

Learning Is ForEver
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Learning Is ForEver/LIFE is a non-profit organization located in Pierce County, Washington. We offer educational classes for active retirees (ages fifty and up), with the belief that learning throughout life brings multiple benefits.

LIFE is affiliated with Pacific Lutheran University, working with the office of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education.

We are associated with Road Scholar’s network of Lifelong Learning Institutes, which has over 400 unique and independent LLI across North America.

Information about LIFE may be found at **www.plu.edu/liferoadscholar**

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Fall Quarter 2016

September, October, November, December

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1.) Fall Kick-off Event with Potluck Lunch **Buccaneers, Brigands and Bandits**

Date: Wednesday, September 7th

Time: 10:30 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Location: Pierce County Library's Processing and Administrative Center
3005 -112th Street East
Tacoma, WA 98446 (near Waller Road)

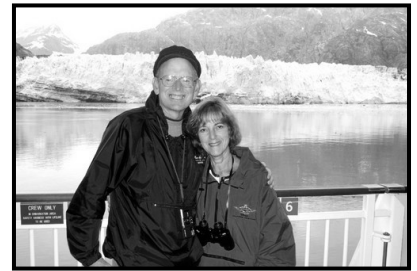
Class Fee: \$10.00 **plus** a dish to share.

Bette Catlin will organize the potluck meal—call (253) 846-0354.

Walk-in's are welcomed at this event.

Presenters: John and Donna Mollan

Facilitator: Gene Giannobile (253) 531-9037 / dgg2504@comcast.net



"Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me!" How much do we really know about these legendary cutthroats who roamed the Seven Seas? Come and experience the myths and realities of pirates as they existed in the past and present. We will also learn how to Talk Like a Pirate... this program is rated ARRR!

John and Donna Mollan -Returning to LIFE to give one of their multimedia shows from cruise ship talks and at various theaters worldwide. Entitled "Buccaneers, Brigands and Bandits" this presentation is always a hit with their audiences. The Mollan's have decades of teaching experience at both public school and university levels. They are world travelers and writers and they invite you to join them at what they call an "edu-taining" show.

2.) Exploring the Wonders of the Universe

Date: Wednesday, September 14th

Time: 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Location: Starry Hill Observatory and Planetarium

Class Fee: \$15.00

Presenters: Gracie and Tom Pauly

Class Facilitator: Bette Catlin - (253) 846-0354



Note: Due to very limited space, pre-registered students only – **limited to 24**. You will be contacted by phone for ride-sharing information, and directions to the observatory near Eatonville.

If you'd like to travel beyond our universe (at least virtually), please join us on this tour of Starry Hill Observatory and Planetarium! We will start with an immersive planetarium show entitled "Cool Space" which explores our unique universe. Moving on, we will take a tour of the observatory and learn about telescopes and astrophotography under the dome. If it's a clear day, we may be able to view the sun through a solar scope.

Starry Hill is a non-profit, private foundation, dedicated to astronomy education and stargazing activities. It is owned and operated by Gracie and Tom Pauly, former classroom teachers, who share a passion for connecting students with the wonders of the night skies. Gracie is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University, and Tom, the University of Washington. www.starryhill.org

In appreciation for the Pauly's time, LIFE will make a donation to Starry Hill to further its outreach to the community.

3.) Behind the Exhibits– Research Center of WA State Historical Society

Date: Friday, September 23rd

Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: WSHS Research Center

315 North Stadium Way Tacoma, 98403

Class Fee: \$15.00

Presenters: Lynette Miller, Head of Collections
and Historical Society Docents

Class Facilitator: Lynn Gracey- (253) 582-1992 / lgracey62@yahoo.com

Note: **Limited to 25 participants.** Pre-registration is recommend, as last-minute spaces may be available, but are not guaranteed.

On October 8, 1891, a small group of people in Tacoma founded the Washington State Historical Society, to preserve the "traditional record and object history of Washington" before those who made that history were gone.



Today, WSHS provides public access to historical archives, special collections, digital collections and research library, while also serving as the principal repository for the Society's collections.

