



# The Learning Times

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## From the President

### WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Wardsville Lions Club**

3505 Route MO-M  
Jefferson City, MO. 65101

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'Tis the season to be jolly, and we have many reasons for joy in this holiday time as we approach the New Year. With the approaching new year comes a new semester of LIR classes, educational travel, and new opportunities to participate in the various clubs our organization offers! Enclosed in this edition of the newsletter will be course descriptions, educational travel itineraries, and club news for the January through June semester. We are very grateful for the committees and their diligent work organizing classes, arranging educational trips, and creating club offerings for our membership. My hope is that each of you, as members of LIR, will find areas that you are interested in and will sign-up for courses, trips, and club participation. These are enriching opportunities to stimulate our minds, and to engage us in socialization with each other – which is very important to us as we age and often find our social circles narrowing as we live into retirement.

I also want to encourage each of you to attend the January annual membership meeting. The date will be January 18, 2023. The meeting place has changed, so please make note of this: the new venue is the Wardsville Lions Club Hall, located at 3505 Route M. Though we have a new meeting place, the accommodations are very similar to the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Martin, and the travel distance is about the same from Jefferson City, depending on where you live.

This is my final newsletter to you as your president. I have had the privilege of serving in this role for the past three years, and it is time to pass the leadership on to our newly-elected president, Dr. Chris Straub. Most of you know Chris as our former Superintendent of Schools for the Jefferson City Public School District. Chris is no stranger to education, as it has been his work for his entire professional career, and I am confident he will do an excellent job.

I want to thank all the board members for their support during my tenure and for the support you as members of LIR have given to me and to the club. All the best for the future of LIR. I know it will grow and prosper as its mission is a blessing to all who participate!

Respectfully,  
Stephen Buchholz, President

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### Important!

**An amendment to our LIR constitution will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 2023. It is enclosed in the newsletter**

**Please read it so that you will be prepared to vote on it.**

**We'll see you there!**

### WOW, WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE—LIRJC.ORG

LIR has a new website and it is exciting! Come on February 1, 2023, and *see how simple* it will be to access, navigate, and stay up-to-date with LIR with the new website. Whether you use a tablet, smart phone, or a computer, you will see how easy it is to find and learn about all that LIR offers its members. You can also share your ideas and suggestions to help make LIRJC.ORG better serve its members.

Join us on Wednesday, February 1, at 1:30 p.m. at the Clydesdale Room, Scheppers Distributing, 2300 St. Mary's Blvd. Tom Piper and Cecil Caulkins will be presenters and moderators. If inclement weather impacts the February 1 date, a make-up date will be the same day/time/location the following week—February 8, 2023.

**ALL IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS, AND PARTICIPATION ARE WELCOME!**

## LIR Winter Membership Meeting January 18, 2023

### **NEW LOCATION:**

Wardsville Lions Club  
3505 Route MO-M  
Jefferson City, MO. 65101

Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. for the LIR Winter Membership Meeting on January 18, 2023. This is your opportunity to visit with your fellow LIR members and register for clubs, classes, trips and volunteering. A brief business meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m., with introductions of the board members, committee chairpersons, office staff and the Lincoln University liaison. Cookies, fruit, punch, and coffee will be served following the meeting.

Winter Membership Meeting registration forms are due to the LIR office by January 11, 2023.

**Directions:** At the intersection of Routes MO-B and MO-M in Wardsville, take Route MO-M toward Taos. Go 1.9 miles—the Wardsville Lions Club is next to the ballfields.

## Board of Directors - 2023

### **Elected Members**

Chris Straub, President  
Cindy Stephens, Vice-President  
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### **Ex Officio Members**

Steve Buchholz, Past President  
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Kathel Cooper, Historian  
Sue Hilkemeyer, Clubs Chair  
Cheri Landers, Office Manager  
Kay Martellaro, Membership & Marketing Chair  
Tom Piper, Web Administrator  
Lisa Stock, Lincoln University Liaison

## Cancellations – Inclement Weather Policy

LIR membership meetings, classes, and clubs may be cancelled due to inclement weather if the Jefferson City Public Schools are not in session (weather related). Local radio and television stations that allow community cancellations will be notified along with one or more of the following: the LIR website, an “ALERT” group email to members, and/or a call tree.

Education travel cancellations occur when the contracted coach company cancels due to its determination of highway safety. Travelers will be contacted individually if a cancellation occurs.

The winter (January) general meeting is scheduled with a make-up date, typically the same day/time/location in the following week. Length and content of this meeting will be adjusted to accommodate the make-up situation. Should a second weather-related cancellation occur for the membership meeting, a business meeting ONLY will be held within one week of the cancelled meeting. The place and time of this meeting will be determined.

## LIR Office Closings

The LIR Office will be closed on the following holidays:

January 16, 2023 (Martin Luther King Jr Day)  
February 20, 2023 (Presidents Day)  
May 29, 2023 (Memorial Day)  
June 19, 2023 (Juneteenth Day)  
July 4, 2023 (Independence Day)

## LU / LIR Parking Permits for 2022-2023

Lincoln University parking permits for LIR members will be available at the membership meeting on January 18 or during regular hours at the LIR Office. Parking permits are good only for parking on the Soldiers Hall lot. Permits are valid from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

To obtain the permit, you will need the following information: vehicle make, model, color, license plate number; and your driver's license number. Cost of the permit is \$10.00.

