



FELS WINTER 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.

CHECK OUT NEW COURSES PLUS CONTINUING PROGRAMS – NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Winter 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

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

FELS
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Margate NJ 08402

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American Composers of the 20th Century

Tuesdays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
January 27, February 24, March 24
Stockton University Atlantic City campus room 311
Andy Kahn, Instructor

Each month Andy Kahn 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 or simply listen for your entertainment pleasure!

Art Appreciation

Wednesdays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
January 14, February 11, March 11
Margate City Public Library
Shirley Belitsky, Instructor

Our history of art continues with 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.

British Film and Theatre

Wednesdays 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
January 21, February 18, March 18
Stockton University Atlantic City campus, room 311
Tom Chin, Instructor

Tom Chin offers his wisdom, insight, and knowledge of British theatre, film, and TV, and the actors and actresses, producers, and directors who have made the British masters of stage and screen. View films, TV and movie clips. Discussion and questions encouraged!

The Best of Comedy Movies

Tuesdays 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
February 10, March 10, April 14
Margate City Public Library
Sondra Mandel, Moderator

Give yourself the gift of laughter and enjoyment. 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.

Current Events & Constitutional Issues

Wednesdays 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
January 28, February 25, March 25
Margate City Public Library
Bill Subin, Instructor

Democracy is not a spectator sport, it's a participatory event.

If we don't participate in it, it ceases to be a democracy. -Michael Moore

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.

Documentaries

Wednesdays 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
January 14, February 11, March 11
Stockton University Atlantic City Campus room 311
Tom Chin, Instructor

Documentaries employ video and film scenes, photographs and/or sounds of real people and 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
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. We will read and discuss stories from the following book:

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

Frankly Feminist

Tuesdays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
January 6, February 3, March 3
Margate City Public Library
Elaine Geller, Instructor

Frankly Feminist is a collection of 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. New and used books available at amazon.com and abebooks.com. Stories to be discussed in January will be emailed to registrants before class.

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

Handmade Stuffies – NEW!

Tuesdays 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
February 17, March 17, March 31
Margate City Public Library
Janet Bodoff, Instructor

They are soft and cuddly and our kids and grandkids love them. So join us to make adorable stuffed toys with simple hand stitching. All materials will be supplied.

Historical Nonfiction – NEW!

Fridays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
January 16, February 20, March 20
Margate City Public Library
Meryl Baer, Instructor

Historical nonfiction is grounded in real-world events and people. While factual, this genre employs literary and narrative techniques to make the history captivating and thought-provoking for the reader.

The book for January: *The Professor and the Madman*, by Simon Winchester.



**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	\$25	Documentaries	\$25
Art Appreciation	\$25	Flash Fiction	\$25
British Film & Theatre	\$25	Frankly Feminist	\$25
Comedy Movies	\$25	Handmade Stuffies - NEW! (includes materials fee)	\$35
Current Events & Constitutional Issues	\$25	Historical Nonfiction – NEW!	\$25
TOTAL CLASS FEE		TOTAL CLASS FEE	

Administration fee _____ \$15

Total Class Fee from both columns _____

Total Due _____

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