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Sponsored by the Friends of the Eldredge Public Library (EPL), the Learning Series offers a wide selection of courses open to the public. All proceeds are used by the Friends to support EPL expenses and acquisitions. All classes are at the library unless otherwise noted. No refunds unless a class is cancelled. The library will be closed April 15 and May 27.

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## MONDAYS

### M1: Spanish Conversation

SIX SESSIONS: 1-2:30 p.m. Mondays 4/1, 4/8, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13. Location: EPL

Discover the joy of knowing enough Spanish to pronounce words correctly, make polite conversation, and form basic questions and sentences. This class introduces students to the fundamentals of the Spanish language and the culture of Hispanic countries. Participants will learn the phrases and vocabulary essential to travel and other needs as expressed by the group. A discussion of cultural topics will also highlight Hispanic customs and traditions.

**Cindy Doutrich** earned a Ph.D. from Penn State, and taught language at the college level for over 30 years. She has written two textbooks and lived in several Spanish-speaking countries.

### M2: Learn to Read Palms

THREE SESSIONS: 3-4:30 p.m. Mondays 4/1, 4/8, 4/22. Location: EPL

Engage in the ancient art of palmistry. Learn how the shape and size of hands and fingers, lines, mounts, and manner in which you hold your hand helps you discover personality, talents, physical health and even important future events in your life. The instructor will provide relevant written materials and a “mini reading” to each student during the last class.

**Catherine E. Cullen** is an attorney concentrating her practice on Family Law. She is a talented palm reader who loves to teach about her craft.

### M3: Ireland's Troubled Past and Present

FOUR SESSIONS: 10:30-noon Mondays 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 6/3. Location: EPL

Go on a journey of 220 years filtered through the lens of six developments: the famine; the rise of nationalism; the quest for independence; the Northern Ireland tangle; financial collapse and the effects of Brexit. This course will highlight past and present developments that shaped, and still shape, the Ireland of today.

**Richard Finnegan** is a prominent, semi-retired Professor of Political Science and International Studies at Stonehill College where he taught

American foreign and security policy for more than forty years. He is currently the President of The Eire Society of Boston.



**T1: The Road to Appomattox**

FOUR SESSIONS: 10:30-noon Tuesdays 4/2, 4/19, 4/23, 4/30. Location: EPL

The appointment of General Ulysses S. Grant as Commander of the Union armies in 1864 brought a new dimension to the Civil War. Follow Grant's "Overland Campaign" through Virginia in 1864 and his pursuit of Lee's army to the ultimate Confederate surrender at Appomattox. Learn about the assassination of Lincoln and the consequences for the post-war period.



**Michael McNaught** earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from Oxford University, where he specialized in Military History and the Theory of War, and an M.A. from Columbia. He has conducted more than 30 student trips to Civil War battlefields.

**T2: Putin, Middle East, American Oligarchy**

THREE SESSIONS: 1:30- 3 p.m. Tuesdays 4/2, 4/9, 4/16. Location: EPL

What has Vladimir Putin accomplished over his last six years as President of Russia, and what does he hope to achieve in the next six? Learn about the Middle East after ISIS. Understand the American Oligarchy and to what extent a small group of wealthy and special interests controls our government. These will be the central questions we cover in this course.

**Stewart Goodwin** earned a B.A. from Harvard in Russian History and an M.B.A from Columbia University.

**T3: Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra**

FOUR SESSIONS: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30. Location: EPL Small Meeting Room

This tragedy offers Shakespeare at his best. A drama exploring ancient history, mature love, and human weakness, *Antony and Cleopatra* marks a crucial moment in Shakespeare's development as a dramatist. In this four week course we will use several film versions of the play to examine the currents that produced this complex, moving, and powerful drama.



**Kerry Brown, Ph.D.** University of Delaware, taught Shakespeare to high school students for many years and to adults for the last 15 years in the Eldredge Public Library and Snow Library.

**T4: The Triumph of the Suffrage Movement: 1848-1920**

SIX SESSIONS: 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28. Location: EPL

In August, 1920 Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, thereby giving American women the right to vote in all elections. The struggle to achieve this right began in the late 18th Century. Learn about the events and the individuals involved, from the Seneca Falls Conference in 1848 until the victory of 1920.

Our presenter, **John Kennedy, Ed.D.**, has taught history at every level from high school to graduate school.

