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Learning in Retirement  
 at Evergreen in partnership  
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# Learning in Retirement 2025 - 2026 Steering Committee

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**Jim Krueger, President**



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**Kathi Sawall, Secretary**



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To reach an officer, please send an email to [lir@EvergreenOshkosh.com](mailto:lir@EvergreenOshkosh.com) or call the office at 920-237-2124 and your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

## Committee Chairs



**Administrative/Finance  
Terrie Kragenbrink**



**Curriculum  
Lee Prellwitz**

At this time, LIR is in need of volunteers for the Membership/Promotion Committee.  
Contact LIR President Jim Krueger at [jrkruegerlir@gmail.com](mailto:jrkruegerlir@gmail.com) if interested.



**From the President**

Reviewing past versions of the President’s page, the emphasis was on celebrating LIR’s success in our new arrangement with Evergreen. This partnership continues to mature and improve.



One recent change is the revival of the Membership Committee activities within the Administrative and Finance Committee. As always, committee work needs ongoing nurturing by interested members. If you are thinking of ways to improve your own experience in LIR, notify the Admin/Finance chair, or, better yet, join the committee to help improve the experience of your fellow members and promote an expanded membership.

As always, the Curriculum Committee needs a steady supply of knowledgeable and engaging speakers to meet the never-ending need for content. Do you have “connections” in Oshkosh? Have you been impressed with a speaker or program in the area? Do you have a favorite topic not covered recently? Again, contact the chair or, preferably, participate as a member of the committee.

Reflect on your talents and desires and consider contributing to the further development of the LIR content. Remember that LIR is dedicated to being a “member directed adult learning group promoting lifelong learning for older adults”.

J. Krueger



**Reasons to stay engaged in Lifelong Learning:**

- Improves self-confidence and other personal qualities.
- Strengthens your mental capabilities and overall well-being.
- Provides opportunities to meet new and like-minded people.
- Assists in developing new hobbies and interests; and
- Puts your well-developed skills to use after retirement.
- **Be a lifelong learner!**

LIR is being offered through Evergreen in partnership with UW Oshkosh. Evergreen staff provide administrative support for LIR by collecting and tracking registrations, memberships, and other payments. They are your go-to for answering questions and day-to-day administration of the program.

You may contact:  
Administrative Support at [lir@EvergreenOshkosh.com](mailto:lir@EvergreenOshkosh.com) or by calling **920-237-2124**.

The Mailing Address is:  
**Evergreen, Attn: LIR**  
1130 North Westfield St  
Oshkosh, WI 54902

## Membership & Registration of Courses

**Membership:** Your LIR Membership fee of \$105 includes attendance at unlimited programs for one academic year July 1 – June 30. Annual membership renewal opens up in the Fall. Course catalogs will be made available annually (Fall and Spring). To join in Spring, the membership fee is \$55.

Renew membership and register for courses online through the LIR website, by scanning the QR code, or at [www.evergreenoshkosh.com/learning-in-retirement](http://www.evergreenoshkosh.com/learning-in-retirement). Instructions for registration will be available through the LIR office. Evergreen staff will also be available to guide members through this registration process. Contact [lir@EvergreenOshkosh.com](mailto:lir@EvergreenOshkosh.com).



### Course Registration Reminders:

- Please only register for programs you plan to attend. If you're no longer able to attend a program, we encourage you to cancel your registration through your Timely Network Inc. "RSVP details for the event..." email or contact the LIR office to let us know.
- Programs listed as "Evergreen-Hybrid" as the location can be attended either in person or via Zoom. If you plan to join by zoom, you can indicate this at the time of course registration.
- The **Spring Course Reference Sheet** is a helpful tool to keep track of your course selections.

## Payment Procedures for Membership and Fee-Based Programs

### Payment Instructions

- After completing your online registration, please submit the **LIR Registration Payment Form** along with your payment.
  - We are requesting two separate checks: one for membership and one for course fees.
  - Make checks payable to **Evergreen** and include **LIR** in the memo line.
- Payments and forms may be dropped off or mailed to:

**Evergreen, Attn: LIR**  
1130 North Westfield St  
Oshkosh WI 54902

## General Information

**Bring a Friend:** Non-member guests are welcome unless otherwise noted and must be registered separately. Guests should be registered with the member's name and the word "Guest" added to the last name. Example: A guest of Jim Krueger would be registered as "Jim Krueger-Guest".

**Program Change Notifications:** If there is a last-minute program schedule change or cancellation due to circumstances other than weather, an email will be sent to those registered. Make sure your email is up to date with the LIR office.

**Weather Cancellations:** Check Green Bay TV Stations for notifications. If public schools are closed **in the city where the program is being held**, the program is cancelled. You may not receive any other notification. Cancellations may be made prior to the day of, on a case-by-case basis. If possible, an email will be sent informing those registered of the cancellation.

## Special Interest Groups

### **1) Readers' Choice**

Love books and reading? Group participants decide on the selection of books to read and discuss.

**Dates:** Wednesdays; February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3

**Time:** 2 – 3:30 p.m.

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen

### **2) Garden Group**

Experts will present on a variety of gardening and landscape topics. Field trips to area nurseries and gardens are a favorite activity. Group participants decide on the programming and activities.