## ***TRAVEL TIP REMINDERS***

*January-July 2023*

### **\*\*General\*\***

- **LIR coach trips depart from and return to Walmart Supercenter, 724 West Stadium Boulevard (near the Central Bank ATM). Coaches most often arrive 30 minutes prior to departure time.**
- Seating: When you arrive at the coach, board and choose a seat; it remains yours for the rest of the trip. The front seats on either side of the aisle are reserved for the escorts.
- Please put escort names and phone numbers in your cell phone when you are confirmed on a trip. If they need to call you with important information about the trip, you will have them in your contact list and know who is calling.
- LIR trips visit both public and government sponsored sites. It is the responsibility of the traveler to follow the guidelines as dictated by the venues visited.
- Tips are included in the cost of the trip for the coach driver, for all included meals, step-on guides, and donations for charitable venues. Meals on your own and hotel housekeeping tips are at your discretion.
- Please wear your name badge—it really helps everyone!

### **\*\*Health & Safety\*\***

- COVID: While COVID is still with us, masking and other safeguards are up to the discretion of each traveler or particular venue. You will be notified in your reminder letter if a venue has any requirements.
- Travelers should carry medication lists with them AT ALL TIMES. Your name badge is a handy storage place. AND don't forget to bring all your medications on trips.
- LIR travel requires walking and the physical capability to tour the site. If you have concerns regarding the described activities, please call an escort to discuss the degree of difficulty of the trip's venues.
- Comfort stops are planned for the comfort and well-being of travelers when travel time is between two and two and a half hours. Passengers are encouraged to leave the coach for a short walk for their health.
- Water is provided for travelers on all coach trips.
- Travelers with special dietary needs should contact an escort **PRIOR** to the trip to express their required dietary accommodation.

### **\*\*Registration\*\***

- Submit separate checks for each trip if possible. Couples may combine payments on one check.
- Checks for multiple trips will be deposited even when placed on a wait list for some trips. Refunds will be made after the date of the trip.
- When registering with a friend for trips, you are strongly encouraged to mail or drop off registrations together as registrations are recorded as received.
- Refunds for trip cancellations depend on the ability to fill the vacancy and/or the recovery of expenses already paid.
- NO deposit is necessary to be placed on a wait list.
- Registrants for a trip are automatically added to a wait list if the maximum number of travelers has already been confirmed.

## TRIPS: JANUARY-JULY 2023

### ***ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE!*** ***THE MUSICAL***

Capital City Productions  
Saturday, February 18

Calling all Parrot Heads! Be ready to hit the beaches at Capital City Productions where you will be thawing out your winter with *Escape to Margaritaville!* Get ready to have your "Cheeseburger in Paradise" because "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere" giving you a "License to Chill" as we are "Havana Daydreamin'" with this Broadway blockbuster.

With a script full of laughs and all those wonderful Jimmy Buffet songs, *Escape to Margaritaville!* follows the fortunes of a charming bartender and singer, Tully, who spends his days between shifts seducing the rich female tourists on the tropical island of Margaritaville. Known as a local lady killer, Tully can sweet-talk his way out of almost any scrape he finds himself in until the arrival of a lone, single, female tourist who takes her career seriously. Tully falls head over heels, but she is as frosty as the drinks he serves behind the bar.

Can he win her heart? Find out in Margaritaville, where people come to get away from it all – and stay to find something they never expected. Get ready for a hilarious and heartwarming musical with the most unforgettable songs from one of music's greatest storytellers. You will enjoy a catered dinner buffet in the Hawthorn Dining Room.

Time: 11:30 a.m.      Doors Open  
         Noon              Buffet Served  
         1:00 p.m.          Performance

Escorts: Marge Kudrna    573-694-8550  
         Janet Lepper        573-680-6703

Cost: \$47 Total due with registration



### ***CONDO-MONIUM***

The New Theatre, Overland Park, KS  
Wednesday, March 22

Come join us as we travel to the New Theatre in Overland Park to see the American premiere of Condo-monium. On the way, we'll stop at McDonald's in Sedalia for a comfort/food stop. When this show premiered in London, The London Times said it's a "fast-paced, five-star, tremendously fun comedy that will have you laughing from the moment the curtain goes up." The New Theatre was the first in America to snap it up—and then they cast Barry Williams of The Brady Bunch. It's a good, old-fashioned farce that you're sure to enjoy.



*Brady Bunch star*  
*Barry Williams*

In addition to the laughs, travelers will also enjoy the wonderful New Theatre lunch buffet prior to the matinee. At 3:30 p.m. we will depart from the New Theatre with another comfort stop at McDonald's in Sedalia.

Depart: 7:45 a.m.  
Return: 7:00 p.m.

Escorts: Lela Bunch            573-797-3271  
         Martha Kleindienst    573-353-7582

Cost: \$85 Total due with registration

**WICKED, THE MUSICAL**

St. Louis Fox Theater  
Thursday, April 13

Winner of 26 major awards including the Grammy Award and three Tony Awards, *Wicked* is the untold story of the witches of Oz. Long before Dorothy and her dog crash-land, another little girl made her presence known in Oz. Two girls, Elphaba, born with emerald-green skin—no easy burden in a land like Oz, where superstition and magic were not strong enough to explain or to overcome the natural disasters of flood and famine. Elphaba, who is smart, fiery and misunderstood by the time she entered the university in Shiz, has become a member of a charmed circle of Oz's most promising young citizens. The other girl was beautiful, ambitious and very popular. *Wicked* tells the story of their remarkable odyssey and how these two unlikely friends grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good Witch.

The musical focuses on both Elphaba and Glinda. The main part of the story starts when they have become roommates in college. Glinda, the whimsical, beautiful, and bubbly (literally) popular girl, was a stark contrast from Elphaba's dark and elusive demeanor. She was another strong witch and a match for Elphaba. Though they are vastly different from each other, their rivalry in class quickly formed into a unique friendship.

When it comes to characters, here's what you need to know about *Wicked, the Musical*: audiences meet The Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, and even the flying monkeys! How these characters appear in the show remains to be seen. You will also learn who the Wicked Witch of the East really is, and just how that tornado really got started. Was it an accident, or something more sinister? LIR travelers will need to see *Wicked, the Musical* to understand how all of this ties together into one story.

