

January 2026 Newsletter



Silvertones Concert



Spring 2026 Course
Guide coming soon!



FLI Instructor Bill
Stockton in the News

Happy New Year from FLI!

As we step into the new year, there is so much to be excited about at Forever Learning Institute. We are deeply grateful to the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County for recently awarding us a Senior Living Grant, which allows us to launch an exciting new program called Forever Connected. This initiative will help bridge the technology gap for our students and the broader community. Additional details about this impactful program are included below.

We're also happy to share that our Spring Course Guide has been sent to the printer and will be distributed later this month by mail and through local organizations—keep an eye out for it!

Our Winter Semester begins today, and the response has been incredible, with over 400 registrations already. There is still time to register for classes, so please see the information below if you or someone you know would like to join us.

In addition, we've expanded our travel opportunities, and we are thrilled with the new and exciting options available this year. Be sure to check out the details below.

And don't forget—Trivia Night tables are filling quickly! A limited number of tables are still available, but they won't last long, so be sure to secure yours soon.

Thank you for your continued support of Forever Learning Institute. We look forward to another wonderful year of learning, connection, and community—and hope to see you soon!

George, Toni, and the Board at Forever Learning Institute

Forever Announcements

FLI Regular Office Hours Resume
8 AM - 3:30 PM Monday-Friday

Exciting News from Forever Learning Institute!
Forever Learning Institute is thrilled to announce that we are a recipient of a \$40,000 Senior Living Grant from the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County! This generous funding will support our "Forever Connected" project—a two-year computer literacy initiative designed to help seniors in South Bend confidently engage with technology.
Program runs 2026–2027 at three locations:
• FLI Main Campus
• The Beacon Community Resource Center
• Southfield Village
Program highlights include:
✓ Free computer classes
✓ One-on-one tech support
✓ A computer lending library
✓ Assistance with internet access
We are deeply grateful to the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County for investing in lifelong learning and digital inclusion for older adults in our community! Read the full announcement [here!](#)

Stop the SPAM!
Tired of unwanted solicitor calls ☒? You're not alone—and there is a solution! Take a few minutes to register your phone number with the Do Not Call registries below to help reduce those annoying, unsolicited calls:
◆ Indiana Do Not Call List
<https://www.indonotcall.org/registrations/new>
◆ National Do Not Call Registry
<https://www.donotcall.gov/register.html#step1>
It's quick, free, and can bring a little more peace and quiet to your day!

FLI Instructor Highlight!
Check out this fascinating article about one of Forever Learning Institute's own instructors, Bill Stockton! Learn how Bill and fellow collectors are preserving the legacy of the historic South Bend Watch Company — once a major American pocket watch manufacturer right here in our community. Read the full story [here!](#)


FLI on HomeTown Living
Forever Learning Institute offers amazing opportunities for lifelong learners — no tests, no pressure, just growth, curiosity, and community! Whether it's trying a new skill, exploring a topic you've always been curious about, or connecting with others who love to learn, FLI has something for you.
Check out the [full story](#) on HomeTown Living.
Let's make 2026 the year of new adventures and lifelong learning!

Closings/Cancellations
☁ Wondering if the Forever Learning Institute will be closed due to inclement weather? Tune in to WNDU and/or WSBT and our Facebook page for updates!
📧 Be sure to also check your email regularly, as all cancellation and closing announcements will be sent directly to you.

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



Forever Learning Institute's Annual Trivia Night!
Tables are going fast!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th
6:00pm doors open
6:30pm trivia starts
Gymnasium
Join us for an evening of fun, friendly competition, and community spirit. Gather your team, brush up on your trivia skills, and get ready for one of our most popular events of the year!
Register [here!](#)
We can't wait to see you there!

