

2025 University of Irasburg Class Descriptions

Date and Location	Title	Description	Professor
<i>NEW DATE TBD</i> at the Leach Public Library	Yoga and Movement	Yoga and movement for all ages, 8 to adults, deep breaths and stretches to practice every day. Yoga mats and blocks available as well as chairs. Bring comfortable clothes and a mat if you have one.	Marger Villamizar
<i>NEW DATE</i> Saturday, March 22, at 1 p.m. at the Leach Public Library	Bubble Art	All ages welcome. Explore paint in a new way with this fun and sometimes messy technique of printing bubbles onto paper.	Andi Bittner
Saturday, March 15, at 1 p.m. at the barn on the common: 4752 VT Route 14	Excel for Practical Use	This hands-on course is designed to quickly equip you with essential Excel skills you can use. Whether you need to organize data, create simple reports, or crunch some numbers, you'll learn practical techniques to boost efficiency. Topics include navigating Excel, working with formulas, sorting and filtering data, and creating basic charts. Perfect for beginners or those looking for a refresher, this course focuses on getting you up and running with Excel as quickly as possible.	Stephen Charlesworth
<i>NEW DATE</i> Saturday, March 22, at 2 p.m. at the Leach Public Library	Pyrography (wood burning)	Ages 13 and up. Introduction to wood burning art. Each student will have access to a wood burner to create a unique piece of art.	Gretchen Bittner
Sunday, March 16, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Leach Public Library	Knitting Slippers	Knit warm slippers for the whole family! Some knowledge of knitting is helpful. Yarn will be provided, and needles. Please feel free to bring your own supplies if you have them.	Colette Houle
Thursday, March 20, at 6 p.m. at the barn on the common: 4752 VT Route 14	Fire Cider and Shrubs	Fire Ciders, Shrubs or drinking vinegars have been used by herbalists for generations as a remedy to ward off sickness and promote health. Everyone could bring some home, along with recipes for beverages, salad dressings, mocktails, etc.	Jeanne Desrochers

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Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Leach Public Library	Quilt Q&A	Do you have an old family quilt that you would like to know more about? Maybe when and how it was made? Any questions on how to complete a quilt project? Bring your project along for further information or just stop by if you have an interest in quilting. Cheryl is a longtime antique quilt researcher and maker of traditional quilts. She will be doing periodic EPP* demonstrations. <i>*EPP (English Paper Piecing) is a centuries-old technique for piecing quilts.</i>	Cheryl Hogan
Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m. – location TBD	<i>High Water - Film and Discussion</i>	A Jay Craven Film based on the short story by Irasburg author Howard Frank Mosher. Set in 1959, HIGH WATER chronicles the story of Waterman, a Vermont farm boy who faces every possible natural and man-made obstacle, especially his mulish father, as he sets out for his first stock car race off the family farm.	Phillis Mosher
Wednesday, March 26, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Leach Public Library	Grant Writing Open House	Drop in to ask questions, get help with a specific grant, or use a database to research grants for your project!	Trisha Ingalls
Saturday, March 29, at 9 a.m. at the Leach Public Library	What is a Doula? What do they do and why should I have one?	What is a Birth Doula and why would you want one as part of your Birth Team? If you are expecting, have someone close to you who is, or are simply interested in learning more, join us to learn about the benefits of hiring a Birth Doula to join you on your journey!	Michelle Royer
Saturday, March 29, at 11 a.m. at the Leach Public Library	Create with Clay	Ages pre K-5th. Taught by 14-year-old Lucas Bittner. During this class children will get to make a one-of-a-kind clay pinch pot.	Lucas Bittner
Saturday, March 29, at 2 p.m. at the Leach Public Library	Ukulele for Beginners	An introduction to basic chords, strumming, and fingerpicking. Simple songs will be taught from sheet music and/or online sites. If you have access to a ukulele, please bring it. If not, please let us know so we can have an instrument available for you.	Sarah Kinsley & Winnie Jones

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Saturday, March 29, at 4 p.m. at the barn on the common: 4752 VT Route 14	Mrs. Hilliker's 2nd Grade Class Reunion	Were you in Mrs. Hilliker's second grade class at the Irasburg school (now the Town Clerk's Office)? If you were - or even if you weren't - you're invited to Mrs. Hilliker's Class Reunion. We'll remember and honor Mrs. Hilliker (she was tough, but she was fair!), reconnect with classmates and share our memories of early school days in Irasburg. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served!	Lori Royer & Michael Sanville
Sunday, March 30, at 1 p.m. at the Leach Public Library	Scam-Proofing 101: Recognizing Red Flags & Protecting Your Wallet	In an age of digital deception, knowing how to detect scams is crucial. From fake tech support calls to texts and emails seeking to trick you into sharing personal data, we'll cover the most common scams and how to avoid them. You'll leave this course with tips and learn how to freeze your credit to block identity thieves in their tracks.	Megan Charlesworth
Sunday, March 30, at 10 a.m. at the Leach Public Library	Calligraphy	Calligraphy originated in ancient China and has been used globally for nearly as long as written language has existed. Today, even with the existence of technology, calligraphy is still used to add beauty and flair to written communication. This class will teach the basics of lettering in both cursive and print styles. Students will learn what tools are required, how to hold a brush pen, and some basic calligraphy strokes.	Celeste Piette
Sunday, March 30, at 3 p.m. at the barn on the common: 4752 VT Route 14	A New Story	Central to any culture is its creation myth that orients its people to reality. As science progresses, we learn more about reality and the match with the old creation myths does not wear well. People become detached from reality and their survival is stressed. The class will discuss a new creation myth for the world. The class is based upon the work of Copernicus, Galileo, Issac Newton, Albert Einstein, Stephen Hawking, Thomas Berry, Thomas Merton and Brian Swimme.	Dr. Ron Holland

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