



FELS SUMMER 2026 PROGRAM BROCHURE

FELS (Friends of Encore Learning of Stockton) is a non-profit offering, in conjunction with the Margate City Public Library and Stockton University, entertaining and educational courses for lifelong learners.

FELS charges a seasonal \$15 administration fee per person, plus a fee for each class.

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

CHECK OUT NEW COURSES PLUS CONTINUING PROGRAMS – NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Programs are held at the following venues:

Margate City Public Library
8100 Atlantic Avenue, Margate NJ

Bloom Pavilion
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:**

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American Composers of the 20th Century

Tuesdays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

June 16, July 21, August 18

Stockton University Atlantic City campus room 211

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!

The Artists' Secrets

Wednesdays 10:30 – 12:00 noon

June 10, July 8, August 12

Margate City Public Library

Shirley Belitsky, Instructor

Discover the elements of art and how they are used in the principles of design to create works of art. Worksheets will help develop some of these ideas and how to judge the results. Sharpen your eyes, and understanding, that what you see at first may not be all that is there.

Banned Books

Friday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

June 12, July 10, August 14

Margate City Public Library

Sarah Holt, Instructor

We will dive into reading and talking about books that have been challenged across decades and genres, explore where, when and why books are banned, and question who gets to decide what we read, teach and lend.

In June we will discuss the young adult novel *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros.

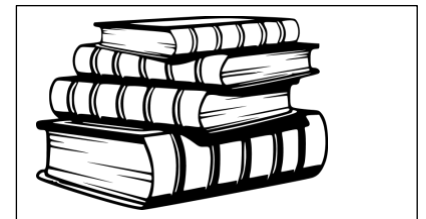
Book and Film

Monday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

June 15, July 20, August 17

Margate City Public Library

Barbara Giorgio, Instructor



In the comfort of your home, read a short work of fiction and watch a movie based on that reading. Come to class to discuss the reading, the film, and the interpretations of each. Books can be located in libraries, bookstores, and online book sources. Films can be rented on Prime Video, YouTube, or Apple TV.

June: As an homage to Rob Reiner, read the Stephen King novella “**The Body**,” paired with “The Body” film adaptation **Stand By Me**.

July: The 1987 play **Fences** by August Wilson, paired with the 2016 film of the same name.

August: The 2000 Philip Roth novel **The Human Stain**, and the 2003 film of the same name.

Monday class closed.

New class scheduled for Friday mornings 10:30-12:00 noon

June 19, July 24, August 21

NEW-The British are Coming! The British are Coming!

Thursday afternoons 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

June 11, July 9, August 13

Margate City Public Library

Arlene Halpern, Moderator

Three movies featuring iconic British female performers will be viewed and discussed.

June movie: *Gosford Park*.



Current Events & Constitutional Issues

Wednesday afternoons 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

June 17, July 29, August 12, September 2

Bloom Pavilion, Margate

Bill Subin, Instructor

We provide a forum for a respectful 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.

Documentaries

Sunday afternoons 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm

June 7, July 26, August 23

Margate City Public Library

Jim Cahill and Sondra Mandel

Spend a summer afternoon with a nosh, and view an interesting, provocative, and entertaining documentary, followed by a discussion of the ideas presented in the film.

NEW-Drawing

Thursday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

June 11, July 2, August 6

Margate City Public Library

Janet Bodoff, Instructor

Learn to draw, and acquire basic skills to sketch effectively. Develop the basic tenants of art and design including light, tone, line, shading, composition, and more. Sketchbook and 24-piece drawing pencil set provided. *Registration fee includes materials.*



New-Golden Girls

Wednesday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
June 17, July 22, August 26
Margate City Public Library
Howard Butler, Instructor



The situation comedy *The Golden Girls* (1985-1992) tackled difficult subjects other shows were hesitant to feature. We will explore topics still relevant today as well as the personalities, strengths, and vulnerabilities that each character portrayed.

Great Decisions

Monday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
Five sessions: June 22, July 6, July 27, August 3, August 24
Margate City Public Library

Great Decisions is a program of the Foreign Policy Association, the aim to increase awareness of international issues with the American public. The class will evaluate significant issues facing American foreign policymakers. Each topic considers the historical, current relevance, and strategic value to the United States.

Great Decisions participants will be contacted to pick up reading material at the Margate Library. There is a \$35 charge for the book and is included in class fee.

