



Concord Carlisle
Adult & Community Education

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Driver Education
Instrumental Music School of Carlisle & Concord

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Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to Fall with Concord-Carlisle Adult & Community Education!

As the leaves begin to turn, it's the perfect season to gather, learn, and try something new. Our schedule is packed with diverse opportunities to explore. Whether you want to get creative in Mindful Watercolor Play, get out & about with Secrets in Plain View: A Masonic Walking Tour, or learn more in A Grandparent's Guide to Autism: Building Strong Connections and Bright Futures —there is truly something here for everyone.

A few quick things to keep in mind as you browse the catalog:

- Register Early: Many of our popular classes fill up fast. If a class you want is full, please join the waitlist! This helps us gauge interest, and we often try to open additional sessions when we see high demand.
- Scholarships & Financial Aid: We believe community education should be accessible to everyone. If you or someone you know needs financial assistance to attend a class, we want to help. You can find all the details on how to apply on page 30.
- Teach with Us: Do you have a unique skill, hobby, or professional expertise you'd love to share? We are always searching for fresh ideas and passionate instructors to join our faculty.

Thank you for being such a vibrant part of our community. We can't wait to see you in class this fall!

About Us

ADULT & YOUTH PROGRAMS including...

- Armchair Travel
- College & Test Prep
- Village University & more!

DRIVER EDUCATION

Must be 15 yrs, 9 mo. to start

- Convenient class & driving schedules
- Adult lessons
- Road test sponsorship

IMSCC

- Private lessons
- Choose 30-, 45- or 60-min lessons
- Open to students of all ages
- 16-week fall semesters
- Small group lessons for 1st & 2nd year players

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CCACE is a self-sustaining branch of Concord-Carlisle Public Schools, dedicated to lifelong learning for all ages. We connect local citizens through collaborative community outreach, classes and educational events. Our aim is to provide unique programming that will inspire joy and nurture passions.

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Cover art by Alyssa Drake, CCHS Class of 2027: "This collage, entitled 'Train Rides to Nowhere,' explores the conflict between the pressure to work towards a demanding future and the desire to live for the present moment. The title is inspired by the feeling of wonder that young people get from what others find mundane, such as a simple train ride. The inverted quality of the landscape represents viewing the world with a lively, childlike imagination."



Armchair Travel is a series of presentations on travel from community members, sharing stories and pictures of travels near & far!

- All sessions are on Mondays at 7 pm on zoom
- You must register in advance to receive the link

Beyond the Safari: The Heart of Nairobi

Benée Brown

What is Nairobi like beyond the safari brochures? During a week-long journey to Kenya’s vibrant capital, Benée Brown explored the city through its people, history, food, fashion, conservation efforts and community organizations. She will bring a fresh perspective on Nairobi that goes far beyond wildlife and reveals the richness of contemporary Kenyan culture and daily life.

Mo | Oct 5 | 7-8 pm | Online

10 Days in Southern Germany and Salzburg, Austria

Hafiz Ahmed

Hafiz and his wife, Anneliese, recently traveled to Europe for a biennial family reunion and to visit Anneliese’s sister in Heidelberg. Their multi-city itinerary included Heidelberg, Michelbach, Nuremberg, and Stuttgart in Germany, followed by Salzburg and Hallstatt in Austria. While Anneliese’s grandmother emigrated to the USA in the 1950s, the rest of her family still resides in Michelbach.

Mo | Oct 19 | 7-8 pm | Online

Experiences in and History of North India (Delhi, Chandigarh, and Uttarakhand)

Colin Phelan

Join historian Colin for an insider’s look into the vibrant complexities of North India. Drawing from his years living and working in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand, Colin will weave together personal stories with the powerful forces shaping modern India. From the realities of urban life and a booming tourism industry to the rise of Hindu nationalism, this discussion tackles the country's most compelling 20th and 21st-century histories. Bring your curiosity, questions and interests.

Mo | Oct 26 | 7-8 pm | Online

Across Western Europe and Through the Alps by Bicycle: A Three Year Journey

Roger Kay

In 1982, 28-year-old Roger left his corporate marketing job at Motorola to merge his two passions: international travel and biking. Equipped with a bicycle and forty pounds of gear, he flew to Shannon, Ireland, embarking on an epic three-year voyage. Along the way, he immersed himself in local cultures, choosing to spend his first winter in Paris and his second in Innsbruck. By the time his journey concluded, he had steadily mastered both French and German. What began as a leap into the unknown successfully transformed his life, proving it was possible to turn away from an unfulfilling career and build a meaningful path around the activities he truly enjoyed.

Mo | Nov 2 | 7-8 pm | Online



CCACE is proud to offer Armchair Travel for no charge to the community.

Consider giving to our scholarship fund.

Each year, CCACE awards more than \$15,000 in scholarships to community members for CCACE programs.

Visit concordcarlisleace.org/donate

Croatia: Where East Meets West

Samantha Mandel

We’ve all vaguely heard of Croatia—and do you know the epic history that shaped this incredible crossroads of civilizations? Who did Croatia used to belong to, and why are there so many answers to that question? What makes Croatian different from its neighboring languages, and what is the difference between a language and a dialect anyway? Why does Croatia’s ancient Roman palace have locals running modern-day shops inside the castle walls? And for that matter, how did such a tiny country end up with eight national parks? Join Samantha, an experienced guide, to learn the answers to all these questions and more, with some breathtaking photos along the way!

Mo | Nov 9 | 7-8 pm | Online

China – Wildlife and Culture: Three Weeks in Rural Sichuan and Xi'an

Mike Boss

Following a career as a biotech executive, Mike now spends much of his time exploring the world in search of birds, mammals, fascinating cultures, and unforgettable food. His photography tells the story of each destination through its people, lively streets, colorful markets, local cuisine, and iconic places, complemented by images of the wildlife that makes each journey unique.

Mo | Nov 16 | 7-8 pm | Online

Visit the Republic of Malta

Rita Raychaudhuri

Stepping into the Republic of Malta feels like walking through an epic history book. Inhabited since 6500 B.C., this sun-drenched Mediterranean archipelago floats between Sicily and North Africa, blending a deep European heritage with a distinct island soul. At its heart lies Valletta, Europe’s southernmost and smallest capital. Enclosed by massive 1500s fortifications built by the Knights of St. John, this entire city is a living UNESCO World Heritage site, proudly flying Malta’s iconic red-and-white flag. Rita will unlock this hidden European gem. She’ll guide you from the historic walled cities of Valletta, Mdina, and Rabat to the vibrant energy of St. Julian’s, the colorful village of Marsaxlokk, the translucent Blue Lagoon, the rugged island of Gozo, and Malta’s savory cuisine.

Mo | Dec 14 | 7-8 pm | Online

Mark your calendar for more Armchair Travel!

- Majestic Landscapes of New Zealand’s South Island on Jan 11 with Jay Luby
 - A Trip to Mount Kilimanjaro on Jan 25 with Rebecca Kowaloff
 - Scuba Diving Around the World on Feb 1 with Dawn Erikson
- A trip down the Seine, Paris and Normandy on Apr 5 with Claudia Feeney
- Hope and Resilience: Stories of the Linawo Children (2008–2026) on Apr 12 with Amy Gleason

There are still a few dates available - contact us today to share your travels!



Travel with fellow community members!

CCACE partners with Samantha Trips to offer travel adventures including classes before you go, a continuing community, and rave-reviewed personal attention.

Choose your 2027 educational adventure!

- Spirit of Sicily: Sea, Soul & Sun: April 14-25, 2027
- Bonnie Scotland: June 4-14, 2027
- Authentic Sweden: Behind the Scenes with Samantha: August 2027
- Croatia: Europe's Secret Paradise: September 2027

Read more and request tour brochures at samanthatrips.com.



Village University, established in 2003, was inspired by Elliot and Alma Ring, and offers courses for mature learners who are seeking stimulating study and conversation about interesting topics. The courses are taught by academics, scholars, and educational leaders who volunteer to share their knowledge and inspire others. Our volunteer instructors bring the best university-level learning experiences to our community and CCACE is thrilled to be able to offer these programs to our community members.

The Titan: Ludwig Van Beethoven

Keith Daniel
Beethoven (1770-1827), the first truly “modern” composer, benefitted from arriving in Vienna at a time when Haydn and Mozart had already changed European music profoundly. He also grew up in the shadow of the French Revolution and the philosophical writings of Rousseau, Goethe and Schiller. His early works reflect that Haydn-Mozart orbit, and his later works take us right to Schubert and the first stirrings of the Romantic movement. We will take a deep dive into Beethoven’s music, examining key works from all of his genres - symphonies, concertos, sonatas, chamber music, and vocal music - in our ten class meetings. No materials or previous knowledge of music required. *There is class 11/11; no class 11/25.*
10 We | Sep 23-Dec 2 | 10-11:30 am | Online

Focusing the Lens: A History of Photography as a Fine Art

Nancy Baker
Since 1840, artists have been seeing and interpreting the world through the lens of a camera. While the equipment evolved and improved over time, the science of it gradually gave way to the art of it. Travel through time with us to meet the photographers who reflected back to us our hopes and tragedies, work, play, the things we value and the world we share. We’ll explore photography as a language where images are both the words and the paintbrush. *No class 10/12.*
5 Mo | Sep 28-Nov 2 | 10-11:30 am | Online



Shakespeare Scenes

Dale Landis
In *Shakescenes*, Robert Russell Brown writes: “Shakespeare was so skillful an inventor that he could endow short passages of dialogue with a large measure” of his plays’ literary riches. After an introductory class, each class focuses on a few short passages from a single play. We will approach each selection by first having Dale present background information about the situation, characters, and setting. Next, you will read the scene aloud, playing the roles. (You are welcome to just listen to if you prefer.) Finally, we will discuss character development, plot advancement, language, performance choices, emotions, and themes. This course serves as an excellent introduction to dramatic literature, yet remains highly beneficial for anyone with prior reading or performance experience. Copies of the selected texts with Dale’s help-notes will be provided before each class.
6 Th | Oct 1-Nov 5 | 3-4:30 pm | Online

A Grandparent’s Guide to Autism: Building Strong Connections and Bright Futures

Dr. Carolyn Cassill
As our understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) has continued to evolve over time, more children are receiving a first-time diagnosis than ever before. When a grandchild receives an ASD diagnosis, grandparents often have questions about what this means for their future as well as how to best navigate this journey alongside their adult children. This presentation is designed specifically for grandparents looking to deepen their understanding of ASD. We will explore how neurodiversity shapes a child’s world, review common misconceptions about ASD and related diagnoses, and share practical, everyday tools to support their grandchild’s growth. A portion of this time will be used specifically to answer questions from the audience, and a list of additional resources will be provided.
Th | Oct 1 | 10-11:30 am | Concord Light Plant



Notable Supreme Court Cases of 2026

Judge Douglas Wilkins

This year, the U.S. Supreme Court addressed tariffs, birth-right citizenship, presidential authority, voting rights, free speech, digital searches, gun rights. Did the justices honestly try to determine what the constitution, precedent and facts require? Or do their decisions just reflect the majority’s policy preferences or partisan behavior? As one justice says, to answer these questions, we must “read the decision.” For eight of the court’s 2026 decisions, we will do that by reading summaries of the court’s own language and viewing powerpoint presentations. Did the court’s majority stay within its judicial lane in each case? Did it jump existing guardrails or put its thumb on the scales? Did it respect the Civil War Amendments’ guarantees, including abolishing the incidents of slavery? Judge Wilkins will draw on his experience as a recently-retired trial court judge and, previously, a lawyer who briefed and argued cases in state and federal appellate courts, including one U. S. Supreme Court oral argument.

