalists and TV anchors for more than 35 years

Wednesday, October 19 1 p.m.

Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055 ext. 3108 to register

Wednesday, November 9 1:30 p.m.

Clarence Senior Center, 633-5138 to register

When Prisoners are Patients

A retired prison physician will discuss his experiences treating convicted murderers, rapists, and drug addicts, and the day-to-day challenges of working in a maximum-security correctional institution. We'll look at the most common medical issues in a prison population, including AIDS complications, resistant TB strains, substance abuse, and psychosocial issues.

Instructor: Lito Gutierrez, MD, retired medical director of the Regional Medical Unit, Wende Correctional Facility, NYS Department of Corrections

Friday, November 18 1 p.m.

Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055 ext. 3108 to register

The Opiate Epidemic in Erie County

Opioid addiction resulted in 50,000 deaths nationwide in 2015, many from prescription pain relievers and heroin overdoses. What's happening in our community? What are government, the health care community, and the legal community doing to address the situation? We'll also discuss opioid overdose recognition and Narcan training. Attendees can also request a Narcan kit.

Instructor: Cheryl Moore, Medical Care Administrator, Erie County Department of Health

Monday, October 3 1 p.m.

Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055 ext. 3108 to register

Friday, October 7 1:30 p.m.

Orchard Park Senior Center, 662-6452 to register

Tuesday, October 18 1 p.m.

Cheektowaga Senior Center, 686-3930 to register

Thursday, October 20 12:45 p.m.

Springville Concord Elder Network, 592-2768 to register

Prescription Drug Abuse: An Historical Perspective

The opioid epidemic is presented as a new and unprecedented phenomenon. But in fact it has long historical roots — legally produced pharmaceuticals have been America's most prevalent source of addiction for a century. Understanding why, and why we don't remember this long history, is crucial for responding effectively to today's crisis.

Instructor: David Herzberg, associate professor, history, SUNY Buffalo

Thursday, October 6 1 p.m.

Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055 ext. 3108 to register

What's Ahead for Africa?

From tragic epidemics to turbulent years of widespread political unrest, Africa is now experiencing encouraging trends, like the growing role of women in economic activity, increased access to technology, and investment in education. We'll examine the opportunities and challenges that face the next generation of Africa's leaders.

Instructor: Claude Welch, distinguished service professor of political science; recipient of two lifetime achievement awards for scholarship in the area of human rights

Wednesday, November 23 8 p.m.

Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register

Abandoned: Orphanages in New York State

By the mid-nineteenth century, 30,000 orphaned and homeless children roamed New York City. They survived by resorting to petty crime and selling newspapers while sleeping in alleys. For protection, they joined violent gangs such as the Bowery Boys and the Dead Rabbits. In response to this crisis, orphan asylums were started. Hear the story of New York state's orphanages, including Father Baker's orphanage in Buffalo.

Instructor: Michael Keene, author and enthusiast of 19th century Western New York history

Thursday, October 6 12:45 p.m.
Springville Concord Elder Network, 592-2768 to register

Friday, October 14 1:30 p.m.
Orchard Park Senior Center, 662-6452 to register

Friday, November 4 1:30 p.m.
Clarence Senior Center, 633-5138 to register

Monday, November 7 2 p.m.
Baptist Manor, 819-1820 to register

Wednesday, November 16 1 p.m.
Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055, ext. 3108 to register

Acadian to Cajun: The Great Deportation from Nova Scotia to Louisiana

Not many know that the Ku Klux Klan terrorized the Catholic Cajuns, who are the descendants of French-speaking Acadians. Several thousand French-speaking refugees from the region of Acadie (now Nova Scotia, Canada) made their way to Louisiana after being expelled in 1755 by the newly ascendant British, and sent penniless from their home territory. We'll discuss Cajun history and the journey down south.

Instructor: Eileen Angelini, Ph.D., Fulbright Scholar and Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques

Thursday, October 27 2 p.m.
Baptist Manor, 819-1820 to register

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Black Gospel Music, Yesterday and Today

Black gospel music was first popularized in the 1930s when Thomas Dorsey, the son of a Baptist preacher, combined shouts of praise and emotional fervor with a contemporary style. We'll explore the roots of black gospel music and help others to develop an appreciation for its beauty and historical significance.

Instructor: Deacon Donald Bradley, retired insurance underwriter; enthusiast of gospel music and history

Tuesday, October 11 2 p.m.
Baptist Manor, 819-1820 to register

Monday, October 17 1:30 p.m.
Orchard Park Senior Center, 662-6452 to register

Monday, November 7 1 p.m.
Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055 ext. 3108 to register

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Boots, Bootleggers, and Patriots

We'll cover events featured in the presenter's third historical novel set in Buffalo at the beginning of the 20th century. Topics include the Grain Scoopers Strike of 1899, the Pan-American Exposition, the Banana Wars, World War I, the Anti-Saloon League, rum running, gang wars, the Great Depression, and the fascist plot to overthrow President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Instructor: Tim Shannon, author and retired educator

Friday, October 14 10 a.m.
Cheektowaga Senior Center, 686-3930 to register

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Buffalo City Hall

One of the largest city halls in America, Buffalo's City Hall is often taken for granted by residents who live and work downtown. City Hall on Niagara Square changed the way the city of Buffalo looks. Explore the exterior and interior of this Art Deco masterpiece, including the many symbolic figures and decorations that portray the industrial prowess of our city.