**Dates:** Fridays; February 6, March 6, April 10, May 1, June 5

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Coordinator:** Debby Butch

**Location:** Coughlin Center and various other locations selected by group.

### **3) Life Writing Group #1**

For LIR members who participated in the Fall 2025 Life Writing Group. Reflect on your life through autobiographical writing, share your work, and offer feedback to others. Monthly prompts and helpful resources will be provided, but members are free to write on any topic.

**Dates:** Tuesdays; February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Coordinator:** Helen Adams and Marsha Rossiter

**Location:** Evergreen

**Maximum Participants:** 15

### **4) Life Writing Group #2**

A new Life Writing Group for members who were on the Fall waiting list or did not participate previously. Explore your memories through autobiographical writing; share your stories, poems, essays, and family history; and give and receive feedback in a supportive environment. Monthly prompts and helpful resources will be provided, with freedom to write on any topic.

**Dates:** Tuesdays; February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Coordinator:** Helen Adams and Marsha Rossiter

**Location:** Evergreen

**Maximum Participants:** 15

## Courses and Tours

### **5) China: Where Is It Now**

Professor Jasinski will explore China's growing global influence, including its relationship with Taiwan and the potential for conflict. The discussion will also cover China's advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and the impact of U.S. tariffs, along with other current topics.

**Date:** Monday, February 9, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Michael Jasinski, Associate Professor of Political Science at UW Oshkosh

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **6) Winnebago County Update with Gordon Hintz**

Gordon Hintz, former Wisconsin State Assembly member, was elected Winnebago County Executive and took office on April 15, 2025. Mr. Hintz will discuss Winnebago County as it is today and share plans for the future.

**Date:** Thursday, February 12, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Gordon Hintz, Winnebago County Executive

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **7) Theatre: *Hate Mail***

A hilarious love story born from pure irritation. When Preston writes a furious letter to a store demanding a refund for a broken snow globe, he gets assistant manager Dahlia fired and finds a vengeful epistolary match. In this wickedly funny alternative to *Love Letters*, the two embark on an epic, often acrimonious correspondence as their lives intertwine. *Hate Mail* is a two-person comedy full of surprises at every turn. This production is presented by Attic Theatre Inc., the Fox Valley's longest-running community theatre, which has been bringing local talent to the stage for more than 75 years.

**Date:** Saturday, February 14, 2026

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Coordinator:** Pat Lowney

**Location:** Gibson Community Music Hall, 211 W College Ave, Appleton, WI 54911

**Cost:** \$24

**Max Participants:** 15

Note: Participants for this program must register and pay by Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Payment must include a payment form, instructions can be found on page 4.

### **8) Ruptured Alliances and the Risk of Nuclear Proliferation**

Dr. Farrell will examine how countries worldwide are responding to shifts in U.S. foreign policy. As confidence in U.S. support for national security wanes, some nations are exploring alternative strategies, including the potential development of nuclear capabilities.

**Date:** Monday, February 16, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Dr. Martin Farrell, Retired Professor of Political Science at Ripon College

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **9) Good Thinking: Why Didn't Someone Teach Me This Before?**

Encouraged by former students, Dr. Hatcher, who taught psychology at Ripon College for 37 years, recently wrote *Why Didn't Someone Teach Me This Before?* In this presentation, he will explain why good thinking does not develop naturally and how anyone, at any age, can improve their thinking skills through demonstrations and illustrative stories.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Joe Hatcher, Retired Professor of Psychology at Ripon College

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **10) Senior Exploitation & Social Media**

Senior exploitation can take many forms including physical, verbal, emotional, psychological, or sexual abuse, financial exploitation, and caregiver neglect. Ms. Fiedler will explain how traffickers operate, describe the different types of exploitation, and highlight the role of social media in these abuses.

**Date:** Thursday, February 19, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Dawn Fiedler

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **11) Astronaut Frank Borman and His Legacy**

Chris Henry will share the life and legacy of Frank Borman, one of America's boldest astronauts. Best known for commanding Apollo 8, the first mission to orbit the Moon, Borman also shaped the future of aviation and space exploration. Learn how his leadership, courage, and curiosity left a lasting mark on history.

**Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Chris Henry, EAA Museum Manager

**Coordinator:** Karen Kaempffe

**Location:** Oshkosh Seniors Center

### **12) Hearing Loss and Social Isolation**

Untreated hearing loss can make face-to-face and phone interactions difficult, leading to social isolation and increased health risks. Presenters will discuss practical steps to manage hearing loss and stay connected with family, friends, and the community.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Colleen Van Rooy & Steffanie Weil-Sorenson

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Coughlin Center

### **13) Lawless**

In *Lawless: How the Supreme Court Runs on Conservative Grievance, Fringe Theories, and Bad Vibes*, Professor Litman argues that the Supreme Court is no longer faithfully practicing law. She examines major decisions on women's reproductive rights, LGBTQ issues, voting rights, the influence of big money in elections, and the court's approach to the administrative state, highlighting a pattern of protecting minority views not widely shared by the country. **Note: Professor Litman will present this course live via Zoom. LIR members may attend in person at Evergreen to watch the Zoom presentation or view it individually on their own device.**

**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Leah M. Litman, Professor of Law at the University of Michigan

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **14) Winter Is for the Birds**

Not all birds migrate for the winter, and the destinations of those that do might surprise you. Discover the unique adaptations that help birds survive our harsh Wisconsin winters. We will explore both familiar and lesser known feathered friends that call the snowy Badger State home.

