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5 WAYS TO REGISTER

Online: Visit svcc.edu/commedenroll

Mail: Complete the enclosed registration form and return it along with full payment to Community Education, Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021.

Fax: Complete the enclosed registration form and fax it to 815.380.6383.

In-Person: Complete the enclosed registration form and bring it to the Community Education Department on the first floor, office 1M04 (East end). Payment should be made at that time. In-person registration is open 8:30AM – 4:00PM Monday – Thursday, and 8:30AM – 1:30PM on Fridays.

Phone: Call 815.835.6258 or 815.835.6212 and have your debit or credit card number ready for payment.

SVCC POLICIES

■ REGISTRATION & PAYMENT POLICY:

Registration is required to attend a class or trip. Payment is due at the time of registration. Payment can be made by mail, phone, fax, online, or in person.

■ FULL OR CANCELLED CLASS POLICY:

The Community Education Department reserves the right to limit enrollment or cancel a class or trip due to insufficient enrollment. For this reason, please register at least one week before the class or trip is scheduled to guarantee your class or trip is not cancelled. Every effort will be made to notify students that a class or trip has been filled or cancelled. Students will receive full refunds for full or cancelled classes and trips.

■ BAD WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY:

If SVCC cancels classes due to bad weather, Community Education classes or trips will also be cancelled. Cancellations will be announced on area radio, TV stations and on our website, svcc.edu.

■ REFUND & WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

Withdrawal Policy: Withdrawals must be completed by phone, call 815.835.6258 or 815.835.6212, or in person at the Community Education Department Office, 1M04. Documentation is required for the student withdrawal to be processed. Please leave a message if no one is available to take your call.

Refund Policy: If a class or trip is cancelled due to low enrollment, students will receive a full refund. **No refunds will be given to students who do not withdraw during business hours at least three business days before the class or trip.** This excludes observed holidays.

■ NO-SHOW / NON-PAYMENT POLICY:

Registered students who are “no-shows” are not withdrawn from a Community Education non-credit class or trip automatically because they have registered and reserved a seat. **Students need to officially withdraw from a class or trip at least three business days before it is scheduled to take place.** If a trip requires a ticket to be purchased, a refund may not be available. Please don't register unless you plan to attend the class or trip.

■ GIVE A GIFT OF LEARNING:

Looking for the perfect gift to give your spouse, children, friends, or relatives for birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions? Do you want to reward your employees for a job well done? Call 815.835.6258 or 815.835.6212 to give a gift of learning.

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Do you have a special skill or deep knowledge in a particular subject? Join us and make a difference by teaching a class in your area of expertise! We're looking for enthusiastic instructors to share their skills with the community on a flexible schedule that works for you.

Adults: Teach exciting subjects like A.I., Art, Culinary, History, Technology, and more!

College for Kids: Inspire young minds with topics like Computers, Creative Arts, Drones, Technology, Virtual Reality, and beyond!

Endless possibilities await. You pick the topic, day, and time, and we'll take care of the rest. Call Brenda Helms at **815.835.6212** or email brenda.helms@svcc.edu to learn more about this rewarding opportunity.



Dear Evan Hansen



A letter that was never meant to be seen, a lie that was never meant to be told, a life he never dreamed he could have. "Dear Evan Hansen: Today is going to be a good day and here's why..." That's how Evan starts every day, writing himself a letter about why it's going to be a good day. A coping mechanism for this lonely, anxious high schooler looking to fit in. It's because of these letters that Evan finds himself telling a well-meaning, little white lie that snowballs into a blizzard of untruths. In the end, his unforgettable journey demonstrates there is a place for everyone to feel love, acceptance and to be seen even when you make mistakes.

All ticket sales are final; however, a substitute may be sent in your place. The show is a 1:30 p.m. matinee and the tickets are located on the Main Floor. The run time is 2 hours and 30 minutes with one intermission. After the show, travelers will enjoy an included dinner at the Flight Deck: A Global Inspired Pub in Rochelle before returning to Sauk Valley Community College.

The trip is limited to 48 participants and includes transportation, show ticket, dinner, gratuities, and travel snacks. Lunch at the DeKalb Oasis and alcoholic beverages and mocktails at dinner are on your own. (Ages 12 & Up)

Bus departs SVCC North Parking lot promptly at 10:30 a.m., arriving at the DeKalb Oasis at approximately 11:25 a.m. Bus departs the DeKalb Oasis at approximately 12:00 p.m. and will arrive at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora at approximately 12:40 p.m. Bus departs Aurora after the show at approximately 4:15 p.m. and will stop at the Flight Deck: A Global Inspired Pub in Rochelle for a group dinner at 5:00 p.m. Bus will depart Rochelle at approximately 6:45 p.m. and arrive back at SVCC at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Class ID:2123

Wednesday, March 18; 10:30AM-7:30PM

Paramount Theatre, Aurora, IL

Seat Location-Main Floor

\$99 per person

Experience Wine Country & Galena

Our first stop will be the Galena Cellars Vineyard. Travelers will be able to enjoy a wine flight (three wines) of their enjoyable wines. Travelers are able to walk around the vineyard and estate while enjoying a glass of wine. We will then travel to downtown Galena where travelers can truly experience the essence of Galena and enjoy a relaxing day on your own schedule. Come for the sights, wine, shopping, and food. *The trip is limited to 50 participants* and includes wine flights, travel snacks, transportation, and gratuities. (Ages 21 & Up)

Bus will depart the SVCC North Parking lot promptly at 9:15 a.m., arriving at Galena Cellars Vineyard at approximately 11:00 a.m. Bus will depart Galena Cellars Vineyard at 12:45 p.m. and will arrive in Galena at 1:00 p.m. and drop off on Green Street. The bus will depart Galena at 5:30 p.m. and arrive back at SVCC at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Class ID:2121

Saturday, April 11; 9:15AM-7:15PM

Galena, IL

\$89 per person

DAY TRIPS



The Great Gatsby

THE PARTY'S ROARING IN CHICAGO! THE GREAT GATSBY is a "Broadway extravaganza that explodes with life and energy" (*Entertainment Weekly*). Based on the classic American novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald, the Tony Award®-winning new musical is an unforgettable journey of love, wealth and tragedy that brings

the Roaring Twenties to life on stage.

The story centers on Jay Gatsby, a man with a mysterious past and seemingly infinite wealth. Gatsby is known for his lavish parties, filled with the glitz of the Jazz Age. However, behind all the extravagance lies a man driven by a single desire to win back the love of the beautiful Daisy Buchanan. Narrated by Nick Carraway, the story takes place in the summer of 1922 during the Roaring Twenties and explores themes of wealth, class, and the corruption of the American Dream.

All ticket sales are final; however, a substitute may be sent in your place. The show is a 1:00 p.m. matinee and the tickets are located in the balcony. The run time of the show is 2 hours and 30 minutes with one intermission. Travelers will have time to shop and/or eat lunch once we arrive in Chicago. There are places to shop and eat near the theater. *Trip is limited to 48 participants* and includes transportation, driver gratuity, show ticket, and bus snacks. Lunch in Chicago and dinner at Portillo's will be on your own. (Ages 10 & Up)

Bus departs SVCC North Parking lot promptly at 8:45 a.m., arriving in Chicago at approximately 10:45 a.m. Bus departs Chicago after the show at approximately 3:45 p.m. and will stop at Portillo's for dinner and arrive back at SVCC at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Class ID:2199

Wednesday, April 29; 8:45AM-7:30PM

Cadillac Palace Theatre, Chicago, IL

Seat Location-Upper Balcony

\$125 per person

EXTENDED TRIPS WITH

Stop dreaming and start doing! Join Sauk Valley Community College on an upcoming trip through our travel partner Collette. Begin your adventure today! **For more information about trip previews or to request a detailed trip itinerary, contact Brenda Helms at 815.835.6212.**

Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria



Journey through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque cities as you experience three Alpine countries. Spend four nights in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bern and three nights in the charming Alpine city of Innsbruck. Get a taste of Switzerland when you meet a local alphorn maker & yodelers and enjoy a fondue lunch. Explore Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake."

Visit Mozart's birthplace and the

Mirabell Gardens, featured in *The Sound of Music*, during your time in Salzburg. The hills are alive on this enchanting journey across Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria. **Visit gateway.gocollette.com/link/1288865 to view the online trip itinerary.**

Must-See Inclusions:

- Spend a day exploring Salzburg's historic past and charming old town.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Lucerne's Altstadt (Old Town).
- Tour Linderhof Palace and its beautiful gardens.

Cultural Connections:

- Witness the creation of Alpine music during an alphorn and yodeling demonstration.
- Experience a Tyrolean Folklore show in Innsbruck.

Culinary Inclusions:

- Savor lunch at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.
- Experience a fondue lunch in a picturesque alpine town.
- Dine on Tyrolean cuisine at a local restaurant.

Trip dates (10 days): Wednesday, April 21 – Friday, April 30, 2027

Cost: \$5,299 (double/per person); \$5,899 (single person); \$5,249 (triple/per person)

13 meals included (8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners)

- Included in price: Round trip air from O'Hare Intl Airport, Air Taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel reservations.
- Not included in price: Cancellation waiver and insurance is an additional \$549 per person, and any gratuities.
- Deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation.
- Prices may increase after October 15, 2026
- Deposits are refundable up until October 22, 2026
- Final payment due January 21, 2027

Trip Preview

Class ID:2085

Tuesday, March 10, 2026; 6:00-7:00PM
SVCC-Riverview Room 1H16
FREE



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Discover European Christmas Markets



Set out on a holiday adventure through the iconic capital cities of Central Europe – Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Tour the magnificent Prague Castle and explore its famous Christmas market at the Old Town Square. Experience the world's oldest Christmas market in

Dresden. In Vienna, learn the secrets of confectionary at a candy workshop, and indulge in dinner at the famous Marchfelderhof. Travel via train from Vienna to Bratislava. Explore Budapest's outdoor markets aglow with lights, where stalls of crafts and delicacies abound. Along the way, immerse yourself in festive Christmas markets, experience cultural traditions, sample local cuisine, and glimpse this region's rich history. **Visit gateway.gocollette.com/link/1288389 to view the online trip itinerary.**

Must-See Inclusions:

- Visit the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, a summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty.
- Discover Budapest's iconic sights through an expert's eyes
- Experience the world's oldest Christmas market in lovely Dresden, Germany.

Cultural Connections:

- Tour the majestic Prague Castle.
- Be whisked by train from Vienna to Bratislava.
- Visit 5 different countries filled with the holiday spirit.

Culinary Inclusions:

- Experience how to make typical Hungarian strudel.
- Learn the secrets of Viennese confectionary during a candy making demonstration.
- Dine at the famous Marchfelderhof, an iconic restaurant with a rich Viennese tradition.

Trip dates (9 days): Friday, December 4 – Saturday, December 12, 2026

Cost: \$4,099 (double/per person); \$4,799 (single person); \$4,049 (triple/per person)

11 meals included (7 breakfasts, 4 dinners)

- Included in price: Round trip air from O'Hare Intl Airport, Air Taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel reservations.
- Not included in price: Cancellation waiver and insurance is an additional \$549 per person, and any gratuities.
- Deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation.
- Prices go up \$350 per person after May 29, 2026
- Deposits are refundable up until June 5, 2026
- Final payment due September 5, 2026

Trip Preview

Class ID:2178

Thursday, April 30; 6:00-7:00PM
SVCC-Riverview Room 1H16
FREE



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ART & CULTURE

★ Abstract Expressionism and Taoism

NEW! Explore the fascinating connection between Abstract Expressionism and Taoist philosophy. Like the Taoist, the abstract painter embraces uncertainty, allowing mystery and clarity to coexist. In this discussion-based class, students will examine how artists and thinkers find balance between knowing and not knowing. Paintings will be paired with passages from the *Tao Te Ching*, poems by Emily Dickinson, and other works that illuminate the shared spirit of acceptance, flow, and creative harmony. (Ages 14 & Up)

Class ID:2173

(4 sessions), Saturdays, March 21 – April 11; 12:00-1:00PM
SVCC-Room 2L07 • Instructor-Butch Merigoni
\$40

★ Unreasonable Ideas

NEW! Every great idea starts with a spark that seems a little unreasonable. In this interactive class, students will learn how to take that bold idea whether it's writing a book, starting a business, or backpacking around the world, and turn it into a realistic plan. Each week focuses on a new stage: exploring your "unreasonable" idea, building a practical foundation, identifying what you need to get started, and creating a plan for continued growth. Discover how to balance imagination with strategy and bring your big ideas to life. **Students will need to bring the following supplies: sketchbook with blank pages, notebook**

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT

Butch Merigoni



Butch Merigoni is an art history teacher at Sauk Valley Community College. In his spare time, he is a drummer, performer and painter. After spending two decades in Brooklyn, NY, he relocated to Sterling, Illinois, in August of 2024. This has been a nice reprieve from the chaos of urban life. At Sauk, Butch has had the pleasure of

working with a great student body as well as a kind and helpful administration. He looks forward to the spring semester.

with lined pages, monthly planner, pack of 12 colored pencils, regular pencil. (Ages 18 & Up)

Class ID:2174

(4 sessions), Saturdays, April 18 – May 9; 12:00-1:00PM
SVCC-Room 2L07 • Instructor-Butch Merigoni
\$40

★ Art Without Compromise

NEW! Throughout history, many artists have faced personal, political, and societal challenges yet their struggles led to profound artistic expression and understanding. This class celebrates those individuals whose perseverance and vision shaped art as we know it. Each week spotlights two artists who embody this theme: German Expressionists Käthe Kollwitz and Franz Marc; French painters Berthe Morisot and Rosa Bonheur; writer-performers Hugo Ball and James Joyce; and painters Hans Hartung and Vija Celmins. Join us for an inspiring exploration of creativity, resilience, and the power of uncompromised art. (Ages 18 & Up)

Class ID:2175

(4 sessions), Saturdays, May 16 – June 6; 12:00-1:00PM
SVCC-Room 2L07 • Instructor-Butch Merigoni
\$40

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Learn to fly by preparing for the Private Pilot Knowledge Exam. At the end of this course, you will understand operations of the flight controls and instruments, airport and airspace considerations, aircraft weight and balance, aircraft performance tables, basic weather meteorology, Federal Aviation Regulations, flight physiology, and emergency preparedness. After successful completion of this course, the student will be eligible to take the F.A.A. Private Pilot Knowledge Exam (additional fee for F.A.A. Exam). If the student has previously purchased this exam, please advise the instructor before the first class for instructor evaluation and approval. Flying or airtime is not included in this class. *This course will be conducted online through Google Meets. The classroom invitation and materials will be sent to students by email from the instructor. Textbooks and supplies for this class are: The Complete Private Pilot, Bob Gardner Fourteenth Edition and Test Prep 2026-2027, both published by Aviation Supplies & Academics (ASA). Students must possess an aviation E6B flight computer and an aviation rotating plotter. Students may purchase all supplies online or locally from M & M Aviation Services, Ltd. (Ages 15 & Up)*

Class ID:2181

(14 sessions), Tuesdays, February 17 – May 19; 5:30-8:00PM
LIVE ONLINE • Instructor-M & M Aviation
\$300



AVIATION

Aviation Information Session

Ready to take your interest in flying to new heights? Whether you're considering aviation as a hobby or a career, this free information session is the perfect place to start. Learn about SVCC's *Aviation Private Pilot Ground Training* class and hear directly from our training partner, M & M Aviation Services. Discover program details, career opportunities, and get your questions answered by aviation professionals. (Ages 15 & Up)

Class ID:2179

(1 session), Tuesday, January 20; 5:30-6:30PM
SVCC-Riverview Room 1H16
FREE

Aviation Instrument

For the Advanced Pilot: Acquire an understanding of instrument scan techniques, IFR instruments, instrument maneuvers on full and partial, radio navigation aids for enroute, instrument approach and instrument departure, radar, holding patterns, Federal Aviation Regulations, weather theory and reporting, and the requirements of the Instrument Practical Test Standards. Successful completion of this course guarantees the student will be eligible to take and pass the F.A.A. Instrument Pilot Knowledge Exam (additional fee for F.A.A. Exam). Flying or airtime is not included in this class. *This course will be conducted online through Google Meets. The classroom invitation and materials will be sent to students by email from the instructor. Textbooks and supplies for this class are: The Pilot's Manual Volume 3: Instrument Flying Eighth Edition and Instrument Rating Test Prep 2026-2027, both published by Aviation Supplies & Academics (ASA). Students may purchase all supplies online or locally from M & M Aviation Services, Ltd. Prerequisites: Private Pilot's License or instructor authorization. (Ages 17 & Up)*

Class ID:2180

(16 sessions), Wednesdays, February 4 – May 20; 5:30-8:30PM
LIVE ONLINE • Instructor-M & M Aviation
\$400

COMPUTER

File Management

Learn to manage your folders and files. We will review the cut, copy, paste, and rename commands. File management will allow you to store data (pictures, letters, recipes, etc.) on your PC in an organized manner which makes it easier to retrieve and it will enable you to backup data. Learn to copy or move data to an external storage device. Get your photos off your memory card! Prerequisite: Basic computer knowledge and skills required. *Class size is limited to 10 students. (Ages 16 & Up)*

Class ID:2126

(1 session), Thursday, February 19; 2:00-6:00PM
SVCC-Room 3K02 • Instructor-Marcy Lawrence
\$70

Microsoft Word – Level One

Microsoft Word is a word processing program used to generate documents. You will create several documents as you learn about page definition, margins, tabs, editing, enhancing text, spell check, saving, printing, and retrieving documents. Learn about available shortcuts, basic editing techniques, paragraph and character formatting, and controlling page appearance. Prerequisite: Basic computer and typing skills required. *Class size is limited to 10 students. (Ages 16 & Up)*

Class ID:2127

(1 session), Wednesday, February 25; 12:30-5:30PM
SVCC-Room 3K02 • Instructor-Marcy Lawrence
\$85

Microsoft Excel – Level One

Learn basic spreadsheet operations, spreadsheet design, layout, math operations, controlling page appearance, and printing spreadsheets. An emphasis is placed on writing formulas to obtain desired results. Use shortcuts to accomplish tasks as you set up several spreadsheets. A basic understanding of keyboard and mouse operations as well as the fundamental Windows operations is required to operate Excel. Prerequisite: Basic understanding of keyboard and mouse operations as well as the fundamental Windows operations is required to operate Excel. *Class size is limited to 10 students. (Ages 16 & Up)*

Class ID:2128

(1 session), Monday, March 2; 12:30-5:30PM
SVCC-Room 3K02 • Instructor-Marcy Lawrence
\$85

Class ID:2129

(1 session), Monday, March 9; 12:30-5:30PM
SVCC-Room 3K02 • Instructor-Marcy Lawrence
\$85

Microsoft Excel – Level Two

Take your knowledge of Microsoft Excel and maximize the power of this software as you explore linking, sheet management, and using advanced formulas to summarize data. Prerequisite: Basic computer and typing skills and knowledge of formula writing in Microsoft Excel required. *Class size is limited to 10 students. (Ages 16 & Up)*

Class ID:2130

(1 session), Wednesday, March 11; 12:30-5:30PM
SVCC-Room 3K02 • Instructor-Marcy Lawrence
\$85

Microsoft Excel – Advanced Formulas

We will explore additional advanced formulas: use your vlookup formula to search, find, and input data automatically for you. If/then statements allow you to test your data: we will explore traditional if/then statements as well as the nesting of if/then in formulas. Conditional formatting will aid you in evaluating your data and we will use this feature in class. Prerequisite: Basic computer and typing skills and knowledge of formula writing in Microsoft Excel required. *Class size is limited to 10 students. (Ages 16 & Up)*

Class ID:2131

(1 session), Wednesday, March 18; 12:30-5:30PM
SVCC-Room 3K02 • Instructor-Marcy Lawrence
\$85

Microsoft Excel – Graphing

Set up and modify graphs in Microsoft Excel. Learn how to tie the graph to your data, generate different types of graphs, modify text and title, add legends, and messages. Prerequisite: Basic typing skills and knowledge of computers and basic knowledge of writing formulas in Microsoft Excel required. *Class size is limited to 10 students. (Ages 16 & Up)*

Class ID:2132

(1 session), Tuesday, March 24; 2:00-5:00PM
SVCC-Room 3K02 • Instructor-Marcy Lawrence
\$55

Microsoft Excel – Pivot Tables & Data Management

Manage data in Excel using Sorting and Filtering. Pivot tables in Microsoft Excel will allow you to extract some meaningful information from the data. Pivot tables allow you to quickly summarize and analyze large amounts of data in lists and tables independent of the original data layout in your spreadsheet. You can do this by dragging and dropping columns to different rows, columns, or summary positions. Learn to design pivot tables and customize their appearance for reporting purposes. Prerequisite: Basic typing skills and knowledge of computers and Microsoft Excel required. *Class size is limited to 10 students. (Ages 16 & Up)*

Class ID:2133

(1 session), Thursday, March 26; 2:00-5:00PM
SVCC-Room 3K02 • Instructor-Marcy Lawrence
\$55

Microsoft PowerPoint – Level One

Microsoft PowerPoint is a program used to create slide show presentations. You will learn about backgrounds, colors, pictures, text, and transitions as you create your own slide show presentation. Learn all the basics. You will be making some impressive slide show presentations in no time! Prerequisite: Basic computer and typing skills required. *Class size is limited to 10 students. (Ages 16 & Up)*

Class ID:2134

(1 session), Monday, March 30; 12:30-5:30PM
SVCC-Room 3K02 • Instructor-Marcy Lawrence
\$85

★ AI Made Simple: What It Is, How It Works, and Why It Matters

NEW! Artificial Intelligence is showing up everywhere, from your phone's camera to your car's navigation system, but what exactly is it, and how can it help you? In this hands-on session, discover the basics of AI in plain language. You'll explore how tools like ChatGPT and image generators work, see real-world examples of AI in action, and learn practical ways to use AI for everyday tasks like writing, planning, learning, and creativity. No technical background required, just curiosity! *(Ages 14 & Up)*

Class ID:2176

(1 session), Tuesday, April 7; 5:00-6:30PM
SVCC-Riverview Room 1H16 • Instructor-Ben Sondgeroth
\$30



★ Retirement by Design

NEW! Turn your vision for retirement into a personalized plan! Whether you are decades away or nearing your retirement years, this class will help you create a clear roadmap toward the future you want. Learn key investment strategies to help design the retirement you want, explore ways to stay flexible when life brings surprises, and discover how to keep your plan on track. Take charge of your financial future and design a retirement that fits your goals and lifestyle. (Ages 18 & Up)

Class ID:2145

(1 session), Monday, February 16; 5:00-6:00PM
SVCC-Room 2M07 • Instructor-Anthony Sharp
\$12

Social Security: Your Questions Answered

Social Security will likely be the foundation of your retirement income. During this class, the instructor help answer the following questions:

- How does Social Security fit into my retirement income plan?
- When should I start taking benefits?
- What about taxes?

Before you retire, it's important to understand your options regarding Social Security and the impact your decisions have on your retirement. Learn ways to maximize Social Security benefit amounts for the individual and spouse based on age, life expectancy, employment and need. (Ages 55 & Up)

Class ID:2146

(1 session), Monday, February 23; 5:00-6:00PM
SVCC-Room 2M07 • Instructor-Anthony Sharp
\$12

★ Financial Workshop

NEW! This workshop is designed to educate individuals about relevant financial topics. (Ages 18 & Up)

Topics covered:

- Foundations of Investing
- Rules of the Road
- Power of Budgeting
- Four Pillars of Retirement
- Types of Investments

Class ID:2147

(1 session), Monday, March 2; 5:00-6:00PM
SVCC-Room 2M07 • Instructor-Anthony Sharp
\$12

GIVE A GIFT OF LEARNING:

Looking for the perfect gift to give your spouse, children, friends, or relatives for birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions? Do you want to reward your employees for a job well done? Call 815.835.6258 or 815.835.6212 to give a gift of learning.

FINANCE

Retirement Planning Today®

Retirement Planning Today® contains something for everyone. The course is designed to teach you how to build wealth and align your money with your values to accomplish your goals in life. Whether you plan to retire 20 years from now or have just recently retired, the information you learn in this class can deliver rewards throughout your lifetime. Course topics include:

- Determining the amount of money, you need to retire
- Properly convert your IRA to a Roth IRA
- Selecting the retirement plan distribution choice that is right for you
- Reduce or eliminate taxes expenses
- Delays and challenges with estate planning and much more

You will receive an easy-to-understand education on life planning and retirement planning strategies and two workbooks (one at each session) with real world examples and illustrations. (Ages 40 & Up)

Class ID:2141

(2 sessions), Tuesdays, January 20 & 27; 6:00-9:00PM
SVCC-Room 2C10 • Instructor-Regan Shipp, CPA, CFP®
\$49 per couple

Class ID:2142

(2 sessions), Tuesdays, April 21 & 28; 6:00-9:00PM
SVCC-Room 2C10 • Instructor-Haley Herr
\$49 per couple

Class ID:2143

(2 sessions), Thursdays, April 23 & 30; 6:00-9:00PM
SVCC-Room 2C10 • Instructor-Haley Herr
\$49 per couple

Creating Your Estate Plan

Estate Planning is a topic people tend to put off or ignore, but one of the most important things you can do is develop a sound plan for your estate. This class is designed to help students understand the basics of estate planning. Students will learn what to consider when creating a will, the benefits of a trust in estate planning, and how to help reduce taxes on estates and how insurance can help protect your family. (Ages 18 & Up)

Class ID:2144

(1 session), Monday, February 9; 5:00-6:00PM
SVCC-Room 2M07 • Instructor-Anthony Sharp
\$12

Shopping Auto & Home Insurance for Consumers

Are you getting the best possible value from an insurance company? Will that company honor a claim? How do you get a great price when there are so many insurance terms to understand? Do you have too much or too little coverage? Why does your credit matter? Shopping insurance should be an annual event to ensure you are getting proper coverage from a solid company at a reasonable price. The insurance market is volatile and becoming a savvy shopper will help you understand your policy and put you in the driver's seat when shopping for auto, home or renter quotes. (Ages 18 & Up)

Class ID:2149

(1 session), Wednesday, March 25; 6:00-8:00PM
SVCC-Room 2M07 • Instructor-Mark Hunt
\$20

★ Building Wealth: Financial Independence for the Next Generation

NEW! Learn how to take charge of your financial future using AI tools, proven debt management strategies, and simple investment methods based on S&P 500 index funds. This class breaks down the path to financial independence into clear, achievable steps; showing how starting early can lead to lifelong wealth and stability. (Ages 18 & Up)

Class ID:2188

(2 sessions), Thursdays, March 26 & April 2; 6:00-7:30PM
SVCC-Room 2M05 • Instructor-Eric McDermott
\$25

The World of Investments

Get introduced to the vast world of investing and unravel its inner workings. Explore common types of investments and accounts and discover your best investment options. Get your specific questions answered during this interactive and engaging session. (Ages 18 & Up)

Class ID:2148

(1 session), Tuesday, April 14; 6:00-8:00PM
SVCC-Room 2M07 • Instructor-Mark Hunt
\$20

Keep More of What You Earn with a Budget

Most people think budgeting is like a harsh diet. It's not about doing without the things you enjoy; it's about learning the importance of identifying cash flow within a flexible and personalized budget. Creating a realistic budget doesn't have to be painful! This is a fundamental class in documenting your expenses, learning to track with or without personal budgeting software and working together as a family to achieve common financial goals. Students might even find that they can start or increase their retirement savings! Take control of your money and avoid letting your money take control of you! (Ages 18 & Up)

Class ID:2150

(1 session), Wednesday, April 22, 6:00-8:00PM
SVCC-Room 2M07 • Instructor-Mark Hunt
\$20

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FITNESS & RECREATION

★ Feel the Beat Fitness

NEW! Join us for a dynamic and energizing class designed to enhance your Cardiovascular health, strength, and aerobic fitness. Feel the Beat is a high/low impact Aerobic dance fitness class, very similar to Jazzercise/Zumba but with a twist. It's a mixture of Cardio hip hop dance, kickboxing, and Pilates to target all muscle groups.

Class ID:2200

(4 sessions), Saturdays, January 31 - February 21;
9:00-10:00AM
SVCC-Dillon Mall • Instructor-Laura Jackson
\$12

★ First Serve: A Beginner's Guide to Pickleball

NEW! Students will learn the fundamentals of pickleball, including basic rules, scoring, court positioning, and key skills such as serving, volleying, and dinking. Through drills, guided practice, and friendly games, participants will build confidence, improve coordination, and enjoy a fun, active workout in a supportive environment. Students are encouraged to bring a pickleball paddle, ball, tennis shoes, and wear comfortable clothing. Equipment will be provided for those who do not have their own. This class will be held outdoors at the SVCC Tennis Courts. (Ages 14 & Up)

Class ID: 2198

(2 sessions), Saturdays, May 9 & 16; 9:00AM-12:00PM
SVCC-Tennis Courts • Instructor-James Sanders
\$25

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS!

Sauk Valley Community College's Community Education is looking for local businesses to collaborate on unique experience-based" classes at your location. This is a great opportunity to: Showcase your business, Connect with the community, Host fun, memorable events. Past experiences have included mixology, culinary demos, flower arranging, crafting, local history, and fitness; the possibilities are endless! Interested?

Contact Brenda Helms at brenda.helms@svcc.edu or 815.835.6212 and let's create something together!

DON'T WAIT - REGISTER EARLY!

Thinking about taking a class? Great! Just don't wait too long. Classes need a minimum number of students to run, and waiting until the last minute could lead to cancellations. Secure your spot and help keep your favorite classes on the schedule by registering early!



HOBBIES & SPECIAL INTEREST

Bottle Gardens: A Terrarium Workshop

Explore the enclosed world of bottle terrariums! In this class, you'll learn how to create a self-sustaining plant environment within glass. Discover what terrariums need to thrive, then build your own bottle terrarium to take home. Feel free to bring a special bottle; otherwise, one will be provided. Perfect for individuals, groups, or family fun! *Supplies are included.* Students are recommended to bring a box or canvas bag to take home their project. (Ages 9 & Up)

Class ID:2135

(1 session), Saturday, February 7; 9:30-11:00AM
SVCC-Greenhouse • Instructor-Bruce Black, Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator
\$30

Fresh Spring Floral Arrangement

Bring a touch of spring indoors! In this hands-on class, you'll learn step-by-step how to create a beautiful fresh floral arrangement using a variety of seasonal blooms and unique dishware containers. Discover simple design techniques and leave with a one-of-a-kind centerpiece to brighten your home. *Supplies are included. Students will need to bring scissors and hand pruners to class. Class size is limited to 10 students. Registration deadline is February 25. (Ages 16 & Up)*

Class ID:2151

(1 session), Thursday, March 12; 6:00-8:00PM
SVCC-Riverview Room 1H16 • Instructor-James J. Brown
\$55

★ AI Made Simple: What It Is, How It Works, and Why It Matters

NEW! Artificial Intelligence is showing up everywhere, from your phone's camera to your car's navigation system, but what exactly is it, and how can it help you? In this hands-on session, discover the basics of AI in plain language. You'll explore how tools like ChatGPT and image generators work, see real-world examples of AI in action, and learn practical ways to use AI for everyday tasks like writing, planning, learning, and creativity. No technical background required, just curiosity! (Ages 14 & Up)

Class ID:2176

(1 session), Tuesday, April 7; 5:00-6:30PM
SVCC-Riverview Room 1H16 • Instructor-Ben Sondgeroth
\$30

Spring Container Design

Elevate your spring containers with expert floral design techniques! This hands-on workshop covers color, texture, height, and more for creating beautiful displays. Bring a favorite container or a temporary one to plant in; all other supplies provided. Perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike! *Supplies are included.* (Ages 12 & Up)

Class ID:2136

(1 session), Saturday, April 11; 9:30-11:00AM
SVCC-Greenhouse • Instructor-Bruce Black, Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator
\$35

Big Flavors in Small Spaces: Container Grown Fruits

Lacking a large landscape, yet love homegrown fruits? Discuss how dwarf cultivars of blueberries, strawberries, brambles (raspberries and blackberries), and even apple trees can be planted on your patios or small outdoor areas to provide those big fresh fruit flavors in small spaces! *Supplies are included.* (Ages 18 & Up)

Class ID:2137

(1 session), Saturday, May 16; 9:30-11:00AM
SVCC-Greenhouse • Instructor-Bruce Black, Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator
\$20

Introduction to Voiceovers (Getting Started in Voice Acting)

Explore the craft of voiceovers! Discover current trends, opportunities and tools you need to find success in this growing remote working industry. Read a real script and receive coaching from your instructor, a professional voice actor, to improve your delivery. One-time, 90 minute, one-on-one, video-chat class! Learn more: <http://www.voicesforall.com/ooo>. Upon registration you will be contacted by VFA to schedule your class, day and time of your convenience. **Sessions must be completed by Saturday, May 9.** (Ages 18 & Up)

Class ID:2138

(1 session), Open Enrollment; 90 minutes
LIVE ONLINE • Instructor-Voices for All
\$50



★ Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry

NEW! Explore the wonders of science using everyday kitchen items! In this hands-on class, students will learn about the properties of matter and how it changes form. Through tasty experiments and interactive activities, we'll investigate acids and bases, observe chemical reactions, and discover how science is all around us, even in the kitchen! (Ages 8-14)

Class ID:2156

(1 session), Saturday, May 2; 10:00-11:30AM
SVCC-Riverview Room 1H16 • Instructor-Martha Ebbesmeyer,
U of I Extension
\$15



■ LANGUAGE

★ Speaking Spanish is Fun!

NEW! Discover how enjoyable learning Spanish can be! In this interactive class, you'll practice basic conversation skills to help you socialize confidently in Spanish. Whether you're preparing for travel, expanding career opportunities, or simply exploring a new language, this class will make learning practical, engaging, and fun. (Ages 15 & Up)

Class ID:2157

(10 sessions), Mondays, February 16 – April 27 (no class 3/16)
5:00-6:30PM
SVCC-Room 2M05 • Instructor-Ana Lara
\$115 (Textbook included)



■ WRITING

Instructor LeeAnne Krusemark is an author, speaker, business owner, and guest instructor at more than 200 colleges from Maine to Hawaii, as well as an adjunct online professor of publishing through Ed2Go at more than 2,000 facilities worldwide, including Harvard. (For more information, visit KrusemarkGrinnell.com) **All the Writing classes will be held online using a secure Zoom Education Account. The Zoom login information will be emailed the day before class to students.**

★ Nonfiction Writing Essentials: Tell True Stories with Purpose

NEW! Ready to turn your real-life stories into unforgettable nonfiction? