The Association of Lifelong Learners

August 2026

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Why Register for ALL programs?

1) Registration helps ALL prepare for programs by making sure we have adequate seating and handouts for program participants. Occasionally a bigger room needs to be arranged for popular programs.

2) Registration helps ALL advise presenters of the number of anticipated participants.

3) Occasionally programs with low participation are cancelled at the request of the presenter.

4) Registration helps ALL advise participants of program changes or cancellation.

5) Some programs have limited capacity. Registration helps ALL monitor program capacity and advise participants accordingly.

ALL has implemented a system to register for ALL programs online.

You are still able to register with the form included with your program guide.

However, you may find it easier to register electronically with your computer or smartphone.

There is no need to register both ways. Register using one way or the other.

Registering for ALL programs online will improve registration accuracy and reduce office time needed to process registrations.

Use the following link to register online for August programs:

AUGUST 2026 REGISTRATION FORM – Fill out form

You can also find this registration link on the ALL website here:

https://associationoflifelonglearners.org/

or use this QR code with your phone to get to the form:

Online Lecture: Walking Political History in London's Westminster District
Monday, August 3, 2026 **1:00 –2:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
Coordinator: Joyce Bobolts **616-893-2889**

Westminster district of London is Britain's royal and political capital. On this virtual field trip, join London historian Ruth Polling as we explore Westminster Abbey, the Palace of Westminster (Houses of Parliament) and Downing Street. Tracing key moments across more than 800 years, this online tour examines how the English Parliament developed—and how power gradually shifted from an all-powerful monarchy to today's parliamentary democracy. **This is a Road Scholar virtual lecture offered via Zoom at Madeline Briggs Center.**

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Sanilac Petroglyphs: Ezhibiigaadek Asin (Knowledge Written on Stone)
Tuesday, August 4, 2026 **12:00 – 1:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
Coordinator: Ron Young **989-844-4011**

The beautiful Sanilac Petroglyphs, carved into sandstone between 300-1,400 years ago – depict religious and cultural knowledge of indigenous peoples of the Great Lakes. Join the site's tribal and state park co-managers to learn more about this special place and what's ahead for the state park. **This is a Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Virtual Lecture offered by ALL via Zoom at Madeline Briggs.**

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Strength Training for All Ages
Tuesday, August 4, 2026 **2:00– 3:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Linda Ferguson **402-679-7669**

Christi Johnson will discuss the benefits of strength training, what it is, and why it's so important as we age.

Cristi Johnson is a World Champion Powerlifting Coach and the owner of Skella Fit Personal Training in Downtown Alpena. She specializes in weight training, boxing, self-defense, and roller derby. Cristi also hosts a free exercise program for individuals with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers on Thursdays at the 1st United Methodist Church on Ripley Blvd.

If you missed an ALL program that you wanted to catch, you may find it on our YouTube channel. Over 200 programs have been recorded and can be found here:
https://www.youtube.com/@associationoflifelonglearn3593

Moveable Feast at Alcona Brew Haus
Thursday, August 6, 2026 **12:30-2:00 pm**
676 N. US 23, Harrisville, MI
Coordinator: Jane Roose **989-255-5673**

Join the ALL Moveable Feast group for lunch at a local brewery known for great brewing as well as an allergen-free menu. Owner Sandy looks forward to meeting the fun ALL group and sharing her choices on a limited menu. The restaurant charges 3 percent for credit card sales. Make the coordinator aware of food allergens. Invite someone who has not enjoyed our fun-filled Moveable Feasts. Please call the ALL office at 989-358-7207, email all@alpenacc.edu or register online for a reservation so the restaurant and coordinator can plan accordingly.

Serving upscale comfort food in a relaxed atmosphere, Alcona Brew Haus looks forward to serving their guests. They serve house-made beer, mead, cider, wine, bourbon and spirits; make their own pizza dough, and smoke their own meats.

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Admiral David Porter
Thursday, August 6, 2026 **7:00– 8:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Richard Bremer **810-730-7616**
Zoom: Meeting ID: 825 2231 8088 Passcode: 456951

David Porter second only to David Farragut as a Union Naval hero, led the "brown water navy to victory at Vicksburg.

Richard Wolff is a retired Rockford Illinois lawyer who has spent summer vacations on Lake Avalon for more the 70 years. His hobby is research on the Union and Confederate Navies in the Civil War.

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What is Esports?
Thursday, August 10, 2026 **1:30-2:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Tom Hilberg **989-464-5569**

Esports is one of the new up and rising sports being spread across the world! For many Colleges, Esports has only been around in Collegiate levels for 3-5 years and a lot more are establishing first year programs as time passes. Esports is a very positive thing that can offer Collegiate Level Competition to a more diverse crowd of people compared to the traditional sports (Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, etc). ACC had a very impressive season in Esports, with the IR Rocket League Team winning the NECC D8 National Championship! Come and find out what it is all about.

