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FALL 2026 **SEPT. 14 – OCT. 23** REGISTRATION FORM

Classes meet at 4747 Troost unless noted otherwise. Enter on the basement level at the back of the building.

Mondays

Tai Chi for Arthritis (Meets twice weekly on Monday and Wednesday)

Beginner \$40 \$_____

Advanced \$40 \$_____

Color-Coded Health Care \$40 \$_____

Behind the Scenes – KC Rep \$40 \$_____

The Crusades \$40 \$_____

Tuesday GEMs

Please check those you wish to attend

Forest Hill & Calvary Cemetery \$10 \$_____

The Sutton Museum \$10 \$_____

Educating Financially Literate Students \$10 \$_____

Rosa Parks and Esther Brown \$10 \$_____

Oregon-California Trails \$10 \$_____

Breaking Through: John McLendon Story \$10 \$_____

Total for the \$10 GEMs you've selected: \$_____

Or all 6 for \$40: \$_____

Tuesdays

Keyboard Music for Modern Piano \$30 \$_____

Tuesday or Wednesday

Western Civilization \$40 \$_____

Please check day and attendance preference

Tuesday: In Person _____

Wednesday: In Person _____ or Zoom _____

Wednesdays

Understanding Movies \$40 \$_____

Thursdays

Civil Rights in America \$40 \$_____

Bobby Dylan \$40 \$_____

Dynastic China: the Qin to the Qing \$40 \$_____

Fridays

Mah Jongg Club: \$20 per quarter
unless previously paid through December \$_____

Friday Tours

Space is limited. Please use this QR code to register or enroll online at <https://LifelongSpark.org> or call 816-235-2870.



SPARK Satellite Classes

Tour of the Holy Land (Kingswood) \$40 \$_____

Abandoned KC (Mission Chateau) \$40 \$_____

iPhone Basics (Tallgrass) \$30 \$_____

Esther Brown (The J KC) \$10 \$_____

Total Now Due

\$15 Fall Quarter Only Membership unless previously paid through December \$_____

Combined Total cost of selected classes \$_____

Fall Quarter Virtual Parking Permit – \$20 \$_____

Learn more at lifelongspark.org/parking-at-spark/

SPARK Donation
(Optional but greatly appreciated!) \$_____

Total Payment Due: \$_____

CLUBS (No Cost. SPARK Membership Required)

Margaret Sturges Monday Book Club _____

Thursday Book Club _____

Eat Out Club (Fridays) _____



Make your check payable to SPARK

Mail it to:

UMKC SPARK Coordinator, PO Box 300362
Kansas City, MO 64130

Or register online: <https://LifelongSpark.org>

SPARK Fall 2026 Course Calendar (Sept. 14 – Oct. 23)

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	Friday
10:00	10:00 – 12:00 When Care was Color-Coded: The History of KC's Segregated Health Care with Deborah Keating	10:00 – 11:00 Tai Chi for Arthritis: Beginners	10:00 – 12:00 Western Civilization with Carol McCavitt	10:00 – 12:00 Not for Piano: Keyboard Music for Predecessors of the Modern Piano With Dr. Jeffrey Savage	10:00 – 12:00 Western Civilization with Carol McCavitt (repeat of Tuesday class)	10:00 – 11:00 Tai Chi for Arthritis: Beginners	10:00 – 12:00 Civil Rights in America: Moving toward the 1964 Civil Rights Act with David Jeter	10:00 – 12:00 Mah Johgg Club In person only
11:00		11:00 – 12:00 Tai Chi for Arthritis: Advanced Both Classes In person only with Sarah Stanmorr	In person only	In Person only at Diastole		11:00 – 12:00 Tai Chi for Arthritis: Advanced Both Classes In person only with Sarah Stanmorr		
12:00								
1:00 1:30 2:00	1:30 – 3:30 Behind the Scenes in the Theater With the KC Rep In person only (2nd Floor)		GEMS 1:30 – 3:30 9/15 Jamie Oberfoell – History of Forest Hill/Calvary Cemetery 9/22 James Murowchick – Rocks, Minerals and Fossils 9/29 Sam Cook – School of Economics (rescheduled from Summer)		1:00 – 4:00 Understanding Movies Film Series with Joe Heyen Note: This class is three hours long In person only		1:30 – 3:30 Bobby Dylan: The Boy from the North Country with Steve Lopes In person only	TOURS 9/18 -1:30 – 2:30 Jamie Oberfoell – Forest Hill/Calvary Cemetery walking tour 9/25 -1:30 – 2:30 Museum of Geosciences tour
3:30 4:00	2:00 – 4:00 The Crusades (1095-1291) with John Hosler, (with the Command and General College)		10/6 Marlene Katz - in-person female roles of Ester Brown & Rosa Parks. 10/13 Travis Boley – Oregon-California Trails Association 10/20 Milton Katz on John McClendon				2:00 – 4:00 Dynastic China: From the Qin to the Qing With Colonel Jeff Babb	10/16 -1:30 – 2:30 UMKC Campus Art Walk with Chris Wolff

[Learn more on the SPARK website](#)

SPARK Satellite Classes

We offer classes at these locations. Priority is given to location residents but is also open to SPARK members if space allows.



Tour of the Holy Land and History of the Crusades

10000 Wornall Road,
KCMO 64114

We'll take a visual tour of the sites that are holy to the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Communities as we learn the history of what is known as the Holy Land from early Hebrew History through to the Early Middle Ages Crusade Period, covering the seven major Crusades. Includes arms and armor displays and revered pictures. Residents of Kingswood: register with your activity director for this class.

Instructor: Bob Packett

Mondays - Sept. 14–Oct. 19

1:30 – 3:30 pm \$40



Abandoned KC Mission Chateau

4100 E. 85th Street,
Prairie Village, KS 66206

Join us for a deep dive into the history of Kansas City through an investigation of the buildings that now stand abandoned. We will take a photo journey into the past, exploring the history, and touch on what is happening to them today.

Residents of Mission Chateau: register with your activity director for this class.

Instructor: Regina Daniel
Mondays -Sept. 14–Oct. 19

1:30 – 3:30 pm \$40

Seats available: 10



iPhone Basics
Tallgrass

13800 Metcalf Ave.
Overland Park, KS 66223

This class is an introduction to the basics of iPhone usage. We will cover topics such as “What do all these buttons do?”, Key Settings, iCloud and iPhone storage, SIRI, and how to navigate your Home Screen. Please come to class knowing your Apple ID and password. Residents of Tallgrass: register with your activity director for this class.

Instructor: Bud Nolker
3 Weeks - Wednesdays

Sept. 23–Oct. 7
10 am–Noon \$30



The Case that Led to Public School Integration in Kansas: Esther Brown

Jewish Community Center
5801 W. 115th St.

Overland Park. KS 66211

Black parents in the tiny town of South Park, KS (now part of Merriam), fought for improvements to their children's segregated school or admission to the newly built school. When the school board refused, they partnered with a white Jewish woman to challenge the board and bring about change to education in KS and the US. Members of The J KC: register with your activity director for this class.

**Instructor: Dan Margolies &
Deb Keating**

Wednesday, Oct. 7

1:00 – 3:00 pm \$10