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Summer 2026 Schedule



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SAIL is an educational program operated by and for individuals 55 years of age or better under the sponsorship of Collin College Continuing Education.



Welcome to Summer 2026!

If you are new to SAIL, we extend a warm welcome and if you are a returning SAIL member, we are so excited to have you back! Our incredible instructors and guest speakers have worked hard to put together a brain stimulating and fun schedule.

SAIL (Scholars Active in Learning) launched its first semester under the sponsorship of Collin College in Fall 1996 and has been serving our community of lifelong learners ever since! We offer a fall, spring and summer term and each semester brings new content to challenge, discuss and stimulate your brain. It's also a great way to socialize, meet new friends and share your love of learning!

SAIL classes are open to members who are 55+ and have an interest in learning! Did you know that anyone that meets the age requirement can take SAIL classes from anywhere in the world?

Be sure to tell friends and family to check out the Fall schedule, even though they don't live in the area. We want others to be able to "SAIL" with us!

Online learning links to your class will be emailed to you, if you have **registered** for that class, a few days before the class starts. Be sure to save the link where you can easily find it, as most links will be re-curring for that particular course.

Did you know that SAIL has an Advisory Council? The council meets throughout the year to provide advice, expertise and support to the SAIL program. In addition, they provide suggestions and guidance, review courses and provide critical feedback to improve the program and the SAIL program benefits greatly from their feedback. Be sure to check out your council volunteers and say Hi if you see them!

Enjoy your classes this semester and feel free to contact the SAIL office with any questions at **972.985.3788/3789** or email sail@collin.edu.



Summer 2026 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Membership Cost

\$25.00 for the semester

Number of Courses You Can Take in Summer:

Unlimited


Important Dates

- **Registration Opens: Monday, May 18th**
Registration remains open all semester!
 - **Summer 2026 Semester Dates: 6/1-6/30**
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How to Register

Visit www.collin.edu/sail and click “**REGISTER HERE.**”

Need help?

 Call the SAIL office at **972.985.3788**

 Email: sail@collin.edu

Additional Information

- Classes fill on a **first-come, first-served** basis.
- We occasionally use photos of SAIL classes on our website.
Please let us know if you'd like to **opt out** of having your photo used.
- SAIL classes **do not qualify** for the Texas Resident 65+ tuition exemption.
- Once the semester begins, **SAIL membership fees are nonrefundable.**

2026 SUMMER REGISTRATION SHEET (BY DAY)

SUBJ CODE	TITLE	CAMPUS	DAY	BEGIN DATE	END DATE	START TIME	END TIME	SESS
MST 01SU26	Glaciology & Snowball Earth	OL	Mon	6/1	6/22	11:00	12:30	4
LMW 03SU26	Agatha Christie's Two Sleuths	CY	Mon	6/1	6/8	1:00	2:00	2
HIST 03SU26	The Influence of Photography in Our Lives	OL	Mon	6/15	6/29	11:00	12:45	3
ART 01SU26	Acrylic Painting for Beginners	CY	Tue	6/2	6/30	10:00	1:00	5
LMW 01SU26	1776 – A Musical Celebration	CY	Tue	6/2	6/30	10:30	12:00	4
DISC 01SU26	Novel Discussion Group: Klara and the Sun	CY	Tue	6/2	6/2	11:00	12:30	1
LMW 02SU26	Hodgepodge – A Short Story Miscellany	CY	Tue	6/2	6/23	2:00	3:00	4
HIST 02SU26	This Thing is Ours: The Golden Ages of Vegas	OL	Tue	6/16	6/30	10:00	11:15	3
MST 04SU26	Quieting the Self	CY	Wed	6/10	6/10	11:00	12:30	1
LMW 04SU26	Telling Your Story: Writing Your Personal Narrative	CY	Wed	6/10	6/24	1:00	2:00	3
HIST 01SU26	“Lesser” Stories of American History: “Corps of Discovery”	CY	Thur	6/4	6/25	11:00	12:30	4
DISC 02SU26	Novel Discussion Group: Klara and the Sun	OL	Thur	6/4	6/4	11:00	12:30	1
MST 02SU26	Apple Watch	CY	Thur	6/18	6/18	1:30	3:00	1
MST 03SU26	iPhone Updates and Password App?	CY	Thur	6/25	6/25	1:30	3:00	1
FTK 01SU26	American Flag – Proper Care & Respect	CY	Fri	6/5	6/5	10:30	12:00	1