Aaron Guitar is the Athletics Office Coordinator and Head Esports Coach at ACC. Aaron is entering his second year for both positions. He graduated from Utica High School in 2020 and went to ACC for 4 years receiving two Associate Degrees (One in Electrical Maintenance and the other in Business Management.

Ann Gilner, Artist: The Eagle has Landed
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 **1:30 – 3:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Linda Ferguson **402-679-7669**

Ann Gilner was one of two artists who were selected to create art work to help celebrate the 250 anniversary of the USA. She created the metal sculpture "The Eagle has Landed" of steel, stainless steel, brass and rock. It was dedicated on the Alpena County Courthouse lawn in June. Ann will discuss her sculpture from inspiration to completion. Ann also created the Great Blue Herons sculpture outside Duck Park.

Ann Gilner says Art was always a part of my daily life. Ann also says- my father gave me two impressionable pieces of advice 1)" Use your head." And "A problem is the beginning of a solution." Ann opened a flower shop and art gallery which she owned and operated for 35 years. Her media was clay and paint. In the local paper an add caught her eye, "Learn to weld." Ann relates-I needed to get my work outside for public viewing and metal was the answer. Wow! The first strike of the rod, I loved it. Learning to weld is understanding your tools and machine, now I had a new direction.

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Artist in Residence in Shanghai China
Thursday, August 13, 2026 **1:00-2:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Wendy Payne **703-472-5862**

Dorothea Sandra is an international artist who lives and paints in the tiny town of Rogers City, Michigan. In early 2026, she was awarded a three-month stay at one of the world's most respected and prestigious art residencies—the Swatch Art Peace Hotel in Shanghai, China. The Swatch Group in Switzerland funded her travel and accommodations. Dorothea was honored as an international artist, engaged in conversations and lived in residency with artists and writers from around the world, went to events throughout Shanghai, and got glimpses into *the real China* and its people. She will talk about art and international success, Shanghai's past and present, living and learning about the work of artists and writers from around the world, and *the real* everyday life of China's Shanghai people.

Dorothea Sandra, BA, Evidence-Based Design EDAC-certified artist and writer. Her artwork has appeared in museums, galleries, newspapers, and magazines. Her art has sold around the world. She is the author of the book "100 Days of Happy Happy Art." Learn more at dorotheasandraart.com.

A Literary Legacy: Michigan's Carnegie Libraries
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 **12:00 – 1:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
Coordinator: Ron Young **989-844-4011**

In the early 20th century, dozens of Michigan communities built public libraries with funding from industrialist Andrew Carnegie's nationwide library program. Explore the history and impact of the Carnegie library initiative in Michigan and see examples of facilities that continue to serve their communities today. **This is a Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Virtual Lecture offered via Zoom at Madeline Briggs.**

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ALL Photography Club
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 **7:00-9:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
Coordinator: Dick Bremer **989-727-8028**
Zoom Meeting ID: 847 0459 7928 Passcode: 635146

Join in the discussions about photographic techniques and equipment. Or just stop in and check out some of the photos from Club members and visitors. All skill levels are welcome. Join us in-person or on Zoom.

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Nathaniel Borenstein: Sharing a Future with Intelligent Machines
Thursday, August 20, 2026 **1:30– 3:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Linda Ferguson **402-679-7669**

Nearly everything you have ever heard about AI is true, or at least technically plausible. Although predictions about timeframes are mostly guesswork, AI will be powerful enough to make our world a paradise or destroy it altogether. It is urgent that a critical mass of people come to understand how to take the necessary political and social steps to create a society where AIs are our partners in creating a better world. This talk is intended as a starting point for non-experts.

Dr. Nathaniel Borenstein (www.nathanielborenstein.com) has spent over 50 years thinking about Artificial Intelligence while playing a pioneering role in the development of the Internet. A series of life-changing late-in-life events has motivated him to share a message of hope for the future of every one of us who can think or feel -- whether we are human, animal, or artificial. This is the message of his new book, The Spirit of a Cyborg: From the Dawn of the Information Age to a Shared Future with Intelligent Machines, coming this summer from iPub Cloud International. Nathaniel believes that he created Alcona County's first Internet connection in 1988, and that he is the only living resident of Alcona County with a Wikipedia page!

Travel Vicariously—Voyage of the Viking Cruise
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 **10:00-11:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Joyce Bobolts **(616) 893-2998**
Zoom: Meeting id: 848 1191 0685 **Passcode: 70027**

Travel vicariously. Join Rocky Roland as he takes you along on he and Ginny's recent Holland America Cruise—the 35-DAY LEGENDARY VOYAGE OF THE VIKINGS. Explore the North Atlantic's rugged beauty and historical Viking route on a roundtrip journey from Boston. Explore the Canadian Maritimes including Red Bay, Corner Brook and St Anthony. Visit Greenland's remote coastal towns of Paamiut, Qaqortoq, and Nanortalik. Circumnavigate Iceland (kind of) sailing scenic fjords, spend an overnight in Reykjavik AND on a sea day out of Iceland experience the total solar eclipse. Stops in Eidfjord, Norway, Rotterdam, Netherlands, and Belfast Northern Island help round out the itinerary. Enjoy this special travel presentation which will be the next best thing to being there!