Tu | Oct 6-27 | 10 am-12 pm | Newbury Court

The Decline and Fall of the Byzantine Empire, 1025-1453 AD

Carol Murphree

The Byzantine Empire was at its Apogee at the beginning of the 11th C due largely to Basil II, one of the last powerful Macedonian emperors. After Basil’s death, the empire often lacked strong leadership, and the prolonged period of peace and security the empire had enjoyed began to fray due to poor leadership and new enemies. The decline had brief moments of reprieve, but internal and external forces combined to bring about the complete collapse of the Empire in 1453 at the hands of the Ottoman Turks. We will examine the internal and external forces that brought this fabled Empire to an end after more than 1000 years of existence.

6 Fr | Oct 16-Nov 20 | 10:30 am-12 pm | Carlisle Town Hall



We are thrilled to be able to offer Village University programs to our community members tuition-free!

Payment for these programs is voluntary and we welcome everyone. The requested donation is \$75 per person for the first course and \$45 per person for each additional Village University course per semester or the shorter 1-2 session courses.

Donations received for our programs help us maintain, promote, and provide scholarship opportunities for CCACE. CCACE is self-funded through the programs it offers



Early Learning Collaborative: Toddler Playgroup & Caregiver Education

Amy Gonzalez & Jordan Zirkel

The toddler months are full of discovery, growth, joy—and plenty of questions. The Early Learning Collaborative at Concord Children’s Center is designed to support both toddlers and their caregivers through a unique combination of facilitated play, parent education, and community building. Each session includes engaging play experiences for toddlers and caregivers, led by two of CCC’s expert toddler educators, Amy Gonzalez and Jordan Zirkel. While the children learn through play and exploration, caregivers will participate in roundtable conversations focused on developmental milestones, typical toddler behaviors, social-emotional development, and common parenting challenges. We’ll also swap practical strategies for surviving—and thriving through—the big developmental leaps. Bring your questions, share your experiences, and connect with other caregivers who understand exactly what this stage of life feels like. Whether you’re navigating tantrums, building routines, encouraging independence, or simply looking for a supportive community, the Early Learning Collaborative at CCC offers practical guidance, meaningful connections, and a welcoming space for both you and your child to thrive. *No section: No class 10/12; Th section: No class 11/26.* **Note:** This is not a drop-off playgroup program.

- Mo | Sep 14-Dec 7 | 9:30-11:30 am | CCC | \$400
- Tu | Sep 15-Dec 1 | 9:30-11:30 am | CCC | \$400
- Th | Sep 17-Dec 10 | 9:30-11:30 am | CCC | \$400

Fashion Design: Bring Your Designs to Life!

Akmaral Noecker

Ready to step into the shoes of a fashion designer? In this action-packed class, you’ll master the creative and technical foundations of fashion—no sewing machine required! First, you will dive into inspiration, explore vibrant textures, and build a high-energy moodboard for a celebration outfit. Next, you will master fashion sketching, use croquis, and map out your garment’s exact details. From there, you will turn concepts into reality by drafting a custom paper pattern, learning crucial technical elements like grainlines and seam allowances. Finally, you will lay out, organize, and expertly cut your fabric. You’ll walk away with a completed moodboard, a custom handmade pattern, and fabric pieces perfectly prepped to sew. **Materials:** Bring your own fabric; we provide the rest! *No class 11/11.*

- 4 We | Oct 21-Nov 18 | 4:30-5:30 pm | Future Fashion Makers | \$200

BLAST Babysitting Safety & CPR

Juanita Allen Kingsley

The BLAST! (Babysitter Lessons and Safety Training) program provides training in First Aid, in household safety, and some fundamentals of childcare. We will prepare you to interview for a babysitting job, select safe and suitable games and activities, prevent accidents, and begin babysitting safely and competently. We will cover choking prevention and relief and how to call 911. You will also be certified in CPR/AED upon successful demonstration of practical skills. This program is for students in grades 6-8.

- Th | Oct 8 | 3:30-6:15 pm | CCHS | \$155

Adulthood 101: A Practical Boot Camp for Teens & Young Adults Preparing for Independence

Melissa Gordon & Alex Goldman

Ready for life beyond high school? While academic preparation is important, true independence requires practical real-world skills. Designed for high school juniors, seniors, and young adults, this engaging three-session boot camp bridges the gap between academic success and everyday confidence. Created by experienced educators, we will provide the essential tools needed to navigate the exciting transition to college, work, or independent living. Through interactive discussions and hands-on activities, you will master crucial skills for independent living including focusing on safety, security, and self-defense; basic household skills; communication, self-advocacy, and conflict resolution; transportation basics; time management and organization; physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being; and civic engagement and responsibility. Young adults are welcome to attend with a parent or alone (both must register). Join us to build the practical readiness and peace of mind needed to step out on your own with ultimate confidence.

- 3 We | Sep 23, Oct 7 & 23 | 5-7 pm | CCHS | \$175

See IMSCC music programs on pages 20-21!



The PSAT is coming. Be ready!

The PSAT marks the beginning of most students' college admissions journeys and sets the tone for their experience with testing. This three-hour class with Travis Minor will ensure that your student understands the structure and content of the PSAT and has a toolbox of effective strategies for both the Reading/Writing and Math sections of the test. All registrants will have access to a full practice test and comprehensive score report.

- Sa | Oct 3 | 9 am-12 pm | at CCHS | \$225
- Tu, We, Th | Oct 6-8 | 7-8 pm | Online | \$225

PSAT results are back. Now what?!

The PSAT is often a student’s first step into the world of college admissions testing, and understanding the results is an important part of planning ahead. Learn how to:

- Interpret PSAT score reports and understand what the numbers really mean
- Decide whether the SAT or ACT is the better fit
- Build a smart, effective testing plan that reduces stress and maximizes success
- We will provide clear guidance, practical advice, and actionable next steps so you can confidently establish a strategic plan for testing.

- We | Nov 4 | 7-8:30 pm | Online | \$15
- Th | Nov 12 | 7-8:30 pm | Online | \$15

The SAT, The ACT, and YOU: Everything You Need to Know About College Admissions Testing

The landscape of college admissions testing continues to evolve, and many parents and students are understandably uncertain about what these changes mean for them. We will identify and unpack the major issues relating to testing so that you can help develop a smart, effective, and informed plan for your student. You will gain an understanding of the differences between the SAT and ACT, the keys to building a testing timeline, the changing role of tests in college admissions, and the essential components of impactful preparation. Reduce stress by developing a strategic plan for your student's bright future!

- We | Sep 30 | 8-9 pm | Online | \$15

ACT/SAT Practice Tests

Our low-stakes, simulated Test Day environment fosters familiarity and confidence, helping students to be better prepared for their admissions testing. Students taking the adaptive test will gain familiarity with the structure and content of the new SAT, and our detailed score reports will help guide students in deciding whether the SAT or ACT is the best fit for their academic goals. Tests are administered with standard timing. Any students who qualify for accommodations, including extended time, should contact Open Door Education directly to discuss options for a practice test.

ACT Practice Test

- Sa | Oct 3 | 9 am-12 pm | CCHS | \$30
- Sa | Nov 14 | 9 am-12 pm | AB Admin Bldg | \$30
- Sa | Dec 5 | 9 am-12 pm | AB Admin Bldg | \$30

SAT Practice Test

Prepare for success on the digital SAT! Students should plan to bring a fully-charged laptop and a charger. If you do not have a laptop, one will be provided.

- Sa | Sep 5 | 9-11:30 am | CCHS | \$30
- Sa | Oct 24 | 9-11:30 am | AB Admin Bldg | \$30
- Sa | Nov 21 | 9-11:30 am | CCHS | \$30

SAT ADVANCED Bootcamp

This class is for students who have previously scored at least 1300 on the SAT. We will focus on the most challenging question types, the most advanced content areas, and the most important strategies for high-scoring students. This class will provide rigorous practice for the Reading/Writing as well as the Math section of the SAT.

- 2 Tu & 2 Th | Sep 1-10 | 7-8:30 pm | Online | \$575



Scholarships are available for CCACE programs

Apply online at concordcarlisleace.org/scholarships/

More on p. 30.

Portrait Lighting

Fran Blaschke
Did you invest in a fancy DSLR or mirrorless camera, only to feel overwhelmed by endless buttons and menus? You’re not alone—and you don’t have to stay stuck in "Auto." Fran will help you demystify your camera and master the fundamentals of great photography through engaging weekly lectures, live demonstrations, and fun hands-on assignments. We will unpack proper exposure like aperture, shutter speed, and ISO, while mastering histograms, white balance, and focusing modes. We'll even cover choosing the right lens and decoding file resolutions. **Requirements:** A digital SLR or mirrorless camera with adjustable exposure settings, and your camera's owner's manual.

4 Tu | Sep 22-Oct 13 | 6-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$95

Magic of the Lens

Fran Blaschke
Elevate your photography from technical execution to creative storytelling. Building on your foundational skills, this course introduces advanced camera functions and flash techniques while shifting the focus to visual design. Through weekly assignments and collaborative critiques, you will master composition, color theory, and subject isolation. Stop just capturing what’s in front of you—start making conscious, artistic decisions with confidence.

4 Tu | Oct 20-Nov 10 | 6-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$95

Hand Embroidery for Beginners

Akmaral Noecker
Discover the art of hand embroidery in this fun beginner course designed to spark your creativity and build your stitching skills. You’ll master the basics of handling tools, fabric prep, and essential stitches like the running, back, and split stitch. As you progress, you'll learn to transfer designs, stitch beautiful lettering, and add gorgeous texture with satin stitches, French knots, and lazy daisies. In the final weeks, you’ll dive into design composition and color palettes to bring your own custom project to life, finishing with a beautifully polished piece ready to frame or gift. Whether you want to embellish your clothes or create unique textile art, you’ll leave with the confidence to stitch anything. Let’s get stitching! **Materials:** Bring an embroidery loop, needles and thread. A supply list will be emailed prior to the start of class.

6 Fr | Oct 16-Nov 20 | 5-7 pm | Future Fashion Makers | \$185

Easy Felted Slippers

Joy Spadafora
Wrap your feet in warmth with these cozy Norwegian-inspired felted slippers! Create a pair of soft wool slippers using an easy all-knit pattern that’s perfect for adventurous beginners. Once knitted, the pieces are cleverly folded like origami and hand-sewn into shape before taking a magical trip through the washing machine to felt into thicker, foot-fitting slippers. Experiment with multiple colors to create custom combinations and leave with the skills to make more pairs for yourself, family, and handmade gifts. **Materials:** Bring 2-3 complementary colors of 100% worsted weight untreated wool (NOT superwash) and US size 8 straight knitting needles.

