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Lifelong Learning Institute

Manassas

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FALL 2026 PROGRAM GUIDE

September 15 - December 17

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mark your calendars!



JOIN LLI-MANASSAS TWO WAYS:

1. Online at www.lli-manassas.org



2. By mail: Complete the membership form on page 8. Make check payable to LLI-Manassas and mail to LLI Manassas, PO Box 284, Haymarket, VA 20168

REGISTER FOR CLASSES TWO WAYS:

1. On-line registration opens **Sept 14**
www.lli-manassas.org



2. In-person registration **Sept 16**
1:30 to 3:00pm - Kickoff Social at
Hylton Performing Arts Center,
10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas

For a detailed description of all classes, including bios of the instructors, refer to the Fall 2026 Program Guide on the website at:
www.lli-manassas.org/Fall2026

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS LLI?

The Lifelong Learning Institute - Manassas (LLI-Manassas) Is a vibrant educational and social organization serving hundreds of enthusiastic seniors in Prince William County, Virginia. We are a non-profit, member-run organization that provides affordable educational and social opportunities in a friendly atmosphere for adults aged 50 and over.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$125 if joining or renewing in the fall. This covers participation for two consecutive semesters (Fall and Spring).

CAN I ATTEND JUST ONE CLASS...OR ALL OF THEM?

Attend one or all! Your membership pays for all classes, with the exception of those few that have a special fee as noted in the class description.

DOES LLI MEET IN PERSON?

Generally speaking, yes. See individual class descriptions for specific in-person venues conveniently located throughout the Manassas area.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Come to in-person registration & Kickoff Social September 16, 1:30 to 3:00 pm, at Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. Or send us an email: info@lli-manassas.org

F26-0915A, Staying Strong & Independent: What the Science Shows (And What to Do About It)

Date: Sep 15, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Loc: ZOOM

Speaker: Eric Levitan

Desc: This session explores how strength training supports healthy aging by improving mobility, balance, metabolic health, cognitive function, and independence. Participants will learn about age-related muscle loss (sarcopenia) and evidence-based strategies to address it through exercise and nutrition. The program includes a brief, guided strength-training demonstration adaptable to different abilities, followed by questions and discussion. This presentation is valuable as a stand-alone educational session on aging well and serves as an introduction to an optional multi-week Vivo program available to LLI Manassas members at a special rate. The multi-week program requires separate registration and fees.

Note the date of the ZOOM call – It is September 15, the day after LLI registration begins. This will give you time to consider a ZOOM exercise program twice a week for 8 weeks. You can pick which days and times work best for you.

F26-0916P, Fall Kick-Off Social

Date: Sep 16, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Loc: Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle

LLI Coordinator: Karla Anzzolin

Desc: Come out to meet other members, learn about classes and clubs, get help with the website and/or registration, and enjoy light refreshments. Featuring a special area for new members to learn about LLI. Members, please register. Guests are welcome!

F26-0921A, Prince William Before, During & After the American Revolution

Date: Sep 21, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Loc: Union Church, Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, 1229 Bristow Rd, Bristow

Fee: \$3 paid in cash at the door

Host: Bill Backus, Preservationist/Curator

Desc: Although no major battles were fought in Prince William County during the American Revolution, the war still hit home. In 1777 German prisoners of war were housed in Dumfries. Many residents joined militia companies or Continental units while others worked in important industries like the Neabsco Iron Works. Some remained loyal to Great Britain. From 1775 through 1783 Prince William County was consumed by this war, an event that still impacts us today. In his presentation, preservationist Bill Backus will bring these events to life.

F26-0922A, Women in the New Testament

Date: Sep 22, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Additional dates: 10/20, 11/17, 12/15

Loc: Trinity Episcopal Church, 9325 West St, Manassas

Speaker: The Rev. James Hughes

Desc: The information Father Hughes previously shared in Women of the Old Testament was filled with fascinating details, humor and the history of the times. This semester, Father Hughes will cover the historical, theological and archeological components of women in the New Testament. You may want to register for this class whether you attended the other classes or not.

