

LIFELONG LEARNING

@ Rock Hill

Where Curiosity Never Retires!

FALL 2021 COURSE CATALOG

SEPTEMBER 21 - NOVEMBER 18
Registration begins August 30

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Rock Hill
SOUTH CAROLINA
PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

Vision

Years ago the people of Rock Hill found themselves at a crossroads. The textile industry, the bedrock of our community's economy, was rapidly eroding.

At that time the leaders of our community began hosting community planning sessions to hear from the people of Rock Hill and determine the necessary steps to create and sustain the essential lifeblood for each and every successful City – community engagement and a sense of purpose.

Some thirty-five (35) years later we are thriving because of our community engagement and our unified belief that our community, with deliberate and intentional thought and action, can become a Rock Hill For All.

Our success requires a multi-pronged effort intent on empowering all of our people and informing them of the opportunities we have in this Good Town.

Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill is an effort to continue our years-long tradition of engaging the people of Rock Hill in a manner that encourages community involvement, allows interpersonal relationships to thrive and continues to move Rock Hill forward. Our efforts in recent memory have been around a downtown revitalization strategy – one that the engaged residents built to determine the future of Knowledge Park. We are developing a knowledge economy – a multi-faceted district that will propel our community into a modern, progressive economy based on information.

Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill is a vital part of this future. You will see this as not just a program, but an exciting new opportunity for those in our community fifty (50) years of age and older and, to our knowledge, the only such effort hosted and supported by a City government in the country.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill, another opportunity provided by this significant All American City and all the rights, privileges and benefits pertaining thereto.

Welcome,



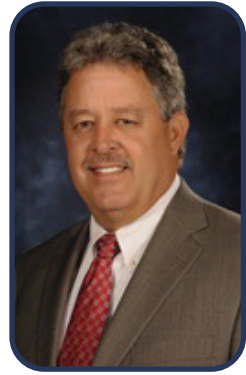
John P. Gettys, Jr.

Mayor, City of Rock Hill



Welcome

Welcome to Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill! On behalf of the City of Rock Hill and the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department, we invite you to explore the culture, enrichment and learning opportunities that are available to you through this program.



The Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department's mission is to provide a wholesome program of leisure, recreational, tourism and cultural opportunities and facilities to enhance the quality of life for Rock Hill residents and visitors. We are very excited to expand our programming for adults 50 and up through Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill. This program offers a wide array of topics from knowledgeable and enthusiastic instructors, and we feel like there will be something to suit all curiosities.

This program is at its richest when we can all be together. It is with great joy that I can say we will offer this semester of Lifelong Learning in-person. We will continue to monitor the ongoing situation regarding COVID and follow the recommendations set forth by the CDC, SC DHEC and the City of Rock Hill. We cannot wait to see everyone together again!

We are proud of this great city, and we encourage you to learn and explore all that it has to offer. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can help you in any way.

We welcome you and are excited to continue this journey together!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Taylor" clearly legible.

John D. Taylor

Director, City of Rock Hill Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT)

General Information

OVERVIEW

Learning @ Rock Hill – Where Curiosity Never Retires – is a diverse community of adults, age 50+ who share knowledge through unique classroom opportunities. Each term, outstanding volunteer presenters use seminar or workshop formats to share a range of engaging topics related to personal growth and enrichment. The only prerequisite is a curiosity to learn!

COURSE & EVENT REGISTRATIONS

Registration for courses, Lunch & Learns and special events will open on Monday, August 30, 2021. **NEW FOR FALL 2021** – No membership is required to participate in a Lifelong Learning course, event or Lunch & Learn. All adults 50+ in our community are welcome to participate in these educational opportunities.

There are three easy ways to register for courses!

1. Register Online - Visit cityofrockhill.com/lifelonglearning and click the "Register Now" button.

2. Register By Phone - Call 803-329-5527 to register by phone with your credit card.

3. Register In-person – Registration can be done during normal business hours at the PRT Main Office (Room 390) at City Hall, 155 Johnston St., Rock Hill, SC 29730.

COURSE LOCATIONS

All courses will meet, at least for their first session, at **Northside Recreation Center, 900 Annafrel St., Rock Hill, SC 29730**. If meeting locations for a course vary, it will be noted in the description. Information about additional meeting locations will be sent out via email for courses with varied locations.