Name _____ Student Id # _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Credit Card _____ Exp. _____ CVS _____

ART/ART HISTORY

ART 01SU26 - Acrylic Painting for Beginners

Learn to paint using acrylic paints in this relaxing painting class. We will discuss painting tools and paints, how to use them, color theory, composition and color mixing. You can select your own projects or follow landscape, floral or abstract painting.

Tue 6/2-6/30

10 am-1 pm

Courtyard Center 316

Instructor: Rebecca Archuleta

Sessions: 5

Supply list – see the back of schedule

Student Limit: 14

Rebecca Archuleta is a dynamic professional artist based in Plano, Texas, known for her vibrant, mixed media creations. A proud native Texan and graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Rebecca brings both technical skill and heartfelt creativity to everything she does. Rebecca's mission is simple: to share the joy of art and inspire others to use creativity as a tool for communication, problem-solving, stress relief, and self-discovery. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned artist, her classes offer a space to grow, connect, and create.



DISCUSSION

DISC 01SU26 – Novel Discussion Group: *Klara and the Sun*

We will read and discuss *Klara and the Sun* (2021) by Kazuo Ishiguro. Ishiguro is author of *Never Let Me Go* and *The Remains of the Day* and the recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2017. *Klara and the Sun* looks at our rapidly changing world through the eyes of Klara, an artificial friend with exceptional powers of observation. The novel explores this fundamental question: What does it mean to love?

Tue 6/2 11 am-12:30 pm Courtyard 110

Instructor: Paul Dolliver

Sessions: 1

*This course has recommended reading

OR

DISC 02SU26 – Novel Discussion Group: *Klara and the Sun* **ONLINE**

Thur 6/4 11 am-12:30 pm **Online**

Instructor: Paul Dolliver

Sessions: 1

*This course has recommended reading

Paul Dolliver earned degrees in History and Geology from Baylor University. He has also pursued graduate studies in the History of Science at Harvard University. He is a geologist, college instructor, reader, walker, and Texas Master Naturalist. Paul has been involved with SAIL for several years and has facilitated discussion groups for over 30 years. He currently teaches Oceanography at Collin College.



HISTORY

HIST 01SU26 - "Lesser" Stories of American History: "Corps of Discovery"

When President Jefferson commissioned Lewis and Clark to explore the Louisiana Purchase, he paved the way for sparking the imaginations of settlers to follow. This foray into uncharted territory required leadership, courage, fortitude, and luck. Following their journey today feeds an adventurous spirit, historical curiosity, and appreciation of engaging storytelling. Join Ken Burns and Stephen Ambrose as they share their fascination with the "Corps of Discovery."

Thur 6/4-6/25 11 am-12:30 pm Courtyard Center 111
Instructor: Dr. Janet Harris Sessions: 4

Dr. Janet Harris has taught literature and writing for over twenty-five years, coached readers and writers in pursuing their personal goals, and reviewed books. As an editor, Dr. Harris has guided writers in publishing over 150 books and advised SMU graduate students in completing theses and dissertations. She has retired several times, the first from UT-Dallas.

HIST 02SU26 This Thing is Ours: The Golden Age of Vegas ONLINE

In this latest iteration of "This Thing of Ours," we turn our attention to the mid-century evolution of the American criminal underworld. The course examines the mob's strategic WWII collaborations and black-market operations, alongside its post-war expansion into the Las Vegas hospitality and gambling sectors.

Tue 6/16-6/30 10-11:15 am ONLINE
Instructor: Ryan Pettingill Sessions: 3

Ryan Pettengill, Ph.D., earned a Doctor of Philosophy in American history from Michigan State University in 2009. In 2021, Dr. Pettengill began teaching at the Wylie campus with Collin College. His scholarship and research interest are based in the history of labor and working-class activism, and his most recent book examines community-based activism in Detroit throughout the 1940's and 1950's. Dr. Pettengill's current research project involves the modern labor movement's involvement in human rights. He resides in the area where he and his wife are raising two wonderful children.

