

Lifelong Learning

Mercer County, PA

Fall 2026

FREE Classes
to FALL in love with!



- Culinary Arts
- Computer & Technology
- Literature & Writing
- and more!

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Lifelong Learning Classes

Registration

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Minimum Age

Students must be at least 18 to register

Supplies and Materials Fee

**Students may be required to bring their own supplies
or to pay a materials fee during registration**

LOCATION: MCAE Center

233 George Junior Rd Grove City, PA 16127

Rt 58 in Grove City, across from Sheetz

**From Rt58 -Turn on to George Junior Rd, immediatley turn
right onto East End Circle, parking lot located on the right.**



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Literature and Writing

FROM PEN TO PAGE: Mastering Creative Writing

Unlock your imagination and develop your writing skills in our Creative Writing class. This course is designed for writers of all levels who are eager to explore various genres and styles. Through engaging exercises, constructive feedback, and in-depth discussions, you'll learn to craft compelling narratives, create vivid characters, and enhance your unique voice.

Whether you're interested in fiction, poetry, or business writing, this class will provide the tools and support you need to bring your ideas to life and refine your craft. Join us to connect with fellow writers and embark on a journey of creativity and self-expression.

Grove City Location: 5 Sessions, 8 Hours

Class A - Wednesdays 6-8:00pm, October 7 - Nov. 4

Class B - Wednesdays 6-8:00pm, April 7 - May 5



Lifelong Learning Classes

Culinary Arts

Knife Skills & Kitchen Essentials

- Kitchen safety and sanitation
- Proper knife handling and maintenance
- Basic cuts (dice, mince, julienne, chiffonade, brunoise)
- Selecting and caring for kitchen tools
- Hands-on vegetable preparation

Take Home: Confidence using knives safely and efficiently.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Thursday 5:30-8:00pm, September 17, 2026

*Supplies purchased by attendee

***Please bring knife and cutting board**



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Culinary Arts

Soups, Stocks and Comfort Bowls

From Stockpot to Supper: Soups Made Simple

Students will learn:

- The difference between stocks, broths, and soups
- Building flavor through aromatics and seasonings
- Cream-based, broth-based, and pureed soups
- Proper simmering and thickening techniques
- Meal planning with soups

Hands-On Dishes: A hearty vegetable soup and a creamy seasonal soup.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Thursday 5:30-8:00pm, October 15, 2026

*Supplies purchased by attendee

Global Flavors: The Art of Spice Blending

Take your cooking to the next level by mastering the art of spice blending! In this aromatic and interactive class, students will explore the spices that define cuisines around the world—learning how to balance flavors, enhance depth, and create signature blends from scratch.

Participants will be guided through the creation of 3–4 custom spice mixes. Along the way, students will learn about the origin, use, and flavor profile of each ingredient.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Thursday 5:30-8:00pm, October 29, 2026

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Lifelong Learning Classes

Culinary Arts

CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING: Create Festive Delights for the Holiday Season

Join us for a delightful journey into the art of Christmas cookie decorating.

Whether you're a baking novice or seasoned enthusiast, this hands-on workshop will teach you how to create a variety of delicious cookies perfect for sharing with loved ones during the festive season.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Saturday 9:30AM-12PM, November 7, 2026

*Supplies purchased by attendee



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Culinary Arts

The Magic of Mother Sauces

Sauce Boss: Foundations of Flavor

- The five classical mother sauces
- Roux and thickening methods
- Flavor balancing and seasoning
- Creating versatile sauces for meats, vegetables, and pasta
- How sauces can elevate simple meals

Hands-On Dishes: Basic béchamel, velouté, and a simple pan sauce.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Thursday 5:30-8:00pm, January 21, 2027

*Supplies purchased by attendee

Seasoning & Flavor Building

Discover how to make food taste amazing without relying on recipes.

- Herbs vs. spices
- Fresh vs. dried herbs
- Salt and pepper basics
- Acid (vinegar & citrus)
- Sweet, savory, spicy, and umami
- Building balanced flavors

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Thursday 5:30-8:00pm, March 18, 2027

*Supplies purchased by attendee

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Culinary Arts

TEA BLENDING: Create Your Perfect Cup

Ever wondered how to get the perfect blend of tea with just the right flavors? In this aromatic, hands-on workshop, you'll learn the art and science of tea blending. Discover how different leaves, herbs, spices, and flowers combine to create unique flavor profiles—and how to balance them for taste, aroma, and wellness.

