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Manassas

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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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 **January 13**
www.lli-manassas.org



2. In-person registration **January 15**
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 Spring 2025 Program Guide on the website at www.lli-manassas.org/spring2025

SPRING 2025 PROGRAM GUIDE

Spring Semester 2025

January 13 to June 30

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?

\$75 if joining in January. This covers the Spring 2025 semester only. Must renew (\$125) in September.

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, January 15, 1:30 to 3:00 pm, at Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. Or send us an email: llimanassas@gmail.com.

JANUARY

S25-0115P, Spring Kick-off Social

Date: Jan 15, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Loc: Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Cir

Descr: Come out and meet other members, learn about our classes and clubs, win some door prizes, get help with our website or class registration, and enjoy light refreshments. Members please register, and guests are welcome.

LLI Coordinator: Karla Anzzolin

S25-0121A, Planetarium Program: History of the Space Age

Date: Jan 21, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Loc: Irene V. Hylton Planetarium, inside C.D. Hylton High School, Woodbridge

Fee: \$10 paid in cash at the door. Members only.

Descr: Sit back and enjoy the fascinating story of the space age – from the launch of the first artificial satellite, Sputnik, to magnificent lunar landings and privately operated space flights. Be immersed in and overwhelmed by this accurate historic reconstruction of humanity's first steps into space. All while you are comfortably seated in our very own local planetarium!

Speaker: Anthony C. Kilgore, Planetarium Director

S25-0123P, LLI-101, Meet and Greet

Date: Jan 23, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Loc: Trinity Episcopal Church, 9325 West Street

Descr: Meet new and old members while learning more about all that LLI has to offer. We'll discuss our history, how we're organized, and our general policies. We'll talk about our class offerings—40+ programs, our four clubs and social activities. Find out how you can use your time and talents to get involved! Light refreshments.

LLI Coordinators: Charlene Miller and Donna Leahy

S25-0127A, The Passion Narrative in the Gospel of Mark

Dates: Jan. 27, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. **Additional Dates:** Feb 10, March 10, and April 14.

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: In this four-series class Father Jim Hughes will present an in-depth discussion of the very important gospel of Mark in the New Testament. Learn about the different chapters in the gospel, when they were written and how it all fits together in the overall Passion Narrative.

LLI Coordinator: Nancy Osborne

FEBRUARY

S25-0204A, How to Use the Library Without Leaving Home!

Date: Feb 4, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Loc: MakerSpace Room, PWC Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave

Descr: Learn about all the free learning opportunities provided on Prince William Public Library's Digital Library platform, including different applications you can use online to learn a language, complete a craft, watch movies, read and/or listen to books, and more! Visit the Bull Run Makerspace and see all the many different tools that can be used to create something new.

LLI Coordinator: Desiree Wolfe

S25-0206A, St. Benedict Monastery: BEACON for English Language & Literacy Presentation & Monastery Tour

Date: Feb 6, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Loc: 9535 Linton Hall Road, Bristow

Descr: How hard would it be to get through the day without the ability to read, write, and speak English? BEACON is a community-based literacy program that empowers adult learners, especially immigrants, with English, basic literacy, and workforce skills. BEACON is a secular ministry of The Benedictine Sisters of Virginia. We will also enjoy a guided tour of the Benedictine monastery.

Speaker: Jennifer Katac, Executive Director

S25-0127A, The Passion Narrative in the Gospel of Mark

Dates: Feb 10, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. **Additional Dates:** March 10, and April 14

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: Second of four classes. See Jan 27 listing for details.

S25-0212A, Senior Lifestyle Transitions

Date: Feb 12, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: Are you thinking of transitioning into senior living? How do you downsize from a house to something less complicated? Learn about housing options, home adaptations, health care, financial considerations, legal issues, and questions involved in selling your home as part of downsizing.

Speaker: Dan Radtke

S25-0213P, In the Time of The Butterflies

Dates: Feb 13, 1:30 to 3:00 pm. **Additional Dates:** Feb 20, 27 and March 6.

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: The book, *In the Time of Butterflies*, by Julia Alvarez, is a work of historical fiction based on the true story of the four Mirabal sisters who fought for freedom from the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo in the mid to late 20th century in the Dominican Republic. The last two weeks of class will include a viewing of the movie based on the novel. Participants are encouraged to read the novel prior to class.