**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Adam J. Brandt, Park Ranger at Mosquito Hill Nature Center

**Coordinator:** Jim Krueger

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **15) Brain Centers of Green Bay: Dementia Education**

The Brain Center of Green Bay helps people in Northeastern Wisconsin proactively focus on brain health through collaboration, advocacy, research, and education. Join LaReina Tipping for a presentation on dementia education, including care solutions and strategies to support caregivers.

**Date:** Monday, March 2, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** LaReina Tipping

**Coordinator:** Barb LeGault

**Location:** Oak Park Place, 2205 Midway Rd, Menasha, WI 54952

### **16) Religion and Spirituality: Spirituality is the Goal, Religion is the Means**

Religion and spirituality are interconnected. Religion, meaning “tying together repeatedly”, grows from the mystical experience of the universe, which is spirituality. Religion represents human efforts to rekindle this experience over time within a community. Dr. Smith will explore the relationship between religion and spirituality.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 3, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Brian Smith, Retired Professor of Religious Studies at Ripon College

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **17) The Declaration of Independence and the Sentence Heard ‘Round the World**

Explore the events that shaped America in the years leading up to the creation of the Declaration of Independence and examine how this cornerstone document has influenced American mentality, culture, and politics over the past 250 years. The program will also briefly consider its global impact and the ways it has inspired movements, goals, and aspirations around the world.

**Date:** Thursday, March 5, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Lara C. Hansen

**Coordinator:** Shane Boeder

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **18) Theatre: *Death by Design***

Set in 1932, playwright Edward Bennett and his wife, actress Sorel Bennett, flee to Cookham Manor after a disastrous opening night. Soon, other wild and eccentric guests arrive, including a politician, a socialist, a “modern” dancer, and a nearsighted ingenue, each harboring secrets of their own. When one guest turns up dead, Bridgit, the feisty Irish maid with an overactive interest in homicide, takes it upon herself to solve the mystery of whodunnit. Inspired by the works of Noel Coward and Agatha Christie. This production is presented by Oshkosh Community Players.

**Date:** Saturday, March 7, 2026

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Coordinator:** Pat Lowney

**Location:** The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901

**Cost:** \$20

**Maximum Participants:** 20

Note: Participants for this program must register and pay by Friday, February 20th.

Payment must include a payment form, instructions can be found on page 4.

### **19) Oshkosh’s Last Great Fire**

Mr. McArthur will recount the story of Oshkosh’s last major fire, which devastated much of downtown. On April 28, 1875, strong winds fanned the flames that began at Morgan Mill. Despite heroic efforts by Thomas Davis, the fire quickly spread, engulfing the area from Main Street to Merritt Street and the river, raging for four hours.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Michael McArthur, Local History & Genealogy Librarian at Oshkosh Public Library

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Oshkosh Seniors Center

### **20) Ladysmith: The Husbands and Houses of Isabel Johnson**

Isabel Bacon-Rodgers was a divorced mother when she married America’s wealthiest widower, Charles R. Smith of Menasha Woodenware. She inherited a vast fortune when Smith died and later married her third husband, Broadway star Orrin Johnson. Join Erica Suchyta to learn about Isabel’s passion for men, architecture, and the finer things in life.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Erica Suchyta, Executive Director of the Neenah Historical Society

**Coordinator:** Pat Lowney

**Location:** Coughlin Center

### **21) Chef’s Choice: Terrorism and It’s Aftermath**

Those who attend will enjoy a meal prepared by Evergreen’s Culinary Team, followed by a presentation. The presentation will be a pre-recorded 2004 lecture in which Dr. Edward Linenthal explores how American society has remembered and responded to two of the most significant acts of domestic and international terrorism in US history, the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 and the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks in 2001.

**Date:** Thursday, March 12, 2026

**Time:** 12:15 – 2:15 p.m.

**Presenter:** Dr. Edward Linenthal, Retired Professor of Religious Studies at UW Oshkosh

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen

**Cost:** \$15

**Maximum Participants:** 60

Note: Participants for this program must register and pay by Thursday, February 26th.

Payment must include a payment form, instructions can be found on page 4.