You'll sample a variety of ingredients, experiment with your own blends, and craft custom teas to take home. Along the way, explore the origins of tea, the difference between traditional and herbal varieties, and tips for brewing the perfect cup every time.

Grove City Location: 1 Sessions, 2.5 Hours each

Thursday 5:30-8:00pm, April 15 , 2026



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Culinary Arts

Everyday Meals — Putting It All Together

- Meal planning and timing
- Cooking proteins and vegetables
- Using sauces to finish dishes
- Plating and presentation basics

Hands-On Project: Students prepare a complete meal using techniques learned throughout the series.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Thursday 5:30-8:00pm, May 20, 2027

*Supplies purchased by attendee



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Personal Development

Sew Simple: Beginner Sewing Basics

Unlock your creativity and learn the fundamentals of sewing in our comprehensive "Sew Simple" class! Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to refine your skills, this hands-on course guides you through the basics of using sewing machines, understanding fabric types, and mastering essential techniques.

Under expert guidance, you'll explore stitching, hemming, and crafting basic projects that build confidence and proficiency. "Sew Simple" is for the basics of sewing taught by the Days for Girls staff. Join us and discover the joy of creating with fabric!

Grove City Location: 4 Sessions, 2 Hours each

Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm, Oct 14-Nov 4, 2026



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Personal Development

LET'S LEARN SPANISH: Introduction to Spanish

Discover the richness of the Spanish language and immerse yourself in its vibrant culture with our "Introduction to Spanish" class. Whether you're a complete beginner or have some familiarity with Spanish, this course is designed to provide you with a solid foundation and ignite your passion for learning a new language.

Grove City Location: 6 Sessions, 1 hour each

Date: Tues. and Thurs. 6-7:00pm, October 8-27

CONVERSATION CLASS: Master Everyday Spanish

Join our interactive Spanish class designed for adults who want to master everyday conversations with ease. Whether you're looking to navigate travel, enhance your professional interactions, or simply enjoy engaging in Spanish, this course offers practical language skills, real-life scenarios, and cultural insights. Perfect for all levels, our dynamic sessions will boost your confidence and help you speak Spanish naturally. Sign up today and start conversing with confidence!

Grove City Location: 6 Sessions, 1 hour each

Date: Tues. and Thurs. 6-7:00pm, November 3-19

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Personal Development

HOLIDAY BOW MAKING:

Create Beautiful Custom Bows

Add a special touch to your holiday decorating and gift giving by learning the art of making elegant, professional-quality bows.

Participants will explore techniques for shaping, layering, and securing ribbon to create beautiful custom bows perfect for wreaths, Christmas trees, gifts, and seasonal décor.

This hands-on class is ideal for beginners and experienced crafters alike. Each participant will create two custom holiday bows to take home, along with the skills and confidence to make more for every season.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Saturday 9:30-12, November 14, 2026

Supplies purchased by attendee.



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Computer and Technology

BASIC COMPUTER CLASS

This is an introductory computer course that will cover operating systems of the computer. Students will learn the basics of navigating around a computer and exploring the internet. In addition, students will learn the basics of email, hands on experience with word processing, spreadsheets and slideshows.

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Sessions and Time Tues. and Thurs.

10AM-12 Beginners

1:00-3:00 - Intermediate

6 sessions

October 6-22

January 5-21

March 2-18

CREATIVE WITH CANVA: Design Made Simple

Discover how easy and fun graphic design can be in this beginner-friendly workshop focused on Canva, the popular online design tool. Whether you're creating eye-catching flyers, engaging social media posts, or polished presentations, this hands-on class will walk you through the basics of layout, color, fonts, and branding.

Perfect for anyone looking to boost their creative confidence—no design experience required!

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2 hours

Class A: Tuesday 6-8pm, October 13, 2026

Class B: Tuesday 6-8pm, February 16, 2027

Lifelong Learning Classes

EXCEL WORKSHOP

Join us for an empowering journey into the world of Microsoft Excel, where you'll learn essential skills to boost your productivity and efficiency. Whether you're a beginner or a professional looking to enhance your spreadsheet skills for career advancement this is the class for you. This workshop is designed to equip you with practical Excel skills, for example data entry, formatting, formulas and functions, Charts and Analysis.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2 hours

