



FELS FALL/WINTER 2025 and 2026 PROGRAM BROCHURE

FELS (Friends of Encore Learning of Stockton)
is a non-profit with a focus on continuing education.

FELS offers, in conjunction
with the Margate City Public Library and Stockton University,
entertaining and educational courses for lifelong learners.

A seasonal \$15 administration fee per person, plus a charge for each class,
supports FELS instructors and Stockton University student scholarships.

FELS has raised over \$300,000
for the Stockton University Foundation over 16+ years.

Programs are held at the following venues:

Margate City Public Library

8100 Atlantic Avenue, Margate NJ

Stockton University Atlantic City Campus

3711 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ

Bloom Pavilion

Behind the Margate City Public Library, Margate NJ

**Complete the registration form on the back page of this brochure
and mail with payment, check payable to FELS:**

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American Composers of the 20th Century

Tuesdays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

October 21, November 18, December 16,

Stockton University Atlantic City campus room 216

Andy Kahn, Instructor

Andy Kahn is an Atlantic City composer, performer, and music instructor. Each month he will lead a fascinating interactive discussion on the lives and music of legendary 20th century American composers. Andy will play pieces from the composers and encourage class participation. Sing along if you like or simply listen for your entertainment pleasure!



Art Appreciation

Wednesdays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11

Margate City Public Library

Shirley Belitsky, Instructor

Our history of art continues with the Age of Romanticism, then explores the influence of the invention of the camera, watercolors, and tube paint. We will examine the daring of Impressionists and boldness of the Abstract artists, Fauves, Cubists and Surrealists, consider how these artists and their styles led to the work of the Pop artists of the 1950's, and look at the work of the most influential artists of their times.

Billy Wilder:

Film Director, Screenwriter, Producer

Wednesdays 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

October 15, November 19, December 17

Margate City Public Library

Arlene Halpern, Moderator

Billy Wilder is considered one of the greatest film directors of 'The Golden Age of Hollywood'. His career spanned five decades, from the 1930s to the 1980s. Each month a famous Oscar-recipient movie will be shown.



Book and Film

Mondays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon: October 6, November 3, December 8

Margate City Public Library

Barbara Giorgio, Instructor

In the comfort of your home, read a short work of fiction/play and watch a movie based on that reading. Then come to class to discuss the reading, the film, and the interpretations of each.

Rich, thoughtful discussion welcomed! Books available through the Margate Public Library.

October: *Our Souls At Night*, 2015 novel by Kent Haruf, 2017 Netflix film.

November: *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, 1955, play by Tennessee Williams, 1958 film-AppleTV, YouTube \$3.99

December: *The End of the Affair*, 1951 novel by Graham Greene. 1999 film-Apple TV, YouTube \$3.99

British Film and Theatre

Wednesdays 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
November 19, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 18
(no October class)

Stockton University Atlantic City campus, room 310

Tom Chin, Instructor

By popular demand Tom Chin once again offers his wisdom, insight, and knowledge of British theatre, film, and TV, along with the actors and actresses, producers, and directors who have made the British masters of stage and screen. Spend entertaining afternoons viewing films, TV and movie clips, and whatever else Tom decides to surprise the class with. Discussion and questions encouraged!

Current Events & Constitutional Issues

Thursdays 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
October 16, November 20, December 18

Margate City Bloom Pavilion

Bill Subin, Instructor

Democracy is messy, and it's hard. It's never easy. – Robert Kennedy, Jr.

A well-informed and educated voting population is the foundation of our Democracy. We provide a forum for a civil exchange of views on how to preserve, protect and defend our Constitutional Republic. We welcome all to participate as we deal with current issues before the Courts and challenges to the Rule of Law. Retired Lawyer Bill Subin, former Stockton Adjunct Professor, and former Assistant U.S. Attorney in N.J. and D.C. will lead our discussions.

The Best of Comedy Movies

Tuesdays 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
October 14, no November class, December 9, January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14

Margate City Public Library

Sondra Mandel, Moderator

Give yourself the gift of laughter and enjoyment and spend a morning with some of the funniest and most talented actors. Relax, view, then discuss iconic comedic films.

They will amuse, inspire, entertain, and perhaps teach us.