After the 1 p.m. matinee, we will have an early dinner at Zia's Restaurant on The Hill. The meal is included with registration. After dinner, we will travel back to Jefferson City, making one comfort stop, if necessary. More information will be included in your notification letter in March.

Depart: 9:15 a.m.  
Return: 9:00 p.m.

Escorts: Kay Martellaro 573-680-6058  
Marge Kudrna 573-694-8550

Cost: \$155 \$100 due with registration  
\$ 55 final payment due by February 8

**A LEISURELY DAY**

In Small Town New Haven II  
Thursday, April 27

We hope you will join us once again for a leisurely day in a small town. New Haven, with a population of a little over 2,000, has some surprises in store for us, including an exciting new venue, the Paddle Stop Brewery and Workshop. All of the venues we will visit are family-owned and operated or run by local organizations. New Haven is located on the Missouri River and was a steamboat stop in the early days.

Our first stop will be the New Haven Preservation Museum to learn about the town's history from the indigenous Indians, to steamboat days, and to current manufacturing. Then we will visit the Assumption Catholic Church to see its imported stained-glass windows and learn about their history. Our next stop will be at the Paddle Stop Brewery in downtown New Haven for a buffet lunch.

With tummies full, we will have a coffee tasting at Seek Coffee Company, located in a historic factory building, before going back downtown to visit the Paddle Stop Workshop to learn about building paddle boards and the brewery (they have the coolest wash basin ever), see glass blowing at Astral Glass Studio, and spend some free time visiting a few Front Street shops or walking and relaxing on the river levee.

Before we head home, we will go to Röbbler Winery to learn about the grapes grown on the property, sample their wines and enjoy the view of the beautiful hills and vineyard. With the sun setting in the west, we will board the coach for home, remembering our day spent in a very small town.



**Note:** Several venues are not ADA compliant but have locations to relax while waiting to rejoin the group.. The Paddle Stop Workshop has a gravel floor. Please wear appropriate shoes for this tour.

Depart: 8:00 a.m.  
Return: 6:00 p.m.

Escorts: Kay Martellaro 573-680-6058  
Janet Lepper 573-680-6703

Cost: \$ 90 Total due with registration

## ***HIDDEN SPACES IN MID-MISSOURI***

Thursday, May 18

*Explorers are we, intrepid and bold,  
Out in the wild, amongst wonders untold,  
Equipped with our wits, a map and a snack,  
We're watching for fun and we're on the right track.*  
Bill Watterson from Calvin and Hobbes

If you're ready for an adventure like Calvin and Hobbes, we have the trip planned for you. We will start the day with a short coach ride to the town of Cole Camp. Upon disembarking from the coach, we'll enjoy a light breakfast at the German Table Restaurant featuring scones from the Cole Camp Scone Lady.



After a walking tour of the town, you will have several hours to explore and shop on your own. You can enjoy the local museum plus the art workshop, as well as a wide variety of stores. Have you ever been in a store that only sells socks? Maybe you are more into vintage toys, Christmas items, antiques, wines, or a variety of other items? Cole Camp has them all. As you can see, the amount of walking will be up to you, but if you need a place to sit down, use a restroom, play cards or visit, the German Table Restaurant will remain open for our use.



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Cole Camp also has eleven restaurants, and our lunch will be a true "Taste of Cole Camp." We will be sampling the specialties of many of these establishments. Unfortunately, because of the nature of breakfast and the lunch meal, we will **NOT** be able to offer a gluten-free option for those two meals.



After lunch we will board the coach and be off to our next swashbuckling adventure. Put on your pirate hats and grab your cutlass as we board the Jolly Roger Pirate Excursion. You will be conscripted into service under the dreaded pirate, Captain Scalawag, for a two-hour sail on the high seas of Lake of the Ozarks. The day will conclude with a private dinner at the Jolly Rogers Grub & Grog before our trip back home. We can accommodate dietary needs if we know in advance for this meal.

A light breakfast, lunch and dinner plus activities are included in the price of this day trip.

Depart: 7:30 a.m.

Return: 8:15 p.m.

Escorts: Carole Spencer 573-694-5776

Cindy Stephens 573-280-0336

Cost: \$120 Total due with registration



***A TRAIN, SOME TOYS, BASEBALL,  
JAZZ, A FEW GANGSTERS,  
AND—A FLYING CARPET***

Kansas City, MO

Thursday-Friday, June 1-2

All aboard! Join us as we travel to Kansas City to experience a Broadway Show, a guided mob tour, lunch featuring world famous BBQ, and three fascinating museums.

Day One: We will meet our coach for a short ride to the Jefferson City Train Depot. Leaving our luggage on the coach, we



will board the 10:40 a.m. Missouri River Runner with Lee's Summit Station as our destination. Since we will be on the train over the lunch hour, please bring along your lunch or be prepared to purchase your meal from the dining car. The train is scheduled to arrive at Lee's Summit Station at 1:15 p.m. Our coach and driver will meet us there, and take us to our hotel to freshen up for our evening at the Kansas City Music Hall!

We will be staying at the Drury Inn and Suites in Blue Springs. After checking in, we will gather for its 5:30 p.m. Kickback Reception.



At 6:30 p.m. we will once again board our coach for downtown KC to see *Aladdin: The Musical* which starts at 7:30 p.m.

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*Aladdin* has been entertaining audiences all over the country. The following is a review from one of its many stops: "The magical spirit that *Aladdin* brings is a show built on a non-stop whirligig, with a book laced with hummus jokes (for the adults) and slapstick (for the kids, and maybe the adults, too) and a score..." you're sure to enjoy. The musical runs for almost two hours with one intermission. We should return to our hotel by 10:30 p.m.

