



SUMMER 2013 ICLRU STUDY GROUPS JUNE 24 – AUGUST 2*

***Note: we skip the week of July 1**



Cinema

**Tech
Skills**



Music



ICLRU members:

Please register for a study group only if you plan to attend regularly. If you register and find you cannot attend, please notify the coordinator as soon as possible.

As of May 15, 2013, the ICLRU Center will begin processing online registrations as well as any paper registration forms mailed in or delivered in person.

*Please register online if possible.
This saves clerical work!*



History



**Health
& Fitness**

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All this--and much more!

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MONDAY 9:30-11:30



MAJOR BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR: PART I

Coordinator: Tom Gavigan

Join us for an in-depth look at the major battles of the American Civil War. Each week we will visit a different battle to learn about the circumstances surrounding it and examine in detail the tactical progression of the battle itself. In Part 1, we will cover, in order: *First Manassas (Bull Run)*, *Shiloh*, *The Seven Days*, *Second Manassas (Bull Run)*, and *Antietam (Sharpsburg)*. If you are a military history buff, this is your opportunity to put some “stars on your shoulders” and offer an action assessment of the actual leaders and the tactics they employed. (Note: Part 2 will be offered in the Fall and will cover nine additional major battles)



THE COWBOY FLICKS OF WALTER BRENNAN

Coordinator: Don Demski

Walter Brennan was a versatile American actor who played many parts over a 50-year career but is best remembered as the "old coot" sidekick of top Western movie stars. Walter worked with the best of the cowboys, including Gary Cooper, John Wayne, Henry Fonda, and Jimmy Stewart. We'll meet these iconic gunslingers along the trail as well as directors like John Ford, William Wyler, Howard Hawks and Anthony Mann. Saddle up for fun and adventure. The old coot rides again!



MONDAY 1:00-3:00

BEGINNING MAH-JONGG

Coordinators: Carol Bobbe and Judy Rich

Unravel one mystery of the Orient: Mah-Jongg. Please join us for lessons in this intriguing and challenging game—it's lots of fun and it stimulates your brain. We'll provide all materials and plenty of playing time. After the five sessions, you'll be able to play the game with one of the groups of players who meet at ICLRU or elsewhere. **Maximum participants: 15.**



VAN CLIBURN—CONCERT PIANIST, MUSICAL AMBASSADOR

Coordinator: Steve Wolf

Enjoy videos of performances by this great classical pianist and review his role in warming US-Soviet relations during the cold war. Learn about his career-launching 1958 victory in the Moscow international piano competition and the decades-long enthusiasm of his Russian fans—including Nikita Khrushchev and Mikhail Gorbachev. Professor Robert Greenberg's lectures will deepen our understanding of great concertos Van played, and we'll see performances of solo works as well. In his later years, he became a mentor to younger performers via his own piano competition program, and he favored Chicago audiences with performances in Grant Park and Ravinia. Tributes upon his passing in February, 2013 reminded us of the power of music to transcend cultural and political barriers.



TUESDAY 9:30-11:30



GENEALOGY 101

Coordinator: Bob Allen

Learn both the basics of doing research and many advanced ways to use a computer and the internet to find and record genealogical information. You will be on a computer, learning “how to do it” and actually searching for data on your ancestry. Participants are welcome to bring their own laptops or tablets. Note: the computer room has only Windows PCs, not Macs. Depending on attendance some participants may need to share a computer. **Maximum participants: 30.**



ORIENTAL BRUSH PAINTING WORKSHOP

Carolyn Simons, Coordinator

This study group is for former students of Oriental brush painting who have their own materials. (Please bring your own supplies and equipment).



HOLLYWOOD MUSICALS

Coordinator: Chuck Simons

Let’s take a look at some of Hollywood’s best-loved musicals. Lavish production! Unforgettable music! These films include singing, dancing, romancing and, in some, clowning. As enjoyable today as when first released, they have warmth and humor, and they have stood the test of time. Join us for a fun summer.



TUESDAY 10:00-12:00 at Friendship Village

STAY YOUNG THROUGH TECHNOLOGY & POP CULTURE

Coordinator: Mike McCann

This program is designed to help seniors learn about pop culture, social media, technology devices, latest movies and music and the underlying technology. Understanding and using the technology and culture around you can enhance your ability to maintain your independence. We will meet during the final four weeks of the schedule—beginning the week of July 8. **Note: these sessions run from 10:00 to 12:00 and will be held at Friendship Village. Maximum participants: 30.**

TUESDAY 1:00-3:00

BE SMART, BE SAFE

Coordinators: Nancy Mieszala & Basilio King

Let us help you work on self-awareness, learn some self-defense methods and have fun. Please bring a yoga mat, tennis shoes (or similar) and water. There will be no physical contact. We will meet only during the first three weeks.