Instructor: Harry Meyer, Explore Buffalo docent; retired attorney, Hodgson Russ LLP

Thursday, October 6 12:45 p.m.
Grand Island Golden Age Center, 773-9682 to register

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The Buffalo Colored Musicians Club

The Buffalo Colored Musicians Club is the longest continuously operating African-American musicians club in the U.S. The Club holds memories of days gone by when it was common for jazz greats such as Dizzy Gillespie, Count Basie, Art Blakey, Duke Ellington, Lionel Hampton, Billie Holiday, and Ella Fitzgerald to be passing through.

Instructor: George Scott, President, Colored Musicians Club
Wednesday, November 9 8 p.m.

Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register

Commodore Perry, President Fillmore, and the Opening of Japan in 1854

After more than two centuries of restricted interactions with the west, Japan was forced by an American fleet to open its doors to trade. How does this mission, dispatched by President Millard Fillmore, color the subsequent history of Japan's relations with the United States?

Instructor: Thomas W. Burkman, 20th century Japanese historian; director emeritus of Asian studies and research, professor emeritus, SUNY Buffalo

Tuesday, October 25 1 p.m.
Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055, ext. 3108 to register

Tuesday, October 25 8 p.m.
Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register

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Early Buffalo Music and Entertainment

A look back to the beginning of Buffalo's rich entertainment heritage — starting at Canal Street, to the early theaters, vaudeville, burlesque, big band, and music prior to the advent of rock 'n' roll. We'll highlight the contributions by theater owner Michael Shea and other nightclub owners, and share information on area radio stations, songwriters, musicians, and entertainers.

Instructor: Rick Falkowski, involved with Western New York music for more than 50 years, founder of the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame and Buffalo Music Awards

Friday, October 14 10:30 a.m.
Hamburg Senior Community Center, 646-0665 to register

Monday, October 24 8 p.m.
Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register

Thursday, November 10 12:45 p.m.
Springville Concord Elder Network, 592-2768 to register

Friday, November 18 1:30 p.m.
Clarence Senior Center, 633-5138 to register

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The Erie County Fair: 176 Fairs of Tradition, Agriculture, and Excitement

Take a trip through the Fair's colorful history, see how the Fair has evolved over the decades, and get a peek at what is planned for the future. Presentation includes archival photos and vintage videos from the archives of the Erie County Agricultural Society.

Instructor: Marty Biniasz, director of special events for the Erie County Fair, and author of "Images of the Erie County Fair"

Thursday, October 27 10:30 a.m.
Hamburg Senior Community Center, 646-0665 to register

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Guaranty Building

The Guaranty Building, completed in 1895, is considered one of Louis Sullivan's masterpieces. In the 1890s, the skyscraper was a new and uniquely American building type. Sullivan is one of the most important American architects of the 19th century and is considered the "Father of the Skyscraper."



Instructor: Harry Meyer, Explore Buffalo docent; retired attorney, Hodgson Russ LLP

Tuesday, October 18 12:45 p.m.
Grand Island Golden Age Center, 773-9682 to register

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History of the Aviation Industry in Western New York

Aviation and aerospace companies like Bell Aerospace, Curtiss-Wright, and others were once a vital part of this region. Learn about the men behind these companies including aviation pioneer Glen Curtiss, industrialist Larry Bell, and inventor Bill Moog.

Instructor: Hugh Neeson, former vice president of Bell Aerospace Company, and director of the Niagara Aerospace Museum

Thursday, September 29 12:45 p.m.
Springville Concord Elder Network, 592-2768 to register

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In the Dark Streets of Christmas 1941 to the Glad Tidings of Christmas 1945

In 1941, as Europe and Asia were engulfed in war, our nation was officially isolationist – until we too were plunged into the war on December 7. At war’s end in 1945, a broken world looked to our country for sustenance, and the U.S. became the most powerful nation on earth. We’ll focus on the usually happy Christmas season to show the depth of the changes in our society.

Instructor: Judith Geer, retired educator and librarian, Erie Community College

Monday, October 17 10 a.m.
Grand Island Golden Age Center, 773-9682 to register

The Knox Family and Knox Farm

The Seymour H. Knox family has made significant contributions to the business, educational, cultural, and artistic legacy of Western New York since the late 1800s. We’ll discuss the S.H. Knox 5&10 stores (later F.W. Woolworths), the establishment of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, the founding of the Buffalo Sabres hockey team, and the transformation of the family’s summer estate into Knox Farm State Park.

