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August 2025 Newsletter



Summer Class:
"The Great Gatsby"
taught by Susan Ohmer

Summer Class:
"Why Studebaker Failed"
taught by our Board
President, Leighton
Schmitt

Fall Course Guides
in mailboxes soon!
Over **130** exciting
course offerings!

Greetings from FLI!

The summer semester has been a tremendous success, and we are so encouraged by the many students who've shared how grateful they are for the opportunity to continue learning and connecting this semester. There's still time to take advantage of our FREE iPhone iPad Help Desk—a convenient, drop-in service designed to offer personalized tech support. See details below.

Looking ahead, Fall Registration is just around the corner, and by now, you should have received your Course Guides in the mail. If you have not received one, feel free to stop by the office to pick one up. With 130+ courses being offered—our largest semester ever—we're thrilled by the incredible variety and depth available this fall. Registration opens at 9 AM on Monday, August 18. Paper registrations can be dropped off at any time.

We're also excited to announce that registration is now open for our Back to School Picnic—a fantastic way to kick off what promises to be a memorable semester. Enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, music, and fellowship with fellow students and instructors. Full details are listed below.

As always, we're here to help. Feel free to call, email, or stop by the office with any questions. We can't wait to see you soon and welcome you back for another unforgettable semester at Forever Learning Institute!

Warm regards,

George, Toni, and the Board at Forever Learning Institute

Forever Announcements

Update to our website!

Check out our [Instructors' Page](#) for a refreshed look.

iPhone iPad Help Desk

We have a FREE Help Desk at Holy Cross Village on Wednesdays from 10 AM to 12 PM. Please register [here](#) and we will be in touch to schedule your session. 2 weeks left!

Check out [FLI on HomeTown Living 7/7/25!](#)

Missing Email?

Haven't received an email from your instructor or from FLI?

Be sure to check your junk or spam folders. Occasionally, our emails may be mistakenly filtered there by your email provider. To ensure you don't miss important updates, consider adding FLI to your safe sender list.

How Has Forever Learning Institute Changed Your Life?

You mean the world to us, and your stories are a powerful way to share the impact of our mission with others! We'd love to hear how the Forever Learning Institute has made a difference in your life. Whether through a written note, video, photo, or any format that best expresses your experience, your story matters.

Please send your submission to george@foreverlearninginstitute.org or feel free to drop it off at our office. We can't wait to hear from you!

Forever Events



FLI Back to School Picnic

Forever Learning Institute

Friday, August 22, 2025

12 - 2 PM

We will celebrate the beginning of the fall semester with food, entertainment, games, and fellowship.

Please plan on joining us!

RSVP here:

<https://foreverlearninginstitute.org/back-to-school-picnic>

Tickets can also be purchased at the event!

Forever Travel

South Bend

South Bend, One History Two Worlds Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 10am

Join the Forever Learning Institute for an enlightening experience as we explore South Bend's history through a fresh lens. We'll visit The History Museum and the Civil Rights Heritage Center, offering a rare chance to discover local treasures that highlight the city's history from diverse viewpoints. Don't miss this opportunity to gain new insights into our community's past!

This excursion will include lunch at The History Museum and alternating presentations. Transportation provided by Cardinal Buses, picking up at FLI.

This will be an experience you won't want to miss!

The cost is \$80.

[Register Here](#)

Beatles vs. Stones – A Musical Showdown at Morris Performing Arts Center

Join FLI for premium seating
Thursday, October 16th 7:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

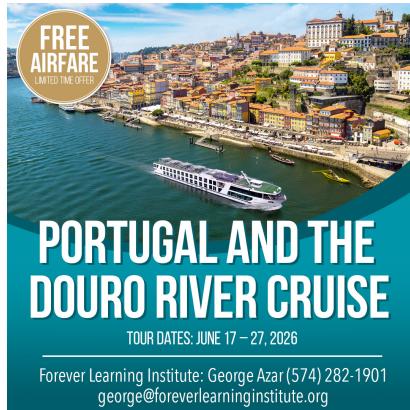


Exploring Ceramics and Printmaking with the South Bend Museum of Art

NEW

Forever Learning is excited to announce a partnership with the South Bend Museum of Art to offer 2 new experiences in ceramics and printmaking hosted by their expert educational staff. You may take either experience, or both with a discount.

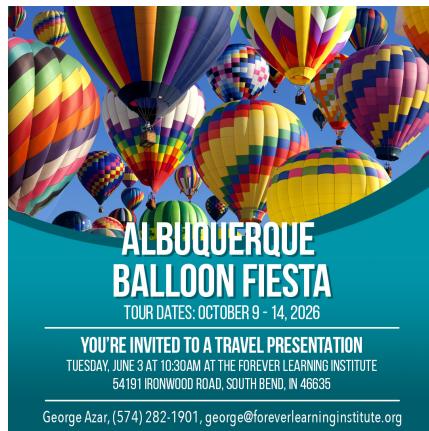
Learn more about this opportunity [here!](#)



Portugal and the Douro River Cruise Join FLI in June 2026!

A symbol of Portugal's birth and growth as a nation, the Douro has long been the country's lifeline. Spend two nights in the cosmopolitan capital of Lisbon, Portugal with a tour showcasing the famous sights of this remarkable city. Enroute to Porto, visit the pilgrimage site of Fátima and the university town of Coimbra. Navigate a path through Portugal's enchanting countryside while cruising along the dramatic Douro River. Terraced vineyards rise from the river banks, historic landmarks pepper the distant horizons and charming towns lay hidden in the rural hillsides. From Spain's walled city of Salamanca to the charming baroque village of Lamego, enjoy a new perspective of Europe as you sail the along the Douro.