## **22) Meaning, Purpose, and Legacy**

Legacy is made by living in the way we want to be remembered. Join Jean Skeels, author of *Before You Go: A Death Doula's Guide to Living Your Best Life*, for an interactive presentation on how to define meaning and purpose in your life and how to create and document the things that have brought you the most joy and fulfillment. **Note:** *Please bring a journal and a pen to this course.*

**Date:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Jean Skeels

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Oshkosh Seniors Center

## **23) The History of Musical Theatre in America**

Susan Rabideau will guide us through the history of American musical theatre. Susan will discuss and share important musicals that made a lasting impact on theatre from its origins through today. This promises to be a morning of toe tapping fun.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Susan Rabideau, Retired Professor of Communication and Theatre Arts

**Coordinator:** Pat Lowney

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

## **24) Nutrition, Medications and Your Health Journey**

Dr. JJ Allen, owner of Hometown Pharmacy on Sawyer Street in Oshkosh, returns to share insights on how nutrition, medications, and everyday habits shape overall wellness. With experience as both a pharmacist and certified sports nutritionist, he will offer practical guidance for supporting your health, advocating for yourself, and making informed lifestyle decisions. Bring your questions for an engaging and empowering discussion.

**Date:** Thursday, March 19, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Dr. JJ Allen, PharmD, CISSN, Hometown Pharmacy

**Coordinator:** Karen Kaempffe

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

## **25) Sexism in Society**

Peter Glick will explore sexism, examining how gender bias shapes opportunities, interactions, and institutions. Drawing on history, psychology, and contemporary examples, the talk will highlight patterns of inequality and the social forces that reinforce them. Participants will gain insight into how sexism persists today and the ways individuals and communities can challenge it.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Peter Glick

**Coordinator:** Karen Kaempffe

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

## **26) The Maid and The Socialite**

Green Bay author Lynda Drews presents her book, *The Maid and the Socialite*, which uncovers the forgotten histories of two brave women, a maid and a socialite, who stood up against the powerful local surgeon Dr. John R. Minahan in six scandalous trials. The book is being optioned for a movie or limited series.

**Date:** Thursday, March 26, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Lynda Drews, Author

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen- Hybrid

### **27) The Paine Art Center and Gardens: History, Architecture, and Art**

Laura Fiser, Curator of Collections and Exhibitions at the Paine Art Center for the past 20 years, will explore the history of this iconic estate. She will highlight the vision of its founders, the architectural design, and the remarkable art collection, showing how these elements combine to create a place of artistic and natural beauty open to the public. Participants will gain insight into the Paine's complex history and the care that has preserved its cultural and aesthetic legacy.

**Date:** Monday, March 30, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Laura Fiser, Curator of Collections and Exhibitions at The Paine

**Coordinator:** Karen Kaempffe

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **28) Women in Leadership**

Mr. Sakrison has conducted extensive research on leadership, with a focus on women in leadership roles. He will discuss why there continues to be so few women in these positions, what happens when women lead, and additional key aspects of women in leadership.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 31, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** David Sakrison, Adjunct Instructor at Ripon College

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **29) Life and Photographs of HH Bennet**

HH Bennett, the world-renowned landscape photographer of Kilbourn City, known today as Wisconsin Dells, was more than a photographer. He was also a carpenter, builder, inventor, businessman, and tourist promoter. Learn how Bennett invented and built his "Snapper" camera, capturing the first ever recorded stop action photograph known as the *Leap of the Chasm*. This presentation will follow Bennett's life from his birth in Canada in 1843 through his death in 1908 in Kilbourn. It will feature a collection of his unique and artistic landscape photographs of the Dells.

**Date:** Thursday, April 2, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Robert Block, Member of the Oregon Wisconsin Historical Society

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **30) Recycling 101**

Kelly Reyer will help you navigate the ins and outs of recycling. Her presentation will cover what can and can't be recycled in curbside bins, offer helpful recycling tips and tricks, and explain how the recycling facility operates. You'll also learn why we hate the "ugly eight" and how to make smarter recycling choices at home.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Kelly Reyer, Education and Outreach Specialist, Winnebago County Solid Waste

**Coordinator:** Jim Krueger

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **31) Rails to Trails in Wisconsin**

Wisconsin boasts over 100 rail-trails, with estimates around 111, spanning nearly 2,000 miles, making it a leader in converted railway pathways, including the nation's first, the Elroy-Sparta State Trail. These trails offer diverse scenery from farmland to forests for hikers, bikers, and snowshoers. Professor Cross will present on a number of these trails and share photos from several he has explored.

**Date:** Thursday, April 9, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** John Cross, Retired Professor of Geography at UW Oshkosh

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **32) Titanic: The Wisconsin Connection**

As we approach the 114th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, former Oshkosh Public Museum Curator Deb Daubert shares her research on the possibility of passengers onboard having ties to Wisconsin. She will discuss what she discovered while the Oshkosh Public Museum hosted two Titanic exhibitions. Spoiler alert: the second exhibition, created by Premier Exhibitions/RMS Titanic Inc., used Ms. Daubert's research to develop *Titanic: The Wisconsin Connection*.