Instructor: Gerry Halligan, writer of books on local history and involved in local history tours; retired special education teacher/vocational trainer for the Buffalo Public Schools

Wednesday, October 12 1 p.m.
Town of Aurora Senior Center, 652-7934 to register

Monday, October 24 1:30 p.m.
Clarence Senior Center, 633-5138 to register

Lackawanna 1900-1949

Lackawanna, NY was once known as Limestone Hill and considered part of West Seneca. Since the word “Lackawanna” means a “stream that forks” we’ll look at the two significant factors that led to its creation: Father Nelson Baker and the steel industry, along with interconnected stories of the immigrant cultures who settled in Lackawanna, seeking the American Dream.

Instructor: Gerry Halligan, writer of books on local history; involved in local history tours; retired special education teacher/vocational trainer for the Buffalo Public Schools

Thursday, October 20 2 p.m.

Baptist Manor, 819-1820 to register
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Lackawanna 1900-1949 (continued)
Tuesday, November 1 8 p.m.

Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register
Monday, November 14 1:30 p.m.

Orchard Park Senior Center, call 662-6452 to register
Tuesday, December 6 1 p.m.

Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055, ext. 3108 to register

Mary Todd Lincoln: The Agony and the Ecstasy of the “Hellcat”

Mary, the wife of President Abraham Lincoln, was marked by controversy and tragedy. She outlived three of her four sons, as well as her husband. Her contemporaries called her witty, pleasant, cultured, and insightful, but also high-strung, devious, petulant, and sharp-tongued. While First Lady, she was dubbed the “Hellcat” by White House staffers. Was Mary Todd Lincoln mentally ill, or an eccentric with an ahead-of-her-time independent streak?

Instructor: Norm Mineo, retired banker and history enthusiast
Tuesday, October 4 12:45 p.m.

Springville Concord Elder Network, 592-2768 to register
Wednesday, October 12 8 p.m.

Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register

The Occupation of France in World War II

The “divided” years after the German invasion of France in 1940 will be explored with excerpts from the documentary France Divisée. Both collaborators and resisters are seen through the eyes of seven French people: four Holocaust survivors, two historians, and a leader of the French Resistance.



Instructor: Eileen Angelini, PhD, Fulbright Scholar, and Chevalier dans l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques

Friday, October 14 10 a.m.
Grand Island Golden Age Center, 773-9682 to register

Monday, November 21 1:30 p.m.
Orchard Park Senior Center, 662-6452

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The Psychic Highway: How the Erie Canal Changed America

The opening of the Erie Canal in the 19th century intertwined with the historical, religious, and social issues of the day. This powerful waterway carried a flotilla of radicals, visionaries, social reformers, and prophets bent on the idea of creating a new society.

Instructor: Michael Keene, enthusiast of 19th century Western New York history

Wednesday, November 2 1 p.m.
Town of Aurora Senior Center, 652-7934 to register

Rock’ N’ Roll Buffalo

A review of the musicians, bands, DJs, clubs, concert halls, and personalities that brought rock music to the Buffalo area. Starting with the beginning of rock’ n’ roll in the 1950s, the presentation will focus on rock music, but will cover all styles of music performed in Western New York through the mid 1980s.

Instructor: Rick Falkowski, involved with Western New York music for more than 50 years, founder of the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame and Buffalo Music Awards

Friday, October 21 1:30 p.m.
Orchard Park Senior Center, call 662-6452 to register

Tuesday, November 22 1 p.m.
Cheektowaga Senior Center, 686-3930 to register

The Roycroft, Elbert Hubbard, and the Roycrofters

Walk down memory lane at the historic Roycroft Campus. This presentation will blend the past and the present regarding the American Arts and Crafts Movement and the influence of Elbert Hubbard, his wives, and the many Roycrofters at the turn of the century. Why did Elbert Hubbard come to Western New York? Why did he move to East Aurora? Why did his daughter Miriam call her Mom “Aunt Alice?”

Instructor: Linda Ulrich-Hagner, trustee of the Aurora Historical Society; docent at the Roycroft Inn and Campus.

Wednesday, November 16 8 p.m.
Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register

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Understanding Franco-American History and Culture

This presentation will explore the French influence in North America from the times of King Louis IV. We’ll discuss the king’s daughters in New France, the fur trappers and miners that helped to settle the midwest and gave birth to Pawpaw French, the Cajuns of Louisiana, and the Francos in the New England mill towns.

Instructor: Eileen Angelini, PhD, Fulbright Scholar and Chevalier dans l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques

Tuesday, December 13 1 p.m.
Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055, ext. 3108 to register

The Vel d’Hiv Round-up

On July 16, 1942 in occupied Paris, more than 13,000 French Jews were arrested by French police. The victims were held in deplorable conditions at the Vélodrome d’Hiver or “Vel d’Hiv” — an indoor cycling stadium — until they were sent to detainment camps outside of Paris. Learn about the detailed planning by the Vichy government behind the round-up, and how the French government and people have since dealt with the pain and shame of this traumatic event.