During this tour, we will be guided through three rooms of the Research Center-
Special Collections, Native American, and Oversized

A glimpse of the items we will see—posters from the Alaska-Pacific exposition; early photos of the Puget Sound region; Ezra Meeker's covered wagon; the first auto in Washington; original native carved canoe and totem.

Learning Is ForEver will make a donation to the Washington State Historical Society.

4.) 3D Printing in Action

Date: Tuesday, October 4th

Time: 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

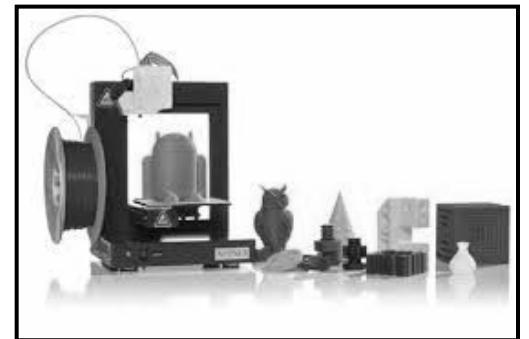
Location: Gig Harbor Branch of Pierce County Library

4424 Point Fosdick Drive W. Gig Harbor 98335

Class Fee: \$15.00

Presenter: Adam Jackman

Class Facilitator: Marilee Titus- (253) 588-0498
matitus@comcast.net



Come learn about 3D printing, it's past, present and future. 3D or additive manufacturing (AM), refers to various processes used to synthesize a three-dimensional object. Each of these layers can be seen as a thinly sliced horizontal cross-section of the completed object. If you want to see with your own eyes this amazing type of printer at work, this is the program for you!

Adam Jackman has been an Adult Services Librarian at the Gig Harbor branch of the Pierce County Library System for nine years. He has taught 3D printing classes at the Gig Harbor branch since 2014, when it became the first library in Washington State to own a 3D printer.

At Mr. Jackman's request, LIFE will donate his honorarium to the Friends of the Gig Harbor Library.

Note: Without a GoodToGo pass, the Narrows Bridge toll is \$6.00 cash. Contact Marilee to inquire about the possibility of a carpool by Sunday evening, October 2nd.

5.) Making Sense of the 2016 Presidential Election

Date: Wednesday, October 26th

Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Location: PLU Campus, Anderson University Center, Room 214 B

Parking Pass Required *

Class Fee: \$15.00

Presenter: Dr. Sid Olufs

Class Facilitator: Barbara Pick—dwp0129@comcast.net / (253) 564-0153

LIFE welcomes returning speaker, Dr. Olufs. In this lecture, he will attempt to answer these questions: What do social scientists have to contribute to our understanding of elections? Is this presidential election really atypical? In addition, we will discuss questions and ideas of attendees.

Sid Olufs, Ph.D.- A UW Husky, Sid continued his studies at Pennsylvania State University earning his doctorate, then moved to teach at University of Montana. A Professor of Politics and Government at Pacific Lutheran University since 1982, his writing and research interests include public policy and political philosophy.

*Note: As this class will be held on campus, please remember to place the parking pass on your vehicle's dash. You may use any PLU lot- the closest to the University Center are found along Park Avenue South and 122nd Street South.



6.) The Middle East in Turmoil: From the Arab Spring to Syrian Refugees and ISIS

Date: Tuesday, November 1st

Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Location: PLU Campus, Morken Center, Room 103. Parking Pass Required.*

Class Fee: \$15.00

Presenter: Dr. Steve Niva

Class Facilitator: Gene Giannobile dgg2504@comcast.net / (253) 531-9037



Five years ago the people rose up against dictatorships in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and elsewhere, giving hope for a new democratic Middle East. Today the region appears to be unraveling with brutal civil wars in Syria, Libya and Yemen, with a flood of refugees fleeing to Europe and the rise of the terrorist group ISIS in Iraq and Syria that has launched attacks on Europe and the United States. What happened? In this talk, Dr. Niva will explain how the democracy uprisings in the region gave way to civil wars and turmoil, creating space for new groups like ISIS to fill the vacuum. He will provide an overview of the Syrian civil war and how this created the largest refugee crisis in recent history. He will explain the nature and rise of ISIS in Iraq and Syria. And he will provide an overview of how the American-led coalition is seeking to roll back ISIS in Iraq and Syria at this time.