**Date:** Friday, April 10, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Deb Daubert

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Oshkosh Seniors Center

### **33) Horseback Safari Through Africa**

Cindy Warner took the trip of a lifetime when she signed up for a 10-day jeep and horseback safari in South Africa and Botswana! Learn how she and her international companions tracked and experienced lions, leopards, elephants, impalas, zebras, giraffes, rhinos, ostriches, and more. Cindy will share photos of her fascinating journey, led by outstanding African guides who provided luxury amid the outback.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Cindy Warner

**Coordinator:** Karen Kaempffe

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **34) Samaritan Counseling: Spirituality in Counseling**

Samaritan Counseling offers a holistic approach to mental health that emphasizes healing the mind, body, and spirit. Hannah Keeler will share how spirituality can be integrated into counseling, along with practical strategies for cognitive coping skills and adopting healthy patterns.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Hannah Keeler

**Coordinator:** Barb LeGault

**Location:** Coughlin Center

### **35) Non-Drivers: The Road Ahead**

This session explores what it means to be a non-driver, a stage of life many people experience in youth, older age, or due to disability or circumstance. Participants will hear firsthand from a Wisconsin resident about her lived experience as a non-driver, followed by key findings from the Wisconsin Non-Driver Advisory Committee that highlight who today's non-drivers are and why their numbers are increasing. The presentation will conclude with an accessible overview of local and statewide transportation options to help individuals better understand available community resources. This course is designed to deepen awareness, spark conversation, and emphasize why transportation access matters for everyone.

**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Nick Musson, Transportation and Aging Plan Specialist at Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. & Denise Jess, Executive Director of Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

**Coordinator:** Pat Lowney

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **36) Supper with the Chef**

Enjoy a culinary experience as a skilled Evergreen Chef demonstrates the creation of a specially crafted Japanese menu made just for LIR. Relax, watch the techniques in action, and savor the flavors of each thoughtfully prepared dish.

**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2026

**Time:** 4:30 – 7 p.m., cash bar opens at 4:30, presentation at 5

**Presenter:** An Evergreen Chef

**Location:** Evergreen

**Cost:** \$20

**Maximum Participants:** 45 (*members only program*)

Note: Participants for this program must register and pay by Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Payment must include a payment form, instructions can be found on page 4.

Small bills are helpful for cash bar purchases.

### **37) Exploring English Cottages**

Aaron Sherer, Executive Director of the Paine Art Center and Gardens, will share insights from his sabbatical exploring English cottages. He will highlight the design, craftsmanship, and charm of these historic homes and draw connections to the architecture and gardens at the Paine. Participants will gain a deeper appreciation for the influence of English cottages on American design and lifestyle.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Aaron Sherer, Executive Director at The Paine

**Coordinator:** Karen Kaempffe

**Location:** Oshkosh Seniors Center

### **38) Tony Evers' Legacy and Campaign 2026**

As he prepares to leave office, what will be Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers' lasting legacy? Who among the announced candidates has the best chance to succeed him? Dr. Tony Palmeri will help us make sense of these questions.

**Date:** Thursday, April 23, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Dr. Tony Palmeri

**Coordinator:** Kathi Sawall

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **39) Theatre: Tuesdays with Morrie**

*Tuesdays with Morrie* is the autobiographical story of Mitch Albom, an accomplished journalist focused on his career, and Morrie Schwartz, his beloved former professor. Sixteen years after graduation, Mitch learns that Morrie is living with Lou Gehrig's disease and decides to visit him. That single visit soon becomes a weekly ritual and a final "class" on the meaning of life. This timeless story offers powerful reflections on living, loving, and loss. This production is presented by Attic Theatre Inc., the Fox Valley's longest-running community theatre, which has been bringing local talent to the stage for more than 75 years.

**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2026

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Coordinator:** Pat Lowney

**Location:** Vaudette, 151 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Kaukauna, WI 54130

**Cost:** \$24

**Maximum Participants:** 15

Note: Participants for this program must register and pay by Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Payment must include a payment form, instructions can be found on page 4.

### **40) Tour: Fantastic Fungi at Mosquito Hill**

Tasty, deadly, or even psychedelic, mushrooms play an important role in a healthy ecosystem. Learn what a mushroom is, why fungi matter both ecologically and to humans, and how to identify a few common Wisconsin species. **Optional:** After the presentation, join Naturalist Ally for a short exploratory hike to see what kinds of fungi may be appearing on the property. The hike will be less than 0.5 miles on mostly flat grassy terrain.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Ally Noll, Naturalist at Mosquito Hill Nature Center

**Coordinator:** Jim Krueger

**Location:** Mosquito Hill Nature Center, N3880 Rogers Rd, New London, WI 54961

**Cost:** \$7

Note: Participants for this program must register and pay by Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Payment must include a payment form, instructions can be found on page 4.

### **41) Tour: Knigge Farms**

Tour Knigge Farms, a modern dairy operation that installed the first robotic milking system in the United States. They milk over 130 cows while raising 170 heifers, calves, and steers on their 1,000 acre farm. The visit includes a half hour guided tour of the farm's robotic milking and automatic calf feeding technology. In the free stall dairy barn, you will also see where cows milk themselves.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 29, 2026

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Presenter:** C. Peter Knigge

**Coordinator:** Kathi Sawall

**Location:** Knigge Farms, 4577 Poygan Ave, Omro, WI 54963

**Cost:** \$10

Note: Participants for this program must register and pay by Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Payment must include a payment form, instructions can be found on page 4.

#### **42) Stitching Ourselves: The Art of Daily Feminism**

For many women, stitching and weaving are not merely “women’s work” but their very voices. Serving as autobiographies in cloth and thread, these creations connect women across generations and cultures. By revealing the intimacy of their creativity as political acts of testimony and community, their works become stories of empowerment and activism. This presentation highlights examples from creative women in the USA and around the world.