WAITLIST POLICY

Due to their popularity, Lifelong Learning courses do fill up fast. Whether you register by phone, online or in-person, you will have the option to join the waitlist for any courses that are already full. Any openings that become available will go to students in the order they occur on the waitlist.

General Information

CONTACT US

If you have any questions about Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill courses or events, please contact us at lifelonglearning@cityofrockhill.com or 803-329-5527.

STAY IN THE KNOW!

When you register for a Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill multi-week course, Lunch & Learn or event, you'll automatically be added to our email list. Please be sure to keep an eye out for these emails. They will be your best way to stay up to date about upcoming programs, new events, and other exciting Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill news!

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you need financial assistance, please contact us at lifelonglearning@cityofrockhill.com or 803-329-5527.

IN-PERSON COURSES & COVID-19 INFORMATION

In-person courses will be held at Northside Recreation Center, 900 Annafrel St., Rock Hill, SC 29730. We will continue to follow the guidelines, recommendations, and best practices from the CDC, SC DHEC, and the City of Rock Hill. More information about protocols to minimize the spread of COVID-19 will be released as needed via eBulletin.

TO SUGGEST A COURSE, LUNCH & LEARN TOPIC OR EVENT

Have an idea that you'd like us to explore?

Visit cityofrockhill.com/lifelonglearning to fill out a course proposal form or contact the Lifelong Learning Coordinator to discuss course topics or ways you can get involved as an instructor.

Please Join Us

LIFELONG LEARNING @ ROCK HILL KICK-OFF EVENT

DATE: Wednesday, September 8, 2021

TIME: 10 AM - 11:30 AM

LOCATION: Northside Recreation Center

900 Annafrel Street, Rock Hill, SC 29730

Join us for a Kick-Off Event to celebrate the start of the
Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill Fall 2021 Semester!

Enjoy light refreshments while you mingle with fellow
classmates and meet the instructors.



Multi-Week Course Descriptions

- TUESDAY COURSES -

Please note: course start & end dates vary.

GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS

John W. Skardon

TUESDAYS, 9:30 AM, October 26 - November 16

4-week course: \$20

Learn how to uncover the fascinating story of your family history with this beginner's class for genealogy. We'll discuss research methods, common sources used by genealogists, and how to organize your discoveries. This in-depth class is designed for beginning researchers or those wanting to better understand the fundamentals of genealogical research. We'll look at how to get started, how to properly interpret and analyze information for evidence, and understanding common sources such as the federal census, newspapers, court records, vital records, and DNA. We'll discuss African-American genealogy research and available print and online resources. Prerequisites: basic computer skills; personal laptop, tablet or smartphone to use in class.

YOUR BASIC BIRD

Dr. Bill Rogers

TUESDAYS, 9 AM, October 26 - November 16

4-week course: \$20

We will explore where birds came from, the ancestral group from which they arose, when it happened, etc. We will then explore how flight and its demands have shaped the features of birds to give them the forms they have today. We'll then consider how birds differ and are similar to mammals such as ourselves. We will look at bird behavior and explore how birds perceive their world. We'll then use the earlier material to understand what you can do to get a yard full of birds. Along the way, Dr. Rogers will use many local examples to get you more familiar with the species you're most likely to encounter in the Rock Hill area.

Multi-Week Course Descriptions

- WEDNESDAY COURSES -

Please note: course start & end dates vary.

SHAKESPEARE'S OTHELLO: VICTIM & VILLAIN?

Joanne Gaskins

WEDNESDAYS, 9:30 AM, September 22 – November 3

6-week course: \$25 (No class on October 20)

Our study will involve a short discussion of the Elizabethan theater and how Shakespeare not only adapted his plays to its limitations but used the limitations to enhance his works, too. We will discuss Shakespeare's concept of a tragic hero through Othello, an honorable man and respected leader, who murders his innocent wife. How can an honorable man become a murderer? Join us as we investigate! Please do not be intimidated by a Shakespearean play. Remember the uneducated and often drunk "groundlings" in his audience found much to enjoy in the plays. Come join us - it will be fun!