Day Two: We will begin with a complimentary hot breakfast at the hotel. We will board the coach at 8:30 a.m. and at 9 a.m. our Gangster Tour will begin outside Union Station. A step-on guide will give us the "inside" scoop on Boss Tom Pendergast's Era of Kansas City. Our tour guide, with the help of some friends on Gangster TV, conducts this interactive tour. Guests will see the locations of speakeasies, sites of infamous murders, pictures and video from the period, and learn the meaning of "Wide Open Town." During this period in its history, Kansas City had it all, and you will hear the full story. The Kansas City Gangster Tour is celebrating 20 years as the longest running historic tour of Kansas City. It's an "offer you can't refuse."



After the Gangster Tour, we'll head to the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and the American Jazz Museum which are next door to each other. Participants will have the opportunity to explore both of these great museums, but we are limited to two hours to visit, so please pace yourself as you do the self-guided tours.

At the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum we will learn how African-Americans began to play baseball in the late 1800s on military teams, college teams, and company teams. They eventually found their way to professional teams with white players. However, racism and "Jim Crow" laws would force them from these teams by 1900. In 1920, an organized league was formed at the Paseo YMCA in Kansas City, MO, where

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Midwestern team owners joined to form the Negro National League. The League maintained a high level of professional skill and became a centerpiece for economic development in many black communities. The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum is the world's only museum dedicated solely to preserving this incredible history.



Next door the American Jazz Museum (which is located in the historic 18th & Vine Jazz District in Kansas City) showcases the sights and sounds of jazz through interactive exhibits and films. The changing gallery exhibits a collection of artifacts that helps tell the story of jazz's impact in Kansas City, the nation, and the world. Kansas City is one of the greatest purveyors of jazz – and it continues to offer fertile ground for the music to thrive. This museum provides an opportunity to learn about the legends, honor their legacy, or simply enjoy the sounds of modern-day jazz.

A buffet lunch (included in your registration) will be at the world famous Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbecue at the historic, converted Freight House, which is set in the burgeoning Crossroads Art District. Jack Stack was named the highest-rated BBQ in the country and Most Popular Restaurant in Kansas City by the prestigious Zagat Survey.

At 2 p.m., we will drive to the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures. This museum preserves and exhibits one of the nation's largest collection of antique toys and the world's largest collection of contemporary, fine-scale miniatures. After a full day, we will depart Kansas City around 4 p.m. and head for Jefferson City (with, of course, the mandatory comfort/ice cream stop along the way).

Depart: 9:15 a.m., Thursday, June 1  
Return: 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 2

Escorts: Lee Bunch 573-797-3271  
Vicki Ford 573-694-0014

Cost: Single: \$375 \$200 due with registration  
\$175 final payment due March 17

Double: \$300 \$175 due with registration  
\$125 final payment due March 17

## CIVIL WAR & MORE

Springfield/Carthage Area  
Thursday-Friday, June 22-June 23

By the end of the Civil War in 1865, 110,000 Missourians had fought with the Union while 40,000 statesmen fought with the Confederates. There were also many Missourians who formed bands of pro-confederate groups called 'bushwhackers.' This trip to the southwest corner of Missouri will provide glimpses into this part of Missouri Civil War history.

We'll meet in the parking lot at Walmart on Stadium Boulevard and head for Lebanon, where we'll have a comfort stop/brief visit to the Route 66 Museum. It's on to Springfield for a buffet lunch at Pizza Ranch. Then we'll pick up our step-on guide for Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. There will be several



opportunities to get off the coach and explore sites in depth.

After a thorough tour of the battlefield and stop at the Visitor's Center, we'll depart for Carthage where we'll check into our hotel. Dinner this evening comes with a comedy at the Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre, a local Carthage tradition.

On Friday morning we'll start early for our visit to the Carthage Civil War Museum and the Jasper County Courthouse. Those in Jasper County claim their courthouse is the second most photographed building in Missouri. You'll want to visit the museum on the first floor and ride the cage elevator, which dates to the turn of the century. Then it's on to Nevada for a lunch at Buzz's Barbecue followed by a visit to the Bushwhacker Museum. As we journey home on Highway 54, we'll drive by some unique sites along this road. There's a comfort stop in Camdenton before arriving back in Jefferson City.

This trip will have a moderate amount of walking, so wear those comfortable shoes.

Depart: 8:30 a.m., Thursday, June 22  
Return: 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 23

Escorts: Cindy Stephens 573-280-0336  
John Gulick 573-690-1076

Cost: Single: \$215 \$125 due with registration  
\$90 final payment due by May 11

Double: \$175 \$100 due with registration  
\$75 final payment due by May 11



## ***NATURE IN THE CITY***

Exploring the Natural Side of Kansas City  
Thursday, July 27

Join us as we explore some beautiful areas in Kansas City—places where we find some unexpected examples of nature within a metropolitan area. We'll begin our day with an early departure and head to the Missouri Department of Conservation's Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center with a comfort/food break in Sedalia.

At the Discovery Center, our group will be divided in half with



one group going on an outside guided tour of natural areas with short paved and natural trails through forest, woodland, wetland, and prairie habitats. The area has demonstration beds showcasing how native plants can be used for home landscaping. If the birds cooperate, we might even get to do some bird watching.

The other group will get a brief introduction to the educational nature exhibits and rooms inside the building, and then create a simple craft item made with natural components such as leaf painting or making a rope from plant fibers. The Discovery Center staff will surprise us that day with the exact craft depending on what materials are available. The groups will switch places after an hour so everyone will get to participate in both activities.

Next we will pick up box lunches at Whole Foods (selection of menu to come later) and ride to the Jacob L. Loose Park where we'll enjoy our box lunches in the covered pavilion. After lunch we will have time for a self-guided walk around the park. Loose Park is one of Kansas City's most popular and historical parks known as the site of the Civil War Battle of Westport, where Confederate forces were routed by Union forces.