Maximum participants: 8.



TUESDAY 1:00-3:00



WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED LOVE

Coordinators: Char Willour & Kathryn Dublinski

This study group will read and discuss ideas of love found in prose, short stories, and poetry by writers such as D. H. Lawrence, Colette, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Dorothy Parker and Roald Dahl. We will read about every kind of romantic entanglement. Is love nothing more than brain chemistry? Volunteers will lead the discussion of one selection. You will need to have a copy of *Love Stories*, Diane S. Tesdell, ed. (in the Everyman's Classic series); it is available via Amazon.com for \$11.25. Members may be asked to pay a small fee for additional materials. **Maximum participants: 25.**



BASEBALL COMES AGAIN TO ICLRU

Coordinator: Carolyn Simons

Baseball returns again this summer! This will be five weeks of baseball history and stories about the people who played the game. (And we'll have a challenging baseball quiz!)



TUESDAY 1:00-3:30

FIVE VERY INTERESTING PEOPLE

Coordinator: Bob Jackson

Using movies and documentaries we will learn more about Mark Twain, Johnny Carson, Temple Grandin, Frank Lloyd Wright and Freda Kahlo or Woody Guthrie. Attendees are encouraged to research and do brief presentations. **Note longer time period for some sessions.**



WEDNESDAY 9:00-11:30

FIRST ANNUAL SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL

Coordinators: Janice Brietze, Sue Gavigan and Sue Masterson

Need a break? Looking for some relief from the day-to-day humdrum? Start your day with a laugh. Join us this summer for some fun and frivolity as we watch some of the best light-hearted comedies from the 80's, 90's and beyond. Get together with your friends as we watch and learn about a slice of Hollywood comedy. Among the films we're considering showing are *Murphy's Romance*, *Moonstruck*, *Tootsie*, *You've Got Mail*, and *Notting Hill*. **Note longer time period.**



WEDNESDAY 9:30-11:30



THERE'S MORE TO YOUR HYMNBOOK

Coordinators: Gordon and Vivian Palmer

Are Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs all the same? What is the difference? Why is one tune named “Lobe den Herren” and another “Darwell’s 148th”? What distinguishes a German hymn from an English hymn? Who were some of the most influential and prolific hymn-writers, and what were they like? Do you ever use the hymnbook as a daily meditational guide? What is the difference between Common Meter and Long Meter? We will explore the ins and outs of a hymnbook explaining its “mysteries” and attempt to make your hymnbook more meaningful to you, whether you sing along or just listen. No singing is required in this class! **Note: three sessions only—July 17, 24 and 31.**



WEDNESDAY 1:00-3:00

YOUR FAVORITE STORIES

Coordinators: Gordon and Vivian Palmer

Do you remember the strangest thing you ever saw? What was the biggest surprise of your life? What is your most unusual travel story? The strangest job you ever had? What’s your favorite joke? We all have stories to share, so join us for some summer fun with our reminiscences and anecdotes. **Note: three sessions only—July 17, 24 and 31.**



BRITAIN 1847: VICTORIAN TOPICS

Coordinators: Kathleen and Les Miller

While the US was conquering the West and inching toward civil war, Victorian Britain was adjusting to the realities of post-Napoleonic Europe and to the ramifications of Empire. This study group will observe and discuss Thackeray’s satire of Victorian morals and mores (A&E video of “Vanity Fair”) and enjoy peer presentations on a wide variety of timely (1800’s) topics.



THE AMAZING THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH GOOGLE

Coordinators: Mike Thompson, Donna Bohne, Diane McCarthy, Mel Quinn and Mary Svetlik

This is a reprise of the popular Google study group offered the last few years, updated for current program offerings. We all know that Google is a great search engine. Many of us don’t realize all of the other amazing things you can do with a Google/Gmail account—all for FREE!!! We will show you how to create a free Google account if you don’t have one, and how to customize Google search. Learn how to use Google Drive for word processing, presentations and spreadsheets, plus how to share and collaborate with others on those documents. Discover all the things you can do with Google Maps and many other features of this amazing program. Participants are welcome to bring their own laptops or tablets. Note: the computer room has only Windows PCs, not Macs. Depending on attendance some participants may need to share a computer.

Maximum participants: 30.