BEGINNER WOODCARVING

Rusty Robinson

WEDNESDAYS, 1 PM, September 22 – October 23

4-week course: \$20; Additional Supplies Fee: \$16

This course will introduce students to the basic skills used in wood carving, including tool safety, use of tools, and wood choices. A basic knowledge of woodworking and use of hand tools would be helpful but is not required. Each student will receive a basic wood carving kit as part of the supplies fee for this course. The main carving project for this course will be a wooden spoon.

Multi-Week Course Descriptions

- WEDNESDAY COURSES -

Please note: course start & end dates vary.

EXPLORING LOCAL HISTORY VIA ROOTSANDRECALL.COM

Wade Fairey & Paul Gettys

WEDNESDAYS, 1 PM, September 22 – October 23

4-week course: \$20

This interactive course will feature the use of digital resources such as www.rootsandrecall.com, as well as others, in recording and preserving the local history. Students will also discuss York County's roll in national events and explore historic sites across York County using digital resources that help preserve local history and stories. One class session will include a walking tour to explore historic architecture in downtown Rock Hill. Prerequisites: Basic computer skills. Personal laptop, tablet or smartphone to use in class.

ROCK HILL: GOOD TOWN, GREAT PEOPLE

Multiple Instructors

WEDNESDAYS, 1 PM, October 27 – November 17

4-week course: \$20

There is so much to learn about Rock Hill! This survey course will feature four unique presentations that explore the past, present and future of our Good Town. This semester this course will focus on the public safety and medical providers in Rock Hill and York County. In this course, you'll get presentations from: Rock Hill Police Department, Rock Hill Fire Department, Piedmont Emergency Medicine Services and York County Emergency Management.

Multi-Week Course Descriptions

- THURSDAY COURSES -

Please note: course start & end dates vary.

WHAT SCHOOLS ARE LIKE TODAY – INSIGHTS, INNOVATIONS, & CONTINUING CHALLENGES

Winthrop Faculty – Richard W. Riley College of Education

THURSDAYS, 9:30 AM, September 23 – October 14

4-week course: \$20

Over the four weeks, individual session topics will include the role of school principals and how they establish school environments that are conducive to teaching and learning; motivating students to learn; the diversity of our schools and what teachers are doing to teach for that diversity; and the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) approach which connects K-12 students with community resources, including lifelong learners.

HUMAN GENETICS: BEYOND WHAT YOU LEARNED IN HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Charles Schwartz

THURSDAYS, 9:30 AM, September 23 – October 14

4-week course: \$20

What are chromosomes? What are DNA and RNA? What are genes? What are the different modes of inheritance? After getting a handle on the principles of genetics, this course will cover human disorders that do not follow these principles. Students will examine the procedures used to identify human disease genes and review research examples. Dr. Schwartz will utilize his experience studying intellectual disability, autism and birth defects to present examples of the complexities of human genetics. Recent studies have revealed that we still have a lot to learn!

Multi-Week Course Descriptions

- THURSDAY COURSES -

Please note: course start & end dates vary.

YORK COUNTY HISTORY

Pat Grant

THURSDAYS, 1 PM, September 23 – October 14

4-week course: \$20

The course will offer a broad history of York County including: the State Line and how we got the "notch" in our shape; geography of the county; Catawba River; Catawba Indians and Treaties; origin of towns and their names; Great Wagon Road; early churches; Civil War skirmish and Federal Occupation; history of Winthrop University; Hamilton Carhartt, founder of Carhartt Outdoor Clothing, his contributions to Rock Hill and unusual facts about York County. The opportunity for outings to Nation Ford and the foundational remains of the Carhartt Mansion may be available.

ROCK HILL WATER ACADEMY

Multiple Instructors

THURSDAYS, 9:30 AM, October 28 – November 18

4-week course: \$20

As a vital source of drinking water, power generation, economic growth and cultural connection for nearly 2 million people, the Catawba River is the lifeblood of our region. In session one you'll hear from Duke Energy about how they manage the river and reservoirs as they partner with local and state governments to provide power, water and recreation in our region. The second session will feature a speaker from the Catawba Riverkeeper as we discuss the conservation and preservation of this vital resource. Finally, in sessions three and four you'll get an in-depth look at drinking water and wastewater treatment and management from the City of Rock Hill water operations team.