A short distance from the pavilion is the Laura Conyers Smith Rose Garden. Today there are about 3,000 roses of nearly 130 varieties. If you want to know more about any rose while visiting the garden, bring your phone to scan the QR code provided on each rose sign.

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Our last venue is to the Ewing and Muriel Kauffman Memorial Garden. Diverse plant beds feature local and exotic botanicals



that change with the seasons. Pruned foliage and flower plantings are framed by stone walls and shaped around fountains and sculpture pieces by Tom Corbin. A tropical greenhouse is the major architectural feature on the garden lawn. Before we enter the garden, an assistant will board the coach to discuss general topics and will be available for any questions as we explore the garden on our own.

We will be outside most of the day, so dress accordingly and wear comfortable walking shoes as this trip will entail a considerable amount of walking.

Depart: 7:00 a.m.



Return: 6:45 p.m.

Escorts: Paula Hilkemeyer 816-518-9039  
Wendy Hansen 573-645-2031

Cost: \$ 80 Total due with registration

## COURSES: JANUARY-MAY 2023

### *MISCELLANEOUS COURSE INFORMATION*

Registration forms are provided in the LIR newsletter or on the LIR web site.

Since 2021, there has been a \$3 fee for each session of a course, i.e., \$12 for a four-week course; \$9 for a three-week course; \$6 for a two-week course; and \$3 for a single course.

Registration is required for all courses so that adequate seating is available and presenters know how many handouts or other course materials are needed. Registration should be mailed to the LIR office.

Location of courses varies, depending on the topic and class size. Specific locations for each class are named in this newsletter or will be announced in the notification letter you receive. Location changes will also be indicated in the notification letter. Cancellations and other changes can also be found on the LIR website: [Learning in Retirement \(lirjc.org\)](http://Learning in Retirement (lirjc.org)) on the Announcement tab and the Calendar tab.

You will receive a copy of your registration form in the mail for your records. This will also inform you if you are on the WAIT List.

Your reminder notification will be emailed unless circumstances require USPS mailing.

Please contact the course coordinator or LIR office if you cannot attend any session. If you must cancel a course for which you have enrolled, the registration fee may be refunded if the LIR office (681-6152) receives notice one week prior to the start date of the first class.

Refunds are processed at the end of the semester and will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the curriculum chair and the office manager.

After the deadline, should an emergency occur that prevents you from attending the course, the LIR office should be notified as soon as possible

### FOUR-WEEK COURSES

#### MOVIES FOR GROWN-UPS

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Dates: Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2023

Place: Missouri River Regional Library,  
214 Adams Street, 2nd floor

These are movies created by and about people over the age of 50, and honored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

**March 8: Sully:** On Thursday, January 15, 2009, the world witnessed the “Miracle on the Hudson,” when pilot Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger (played by Tom Hanks) glided his disabled plane onto the frigid waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 aboard. However, even as Sully was being heralded by the public and the media for his unprecedented feat of aviation skill, an investigation was unfolding that threatened to destroy his reputation and his career.

**March 15: Loving** is a 2016 American biographical romantic drama film which tells the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, the plaintiffs in the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court decision *Loving v. Virginia*, which invalidated state laws prohibiting interracial marriage. The story of Richard and Mildred Loving began a legal battle that would end with the Supreme Court’s historic 1967 decision.

**March 22: Belfast:** Belfast, 15 August 1969. Surrounded by sporadic violence and growing danger, 9-year old Buddy finds himself confronted with the ugly reality of sectarian conflict. And, as the suffocating stranglehold of increasing turmoil tightens around his once-peaceful working-class neighborhood, Buddy tries his best to understand The Troubles — after all, someone must be responsible for forcing people to flee their homes. Now, Buddy’s family must come face-to-face with a nearly impossible, life-altering decision: stay or start packing.

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**March 29: King Richard:** King Richard is a 2021 American biographical sports drama film. The film stars Will Smith as Richard Williams, the father and coach of famed tennis players Venus and Serena Williams (both of whom served as executive directors on the film). The girls are shaped by their father's unyielding commitment and their mother's balanced perspective and keen intuition, defying the seemingly insurmountable odds and prevailing expectations laid before them. Based on the true story, "King Richard" follows the uplifting journey of a family whose unwavering resolve and unconditional belief ultimately delivers two of the world's greatest sports legends.

Coordinator: Karen Sander 573-680-9045  
Asst. Coord.: LaiLin Wilson 573-690-7874

Cost: \$12

## UNIQUENESS OF MISSOURI, PART 2

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
Dates: Tuesdays, March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2023  
Place: March 14, 21, 28 at Clydesdale Room, N.H. Scheppers Distributing, 2300 St. Marys Blvd.;  
April 4 at Runge Center, 330 Commerce Drive

How are the two higher education institutions located in and near Jefferson City unique? State Technical College of Missouri, located in Osage County, started with a rural county school superintendent's ridiculed idea that kids should be able to make a living when leaving high school. With Donald Claycomb, former president, we will explore this highly successful two-year school, ranked the best two-year college in the nation. Lincoln University is unique not only because of its origins, but for its programs. Mark Schleer, LU archivist, will explain the many areas of Lincoln's uniqueness.

Dr. Howard Marshall, retired MU professor, will share the uniqueness of the Fiddle, the "people's instrument" since colonial times. Fiddlers are "ear musicians" rather than "note musicians." Fiddlers' styles reflect regional and community styles and tastes. We will examine the emergence of the unique culture and history of fiddle music and fiddlers in Missouri, a state that has always been important in the broader history of American fiddle and dance music. Come enjoy Missouri's fiddle music.

Continuing to explore Missouri's Uniqueness, we look at the many outstanding Missourians, as introduced to us by members of LIR. We looked at some in our last Uniqueness class – perhaps you will also have suggestions of those we haven't remembered – there are many famous Missourians!