Speaker: Ligia Glass

S25-0217A, Brazil's Musical Evolution with Dr. Juan Megna

Date: Feb 17, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Loc: Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Cir

Descr: This class offers an engaging exploration of Brazil's rich musical evolution, from the roots of samba, related to the influence of African religious music, to the global impact of Bossa Nova. The audience will trace the development of the samba, its cultural significance, and its transformation in the mid-20th century, leading to the rise of Bossa Nova as an international phenomenon. The class includes performance demonstrations, showcasing the rhythms and styles that defined these genres, along with participatory moments where the audience can engage with the music through movement and rhythm exercises. This interactive experience provides a deeper understanding of Brazil's musical heritage and its global influence.

Speaker: Dr. Juan Megna

Biography: Juan Megna is a dynamic drummer and percussionist based in Washington, D.C., renowned for his ability to seamlessly blend Afro-Brazilian rhythms with jazz, Argentine milongas, and chacareras. A seasoned performer, he has shared the stage and recorded with renowned musicians

such as Tedd Baker, Michael Bowie, Shawn Purcell, and top Brazilian artists including Vinicius Dorim, Rubinho Antunes, and Bruno Manguera. In 2017, Juan founded The Juan Megna Group, creating a unique repertoire that fuses original compositions with jazz and Latin rhythms. An accomplished educator, Juan lectures at Catholic University's Rome School of Music and leads the award-winning Latin American Ensemble at George Mason University. As a clinician, Juan's expertise is highlighted in performances and workshops such as "The Brazilian 16th-note phrasing through Cabula rhythm, Samba, and Bossa Nova," presented at the Jazz Education Network conference in New Orleans. His performances showcase a deep mastery of Brazilian percussion and rhythm, creating immersive experiences that allow audiences to feel the pulse of these vibrant musical traditions.
LLI Coordinator: Ann Cain

S25-0219A, The Indianapolis 500: History, Tradition and the Greatest Spectacle in Racing

Date: Feb 19, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Loc: Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Cir
Descr: The Indianapolis 500, an annual Memorial Day tradition, is famous. However, there is much more to learn—its rich history, tragedy, triumph, personalities, and traditions for more than 100 years have made it an American cultural icon. In this class, you will learn the back story of what is called The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.
Speaker: Blane Amphor

S25-0219P, Civil War: Battle of Ball's Bluff

Date: Feb 19, 1:30 to 3:00 pm
Loc: Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Cir
Descr: The Civil War Battle of Ball's Bluff was fought near Leesburg, Virginia in 1861. Compared with later battles such as Antietam or Gettysburg, the casualty count was small. But because it occurred early in the war, and because it was a debacle that followed other Union defeats, the impact of this fight would be felt throughout the war. This presentation will outline the military situation in northern Virginia in 1861, detail the battle itself, and discuss the long-term results of the battle.
Speaker: Mike Devine

S25-0220A, The Consequences of a Traffic Ticket in Virginia

Date: Feb 20, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane
Descr: Think the punishment for that traffic violation is just a fine? Think again! In this presentation, you will learn about the many (often overlooked) consequences of traffic convictions in Virginia. For example, did you know that a bad driving record can prevent a person from obtaining life insurance, or that the DMV could restrict the driving privileges of older drivers because of traffic offenses?
Speaker: Jean Humbrecht

S25-0213P, In the Time of The Butterflies

Dates: Feb 20, 1:30 to 3:00 pm. **Additional Dates:** Feb 27 and March 6.
Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane
Descr: Second of four classes. See Feb 13 listing for details.

S25-0224A, A Spanish settlement in Virginia decades before Jamestown

Date: Feb 24, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Loc: St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 12809 Valleywood Dr, Lake Ridge
Descr: In 1570, a small band of 9 Spanish Jesuit missionaries arrived in Virginia's Tidewater region to begin the evangelization of the indigenous people. The Jesuits learned that the area had suffered from famine for several years., but despite the perilous conditions, their leader, Father Juan Baptista de Segura, insisted on staying to serve the natives. Learn about the tragic outcome and how these courageous priests are honored today. NOTE: this will be a joint program for LLI and for parishioners of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.
Speaker: Fr. Andrew J. Fisher

S25-0225A, Chiropractic: Is It All It's Cracked Up to Be?

Date: Feb 25, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane
Descr: Have you ever been confused about which medical treatment is right for you? In this class we will dive into different modalities such as physical therapy and acupuncture, focusing heavily on chiropractic and how it is different from the others, as well as determining how to decide which way to go when the time comes. Learn some simple techniques for improving balance and strength as we age to keep us mobile and thriving into our golden age.
Speaker: Dr. Kyle Bloch

S25-0213P, In the Time of The Butterflies

Dates: Feb 27, 1:30 to 3:00 pm. **Additional Date:** March 6.
Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane
Descr: Third of four classes. See Feb 13 listing for details.