Class A - 11AM-1PM, November 10/ ADVANCED Nov. 12

Class B - 11AM-1PM, February 9/ ADVANCED February 11

USING TECHNOLOGY IN DAILY LIFE

In our increasingly digital world, mastering technology isn't just convenient—it's essential for navigating daily life with confidence. Whether you're new to smartphones, social media, or online banking, or simply looking to harness technology more effectively, this workshop is designed to empower you with practical skills and insights.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2 hours

Class A - Tuesday 11AM-1PM , December 8

Class B - Tuesday 11AM-1PM, April 13

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Fine Arts & Crafts

PAPER EMBROIDERY & STAMPING:

Stitch, Stamp, and Create

Discover the beauty of combining simple embroidery with decorative stamping to create one-of-a-kind greeting cards, bookmarks, and paper art. Participants will learn basic paper embroidery techniques, explore creative stamp designs, and add color and texture to transform ordinary paper into handcrafted keepsakes.

This relaxing, beginner-friendly class is perfect for anyone who enjoys crafting and wants to explore a unique mixed-media art form. No previous embroidery or stamping experience is needed —just bring your creativity!

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Thursday 5:30-8:00pm, November 12, 2026

*Supplies purchased by attendee

JUNK JOURNALING: Create, Collage, & Chronicle

Turn old paper into new treasures in this creative junk journaling class! You'll learn how to craft a one-of-a-kind journal using found objects, scrapbook paper, ephemera, stamps, and mixed media. We'll guide you through techniques for layering, binding, and embellishing pages as you tell your story through art. Whether you're a memory keeper, writer, or just love crafting, this class will inspire you to see the beauty in the "junk" and transform it into something meaningful.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Thursday 5:30-8:00pm, January 28, 2027

*Supplies purchased by attendee

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WATERCOLOR LEVEL 1: Bees, Flowers, and Birds

Dive into the enchanting world of watercolor painting in our Level 1 class, where you'll explore the beauty of bees, flowers, and birds. This workshop is designed for beginners, guiding you through essential techniques such as color mixing, brush control, and layering. You'll learn to capture the vibrant details of nature as you create your own charming artworks. Join us for a relaxing and creative experience, perfect for those looking to unleash their artistic side while appreciating the wonders of the natural world!

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours
6 person minimum

Class A: Thursday 5:30-8:00pm, September 24, 2026

Class B: Saturday 9:30-12:00pm, September 26, 2026

*Supplies purchased by attendee



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POTTERY PALETTES

Design and craft your own beautiful ceramic artist's palette while exploring the basics of hand-built pottery. Participants will shape, texture, and personalize a functional palette that's perfect for watercolor, acrylic, or gouache painting. Along the way, you'll learn essential clay-working techniques and create a piece that is both practical and uniquely your own.

Whether you're an artist looking for a custom palette or simply want to try something new, this beginner-friendly class offers a creative and rewarding introduction to pottery.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Thursday 5:30-8pm, November 5, 2026

*Supplies purchased by attendee



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BOTANICAL INKS: **Create Color from Nature**

Discover the art and science of creating beautiful natural inks using flowers, leaves, berries, spices, and other botanical materials. Participants will learn how to extract vibrant colors from nature and experiment with a variety of techniques to create unique inks for journaling, watercolor painting, calligraphy, or other creative projects.

Perfect for beginners and nature lovers alike, this hands-on class blends creativity with a touch of chemistry, leaving you with knowledge of handmade botanical inks and inspiration to continue exploring natural art at home.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Thursday 5:30-8:00pm, April 29, 2027

*Supplies purchased by attendee

SIMPLE RIBBON EMBROIDERY: **Flowers & Butterflies**

Discover the elegance of ribbon embroidery in this beginner-friendly class designed to teach the fundamentals of this timeless craft. Participants will learn basic stitches while creating delicate flowers, leaves, and butterflies using satin ribbon to add beautiful texture and dimension to fabric.

Whether you're new to embroidery or looking to expand your crafting skills, this relaxing, hands-on class will provide the techniques and confidence to create charming floral designs that can be incorporated into home décor, gifts, clothing, or keepsakes.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Saturday March 20, 2026 9:20-12

Supplies purchased by attendee.

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Nature - Inspired Art Class

Discover the beauty of creating art with treasures found in nature! In this hands-on class, you'll use leaves, flowers, twigs, grasses, pinecones, and other natural materials to create a unique work of art. Explore techniques such as leaf print painting, nature collages, texture rubbings, and botanical-inspired designs while learning to see the artistic potential in the world around you. Perfect for beginners and nature lovers of all ages, this class encourages creativity, mindfulness, and a deeper appreciation for the outdoors. You'll leave with several one-of-a-kind projects and plenty of inspiration for creating with nature at home.