F26-0923A, Mr. and Mrs. Citizen General of the Civil War

Date: Sep 23, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Loc: Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle

Speaker: Gene Schmiel

Desc: Gene Schmiel will introduce us to Citizen General Jacob D. Cox, a citizen-soldier with no formal military training who became one of the Union Army's most respected generals. Serving by land and sea in both the Eastern and Western Theaters, and navigating the political circles of Ohio and Washington, D.C., Cox gained a uniquely broad Civil War perspective. His wartime letters to his wife, Helen—the daughter of Charles Finney—provide a deeply personal account of the conflict and formed the foundation of his acclaimed two-volume Military Reminiscences of the Civil War and his influential history of the Battle of Franklin. Through these candid letters, Cox shared his thoughts, ambitions, and observations, revealing his deep affection for Helen and his respect for her as an intellectual equal while documenting his transformation from an inexperienced volunteer to a distinguished general and statesman.

F26-0923P, The Life of Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Date: Sep 23, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Loc: Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle

Speaker: Kathryn Schmiel

Desc: These days Anne Morrow Lindbergh is often remembered more for her well-known last name than for her multifaceted talents in writing and aviation. Her marriage to Charles A. Lindbergh, hero of the skies, aviation pioneer, and later controversial political activist prior to World War II, brought worldwide attention to a reserved, intellectual young woman. Raised in a world of books, poetry, and culture in a close, loving, and private family, Anne was plunged into the role of a loyal, devoted, supportive wife dealing with the hordes of people who wanted a part of “Lucky Lindy.” Presenter Kathryn Schmiel will discuss how Anne’s life took a 180-degree turn as she studied aviation, became a radio operator, and lived in primitive settings as the couple flew around the world. A tragedy of unspeakable magnitude struck when her 2-year-old son was kidnapped and died. You will learn how she coped with the events of her life, eventually establishing a highly regarded career as a writer, raising five children, and discovering her own personal peace.

F26-0924A, Historical Clifton Walking Tour

Date: Sep 24, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Loc: TBD

Guide: Mr. Charles Rusnak

Desc: Join us for a guided exploration of Historic Clifton, Virginia, as Charles Rusnak leads us through the town's evolution from its beginnings as a humble farming village and plantation, through the turbulence of the Civil War, and onward to its present role as a peaceful oasis within the metropolitan Washington area.

Our journey continues with a walking tour of Clifton, where we will visit several original homes and businesses that are integral to the community's history and development. Each of these sites will feature a sign detailing key events in its past. The walking route covers approximately one mile and includes frequent stops to allow for immersive learning and reflection. To conclude the experience, guests are invited to enjoy lunch at one of Clifton's diverse local eateries.