MARCH

S25-0304A, The Mid County Civic Association of Prince William

Date: March 4, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane
Descr: Mid County Civic Association (MIDCO) president Martin Jeter will provide a brief look at the history and operation of MIDCO and spotlight some of the group's past projects and issues. Since 2005, the Mid County Civic Association (MIDCO) has been providing transparency for the community on land use and transportation projects and advocating for environmental protection; sustainable land use, and protection of historical assets. It is an independent non-profit citizen-led organization governed by a board of directors.
LLI Coordinator: Valerie Kenyon Gaffney

S25-0305A, Very Promising New Advances and Treatments for Breast Cancer

Date: March 5, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane
Descr: UVA physicians Dr. Ian T. Greenwalt and Dr. Olivia Abbate Ford will focus on educating the community about breast cancer. Topics include a brief overview of breast cancer and treatment options, the importance of early detection and regular screenings, breast reconstruction options and advancements- including timing, types, and how treatment is customized to each individual and emotional and physical recovery. Available resources and support systems will also be shared, followed by time for questions and answers.
LLI Coordinator: Kelly Espy

S25-0213P, In the Time of The Butterflies

Dates: March 6, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: Fourth of four classes. See Feb 13 listing for details.

S25-0127A, The Passion Narrative in the Gospel of Mark

Dates: March 10, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. **Additional Date:** April 14

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: Third of four classes. See Jan 27 listing for details.

S25-0310P, Writing Workshop

Dates: March 10,17,24,31, April 7,14,21,28; 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: A rotation of seasoned writers will facilitate 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. Positive feedback will let writers know what they have created and crafted well, so they can build on their strengths in future self-chosen pieces. Each class will include time to learn from, write with, and listen to fellow writers. Please come with ideas and materials for writing.

LLI Coordinator: Elizabeth Crawford

S25-0312A, Photography Tales of South Dakota

Date: March 12, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: Louise Noyes is back in 2025 with more photography tales. This class will focus on both wildlife and landscapes of South Dakota. Drawn to a landscape workshop in the Badlands, Louise capitalized on the opportunity for a side visit to Custer State Park, renowned for its flora and fauna. Join her for an in-depth view of this often-overlooked region of our country.

LLI Coordinator: Karen Waltman

S25-0313P, An Introduction to the Joy of Poetry

Date: March 13, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: Join us for two hours of playing with words. Together, we will discover the joy of writing and of hearing your words read aloud (if you choose to participate). Poems are invitations . . . for feelings, for memories, and for wonderings. We'll start by looking at some simple poetic forms, and the rest of our workshop will be trying them on to see what fits. You might even write a song! You're not a poet? That's OK. Maybe you're just not a poet . . . yet.

Speakers/Hosts: Alice Mergler and Dottie Ward-Wimmer

S25-0319A, The Story of the USS Houston and Her Survivors' POW Experiences

Date: March 19, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Loc: Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Cir

Descr: The USS Houston (CA-30) was a World War II heavy cruiser with a distinguished wartime record in the Pacific theater. During the 1942 Battle of the Sunda Strait, she was torpedoed and sunk with the loss of nearly 700 of her crew. Survivors captured by the Japanese were subjected to horrendous conditions in prison camps for the remainder of the war, including being used as slave labor in the construction of the "Burma-Thailand Death Railway," depicted in the epic 1957 movie, Bridge on the River Kwai. The presenter's father

was a surviving crew member.

Speaker: John K Schwarz

S25-0319P, The Civil War in Statuary Hall

Date: March 19, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Loc: Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Cir

Descr: In the hallowed halls of the U.S. Capitol, a quiet revolution is unfolding. Statuary Hall, conceived during the tumultuous days of the Civil War, has become the latest battleground in America's ongoing struggle to define its history and heroes. As the nation grapples with its complex past, learn about the fascinating and often contentious process of re-imagining America's pantheon of heroes.

Speaker: Gene Schmiel

S25-0320P, Virginia's Lost Appalachian Trail

Date: March 20, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: For more than two decades hikers on the Appalachian Trail in Virginia walked through some of the most beautiful landscapes of the southern mountains. Then, in 1952, the Appalachian Trail Conference moved the trail more than 50 miles to the west. Many sites and opportunities for exploration were lost in the move. Our speaker will share his research and the fascinating stories of the events that led to the move and of the people and places left behind.