Instructor: Eileen Angelini, PhD, Fulbright Scholar and Chevalier dans l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques

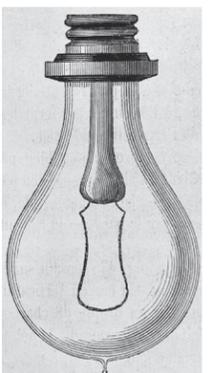
Thursday, November 17 6:30 p.m.
Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village, 874-6070, ext. 18 to register

The War of Currents

Two feuding inventor geniuses, Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla, waged a “war of currents” in the 1880s over whose electrical system would power the world. Learn about the feud and invention of the universal electrical system at Niagara Falls.

Instructor: Jack Foran, freelance writer, former newspaper reporter and technical writer, and former editor for several area environmental and engineering firms

Thursday, October 27 8 p.m.
Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register



**Alas, Poor Ghost:
The 21st Century Supernatural**

Most Americans get all their impressions about ghosts, extra sensory perception (ESP), and other supernatural topics from entertainment sources, such as TV, movies, and fiction. An alternate picture is out there, and it is one open only to specialists – until now. Join us for an overview of the 21st century supernatural, based on research, folklore, encounters, philosophy, and eyewitness reports.

Instructor: Mason Winfield, author of 10 books on the supernatural and paranormal in upstate New York

Tuesday, November 1 12:45 p.m.

Springville Concord Elder Network, 592-2768 to register

Monday, November 28 1:30 p.m.

Clarence Senior Center, 633-5138 to register

Jack London’s “To Build a Fire”

Explore this tragic tale of a man who decides to travel alone through the Yukon in subfreezing temperatures, and falls victim to the unrelenting and unforgiving power of nature. Why doesn’t London give the protagonist a name? How do the setting, imagery, and irony in the story emphasize his theme of man’s solitary existence in a hostile universe?

Instructor: Jim Banko, retired high school English teacher, Buffalo Public Schools

Thursday, October 13 1 p.m.

Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055, ext. 3108 to register

Tuesday, November 15 2 p.m.

Baptist Manor, 819-1820 to register

**The Meaning behind the Words:
The Poetry of Robert Frost**

A four-time Pulitzer Prize winner, Robert Frost is considered by critics to be one of the greatest modern American poets. He is known for his use of colloquial language and vivid images of rural life. We will examine *Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening*, *The Road Not Taken*, *Apple Picking Time*, and *Mending Wall* to illustrate that what looks simple in Frost’s poetry is really not.

Instructor: Jim Banko, retired high school English teacher, Buffalo Public Schools

Thursday, October 6 1 p.m.

Hamburg Senior Community Center, 646-0665 to register



Moved to Write

Using breath and slow movement, a yoga teacher and writing teacher will use simple techniques to relax your mind and body in order to access memory and imagination.



Then, using short passages from memoirs, we will work on creative, open-ended writing. No yoga or writing experience necessary. Just come with paper, pencil, and an open mind.

Instructors: Kathy Shoemaker, certified yoga instructor and Linda Drajem, writer and retired writing teacher

Thursday, October 13 12:45 p.m.

Springville Concord Elder Network, 592-2768 to register

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Friday, October 28 10 a.m.

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**Sinclair Lewis and “It Can’t
Happen Here”**

In the 1930s, renowned American author Sinclair Lewis and his wife, journalist Dorothy Thompson, visited Germany and noted with alarm the rise of Hitler and Nazism. In an effort to warn his fellow citizens about the events happening in Europe, he penned *It Can’t Happen Here* — a novel about a small town newspaper editor who tries to stop a right-wing takeover in the country. Lewis’ little-remembered novel is an important reminder of how fragile our democracy can be given the right circumstances.

Instructor: Judith Geer, retired educator and librarian, Erie Community College

Monday, October 3 1:30 p.m.

Orchard Park Senior Center, 662-6452 to register

Tuesday, October 25 2 p.m.

Baptist Manor, 819-1820 to register

Tuesday, November 22 8 p.m.

Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register



**Victor Hugo: The Man behind
Les Misérables**

French poet, novelist, and dramatist Victor Hugo’s life story, with spectacular shifts in status and fortune, is in some ways similar to that of his *Les Misérables* hero, Jean Valjean. At the age of 29, the publication of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* made him famous around Europe, but his personal life was beset with tragedy and drama.

After Napoleon’s fall in 1870, and the huge success of *Les Misérables*, Hugo returned to Paris as a people’s hero. When he died in 1885, two million people joined his funeral procession.

Instructor: Eileen Angelini, PhD, Fulbright Scholar and Chevalier dans l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques

Wednesday, November 30 1 p.m.

Cheektowaga Senior Center, 686-3930 to register



What is Islamic Art?