2 Mo | Oct 19 & 26 | 6:30-9 pm | CCHS | \$105

Felted Ball Earrings

Joy Spadafora
Unleash your creativity and dive into the vibrant world of wet felting! Using soft wool roving, warm water, and soap, you’ll learn the magic of rolling and shaping colorful felted beads entirely by hand. Then, the real fun begins as you transform your creations into unique, lightweight earrings! Mix and match bold colors and custom sizes to design eye-catching jewelry that's perfect for rocking your everyday style or gifting to someone special. No experience is needed and all materials are provided. **Materials:** Bring jewelry needle-nosed pliers if you have them. Wear short sleeves or sleeves you can roll up, since wet felting can get a little splashy!

Mo | Nov 2 | 6:30-9 pm | CCHS | \$59

Knit a Jumbo Chunky Throw Blanket

Joy Spadafora
Get ready to cozy up this winter with a handmade jumbo chunky throw blanket—perfect for draping over your lap or snuggling under on chilly nights. Design and knit a soft and stylish throw using only your hands—no needles or prior knitting experience needed! Discover the calming rhythm of this technique as you relax, unwind, and create something warm, beautiful, and functional to enjoy all year long. Please purchase the materials needed ahead of time and bring them with you. **Materials:** See online description for a list of suggested resources & yarns.

Th | Nov 12 | 6:30-9 pm | CCHS | \$59



Polka Dot & Drop-Pull Pysanky

Alona Popova
Explore two distinctive and beautiful techniques of Pysanky artistry in this creative hands-on workshop. We will start with the Polka Dot (Krapanky) style, a playful technique created by layering wax dots onto the egg. Then it's on to the elegant Drop-Pull (Lemko-style) method, where molten wax is applied with a pin-head tool and gently pulled to form tear-drop-shaped designs and flowing patterns. Whether you are a beginner or a returning Pysanky enthusiast, this is perfect for anyone interested in exploring new techniques. Go home with unique pysanky eggs while gaining a deeper appreciation for this cherished Ukrainian folk art tradition. Children are welcome when accompanied by an adult - both must register for the class. **Materials fee:** \$15 at class.

Tu | Oct 20 | 6:30-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$39

Pysanky Ornament Together

Alona Popova
You'll get the chance to create your very own Pysanka in the traditional Ukrainian wax-resist method using real chicken eggs, beeswax, a “kistka” tool, candles, and colorful dyes to create unique designs and patterns. We will learn several options for turning our finished pysanka into a hanging ornament perfect for holiday decorating or gifting. All the materials are prepared in advance and will be provided during the workshop. This class is suitable for beginners, families, and anyone looking for a cozy, seasonal, creative experience together. **Materials fee:** \$15 at class.

Tu | Nov 17 | 6-9 pm | CCHS | \$39

Himmeli “Pavuk”: Traditional Wheat Straw Décor

Alona Popova
Step into the enchanting world of traditional straw crafts as we create a Himmeli “Pavuk” decoration from natural wheat straw. Found across Northern and Eastern Europe, including Ukrainian folk traditions, these geometric hanging decorations symbolize harmony, prosperity, and the interconnectedness of the universe. Traditionally displayed in homes during the winter season, the “Pavuk” is believed to bring good fortune and happiness to the family. We will learn the techniques used to construct geometric forms from straw while creating their own elegant hanging decoration to display during the holidays or year-round. **Materials fee:** \$15 at class.

Tu | Dec 10 | 6-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$39

Create Your Own Journal

Bridget Sonnier-Hillis
Learn how to bind your own beautiful journals. Learn two types of binding techniques, choose your own beautiful papers for covers, and will go home with journals to write in, use as an art journal, junk journal, or gift to someone special. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own special, beautiful paper if you'd like to use it for covers.

Sa | Oct 3 | 10:30 am-12 pm | CCHS | \$45

Book Binding 102: Intro to Coptic Bookbinding

Bridget Sonnier-Hillis
Take your bookbinding skills to the next level! Learn the ancient, exposed-spine Coptic stitch to create a stunning, lay-flat journal perfect for art, travel, or gifting. This class is for students who took Bookbinding 101 or who already have basic familiarity with bookbinding. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own special, beautiful paper if you'd like to use it for covers.

Sa | Nov 14 | 10:30 am-12:30 pm | CCHS | \$60

Silver Jewelry Making

Hilary Taylor
Local jewelry maker Hilary Taylor will teach you to make your own unique design using Metal Clay, an organic binder that is embedded with fine silver. You will make your piece with the clay capturing textures and designs. The pieces are then fired in a kiln and during the firing process the clay burns off and you are left with your piece in silver. You will have enough clay to make a pendant and a pair of earrings, or you may choose to use all your material for one piece. All materials will be provided.

Mo | Nov 16 | 7-9 pm | CCHS | \$195

Coastal Christmas: Oyster Shell Ornament Workshop

Emily Law
Get into the holiday spirit with a coastal twist! In this hands-on workshop, you will learn how to turn beautiful oyster shells into stunning holiday ornaments. Perfect for adding a unique touch to your décor or gifting to loved ones. We'll guide you step-by-step through cleaning, designing, and finishing your own one-of-a-kind keepsakes. **Materials fee:** \$15 at class.

We | Dec 2 | 7-8 pm | CCHS | \$35



Creative Arts



Basic Beading: Stackable Stretch Bracelets

Christine Evans
Create a stack of stylish, custom stretch bracelets using beautiful gemstones, sparkling crystals, colorful seed beads, and metal accents. We'll cover everything from bead selection and design ideas to sizing, tools, and more in this beginner-friendly class. Learn basic beading techniques, knotting, and how to finish your bracelets neatly. Whether you're crafting something special for yourself or as a thoughtful gift, you'll leave with a gorgeous set of bracelets and the skills to continue beading on your own. **Materials fee:** \$20 at class.
Th | Oct 1 | 6:30-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$39

Basic Beading II: Trendy TILAs

Christine Evans
Explore the modern elegance of TILA beads in this beginner-friendly jewelry-making class. These flat, rectangular, two-hole beads add sculptural dimension and contemporary flair to your designs. Create two or three coordinated pieces while learning techniques for bead stringing, layout design, and secure finishing. Choose from a curated selection of colors to make your jewelry playful and whimsical or sleek and sophisticated—your style, your way. We'll cover essential tools, materials, and design tips, plus how to work with TILAs for maximum visual impact. Whether you're new to jewelry-making or looking to try something fresh and fashion-forward, you'll leave with beautiful handmade pieces and the skills to keep creating. **Materials fee:** \$20 at class.
Th | Oct 15 | 6:30-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$39

Jewelry Making: It's a Wrap!

Christine Evans
Create a contemporary bracelet you'll get all wrapped up in! If you've seen the high fashion "Chan Luu" bracelets selling for \$190 or more, you'll be excited to learn that you can make your own – with your own designer touch. Learn basic laddering techniques to combine leather cording, glass beads, crystals or semi-precious stones, and a button closure to make a stunning statement piece. We will discuss bead selection, material sizing, and thread extension methods. No experience required. **Materials fee:** \$20 at class.
Th | Nov 5 | 6:30-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$39

Watercolor Wonders:
A Journey Through Nature's Palette

Kristen Callahan
Dive into the vibrant world of watercolor painting in our exciting class. Perfect for beginners and seasoned artists alike, Kristen will guide you through painting stunning florals, captivating still lifes, and breathtaking landscapes while mastering techniques like wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry. Enjoy hands-on practice and a supportive atmosphere as you blend colors, create textures, and unleash your creativity. Join us for an inspiring journey that will bring your artistic vision to life.
6 We | Sep 23-Oct 28 | 7-9 pm | CCHS | \$225

Mindful Watercolor Play

Kristen Callahan
A relaxing watercolor experience featuring three guided mindful painting activities. We will focus on process, color, and creative exploration. All experience levels are welcome.
Th | Sep 24 | 7-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$39

Postcard Adventure

Kristen Callahan
Take your brush on a mini adventure! Create up to three postcard-sized watercolor scenes: little snapshots of magical places, dreamy skies, or playful designs. Send them, share them, or keep them as tiny treasures. We will make and take 3 postcards.
Th | Oct 8 | 7-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$39

Paint your Pet!

Kristen Callahan
Bring a photo of your furry (or feathered!) friend and learn how to capture their personality with watercolor. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned painter, you'll be guided through simple steps to bring your beloved pet to life with the stroke of a brush.
Th | Nov 5 | 7-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$39

Driver Education

Driver education promotes and teaches safe driving attitudes, develops defensive driving skills, and respect for the rules of the road. It prepares students for the RMV license exam and it strives to prevent or reduce accidents and fatalities that involve young drivers.

Driver Education age requirements

- 15 years, 9 months: The minimum age you must be on **the first day** of class per RMV regulations
- 16 years: You are now eligible to obtain a Learner's Permit and drive with an adult
- 16 1/2 years: If you have had your permit for 6 months AND completed Driver Education, you are eligible to take your road test
- 18 years: You are now eligible to take your road test *without* a Driver Education Certificate

Steps to complete Driver Education:



Parent Class:

This RMV-mandated class is the crucial first step before your child can begin driving lessons. Only one parent needs to attend this information-packed session.

- What we cover:**
- Game Plan: Clear breakdown of program policies and parent/child responsibilities.
 - Modern Rules: Critical driving law updates from recent years.
 - Pro Tips: Helpful coaching strategies to teach your new driver with confidence.

We	Sep 9	7-9 pm	Online
Th	Oct 8	7-9 pm	Online
Mo	Nov 2	7-9 pm	Online
Tu	Dec 8	7-9 pm	Online

*Free if child enrolled in
CCACE Driver Education,
\$35 if enrolled at another school.*



Classroom:

15 2-hour modules

**You do not need your permit
You must be 15 years, 9 months**

All classes are in-person at CCHS

Afterschool: 2:45-4:45 pm

- Mo-Fr | Nov 9-Dec 2
*Nov 18: CCHS early release:
Class will meet 1:30-5:30 pm.
*No class Nov 11 or Nov 25-27
- Mo-Fr | Feb 22-Mar 11
*Mar 3: CCHS early release:
Class will meet 1:30-5:30 pm.

5-day classes: 9 am-3:30 pm

- Mo-Th, Sa | Dec 28-31, Jan 9
- Tu-Sa | Feb 16-20
- Tu-Sa | Apr 20-24

Note: If you are not able to attend Module 1 (first 2 hours), you must transfer to another class.



Driving Lessons:

**12 hours of lessons,
6 hours of observation**

Send us a photo of your permit once you get it so we can activate your account to schedule driving time.

Lessons are offered after school, weekends and during school vacations.

You must complete 12 hours of behind-the-wheel lessons and 6 hours of observation, in addition to a minimum of 40 hours of practice outside of lessons with a licensed driver.