Documentaries

Wednesdays 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11
(no October class)

Stockton University Atlantic City Campus room 310

Tom Chin, Instructor

Documentaries employ video and film scenes, photographs and/or sounds of real people and actual events to create a particular story, viewpoint, message, or experience. Tom Chin presents a range of outstanding films on various topics, iconic documentaries created decades ago as well as recent productions. Tom's choices captivate viewers and promote lively discussions.

Flash Fiction

Thursdays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

October 30, November 13, December 11, January 8, February 12, March 12

Margate City Public Library

Meryl Rodgers, Instructor

Flash Fiction are very short stories, usually 1,000 words or less. Participants read assigned pieces before class, and discuss them during each class session. New and used copies of the books can be purchased at abebooks.com and amazon.com. We will start with stories from the following book, which was used last winter in this class:

Sudden Fiction International, edited by Robert Shapard and James Thomas, 1989

We will then move onto a new book entitled:

Best Small Fictions 2024 edited by Amber Sparks, Alternating Current Press, 2024 & 2025

New participants NEED NOT BUY the first book (*Sudden Fiction International*).

Stories will be copied and available at the Margate Library.

Everyone should purchase *Best Small Fictions 2024* or borrow a copy from their local library.



Frankly Feminist

Tuesdays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

October 7, November 4, December 9, January 6, February 3, March 3

Margate City Public Library

Elaine Geller, Instructor

Frankly Feminist is a celebration of women's voices with stories by women about women from different geographic areas, cultures, and points of view on universal themes, written from the early 20th through the 21st centuries, all with a feminist focus. New and used books are available at amazon.com and abebooks.com.

Stories to be discussed at the first session will be emailed to registrants before the first class.

Frankly Feminist, edited by Susan Weidman Schneider and Yona Zeldis McDonough, Brandeis University Press, 2022.

Jewelry Making 101

Fridays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

October 10, November 14, December 12

Margate City Public Library

Janet Bodoff, Instructor

Learn the basics of jewelry making – terminology, tools, design, hands-on skill and proficiency. During each class create a unique piece of jewelry. Janet Bodoff is an award-winning artist and jewelry designer eager to pass her expertise on to her students. There is a \$10 materials fee for this class.



**Special FREE Program
Sponsored by the Margate Library and FELS**

Steven Ujifusa

Author of the bestseller:

**The Last Ships From Hamburg:
Business, Rivalry, and the Race to Save Russia's Jews
On the Eve of World War I**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

7:00 pm

Bloom Pavilion, Margate

Mr. Ujifusa will discuss one of the greatest human exoduses in history – the emigration of 1.5 million Russian Jews, and the three remarkable people who helped make that emigration possible.

Steven Ujifusa is the author of two additional books:
A Man and His Ship, and Barons of the Sea.

**How to Take a Better Photo of People
With Your IPHONE**

FREE Program

Friday, September 12

1:30 pm

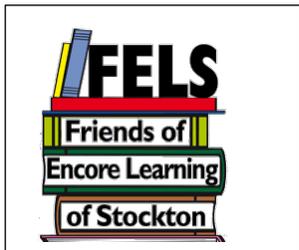
Margate City Public Library

Speaker: Lynne Mass

Retired educator and professional photographer

Space is limited!

**Registration required –
call the Margate Library:
609-822-4700 to register**



**FELS FALL/WINTER 2025-2026
REGISTRATION FORM**

Please use a separate registration form for each participant.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

If registering for a class at Stockton, provide your license plate number:

CAR LICENSE PLATE # _____

Check the courses(s) you are registering for:

Class	Fee	Class	Fee
20 th Century Am'n Composers	\$30	Documentaries	\$45
Art Appreciation: What Do You See When You Look at a Painting?	\$45	Flash Fiction	\$45
Book & Film	\$30	Frankly Feminist	\$45
British Film & Theatre	\$45	Jewelry Making 101 (includes materials fee)	\$40
Comedy Movies	\$45	Billy Wilder Films	\$30
Current Events & Constitutional Issues	\$30		
Free Program: The Last Ships from Hamburg	N/C	Free Program: Photography	N/C
TOTAL CLASS FEE		TOTAL CLASS FEE	

Volume Discount!

If registering for four or more classes, you are entitled to a **\$5 per class** discount.

Administration fee _____ \$15

Total Class Fee from both columns _____

Total Due _____

Send check payable to **FELS** to: FELS, P.O. Box 3380, Margate NJ 08402