The Dome of the Rock, the Taj Mahal, a silk carpet, a Qur’an — all of these are examples of Islamic art. But what is it? Islamic art is not a monolithic style or movement; it spans 1,300 years of history and has incredible geographic diversity. We’ll look at beautiful examples to find recurring and significant colors, geometric and vegetative motifs, and architectural characteristics such as domes, minarets, and arches.

Instructor: Faizan Haq, professor, Asian studies, SUNY Buffalo; founder and publisher of wnymuslims.org

Monday, October 24 1:30 p.m.

Orchard Park Senior Center, 662-6452 to register



Write Your Own Story

We are all curious about others’ lives, as evidenced by the popularity of memoirs, such as *Angela’s Ashes* by Frank McCourt and *Bossypants* by Tina Fey. We’ll talk about brief selections from these memoirs as well as from memoirs by Maya Angelou and others. As a class participant you will be given time to write a story about your own life. No prior writing experience needed. No necessity to share with others.

Instructor: Linda Drajem, writer and retired writing teacher

Wednesday, October 26 10:30 a.m.

Hamburg Senior Community Center, 646-0665 to register

Thursday, November 3 2:00 p.m.

Baptist Manor, 819-1820 to register



 **healthy tip**

Exercise is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Talk to your doctor about ways to add more physical activity to your day.



Volunteer Drivers Needed!

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Many people need help getting to an appointment, grocery shopping, or getting their meals delivered. **Call the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)** to find out how to become a volunteer driver at an agency near you. **Want to serve in other ways?** Join RSVP!

Adults age 55+ can participate, including teaching a class with University Express! We’ll do our best to match your skills and interests with the right opportunity.

To learn more, please call RSVP at 858-7548.



Arthritis and Degenerative Disorders of the Hip and Knee

Arthritis, previous injuries, and other joint conditions can interfere with just about every aspect of life. We'll discuss what causes joint pain, and explore treatment options to get relief and regain function.

Instructor: Dr. Matthew Mann, surgeon, Excelsior Orthopaedics
Thursday, November 3 1 p.m.
 Grand Island Golden Age Center, 773-9682 to register

Birds of Prey in Western New York

Examine the characteristics and natural history of local "raptors" such as hawks, falcons, and owls while viewing real life examples. We'll discuss the process of wildlife rehabilitation, including what to do to help an injured wild animal, and what not to do if you come upon injured wildlife.

Instructor: Marianne Hites, Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, wildlife rehabilitator specializing in birds of prey

Tuesday, November 15 12:45 p.m.
 Grand Island Golden Age Center, 773-9682 to register

Thursday, November 17 12:45 p.m.
 Springville Concord Elder Network, 592-2768 to register

Chronic Pain

Are you coping with chronic pain? Learn to have a better understanding of where pain comes from, how to best describe pain, strategies for managing it, different treatments available, and how to prevent pain.

Instructor: Frank Pietrantonio, Wegmans pharmacist
Thursday, December 1 10 a.m.
 Cheektowaga Senior Center, 686-3930 to register



Use a ladder or step stool to reach something up high. Never lean too far over when you are on a ladder.

Diabetes Self-Care

Diabetes is a complicated disease, and managing it every day can be a challenge. Taking the right medication, being active, and eating properly will be addressed in this class to help you manage your diabetes.

Instructor: Colleen Moser, Wegmans pharmacist
Thursday, November 10 1 p.m.
 Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055, ext. 3108 to register

Medication Safety

Managing your medications, making sure they are a safe combination, and keeping them affordable can be a big challenge. Learn some tips on how to make sure your medications are administered safely and strategies for managing side effects.

Instructor: Frank Pietrantonio, Wegmans pharmacist
Friday, November 18 10:30 a.m.
 Hamburg Senior Community Center, 646-0665 to register

Non-Arthritic Hip Pain

Of all the major joints, the hip remains the most difficult to evaluate for most orthopaedic clinicians. For those struggling with hip pain not caused by arthritis, determining the underlying cause is an important part of treatment. We'll discuss possible causes of hip pain and non-surgical and surgical treatment options to help regain function.

Instructor: Dr. Ryan Wilkins, surgeon, Excelsior Orthopaedics
Monday, October 17 1:30 p.m.
 Clarence Senior Center, 633-5138 to register

Orthopaedic Implants — History, Material, Recalls and What Makes Them Different?

An historical look at the evolution of medical implants from where we first started to where we are today. This class will offer the opportunity to see and feel real implants and talk about the pros and cons of the various options offered today.