Steve Niva, Ph.D. teaches Middle East Studies at Evergreen State College. He received his B.A. from the University of Virginia and his Ph.D. from Columbia University in Political Science/International Relations. He has lived and worked in the Middle East on numerous occasions, and frequently leads tours to Egypt, Turkey and to Israel and the Palestinian Territories. His primary areas of research and writing includes war and terrorism in the Middle East; U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East; and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He has written and served on the editorial board of *Middle East Report* magazine (www.merip.org).

*Note: This class will be held on the lower west side of campus, near Olson Auditorium & 10th Ave. S. Please remember to place the campus parking pass on your vehicle's dash.

7.) Exotic, Chaotic, and Colorful Travels in India

Date: Wednesday, November 16th

Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Location: PLU Campus, Anderson University Center, Room 201

Parking Pass Required*

Class Fee: \$15.00

Presenter: Kristine Countryman

Class Facilitator: Barbara Pick dwp0129@comcast.net / (253) 564-0153



Our speaker will take us on a photo journey to exotic, chaotic, and colorful India. We will start in the vast markets and shrines of Delhi. Then taking a bus to the far reaches of Rajasthan, we explore the historic palaces and desert forts filled with treasures of the maharajahs. Lastly, we will travel to the south and wander through the temples, spice plantations, beaches and backwaters of Kerala. On her trips to India, our speaker has experienced a variety of lodgings -from heritage hotels to simple home dwellings- so she can address accommodations in a range of comfort levels.

Kristine Countryman -An Adult Services Librarian at the University Place Library, Kristine has developed photo journal programs from her travels to Turkey, India and England. A graduate of UT Austin's School of Communication, Kristine earned a B.A. in English Literature from UW in 1990, with a focus on 19th Century British Literature. Returning to Austin, she earned her Master's in Library Science in 1996. Traveling extensively, Kristine describes herself as adventurous, as she doesn't mind getting lost.

*Note: Remember to place the PLU Parking Pass on your vehicle dash.

8.) Holiday Pipe Organ Concert and Dessert Potluck

Date: Friday, December 2nd

Time: 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (Note afternoon times.)

Location: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

7410 South 12th Street, Tacoma, WA 98465

Class Fee: \$10.00, **plus** a dessert to share.

Presenters: Dr. Naomi Shiga and Dr. Jonathan Wohlers

Class Facilitator: Margie Hoffman mteach65@runbox.com / (253) 588-4589



This talented duo will play a mixture of traditional, sacred and popular pieces on the pipe organ originally created in 1992 by Paul Fritts and Company Organ Builders. Referred to as Opus 13, it was retrofitted to St. Andrew's loft in 2014. Learning Is ForEver students were delighted to participate in a tour of the organ workshop last year.

Naomi Shiga is the Music Director at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. She earned her Bachelors and Masters from New England Conservatory, and completed her post- graduate studies at Moores School of Music at the University of Houston. Prior to moving to Washington, she taught music theory and piano at North Harris College in Texas, Shiga performs as a soloist, in chamber music recitals, and in 2015, toured Japan.

Jonathan Wohlers is the Director of Music at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Parkland. He holds degrees in musicology and organ performance from the New England Conservatory of Music, and a doctorate from the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston. Jonathan was asked to fill the role of PLU's University Organist and lecturer, during Paul Tegels' sabbatical.

LIFELINES NEWSLETTER

Lifelong Learning as a Caregiving Respite

-from the July newsletter of Road Scholar LLI Resource Network

According to a report entitled *Caregiving in the U.S. 2015*, published by the AARP Public Policy Institute and the National Alliance for Caregiving, nearly 1 in 10 caregivers — more than 3 million adults — is now 75 years of age or older. The typical caregiver has been caring for their loved one for four years on average, spending 24.4 hours a week helping with activities like bathing, dressing, housework, and managing finances. The responsibility of caring for a loved one is associated with feelings of isolation, depression, stress and anxiety. Caregivers are an often-overlooked group that can benefit greatly from the respite and renewal of an educational travel experience and Road Scholar is committed to helping provide this opportunity. The Road Scholar Caregiver Grant provides a life-changing chance for a family caregiver to recharge, learn, travel and enjoy social connections. The warm, welcoming and friendly nature of Road Scholar learning adventures provides a much-needed respite from the emotional and physical demands of being a caregiver. Do you know one of these heroes among us? The grant is for Caregivers who are 50 years of age or older and provides an award of up to \$1,300 to use toward a U.S.-based educational adventure that costs no more than \$1,400.