Missouri's natural beauty and variety of flora, fauna, and topography brought about the desire to protect and conserve them. Hence began the conservation movement, and eventually in 1937 the Missouri Conservation Commission. Missourians support a tax to fund their goals and programs. We will learn about this unique commission — its programs, goals, activities, and its strategies to conserve our beautiful state.

Presenters:

**March 14:** Don Claycomb, retired President of State Technical College of Missouri;  
Mark Schleer, Lincoln University Archivist

**March 21:** Dr. Howard Marshall - Retired MU professor of Art History and Archaeology

**March 28:** "Famous Missourians" - LIR members

**April 4:** Aaron Jeffries, Deputy Director, Missouri Conservation Commission

Coordinator: Carol Ellinger 573-230-4006 or 573-893-2331  
Asst. Coords: Chris Straub 573-636-7195;  
Eunice Straub 573-230-6707

Cost: \$12

## THREE-WEEK COURSES

### RELIVING HISTORY

History is intriguing, fascinating and exciting. Some of us like to study and research it. Some of us find it fascinating to watch reenactments of it. Some of us like to try to live and experience it. So, let's look at all of these, together.

#### 1) A Lincoln-Gamble Reenactment

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023  
Place: Clydesdale Room, N.H. Scheppers Distributing, 2300 St. Marys Blvd.

It is 1861, the Civil War is underway, and Jefferson City is occupied by Union Troops. Provisional Missouri Governor Hamilton Gamble is conferring with President Abraham Lincoln regularly on how to keep Missouri from seceding from the Union and how to maintain law and order.

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This class is a reenactment of a dialogue between the president and the governor. Mark Rehagen will portray President Lincoln and Stephen Stark will portray Governor Gamble, with Moderator Steve Veile setting the backdrop of the scenario. David Mallory will portray a reporter in the audience. Mr. Mallory will round out the program with famous songs of the Civil War, ending with a sing-along.

Reenactors: Mark Rehagen, Stephen Stark, Steve Veile, and David Mallory  
 Coordinator: Jenny Smith 573-230-8245  
 Asst. Coord.: Sheila Scott 573-821-0162

**2) Lewis & Clark and Civil War Reenactments**

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
 Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023  
 Place: Clydesdale Room, N.H. Scheppers Distributing, 2300 St. Marys Blvd.

Steve Meyer will share with us his intriguing experiences preparing for and participating in the Bicentennial Reenactment of the year-long Lewis and Clark expedition in 2003-2004.

All the logistics of food, places, events, people, equipment, transportation, troubleshooting, etc. that goes into such a large and long reenactment. He has also helped prepare many Missouri Civil War reenactments, so he has much to share on reliving history.

Presenter: Steve Meyer  
 Coordinator: Carol Ellinger 573-230-4006 or 573-893-2331  
 Asst. Coord.: LaiLin Wilson: 573-690-7874

**3) Colonial Reenactment**

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
 Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
 Place: Clydesdale Room, N.H. Scheppers Distributing, 2300 St. Marys Blvd.

James and Debbie Baker will take us with them into Colonial America. They not only have joined in reenactments of colonial American times, but have attended many of the celebrations of specific colonial events. James is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and is glad to share his love of the colonial period in America. He will also bring his unique collection of Revolutionary War weapons.

Presenters: James and Debbie Baker  
 Coordinator: Carol Ellinger 573-230-4006 or 573-893-2331  
 Asst. Coord.: LaiLin Wilson 573-690-7874

Cost: \$9 for the above three classes

**TWO-WEEK COURSES**

**LANDMARK CASES OF 2022 — U. S. SUPREME COURT**

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
 Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 and Thursday, February 16, 2023  
 Place: Clydesdale Room, N.H. Scheppers Distributing, 2300 St. Mary's Blvd.

**February 14:** *Dobbs v. Jackson; New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruin*

**February 16:** *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency; Kennedy v. Bremerton School District.*

Four recent decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court will have a wide impact on us and our society. Probably the most controversial is *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which overruled *Roe v. Wade* — the law of the land for almost 50 years. Another important case is *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency*, which rolled back EPA's ability to reduce carbon output of existing power plants. In *Kennedy v. Bremerton School District*, the Court sided with a coach who led prayers at the 50-yard line after football games. *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen* struck down a long-standing New York law requiring a special need to carry a weapon.

Presenter: Tony Simones, Director of the Missouri Bar Association Citizenship Program  
 Coordinator: Bill Gerling 573-220-4319  
 Asst. Coord: Jenny Smith 573-230-8245

Cost: \$6



*Supreme Court members, left to right. Front row: Sonia Sotomayor, Clarence Thomas, John Roberts, Samuel Alito, and Elena Kagan. Back row: Amy Coney Barrett, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Ketanji Brown Jackson*

## ONE-WEEK COURSES

### COWBOYS AND INDIANS

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
 Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023  
 Place: Clydesdale Room, N.H. Scheppers Distributing,  
 2300 St. Mary's Blvd.

American history survey courses taught in secondary school and college allow little time for going in-depth in any particular area. Dr. Scovill has delved deeper into the histories and biographies of some of the historical figures of the old west.

Among the many names included in this presentation will be Sitting Bull, Quanah Parker, Kit Carson, William F. Cody, George Armstrong Custer, Martha Jane Canary, William Hickok, Annie Oakley, and a score of other known and not-so-familiar characters.

This presentation is not a complete expose on any singular event or person from this country's westward movement, but an attempt to fill in some of the blanks!

Presenter: Bruce Scovill, Ed.D., retired Lincoln  
 University History Professor  
 Coordinator: Bill Gerling, 573-220-4319  
 Asst. Coord.: Carol Ellinger, 573-230-4006 or 573-893-2331

Cost: \$3

### THE JET PROPULSION LABORATORY

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
 Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023  
 Place: Clydesdale Room, N.H. Scheppers Distributing, 2300  
 St. Marys Blvd.