Instructor: Dr. Nicholas Violante, surgeon, Excelsior Orthopaedics
Thursday, November 10 10:30 a.m.
 Hamburg Senior Community Center, 646-0665 to register
Wednesday, November 30 8 p.m.
 Canterbury Woods, 929-5876 to register

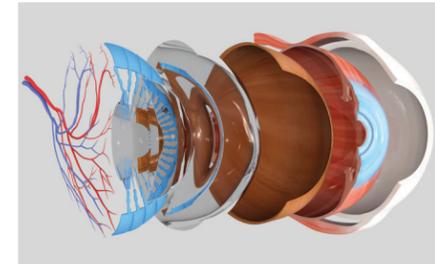
Parkinson's 101

Parkinson's disease strikes Western New York particularly hard. We will discuss what Parkinson's disease is, the signs and symptoms, who it strikes, and the causes and current treatments. We'll also look at the promising research efforts that are underway.

Instructor: Christopher Jamele, executive director, National Parkinson Foundation of Western New York
Friday, October 7 10:30 a.m.
 Hamburg Senior Community Center, 646-0665 to register

Retinal Diseases

We'll discuss various retinal diseases, such as diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, retinal detachment,



and more. What are the signs, symptoms, and prognosis? What can be done to treat each disease? We'll also define the differences between an optometrist and ophthalmologist.

Instructor: Dr. Saralyn Notaro Rietz of Back of the Eye, who specializes in retinal diseases
Wednesday, October 19 8 p.m.
 Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register

Science or Superstition?

For years, we were told to choose skim milk over whole milk, and margarine over butter to reduce the risk of heart disease, but now these recommendations seem to be turned upside down. What's behind the big change? We'll look at the heated scientific debate around saturated fats and heart disease. We'll explore the results of several important studies, along with some of the criticisms leveled at them, and help you to make sense out of the contradictory advice.

Instructor: Bruce Small, retired physician, internal medicine
Friday, October 14 1:30 p.m.
 Clarence Senior Center, 633-5138 to register
Tuesday, October 25 1 p.m.
 Cheektowaga Senior Center, 686-3930 to register
Monday, October 31 8 p.m.
 Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register

Statins

They are one of the most widely used drugs for cholesterol. What does research show about the effectiveness, risks, and benefits of statins? How does the effectiveness of statins compare to the effectiveness of preventive lifestyle changes that support heart health, like eating right and exercising?

Instructor: Frank Pietrantonio, Wegmans pharmacist
Thursday, November 10 8 p.m.
 Canterbury Woods, 929-5823 to register
Monday, November 28 1:30 p.m.
 Orchard Park Senior Center, 662-6452 to register

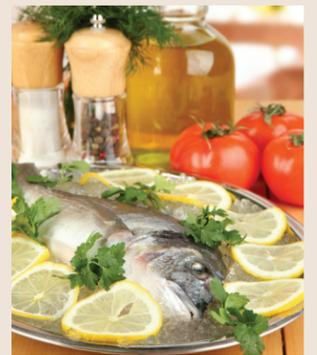
Taking the Mystery Out of Your Trip to the Pharmacy

Have you ever gone to the pharmacy and heard terms like "preauthorization," "donut hole," or "non-formulary" and wondered why you can't fill the prescription your doctor ordered? Prescription drug benefits are complicated. Learn what these terms mean and strategies that will allow you start your medications sooner.

Instructor: Frank Pietrantonio, Wegmans Pharmacist
Thursday, November 3 1 p.m.
 Amherst Senior Center, 636-3055, ext. 3108 to register
Thursday, November 10 6 p.m.
 Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village, 874-6070, ext. 18 to register

Wegmans healthy tip

When shopping for beef, pork, poultry, or seafood, aim for 90% lean or better.



Class Listings by Facility

**AMHERST SENIOR CENTER • 370 JOHN J. AUDUBON PARKWAY
REGISTER AT 636-3055, EXT. 3108**

Day	Date	Time	Topic
Monday	October 3	1 p.m.	The Opiate Epidemic in Erie County
Tuesday	October 4	1 p.m.	Mindfulness: A Path of Healing
Thursday	October 6	1 p.m.	Prescription Drug Abuse: An Historical Perspective
Thursday	October 13	1 p.m.	Jack London's "To Build a Fire"
Friday	October 14	1 p.m.	The Mediterranean Diet
Wednesday	October 19	1 p.m.	The New World of News
Friday	October 21	10 a.m.	Sodium Savvy
Tuesday	October 25	1 p.m.	Commodore Perry, President Fillmore, and the Opening of Japan in 1854
Tuesday	November 1	1 p.m.	About Roundabouts
Wednesday	November 2	1 p.m.	Why Water?
Thursday	November 3	1 p.m.	Taking the Mystery Out of Your Trip to the Pharmacy
Monday	November 7	1 p.m.	Black Gospel Music: Yesterday and Today
Thursday	November 10	1 p.m.	Diabetes Self-Care
Monday	November 14	1 p.m.	Ten Things Every Caregiver Should Know
Wednesday	November 16	1 p.m.	Abandoned: Orphanages in New York
Thursday	November 17	1 p.m.	Diversity in Israel
Friday	November 18	1 p.m.	When Prisoners are Patients
Thursday	December 1	1 p.m.	Buffalo-Niagara: Past, Present, and Future
Tuesday	December 6	1 p.m.	Lackawanna 1900-1949
Friday	December 9	1 p.m.	Should I Turn Things Over to My Children? Joint Accounts, Life Estates, and Powers of Attorney
Tuesday	December 13	1 p.m.	Understanding Franco-American History and Culture

