

Academy of Learning in Retirement

*A continuing education
community program*

Summer 2023 On-Campus & Online Course Offerings

Classes are located online, and at
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Mission Statement

Through volunteerism, the Academy of Learning in Retirement (ALIR), believing in lifelong learning, recognizes and calls upon its members' wealth of experience and abilities to deliver educational stimulation in the arts, history, literature, languages, and sciences.

Important Dates for Summer 2023

ALIR Summer term will consist of three 3-week sessions; there are no in-person classes on Fridays as the NEISD building is closed.

Monday, May 8	Summer catalog released, and online fee payment opens
Monday, May 15	Online Registration opens for summer classes
Wednesday, May 31	Instructors' Meeting; Orientation for new students
Monday, June 5	First day of summer classes (9-week, A, and A&B classes)
Monday, June 26	2 nd 3-week classes begin (B, B&C classes)
July 3 – July 7	NO CLASSES, Fourth of July break
Monday, July 24	3 rd 3-week classes begin (C)
Friday, August 11	End of summer term

Summer at a Glance

↓ double period class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Weekly Sessions
Campus 9:30	Intermed Spanish 9	Zen Painting 3 B Churchill 6 A&B Mountain Dance 9	↓ Spanish Films 3 A Uke Beginner+ 9	↓ Fly with Me 3 A History Hitler 6 A&B Line Dancing 9	3 weeks: A 6/5 - 6/23 B 6/26 - 7/21
Campus 11:00	Wildscape Yard 3 A	Basic Line Dance 3 A Pain/Anxiety 6 A&B	Ukulele Band 9	Brain Games 3 B	C 7/24 - 8/11
Campus 1:00		Hitchcock 6 A&B Early Humans 6 A&B	Begin. Spanish 9	Ancient Cities 6 A&B Easy Flow Yoga 9	6 weeks: A&B 6/5 - 7/21
					B&C 6/26- 8/11
Online 9:30		Ireland Storytelling 3 <i>*see catalog writeup for unique dates/time*</i>		20 th C German Village 6 A&B	9 weeks: 6/5 - 8/11
Online 11:00	Memoir Writing 9	Edgar Allan Poe 3 C Chat GPT 3 A	Maps & Future 6 A&B	AKIM Cursive 3 B If...Lisa Swallow 3 A	Friday Online Aging Backwards 3 B
Online 1:00	21 st C Poetry 6 B&C Deal w Pain 3 A		Yin Yoga 9 <i>*starts at 1:30*</i>	Icons of Business 9	Tanakh:1Samuel 9
Online 3:00	China Belt & Road 3 A	Socrates Café 9	Let's Talk 3 A, C	Mindful Living 6 B&C	

Payment and Registration

About ALIR registration

- Registration is open and on-going throughout the summer.
- To register, you must **first make your payment**; after paying, you'll then receive **a second, new email** with a link to registration.
- Note: **You don't need a SignUpGenius password to pay or register!**
- Registration or payment questions? Contact alir@NEISD.net.

Payment (do this before registering)

- ❖ Tuition for the Summer 2023 term (June-August) is **\$45.00**. This single fee allows you to attend as many classes during the term as you want.
- ❖ First, you have to pay! On **Monday, May 8**, you'll get an email with the Summer ALIR Catalog attached along with a **payment link** to pay tuition at **SignUpGenius**. Once you click that link and are on the SignUpGenius website, you don't need a password – just go to the payment box at the bottom of the page and pay with a debit or credit card (it's secure and encrypted).
- ❖ If you can't pay online, you may submit a check made out to **Academy of Learning in Retirement** and deliver it in person to **Rhonda McRae** at the NEISD building, 2nd floor, or mail it to **Tom Colbourn**, ALIR Treasurer, 26428 Enchanted Wind, San Antonio TX 78260.
- ❖ If you didn't receive the original payment link (if you are new to ALIR for instance), this summer's payment link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4BABA72CA3FB6-alir12>

How to register for classes

- ❖ Next, after you've paid your summer tuition, you'll get a *second, new* email with a **registration link** that allows you to register for classes - although that link won't work until **May 15**.
- ❖ After **9:30am on May 15** (and throughout the rest of the term), use the **registration link** to go **SignUpGenius**. Again, no password is needed.
- ❖ **Select the class** you want by going to the correct weekday, then to the time – you'll see the class listed. Once you've found it, click the check box. (Note that online and in-person classes are listed separately.)