Space — is it the new frontier?

Spacecraft developed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, located in Pasadena, California, have flown to every planet in the solar system, to the Sun, and beyond.

Chuck Lahmeyer, who retired from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, will talk with us about the Lab, what it does, its impact on our society, and its place in space exploration.

Presenter: Chuck Lahmeyer, LIR member  
 Coordinator: Carol Ellinger 573-230-4006 or 573-893-2331  
 Asst. Coord.: Pamela Kormann 573-680-0106

Cost: \$3

### TOP SEVEN THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WILLS AND TRUSTS

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
 Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
 Place: Clydesdale Room, N.H. Scheppers Distributing,  
 2300 St. Marys Blvd.

What is the difference between Trusts and Wills? Why is knowledge related to these topics important for members of LIR?

Answers to these questions, and other information about these topics will be covered in this class.

Presenter: Steve Newman, a member of LIR and retired attorney, will present information about wills. Representatives of Central and Hawthorne Banks' Trust Departments will inform us about trusts.

Coordinator: Chris Straub 573-636-7195  
 Asst. Coord.: Eunice Straub 573-230-6707

Cost: \$3

### CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?!

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
 Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023  
 Place: Clydesdale Room, N.H. Scheppers Distributing,  
 2300 St. Marys Blvd.

For seniors, hearing loss occurs from the changes in the inner ear as we get older. It can also occur when complex changes happen in the nerve system in the middle ear.

This session will start with an audiologist explaining the causes of hearing loss, how to diagnose various degrees of loss, and recommendations for treatment. Then, a hearing instrument specialist will describe the history of hearing devices and the wide variety of hearing aids that are available in today's market.

Presenters: Tessa Nguyen, Au.D., M.U. Audiologist  
 David Bollinger, ClearSound Hearing  
 Coordinator: Tom Piper 573-230-5350  
 Asst. Coord(s): Chris Straub 573-636-7195;  
 Eunice Straub 573-230-6707

Cost: \$3

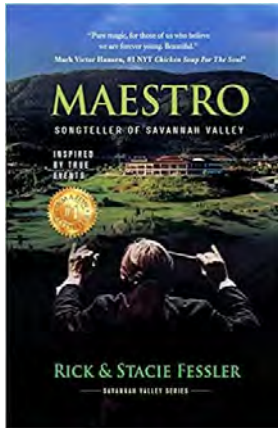
## SENIOR INSPIRATIONS: NEW CREATIVE SERIES

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023  
Place: Clydesdale Room, N.H. Scheppers Distributing, 2300 St. Mary's Blvd.

Rick and Stacie Fessler will share their stories about how their book, "Maestro: Songteller of Savannah Valley," part of the Mark Victor Hansen Library (co-creator of "Chicken Soup for the Soul) series of six books, was developed, and how the whole series relates to our lives as seniors.

Presenters: Rick and Stacie Fessler  
Coordinator: Tom Piper 573-230-5350  
Asst. Coord.: Mentha Bolton-Bakeri 414-736-4555

Cost: \$3



## NATIVE AMERICAN COOKING (class moved from October 26, 2022)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023  
Place: Runge Nature Center, 330 Commerce Drive (outdoor pavilion)

This interactive class was postponed from October 2022. Those who signed up for the whole class on Native American Crafts and Cooking are already enrolled for this session. There are some openings for others to enroll. Department of Conservation staff will demonstrate the skills to cook wild or domesticated animals as Native Americans might have done.

Presenters: Department of Conservation staff  
Coordinator: Bill Gerling 573-220-4319  
Asst. Coord.: Eunice Straub 573-230-6707

Cost: \$3 (for new registrants)

## DID YOU KNOW? LEGISLATORS DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION ERA — AFRICAN AMERICANS SERVED

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023  
Place: Clydesdale Room, N.H. Scheppers Distributing, 2300 St. Mary's Blvd.

Little is known about African-Americans who served as legislators during the Reconstruction era. Come and learn more about this time in American history.

Presenter: Mentha Bolton-Bakari, Community Advocate  
Coordinator: Mentha Bolton-Bakari 414-736-4555  
Asst. Coord.: Bill Gerling 573-220-4319

Cost: \$3

## OCEAN CRUISES

Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon  
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023  
Place: Clydesdale Room, N.H. Scheppers Distributing, 2300 St. Mary's Blvd.

Tired of being home, not going on trips? Are you ready to spread your wings for something special? Join us with Lois Bax, who will expand your knowledge about ocean cruises. She will be talking about cruises to Norway, the Mediterranean Sea, the Panama Canal, Alaska, and others.

Presenter: Lois Bax, Central Bank Classic Club  
Coordinators: Chris Straub 573-636-7195 and Eunice Straub 573-230-6707

Cost: \$3

## HISPANIC AWARENESS — SOUTH AMERICA

Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon  
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023  
Place: Catholic Charities, 1015 Edmonds Street

South America — The culture, the food, the music and more. Don't miss this unique experience.

Presenters: El Puente Staff  
Coordinator: Mentha Bolton-Bakari 414-736-4555  
Asst. Coord.: Janice Orr 573-291-7628

Cost: \$3

## Club News

### Canasta

The Canasta club will now meet twice each month. Barbara Barnard will continue to facilitate the group that meets on the *second Tuesday* of each month. Karen Wesselmann has agreed to facilitate the group that will meet on the *fourth Thursday* of each month. Both groups will meet from 10:00 a.m. until noon in Room 8 of Soldiers Hall. Please contact the facilitators or the LIR office if you are interested in participating in either group. All contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

### Scrabble

Scrabble was invented by an out-of-work architect, Alfred Butts, in 1932. He was attempting to combine chance and a word game with a score. It was discovered by the President of Macy's, who ordered sets for his store. It was trademarked in 1948.