**BAPTIST MANOR • 276 LINWOOD AVENUE, BUFFALO
REGISTER AT 819-1820**

Day	Date	Time	Topic
Tuesday	October 11	2 p.m.	Black Gospel Music-Yesterday and Today
Thursday	October 20	2 p.m.	Lackawanna 1900-1949
Friday	October 21	2 p.m.	Human Rights and Human Wrongs
Tuesday	October 25	2 p.m.	Sinclair Lewis and "It Can't Happen Here"
Thursday	October 27	2 p.m.	Acadian to Cajun: The Great Deportation from Nova Scotia to Louisiana
Thursday	November 3	2 p.m.	Write Your Own Story
Monday	November 7	2 p.m.	Abandoned: Orphanages in New York State
Tuesday	November 15	2 p.m.	Jack London's "To Build a Fire"
Thursday	November 17	2 p.m.	Eat Well, Live Well for Lower Blood Pressure

Class Listings by Facility

**CANTERBURY WOODS • 705 RENAISSANCE DRIVE, WILLIAMSVILLE
REGISTER AT 929-5823**

Day	Date	Time	Topic
Wednesday	October 12	8 p.m.	Mary Todd Lincoln: The Agony and the Ecstasy of the Hellcat
Wednesday	October 19	8 p.m.	Retinal Diseases
Monday	October 24	8 p.m.	Early Buffalo Music and Entertainment
Tuesday	October 25	8 p.m.	Commodore Perry, President Fillmore, and the Opening of Japan in 1854
Thursday	October 27	8 p.m.	The War of Currents
Monday	October 31	8 p.m.	Science or Superstition?
Tuesday	November 1	8 p.m.	Lackawanna 1900-1949
Wednesday	November 9	8 p.m.	The Colored Musicians Club
Thursday	November 10	8 p.m.	Statins
Monday	November 14	8 p.m.	Brexit: What Happens Now?
Wednesday	November 16	8 p.m.	The Roycroft, Elbert Hubbard, and the Roycrofters
Tuesday	November 22	8 p.m.	Sinclair Lewis and "It Can't Happen Here"
Wednesday	November 23	8 p.m.	What's Ahead for Africa?
Wednesday	November 30	8 p.m.	Orthopaedic Implants — History, Material, Recalls and What Makes Them Different?

**CHEEKTOWAGA SENIOR CENTER • 3349 BROADWAY
REGISTER AT 686-3930**

Day	Date	Time	Topic
Friday	October 14	10 a.m.	Boots, Bootleggers, and Patriots
Friday	October 14	1 p.m.	Living Gluten-Free
Tuesday	October 18	10 a.m.	Mindfulness - A Path to Healing
Tuesday	October 18	1 p.m.	The Opiate Epidemic in Erie County
Tuesday	October 25	1 p.m.	Science or Superstition?
Friday	October 28	10 a.m.	Moved to Write
Friday	October 28	1 p.m.	Should I Turn Things Over to My Children? Joint Accounts, Life Estates, and Powers of Attorney
Thursday	November 3	10 a.m.	The Food Label
Monday	November 21	10 a.m.	About Roundabouts
Tuesday	November 22	1 p.m.	Rock 'N' Roll Buffalo
Wednesday	November 30	1 p.m.	Victor Hugo: The Man Behind Les Misérables
Thursday	December 1	10 a.m.	Chronic Pain

**CLARENCE SENIOR CENTER • 4600 THOMPSON ROAD
REGISTER AT 633-5138**

Day	Date	Time	Topic
Friday	October 14	1:30 p.m.	Science or Superstition?
Monday	October 17	1:30 p.m.	Non-Arthritic Hip Pain
Monday	October 24	1:30 p.m.	The Knox Family and Knox Farm
Tuesday	October 25	1:30 p.m.	Diversity in Israel
Friday	November 4	1:30 p.m.	Abandoned: Orphanages in New York State
Wednesday	November 9	1:30 p.m.	The New World of News
Tuesday	November 15	1:30 p.m.	Human Rights and Human Wrongs
Friday	November 18	1:30 p.m.	Early Buffalo Music and Entertainment
Monday	November 21	1:30 p.m.	Brexit: What Happens Now?
Monday	November 28	1:30 p.m.	Alas, Poor Ghost: The 21st Century Supernatural

Class Listings by Facility

**GRAND ISLAND GOLDEN AGE CENTER • 3278 WHITEHAVEN ROAD
REGISTER AT 773-9682**

Day	Date	Time	Topic
Thursday	October 6	12:45 p.m.	Buffalo City Hall
Friday	October 14	10 a.m.	Occupation of France in World War II
Monday	October 17	10 a.m.	In the Dark Streets of Christmas 1941 to the Glad Tidings of Christmas 1945
Tuesday	October 18	12:45 p.m.	Guaranty Building
Thursday	October 27	12:30 p.m.	Moved to Write
Thursday	November 3	1 p.m.	Arthritis and Degenerative Disorders of the Hip and Knee
Tuesday	November 15	12:45 p.m.	Birds of Prey in Western New York
Tuesday	November 29	10 a.m.	Why Water?

