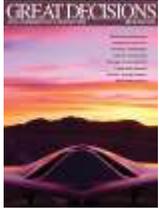




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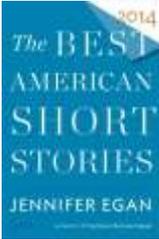
Join your LLC friends or find new friends in **Wintersession 2015**. Some old favorites return along with some interesting new offerings. Most classes start the first week of January, others later in the session. Please check the starting day in the description. All courses will meet at Temple Beth-El in Providence. You must be a LLC member to register. Classes fill up quickly – online registration is recommended (www.lifelonglearningcollaborative.org/courses). If paying with a check, use the attached registration form and mail to LLC, P O Box 603126, Providence, RI 02906. **Registration deadline is Dec 12.**

GREAT DECISIONS 2015 (Coordinators: Dennis Flavin, Dave Hansen)



A lively exchange of presentations, opinion and perspectives regarding thought-provoking world issues, many with serious implication for America. The 2015 *Great Decisions* Briefing Book, which provides a wealth of background information, current data and policy options, serves as a jumping off point for each discussion led by a class member (Great Decisions is a national civic education program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association). This year's class will focus on eight issues: Russia and the Near Abroad, Privacy in the Digital Age, Sectarianism in the Middle East, India Changes Course, U.S. Policy Toward Africa, Syria's Refugee Crisis, Human Trafficking in the 21st Century and Brazil's Metamorphosis. **Cost \$50 (Includes Foreign Policy Association briefing book).** **Class size limit: 20. Tuesday mornings (10 AM-12 PM), 8 weeks, Jan 6 - Feb 24**

THE BEST AMERICAN SHORT STORIES 2014 (Coordinators: Carol Robinson, Stephanie Sullivan)



The Best American series is the premier annual showcase for some of the country's finest short fiction. Each volume's series editor selects notable works from hundreds of magazines, journals and websites. National best-selling author Jennifer Egan, who won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award for *A Visit from the Goon Squad*, is this year's guest editor.

Join us for lively, in-depth discussions as we delve into this collection of thought-provoking new fiction. *THE BEST AMERICAN SHORT STORIES 2014* includes both well-known writers – Ann Beattie, T.C. Boyle, Karen Russell, Joshua Ferris, Joyce Carol Oates – and others who are newly published. From a hospital's neonatal care unit, to the human faces of American Forces, from the rise and fall of an indie rocker to strangers in the strange land of Antarctica, and the fate of Madame Bovary's greyhound, these stories will engage and surprise you. Each class member is expected to read the stories in the collection, choose at least one story and serve as the discussion leader. Required text: *The Best American Short Stories 2014*, Jennifer Egan and Heidi Pitlor (Editors). Available in local independent bookstores and at Amazon new and used for \$12 or less. **Cost \$40. Class size limit 25. Tuesday afternoons (1-3 PM), 8 weeks, Jan 6 - Feb 24**

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY (Coordinator: Bob Goodwin)



Three or four boards and almost never bored. All LLC members invited to join us for Scrabble immediately followed by Optional Supper Club at various venues. The more the merrier. **Pre-registration is NOT required; just drop in to play.** **Tuesday afternoons (3:30-5 PM), 8 weeks, Jan 6 - Feb 24**

PERSPECTIVES ON END-OF-LIFE CHOICES (Coordinators: Susan Weston, Carol Crowley)



Think of this as a "Hot Topics" class on dying in America. A small discussion group will read and respond to some of the viewpoints presented in a recent spate of essays, news articles, and reports on assisted suicide and end-of-life issues. As we all face our own mortality, discussions such as this can be unsettling, clarifying, challenging – and helpful.

Susan and Carol, who were the catalyst for launching last year's "Cafes Mortels," will provide advance copies of the texts to be discussed, and act as light-handed moderator of each session to help ensure that all voices are heard. Members of the class are encouraged to identify additional materials that will add to the discussion. These additional materials should be distributed by e-mail and/or hard copies distributed to the group in advance of the next meeting.

Cost \$20. Class size limit 11. Wednesday mornings (10 AM-12 PM), 4 weeks, Jan 7 - 28

INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY (Coordinator: Lee Ashcraft)



Genealogy is a popular hobby for millions of people as it seems that almost everyone wonders about where they came from and some seek answers in the study of family genealogy. If you are thinking about starting your study or are just beginning, this course could be just right for you. Topics will include: vital records, documentation and record keeping, oral histories, cemetery research, family narratives, Internet resources, computer software, and DNA in your family tree. There will be three class sessions and one session will be a visit to a local historical society. Lee, an amateur genealogist, will provide tips from his experience. Class will be a mix of “how to” and individual and group work on family genealogies. Students will be expected to apply lessons /techniques from class in their research and to share those experiences in class.

Materials: Coordinator will provide links to on-line resources. **Cost: \$20. Class size limit 20. Wednesday Mornings (10 AM-12 PM), 4 weeks, Feb 4 - 25.**

HOT TOPICS (Two sessions are offered) (Coordinator(s): Session 1 Gene Mihaly, Session 2: Tony Allen, Ed Mehlman)



Do you enjoy talking with others about news of the day, see what they think is important, and why? If so, try Hot Topics. Members of the Hot Topics class will take turns selecting a hot topic of the week – topics that will stir debate – and present them to the class. The person presenting the topic gets things rolling with a few questions to stimulate discussion. Previous Hot Topics classes show that members have absolutely no trouble with that. Class members should plan to read the *Providence Journal* and either *The New York Times* or *The Wall Street Journal* or both – along with other news sources they might want to look into. But any medium will do, paper or electronic, as long as the topics are timely, and *hot*. **Cost: \$30. Class size limit 20.**

SESSION #1: Cost \$40. Wednesday afternoons (1-3 PM), 8 weeks, Jan 7 - Feb 25

SESSION #2: Cost \$35. Thursday afternoons (1-3 PM), 7 weeks, Jan 8 - Feb 19

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO CREATING AND LEADING A TERRIFIC CLASS SESSION (Coordinators: Linda Shamoon with Dick McWhirter and Nancy Nowak; Session Leaders: Experienced LLC members to demonstrate best practices)



Get a jump on the spring semester: Learn all about the role of the session leader in LLC classes, share with others your opinions of good (and not-so-good) presentations, and see great presentations in action. Along the way, you'll have a chance to work-up an early “draft” of a presentation for an upcoming spring LLC class of interest to you. In addition, we'll share tips for researching online, for leading lively discussions, and for using technology during presentations. We will also discuss gaining confidence in public speaking, with opportunities for practice in a “safe” environment. Our goal: Everyone completes the course with an early version of a full presentation in hand (or with session-ready materials).

This is a hands-on workshop. Participants should expect to try the methods suggested, and they should be willing to work-up a short or early version of a full presentation or similar item, and to do a trial-run in class. This class does not duplicate LLC's short course in “Visual Presentations.”

No fee for this course, but you must be a LLC member to join. Class size limit 12. Thursday mornings, (10AM-12PM), 4 weeks, Jan 29 – Feb 19