Tuition: \$925

Scholarships are available for Driver Education! See page 30 for more details.
Apply online: concordcarlisleace.org/scholarships/

Photo Storage & Management

Howard Loewinger

Are you constantly receiving messages that you are almost out of storage space for your photos? Learn about tools for online storage and management of your photos such as Google Photos (which runs on both Android and iPhone devices as well as PC and Mac computers). We will look at iCloud Photos, which is similar to Google Photos but runs on Apple devices only and we will examine how much space can be freed up on your phone, as well as briefly discuss other options including Amazon Photos and Shutterfly.

We | Oct 7 | 7-9 pm | Online | \$35

Cutting the Cable: Your TV Options in the Digital Age

Howard Loewinger

Still paying a massive cable bill? TV has evolved dramatically over the last two decades. Today, you can access thousands of shows and live channels on almost any device, anytime—often for a fraction of the cost. Howard will cut through the confusion of modern television as we compare traditional cable, free over-the-air (antenna) TV, and popular streaming services. Discover if your TV is ready for the internet, what gadgets you might need, and how to save money without losing your favorite shows. Bring your questions for our demo and interactive Q&A!

Th | Dec 3 | 7-9 pm | Online | \$35



Sept 30, 2026 (Concord) | Oct 1, 2026 (Acton)
6:00-7:30pm
RSVP: thinkgiveproject.org/guw

Online Certificate Programs

Log in when it's convenient for you! The online classroom is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are no live real-time requirements or meetings.

- Artificial intelligence
- Basic Game Design
- Graphic Design Foundation
- Graphic Design Software Essentials
- The Manager's Guide to HR
- Web Design

Visit concordcarlisleace.org/certificate-programs/ or scan the QR code view

Advanced Excel Functions

Take your Excel skills to the next level. Go beyond what others know, equipping you with advanced functions to efficiently analyze and manipulate data. Explore the advantages of these functions in various contexts, enhancing your productivity and data insights.

Sept 8-Oct 2 | Online | \$195

Learn even more with ed2go!

CCACE partners with online education organization ed2go to offer a wide range of online courses, career-training, and certificate programs such as...

- Accounting Fundamentals
- Medical Terminology Series
- Discover Sign Language
- GED Preparation
- Introduction to QuickBooks Online
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel 365
- Getting Started with Google Workplace
- And so much more!

Visit ed2go.com/concord/ or scan the QR code view

Canva for Beginners

Nickie Welsh, Social Club Simple

Canva is the perfect digital tool for beginners and novices! Open up a world of possibilities by learning how to use the easiest design website available all for free. Learn how to create designs from scratch or use templates with step-by-step guidance for any digital image you need. From online documents, business cards, email signatures and more, you'll leave this class with a practical guide to use Canva with confidence!

Th | Sep 24 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

Fast-Track to Social Media Marketing for Business

Nickie Welsh, Social Club Simple

Take your business to new heights with our fast-paced, comprehensive session designed to equip business owners, entrepreneurs, and marketing professionals with the essential skills and strategies needed to leverage social media for business success. Learn how to effectively reach your target audience, increase brand awareness, and drive engagement across major social media platforms.

Tu | Sep 29 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

Canva Power Hour: Advanced Tricks that Save You Time!

Nickie Welsh, Social Club Simple

Take your Canva skills to the next level with advanced techniques and hidden features that will streamline your design workflow. If you are already familiar with Canva basics and want to discover time-saving shortcuts, professional design hacks, and tools that make creating stunning graphics effortless, this is perfect for you! Leave with insider tips that will transform how you approach design projects and cut your creation time in half.

Tu | Oct 6 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

Canva Academy for Business

Nickie Welsh, Social Club Simple

Are you tired of spending hours trying to create graphics for your business, only to feel frustrated with the results? Learn how to design professional-looking social media posts, flyers, and marketing materials using only the free version of Canva with no design experience required. You'll learn the exact tools, shortcuts, and strategies that make creating beautiful visuals quick and stress-free. Leave with the skills and confidence to create graphics that attract customers and make your business look polished and professional.

Tu | Oct 13 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

Canva Creative Projects

Nickie Welsh, Social Club Simple

Unlock a world of creative possibilities with Canva, the ideal digital tool for beginners and crafters! Discover how to harness the power of Canva to bring your creative projects to life. You'll learn to design and create everything from custom greeting cards and party invitations to printable wall art, gift tags, and personalized crafts. Whether you're working from scratch or customizing templates, you'll receive step-by-step guidance to turn your ideas into beautiful, print-ready projects. Leave this class with the confidence and skills to use Canva for all your creative crafting needs.

Tu | Oct 20 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

Practical ChatGPT Training for Everyone

Nickie Welsh, Social Club Simple

Have you been curious about what ChatGPT is exactly and how it can be used? Learn everything you need to know about ChatGPT powered by Artificial Intelligence. Understand how it works and why it's taking the world by storm. Explore practical everyday uses for ChatGPT in both the workforce and at home, ensuring you stay in the loop when ChatGPT is mentioned in conversations and on the news. Don't get left behind in today's tech-savvy world - attend this essential training today!

Tu | Nov 10 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

ChatGPT Powerhouse: Advanced Tips!

Nickie Welsh, Social Club Simple

Unlock the full potential of ChatGPT in this dynamic one-hour masterclass designed for users ready to move beyond the basics. You'll discover advanced prompting techniques like system instructions, multi-shot examples, and chain-of-thought reasoning to get dramatically better results. Learn insider strategies for customizing outputs, managing context, and leveraging ChatGPT for complex tasks including analysis, creative projects, and professional workflows. Walk away with expert-level techniques to transform ChatGPT into a true powerhouse for your specific needs.

Tu | Nov 17 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

Consider giving to our scholarship fund.

Each year, CCACE awards more than \$15,000 in scholarships to community members for CCACE programs.

Visit concordcarlisleace.org/donate or select the option when registering.

Apply online at concordcarlisleace.org/scholarships/

Explore & Play

Boat America

Alan Missel, U.S. Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 502
Learn to navigate the water safely and confidently while earning your NASBLA Massachusetts boating certificate. Explore boating laws and navigation rules, required safety gear, trailering basics, and how to handle emergencies from man overboard to sudden weather changes. Join us in person to see demonstrations of safety equipment and get answers tailored to your boating interests. Completing the course may even qualify you for discounts on boating insurance. Families are welcome. **Materials:** Course materials are \$60 paid directly to the USCG in class. Materials include the text, chart, test & certificate. *No class 11/11, 11/25.*

12 We | Sep 16-Dec 16 | 7-9 pm | CCHS | \$75

Mah Jongg: A Beginner's Guide

Michele Bouchard & Laurie Probst
Your grandmother was onto something. There’s a reason Mah Jongg has been a social staple for generations: it’s the perfect "brain game" for people who love to connect. While the tiles might look mysterious at first, we’ll help you crack the code. Come for the strategy, stay for the friendships, and walk away with the skills to join any table with confidence. Please bring a current Mah Jongg standard or large size card. Order from "The Store" link at nationalmahjonggleague.org.

- Michele: 6 Tu | Sep 22-Oct 27 | 4-6 pm | CCHS | \$215
- Michele: 6 Tu | Sep 22-Oct 27 | 6-8 pm | CCHS | \$215
- Laurie: 6 Th | Sep 24-Oct 29 | 4-6 pm | CCHS | \$215
- Laurie: 6 Th | Sep 24-Oct 29 | 6-8 pm | CCHS | \$215

Mah Jongg Advanced Play

Laurie Probst
Calling all advanced Mah Jongg players: join our casual play time! You should already be comfortable with the rules and gameplay as you will play independently with other advanced players. Laurie will be teaching the Beginner class at the same time and will circulate to answer questions, offer tips, and provide light guidance as needed. Enjoy the game, meet fellow players, and build connections in a relaxed setting. Bring your Mah Jongg set and 2026 card if you have them.

- 6 Th | Sep 24-Oct 29 | 4-6 pm | CCHS | \$75
- 6 Th | Sep 24-Oct 29 | 6-8 pm | CCHS | \$75

Discover the Joy of Fishing

Miles McCloy
Spend meaningful time together outdoors while learning the art of warm-water fishing in our own backyard. New to fishing? You’re not alone—and there’s no need to feel intimidated. This experience is designed for beginner pairs (child & parent/grandparent/caregiver), with a relaxed, supportive approach that makes it easy (and fun!) to get started. Everything you will need is provided. *Rain date: 10/4.*

Sa | Oct 3 | 10 am-2 pm | \$300/pair; \$100 additional

For Adult Bike Clinics:
Check to ensure your bicycle is in good, working order (Air in the tires, operating brakes and chain, & gear shifters adjusted and lubricated.) Wear comfortable clothes for biking and bring a bike helmet, water bottle and sunscreen. If you have an e-bike, it must be a Class 1 e-bike to participate in this program.

Adult Bike Clinic: It’s never too late to learn to ride!

Phil Posner
Fall is a perfect time of year for biking, whether for exercise and transportation and even adults can learn to ride! Led by League of American Bicyclists certified trainers, you will learn how to safely get on and off a bicycle, master the balance that makes biking possible, and learn the new Rules of the Road to bike safely and confidently on streets and bike paths. Participants will also learn and practice riding on a traffic-free course and leave the class with a “Smart Cycling Quick Guide.” *Rain date 10/4.*

Sa | Oct 3 | 10-11:30 am | CCHS | \$59

Adult Bike Clinic: Get Back on Your Bike!

Phil Posner
If you haven’t ridden a bike in a while, or want to refresh your safe biking techniques, this clinic will give you the skills to ride with confidence! Led by League of American Bicyclists certified trainers, you will learn basic bike maintenance tips, understand the new Rules of the Road for bikes and cars, and learn to handle your bike safely on streets and bike paths. You will also practice safe cycling maneuvers on a traffic-free course and leave with a “Smart Cycling Quick Guide.” We will follow the clinic with a short group ride so that you can practice your skills on quiet neighborhood streets. *Rain date 10/18.*

Sa | Oct 17 | 10 am-12:30 pm | CCHS | \$59

Where Have All My Birds Gone?

Michele Grzenda
As days grow shorter, you might wonder: where did all the birds go? The classic story says they simply head south, but the reality is a massive, thrilling adventure. Join us for an eye-opening presentation to complete the migration picture. We’ll explore why birds leave, how they navigate, and the incredible destinations they target. You’ll also discover the wild challenges they face along the way. Finally, Michele will share practical ways you can support these feathered travelers on their journey south and ensure they get a warm welcome when they return next spring. Turn your curiosity into conservation and discover the wonder of avian migration!

Tu | Oct 6 | 7-8 pm | Online | \$40

Fitness & Wellness

Location and meeting details will be emailed prior to the start of our walks and forest bathing.

Concord Walks

Liz Fuller
Get out and enjoy the fall with these trail walks in the Concord/Carlisle area. Each week’s walk will be 1.5 hours. Lightweight hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes are recommended. Bring a lightweight jacket, hat/cap, hiking stick, water, and a sense of adventure.