F26-0924P, Basic Poetry Class**Date:** Sep 24, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Additional dates:** 10/8, 11/5, 12/10**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas**Facilitators:** Alice Mergler, Dottie Ward-Wimmer & Tim Riegner**Desc:** These four sessions are facilitated by Alice Mergler, Dottie Ward-Wimmer, and Tim Riegner. They will take us into poetic foundations: the ABCs of what poetry is and how to begin planting your words like seeds that grow into rhythms, rhymes, stories, and wisdom. We will write and then read each other's work, sometimes silently, sometimes aloud, before discussing it. Often hearing their work read aloud helps writers to understand and enhance their own unique style. Please bring writing materials and join us to meet your inner poet. Newcomers are most welcome.**F26-0928A, Mars 1001: Hylton Planetarium****Date:** Sep 28, 2026, 10:00 – 11:30 am**Loc:** Irene V. Hylton Planetarium, Hylton High School, 14051 Spriggs Rd, Woodbridge**Fee:** \$10 paid in cash at the door**Host:** Anthony C. Kilgore, Planetarium Director**Desc:** MARS 1001 begins with a retrospective by veteran space reporter Miles O'Brien. He's familiar to Americans as the reporter who covered so many missions for CNN and has gone on to serve as an independent science correspondent for PBS NewsHour. In this show, he plays himself from a future perspective. He introduces us to the concepts of the Mars IRIS 1 mission and its 1001-day voyage. Director Robin Sip and his team have painstakingly recreated a mission control, complete with launch team, and Miles reports on the mission's progress from his anchor desk throughout the trip. MARS One Thousand One is a visually beautiful show that brings the reality of Mars exploration to audiences. It's set just far enough in the future to seem real while telling a story that we all hope to see and hear in our lifetimes: a trip to the Red Planet. Planetarium director Tony Kilgore will introduce the video and answer questions.**F26-0928P, Writing Workshop****Date:** Sept 28, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Add'l dates:** 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/02, 11/09, 11/16**Desc:** A rotation of seasoned writers will lead the weekly sessions. Participants will receive inspiration, ideas, examples, and prompts from various sources and will have in-class time to write and share their writing. Each class will include time to learn from, write with, and listen to fellow writers. Our guide for the fall semester will be *Inventing the Truth*, a collection of excerpts from famous memoir writers edited by William Zinsser.**OCTOBER****F26-1001A, The American Civil War: A War of "Firsts"****Date:** Oct 1, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Loc:** Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle**Speaker:** Paul Severance**Desc:** The American Civil War is generally accepted as heralding a new dawn of warfare and is frequently referred to as the first "modern war." To this end, if one takes the time to diligently examine the totality of the conflict, it quickly becomes apparent that the American Civil War indeed spawned an incredible array of innovations, changes in warfare, and advancements in a number of military-related domains. This presentation will focus on a number of unique "Firsts" that the American Civil War introduced to the American military landscape.**F26-1001P, Composer & Songwriter: Cole Porter****Date:** Oct 1, 1:30 – 3:00 pm**Loc:** Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle**Speaker:** Steven Abramowitz**Desc:** Steve Abramowitz's presentation will delve into the early life of Cole Porter, his entrance into the world of Broadway Musicals, what made his music so great, and why Hollywood ultimately produced two movies about his life. Along the way, we will also look at the stars and singers who appeared in his many plays and movies. In addition to success, we will examine a life that was based on secrecy and tragedy. Filled with great film clips and songs from a number of his plays and movies, this will be an informative and highly entertaining presentation. So join us as we learn about another musical legend.**F26-1005A, In Search of the Smallest Thing****Date:** Oct 5, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Additional dates:** 10/12, 10/19, 10/26**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas**Speaker:** Mark Dodge**Desc:** In the final sessions of "The Search for the Smallest Thing", we'll get heavily into subatomic particles. It turns out there are a lot of them, and a lot of them are made of even smaller particles like "quarks". We'll talk about particle accelerators and how they contribute to new discoveries. We'll talk about the Four Fundamental forces that are the foundation of Physics. We'll talk about the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle and how it complicates things. And finally, we'll talk about the Higgs Boson, which is responsible for all the mass in the Universe.**F26-0928P, Writing Workshop****Date:** Oct 5, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Additional dates:** 10/12 10/19, 10/26, 11/02, 11/09, 11/16**Desc:** See Sep 28 for description & location**F26-1007P, Beyond the Outpost - On the Frontlines of Afghanistan, 2003-2007****Date:** Oct 7, 1:30 – 3:00 pm**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church Sanctuary, 8712 Plantation Lane**Speaker:** Ross Berkoff**Desc:** Ross Berkoff delivers a firsthand look into the raw early years of America's conflict in Afghanistan. Through a chronological journey of maps, photos, and personal stories, he places you on the front lines of the US Army's 10th Mountain Division's fight against a rising Taliban insurgency. This presentation goes far beyond strategy to reveal the profound human impact of a turbulent war on both American soldiers and local Afghan tribes.**F26-1008A, Sheriff's Office Presentation & Tour of the Adult Detention Ctr****Date:** Oct 8, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**Loc:** The Adult Detention Center, 9320 Lee Ave, Manassas**Host:** Sheriff Glen Hill**Desc:** Established in 1731, the Prince William County Sheriff's Office provides public safety services to Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. Sheriff Glendell Hill, first elected in 2004, will discuss the office's mission, its role in community safety, and programs serving children and seniors. The presentation will be followed by a guided tour of the Adult Detention Center, offering a unique behind-the-scenes look at a facility that differs greatly from its portrayal on television.