**HAMBURG SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER • 4540 SOUTHWESTERN BOULEVARD
REGISTER AT 646-0665**

Day	Date	Time	Topic
Thursday	October 6	1 p.m.	The Meaning Behind the Words: The Poetry of Robert Frost
Friday	October 7	10:30 a.m.	Parkinson's 101
Friday	October 14	10:30 a.m.	Early Buffalo Music and Entertainment
Friday	October 21	10:30 a.m.	Buffalo-Niagara: Past, Present, and Future
Wednesday	October 26	10:30 a.m.	Write Your Own Story
Thursday	October 27	10:30 a.m.	The Erie County Fair: 176 Years of Tradition, Agriculture, and Excitement
Friday	November 4	10 a.m.	Baking With Herbs
Wednesday	November 9	10:30 a.m.	Disappearing Act: What Happened to the Middle Class?
Thursday	November 10	10:30 a.m.	Orthopaedic Implants — History, Material, Recalls and What Makes Them Different?
Monday	November 14	1 p.m.	Should I Turn Things Over to My Children? Joint Accounts, Life Estates, and Powers of Attorney
Friday	November 18	10:30 a.m.	Medication Safety

**KEN-TON PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE • 3735 DELAWARE AVENUE
REGISTER AT 874-6070, EXT. 18**

Day	Date	Time	Topic
Thursday	November 3	6 p.m.	Mindfulness - A Path to Healing
Thursday	November 10	6 p.m.	Taking the Mystery Out of Your Trip to the Pharmacy
Thursday	November 17	6:30 p.m.	The Vel d'Hiv Round-up

Class Listings by Facility

**ORCHARD PARK SENIOR CENTER • 70 LINWOOD AVENUE
REGISTER AT 662-6452**

Day	Date	Time	Topic
Monday	October 3	1:30 p.m.	Sinclair Lewis and "It Can't Happen Here"
Friday	October 7	1:30 p.m.	The Opiate Epidemic in Erie County
Friday	October 14	1:30 p.m.	Abandoned: Orphanages in America
Monday	October 17	1:30 p.m.	Black Gospel Music - Yesterday and Today
Friday	October 21	1:30 p.m.	Rock' N' Roll Buffalo
Monday	October 24	1:30 p.m.	What is Islamic Art?
Friday	October 28	1:30 p.m.	The Mediterranean Diet
Friday	November 4	1:30 p.m.	Brexit: What Happens Now?
Monday	November 7	1:30 p.m.	Sodium Savvy
Monday	November 14	1:30 p.m.	Lackawanna 1900-1949
Friday	November 18	1:30 p.m.	About Roundabouts
Monday	November 21	1:30 p.m.	Occupation of France in World War II
Monday	November 28	1:30 p.m.	Statins

**SPRINGVILLE CONCORD ELDER NETWORK • 40 COMMERCE DRIVE
REGISTER AT 592-2768**

Day	Date	Time	Topic
Thursday	September 29	12:45 p.m.	History of the Aviation Industry in Western New York
Tuesday	October 4	12:45 p.m.	Mary Todd Lincoln: The Agony and the Ecstasy of the "Hellcat"
Thursday	October 6	12:45 p.m.	Abandoned: Orphanages in New York State
Thursday	October 13	12:45 p.m.	Moved to Write
Thursday	October 20	12:45 p.m.	The Opiate Epidemic in Erie County
Thursday	October 27	12:45 p.m.	The Mediterranean Diet
Tuesday	November 1	12:45 p.m.	Alas, Poor Ghost: The 21st Century Supernatural
Thursday	November 10	12:45 p.m.	Early Buffalo Music and Entertainment
Wednesday	November 16	10:30 a.m.	Mindfulness: a Path of Healing
Thursday	November 17	12:45 p.m.	Birds of Prey in Western New York

**TOWN OF AURORA SENIOR CENTER • 101 KING STREET
REGISTER AT 652-7934**

Day	Date	Time	Topic
Wednesday	October 12	1 p.m.	The Knox Family and Knox Farm
Wednesday	November 2	1 p.m.	The Psychic Highway: How the Erie Canal Changed America
Wednesday	December 7	1 p.m.	Mindfulness: A Path of Healing

**WEGMANS • 5275 SHERIDAN DRIVE
REGISTER AT 631-4370**

Day	Date	Time	Topic
Monday	October 3	10:30 a.m.	Cooking Class - Sheridan Drive - 90 minutes

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