- 5 Tu | Sep 15-Oct 13 | 9:30-11 am | \$85
- 6 Tu | Nov 11-Dec 15 | 9:30-11 am | \$95

Fitness Walks

Paula Casey, Stefanie Cloutier & Liz Fuller
Fall is an excellent time to exercise outdoors! We’ll explore local trails while getting a moderate workout. Come prepared to break a sweat and get your heart rate up while we hike 4-5 miles in each two-hour session. Light hiking boots recommended; walking poles suggested for those wanting additional support and an upper body workout.

- Stefanie: 3 We | Sep 9-23 | 9:30-11:30 am | \$59
- Liz: 5 Th | Sep 17-Oct 15 | 9:30-11:30 am | \$95
- Paula: 5 Th | Oct 15, 29, Nov 12, 19, Dec 3 | 11 am-1 pm | \$95
- Stefanie: 6 We | Oct 21-Dec 9 | 9:30-11:30 am | \$105
- Liz: 5 Th | Nov 5-Dec 10 | 9:30-11:30 am | \$95

Grandparent/Caregiver: Pediatric First Aid & CPR

Juanita Allen Kingsley
If you’re caring for an infant or child, you need to know how to respond in case of a first-aid emergency. You’ll learn to handle injuries and manage illness for the first few minutes until help arrives. We’ll cover first aid basics; medical, injury, and environmental emergencies; and CPR for all ages. You’ll learn about allergies and epipens too. Upon completion of the course, you’ll receive certification in Pediatric First Aid and CPR for all ages. Open to Grand/parents and caregivers of any age. Please bring a mat or towel for kneeling.

Mo | Oct 5 | 10 am-12:30 pm | Keyes Rd Conf Room | \$115

Forest Bathing in the Land of Thoreau

Nadine Mazzola
Step into the landscapes that inspired Henry David Thoreau and experience the restorative power of nature through forest bathing. Led by a certified forest therapy guide, this walk will deepen your connection with the natural world. Through gentle, sensory-based invitations, you’ll slow down, engage mindfully with nature, and find a sense of calm and renewal. Rooted in the Japanese practice of shinrin-yoku, this experience offers a chance to unplug, recharge, and immerse yourself in Thoreau’s beloved landscapes. No experience necessary—just a willingness to be present.

Fr | Oct 2 | 9:30 am-12 pm | Concord | \$55



Decoding Nutrition Labels: Shop with Confidence

Adria Fischer
Don't let clever packaging fool you! Learn how to cut through the noise of food marketing claims and discover what really matters on nutrition labels. This interactive workshop will give you the tools to spot hidden added sugars, identify high-quality protein and fiber sources, and see right through misleading marketing language. Step into the grocery store with confidence and make informed choices that truly support your health.

We | Oct 14 | 6:30-8 pm | CCHS | \$29

Demystifying Macros: Nutrition Basics for Real Life

Adria Fischer
Confused by carbs, fat, and protein—and exactly how much of them you actually need? This course breaks down macronutrients into plain, everyday language. We will explore the "two sides" of each macro (like simple versus complex carbs and the truth about fats), with a deep dive into the power of protein. You’ll learn which foods pack the best protein punch, how to calculate your personal needs, and how to build balanced meals that sustain your energy, build strength, and support lifelong health.

We | Oct 28 | 6:30-8 pm | CCHS | \$29



Don't wait!
Sign up NOW for the class you want!

Some classes fill quickly. If there is a wait list, there's no fee to join the list and we often have enrollment changes or add more sections.

We decide if a class is running a week before its start date and your registration can make the difference.

Food & Drink

Summer Tomato Galette

Chef Tillie Loeffelholz
Join us for a hands-on evening at Codman Community Farms where you'll learn to make a buttery, versatile pie dough perfect for galettes, pies, and quiches. We'll begin with a trip to our tomato greenhouse, harvesting tomatoes to use in a rustic summer galette. Under the guidance of the farm chef, you'll craft your own galette, prepare extra dough to take home, and end the evening enjoying your creations together. **Materials:** Please bring your own rolling pin and BYOB encouraged!
We | Sep 9 | 5-7 pm | Codman Farm | \$95

Coffee is Love: From Bean to Brew

Paul "Del" Delmonico, Del's Coffee Roasters
For true coffee lovers, a great cup is more than a morning routine—it's an art form. Step into the world of specialty coffee and trace its journey from a tropical cherry to your favorite mug. In this hands-on workshop, you'll explore how coffee is grown, processed, graded, and roasted, followed by an interactive tasting session to sharpen your palate. Once the group crowns a favorite bean, we'll fire up the roaster and craft a custom batch together. You'll leave with the ultimate souvenir: a freshly roasted, 12 oz. bag of coffee to enjoy at home.
Su | Oct 4 | 10:30 am-1 pm | Del's Coffee Roasters | \$65

Mediterranean Mezze Night

Shazia Rizvi
Join us for a delicious hands-on workshop where you will create a beautiful mezze spread from scratch using fresh ingredients and authentic flavors. Learn how to make creamy homemade hummus, flavorful roasted red pepper muhammara, and fresh herb-topped labneh. We will also prepare healthy pan-fried falafel, learning how to mix, shape, and cook them to golden perfection with less oil while still achieving a crispy texture. Enjoy a relaxed, social, and beginner-friendly class, with tips on balancing flavors, textures, and presentation for an impressive mezze platter. You will leave with a Mezze board - assembled by you! - recipes, new skills, and inspiration for easy Mediterranean entertaining at home.
Th | Oct 22 | 6-8 pm | Lincoln-Sudbury RHS | \$75

Pie Dough Workshop

Chef Tillie Loeffelholz
Get holiday-ready with a cozy, hands-on evening at Codman Community Farms where you'll learn how to make a flaky, all-purpose pie dough perfect for Thanksgiving pies, quiches, and galettes. The farm chef will guide you through mixing, rolling, and shaping techniques, and you'll take home dough ready for your freezer. We'll end the evening by sharing freshly baked seasonal galettes in the pavilion. **Materials:** Please bring your own rolling pin and BYOB encouraged!
We | Nov 11 | 5-7 pm | Codman Farm | \$95

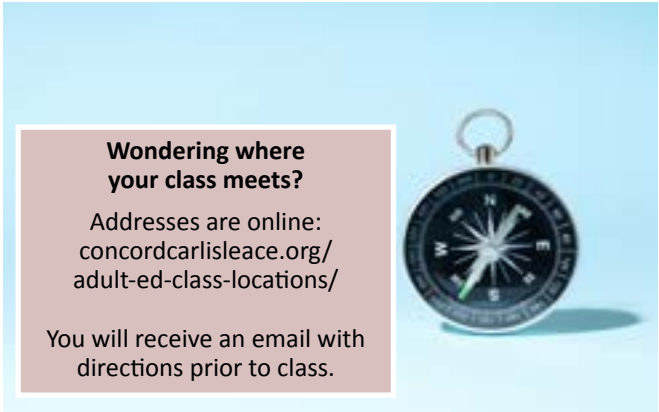


Passport to Piedmont

Chelsea Bell
Join us for an evening in the hills of northern Italy as we explore the celebrated wines of Piedmont—a region known for elegant reds, vibrant whites, and deep winemaking traditions. Enjoy a guided tasting featuring a curated selection of wines from some of Piedmont's most iconic appellations, including Barolo, Barbaresco, Dolcetto, Barbera, and Arneis. Throughout the evening, we'll discuss the region's unique terroir, grape varieties, and winemaking styles while pairing the wines with light Italian and fall-inspired bites prepared by Baker's Best Catering. **Fee:** A \$25 wine fee in class. *Must be 21+ to register.*
We | Oct 7 | 6:30-8 pm | Gordon's Culinary Center | \$60

Fizz the Season: Champagne Tasting

Chelsea Bell
Celebrate the season with an evening of elegance and festive cheer at our holiday Champagne tasting. Join us for a guided journey through a curated selection of exceptional Champagnes—from crisp Blanc de Blancs and rich vintage cuvées to vibrant rosé expressions. Throughout the evening, we will enjoy thoughtfully paired seasonal bites while learning about Champagne production methods, grape varieties, and terroir. Champagne will be paired with holiday and seasonal heavy hors d'oeuvres from Baker's Best Catering. **Fee:** A \$25 wine fee in class. *Must be 21+ to register.*
We | Dec 2 | 6:30-8 pm | Gordon's Culinary Center | \$60



History & Culture



Concord Town History & Guide Training

Victor Curran
Meet the men and women who made Concord the birthplace of American independence and imagination. Learn about their lives, the places where they made their mark, the objects they used, and the documents they wrote. If you want to get to know these remarkable people, and the town that Thoreau called “most estimable place in all the world,” this course is right for you. If you'd like to share Concord's stories with visitors as a licensed tour guide, Victor will prepare you with a wealth of information and techniques for interpreting cultural history to provide an engaging visitor experience.
Topics will include:
• How Musketaquid became Concord: The region's first peoples and the coming of the English (1700 and before)
• The Colonists' world, and the emerging conflict with England (1700-1774)
• Revolution in our backyard (1775)
• America finds its voice in Concord (1770s-1830s)
• Radical ideas, radical acts: Transcendentalism, antislavery, and Civil War (1840s-1860s)
• Preserving the land and its stories (1860s-present)
• Interpretation techniques
If you are applying for the Town Tour Guide license, you must pass an exam on Concord history, prepare and present a sample tour.
7 Mo | Sep 21-Nov 9 | 7-9:30 pm | Online | \$225

Emerson's Nature

Richard Higgins
This course explores Ralph Waldo Emerson's *Nature*, his spirited first book in 1836 and a manifesto of transcendentalism. Its central tenet is that an all-encompassing divine mind suffuses the human soul and is revealed to us by nature. A richly poetic and spiritual exhortation disguised as a philosophical treatise, *Nature* preaches that an infinite power resides within every human person that makes us equal to whatever life demands of us, a power that enables us to understand the world and our own deepest questions. We can develop this power by turning to nature, which is a mirror of the human soul and which interprets God to us. No background in Emerson or Transcendentalism is required.
4 Tu | Sep 22-Oct 13 | 6:30-8 pm | Thoreau Farm | \$85

Ralph Waldo Emerson: An Introduction

Ron McAdow
This lecture-discussion course introduces Ralph Waldo Emerson through close attention to the central ideas in his first major book, *Nature*, and a comparison with the later essays in *Society and Solitude*. We will explore Emerson's vision of nature, self-reliance, solitude, society, and the life of the mind, using biographical material to illuminate the development of his thought and writing. Join us for a lively, accessible, and thoughtful encounter with one of America's most influential writers!
2 We | Oct 21 & 28 | 7:30-9 pm | CCHS | \$45

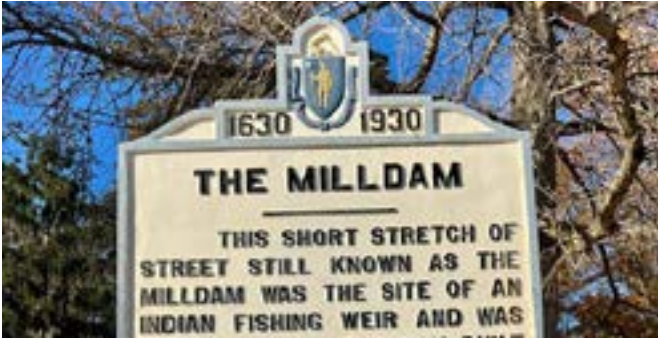
South Africa: From Segregation to Independence