F26-0924P, Basic Poetry Class**Date:** Oct 8, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Additional dates:** 11/5, 12/10**Desc:** See Sep 24 for description and location**F26-1005A, In Search of the Smallest Thing****Date:** Oct 12, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Additional dates:** 10/19, 10/26**Desc:** See Oct 5 for description & location**F26-0928P, Writing Workshop****Date:** Oct 12, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Additional dates:** 10/19, 10/26, 11/02, 11/09, 11/16**Desc:** See Sep 28 for description & location**F26-1014P, Do I Need a Trust or a Will?****Date:** Oct 14, 1:30 – 3:00 pm**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas**Speaker:** Rory Clark, managing partner & founder of the Legacy Elder Law Center**Desc:** Why do some seniors opt for a will when planning their estate, while some choose a trust and others decide they need both? When might a trust serve your own unique situation better than a will? Please join us for an informative class on the differences between these important legal instruments and information on the optimal ways to set up your estate so that your choices are honored.**F26-1016A, Call 911! A Behind-the-Scenes Look****Date:** Oct 16, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Loc:** Manassas Park Community Center, 99 Adams St**Speaker:** Community Outreach Team, PWC Dept of Public Safety Communications**Desc:** What really happens after you dial 911? Who is on the other end of the line? This presentation will introduce you to the Prince William County Department of Public Safety Communications (DPSC) and the trained operators who answer the call. The Community Outreach Team will discuss its function and relationship to the PW County fire and police departments, the fire departments of Manassas City and Manassas Park, and the towns of Haymarket, Occoquan, Dumfries, and Quantico. You will learn what is involved in the hiring and training of the tele-communicators that staff the department, the shifts and hours they work, and typical situations they encounter on a daily basis. They will also discuss when it is appropriate to call 911 and the "SMART911" program that is available free of charge to county residents.**F26-1005A, In Search of the Smallest Thing****Date:** Oct 19, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Additional dates:** 10/26**Desc:** See Oct 5 for description & location**F26-0928P, Writing Workshop****Date:** Oct 19, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Additional dates:** 10/26, 11/02, 11/09, 11/16**Desc:** See Sep 28 for description & location**F26-0922A, Women in the New Testament****Date:** Oct 20, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Additional dates:** 11/17, 12/15**Desc:** See Sep 22 for description and location**F26-1021P, Celebrating Marilyn at 100: The Life & Career of Marilyn Monroe****Date:** Oct 21, 1:30 – 3:00 pm**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, Sanctuary, 8712 Plantation Ln**Speaker:** Eileen Roach**Desc:** Screen goddess Marilyn Monroe was born 100 years ago, yet she continues to fascinate audiences today. If anything, her talent and charisma are more appreciated now than during her heyday in the 1950s and early 1960s. Her extraordinary career and the challenges of her unhappy personal life have been the subject of dozens of biographies as well as plays, movies, television series, even operas. Presenter Eileen Roach will discuss Marilyn's remarkable rise from a sad, difficult childhood to the very peak of American success and pay tribute to her enduring talent through film clips and photographs, some familiar and some not. Please join us for a presentation about this great star, whose magic still endures.**F26-1022A, Puppetry 101****Date:** Oct 22, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Loc:** Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle**Speaker:** Heidi Rugg**Desc:** Join artist Heidi Rugg and the Barefoot Puppet Theatre for a deep dive into the art of puppetry. You will learn the five basic types of puppets (hand, rod, shadow, marionette, and object) in this interactive demonstration. There will be a dash of history, a handful of contemporary examples in how puppetry works in movies and television, plus a pinch of geography to round out this interactive experience.**F26-1023P, Judge Jarvis Returns****Date:** Oct 23, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Loc:** PWC Courthouse, Circuit Court (3rd Floor), 9311 Lee Ave**Speaker:** Judge William Jarvis**Desc:** Judge William Jarvis returns to continue his always popular discussions of topics currently at the forefront of the judicial system. High profile trials, policing practices, and other legal issues are always in the news. How should we look at these headlines? What do we need to know to understand them? Judge Jarvis answers these questions for us, speaking about what he thinks are the important issues, as well as those which you would like to know more about.**F26-1005A, In Search of the Smallest Thing****Date:** Oct 26, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Desc:** See Oct 5 for description & location**F26-0928P, Writing Workshop****Date:** Oct 26, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Additional dates:** 11/02, 11/09, 11/16**Desc:** See Sep 28 for description & location**F26-1028A, The Science of Learning****Date:** Oct 28, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas**Speaker:** Dr. Christine Frank**Desc:** Advances in brain science have transformed our understanding of effective learning. Research shows that the brain remains capable of growth and adaptation throughout life—a capacity known as neuroplasticity—making lifelong learning possible. In this session, Dr. Frank explains how short- and long-term memories are formed and how they influence learning. Participants will explore factors that affect learning, including attention, habits, prior knowledge, and relevance, and gain practical, evidence-based strategies to improve learning outcomes. Grounded in Mind, Brain, and Education (MBE) Science, this presentation combines insights from psychology, neuroscience, and education to translate current research on adult learning into practical, real-world applications.