HIST 03SU26 - The Influence of Photography in Our Lives ONLINE

Time Magazine has recently created a Special Edition devoted to The Most Influential Photographic Images of All Time. There is no formula that makes a picture influential. Some images are on the list because they were the first of their kind - others because they have shaped the way we think. And some because they directly changed the way we live. What they all share is that they are turning points in our human experience. Photography was born of a great innovation and is constantly reshaping. So, it is fitting that our definition of an influential photograph changes along with the ways pictures are taken and seen. During this course we will have the opportunity to not only view these amazing photographs, but also to explore the stories behind them.

Mon 6/15-6/29 11 am-12:45 pm ONLINE
Instructor: Dr Herb Weinstein Sessions: 3

Herbert Weinstein, Ph.D., received his B.S from Tufts University and a Ph.D. and Sloan Postdoctoral Fellowship at Princeton University in Chemical Engineering. After a 32-year career in industry and as a private consultant doing oilfield research, adjunct teaching at colleges and private tutoring, he chose to enter secondary education. Herb taught math at all levels and fundamentals of computer programming at Yavneh Academy, The Hockaday School and Parish Episcopal School and is now retired after 13 years of secondary education. "I did some great things, but I feel that as a teacher, I have done even greater things!"



LITERATURE/MUSIC/WRITING

LMW 01SU26 – 1776- A Musical Celebration

We will enjoy several musical productions that celebrate the Birth, Anniversary and Freedoms of our nation. We will be viewing much of the musical “1776” (1972) as well as other delightful numbers from several other such plays. Patriotic music lovers will not want to miss this one!

Tue 6/2-6/30 **Skip 6/16** 10:30 am-12 pm Courtyard 111
Instructor: Darrell Simmerman Sessions: 4

Darrell Simmerman is a lover of history and music. holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from Indiana University and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Purdue University. Darrell has taught at many levels of education, public and private. Darrell coached sports at levels from the 3rd grade through high school and is involved in several writing classes with some publication. Darrell has taught SAIL classes for over 10 semesters.

LMW 02SU26 – Hodgepodge – A Short Story Miscellany

Tired of the news? Tune in to Hodgepodge where we will listen to and talk about stories. Some of the stories will be old, some will be new. Even if you’ve heard them before, you will experience them differently this time- we never step in the same river twice!

Tue 6/2-6/23 2-3 pm Courtyard 111
Instructor: Sonia Meltzer Sessions: 4

Sonia Meltzer is a graduate of U.T. Dallas with a master’s in interdisciplinary studies with coursework in holocaust studies, literature, history, history of criticism and aesthetics.

LMW 03SU26 – Agatha Christie’s Two Sleuths

For some light summer reading, let’s discuss the two books where Agatha Christie introduced her most famous detectives. In 1920 her book *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, she introduced Hercule Poirot. In 1930, she introduced Jane Marple in the book *Murder at the Vicarage*. Please read the Poirot book for the first class and the Marple book for the second class.

Mon 6/1-6/8 1-2 pm Courtyard 110
Instructor: Margo Hicks Sessions: 2

Margo Hicks has seventeen years of experience teaching English in public schools. She has a BA and a MEd degree. Margo also worked in the business world with oil and gas insurance for fifteen years and has a CPCU designation. Retirement has brought time for reading, gardening, a dog, two cats and volunteering in education.

LMW 04SU26 – Telling Your Story: Writing Your Personal Narrative

Have you ever wanted to tell your family and friends your stories? This course provides an introduction to personal narrative and memoir writing, with a focus on writing down and preserving important memories for family members and future generations. We’ll cover choosing specific memories or experiences to write about, adding engaging detail, and using editing tools.

Wed 6/10-6/24 1-2 pm Courtyard 110
Instructor: Alaya Swann Sessions: 3

Dr. Alaya Swann is an English professor at Collin College. She loves helping people find their voices in writing! She has two small children, two cats, and nine chickens.