Rocky Roland will lead this presentation. Rocky is a retired USAF Colonel, a former fighter pilot and space systems expert. He is a voracious reader, an inveterate traveler, and a frequent ALL presenter on his travels and other esoteric topics. After this cruise, Rocky and his wife Ginny will have visited 120 countries in their travels.

Life Lessons Learned While Climbing a Mountain
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 **1:00-2:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Wendy Payne **703-472-5862**

Climbing Mt. Kilamanjaro - the tallest mountain in Africa and the tallest free standing mountain on earth - with my two daughters taught me many things.... but they weren't about mountain climbing. Please join to hear about our mother-daughter adventures in Tanzania.

Teri List technically is retired from a long finance career that spanned many companies and locations. She keeps busy sitting on boards of major companies like Microsoft, Visa, Danaher and lululemon. She spent much of her career in consumer companies, including Procter & Gamble, Kraft Foods, and Gap, Inc. Over the course of her career, she had the good fortune of traveling the world, visiting over 55 countries. She has two married daughters and a beautiful granddaughter. So far, only one daughter has inherited her adventurous travel gene - but there is hope for her granddaughter!

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Anatomy of a Murder: From the Courtroom to the Silver Screen
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 **12:00-1:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Ron Young **989-884-4011**

Learn about the deep Michigan roots of Anatomy of a Murder. Inspired by a real-life crime, Michigan Supreme Court Justice John D. Voelker's novel became a 1959 film, shot on location in the Upper Peninsula. We'll go behind the scenes in this presentation!

This is a Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Recorded Lecture from May offered at Madeline Briggs

Do you have a presentation... or hobby to share? Do you know others who have a presentation or hobby to share? Do you have a topic you would like to learn more about? Contact the ALL Office at 989-358-7207 or email all@alpenacc.edu to share your ideas - ALL is always looking for new programs to offer.

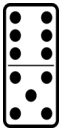
AUGUST RECURRING SESSIONS

PICKLEBALL
Monday, Wednesday, Friday **9:00 - 11:00 am**
APlex
Coordinator: Pamela Borchert **989-464-6044**

Pickleball continues. Call the APlex for additional info @ 989-354-6164. APlex fees apply.

Duplicate Bridge
Mondays **12:15 – 4:00 pm**
Call for Location in Alpena. **Call Marcy at 989-354-2306**
or Bev at 989-595-5119 for more information

This is a form of Bridge where partners play a fixed set of hands in competition with several other partners to see who does the best. This form of Bridge is for experienced Bridge partners interested in some friendly competition. It is also appropriate for individual experienced Bridge players interested in subbing from time to time.



Mexican Train Dominoes
Tuesdays **9:15 - 11:30 am**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
Coordinator: Eileen Wikaryasz **989-884-1140**

Ready for a fun, addictive and fast-moving game that has lots of surprising twists and turns? Join us for Mexican Train Dominoes! You may join our class any time during the year.

Pinochle
Wednesdays **12:30 - 3:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Julie Byrnes **734-761-2123**

Julie Byrnes is inviting you to join her and others in single deck Pinochle on Wednesdays.

ALL is supported by membership fees. Guests are always welcome. A modest donation from guests for the value of your experience is always appreciated.

RECURRING SESSIONS

Spitzer
Thursdays **10:00 - 11:30 am**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Marilyn Klingshirn **989-354-0884**

Spitzer is a challenging card game that requires lots of concentration. It is played extensively in our area, mainly around Rogers City, Alpena, Posen, and regular tournaments are held. Spitzer-challenged people are welcome to come learn the game. Experienced players are welcome to come enjoy playing and guiding the newbies. Name tags encouraged.

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Contract Bridge
Fridays **12:30 - 3:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Julie Byrnes **734-761-2123**

This is an ongoing group of varied players who welcome all players at any time. We are a teaching class but welcome experienced players also.

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Square Dancing
Fridays **4:00 - 6:00 pm**
Call Glenn Taylor for Location
Coordinator: Glenn Taylor **803-292-9613**

Dancing is the Best Activity for Brain Health - Square Dancing is super fun as well! Come join our very active group. No partner needed. Singles and beginners are welcome! We meet most Fridays from 4-6 PM. Call Glenn at 803-292-9613 for location.

Recurring Programs are held the same day of the week in any given month. To find detailed dates of these programs, please refer to the Calendar on Page 11.