Speaker: Dr. Mills Kelly

S25-0324A, How Airplanes Fly

Dates: March 24, 10:30 am to 12 pm. **Additional Date:** March 31.

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: The largest commercial airplane in the world, the Airbus A380, can weigh 1,265,000 pounds when it takes off. How on earth can something that big and heavy fly? This course answers that question and many more. Topics include discussion of theories and principles-along with demonstrations to aid in our understanding. You will also be able to touch some human-sized airplane wings and learn about how propellers fly and jet engines work.

Speaker: Mark Dodge

S25-0327P, 1939: Hollywood's Golden Year

Date: March 27, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation

Descr: Film historians, critics, and classic movie fans have long considered 1939 to be the high point of Hollywood's studio era. In addition to classics Gone with the Wind and The Wizard of Oz, 1939 produced a plethora of movies that remain beloved today: Dark Victory, Stagecoach, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, Wuthering Heights, Ninotchka, and literally dozens more. This presentation will feature clips of favorite films, anecdotes about their stars and creators, and a consideration of how 1939 fostered this remarkable crop of movies that continues to resonate with us today.

Speaker: Eileen Roach

S25-0328A, "Write On!"**Date:** March 28, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm**Loc:** Trinity Episcopal Church, 9325 West Street**Descr.** At 72, our speaker has discovered something that anyone who does crossword puzzles already knows: working with words helps you retain and improve cognitive skills. As the author of the Old Town Loves Mystery series for 7 years, he advocates keeping personal journals and finding your "voice" in writing, whether it's romance, science fiction, historical fiction or mystery! In addition, he will discuss how the books—writing, publishing, and marketing—have enlivened him beyond his imagination.**Speaker:** John Wasowicz**S25-0324A, How Airplanes Fly****Date:** March 31, 10:30 am to 12 pm**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane**Descr.** Second of two classes. See March 24 listing for details.**APRIL****S25-0402P, Growing Discontented: Women Patriots in the Founding Era****Date:** April 2, 1:30 to 3:00 pm**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane**Descr.** This class will look at the role of women patriots during the Founding Era and how their growing discontent affected their male counterparts. Did women influence the men who declared independence and wrote the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution? If so, in what way?**Speaker:** Dr. Lawrence Howard**S25-0403A, Spam, Scams, and Breaches****Date:** April 3, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane**Descr.** Cybersecurity has gained increasing coverage in the news, with constant warnings about how to protect the public from the latest cyber threats. The focus of this class will be protecting your privacy from spam, scams, and breaches. Every day there are new and more complicated threats. Don't miss this informative program on cybersecurity and how to recognize and report threats to your computer and personally identifiable information.**Speaker:** Andrew Hayter**S25-0409A, Annual Membership Business Meeting & Luncheon****Date:** April 9, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

LAST DATE TO SIGN UP or CANCEL is March 19.

Loc: Regency Clubhouse, 15351 Championship Drive, Haymarket**Descr.** The annual Membership Meeting is your opportunity to learn about the current "state of LLI" and vote for candidates for our LLI Board of Directors. The complimentary luncheon is for LLI members only, and you must be registered in advance. Sign-in begins at 10:30 am, the business meeting starts at 11:15. Luncheon begins at 12 pm.

Contact LLI Coordinator Karla Anzzolin for more information.

S25-0410P, Costa Rica – a Road Scholar Adventure**Date:** April 10, 1:30 to 3:00 pm**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church (sanctuary), 8712 Plantation Lane**Descr.** Costa Rica is a popular vacation destination for its natural beauty, biodiversity, and adventure opportunities. With lush rainforests, stunning beaches on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and dramatic volcanoes, the country is an eco-tourism paradise. Come along on a tour as we explore this beautiful country – its land, its wildlife, and the culture of its people who embrace the "Pura Vida" lifestyle**LLI Coordinator and Speaker:** Mike Ahern**S25-0411A, Smart Moves Are Good Moves****Date:** April 11, 10:30 to 11:30 am**Loc:** Freedom Aquatic & Fitness Center, 9100 Freedom Center Blvd**Descr.** Smart Moves is an exercise class where you will learn the necessary steps to continue "aging in place" in the most productive way. The class will help you build strength and endurance and help with balance and flexibility. You will be taught standing, but chairs will be available for balance. This program will take place at the Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center in Manassas, where parking is readily available. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing.**LLI Coordinator:** Kelly Espy**S25-0127A, The Passion Narrative in the Gospel of Mark****Dates:** April 14, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane**Descr.** Final of four classes. See Jan 27 listing for details.**S25-0415A, Economic Development: Why Some Countries Are Rich and Others Are Poor****Dates:** April 15, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. **Additional Date:** April 22.**Loc:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane**Descr.** In this class we will explore the various explanations or theories that have been used to describe economic developments in different times and places. Why are some countries rich and some not? What impact did WWII have on the economics of countries? Was it the availability of natural resources, cultural and religious traditions, political and social institutions, market structures and incentives, or European colonialism? What seems to matter the most?**Speaker:** Mitch Rachlis**S25-0416A, Rodgers & Hammerstein: The Kings of Broadway****Date:** April 16, 10:00 to 11:45 am**Loc:** Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Cir**Descr.** Often considered one of the greatest musical teams ever, this class will examine their early careers before becoming a team, the rise to success on the Broadway stage, and how they ultimately became a duo and changed the face of musicals. The class also includes numerous film clips including many great songs from their plays including Oklahoma, Carousel, South Pacific, and others; and information about the actors and actresses appearing in both the plays and movies.**Speaker:** Steve Abramowitz