**Date:** Thursday, April 30, 2026

**Time:** 10 –11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Shane Boeder, Ph.D.

**Coordinator:** Shane Boeder

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

#### **43) History of Trains in Oshkosh**

Take a ride back in time to explore Oshkosh’s rich railroad history of the 1950s and 1960s with local historian Paul Spanbauer. You’ll see footage of steam trains, circus trains, and other notable rail lines that passed through the city, while learning about key events and industrial-era accidents that shaped our community’s past.

**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Paul Spanbauer

**Coordinator:** Kathi Sawall

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

#### **44) Fox Valley Memory Project: Caregiver Support for Dementia**

The Fox Valley Memory Project leads dementia-friendly programming that supports individuals and their families. Kristy Millar will discuss aspects of caregiver support for those managing the care of people with dementia.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Kristy Millar

**Coordinator:** Barb LeGault

**Location:** Coughlin Center

#### **45) Why Parties Aren’t Forever: Party Change from Hamilton to Mamdani**

Uniquely in world history, the U.S. political parties have maintained a 175-year run as an American duopoly. But are they really still the same? Beyond this mirage of continuity, this session will explore the forces that have reshaped our two dominant parties. Although partisans frequently claim that opposition politicians will destroy the republic—a charge once aimed at both Alexander Hamilton and Zohran Mamdani—the parties and their candidates have proven remarkably adept at shapeshifting to meet the demands of the public.

**Date:** Wednesday, May 6, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**Presenter:** Arnold Shoher, Professor of Government at Lawrence University

**Coordinator:** Pat Lowney

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

#### **46) Yellowstone Trail: A Forgotten Era**

“A Good Road from Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound” – The Yellowstone Trail was America’s first transcontinental highway, running through Oshkosh neighborhoods from 1918 to 1930. Using images, maps, and stories from drives along the remaining sections of the old roadway in Wisconsin, Mark Walker and Steve Owen will share the history and current state of this forgotten era before numbered highways.

**Date:** Thursday, May 7, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Mark Walker and Steve Owen

**Coordinator:** Shane Boeder

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

#### **47) Discover Oshkosh: A Summer Preview**

Discover what is happening in Oshkosh this summer as the city continues to grow as a vibrant place to explore history, arts, nature, and culture. This presentation will highlight upcoming concerts, festivals, museum programs, and outdoor activities, along with updates on riverfront amenities and new local businesses. Learn how annual traditions like EAA AirVenture and other community events help create a season filled with connection, discovery, and opportunities to enjoy all Oshkosh has to offer.

**Date:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Amy Albright, Executive Director of Discover Oshkosh

**Coordinator:** Kathi Sawall

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

#### **48) Tour: Four Wheel Drive Seagrave Museum**

Discover the history of four-wheel drive, invented in 1909 in Clintonville, Wisconsin by William Besserdich and his family, and its role in World War I. Tour the Four Wheel Drive Seagrave Museum, home to over 80 historic trucks, including the first four-wheel drive truck and the first Oshkosh Corp prototype, Old Betsy. Participants are invited to meet at The Vault in Clintonville at noon for a pay-your-own lunch before the museum tour, or they may go directly to the museum for the scheduled tour. **Note:** *At time of registration you will be asked if you plan to attend lunch at The Vault.*

**Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2026

**Time:** Lunch at 12 p.m.; Museum Tour at 1:30 p.m. (*Lunch is optional*)

**Presenter:** Mary Allen

**Coordinator:** Pat Lowney

**Lunch Location:** The Vault, 60 10<sup>th</sup> St, Clintonville, WI 54929

**Museum Location:** Four Wheel Drive Seagrave Museum, 325 15<sup>th</sup> St, Clintonville, WI 54929

**Maximum Participants:** 20

**Cost:** Museum is \$8 per person; Pay-your-own lunch

Note: Participants for this program must register and pay by Thursday, April 30th.

Payment must include a payment form, instructions can be found on page 4.

#### **49) What’s Happening in Myanmar?**

On February 1, 2021, the military staged a coup in Myanmar, citing election fraud following the 2020 democratic election. In this presentation, we will explore the political history of Myanmar, the events leading up to the 2021 coup, its consequences, and the current situation in the country.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Chu May Paing, Ph.D.

**Coordinator:** Shane Boeder

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **50) Oshkosh History: Garlic Island**

Local historian Randy Domer, author of five books on Oshkosh's history, will present the rich and varied history of Garlic Island. Located midway between Oshkosh and Neenah along the west shore of Lake Winnebago, the island's story dates back to the 18th century. Its past includes a large Winnebago village, a British encampment during the winter of 1812–13, a public resort once reached by steamboat, and more.

**Date:** Wednesday, May 20, 2026

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Presenter:** Randy Domer

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen - Hybrid

### **51) Chef's Choice: Harry Houdini**

Those who attend will enjoy a meal prepared by Evergreen's Culinary Team, followed by a presentation. The presentation, which has been pre-recorded, will be on the life of Harry Houdini, exploring his colorful and intriguing story. Attendees will learn about his most famous and puzzling illusions, his daring escapes, his deep research into the history of magic, and the place his memory holds in American and world imagination. Houdini has a local connection: although born in Budapest, Hungary, his family immigrated to the United States and lived in Appleton, Wisconsin for about five years before moving to Milwaukee.