[Flyer](#)
[Registration Form](#)



Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Join FLI for a high flying trip October 9th–14th, 2026

Founded in 1972, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta began with just 13 balloons and has since grown into a spectacular event featuring over 600 balloons from around the globe. Immerse yourself in the charm of historic Albuquerque, a city steeped in Native American culture, as you witness the breathtaking "mass ascension" of uniquely shaped balloons soaring into the sky at sunrise. Explore the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, stroll through the captivating streets of Old Town, and discover the beauty of Santa Fe, nestled in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at the foothills of the Rockies. The tour also includes a visit to the Pecos National Historic Park, home to ancient archaeological ruins and 19th-century ranches, offering a rich blend of history and adventure.

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Forever Learning

Fall Semester 2025

Course books should be in your hands now!
CourseStorm, our online registration platform,
is open today for viewing [here](#)!

Registration opens **Monday, August 18 at 9am!**

Course Guide Updates

Please Note:

"Pickleball: Dinks, Drills and Beyond - Tuesday 1" is mislabeled on page 12 as "Pickleball for Beginners - Tuesday 1".

"Fall Hiking Series" will be on Wednesdays, not Tuesdays.

New Class for Fall 2025

This class is not listed in the Course Guide. You will be able to register for this through our online registration site.

Wednesday

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Power of Presence

Laura Baker

Location: Little Flower 1

Having trouble managing difficult emotions? The Power of Presence is a six-week psycho-educational course that uses evidenced-based strategies to help decrease feelings of anxiety and depression and increase a sense of well-being. This is not a therapeutic intervention. Each week, new tools using cognitive and behavioral approaches and mind-body strategies will be introduced and practiced, therefore weekly attendance is expected. Class size is limited to ten (10) participants.

Max: 10 Min: 6 Sessions: 6

Teach Your Passion!

Submit your interest [here!](#)

Forever Upcoming Dates

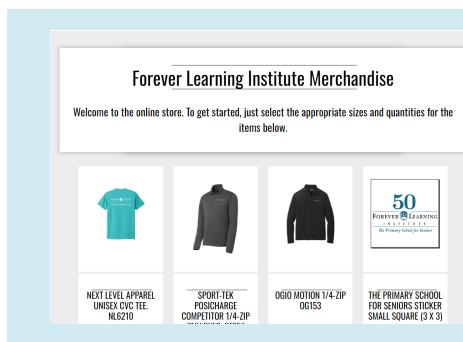
- Friday, August 15: Summer Semester Ends
- Monday, August 18: Fall Semester Registration Opens at 9AM
- Friday, August 22: FLI Back to School Picnic. [Register Here.](#)

- Tuesday, August 26: Forever Travel South Bend, One History Two Worlds. [Register Here](#).
- Wednesday, August 27 — Fall Instructor Luncheon @FLI Gymnasium 11 AM - 2 PM
- Monday, September 8: Fall Semester Begins
- Thursday, September 18 — ACOM Active Aging & Wellness Resource Fair @ Four Winds Casino 10 AM - 3 PM
- Thursday, September 18 — Solid Silver Dancers ACOM Active Aging & Wellness Resource Fair @ Four Winds Casino 10:40 AM
- Thursday, October 16: Beatles Vs. Stones at the Morris Performing Arts Center. [Register Here](#).
- Thursday, November 6 — Exploring Ceramics and PrintMaking with the South Bend Museum of Art 3:30 PM – 5 PM. [Register Here](#).



If FLI has made an impact in your life, consider leaving a positive review for Forever Learning Institute on Google with the link below.

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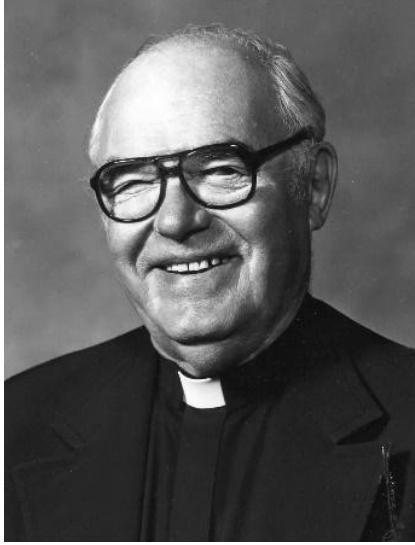


FLI Spirit Wear

Forever Learning Institute hosts an online store where you can purchase t-shirts and jackets with our logo. Show all your friends your love of lifelong learning!

[Forever Store](#)

Our Founder, Fr. Louis J.



Putz, C.S.C.

Fr. Putz viewed life as a chain with three distinct links: the age of learning, the age of earning, and the age of returning. As he approached retirement in the early '70s, he envisioned a school for the "third-agers," where students returned to share their collective experience, knowledge, and talent in service to others. As Fr. Putz often said, "Service adds years to your life and life to your years." He envisioned a school for seniors who would come together for the pure joy of learning and social interaction, as well as personal and spiritual growth. On September 27, 1974, that vision became a reality.

Improving the quality and dignity of senior adult life through continuing intellectual challenge, spiritual reflection, and social interaction for 50 years.

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