- ❖ Select another class if you want, on a different day and/or time.
- ❖ **Click the “Submit” button** at the bottom of the page – you’re enrolled!
- ❖ **Fill in the required contact information** (name, email address and phone number) so instructors can contact you.

Zoom Online Training - Enroll on SignUpGenius; Open to All!

Wednesday, May 31 Summer Term Welcome for instructors

2:00-3:15 Discussion about policy issues, news about the summer term, and a Q&A covering key features of Zoom (commands, tips on scheduling/managing meetings, etc.).

Wednesday, June 7 Zoom Introduction and Refresher

2:00-3:15 For anyone new to Zoom, both instructors and students, who wants either an intro to Zoom basics (meeting links, muting/unmuting, video options and other tools), or a refresher of Zoom tools.

Wednesday, June 14 Zoom Help Desk for instructors and students

2:00-3:15 A session open to answering individual questions or issues needing help to resolve.

Additional training classes can be scheduled as needed and Zoom mentors are available to help as well. *Contact either:* Bill Mitchell wgmitchell35@gmail.com or Linda Comeaux Lcomeo@aol.com or Steve Rutledge steveru53@hotmail.com

about the Academy of Learning in Retirement

The Academy of Learning in Retirement (ALIR) began in 1989 as an extension of the University of Texas at San Antonio, with a founding vision of an **all-volunteer learning academy** offering a variety of intellectually stimulating classes to an over-50 crowd.

Growth and space considerations necessitated a move from ALIR’s initial home at the Institute of Texan Cultures; happily, the **North East Independent School District** (NEISD) welcomed ALIR to its Community Education Department in the spring of 2006.

In 2020, as a **501(c)(3) corporation**, ALIR had a student body of more than 650 senior San Antonians when the COVID pandemic challenged it to begin offering courses online. Although now fully back to a curriculum of in-person classes, ALIR continues to offer Zoom-based, online classes to those who are limited in mobility as well as those who prefer online learning.

On-Campus Course Listings

Summer 2023

Monday

Intermediate Spanish

Suzette Pelayo

Monday 9:30 – 10:45

9 weeks (6/5 – 8/11)

This class is designed for the intermediate student who has completed one or more beginning Spanish classes. Those who took Intermediate Spanish in Spring 2023 will continue where we left off. Other intermediate students are welcome to join this ongoing, supportive class. Our book is **Complete Spanish Step-By-Step**, 2nd Edition (ISBN 978-1-260-46313-2). We will continue our Spanish language journey at lessons 5/6, with the goal to finish lesson 9 by the end of the summer term. (Max 20)

Wildscape Your Yard Using SAWS Money

Caron De Mars

Monday 11:00 – 12:15

3 weeks: A (6/5 – 6/23)

Thanks SAWS! Create a pollinator oasis using SAWS financial incentives! If you're tired of a brown lawn and want to save on your water bill, learn how to wildscape and turn your lawn into a low-maintenance critter habitat, replete with pollinators. We'll cover which SAWS-approved plants and trees are native and drought-tolerant, and which are deer-resistant. In this three-week class, we'll talk about SAWS incentives and, during the third session, we'll plot your yard with your ideal wildscape. (Max 15)

Tuesday

Zen Painting

Mary B. Bowman/Margarita Benavides

Tuesday 9:30 – 10:45

3 weeks: B (6/26 – 7/21)

We will start with bamboo and decide as a class what subjects we want to paint for the next two classes. This will preferably be a class of continuing painters in the Zen style, aiming at products such as cards or magnets.



