



Lifelong Learning
COLLABORATIVE



Wintersession 2018

Registration opens Monday, December 4.

Classes start the second week of January and meet at Temple Beth-El in Providence.
You must be a LLC member to register.

Don't delay – classes fill up quickly!

For quickest service, register online at www.lifelonglearningcollaborative.org.

If paying with a check, use the registration form on page 4.

TUESDAY - AM

Tuesday mornings

Temple Beth-El

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

8 weeks

Jan 9-Feb 27

Fee: \$40

Class size limit: 20

Hot Topics, Session 1 (Session 2 offered on Thursday mornings)

Coordinator: Gene Mihaly

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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. Any medium will do, paper or electronic, if the topics are timely, and *hot*.

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Resources: Participants will need access to Internet and will share articles drawn from newspapers, journals, magazines, and/or news releases with the group by email.

Coordinator: Gene is a seasoned coordinator with a keen interest in current events.

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Journalism, Fiction, Nonfiction, Memoir, Oh My!

Coordinator: Steve Starger

The only way to become a better writer is to write! This course is designed to help participants develop the basic tools necessary to become better writers. Learn how to turn a so-so sentence into a sentence that sings. Come ready to turn your dreams into reality.

Format: Participants will submit writing samples each week, to be critiqued by their peers in a nonjudgmental workshop setting. If you have longer pieces to submit, we will use them as a vehicle for revision techniques. We will also discuss writing craft and the business of getting published.

Resources/Expenses: The following texts are recommended but not required for class: *On Writing Well*, William Zinsser; *The Elements of Style*, Strunk and White; *The Writer's Market* (annual). These can be found on Amazon and in local book stores. There are no additional expenses.

Coordinator: Steve Starger has been a journalist, author, and playwright for nearly 60 years. He has previously coordinated successful writing classes for LLC.

TUESDAY - PM

Tuesday afternoons

Temple Beth-El

1:00 - 3:00 PM

8 weeks

Jan 9-Feb 27

Fee: \$40

Class size limit: 20

The Best American Short Stories, 2017 (Two Sections Offered)

Section 1 Coordinators: Susan McCalmont, Mary Zych

Section 2 Coordinators: DJ Foley, Sheila Lawrence

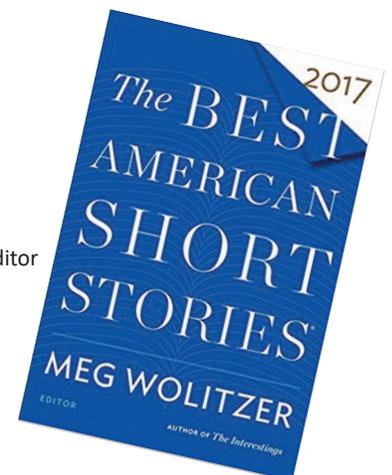
Join us for lively, in-depth discussions as we delve into this collection of thought-provoking new fiction. *The Best American Short Stories* series (Editor Meg Wolitzer) is the premier annual showcase for some of the country's finest short fiction selected from hundreds of magazines, journals and websites. Meg Wolitzer is a *New York Times* bestselling author and is on the faculty of the MFA program at Stony Brook University. In this book

of short stories, you'll find, among others, a man with a boyfriend and a girlfriend, Naval officers trapped on a submarine, a contestant on *America's Funniest Home Videos*, and a gay man desperate to be a father. All are unforgettable characters waiting for an outcome, burning with stories to tell.

Format: Class members are expected to read the stories in the required text collection and to lead a discussion on one story of their choice.

Resources/Expenses: Participants will be expected to purchase the required text: *The Best American Short Stories 2017*, Meg Wolitzer (Editor), which is available at Amazon new and used for about \$11 or less.

Coordinators: Susan McCalmont and Mary Zych have both taken the Short Stories course in the past, and "would like to create the same great experience." DJ Foley is a retired speech and language pathologist. She is the chair of Reading Across RI and has a love for reading and writing. Sheila K Lawrence is a former journalist and author. She has coordinated several LLC classes.



TUESDAY - PM

Tuesday afternoons

Temple Beth-El

1:00 - 3:00 PM

8 weeks

Jan 9-Feb 27

Fee: \$40

Class size limit: 11

Painting with Color

Coordinator: Mary Snowden

Improve your painting! This is a class that will focus on a variety of issues concerning color in painting: the best way to mix color, how to get back to a color you have already used, limited palettes, the use of color with light and shadow. **Note: The painting room is on the second floor, so it will entail climbing stairs, as there is no elevator.**

Format: The class is limited to the use of oils or acrylic paints. We will work from still life and photographs of your choosing. This is a class for both beginners and those with more experience.

Resources/Expenses: Supply list will be sent out before class begins.