Many people don't want to play Scrabble because they are concerned about their ability to spell. I think it's far more a game of chance than spelling skill which will make you a winner. If you wind up being dealt five As and only one consonant, no matter how good a speller you are, you're going to have difficulty. If the player before you chooses to use the spot you were aiming for, you're out of luck.

Our LIR Scrabble group meets on the first Thursday of each month from 1 to 3 pm and we'd love to have more players. We can easily use an odd number of players, since there are no partners in Scrabble. We occasionally have someone challenge a word, but more often than not, we agree to accept the spelling but will look up the word in our latest Scrabble dictionary for our own information. We have no prizes, but a lot of fun, and would love to have you join.

*Theresa Sullivan, Scrabble Facilitator*

### Book Club

**New meeting location:  
Soldiers Hall, Classroom 8**

The Book Club will be reading the following books over the next several months. If interested, the Book Club would love to have you join them. Otherwise, you might be interested in reading some of these on your own. Either way, enjoy!

January – *If You Ask Me: Betty White Memoir*

February – *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas

March – *Hidden Valley Road* by Robert Kolker

April – *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

May – *Nothing More Dangerous* by Allen Eskens



**Clubs: They're fun and they're free!**



## CLUBS

**Bocce Ball:** Mondays, Apr-Jun & Sep-Nov

Morning Session: 9:00 a.m.  
*Facilitator:* Barb Wolkoff, 573-636-3088,  
[bnbwolkoff@mediacommbb.net](mailto:bnbwolkoff@mediacommbb.net)

Afternoon Session: 12:15 p.m.  
*Facilitator:* Lori Brooks, 573-636-6829,  
[loribrooks100@gmail.com](mailto:loribrooks100@gmail.com)

Location: Prison Brews, 305 Ash St.

**Book Club:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 1:30 p.m.

*Facilitator:* Barb Maxwell, 573-619-5921,  
[maxwellbarb0806@gmail.com](mailto:maxwellbarb0806@gmail.com)

Location: LIR Classroom 8 (new location)

**Bridge Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 1:00 p.m.

*Facilitator:* Sue Goedde, 573-619-4376,  
[joe.suegoedde@gmail.com](mailto:joe.suegoedde@gmail.com)

Location: LIR Classroom 8

**Canasta I:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

*Facilitator:* Barb Barnard, 573-619-1497,  
[sunfairebarb@gmail.com](mailto:sunfairebarb@gmail.com)

Location: LIR Classroom 8

**Canasta II:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

*Facilitator:* Karen Wesselmann, 940-597-5796,  
[kswess48@gmail.com](mailto:kswess48@gmail.com)

Location: LIR Classroom 8

**Dominoes:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 10:00 a.m.

*Facilitator:* Stephanie Robey, 314-221-2168,  
[stephdrobey@gmail.com](mailto:stephdrobey@gmail.com)

Location: LIR Classroom 8

**Hand and Foot:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

*Facilitator:* Debbie Cramer, 573-694-1650,  
[debraellencramer@outlook.com](mailto:debraellencramer@outlook.com)

Location: LIR Classroom 8

**Jammers:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 10:00 a.m.

*Facilitators:* Coleen DeHaven, 573-308-0615,  
[cocomusic@SBCGlobal.net](mailto:cocomusic@SBCGlobal.net)

Location: Chapel, St Joseph Bluffs, 1306 W Main

**Mah Jongg:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

*Facilitators:* Rose Dey, 573-230-5553

[rosie.dey@gmail.com](mailto:rosie.dey@gmail.com)

& Louise Hune, 573-291-4492

[lhune70@gmail.com](mailto:lhune70@gmail.com)

Location: LIR Classroom 8

**Pinochle:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

*Facilitator:* Linda Amick, 573-782-3566,

[porchview17@gmail.com](mailto:porchview17@gmail.com)

Location: LIR Classroom 8

**Pitch:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

*Facilitators:* Denise Kliethermes, 573-395-4662,

[1952DeniseK@gmail.com](mailto:1952DeniseK@gmail.com)

& Betty Richey, 573-635-2590,

[birdwatcher114@gmail.com](mailto:birdwatcher114@gmail.com)

Location: LIR Classroom 8

**Scrabble:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

*Facilitator:* Theresa Sullivan, 573-230-5367,

[Sullitherm1@gmail.com](mailto:Sullitherm1@gmail.com)

Location: LIR Classroom 8

**Thread Heads:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

*Facilitators:* Julie Cook, 573-230-4914,

[cook.julieret@yahoo.com](mailto:cook.julieret@yahoo.com)

& Jean Pace, 573-636-7090,

[pace2647ja@gmail.com](mailto:pace2647ja@gmail.com)

Location: LIR Classroom 8

**Walking/Hiking:** Thursdays,

8:30 a.m. Summer, 9:30 a.m. Winter

*Facilitators:* John & Ellen Richardson, 573-893-4909,

[johnellen@mchsi.com](mailto:johnellen@mchsi.com)

Location: Varies

**Writers:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

*Facilitator:* Barb Maxwell, 573-619-5921,

[maxwellbarb0806@gmail.com](mailto:maxwellbarb0806@gmail.com)

Location: LIR Classroom 8

### LEARNING IN RETIREMENT, INC MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

EDUCATION.....Short courses planned for LIR members' interests

TRAVEL.....Educational trips with old and new friends

CLUBS.....A complete list of clubs and meeting times can be found on page 16 of the summer or winter newsletter on the LIR website, [www.lirjc.org](http://www.lirjc.org).

GATHERINGS.....Membership meetings twice annually, Holiday Social

COMMUNICATION.....Semiannual newsletters, LIR website, periodic emails  
 Spring and Fall newsletter updates

LIBRARY ACCESS..... Access to library cards for L.U.'s Page Library

PARKING..... Tag required for L.U. campus

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