THURSDAY 9:30-11:30



JOURNALING ABOUT YOUR LIFE

Coordinator: Judy Miller

If you have ever said, “I wish I had asked my mother about that...or my father...or my grandmother,” it’s time you put your memories on paper so others will know about you. We all have stories worth telling and are often surprised by how much we learn about ourselves with our telling. Easy journaling techniques will get you thinking and writing. We’ll look at topics that will jog your memories. Most of all, we’ll write and be inspired by others. The class is not for spectators—only those ready to write are invited. Don’t let your stories die with you; they’re too good to be forgotten. **Note: assignments will be sent through email so you must have email access.**

RELIGIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Coordinators: Andrea Zietlow and Ina Sidelnyk

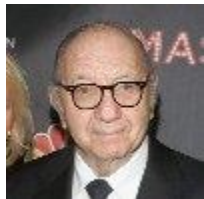
Participants will have the opportunity to learn about various religions from leaders in each of these faiths: Eastern Orthodox, Judaism, Islam, and Hinduism. A different religion will be presented each week. During the first hour, the speaker will give an overview of the major tenets of the religion. Participants will then have the opportunity to ask questions. During one session, participants will meet at the Hindu Temple in Bartlett, IL for a guided tour of this magnificent facility. **Note: members will pay a \$5 fee to compensate the guest speakers.**



SIMON SAYS--THE BEST NEIL SIMON COMEDIES

Coordinator: George Venetis

America's most prolific and popular playwright, Neil Simon, has kept us laughing since his days as a TV writer in the 1950's. Twenty of his thirty-four produced plays have been made into movies, a unique and remarkable achievement. We will view and discuss a film each week, and also learn about the life and career of this Pulitzer Prize winning playwright and screenwriter.



THURSDAY 1:00-3:00

FROM CAMERA OR PHONE TO COMPUTER

Coordinators: Bob and Judy Miller

Do you have pictures on a camera or phone, but need help viewing or saving them onto your computer? If you want to be able to do it yourself, this class is for you. We’ll cover the basics such as creating and naming folders and files, as well as moving or copying images and files from a camera or smart phone to your computer. **For this class, you must own a camera or phone that takes pictures and a Windows computer. This will be a hands-on class in the computer room, which has only Windows-based computers—not Macs.** Basic computer knowledge and some experience with Google and e-mail would be useful. **Maximum participants: 24.**



THURSDAY 1:00-3:00

REVERSIBLE BEADED BRACELET

Coordinators: Sheila Libman and Barbara Carlo

Learn an enjoyable new craft as you create a lovely reversible bracelet. These sessions will be suitable for beginners as well as experienced beaders. Note: a fee for all supplies (\$10-15 cash, depending on choice of beads) will be collected at the first meeting. **Maximum participants: 6.**



NUTRITION CONCEPTS FOR BETTER HEALTH

Coordinators: George Gintowt and Kate Lescohier

Healthier eating and living guidelines will be our main focus in viewing and discussing some of the best food documentaries and other video materials about food and health. Your coordinators will supplement these with additional relevant presentations to “chew on” such as nutritional science concepts and what to make of conflicting nutritional advice in the media. Understanding the basics will help you make healthy and healing eating choices. **Maximum participants: 36.**



THURSDAY 1:00-3:30

THE BIG APPLE

Coordinator: Don Demski

“New York, New York is a wonderful town; the Bronx is up and the Battery’s down.” So go the words of a well-known song. Some people love it and some hate it, but nobody can deny that New York City is a fascinating place with an exceptional history. In this study group, you will learn more than you can imagine about “The Big Apple,” its famous people, famous places and famous events. We’ll travel all over the city and watch a few movies that could only have been made in New York City. All aboard the A-Train—bound for Sugar Hill up in Harlem! **Note longer time period.**



FRIDAY 9:30-12:00

TURNING POINTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY: PART 3

Coordinators: Sue Harty and Bob Masterson

There are many turning points in the relatively short history of the United States—landmark moments that altered the direction of the nation. Whether they were groundbreaking political and philosophical concepts, dramatic military victories and defeats, nationwide social and religious movements, or technological and scientific innovations, such turning points changed the character of America politically, socially, culturally, and economically. Join us as we relive these groundbreaking moments in the fascinating story of the United States of America. **NOTE: 4 WEEKS: WE WILL NOT MEET THE WEEK OF JULY 30.**





REGISTRATION: SUMMER 2013 STUDY GROUPS



F = Fee/cost involved

L = Limited # of registrants

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- 19 Religious Encounters **F**
- 20 Neil Simon Comedies

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- 22 Beaded Bracelet **F**
- 23 Nutrition Concepts Better Health **L**

THURSDAY 1:00-3:30

- 24 The Big Apple

FRIDAY 9:30-12:00

- 25 Turning Points American History:
Part 3 (4 weeks)

PLEASE NOTE:
For mail or walk-in registration, circle the number(s) of your choice(s), print your name below and submit this page only to the ICLRU Center

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