

OLÉ! Courses for Winter 2011

Wednesdays

Alaska Heritage Museum at Wells Fargo (301 W. Northern Lights Blvd.)

10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon

Tracing your Family History

Teacher: Gretchen Bersch

Learn how to research and construct your family tree using newly available library resources and the Internet. 4 weeks, February 2, 9, 16, and 23.

1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

Music of the Hemispheres: Global Music Appreciation

Teacher: Kathleen Bielawski, M.M.

An exploration of different styles of Western and world music. Open to anyone who loves music; no previous musical experience necessary. 8 weeks, January 12 through March 2.

2:30 PM to 3:45 PM

Reflections on Vietnam

Facilitator: Bill Hall

A look back on the war in Vietnam from historical as well as personal perspectives through lectures, discussion and documentaries. 8 weeks, January 12 through March 2.

Thursdays

UAF Outreach and Extension Center (1675 C St., The Koloa Bldg.)

11:30 AM to 12:45 PM

Anchorage in the Making: The History of Anchorage City Planning

Facilitator: Arlan De Yong

Presentations and panel discussions with the speakers such as Arliss Sturgulewski, Jane Angvik, Vic Fischer, Sheila Selkregg, Tom Nelson, Helen Nienhueser and Walt Parker on the evolution of the City of Anchorage. 8 weeks, January 13 through March 3.

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Qigong and Tai Chi

Teacher: Dorothy Case

More meditation in motion with Dorothy Case. 8 weeks, January 14 through March 3.

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Fr Fridays

University of Alaska Anchorage (Eugene Short Hall, 2nd Floor)

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Current Affairs Book & Film Club: Saudi Arabia

Facilitator: Kee Miner

Saudi Arabia is the largest country in the Middle East. Learn its colorful history and current events through a variety of media and discussion. 8 weeks, January 14 through March 4.

10:45 to 12:00 Noon

Science in Alaska's National Parks

Presenters: National Park Service Scientists

Hear Alaskan scientists talk about their work in the physical, biological, cultural and social sciences as well as history and science-related art and humanities. 8 weeks, January 14 through March 4.

More Mysteries

Teacher: Paula Guetschow

Read five John le Carré novels about the spy, George Smiley, and his Cold War espionage. 8 weeks, January 14 through March 4.

Seward's Folly: Alaska from 1867 to 1912

Teacher: Jim Barnett

Explore the first half-century of American ownership of its northern territory with historian Jim Barnett. 4 weeks, February 11, 18, 25 and March 4.

12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM

The Alaskan Corruption Scandal: Postscript

Teacher: Cliff Groh

The closing chapter of the Alaska corruption scandal involving Bill Allen and a host of politicians. One class, February 18.

Fridays, continued

1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

The Evolution of Human Behavior

Teacher: Frank von Hippel

Consider the nature of human psychology from the perspective of an evolutionary biologist. 5 weeks, January 28, February 11, 18, 25 and March 4.

Service in a Foreign Land

Presenters: Various

Read the UAA/APU Books of the Year (*Mountains Beyond Mountains* and *This is Not Civilization*) and follow the theme with local presenters who've gone abroad to serve others. 8 weeks, January 14 through March 4.

2:30 PM to 3:45 PM

It's the Law: Jurisprudence in Alaska

Facilitator: Sylvia Short

The Alaska Constitution and how it has played out in history. Guest speakers include Vic Fischer, a member of the Constitutional Convention; former state senator Arliss Sturgulewski; Lt. Ron Swartz of the Alaska State Troopers; retired Alaska Supreme Court Judge Karen Hunt; and former Attorney General John Havelock. 5 weeks, February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4.

Secondhand Sightseeing

Presenters: Various

Travel to Thailand, Ethiopia and northern Arctic weather stations. 3 weeks, January 14, 21 and 28.

4:00 PM to 5:15 PM

Let's Play! Family Games

Presenters: Various

A new game each week, some you never heard of. Learn about origins and strategy of games such as Up Jenkins!, Hand and Foot, and Quiddler. 4 weeks, February 11, 18, 25 and March 4.

Mark Twain: Part II

Teacher: Wayne Mergler

Mark Twain's major works, continued: *Life on the Mississippi*, *Pudd'n'head Wilson*, and *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Part I not a prerequisite to enjoy this sequel. 8 weeks, January 14 through March 4.

Statistics Demystified

Teacher: Dale Olson

How to interpret statistics in everyday life, e.g., political opinion polls, experimental studies, prescription drug information, etc. 8 weeks, January 14 through March 4.

Excel for the People

Teacher: Pete Tryon

For the intermediate computer user: learn how to manage your personal budget, Christmas card list, medical information, etc. with Excel spreadsheets. 4 weeks, January 14 through February 4.