**Date:** Thursday, May 21, 2026

**Time:** 12:15 – 2:15 p.m.

**Presenter:** Taylor Haygood, Professor of American Literature at Florida Atlantic University

**Coordinator:** Lee Prellwitz

**Location:** Evergreen

**Cost:** \$15

**Maximum Participants:** 60

Note: Participants for this program must register and pay by Thursday, May 7th.

Payment must include a payment form, instructions can be found on page 4.

### **Additional Learning and Entertainment Opportunities**

We are fortunate that both UW Oshkosh and Ripon College offer numerous speakers, panels, and presentations that align with LIR's "Lifelong Learning" objective. LIR regularly monitors the UW Oshkosh and Ripon College calendars to identify programs that might interest our members, some of which are available for virtual viewing. Watch your email throughout the semester for notifications of these additional opportunities.

## Course Locations

**Coughlin Center**, 625 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI 54901

**Evergreen**, 1130 N Westfield St, Oshkosh, WI 54902

**Four Wheel Drive Seagrave Museum**, 325 15<sup>th</sup> St, Clintonville, WI 54929

**Gibson Community Music Hall**, 211 W College Ave, Appleton, WI 54911

**Knigge Farms**, 4577 Poygan Ave, Omro, WI 54963

**Mosquito Hill Nature Center**, N3880 Rogers Rd, New London, WI 54961

**Oak Park Place**, 2205 Midway Rd, Menasha, WI 54952

**Oshkosh Seniors Center**, 200 N Campbell St, Oshkosh, WI 54902 (Main Building)

**The Grand Oshkosh**, 100 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901

**Vaudette**, 151 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Kaukauna, WI 54130

**The Vault**, 60 10<sup>th</sup> St, Clintonville, WI 54929

**Tours:** This semester all tours and entertainment will be self-drive programs. The address of the tours are printed above and with the course details.



**Hearing Loop Availability:** A hearing loop is available for hearing aid users at the following locations: Coughlin Center, Evergreen, Mosquito Hill Nature Center, Oshkosh Seniors Center, and The Grand Oshkosh.

## Course Delivery Instructions

Programs are offered in two formats:

**In-Person:** All programs can be attended in person at the location listed in the course details.

**Hybrid:** Programs labeled “Evergreen - Hybrid” can be attended in person or viewed via Zoom. Registration is encouraged for both in-person and virtual participants. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please indicate “yes” when prompted during registration. While virtual participants may not have the full in-person experience, you can enjoy the program from the comfort of your home. Please note that not all Evergreen programs are available virtually.

### Virtual Viewing Reminders:

- Links for all Hybrid programs will be sent to registered participants from Timely Network Inc. Please keep these emails for your records.
- Please turn off your camera and microphone when viewing a presentation.
- Closed caption is available, if you want to use it, click on “Live Transcript” and select subtitles.
- To ask a question, click on the word “Chat” at the bottom of your screen and type in your question.

# February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Readers' Choice 2-3:30pm	5	6 Garden Group 10-11:30am	7
8	9 China 1:30-3pm Evergreen	10 Life Writing Group #2 10-11:30am	11	12 Winnebago County Update 10-11:30am Evergreen	13	14 Theatre: Hate Mail 2pm
15	16 Admin/ Finance Committee 10-11:30 a.m. <hr/> Ruptured Alliances 1:30-3pm Evergreen	17	18 Good Thinking 10-11:30am Evergreen	19 Senior Exploitation 10-11:30am Evergreen	20	21
22	23 Steering Committee 10-11:30 a.m.	24 Life Writing Group #1 10-11:30am <hr/> Astronaut 1:30-3pm Oshkosh Seniors Center	25 Hearing Loss 10-11:30am Coughlin Center	26 Lawless 1:30-3pm Evergreen	27 Winter Is for the Birds 10-11:30am Evergreen	28

# March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>Dementia Education</b> 10-11:30am Oak Park Place	3 <b>Religion and Spirituality</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	4 <b>Readers' Choice</b> 2-3:30pm	5 <b>Declaration of Independence</b> 1:30-3pm Evergreen	6 <b>Garden Group</b> 10-11:30am	7 <b>Theatre: Death by Design</b> 2pm
8	9 <b>Admin/ Finance Committee</b> 10-11:30 a.m.	10 <b>Oshkosh's Last Great Fire</b> 10-11:30am Oshkosh Seniors Center <hr/> <b>Life Writing Group #2</b> 10-11:30am	11 <b>Ladysmith</b> 10-11:30am Coughlin Center	12 <b>Chef's Choice</b> 12:15-2:15 p.m. Evergreen	13	14
15	16 <b>Steering Committee</b> 10-11:30 a.m.	17 <b>Meaning, Purpose, and Legacy</b> 10-11:30am Oshkosh Seniors Center	18 <b>History of Musical Theatre</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	19 <b>Nutrition, Medications, &amp; Health</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	20	21
22	23	24 <b>Life Writing Group #1</b> 10-11:30am <hr/> <b>Sexism in Society</b> 1:30-3pm Evergreen	25	26 <b>The Maid and The Socialite</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	27 <b>Curriculum Committee</b> 10-11:30 a.m.	28
29	30 <b>The Paine</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	31 <b>Women in Leadership</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen				