Beach Tredennick
The Republic of South Africa is frequently in the headlines, but the full story rarely makes the news. Beyond the media snippets lies a breathtakingly beautiful, diverse nation with a complex history of resilience and ongoing transformation. We will separate myth from reality to provide an accurate, nuanced look at South Africa. Together, we will trace the region's history, examine the deep-seated challenges created by colonization, and explore how the modern republic developed. Along the way, we will unpack common misconceptions and dive into the rich, vibrant culture that makes this country so fascinating. Finally, we will contrast the historical experiences of the United States and South Africa, deepening your global perspective.
6 Th | Sep 24-Oct 29 | 6-8 pm | CCHS | \$155

The Battle of the Bulge

Jeff Driscoll
On December 16, 1944, the Germans launched a massive offensive on the western front. Operation Wacht am Rhein (Watch on the Rhine) caught U.S. forces completely by surprise and eventually drew in nearly half a million German troops and over 700,000 Americans. Directed into the Belgian Ardennes, the area was being used by the U.S. as a rest area for divisions which had already seen lots of combat, and for new units that required additional training. The German offensive saw success in its early days, but the gritty, determined resistance of American soldiers soon slowed down, then hurled back the German effort. The Bulge ended up being our country's biggest battle of World War II, with incredible examples of heroism and sacrifice. Jeff, who has led several tours through areas of the Belgian Ardennes, will cover all aspects of the Battle of the Bulge.
6 We | Sep 30-Nov 4 | 6-8 pm | CCHS | \$155

History & Culture



Constructing the Past with Historical Markers

Michael Rodriguez
Historical markers commemorate historical people, places, and events. We'll tackle some big questions: What do these markers tell us? What do they leave out? Who decides, and why? Looking at historical markers in Massachusetts and beyond, we will explore controversies, tell stories, and discover the choices that communities make as they remember their histories.

Tu | Sep 29 | 7-8:30 pm | Online | \$25

Tchaikovsky's Late Symphonies: Fate, Soul, and Russian Identity

Andrew Atenbach
In the turbulent decades following Russia's Great Reforms, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky poured the tensions of an era — social upheaval, personal anguish, Slavic nationalism — into four extraordinary symphonic works. Andrew will trace the arc from the brooding fatalism of the Fourth Symphony through the Manfred and Fifth to the devastating Sixth (Pathétique), weaving together the composer's biography, the political tremors of Tsarist Russia, and the musical language that made Tchaikovsky the most emotionally direct voice of the Romantic age.

Mo | Oct 5 | 7-8:30 pm | Online | \$25

Home & Garden

Disaster Preparedness

Greg Proulx
You can't control when disaster strikes, but you can prepare for it! Join us to learn how to build a kit, make a plan, prepare your home, respond to specific natural and man-made disasters, and more. By the end of the course you will be equipped with the knowledge to better protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community from disaster.

3 Tu | Nov 3-17 | 6:45-8:15 pm | CCHS | \$59

Putting your Garden to Bed: Fall Garden Care and Planting Garlic

Kate Despres
Did you know that the best spring gardens actually begin in the fall? Join us for a hands-on 3-part workshop at Daisy Hill Farm focused on working your garden with hand tools and the no-till garden method. First, you will learn which garden debris to leave and which to clear out of your garden beds to prepare for winter. Next, you will learn how to interpret a soil testing report to amend the bed with suggested nutrients as well as homemade compost. Finally, you will learn how to plant and care for garlic to be harvested the following July. Bring your questions and your garden gloves!

Sa | Oct 24 | 10-11:30 am | Daisy Hill Farm | \$39

Meet the Instructor

Ever since his time watching National Geographic natural disaster videos as a child, **Greg Proulx** has been interested in preparedness. In 2015 he began diving back into this interest, seeking out various opportunities to be involved such as volunteering with the Central Middlesex Medical Reserve Corps, where he participated in a number of preparedness exercises and deployments, and took a variety of self-directed preparedness trainings through the FEMA Independent Study (IS) program. He has also contributed to preparedness efforts at work and in various other volunteer capacities. In his spare time he enjoys volunteering, learning new skills, spending time in nature, and a host of other activities.

Instrumental Music School of Carlisle & Concord

IMSCC lessons are open to students of all ages, including adults!

Private lessons are one-on-one.

Small group lessons for first and second year players.

16-week semesters: Fall & Winter-Spring; flexible Summer.

Get started today!

Registration Information:

- 30-min lessons: \$672 per semester
- 45-min lessons: \$960 per semester
- 60-min lessons: \$1,216 per semester

Tuition for the full semester is due prior to the first lesson. Payment plans are available on request and we also offer scholarship to those in need - details are on page 30. Apply online: concordcarlisleace.org/scholarships/

Check online for a full list of instruments and faculty bios!

For more than four decades, the Instrumental Music School of Carlisle and Concord (IMSCC) has brought the highest level of individual musical instruction to the students of Concord and Carlisle. Whether students are beginning a new instrument or honing skills developed through many years of practice, IMSCC is dedicated to helping young musicians excel. Our teachers work one-on-one with students to help them develop basic skills, learn repertoire, and prepare for performances. With close ties to school music departments, IMSCC teachers are well equipped to help students prepare for ensemble playing, both in school and beyond. IMSCC graduates have gone on to conservatory programs and professional careers in music.

Program Coordinator: Laryssa Doohovksoy

 ldoohovskoy@concordcarlisle.org

 imscdma.org

Small Group Lessons

We offer after-school, same-instrument, small-group lessons of 3-5 students for our young musicians, which complement the Concord in-school instrumental ensemble programs. All Small Group lessons will take place at CCHS.

Fall schedule:

- Clarinet - Year 1 with Zack Bacak
14 We | Sep 16-Jan 6 | 4 -4:45 pm | \$445
- Clarinet - Year 2 with Zack Bacak
14 We | Sep 16-Jan 6 | 4:45-5:30 pm | \$445
- Flute - Year 1 with Dianne Spoto
14 Mo | Sep 14-Dec 21 | 4 -4:45 pm | \$445
- Flute - Year 2 with Dianne Spoto
14 Mo | Sep 14-Dec 21 | 4:45-5:30 pm | \$445
- Percussion - Year 2 with Alex Brander
14 Sessions for 45 min | \$445
- Violin/Viola - Year 1 with Sargis Karapetyan
14 Mo | Sep 14-Dec 21 | 4 -4:45 pm OR 4:45-5:30 pm | \$445

Flute Ensemble with Keith Anderson

Flute Ensemble will focus on fun and challenging arrangements of well known songs and original pieces for flute groups. We will work on ensemble skills and intonation which can be notoriously tough for flute sections!

14 Tu | Sep 15-Dec 15 | 6:15-7 pm | CCHS | \$445

Flute Collective for Adults with Dianne Spoto

Whether you're an experienced performer, a dedicated amateur, or picking up your flute again after years away, you'll find a welcoming, supportive community here. Enjoy weekly ensemble rehearsals in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere while building skills, making friends, and sharing the joy of music. We'll conclude with a local performance.

14 Mo | Sep 14-Dec 21 | 6:15-7 pm | CCHS | \$445



Hear our students!
Stay tuned for winter dates for
IMSCC's Student Showcase

Invest & Plan

What Happens to the Family Vacation Home?

Margaret Hoag

Many families have a beloved vacation home that they want to preserve for future generations. The process of transferring the house to the next generation can lead to significant family conflict. We will discuss various methods of passing a vacation home onto your children and review the issues that arise. Topics will include the pros and cons of joint ownership, trusts, and LLCs, including tax consequences. We will also discuss methods of decision making, paying for repairs and upkeep, and renting a property. Bring your personal experiences and questions to share.

We | Sep 30 | 7-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$45

Probate and Estate: Traps, Truths, & Trust Administration

Margaret Hoag

We've all heard ads warning us about the "agony of probate." But what actually is it, and is it truly that terrible? Margaret will cut through the legal jargon to give you a clear, honest look at the estate process. You will learn the crucial differences between probate and estate administration, discover when probate can actually be beneficial, and learn how to navigate the system with confidence. We will break down how to properly avoid probate, minimize administrative steps, and bypass common "traps for the unwary" when setting up your estate. Finally, we will provide a step-by-step walkthrough of probate, estate, and trust administration, equipping you to protect your assets and loved ones.

We | Oct 21 | 7-8:30 pm | Online | \$45

Natural Death Care:

Caring for the Body, Caring for the Earth

Heather Massey, Viennia Lopes Booth & Ruth Faas

Learn about natural and sustainable approaches to post-death care, funerals, and body disposition and how these choices can benefit families, communities, and the environment. We'll discuss family-directed and home-based natural death care, legal rights, practical aspects of body care after death, green and conservation burial, and emerging options currently under consideration for legalization in Massachusetts. You'll also learn about DIY choices such as building a casket and creating meaningful commemorative rituals. Leave with a better understanding of the possibilities and greater confidence in planning an end-of-life experience that reflects your values and priorities.

Mo | Nov 17 | 7-8:30 pm | Online | \$45

Demystifying Social Security

Daniel Williams

Deciding how and when to claim Social Security is one of the most critical financial decisions you will make. Without understanding the program's complex rules, you could leave thousands of dollars on the table. Explore the optimal times to file and weigh the advantages of filing at age 62 versus deferring until age 70. We will examine how regulatory changes impact your strategy and ensure you know how to maximize available spousal, survivor, or divorced benefits. Finally, we will clarify how much of your Social Security income is subject to taxation and cover potential future legislative changes that could affect your retirement planning. Join us to navigate these pivotal choices with confidence and secure the benefits you have earned.

We | Nov 4 | 7-9 pm | Online | \$35

Understanding Medicare

Daniel Williams

If you are approaching age 65 or are already enrolled, this comprehensive class is designed to fully clarify how Medicare works and demystify your healthcare options. We will unpack how Parts A, B, C, and D integrate, break down the mechanics of Medicare Advantage, and weigh the pros and cons of HMOs, PPOs, and Medigap policies. Additionally, you will learn critical strategies for navigating Medicare while still employed, avoiding costly late enrollment penalties, and understanding what Medicare does—and does not—cover regarding long-term care expenses. Join us to cut through the confusion, prepare for upcoming deadlines, and gain the confidence needed to make the right decisions?

Tu | Nov 10 | 7-9 pm | Online | \$35

The Latest Long Term Care & Asset Protection

Daniel Williams

The high cost of long-term care can quickly wipe out a family's life savings, leaving them at the mercy of an under-funded Medicaid system. Recent legislative changes have also raised complex questions about how to best navigate retirement planning. Dan will address these urgent concerns directly. You will learn how to protect your home, understand the rules and penalties regarding asset transfers, and evaluate whether putting assets in a trust is right for you. We will also discuss when long-term care insurance is worth considering and explore critical crisis-planning strategies to safeguard assets even if a loved one is already in a nursing home. Join us to find clarity and take control of your financial future.