F26-1029A, History of the English Language**Date:** Oct 29, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Loc:** Manassas Park Community Center, 99 Adams St, Manassas Park**Speaker:** Dr. Douglas Wulf**Desc:** This class will be a chronological journey backwards and forwards in time to examine the development of English from its prehistoric origins, through Old and Middle English, and finally to Modern English and its many dialects. Dr. Wulf will explore ways in which English as a language has developed, including in its phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. We all know how to speak English—come hear him explain the history of what we say every day!**NOVEMBER**

F26-0928P, Writing Workshop**Date:** Nov 2, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Additional dates:** 11/09, 11/16**Desc:** See Sep 28 for description & location**F26-1103A, Books and So Much More****Date:** Nov 3, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas**Speaker:** Matt McClelland, MLIS**Desc:** Matt McClelland, from Haymarket Gainesville Library will discuss many of the digital resources available from Prince William County Libraries. You can expect to receive information on a variety of subjects – from websites that offer eBooks and audiobooks, to digital versions of your favorite magazines, to informational databases, and beyond. Please join us for this very special class and bring any questions you have with you.**F26-1104A, Benedict Arnold: A Tragic Hero****Date:** Nov 4, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Loc:** Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle**Speaker:** Blane Amphthor**Desc:** Most people know Benedict Arnold as the person who betrayed America during the Revolutionary War. More than being a traitor, Arnold was regarded as the best soldier in America. He achieved astounding successes on land and sea, with a naval battle being perhaps his finest performance. Understanding this complex person within the context of the American Revolution is essential to forming an opinion of him and knowing how he changed the course of the Revolutionary War.**F26-1104P, Making Artful Connections Across the Smithsonian****Date:** Nov 4, 1:30 – 3:00 pm**Loc:** Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle**Speaker:** Sara Shoob**Desc:** At a recent visit to the National Zoo to see the baby elephant, presenter Sara Shoob thought about a work of art in the Renwick Gallery's contemporary craft collection. She will guide us through the many connections between artworks in the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) and draw parallels with works and knowledge from other museums, including artifacts at the National Museum of African History and Culture, a flag from the American History Museum, rocks from the National Museum of Natural History, phenomena from the Air and Space Museum, regalia from the National Museum of the American Indian, and more.**F26-0924P, Basic Poetry Class****Date:** Nov 5, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Additional dates:** 12/10**Desc:** See Sep 24 for description and location**F26-0928P, Writing Workshop****Date:** Nov 9, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Additional dates:** 11/16**Desc:** See Sep 28 for description & location**F26-1110A, Advances and Treatments for Breast Cancer****Date:** Nov 10, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas**Speaker:** UVA Physicians, Dr. Ian Greenwalt, MD and Dr. Olivia Ford MD**Desc:** In this class, UVA physicians Dr. Greenwalt and Dr. Olivia Ford will focus on educating the community about breast cancer treatment pathways and reconstruction options, emphasizing empowerment through knowledge. The talk will cover a brief overview of breast cancer and treatment options, the importance of early detection and regular screenings, and breast reconstruction options and advancements, including timing, types and how treatment is customized to each individual. It will also cover available resources and support systems involved in emotional and physical recovery.**F26-1111A, To Swing Through the Sky: Innovation, Freedom, Risk, and Discovery****Date:** Nov 11, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Loc:** Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle**Speakers:** Paul Glenshaw, Rick Davis, and Jim Carroll**Desc:** What do jazz and flight have in common? More than you might imagine. Join Paul Glenshaw, Rick Davis, and Jim Carroll for a behind-the-scenes conversation exploring To Swing Through the Sky, a multimedia presentation connecting the invention of jazz and the invention of human flight. Through music, storytelling, projected imagery, and live performance, the work traces how curiosity, courage, teamwork, and creativity transformed both American music and aviation at the dawn of the twentieth century.

