



FELS FALL/WINTER 2026-2027 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

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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P.O. Box 3380
Margate NJ 08402**

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American Composers of the 20th Century

Tuesdays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

October 20, November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 16

Stockton University Atlantic City campus room 210

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 Through the Ages: Focus on the 19th and 20th Centuries

Wednesdays 10:30 – 12:00 noon

October 21, November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17

Margate City Public Library

Shirley Belitsky, Instructor

History of art will discuss the daring of the Impressionists, and the boldness of the Abstract artists, Fauves, Cubists, and Surrealists. We will explore how these artists and their styles led to the work of the Pop artists of the 1950's, and survey the work of the most influential artists of their times.

Spotlight on the 2026 Election

Sunday afternoons 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

October 11, November 15, December 13

Margate City Public Library

Bill Subin, Instructor

This course will discuss the major issues of the mid-term elections, focusing on the Constitution and the Rule of Law. In November we will discuss election highlights, including expectations for the preservation of the institutions which support our Democracy. We may examine such questions as: What have we learned from these elections? What effect may the results have on our Constitutional Republic in the next few years? What are YOUR OPINIONS?

Documentaries

Thursdays 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

October 22, October 29, November 5

Stockton University Atlantic City campus room 210

Howard Butler, Moderator

This series of documentaries focuses on the importance of communication as a tool for entertaining and educating. We will view and discuss the following three movies that run the gambit of ways in which our society uses and abuses the messages that we see and hear on a daily basis.

On Broadway

This movie depicts the history of Broadway while chronicling how economic shifts and cultural changes impacted the Great White Way.

The Librarians

The documentary follows educators and librarians who find themselves facing harassment, threats, and political pressure in Texas, Florida, and Tennessee over restricted access to books.

Age of AI

We will examine the movement of AI, exploring its role in automation, wealth inequality, data-mining and surveillance.

Note: the sessions are three weeks in a row

Drawing

Friday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
October 23, October 30, November 6, November 13
Margate City Public Library
Janet Bodoff, Instructor

Learn to draw, and acquire skills to sketch effectively. You will develop the basic principles of art and design including light, tone, line, shading, composition, and more. Come create a fun, fulfilling new hobby.

Registration fee includes all drawing materials.



Flash Fiction

Tuesdays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2
Margate City Public Library
Meryl Rodgers, Instructor

Flash fiction are 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, February 2025

Stories for the first session will be sent to participants before the first class.

From Eastern European Poverty to American Ingenuity: A Story of Jewish Migration

Thursdays 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
October 8, November 12, December 10
Stockton University Atlantic City campus room 210
Josh Cutler, Instructor

The three-part class will cover the following topics:

First session – From the Pale of Settlement to the Pine Barrens

Second session – From Jewish Roots to Jewish Resorts

Third session - Yiddish in the Chicken Coop

Hooray for Hollywood Happy Birthday America - Part II

Wednesdays 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
October 14, October 28, November 11
Stockton University Atlantic City Campus, room 210
Sharon Harris-Zlotnick, Instructor

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's birth, we will look back at major historic events of the 20th and 21st centuries 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.



Short Stories

Wednesdays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

October 7, November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3

Margate City Public Library

Elaine Geller, Instructor

Participants will read and discuss award-winning short stories from American writers, as well as writers from throughout the world. Each month a different theme will be explored in the works of three writers. *The stories for each month will be distributed before every class.*

Sinatra 102

Thursday mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

October 15, November 19, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 18

Stockton University Atlantic City campus, room 211

Bruce Klauber, Instructor

"Sinatra 102" explores, in singular and entertaining detail, not only the vocal artistry and evolution of Frank Sinatra as a singer and recording artist, but his many films, television and radio appearances; as well as insights into his much-publicized personal life. Through ultra-rare recordings covering seven decades of music, and special guest speakers--including acclaimed vocalist Eddie Bruce and Andrea Kauffman, personal manager of Frank Sinatra, Jr. for more than three decades--"Sinatra 102" will shed new light into the man and his music and why he remains as popular today as he ever was.

Sunday Matinee

Sundays 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm

October 25, November 8, November 22

Margate City Public Library

Jim Cahill and Arlene Halpern, Moderators

Take time out from your frenetic schedule and the crazy world around us and set aside a Sunday afternoon to relax and enjoy iconic movies of the past, along with light refreshments and stimulating discussion.

Yiddish

Tuesdays 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Six classes: October 13, October 20, November 10, November 17, December 8, December 15

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.



FELS FALL/WINTER 2026 and 2027 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 courses(s) you are registering for:

Class	Fee	Class	Fee
20 th Century Am'n Composers	\$45	Hooray for Hollywood	\$30
Art History	\$45	Short Stories	\$45
Documentaries	\$30	Sinatra 102	\$45
Drawing (<i>includes materials</i>)	\$50	Spotlight on 2026 Election	\$30
Flash Fiction	\$45	Sunday Matinee	\$30
Eastern Europe to Am'n Ingenuity	\$30	Yiddish	\$35
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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