Forever Travel

Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap
Wednesday, January 28th, 2026
Join us for a thrilling performance of Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap at Beef & Boards in Indianapolis.
Learn more about this opportunity and register [here!](#)

A Taste of Broadway
Wednesday, February 25th, 2026
Join us for A Taste of Broadway—an unforgettable afternoon of music and dining. While you enjoy a delicious four-course lunch, sit back and experience a toe-tapping performance featuring hits from legendary Broadway shows, including Wicked, Chicago, Guys & Dolls, and Legally Blonde. In addition to the lunch and show, you will also have the opportunity to browse the quaint country store and purchase fresh, homemade baked goods from the bakery.
Learn more about this opportunity and register [here!](#)

Fredrik Meijer Sculpture Gardens
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
CHIHULY at Meijer Gardens will transform both the outdoor gardens and indoor galleries into a dynamic showcase of the artist's range and masterful creativity.
This presentation will feature numerous outdoor installations such as Chihuly's monumental glass towers and other dramatic, site-specific artworks nestled within Meijer Gardens' lush landscapes. Indoors, within the sculpture galleries, the exhibition Chihuly: Radiant Forms will immerse visitors in a rich and varied selection, highlighting more than four decades of Chihuly's artistic evolution.
Read more about this opportunity and register [here!](#)

Run For Your Wife
at Cornwell's Dinner Theatre
Thursday, June 11, 2026
This British farce thrilled audiences in its 1982 debut. John Smith is a seemingly ordinary London taxi driver — with an extraordinary secret: he has two wives in different parts of the city, each unaware of the other's existence. Thanks to his carefully crafted schedule, John manages to juggle his double life...until an unexpected incident throws everything into chaos. As the police, neighbors, and nosy reporters close in, John scrambles to keep his secret safe in this fast-paced, laugh-out-loud British farce.
Learn more about this opportunity and register [here!](#)

One Cabin NOW AVAILABLE!
Portugal and the Douro River Cruise
June 17-27, 2026!
ADDITIONAL CRUISE ADDED
Portugal and the Douro River Cruise
July 8-18, 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 villages of Lamego, enjoy a new perspective of Europe as you sail the along the Douro.
Learn more about this opportunity and register [here!](#)

Holland & Belgium in Bloom
April 4th–12th, 2027
Sail through the heart of the Netherlands and Belgium on this captivating Emerald Cruises journey. From Amsterdam's charming canals to the colorful tulip fields of Keukenhof, experience iconic Dutch beauty and culture. Discover the historic windmills of Zaanse Schans, the artistic treasures of The Hague, and Antwerp's medieval splendor. Enjoy exclusive experiences like clog painting, guided bike tours, and private museum visits—all while relaxing aboard your luxurious Star-Ship, where comfort, cuisine, and culture flow seamlessly together.
Learn more about this opportunity and register [here.](#)

Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, & Mt. Rushmore!
September 8th–17th, 2027
Journey through the heart of the American West on this unforgettable 10-day Mayflower Cruises & Tours adventure. Begin in Denver and travel through Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota to marvel at Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills. Experience an exhilarating jeep ride through Custer State Park and explore historic Deadwood and Devils Tower. Continue to Cody to uncover the legacy of Buffalo Bill before venturing into the breathtaking beauty of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Enjoy scenic float trips, cowboy cookouts, and authentic Western entertainment in Jackson Hole. Conclude your adventure in Salt Lake City, exploring its rich pioneer history before bidding farewell to your fellow travelers.
Learn more about this opportunity and register [here.](#)

Forever Learning


Winter Semester registration still open!
Check out our variety of over 30 winter classes!
Register [here!](#)

Teach Your Passion!
Submit your interest [here!](#)

Forever Upcoming Dates

- > Monday, January 5 — Winter Semester Begins
- > Wednesday, January 28 — Forever Travel: Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap. Register [here.](#)
- > Friday, February 13 — Winter Semester Ends
- > Friday, February 13 — Forever Trivia Night. Register [here.](#)
- > Wednesday, February 18 — Spring Instructor Luncheon
- > Wednesday, February 25 — Forever Travel: A Taste of Broadway. Register [here.](#)
- > Monday, March 2 — Spring Semester Begins
- > Wednesday, March 25 — Mayflower Travel Show Presentation at 10:30 AM


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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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Browse our online store for Forever Learning Institute apparel and accessories to wear proudly.

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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