SCIENCE/TECNOLOGY/WELLNESS

MST 01SU26 – Glaciology & Snowball Earth **ONLINE**

When we hear “Ice Age”, most of us think of the time period that included Woolly Mammoths, Smilodon (saber-tooth cats), Mastodons and other mega-fauna. However, did you know that the Earth experienced at least five other major glacial periods from as far back as 2.9 BILLION years ago. And at least one of those ice ages, nearly completely froze the Earth solid! In this course we will explore the features characteristic of glacial environments, both past and present. We will discuss each of the six plus major periods of glacial advance throughout Earth’s history and then close with a discussion of the impact of the last Ice Age on the history of man, and if we are truly out of that glacial period. You may be surprised at what science is telling us as to where we really are in the realm of climate change.

Mon 6/1-6/22 11 am-12:30 pm **ONLINE**
Instructor: Greg Indelicato Sessions: 4

Greg Indelicato holds a Bachelor's degree in Geology from Queens College, CUNY and a Master's degree in Earth and Space Sciences from Stony Brook University (SUNY), as well as an MBA from Oklahoma City University. He has worked as a professional geologist in several capacities including minerals exploration, petroleum geophysics, exploration geochemistry, environmental geology, geotechnical and hydrogeologic engineering. He also had an opportunity to work with lunar rocks and glasses from Apollo 12 and 15 and the lunar glasses from the Soviet Luna 12 mission. Greg has lectured and written published papers on various subjects ranging from physical geology, space science, exploration geology and geophysics as well as environmental science.

MST 02SU26 - Apple Watch

Discover how the Apple Watch supports health, communication, and daily organization. This introduction covers setup, navigation, fitness tracking, notifications, and safety features while offering a clear roadmap for maximizing everyday benefits.

Thur 6/18 1:30-3 pm Courtyard 111
Instructor: Daphne Lee Sessions: 1

MST 03SU26 – iPhone Updates and Password App

Stay current with iPhone software updates and discover Apple’s new Password Vault. You’ll learn to check for updates, install enhancements, set up secure password management, and gain confidence protecting your accounts.

Thur 6/25 1:30-3 pm Courtyard 111
Instructor: Daphne Lee Sessions: 1

Daphne Lee teaches professionals and individuals how to use technology – mobile devices, smartphones, computers, and peripherals. Her students are all “mature” adults. In addition to Microsoft networking certifications, she holds a Master of Science in Instructional Design degree from Boise State University and her goal is to increase individual performance through the effective use of technology. Daphne and her husband have been in the Dallas area for 25 years and have two beautiful Golden Retrievers.

MST 04SU26 – Quietening the Self

On a good day we feel like fresh air and blue skies – invigorated, alive, open to possibilities. Normal ups and downs seem easy to navigate even when, underneath, there exists a cycle of pervading thoughts like the clang and clutter of a New York street! Sometimes we hang onto old worn-out thoughts, grievances, and beliefs that can bring us down especially if we’re already experiencing discomforts physically, mentally or with our feelings. Learning to quiet the mind is a big step toward letting go and feeling relief. We discover a haven of peace that has been there all along. You might be surprised at how quickly you can shift! This gathering will be light, fun and interactive.

Wed 6/10 11 am-12:30 pm Courtyard 110
Instructor: Laura Sarna Sessions: 1

Laura Sarna is a partner and certified energy balancing practitioner at *For the Love of Healing*. She has a genuine tending to self-growth she readily shares with clients, showing a path by example. We are both teacher and student! Laura views life through the lens of laughter sprinkled with compassion and love and brings that energy to her classes.

 Thank
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Volunteers!

**Without the assistance of volunteers, we
wouldn't
“SAIL” so smoothly.**



ACRYLIC PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS (Rebecca Archuletta)

Acrylic Supplies:

Palette

Acrylic paint (Liquitex preferred, but not required)

Cadmium yellow medium hue

Naphthol crimson

Ultramarine blue

Mars black

Titanium white

Any other colors you would like

Brushes: Fan, Liner, Flat ½", Round size 6 or 8, Oval brush 1", filbert size 6, angle brush size 10

Natural sponge

Large water cup

2-3 palette knives

8 x 10 canvas panels (5)

16 x 20 canvas (2)