Multi-Week Course Descriptions

- THURSDAY COURSES -

Please note: course start & end dates vary.

VERNON GRANT: HIS LIFE, ART AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK HILL

Linda D. Williams

THURSDAYS, 9:30 AM, October 28 – November 18

4-week course: \$20

An in-depth look at the artist's early years in South Dakota and how those experiences affected his life and his art in California, New York and South Carolina, as described by the author of Vernon Grant's biography.

Participants will learn about Vernon Grant through discussions, visual aids, hands-on experiences and field trips to various locations that feature Vernon Grant works.

October 28: Northside Recreation Center – General discussion about Vernon Grant as told in the book, *Beyond Snap! Crackle! Pop!™ The Story of American Illustrator Vernon Grant*.

November 4: Louise Pettus Archives – Hands-on experience with many items created by Vernon Grant through the years with Kellogg and the City of Rock Hill, plus a discussion of *"Beyond Snap! Crackle! Pop! The Rest of the Story."*

November 11: McCelvey Center, York – Review the vast Vernon Grant collection with curator Jillian Matthews.

November 18: Museum of York County – Visit the Tot Town exhibit and debut of the 2021 Vernon Grant ornament and Christmas card. Plus the opportunity to meet Vernon's son, Chip, along with Allan Miller, author of the *VG Collector's Guide* that is included in the book.

Art Class Descriptions

- ART CLASSES -

All art classes below are one-session classes.

SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO TREES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1 PM

1-week class: \$5; Materials Fee: \$15

Make a hand painted palmetto tree for a home décor project. We will be using one circular 12-inch wood piece. With chalk paint, you can choose to paint your own palmetto tree design or use a stencil that will be provided.

AUTUMN DECORATIVE PILLOW

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1 PM

1-week class: \$5; Materials Fee: \$10

Paint a beautiful fall pumpkin on a pillow to decorate any room. Patti Panetti will guide you through this process with acrylic paints. Pillow form not included.

LEARN TO DRAW IN FIVE EASY STEPS

THURSDAY, October 14, 1 PM

1-week class: \$5

Students will be responsible for providing their own drawing supplies. A recommended supplies list will be provided.

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BEGINNER PHOTOGRAPHY

THURSDAY, October 28, 9:30 AM

1-week class: \$5

You will learn simple composition techniques, easy editing ideas and options for saving and storing your photos. Weather permitting, you can participate in a short photo scavenger hunt to practice what you learned in class. Prerequisite: personal camera or smartphone to use in class.

INTRODUCTION TO HAND SPINNING WITH A SPINDLE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 9:30 AM

1-week class: \$5

Learn about hand spinning wool or other fibers into yarn.

WHAT IS ALCOHOL INK?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 9:30 AM

1-week class: \$5; Materials Fee: \$5

Alcohol ink has very vibrant colors and provides interesting effects when used on slick surfaces. Come and give this medium a try to see if you will enjoy painting with alcohol ink.

WINE BOTTLES TO CHEESE TRAYS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 9:30 AM

1-week class: \$5; Materials Fee: \$10

Turn a used wine bottle into a beautiful cheese tray. We will customize the flattened bottle with a monogram using the etching technique.

Lunch & Learns

- LUNCH & LEARNS -

Lunch and Learns are open to any community member, age 50 and older, who would like to attend – there are no prerequisites. Each Lunch & Learn will take place at Northside Recreation Center at 11:30 AM on the specified date.

Lunch is provided! This semester Lunch & Learns will cost \$10 per person and will include a box lunch with sandwich, chips, cookie and drink. Information will be sent out prior to each event for those registered to select their sandwich preference.

Space is limited! Each Lunch & Learn will be limited to 60 people and registration is required!

OCTOBER 13

The Power of Poetry

Angelo Geter

Rock Hill Poet Laureate

OCTOBER 27

What You Need to Know About Lung Cancer with Q & A

Peter Zakow, MD, FACC, FACS

Board Certified in General Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery
Piedmont Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery

NOVEMBER 10

Rock Hill Symphony String Quartet

City of Rock Hill – PRT
Attn: Lifelong Learning
P.O. Box 11706
Rock Hill, SC 29731