We | Nov 18 | 7-9 pm | Online | \$35

Out & About

Location and meeting details will be emailed prior to the start of our walking and bike tours.

Mystery Walks

Mary Hurley
Discover new places to hike in and around Bedford and hear tales about Native American settlers and esteemed writers such as Alcott and Emerson. Walks are typically four to five miles and usually rain or shine. Mary has a great following and it will be an adventure as well as a walk!

6 We		Sep 23-Oct 28		10 am-12 pm		Bedford		\$159
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Maynard History Walking Tour

Ann Gibson
Did you know that for nearly a hundred years, Maynard was the wealthiest town in the area? How did this come to be, and what has happened since then? Walk around downtown Maynard with your guide, Maynard Historical Commission member Ann Gibson, and learn about the history of Maynard from 1600-1950. We will cover 1.5 miles walking, including uneven surfaces. *Rain date 9/27.*

Sa		Sep 26		1-2:30 pm		Maynard		\$35
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Fabulous Fall Flora: A Guided Plant ID Walk

Jeff Adams
Join Jeff Adams, an avid outdoor enthusiast & naturalist, for these highly interactive nature walks focusing on plant ID during New England’s Autumnal Season. Learn identification techniques for native flowers, shrubs, and trees, including some non-natives too. We’ll look at branching, buds, fruits, leaves, and diagnostic characteristics to immediately identify particular species and include some interesting natural history. Bring a hand lens if you have one. All are welcome, but no pets. *Rain dates: 10/18 for 1st session & 10/25 for 2nd session.*

• Sa		Oct 17		9:30 am-12 pm		Wolbach Farm		\$29
• Sa		Oct 24		9:30 am-12 pm		Mt. Misery		\$29

Royall House & Slave Quarters Tour

Royall House Staff
Tour the house and grounds of Medford’s Royall House and Slave Quarters, part of the 600-acre Ten Hills Farm and home to the largest slaveholders in Massachusetts history, as well as the enslaved Africans who made their lavish way of life possible. The house is among the finest local examples of colonial-era buildings still standing, and the slave quarters are the only remaining slave quarters in New England. Today, this museum’s architecture, household items, and archaeological artifacts bear witness to intertwined stories of wealth and bondage and explore the meanings of freedom and independence before, during, and since the American Revolution.

Sa		Oct 10		10-11:15 am		Medford		\$35
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Discover Mount Auburn Cemetery

Mount Auburn Docent
Mount Auburn Cemetery, designated a National Historic Landmark, is one of the country’s most significant designed landscapes. Here, the arts of horticulture, architecture, and sculpture blend seamlessly with the beauty of nature to create a place of comfort and inspiration. This 1.5-mile walking tour will focus on the stories of history, monuments, and the lives of those buried here.

• Sa		Oct 10		2-4 pm		Cambridge		\$35
• Su		Oct 11		2-4 pm		Cambridge		\$35

Glass Flowers at Harvard's Museum of Natural History

Harvard Museum of Natural History Docent
If you have yet to see the world-famous collection of Blaschka glass models of flowering plants, or if you would love to return and learn more about the collection, join us for a presentation and guided tour. A museum docent will provide an overview of the botany, the flameworking techniques, and the story of how the glass models came from Germany to Harvard. This is a one-of-a-kind collection!

Fr		Oct 16		1-2:30 pm		Harvard Museum of Natural History		\$35
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Tour the State House

Sean Garballey, State Representative
Visit the Massachusetts State House for a tour with State Representative Sean Garballey. This guided tour is a walk through history, not just of the building but of the Commonwealth itself. Established by an act of the legislature in 1969, the State House Tours Division now guides approximately 90,000 visitors annually through the halls of the state’s capitol building. Experience democracy in action at this landmark full of significance to both our state and our country. **Please note:** Arrive 20 minutes early to go through security.

Fr		Oct 23		4-5 pm		Boston		Free with registration
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Out & About

Secrets in Plain View: A Masonic Walking Tour

Doug Ellis
Step into the hidden world of Freemasonry in Concord, with our immersive walking tour that uncovers over 225 years of rich Masonic history. Discover what Freemasonry truly is and how it has shaped the lives and legacies of prominent Concordians. You’ll gain exclusive access to the 200 year old Masonic Lodge, delve into the intricate organizational structure of a Masonic Lodge, and see how it mirrors the principles that have guided generations of Freemasons. This tour also highlights the Masonic influences on iconic Concord locations, offering a new perspective on the town’s historic landmarks. Whether you’re a history enthusiast or simply curious about this enigmatic brotherhood, this tour promises to be an enlightening journey into Concord’s Masonic past. We will cover approximately 2 miles.

Th		Oct 15		10 am-12 pm		Visitor's Center		\$35
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Women of Concord Historical Walk

Stefanie Cloutier
History is frequently about men; this is your chance to learn about the women who shaped Concord. These women have a history of being leaders: educating themselves and others, fighting for justice, and imprinting their visions in literature and art. This walk will take you from the center of Concord to the Old Manse and back, so be prepared for moving and walking.

Th		Oct 22		10 am-12 pm		Visitor's Center		\$35
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Concord History by Bike

Stefanie Cloutier
Our bike tour covers more ground than our walking tours, including the North Bridge, Sleepy Hollow, Orchard House and more. Use our Bike Share to rent a bike (behind Concord Visitor Center) or bring your own for this six-mile, 1.5 to 2-hour tour.

Th		Oct 29		10 am-12 pm		Visitor's Center		\$35
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Harvard Square French Fry Tour

Off the Beaten Path Staff
Discover the seasoned stories behind Harvard Square’s famous French fry scene while sampling some of the area’s favorites. This walking tour includes three stops featuring different styles of fries, from classic hand-cut wedges to smoky BBQ fries and sweet potato fries, each paired with a non-alcoholic drink chosen to complement the flavors. Along the way, you’ll stroll past iconic Harvard landmarks, hear entertaining local stories, and learn about the legendary French Fry Wars that helped shape the neighborhood’s food scene.

Su		Sep 27		3:30-5 pm		Cambridge		\$59
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Harvard Square Chocolate Tour

Off the Beaten Path Staff
Learn all about chocolate and local history. Throughout this walking tour, we’ll make four stops, including a lesson in how to taste chocolate. We’ll sample delicious local ice cream from an independent store and try unique chocolate desserts such as baked goods and specialty hot chocolate. Sip cacao juice directly from the chocolate fruit and sample roasted cacao beans.

Sa		Dec 12		2-3:30 pm		Cambridge		\$55
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Meet our instructors!
View bios and photos on our website:
concordcarlisleace.org/instructor-bios

Passions & Growth

Write or Rewrite Your Dating Profile

Adi Johnson
Dating apps can feel overwhelming—but they don’t have to. In this fun, supportive, no-judgment workshop, you’ll learn how to create a profile that sounds like you. We’ll cover what makes a great photo, how to write an engaging bio, and small tweaks that can make a big difference in attracting genuine connections.
2 Mo | Sep 28-Oct 5 | 6-7:30 pm | Online | \$55

Dating Again: A Support Circle for Re-Entering the Dating World

Adi Johnson
Dating after divorce, loss, a long relationship, or a long break can feel overwhelming - but you don’t have to figure it out alone. This supportive class will help participants approach dating with more confidence, clarity, and self-trust. We’ll discuss mindset, dating app overwhelm, safety, communication, red flags, boundaries, and how to date in a way that feels intentional rather than exhausting. Through guided conversation and practical takeaways, participants will leave feeling more grounded, prepared, and encouraged as they consider what dating can look like in this next chapter. A good fit for anyone who is dating again, considering it, or wanting a more thoughtful and supportive way to begin.
3 Mo | Oct 19-Nov 2 | 6-7:30 pm | Online | \$75

Meet the Instructor



Adi Johnson has spent over 20 years in marketing, helping brands tell compelling stories that connect with the right audience. Now, she applies those same skills to online dating, helping people craft dating profiles that feel genuine, engaging, and uniquely them. A Wellesley resident, Adi took on dating as a personal challenge after her pandemic divorce and quickly realized that most dating profiles read like uninspired résumés. Using her expertise in storytelling, she developed a fresh, no-judgment approach that makes the process fun, interactive, and wildly effective. She believes that the best dating profiles aren’t just lists of hobbies and traits—they tell a story that sparks real connection.



Master the Art of Negotiation: The Ultimate Life Skill
Michael Rodriguez
Whether you’re closing a major business deal, buying a car, or simply deciding who does the chores, you negotiate every single day. The question isn’t if you negotiate—it’s how well you do it. Don’t leave your success to chance. This high-impact class transforms everyday conversations into powerful opportunities. Together, we’ll master the core principles and hidden language of persuasion, map out winning strategies, and explore how gender and identity shape the table. Through dynamic, real-world scenarios, you will build the unshakeable confidence needed to navigate any conversation and get what you want. Stop settling for less—step up, take control, and unlock the ultimate life skill that you truly cannot afford to miss!
Tu | Oct 13 | 7-8:30 pm | Online | \$25

A Thoughtful Approach to Divorce

Ben Stitch
Divorce can feel overwhelming, especially with conflicting advice from friends, family, and the internet. In Massachusetts, there isn’t just one way to divorce, and the path you choose can either reduce or increase conflict. This workshop explains the differences between mediation, collaborative law, and contested divorce, clarifies key legal terms, and important considerations for developing parenting plans and financial division. You’ll also learn practical steps for a respectful, efficient process—and, for parents, strategies to prioritize children’s well-being. All are welcome, including couples attending together.
Mo | Dec 7 | 7-8:30 pm | Online | \$29

World Languages

French Lunch Lessons - Déjeuners en Français

Grace Butler
What better way to revive and maintain your French language skills than over lunch! For the first meeting, we suggest you pack a lunch (un bon sandwich fromage/jambon, par exemple). After that, we will decide together what direction the course will take. Conversational topics might include: cuisine, restaurants, and travel, and could also include cinema, theatre, and literature. Language and grammar points will be discussed as needed or requested. A basic comfort with spoken French is recommended. Ideal for intermediate and advanced level students.
8 Th | Oct 1-Nov 19 | 12-2 pm | \$275

French book for Barry's classes:
View our course description on our website for a link to a free online version of *Contacts*
or
Purchase the book before the first class:
Contacts edition 8 (ISBN: 978-0618395781)
or edition 9 (ISBN: 978-1133934004)

French I
Barry Bridgelal
Immerse yourself in the beautiful French language and gain a practical command of the vocabulary and grammar through topics that will include greetings, pronunciation, counting, indefinite articles, definite articles, interrogatives, infinitive expressions and a few irregular verbs. The goal of this program is to provide you with the tools to conduct basic conversations and write brief paragraphs about a range of everyday topics, using the present and near future tenses. *No class 11/24.*
6 Tu | Oct 27-Dec 8 | 7:45-9:00 pm | Online | \$165

French II
Barry Bridgelal
Building upon the skills studied in the beginner class, you will improve your conversational precision by considerably developing vocabulary as well as by learning to use the present and immediate future. Grammatical topics include possessive and demonstrative adjectives, idiomatic verb expressions, comparatives, imperative expressions of time and season. *No class 12/29.*
7 Tu | Dec 22-Feb 9 | 7:45-9 pm | Online | \$195

German for Advanced Beginners and Travelers

Jeff Driscoll
We will pick up from the spring class, with an emphasis on conversation, especially as it applied to travel in the German-speaking area of Europe. Each week will bring a review of what we’ve covered, adding in new material, looking at some aspect of German grammar, taking part in various games and activities, and using PowerPoint to practice our conversational skills. If you are planning a trip to a German-speaking area of Europe, or want to improve your ability to converse in the German language, this class is for you. Seasoned instructor Jeff focuses on a your ability – and confidence - to speak the German language. Through activities and games, we make learning the sometimes challenging German language interesting and fun! **Recommended text:** *German Grammar: For Beginners* ISBN # 9798834684800
8 Tu | Sep 22-Nov 10 | 6-8 pm | CCHS | \$275

Italian book:
Please purchase *Nuovo Espresso 1 - A1 (Libro Studente)* (ISBN: 978-8861823181)

Italian for Beginners
Cinzia Vicidomini
Discover the music, beauty, and rhythm of the Italian language. Designed for true beginners, we will work on the alphabet, letter combinations, and phonetics through in-class verbal and written exercises to get you accustomed to the sounds of the language. Verbal exchanges are highly encouraged and frequent. Some light take home exercises will be assigned to reinforce what we do in class together.
8 Th | Sep 24-Nov 12 | 6:30-7:30 pm | CCHS | \$175

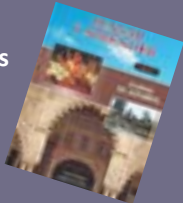
Italian for Advanced Beginners
Cinzia Vicidomini
Move past the basics and start holding real conversations! Designed for students with a foundational knowledge of Italian, we will focus on speech and sentence structure. This class shifts the focus to real-world vocabulary and practical sentence structure through a mix of speaking drills, written exercises, and easy texts. Take-home materials will reinforce our class lessons.
8 Th | Sep 24-Nov 12 | 7:30-9 pm | CCHS | \$225

World Languages

Spanish Books:
Please purchase the book for your class level.

Beginners & Advanced Beginners:
Pensar y aprender Libro 1 (Curso de español) (ISBN: 978-2921445207)

Intermediate & Advanced:
Pensar y aprender Libro 2 (Curso de español) (ISBN: 978-2921445160)



Spanish for Beginners
Diana Garcia-Martinez
Would you like to learn Spanish? Enjoy learning a new language in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere where you will be immersed in the language, learn new vocabulary, watch videos, and have conversations with classmates to practice your speaking skills. This course is for those with little or no knowledge of Spanish.

8 Th		Sep 24-Nov 12		5-6:30 pm		Online		\$225
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Spanish Intermediate
Diana Garcia-Martinez
If you already have a solid grasp of everyday vocabulary and the Spanish present tense, this course is for you! We will begin with a quick review of the present tense before moving on to master reflexive verbs, object pronouns, and the preterite (past) tense. We will have plenty of opportunities to practice your speaking and oral skills. Join us to expand your Spanish language skills in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere! *No class 10/12.*

8 Mo		Sep 28-Nov 23		5:30-7 pm		Online		\$265
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Spanish Advanced
Mary Ann Price
If you have a solid knowledge of the use of the present tense in Spanish as well as everyday vocabulary, this is the class for you. We will review the preterite tense before studying the imperfect tense, and then use both past tenses. There will be plenty of opportunities for oral practice. Join us to expand your Spanish language skills in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere! *No class 10/5, 10/12, 11/23.*

8 Mo		Sep 28-Dec 7		4-5:30 pm		Online		\$265
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Spanish Advanced II
Mary Ann Price
Learn the future and conditional tenses while adding to your vocabulary. We will practice conversational Spanish as well as read and discuss short literary and cultural readings. **Required text:** *Pensar y aprender Libro 2 (Curso de español)* (ISBN: 978-2921445160). *No class 10/6.*

8 Tu		Sep 22-Nov 17		4-5:30 pm		Online		\$265
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Stretch Your Spanish
Mary Ann Price
If you're comfortable using the past tenses and learning in an all-Spanish environment, jump right in! This dynamic class blends active conversation, quick-witted grammar reviews, and fresh vocabulary to take your fluency to new heights. Join us and level up your Spanish!

8 Tu		Sep 22-Nov 17		6-7:30 pm		Online		\$265
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Spanish Conversation
Diana Garcia-Martinez
Do you speak Spanish fluently, have a solid knowledge base and strong vocabulary, but don't have much opportunity to practice or improve? We will practice our Spanish as we read about and discuss current events and short articles. We will have group discussions and explore different perspectives about an issue. Join us—you will improve your Spanish, have fun, and enjoy interesting discussions!

8 Tu		Sep 22-Nov 10		5-6:30 pm		Online		\$265
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Writing



From Expert to Author: Turning Know-How into Books
Alicia Simons
In today's world, professionals in every field are told they "need to write a book" to stand out. But how do you actually cross the finish line? Join publishing insider Alicia to uncover the nonfiction publishing world from concept to bookstore shelf. In this dynamic session, you will learn how to develop a compelling book concept, craft a proposal that grabs publishers' attention, and confidently navigate the modern industry. We'll map out the exact steps needed for a successful launch—including building your author platform and planning a marketing strategy that lasts. Walk away with a concrete, practical roadmap to create a powerful publication that boosts your visibility and accelerates your career.

Th		Sep 24		6:30-8:30 pm		Lincoln-Sudbury HS		\$35
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Midday Writers
Judy McClure
Craving something more from your lunch hour? Gather with us in the middle of the day for this supportive and generative writing class. Each week we'll focus on a different writing theme or structure and use writing prompts to generate new work. Writers of all genres are welcome. Feel free to bring your lunch! *No class 11/11.*

8 We		Sep 23-Nov 18		12-1 pm		Online		\$119
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Write Now!
Tina Tocco
Have you always wanted to try your hand at fiction writing, but never took the leap? Maybe you've put down your pen for a while and need a jumpstart. Come experiment in this low-stress, generative class! You'll kindle your imagination with fun prompts—music, sounds, images, etc.—to get those gears moving. Then, if you choose, you'll share your work in a supportive environment and receive positive feedback. You'll walk away each week with a new piece of writing—maybe even something you'd like to build on. *No class 10/12.*

6 Mo		Sep 28-Nov 9		7-9 pm		Online		\$179
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Getting Published: Magazines & Journals
Tina Tocco
You have writing you're proud of—now how do you share it with readers? Learn the essentials of getting your work published in magazines and journals, including how to find publications that are looking for new work, understand submission guidelines, format your manuscript, and navigate the publishing process. You'll also create a cover letter bio, explore tools like Submittable, and discuss how to approach rejections. Leave with the knowledge and materials you need to start sending your work out into the world. This is for writers submitting short stories, essays, poetry, creative nonfiction, and other genres that do not require a query or pitch letter.

Mon		Dec 7		6-8:30 pm		Online		\$39
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Tina Tocco is a Pushcart Prize nominee. Her work for children has been published in *Highlights*, *Cricket*, *Humpty Dumpty*, *AppleSeeds*, *Odyssey*, *Cadet Quest*, and other magazines. In 2019, Kelsay Books released her children's poetry collection, *The Hungry Snowman and Other Poems*. Tina's story "The Unknown Soldier" appears in the middle-grade horror anthology *The Haunted States of America* (SCBWI-Henry Holt, 2024). Tina earned her MFA in creative writing from Manhattanville University. She teaches online at GrubStreet, Hugo House, Literary Cleveland, Indiana Writers Center, Hudson Valley Writers Center, Westport Writers' Workshop, and other writing organizations around the country.

Scholarships for CCACE Programs

Each year, CCACE awards more than \$15,000 in scholarships to community members for our programs. Scholarships for CCACE are made possible in large part by a grant from the Concord Carlisle Foundation. This support, in combination with donations from community members, helps to make lifelong learning a reality for local community members who require some financial assistance.

In 2025-2026, we awarded over \$18,000 in scholarship

- More than 30 Driver Education students
- 14 IMSCC families
- 2 Continuing Education students

Apply online at concordcarlisleace.org/scholarship/ 

Donate at concordcarlisleace.org/donate or select the option when registering for a class.



CONCORD CARLISLE FOUNDATION
Founded in 1994 as the Concord Carlisle Community Fund



The Concord Carlisle Foundation is a community-focused organization dedicated to understanding critical needs, making grants. The Concord Carlisle Foundation is a community-focused organization dedicated to understanding critical needs, making grants to local nonprofits, and providing direct aid to individuals. For more information, visit: concordcarlislefoundation.org.



The Hugh Cargill Trust Committee works in partnership with the CCACE to provide partial Driver Education scholarships to deserving high school students who are Concord residents. Their mission is to provide short-term emergency financial assistance to Concord residents. Contacting the Committee at: 978-318- 3100, ext. 2030. or hctc@concordma.gov.

Details

How to Register

concordcarlisleace.org

**978-318-1432**

**500 Walden St, Concord, MA 01742**

Registration: Classes are open to anyone, regardless of where you live. Adult classes are open to ages 18+, unless otherwise specified. Younger students may enroll if a parent/guardian also enrolls. Payment is due at the time of registration to secure your space. We do not prorate classes. Once you enroll, you will receive a confirmation by email. If you do not see the email, check your spam folder. Emails will come from ace@concordps.org.

Waitlists: If the class you want is full, sign up for the waitlist. There is no charge and we often get last-minute changes or add sections.

Refunds & Course Changes: There are no credits or refunds once a class has started or for student absences. If you withdraw 1 week or more before the start date, we will issue you a credit (good for 12 months from the date of issue). You may request a refund of the class tuition minus a \$10 processing fee. Withdrawals from courses under \$25 are only eligible for a course credit. If you withdraw 6 days or less from the start date, we do not issue course credits or refunds.

Virtual Class Information: We strongly recommend that you test Zoom on your device and get comfortable with the platform before the start of your class. Each participant to be registered separately unless otherwise noted. Zoom links are emailed the day before the class. **If you do not see it, check your spam folder and contact the office before 4 pm.**

Cancellations: We reserve the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment or other considerations. If we cancel, you will receive a full refund to your original form of payment.

Etcetera: CCACE reserves the right to change instructors if necessary and correct prices, dates, or times due to typographical errors in our catalog or website. The opinions, views, or recommendations expressed by instructors are their own and do not necessarily reflect those of CCACE. CCACE does not endorse any service or product recommended or offered by instructors.

Gift Certificates: Perfect for any occasion! Join together with friends and family near and far for a virtual night of fun! Contact the office.

In-Person Class Locations: All in-person classes are at Concord-Carlisle High School (500 Walden St, Concord) unless otherwise indicated.

Photo/Video Permissions: We may post pictures or videos from classes in our promotions. Your enrollment in a class indicates your approval for this.

Registration Form

Contact Information

First Name		Last Name	
Address			
City		Zip	
Phone #		Email	

Course Information

Start Date	Course Name	Fee
		Total

Billing Information

Cash _____ Check/MO _____ Credit Card _____

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