S25-0416P, A Resilient Response to Genocide: Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village, Rwanda

Date: April 16, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Loc: Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Cir
Descr: Planting seeds of hope in a soil of human suffering, the Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village opened in 2008. More than 500 orphaned and vulnerable teenagers live there in homes run by Rwandan women who lost family members, sometimes entire families, in the genocide. In this class, you will find out what, how and why through photos, stories, music, and heartfelt humor, as Phyllis Lerner brings the Village to us!

LLI Coordinator: Karen Waltman

S25-0415A, Economic Development: Why Some Countries Are Rich and Others Are Poor

Dates: April 22, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane
Descr: Final of two classes. See April 15 listing for details.

S25-0425P, Judge Jarvis Returns

Date: April 25, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Loc: Prince William County Courthouse, 9311 Lee Avenue, 3rd Floor, Courtroom 4

Descr: Judge William Jarvis returns to continuing his 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.

LLI Coordinator: Craig Johnston

S25-0428A, Local Family Cemeteries

Date: April 28, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane
Descr: Local family cemeteries are scattered around the area that was once small farms or even plantation homes. David Cuff will share information about cemeteries from their popular time frame to typical layout, best practices for documentation and maintenance, and details on a few restorations performed on local cemeteries. The presentation will include a slideshow of pictures of notable and interesting cemeteries.

LLI Coordinator: Karen Waltman

MAY

S25-0507P, LLI Goes to Jordan and Egypt

Date: May 7, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane
Descr: Hear about a recent exciting trip to Jordan and Egypt from two of our LLI members. Highlights included floating in the Dead Sea, exploring Old Cairo, climbing on the pyramids, walking through the Valley of the Kings, visiting 5000-year-old Egyptian temples, dance with Nubians, riding a boat on the Nile, and much more. Begin planning your own trip!

LLI Coordinator and Speaker: David Pace

S25-0509A, To See Is to Think—Exploring Elements of Art

Date: May 9, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Loc: Manassas Park Community Center, 99 Adams Street
Descr: Learn new ways of looking at and responding to art.

Looking at art requires close examination, discussion, and thinking. Artists create basic elements: line, shape, color, value, form, texture, and space. We will focus on the individual elements of various pieces and then examine how they are unified to create effective compositions. Some of the newest acquisitions in the Smithsonian American Art Museum's collection will be discussed.

Speaker: Sara Shoob

S25-0514A, Cruise to St. Michaels

Date: May 14, 8:00 am to 6:45 pm

Loc: Your choice of two bus pickup locations:

- **Manassas,** 8:00 am at Walmart, 9401 Liberia Ave, parking lot on right, close to WaWa.
- **Woodbridge.** 9:45 am at Featherstone Shopping Ctr, 14527 Richmond Hwy. rear of McDonald's.

Advance sign up required. Fee: \$220

Descr: Ahoy, Mates! A bus will take us to Annapolis, Maryland, where we will board a Watermark ship, cruise across the Chesapeake Bay to St. Michaels on Maryland's Eastern Shore, and enjoy a leisurely, narrated boat ride with panoramic views of the Bay along with beverages and snacks available for purchase. With about three hours ashore, we will enjoy an included lunch at the Crab Claw Restaurant. Then time to explore boutique shopping and historic sites that this quaint historic village has to offer. **Please see the online program guide for deadlines, payment and additional details of the trip.**

LLI Coordinator: David Pace

S25-0515P, Celebrating the Armed Forces Through Music

Date: May 15, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Loc: Hylton Performing Arts Ctr, 10960 George Mason Cir
Descr: In advance of the American Festival Pops Orchestra: Armed Forces Day Celebration performance, join Peter Wilson, conductor of the American Festival Pops Orchestra, and Niyati Dhokai, program director for the Veterans and the Arts Initiative at George Mason University, for a discussion about the impact that music has had on the military.