MORE DETAILS TO COME! CLASS IS SIGN UP ONLY RIGHT NOW.
TENTATIVE CLASS ON THE SCHEDULE.



Lifelong Learning Classes

Financial Foundations

BASIC BANKING: Banking Made Simple

Gain the confidence to manage your money with ease by learning the essentials of everyday banking. This beginner-friendly class explores the different types of bank accounts, how to choose the right financial institution, use debit cards responsibly, write checks, balance your account, and understand online and mobile banking. Participants will also learn about banking fees, direct deposit, electronic payments, and tips for keeping their accounts secure. Whether you're opening your first account or looking to better understand modern banking, this class provides practical skills you can use every day.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

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Citizens Bank

Tuesday September 29, 2026 5:30–8:00 pm

CREDIT 101: Understanding Credit with Confidence

Take the mystery out of credit in this practical, beginner-friendly class designed to help you understand how credit works and why it matters. Participants will learn what makes up a credit score, how credit reports are used, common factors that affect credit, and simple strategies for building and maintaining healthy credit habits. Whether you're just starting your credit journey or looking to improve your financial future, this class provides valuable information to help you make informed financial decisions with confidence.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Tuesday October 20, 2026 5:30–8:00 pm



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UNDERSTANDING LOANS & INTEREST:

Borrow Smart, Borrow Wisely

Whether you're considering a car loan, mortgage, student loan, or credit card, understanding how borrowing works can save you money and help you make informed financial decisions. In this practical class, participants will learn the basics of different types of loans, how interest is calculated, what lenders look for, and how monthly payments are determined.

You'll also explore ways to compare loan offers, recognize hidden costs and fees, and develop strategies to borrow responsibly while avoiding common financial pitfalls. By the end of the class, you'll have the knowledge and confidence to make smart borrowing decisions that support your financial goals.

Taught by:

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours



Tuesday November 10, 2026 5:30–8:00 pm

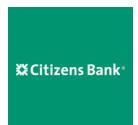
SHIELD YOUR FINANCES: Practical Fraud Prevention

Protect yourself from today's most common scams and fraud schemes. This informative class helps participants recognize phishing emails, text scams, online fraud, identity theft, and other financial scams before they become a problem. Learn practical strategies to safeguard your personal and financial information, identify warning signs, and respond quickly if you suspect fraud. Whether you're banking online, shopping on the internet, or simply want greater peace of mind, you'll leave with the knowledge and confidence to better protect yourself and your finances.

Taught by:

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours

Tuesday January 26, 2027 5:30–8:00 pm



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Financial Foundations

INSURANCE 101: Understanding Auto & Life Insurance

Insurance doesn't have to be confusing. This practical class provides an overview of auto and life insurance, helping participants understand common coverages, deductibles, premiums, policy terms, and how to choose protection that fits their needs. Participants are encouraged to bring their current auto and life insurance policies for a general educational review and Q&A to better understand their coverage. Individual policy reviews are for educational purposes only and do not constitute personalized insurance or legal advice.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours
Tuesday, February 9, 2027 5:30–8:00 pm

Taught by:



PROPERTY INSURANCE 101: Protecting Your Home & Belongings

Whether you own or rent, protecting your home and personal belongings is essential. This practical class provides an overview of homeowners and renters insurance, including what is typically covered, common exclusions, personal property protection, liability coverage, and how to safeguard your valuables. Participants are encouraged to bring their current property insurance policies for a general educational review and Q&A to better understand their coverage. Individual policy reviews are for educational purposes only and do not constitute personalized insurance or legal advice.

Grove City Location: 1 Session, 2.5 hours
Tuesday, March 16, 2027 5:30–8:00 pm

Taught by:



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Adult Literacy

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA PREP- FREE

Class designed to prepare students to pass GED or HISET tests.

This course focuses on Mathematical Reasoning, Reading and Writing, Science, and Social Studies. Adult Literacy Orientation required.

Classes Offered in Grove City, Sharon and Greenville
CALL 724-458-7270 for more information

English as a Second Language Classes - FREE

Classes help foreign born students learn the English language, improving their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills to navigate day-to-day life in a new culture. ESL Orientation and placement testing required.

Classes offered:

New Beginner

High Beginner

Intermediate

High Intermediate

Multi Level

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LOCATION: MCAE Center

Rt 58 in Grove City, across from Sheetz





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