Winston Churchill

Pamela Ferguson

Tuesday 9:30 – 10:45

6 weeks: A&B (6/5 – 7/21)



This Great Courses® video class, led by the erudite, popular Professor J. Rufus Fears, presents the life and times of Winston Churchill along with a look at his wide-ranging career as a British statesman. (Max 30)

Mountain Dance

Linda Carolan

Tuesday 9:30 – 10:45

9 weeks (6/5 – 8/11)

Mountain dancing combines the best of two popular dance styles. Use simple clogging or walking steps, forward and back, with some turns. Learn the Virginia Reel plus Appalachian Mountain figures such as Dip for the Oyster and even a Quadrille. No partner needed. Celtic music will make your feet move and your hands clap along. People with two left feet are welcome! (Max 30)



Line Dance: Basic Steps for Beginners

Sandra Y. Goodrum

Tuesday 11:00 – 12:15

3 weeks: A (6/5 – 6/23)

This class is designed for non-dancers – for those who want to teach their two left feet a move or two! Don't sign up for this class if you have already enrolled in the regular line dance class in the past, since this class will be repeating very basic steps for three weeks. Just in time, perhaps, for your niece's June wedding! (Max 15)

Two Medical Challenges: Pain and Anxiety

Dr. John W. Spencer

Tuesday 11:00 – 12:15

6 weeks: A&B (6/5 – 7/21)



Pain and anxiety are multidimensional sensory experiences that compromise health at many levels. In older adults, the chronicity of pain throughout parts of the body limit mobility and can produce anxiety. This class will review the etiology, diagnostic testing instruments, and various treatments used in treating pain and anxiety. An evidenced-based model will be used. (Max 20)

Early Humans

Patricia A. Young (Patti)

Tuesday 1:00 – 2:15

6 weeks: A&B (6/5 – 7/21)

DNA testing in archeology has enabled scientists to determine precisely how related two hominins are – allowing them to confidently conclude that there are more human ancestors than previously thought. In early 2021, using algorithms developed by the Max Planck Institute in Denmark, scientists created a new Human Family Tree that contains many surprising “ancestors,” many of whom are other hominins. This



course will survey some of the closest of these species. Some are new species descended from Homo Erectus’ earliest mass migration from Africa, some from when *heidelbergensis* moved into Europe, and some are subspecies of sapiens who moved out in the second mass migration. We’ll begin each class by watching a video from well-respected, primarily archeological, sources.

Caveat: Because we humans are steadily learning more about our predecessors, we won’t cover *all* discoveries, but this class will bring you up-to-date on current knowledge about the earliest humans.

Hitch a Ride on Alfred’s Trains

Joanna McKinnis, Ph.D.

Tuesday 1:00 – 2:15

6 weeks: A&B (6/5 – 7/21)

Board a Hitchcock movie train and never be bored! We’ll watch and study three of his best, and we’ll have the rides of our life ... and death? Your instructor will conduct you to, and open for you, many formerly ‘secret’ compartments that contain background on Hitchcock, trivia tidbits and more!



I’ve taken several classes at ALIR and have enjoyed the learning and the excellent instructors. If one wants to keep the mind sharp and also learn new skills, this is the place to be!