This special LLI class will feature excerpts, discussion, and reflections from the creators behind the Saturday, November 14 performance. Topics include the origins of jazz in New Orleans, the Wright Brothers and early aviation pioneers, Louis Armstrong and Charles Lindbergh, improvisation, risk-taking, and how innovation emerges when people dare to imagine something entirely new. The presentation will also explore larger questions for lifelong learners: How does creativity change society? What role does curiosity play in a meaningful life? Why do art, discovery, and collaboration matter across generations?

NOTE: This class serves as an introduction to the Hylton performance by the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra on the evening of November 14th. The George Mason University's Veterans and the Arts Initiative is proud to provide free tickets for Veterans and service members to the Nov 14th performance. The free tickets are available in person at the Hylton enter Ticket Office with ID (up to two tickets each).

LLI members receive a 20% discount on tickets.

F26-1111P, The Eyes of Buddha: Trekking in Nepal**Date:** Nov 11, 1:30 – 3:00 pm**Location:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane**Speaker:** Marshall Wilson

Desc: Nepal is more than visiting Everest Base Camp. Join LLI member and avid outdoorsman Marshall Wilson as he takes us on the Manaslu Circuit Trek through the Himalayas, including areas considered to be the heart of Himalayan Buddhism and culture. But the trip is more than a trek through majestic mountains. You will also see Kathmandu markets, the hustle and bustle of the city and UNESCO world heritage sites. And beyond Kathmandu is the magical Chitwan National Park teeming with birds, rhinos, tigers, crocodiles, elephants, leopards and bears. A wonderful country with a rich history and friendly people. Even if you have previously trekked in Nepal the diversity in terrain and culture may surprise you. You may even want to plan a trip there on your own!

F26-1112P, LLI Stalks the Big Five in Africa**Date:** Nov 12, 1:30 – 3:00 pm**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas**Speakers:** David and Mary Pace

Desc: This class will discuss David and Mary Pace's visit to Africa in search of the "Big Five" safari animals: lions, leopards, elephants, Cape buffalo, and rhinos. Their quest will take them to South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana, with a stop at Victoria Falls. The climax will be a close-up view of a confrontation between a pride of lions and a herd of elephants protecting their young. Come see how it ended. Note: no animals were harmed in the making of this presentation. Full disclosure: this class was presented to LLI in the Fall of 2019.

F26-0928P, Writing Workshop**Date:** Nov 16, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Desc:** See Sep 28 for description & location**F26-0922A, Women in the New Testament****Date:** Nov 17, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Additional dates:** 12/15**Desc:** See Sep 22 for description and location

DECEMBER

F26-1202A, LLI Manassas Holiday Luncheon**Date:** Dec 2, 11:15 am – 1:30 pm**Loc:** Regency Clubhouse, 15351 Championship Dr, Haymarket

Fee: LLI members pay \$25 at time of registration; guests pay \$35 with LLI member's registration.

Desc: Come for the delicious food, friendships, and holiday spirit, as well as door prizes, and the pever-popular "12 Days of Christmas." There will be a credit card only bar, and we will again ask for donations for the Santa to a Senior program.