# April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>Readers' Choice</b> 2-3:30pm	<b>2</b> <b>HH Bennet</b> 130-3pm Evergreen	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Recycling 101</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	<b>9</b> <b>Rails to Trails</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	<b>10</b> <b>Titanic</b> 10-11:30am Oshkosh Seniors Center <hr/> <b>Garden Group</b> 10-11:30am	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Life Writing Group #2</b> 10-11:30am <hr/> <b>Horseback Safari</b> 130-3pm Evergreen	<b>15</b> <b>Spirituality in Counseling</b> 10-11:30am Coughlin Center	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Non-Drivers</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Admin/ Finance Committee</b> 10-11:30 a.m. <hr/> <b>Supper with the Chef</b> 4:30-7pm Evergreen	<b>21</b> <b>English Cottages</b> 10-11:30am Oshkosh Seniors Center	<b>22</b> <b>Steering Committee</b> 10-11:30 a.m.	<b>23</b> <b>Tony Evers' Legacy</b> 130-3pm Evergreen	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Theatre: Tuesdays with Morrie</b> 2pm
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Life Writing Group #1</b> 10-11:30am <hr/> <b>Tour: Fantastic Fungi</b> 130-3pm	<b>29</b> <b>Tour: Knigge Farms</b> 9am	<b>30</b> <b>Stitching Ourselves</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen		

# May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>Garden Group</b> 10-11:30am	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Trains in Oshkosh</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	<b>5</b> <b>Caregiver Support for Dementia</b> 10-11:30am Coughlin Center	<b>6</b> <b>Readers' Choice</b> 2-3:30pm <hr/> <b>Why Parties Aren't Forever</b> 130-3pm Evergreen	<b>7</b> <b>Yellowstone Trail</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Admin/ Finance Committee</b> 10-11:30 a.m.	<b>12</b> <b>Life Writing Group #2</b> 10-11:30am	<b>13</b> <b>Discover Oshkosh</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	<b>14</b> <b>Tour: Four Wheel Drive Seagrave Museum</b> 1:30-3pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Steering Committee</b> 10-11:30 a.m.	<b>19</b> <b>Myanmar</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	<b>20</b> <b>Garlic Island</b> 10-11:30am Evergreen	<b>21</b> <b>Chef's Choice</b> 12:15-2:15 p.m. Evergreen	<b>22</b> <b>Curriculum Committee</b> 10-11:30 a.m.	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Life Writing Group #1</b> 10-11:30am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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### Fall 2025 Guest Presenters

- Jeff Kersten
- Dr. Joe Hatcher, Ripon College (Retired)
- Adam J. Brandt, Mosquito Hill Nature Center
- Susan Rabideau, Riverside Players
- Dr. JJ Allen, PharmD, CISSN, Hometown Pharmacy
- Randy R. Domer
- Peter Glick
- Kim Calvert, UW Oshkosh
- Cindy Warner
- Rob Servais
- Dr. Eric Koehler
- Beth Johnson, Ph.D., UW Oshkosh
- Craig Tebon
- Melissa Kraemer-Badtke, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Jeff Pockat
- Paul Van Auken
- Dr. Edward Linenthal
- Aaron Sherer, The Paine
- Kristy Millar, Fox Valley Memory Project
- Tony Palmeri, UW Oshkosh
- LaReina Tipping, Brain Center of Green Bay
- William Baurecht
- Debra Daubert
- Bur Zeratsky
- Dr. Robert Wallace, Ripon College
- Susan Apps-Bodilly
- Samaritan Counseling
- Chris Henry, EAA
- Rosie Bartel
- Dr. William Woolley, Ripon College (Retired)
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- Reverend Clay Salmela
- Rick Atkinson
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- Dr. Paisley Harris, UW Oshkosh (Retired)
- Breanne Kanak

### Host Locations

- Coughlin Center
- Evergreen
- La Sure's Banquet Hall
- Mosquito Hill Nature Center
- Oak Park Place
- Oshkosh Seniors Center
- Riverside Park
- Xavier High School

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- Learning sessions led by experts in their fields
- Member-led interest groups
- Tours of business, industry, museums, and gardens
- Music and theater performances



## Highlights for the Spring Semester:

Special Interest Groups: Reading, Writing, and Gardening

Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz

Theatre Programs: *Hate Mail*, *Death by Design*, and *Tuesdays with Morrie*

Senior Exploitation & Social Media

University of Michigan Law Professor Leah Litman on the United States Supreme Court

Chef's Choice Luncheons

Lawrence University Professor Peter Glick on "Sexism in Society"

Women in Leadership

Supper with the Chef

Tours: Mosquito Hill, Knigge Farms, and Four Wheel Drive Seagrave Museum