For more information or to download an application to share with an LLI member or other friend, visit www.roadscholar.org/caregivergrant

Great Decisions booklets-

Contact Gene Giannobile if you wish to order a copy of the 2017 Great Decisions briefing book. The eight public policy discussions will begin in January. This community discussion group meets on alternating Thursday afternoons from 1:00—3:00 p.m. at the Puyallup Public Library.

Gene- dgg2504@comcast.net (253) 531-9037

Notice of use of photographs-

By registering for a Learning Is ForEver class, our participants are agreeing to allow photos taken at said events, to be used for publicity purposes. Program Coordinator –stewarla@plu.edu (253) 241-4166.

From Laura's desk...

I have arranged with PLU's Campus Safety Office for assistance for our students with limited mobility.

When you arrive at the campus for a LIFE class, call the non-emergency line (253-535-7441) and ask the dispatcher for a "Special Escort for a LIFE student." Be prepared to tell where you are parked, and your destination. A Campus Safety officer in a clearly labeled PLU vehicle, will be sent to drive you to the door of the building.

Please allow extra time, as it may take 5-10 minutes for the vehicle to arrive.

Making the List

Inc.com recently posted an article entitled *21 Awesome Places to Learn Critical Skills That Will Change Your Life* on their website, written by Larry Kim. This list of resources included TED Talks, Meet Up, and Project Gutenberg, but wait, take look at number 5. *Universities* -

Most universities now offer online learning courses in addition to the on-campus lifelong learning programs. Some have established entire online schools, like Colorado State's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. If you're looking for a more traditional educational experience, check out what the universities are offering.

To read the entire article go to—www.inc.com/larry-kim/21-awesome-places-to-learn-critical-skills-that-will-change-your-life-.html

National Lifelong Learning Day

Last year, in honor of Road Scholar's outstanding and invaluable service to the advancement of lifelong learning, the United States Senate provided special Congressional recognition of Road Scholar's inaugural National Lifelong Learning Day on Thursday, October 15th.

Registration Instructions

We recommend that you **pre-register** for classes; in case severe weather or illness requires a class to be cancelled, we can notify you by phone. That said, you may register for *most* classes at the door, unless stated otherwise in the class description.*

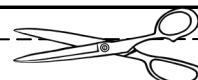
Each class has a facilitator whom you may contact with any questions you might have about our classes.

1. Fill out registration form to show which classes you wish to attend. If two or more people are registering, place that number in the check box, then figure class fees accordingly.
2. Make check out to: **PLU / LIFE**
3. Mail registration form & check to: **LIFE**

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** As a "walk-in" student, we will accept payment (cash or check) at the door, as space is available.*

If you have received this brochure by email or from our website, print out the registration form and follow the above instructions.



Fall 2016 Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please add me to a list to receive LIFE's quarterly brochures and updates-

Paper _____ or Email _____

Check Box	Class	Date	Class Fee	Enclosed
	Fall Kick-off—Buccaneers, Brigands and Bandits	9/7	\$10	
	Exploring the Wonders of the Universe	9/14	\$15	
	Behind the Exhibits- Research Center Tour	9/23	\$15	
	3D Printing in Action	10/4	\$15	
	Making Sense of the 2016 Presidential Election	10/26	\$15	
	The Middle East in Turmoil: From the Arab Spring to Syrian Refugees and ISIS	11/1	\$15	
	Exotic, Chaotic, & Colorful Travels in India	11/16	\$15	
	Holiday Dessert Potluck and Organ Concert	12/2	\$10	
Total Enclosed				\$