Speakers: Peter Wilson and Dr. Niyali Dhokai
Biographies: Peter Wilson is an engaging and multifaceted violinist, conductor, arranger, and composer, whose artistry has been noted as "first-class" by The Washington Post. He is the former senior enlisted music advisor to The White House, where he led countless ensembles and performed for 30 years as a Marine violinist in direct support of five presidents. Peter currently serves as music director of the Richmond Philharmonic and The American Prize-winning Waynesboro Symphony Orchestras in Virginia as well as artistic director and conductor of the American Festival Pops Orchestra in the National Capital Region. He began his career as concertmaster of the Walt Disney World Orchestra, has conducted the National Symphony and National Gallery of Art Orchestras and holds degrees from Northwestern and Catholic University, where he earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree. A Cleveland native, he began studying violin at age two, later moving to Morgantown, West Virginia, where he became the first musician ever to receive the Governor's Award for Exceptional Achievement in the Arts.

Dr. Niyati Dhokai is a research associate professor in the College of Visual and Performing Arts at George Mason University, and she also serves as program director for the Veterans and the Arts Initiative at the Hylton Performing

Arts Center. In recognition of her work, Dr. Dhokai is the 2018 recipient of the Change Maker of the Year award from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services and the 2018 recipient of George Mason University's Jack Wood Award for Town Gown Relations in the faculty/staff category. Prior to joining the faculty at GMU, she worked with veterans and service members recovering from injuries in post-acute neurorehabilitation in the Washington D.C. metro area by designing and facilitating music activities to support community integration. She has a bachelor's degree in music from George Mason University, and she completed her master's and doctorate in music (Ethnomusicology) from the University of Alberta (Canada), where her doctoral dissertation research was supported by a Fulbright grant to study in India.

LLI Coordinator: Ann Cain

LLI members receive a 20% discount on tickets for American Festival Pops Orchestra: Armed Forces Day Celebration. Saturday, May. 17 at 8 p.m.

ONGOING

S25-Monthly Book Club

Dates: Jan 29, Feb 26, Mar 26, April 30, May 28, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: Books, both fiction and non-fiction, are selected by the members, usually one or two months in advance. Members are encouraged to lead a discussion. The discussions are educational, interesting, and fun for all, including those who may not have finished reading the current book. The club meets on the LAST Wednesday afternoon of each month.

LLI Coordinator: Lianetta Ruetters

S25-Weekly Game Day Club

Dates: Every Friday beginning Jan. 17, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Loc: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane

Descr: If you like to play games, please join us for a variety of card and board games every Friday afternoon for two hours of FUN, laughter and a good time. All levels of experience are welcome. For more information, contact Kathy Hernandez.

LLI Coordinator: Kathy Hernandez

S25-Monthly Lunch Club

Dates: First Friday of the month; Feb 7, March 7, April 4, May 2. Noon to 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Loc: Juke Box Diner, 8637 Sudley Road

Descr: The Lunch Club invites LLI members to enjoy a meal together and become better acquainted with other members. There is no planned program or topic; we just chat about anything that comes to mind. Participants pay for their own lunches.

LLI Coordinator: Mary Foster

S25-Weekly Mah Jongg Club

Dates: Jan 14, 1:30 to 3:30 pm and then every Tuesday, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Loc: Juke Box Diner, 8637 Sudley Road

Descr: Every Tuesday afternoon, we meet for fun, laughter, and a good time. All levels of experience are welcome from beginners through master players. For more information, contact Kathy Fowler.

LLI Coordinator: Kathy Fowler

For a detailed description of classes and club activities, including names of the coordinators, refer to the Spring 2025 Program Guide on the website at www.lli-manassas.org/spring2025

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 February 17, February 19, March 19, & April 16 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.



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LLI-MANASSAS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership dues are as follows:

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

First Name: _____ MI: _____

Last Name: _____

Preferred LLI Badge Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Your personal information will not be shared or sold to anyone outside the LLI-Manassas organization.
- 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.

Mail with check to: LLI-Manassas, PO Box 284, Haymarket, VA 20168