Coordinator: Mary Snowden, a retired Professor of Painting, has coordinated many courses on art for LLC.

Tuesday late afternoons

Temple Beth-El

3:30 - 5:00 PM

8 weeks

Jan 9-Feb 27

There is no fee for this course, but you must be a member of LLC.

Registration is not required. Just drop in and play.

Scrabble Social Club

Coordinators: Pete DuPont, Bob Goodwin

Do drop in for a friendly game or two of Scrabble. All levels welcome, including any who have never played before. No fee, no sign up, just show up. Hopefully, you'll become a regular. We generally have three to five games in play and there is room for more. Cathy will be on hand for documentation and rule clarification. Sheila will create our groups of threes and twos each week and we shall see if Pete will continue to hold onto his distinction as our Scrabble Icon. Then join us afterwards, if you wish, for supper at a local restaurant. We may touch on many interesting topics or just relax and unwind in a convivial group.

Coordinators: Bob is a long time LLC coordinator who relishes bringing people together informally. Pete is a more recent member of LLC. He and Bob have also collaborated on group hikes with LLC friends and others. Pre-registration is NOT required; no fee, just drop in to play.

WEDNESDAY - AM

Wednesday mornings

Temple Beth-El

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

8 weeks

Jan 10-Feb 28

Fee: \$65 (includes \$25 for the Foreign Policy Association briefing book)

Class size limit: 24

Great Decisions

Coordinators: Dennis Flavin, David Hansen

Expect a lively, highly collaborative exchange of presentations, opinion and perspectives regarding thought-provoking world issues, many with serious implication for America. The *2018 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 covers eight issues: the waning of Pax Americana, Russia's foreign policy, China and America: the new geopolitical equation, media and foreign policy, Turkey: a partner in crisis, U.S. global engagement and the military, South Africa's fragile democracy, and global health: progress and challenges.

Resources: Participants will need access to Internet and will share articles drawn from newspapers, journals, magazines, and/or news releases with the group by email.

Coordinators: Dennis Flavin and Dave Hansen have coordinated many similar courses in the past and love nothing better than a good juicy discussion!

We are an independent, not-for-profit collaborative lifelong learning organization in Rhode Island, offering a program of affordable courses that cover a wide gamut of interests; trips and cultural events; as well as the opportunity to volunteer, serve on committees, coordinate a course and otherwise help shape the future of lifelong learning in our area.

Our annual membership is low (\$25 yearly).
You must be a member to participate in classes.

Many of our classes fill within the first few days of registration.
To avoid disappointment, we suggest that you register early.
Register online or see registration form.

Learn.
Discover.
Enjoy.

This is LLC.

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Wednesday mornings
Temple Beth-El
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
8 weeks
Jan 10-Feb 28
Fee: \$40
Class size limit: 11

Mah Jongg Coordinator: Carol Desforges

Enjoy playing a challenging game and forming a social group? Learn how to play Mah Jongg, a tile game formerly played only by Chinese royalty, which may have originated with Confucius about 500 BC. The American version has a set of 152 tiles marked with Chinese symbols. Though the game is played worldwide, it did not become popular in the U.S. until the 1920's. At that time, it was the most popular board game in the US exceeding even Monopoly. In order to play the game you must learn the symbols on the tiles, the patterns of hands on a score card, the many rules of the game, and the protocols of play. It is a challenging game to learn but we will guide you through it. Once you master it, Mah Jongg is addicting and you will not want to stop playing it.



Coordinator: Carol Desforges is a retired high school science teacher who loves to play and teach Mah Jongg. She has been teaching Mah Jongg at senior centers, with social organizations, and in private homes since 2007.

WEDNESDAY - PM

Wednesday afternoons
Temple Beth-El
1:00 - 3:00 PM
6 weeks
Jan 10-Feb 14
Fee: \$30
Class size limit: 9

Knitting: The Basics – YES YOU CAN! and Not Just for Girls! Coordinator: Doris Briggs

Do you want to learn to knit or brush up on skills? In this class, you will learn the two knitting foundation stitches KNIT and PURL, how to cast on and bind off stitches and to finish your project. You will learn the language of knitting – what it all means, as well as how to read a simple knitting pattern.

Format: In this class, each participant will produce a simple scarf with both purl and knit stitches. The relaxed environment allows for interaction among participants.

Resources/Expenses: Coordinator will provide copies of the knitting pattern. You will purchase your own yarn and needles, details will be provided.

Coordinator: Doris Briggs is a happily retired Registered Nurse who has been knitting for many years. Her interests include knitting samples for a yarn shop, spinning fiber, weaving, wine making, volunteering with Waterfire as a boat captain and learning new things.

THURSDAY - AM

Thursday mornings
Temple Beth-El
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Jan 11-Mar 1
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