NEW- The Holocaust: Margins of Memory

Wednesday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
July 15, August 5, September 2
Margate City Public Library
Josh Cutler, Instructor

This course covers three key aspects of the war's human impact: Germany's policy of annihilation, the exodus of Nazis and survivors from Europe (who they were, how they left, and where they went), and the historic resilience of survivors who settled in and transformed Atlantic City.



Hooray for Hollywood Happy Birthday America!

Wednesdays 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
June 17, July 22, August 19
Stockton University Atlantic City Campus, room 212
Sharon Harris-Zlotnick, Instructor

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's birth, we will look back at major historic events that shaped America. Hollywood has produced many iconic movies that spotlight the people, places, issues, and growth of the U.S. We will discuss the scope of the American experiment, and view film clips that show how our predecessors confronted, and conquered, America's challenges to build a powerful, but complex nation.

NEW- Male Music Icons

Friday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

June 5, July 3, August 7

Margate City Public Library

Allyssa Borrelli, Instructor

Combining nostalgia with cultural analysis, we will move from the birth of “The Teenager,” examining the crooners like Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra, to the time when music became a visual feast and personal expression, to how music transitioned from radio to screen and beyond - the era of the “Global Megastar”.

The Short Stories of Sholem Aleichem

Monday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

June 8, July 13, August 10

Margate City Public Library

Elaine Geller, Instructor

Known as the ‘Jewish Mark Twain,’ Sholem Aleichem wrote humorous stories and novels about life in small-town (shtetl) Eastern Europe before World War II. His stories inspired the play *Fiddler on the Roof*. We will read and discuss three or four stories each class session.

The stories will be available at the Margate Library.

New-Sinatra 101

Thursday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

June 25, July 23, August 27

Stockton University Atlantic City campus, room 210

Bruce Klauber, Instructor

“Sinatra 101” is an overview of the man and his music. The course identifies his early vocal influences, then follows his career on records, stage, screen, and television: His big band days, the Columbia Record years as idol of the bobbysoxers, the career downturn and astounding comeback, and the Capital and Reprise Records years.

World War II: Causes, Combat, and Victory for the Allies

Tuesday mornings 10:30 am – 11:45 am

June 9, June 23, August 11, September 1

Stockton University Atlantic City campus, room 210

Burt Rose, Instructor

This course provides a chronological overview of World War II, covering its causes and the major campaigns in the European and Pacific theaters (1939-1944). Topics include Nazi Germany's early triumphs, the attacks on the Soviet Union and Pearl Harbor, key battles like Midway and Stalingrad, campaigns in the Mediterranean, D-Day, and concluding with the Allied victories, the fall of Japan, and the use of the atomic bombs.

NEW-Yiddish

Thursday afternoons 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Six sessions: June 18, June 25, July 2, July 16, July 23, July 30

Margate City Public Library

Shoshana Levin, Instructor

The main goal of this class is conversational immersion in Yiddish, "mameloshen" ('mother tongue'). We will also discuss the origins and development of the language, and students are encouraged to bring music to use as a basis for learning. Shoshana Levin is the only child of Holocaust survivors, born in Haifa, Israel, and grew up in Toronto, Canada. Her first language was Yiddish. Shoshana has been a member of the local Yiddish club for over 20 years. It is helpful to obtain a copy of *The Modern Yiddish/English Dictionary* by Uriel Weinrich.

SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Travel the World:

New Seven Wonders of the World – An Incredible Journey

Speaker: Josh Cutler

Monday, June 29

10:30 am – 12:00 noon

Margate City Public Library

Margate Library author series

Christine Kuehn

Thursday, July 9, 7:00 PM

Bloom Pavilion

Family of Spies

Bruce Klauber

Thursday, July 16, 7:00 PM

Bloom Pavilion

Let Me Be Frank: The Extraordinary Life of Frank Sinatra, Jr.

Jane Rubin

Bloom Pavilion

Thursday, July 23, 7:00 PM

Mayhem in the Mountains, available June 9



**FELS SUMMER 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 off the course(s) you are registering for:

Class	Fee	Class	Fee
20 th Century Am'n Composers	\$30	Golden Girls	\$30
Artists Secrets	\$30	Great Decisions	\$65
Banned Books	\$30	Hooray for Hollywood	\$30
Book & Film (Monday class closed) FRIDAY CLASS OPEN	\$30	Male Music Icons	\$30
The British Are Coming!	\$30	Sholom Aleichem Stories	\$30
Current Events & Constitutional Issues	\$30	Sinatra 101	\$30
Documentaries	\$30	World War II	\$45
Drawing	\$45	Holocaust: Memories	\$30
		Yiddish	\$45
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 _____

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