**T5: Inside the Cape Cod Baseball League**

TWO SESSIONS: 10:30-noon Tuesdays 5/7, 5/14. Location: EPL

Learn about the country's premier summer college league, which is more than Norman Rockwell-like nights at the ballpark. Major league alumni will be featured in session one, which will also cover league history, development, operations and organization. Session two will delve into what it takes to put a team together and a game on the field.

**Mike Geylin**, general manager of the Chatham Anglers, will lead the discussions. Stewart Hesch, assistant GM and facilities director, will



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provide perspective. Additional speakers are expected.

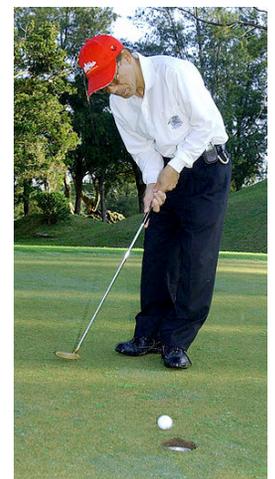
**T6: Golf at Eastward Ho! Short Game School**

TWO GROUPS, TWO SESSIONS APIECE:  
Group 1: 2-3:00 p.m. Group 2: 3:15-4:15 p.m.  
Tuesdays 5/7, 5/14.

Location: Eastward Ho!  
*Each group is limited to 6.*

Join Andy Walkley at Eastward Ho! for two one-hour sessions of short game instruction. Students will learn a variety of short game techniques including low shots, high shots, putting, bunkers, and pitching. Clubs will be provided for those who need them. Golf attire is required.

**Andy Walkley** is a PGA Assistant Professional at Eastward Ho! and has been honored by the Cape Cod Chapter of the New England PGA for his teaching skills.



## WEDNESDAYS

### W1: *The Great American Songbook*

FIVE SESSIONS: 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesdays 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8. Location: Chatham Community Center

In this ongoing course, review the lives and songs of composers and lyricists of the Songbook including: Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg who developed *The Wizard of Oz*; Hoagy Carmichael, songwriter, singer, pianist, and actor; Johnny Mercer who collaborated with Harold, Hoagy, and others; Frank Loesser, who wrote *Gypsy* and *Dolls*; and John Kander and Fred Ebb, who created *Cabaret*.

**John Whelan, B.S.**, is the host of an oldies rock and roll show on WOMR-FM radio. **Steve Bornemeier, M.A.**, has taught many adult education classes locally. Five years ago, they teamed up to present the *Great American Songbook*.



### W2: *From Page to Stage*

FIVE SESSIONS: 10:30-noon Wednesdays 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1. Location: EPL Small Classroom.  
*Class limited to 12.*

Enhance your appreciation of live theatre by understanding the role of the director. This class will read a play and explore the choices a director has to make in bringing a production to fruition.

**Kay DeFord** has more than 40 years' experience teaching, directing and acting, formerly in Concord, MA and for the past 20 years in venues around Cape Cod.

### W3: *The Hungry Traveler: Visiting New Lands Via Their Kitchens*

FIVE SESSIONS: 9-11:30 a.m. (Films begin at 10:00) Wednesdays 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29.  
Location: The Orpheum Theater

Carol Yindra will once again lead a culinary tour via documentary films. This grand tour will include Cuba, the Napa Valley, the Philippines, and Provincetown. Expert commentary will be provided at most of the sessions, and food samples will be available after each screening. Due to the cost of five films and the food, the suggested donation is \$25.00.

**Carol Yindra** has been teaching in the Learning Series for many years to great popular acclaim.



### W4: *Encryption of Secret Messages Through the Ages from Rome to the Internet*

TWO SESSIONS: 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesdays 5/29 and 6/5. Location: EPL

This series studies the evolution of coding systems from the earliest efforts to modern times. The class will focus particularly on Chatham's critical role in World War II as the main listening station for intercepting transmissions from the Nazi High Command. Emphasis will be on hands-on activities, discussion of history and videos.

**Dick Kraycir**, past Executive Director and President of the Chatham Marconi Maritime Center, has taught computer classes at the Chatham COA and elsewhere.

### W5: *Miniature Painting: Landscapes and Seascapes*

FOUR SESSIONS: 10:30-noon Wednesdays, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/3. Location: EPL Small Classroom

This workshop presents the possibilities inherent in painting in a miniature format. We will produce both seascapes and landscapes using watercolor almost exclusively. Painting size will be two inches by three inches. No prior experience in watercolor is required. Watercolor



or paper will be provided, but all participants should bring a watercolor tray or tubes and a minimum of two brushes, a number 2 and a number 0 brush for fine detail.