F26-1203P, The Benson Rice Storytellers**Date:** Dec 3, 1:30 – 3:00 pm**Loc:** Sudley United Methodist Church, 5308 Sudley Road**Speakers:** The Benson Rice Storytellers

Desc: This class dramatizes a true Civil War story of compassion, reconciliation, and healing. During the aftermath of the First Battle of Bull Run on July 21, 1861, Private John L. Rice of the 2nd New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry was wounded and left behind near Sudley Methodist Church. Amos and Mrs. Benson, members of the church who lived nearby, discovered Rice and nursed him back to health despite the conflict dividing the nation. The Benson-Rice Storytellers will bring this remarkable story to life in Sudley Methodist Church, where the events took place. Through the experiences of John Rice, Amos Benson, and Major General John Newton, participants will learn how an act of kindness helped former enemies reconcile and contributed to healing both a community and a divided nation.

F26-0924P, Basic Poetry Class**Date:** Dec 10, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Desc:** See Sep 24 for description and location**F26-0922A, Women in the New Testament****Date:** Dec 15, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**Desc:** See Sep 22 for description and location**F26-1217A, Holiday Flower Arranging Class****Date:** Dec 17, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**Loc:** Flower Gallery of Manassas, 10816 Sudley Manor Drive**Fee:** \$50, cash, check or credit card at the door.**Host:** Doug Borroughs

Descr: Doug Borroughs will demonstrate how to choose flowers, greenery and other materials for a holiday floral arrangement. He will supply each student with the necessary flowers and materials to arrange to take home and enjoy.

Note: December 4 is the last day to register or cancel. Wait List will be available.

ONGOING

S26-MHJNG, Mah Jongg Club**Date:** Sep 15, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**Additional dates:** Every Tuesday afternoon.**Loc:** Juke Box Diner, 8637 Sudley Rd, Manassas**LLI Coordinator:** Kathy Fowler

Desc: Every Tuesday afternoon, we meet for fun, laughter, and a good time. All levels of experience are welcome, from beginners through master players.

F26-DANCE, Line Dancing Club**Date:** Sep 17, 1:30 – 3:00 pm**Additional dates:** 10/15, 11/19, 12/17**Location:** Bethel Lutheran Church Gym, 8712 Plantation Lane**Host:** Ann Komelasky

Descr: The Line Dancing Club meets once per month on the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. If you attended any of the 3 previous line dance classes, you should be able to join in the fun. We will review all the dances learned and take requests for your favorites. New dances will be taught as time allows. Newbies are welcome.

S26-GAMES, Game Day Club

Date: Sept 18, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Additional dates: Every Friday afternoon

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas

LLI Coordinators: Kathy Hernandez and Julia Martin

Desc: Please join us for a variety of card and board games every Friday afternoon for two hours of fun, laughter, a good time, and a monthly birthday party. All experience levels are welcome.

S26-BOOK, Book Club

Date: Sept 30, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Additional dates: 10/28, 11/18, 12/16

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas

LLI Coordinator: Lianetta Ruetters

Desc: Books, both fiction and non-fiction, are selected by the members who are encouraged to lead a discussion. The discussions are educational, interesting, and fun for all, including those who may not have finished reading the book.

S26-LUNCH, Lunch Club

Date: Oct 2, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Additional dates: 11/6, 12/4

Loc: Juke Box Diner, 8637 Sudley Rd, Manassas

LLI Coordinator: Mary Foster

Desc: The Lunch Club invites LLI members to enjoy a meal together and become better acquainted with each other. There is no planned program or topic. Wear your nametag and learn the names of your tablemates. Participants pay for their own lunch.

For a detailed description of classes and club activities, including names of the coordinators, refer to the Fall 2026 Program Guide on the website at www.lli-manassas.org/fall2026

Have a friend who may be interested in joining LLI but is not yet ready to commit? All classes held at Hylton Performing Arts Center, including those on September 23, October 1, October 22, November 4 & November 11 **are open to the public.**

Invite a friend, invite a neighbor, introduce them to LLI and the fun that can be had when learning something new with a group of fun people.



NOTES:



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LLI-MANASSAS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership dues areas follows:

- \$125 if joining or renewing in the fall. This covers participation for two consecutive semesters (Fall and Spring).
- \$75 if joining or renewing in January. This covers the Spring semester only.

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Last Name: _____

Preferred LLI Badge Name: _____

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- Photographs: By becoming a member of LLI and participating in classes and other activities, you may be photographed and your picture may appear in our publications or on our website.

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