Wednesday

Spanish Movies for Fun

Estela Royal

Wednesday 9:30 – 12:15 **3 weeks: A (6/5 – 6/23)**

For anyone interested in Mexico, its cinema is one of the best sources for revealing national character. Movies will be shown in Spanish with English subtitles. Join us just for fun, enjoying a different cinematic topic each week.
NOTE: This is a double period. (Max 20)

Uke: Beginner+

Rudy Salazar/Bob Carlson

Wednesday 9:30 – 10:45 **9 weeks (6/5 – 8/11)**

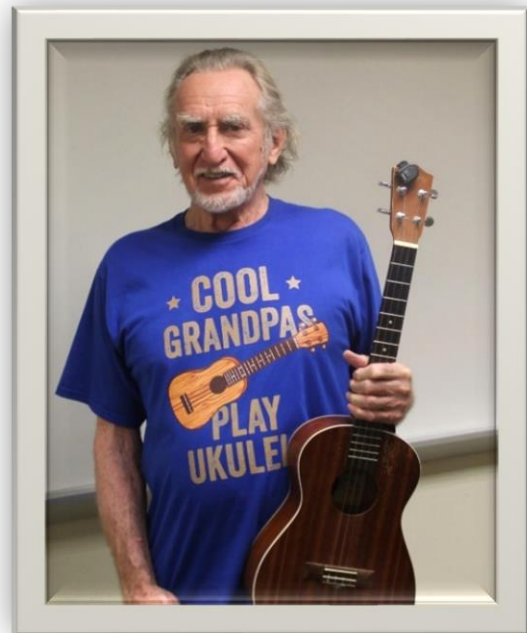
Is the key of C, with the DD or DuDu strum, getting old? Then let's hammer – we can "pull it off" and pick a melody the Calypso way! This class may include a bit of theory to boggle the brain and extend your skills, but soon you'll be smiling while strumming, even in the air. (Max 12)

Ukulele Jam Band

Bob Carlson/Rudy Salazar

Wednesday 11:00 – 12:15 **9 weeks**

Come rock out with the Ukulele Jam Band! We'll play songs by The Beatles, Elvis, Dylan, Simon & Garfunkel and other pop, folk and easy rock favorites you grew up with. We keep it simple – if you can play C, F, and G7 chords to start, you're in the band! Bring any size ukulele and a tuner; a tabletop music stand is optional. (Max 15)



Spanish for Beginners

Carlos Rodriguez

Wednesday 1:00 – 2:15

9 weeks (6/5 – 8/11)



If you've ever wanted to be able to communicate in Spanish but never have had a chance to learn, this class is for you and your fellow ALIRians who haven't studied Spanish before. We will be forming simple sentences and commands using basic grammar and vocabulary. We'll distinguish the essential differences in grammar between Spanish and English, as well as learn how to pronounce the alphabet in Spanish. No book required, only a desire to learn. (Max 12)

Thursday

A History of Hitler's Empire

Tom Colbourn

Thursday 9:30 – 10:45

6 weeks: A&B (6/5 – 7/21)

Employing a Great Courses® video series, we'll review the elements in German history that contributed to the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Nationalist Socialist Party. We'll trace how the establishment of this totalitarian regime ultimately led to a world war costing countless lives.

Come Fly with Me!

Joan Lyons

Thursday 9:30 – 12:15

3 weeks: A (6/5 – 6/23)



Take a summer vacation each week with this 3-movie series featuring Hollywood-produced movies, filmed in foreign countries, all telling a mesmerizing story. To enhance our imaginary travels, we'll enjoy a snack from each of the three countries we visit. (Max 22)

Line Dancing

Sandra Y. Goodrum/Jackie Ackley

Thursday 9:30 – 10:45

9 weeks (6/5 – 8/11)

"Come Dance with Me" is just one of many songs we dance to. Don't worry about having two left feet! Dance steps will be taught and/or reviewed before each song. Wear comfortable shoes with smooth soles, as we will be dancing on a carpeted floor. No experience is required; only a willingness to have fun and get moving to the music. (Max 30)

Brain Games

Steve Rutledge

Thursday 11:00 – 12:15 3 weeks: B (6/26 – 7/21)

It's summer and you don't want your brain to get lazy and out-of-shape, so join this class for some mental games and activities to test your mettle. On the menu you'll find wuzzles, commonyms, rhyme times, twosomes -- and that's just in the first half hour!

So come enhance your strengths and build up your weaknesses. All you need is pencil, paper and the memory of how to find the ALIR building. We'll take wordplay to a whole new level -- well, at least to the second floor. (Max 16)



Easy Flow Yoga

Jean Unser

Thursday 1:00 – 2:15 9 weeks (6/5 – 8/11)

Learn to befriend your body as you move through breath practices, yoga poses and other mindful movement. Gain strength and range of motion by exploring how you move and what is possible. Recommended reading:

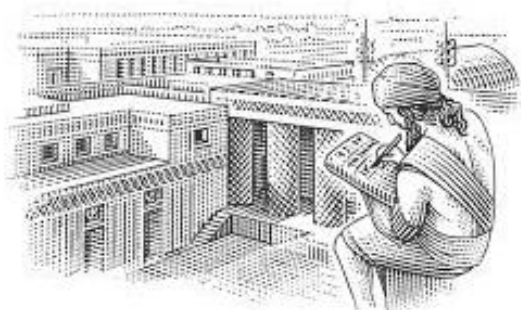
Lifelong Yoga. Please bring yoga props (blocks, yoga mat, towel, water, etc.) to class. (Max 25)

Cities of the Ancient World, Part 1

Geoff Leech

Thursday 1:00 – 2:15 6 weeks: A&B (6/5 – 7/21)

This class, based on a Great Course® of the same name, examines important questions about cities: why they were founded in the first place; what they



meant to their inhabitants; how their forms reflect the social, political, and religious structures of their societies; and what led to their ultimate success or failure. Cities covered include Çatalhöyük, Jericho, Uruk, Mohenjodaro; Amarna, Knossos, and Akrotiri. (Max 34)

Online Zoom Course Listings Summer 2023

Monday

Memoir Writing

Mike Burns

Monday 11:00 – 12:15 9 weeks (6/5 – 8/11)

Every person has stories to tell. Your memories can be a cherished odyssey, a meaningful legacy connecting generations, or a way to recall and celebrate a special memory. Come join this online workshop to learn from and share with others your unique stories. This class continues ALIR's 23-year-long tradition of offering a supportive setting for telling your stories. (Max 30)



Poetry for the 21st Century

Jean Jackson

Monday 1:00 – 2:15 6 weeks: B&C (6/26 – 8/11)

This is an ongoing class for those who wish to know more about poetry that is being written now (as opposed to what was in your high school textbook). We will read and discuss what makes a poem work for us. There will also be an opportunity to share what we've written. (Max 18)

Dealing with Pain

Judy Branch, Ed.D.

Monday 1:00 – 2:15 3 weeks: A (6/5 – 6/23)

An epidemic of chronic pain affects more than fifty million Americans in the form of headaches, backaches, and other pain issues. Published in 2021, **The Way Out**, by Gordon and Ziv, describes treatments to help people struggling with pain in their daily lives. Join Judy Branch and your fellow pain sufferers in a discussion of this book which describes transformational ideas about pain and its causes. Their specific suggestions have helped many who are coping with pain every day.

Take a "Ride" on China's Belt and Road

Bill Mitchell

Monday 3:00 – 4:15 **3 weeks: A (6/5 – 6/23)**

China's colossal infrastructure investment project, known as the "Belt and Road" (an updated version of the former "Silk Road") extends from China into East Asia, Europe, and Africa, and is designed to broaden China's economic and political influence through massive investments in infrastructure. Some see this project as a disturbing expansion of



Chinese power into new markets at a time when the U.S. seems to be struggling to offer a competing vision. Join Bill Mitchell, your tour guide for the trip, as we examine the purpose, plan and current status of this controversial project, which could profoundly impact trade flows and political influence in the global economy.

Tuesday



Storytelling – Sláinte From Ireland!

Jane McDaniel

Tuesday 10:00 – 11:00 **3 weeks: 7/11 – 7/25**

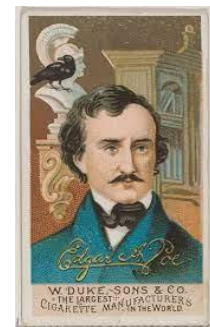
Join this instructor who will share stories and storytelling strategies from scenic, outdoor locations on the West Coast of Ireland. ALIRians will be encouraged to tell at least one story from their life or share a self-written story. The instructor will share "demo" stories as examples and will tell at least one full story per class. *Slainte!* May Ireland's storytelling heritage infuse us all with its joy and enthusiasm! **NOTE:** *these dates/times are not the same as the specified 3-week ALIR sessions.* (Max 15)

Beyond the Raven: Edgar Allan Poe

Amanda Churchill-Bergman

Tuesday 11:00 – 12:15 **3 weeks: C (7/24 – 8/11)**

Edgar Allan Poe is one of America's most important, most popular, and least understood writers. Join us for a quick introduction to his life, literary thought, stories, and poems. No book required – everything's online.



ChatGPT – An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Dr. Pat LeMay Burr

Tuesday 11:00 – 12:15

3 weeks: A (6/5 – 6/23)



Along with a robust demonstration of ChatGPT, you will receive a link created by the company for opening a free account at ChatGPT. Discussion topics during the three weeks will include: Whose idea was this robot that’s capable of chat; what does “prompt engineer” mean; why we should not submit any confidential information as a prompt to any bot; and how we might realistically use ChatGPT in our lives.

Socrates Café

Mike Burns

Tuesday 3:00 – 4:15

9 weeks (6/5 – 8/11)

This class, which has been a favorite of ALIRians for 16 years, was inspired by Christopher Phillips' book *Socrates Cafe* and the belief that “an unexamined life is not worth living.” A thought-provoking question posed for each week’s class discussion may come from ANY subject area: religion ... politics ... metaphysics ... society ... government ... science ... history and more. Students are encouraged to share ideas and perspectives. (Max 25)

Wednesday

Geography’s Impact on Global Politics

Linda Comeaux

Wednesday 11:00 – 12:15

6 weeks: A&B (6/5 – 7/21)

Join this discussion class based on the 2021 book **The Power of Geography: Ten Maps That Reveal The Future of Our World** by Tim Marshall (ISBN 978-1-78396-602-8). According to the author, the ten regions that will shape the "new age of great power rivalry" are Australia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the UK, Greece, Turkey, the Sahel (Africa), Ethiopia, Spain, and Space. The class will review how the geography and history of each of these regions influence its position in global politics. Reading this book is not required but suggested. (Max 40)



Restorative Yin Yoga

Jean Unser

Wednesday 1:30 – 2:30

9 weeks (6/5 – 8/11)

Join the practice of Restorative Yin Yoga, where there is opportunity to learn breath meditation and grounded yoga poses which may decrease stress and increase and maintain range of motion. Engage the six directions of the spine and other joints with less muscle activation to increase circulation in the fascia. A mat, yoga block and a folded or rolled towel, bolster and other props can be used in this class.

Let's Talk

Don Gadberry

Wednesday 3:00 – 4:15

3 weeks: A (6/5-6/23) then C (7/24-8/11)

This is a discussion class. Topics include those brought to the table by the participants and the instructor. Topics can be wide ranging: politics, memories, pet peeves, life lessons, books, poetry, and current news/events. There are no books to be purchased, but book reviews are welcome. **Note:** The class will be 3 weeks (session **A**) and then 3 weeks again at the end of the summer term (session **C**). Enrolling includes both sessions. (Max 40)

Thursday

Upheaval in the Countryside - Village Life in 20th Century Germany

Hella Hennessee

Thursday 9:30 – 10:45

6 weeks: A&B (6/5 – 7/21)

The catastrophic events of 20th-century history are reflected in the chronicle of a small village in central Germany. The rise of the Nazi movement, the loss of the war, and the occupation by the American troops and the division of Germany during the Cold War affected the inhabitants in very real ways. Eyewitness reports and meticulous notes of village events give a direct account of the villagers' everyday lives during these times of upheaval. (Max 25)



Cursive Writing in AKIM

Mary B. Bowman

Thursday 11:00 – 12:15

3 weeks: B (6/26 – 7/21)

Using regular writing pens this font is whimsical and fun to have as a skill. Only lower case will be different, and on Zoom the class interacts as we go. This enables us to have fun as we produce products writing this new way.

What If? Thoughts from Lisa Swallow

Judy Branch Ed.D.

Thursday 11:00 – 12:15

3 weeks: A (6/5 – 6/23)

What if ... you could talk politics without feeling frustrated or hopeless? This class will focus on the journey that led author and educator Lisa Swallow to co-found (in 2017) *Crossing Party Lines*, a national non-profit that teaches



Americans from all walks of life to take part in civil, productive, political conversations. We'll read and discuss her book **No One Was Listening** to learn how we can become a "bridge-builder" and set relationships on healthier paths. Swallow connects her story with the emerging social movement to bridge divides and strengthen social cohesion across America's complex social tapestry. The book is available in different formats on the internet, as is more information about her non-profit.

Sharing ideas with friends via technology is wonderful. Who knew?

Icons of Business

Bill Mitchell

Thursday 1:00 – 2:15

9 weeks (6/5 – 8/11)

Join Bill Mitchell for a 9-week journey highlighting businesses that dominate their respective markets. Each week, with support from a series of brief WSJ videos, we will showcase two "Icons of Business" with the goal of better understanding each firm's business model and their business strategy. Featured "Iconic" consumer goods firms we'll discuss include Home Depot, Costco, Trader Joe's, Chick-fil-A, Netflix, Dollar General, Ikea, Chipotle, Amazon vs. Walmart, Target, Dunkin', Airbnb, Barnes & Noble, Dominos, Starbuck's, Sephora, Crocs, and Lego. Learn the secrets of staying successful in a dynamic and highly competitive market.

Mindful Living/Meditation

Mark Stokes/Linda Comeaux

Thursday 3:00 – 4:15

6 weeks: B&C (6/26 – 8/11)

We will discuss and practice a variety of ways - including meditation - to help improve mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health. We will learn to let go of fears, worries, regrets and to live in a mindful state. Topics include self-mastery, stress management, and living in harmony with the way things are. The instructor, who has studied, practiced and taught meditation for 30 years, often cites Eckhart Tolle's books. (Max 25)

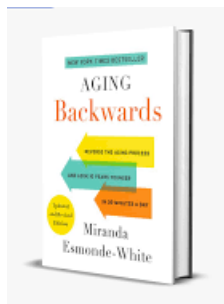
Friday

Aging Backwards

Judy Branch

Friday 11:00 – 12:15

3 weeks: B (6/26 – 7/21)



Because the aging of our bodies occurs in our cells, it must be repaired there too – that's where PBS fitness personality Miranda Esmonde-White's highly effective and sought-after techniques come in. The body is programmed to self-destruct as we age, but the *speed* at which it self-destructs is up to us. The book for this class, **Aging Backwards**, is an eye-opening guide to anti-aging which is readily available online. Each class will focus on a third of the book, enhanced by visuals and videos.

Studying the Tanakh: 1 Samuel

Julie Ouellette

Friday 1:00 – 2:15

9 weeks (6/5 – 8/11)

In the Hebrew scriptures, 1 Samuel is an account of the beginning of the united monarchy in ancient Israel (circa 1100 BCE). The class involves reading and discussing the literature together, along with accompanying materials shared on screen via Zoom. 1 Samuel chapters 1-10 will be our focus, but our reading might take us further. Included in the class materials, emailed a week in advance, will be cultural history, geography and background of events before the time period of 1 Samuel. Students are encouraged to have a bible, in hard copy or downloaded, for class.