**DeWayne Stallings, M.A.E.** Rhode Island School of Design, is a master teacher who has been painting miniatures for approximately 25 years.

## THURSDAYS

### TH1: *Insects – Everything You've Wondered and Never Asked*

THREE SESSIONS: 1:30-3 p.m. Thursdays 4/4, 4/11, 4/18. Location: EPL

Insects are everywhere – some good for people and crops, some threatening, and some enchanting with their beauty. We will explore their place in our environment where changes affect insects and the entire food chain.

**Larry Dapsis**, entomologist and Deer Tick Project Coordinator, will discuss insects harmful to plants and people, including an update on ticks.

**Russell Norton**, Educator at UMass and Cape Cod Cooperative Extensions, will highlight beneficial insects and how to attract them.

**Joseph Dwelly**, long-time volunteer for Mass. Audubon and the North American Butterfly Association, will focus on butterflies and the essential role of insects in the ecosystem.

## TH2: Smart Strategies for Updating Your Home

TWO SESSIONS: 1:30-3 p.m. Thursdays, 5/9, 5/16.

Location: EPL

This course will cover two challenging topics for updating your home decor:

**5/9 Creating Your Dream Kitchen.** Explore trends in kitchen design; new materials and finishes; layout factors to consider; costs, and surviving the renovation process.



**5/16 Mixing Colors and Patterns for a Dynamic Decor.** Learn techniques for coordinating the right fabrics, furniture finishes, flooring, rugs, window treatments and wall colors.

**Madeleine Bickert, M.B.A.**, is the lead interior designer of Decor Rx. She is a frequent contributor on design topics to Cape Cod newspapers and magazines.

## TH3: The Dutch Delta Works: One of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World

TWO SESSIONS: 1:00-2 p.m. Thursdays 6/6, 6/13.

Location: EPL

Learn how the Dutch approached climate change and dealt with the threat of rising tides when the nation was below sea level and sinking. The Delta Works and the Maeslantkering storm barrier include the largest robot in the world, and together have been cited as one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. The Dutch now teach others, including many U.S. cities, how to protect themselves against flood damage.

**Steve Emery** has volunteered at the Chatham Marconi Maritime Museum as a museum guide and new exhibit project leader.



### Library Learning Series Committee Members

Kerry Brown, Judy Doe, Roseanne Geylin, Lynn Herbst, Tim Huber, Iris Leigh, Alison Kaar, Regina McDowell, Kathleen Mogg, Sharon Oudemool, Tom Quill, Bill Roiter, Joanna Schurmann and Lee Seibert, with production help from Greg Murphy and Ruth Treen.

## FRIDAYS

### F1: Spring is for the Birds: Natural History and Conservation of Birds on Cape Cod

THREE SESSIONS: 1:30-2:30 p.m. Fridays 3/29, 4/5, 4/12. Location: EPL

Taught by leading local naturalists, this course focuses on coastal water birds, birds of prey, and songbirds.

#### 3/29 Birds of the Beach: Shorebirds & Terns

**Bob Prescott**, Director of the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, will focus on marathon migrations, local breeding species, monitoring shorebirds and the conservation concerns they face.



#### 4/5 Hawks in Flight and Nesting Ospreys

Since 1998 Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary has conducted a hawk watch at Pilgrim Heights in Truro. Discover what we have learned, and about hawks in general.



**Joel Wagner** specializes in Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism Management, and Environmental Interpretation with Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

#### 4/12 Studying Songbird Migration

Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary recently resumed banding birds. Learn about the role bird banding plays in bird conservation and research.



**Mark Faherty**, Science Coordinator at Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, has worked on research projects across the U.S. He also hosts WCAI's Weekly Bird Report.

### F2: The Evolution of the String Quartet: from Haydn to Carter

FOUR SESSIONS: 2:30-4 p.m. Fridays 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17. Location: EPL

When Joseph Haydn began composing string quartets in the 1760s, little did he know the impact he would have on classical music. Today, music is still being written for this original complement of two violins, viola, and cello. Join us on a journey through the development of the string quartet through the centuries, with a focus on the music of Haydn, Beethoven, Brahms, Carter, and more.

**Matthew Scinto** is the founder and conductor of the Cape Cod Chamber Orchestra; he also conducts throughout New England. He received his doctorate from Boston University in Orchestral Conducting.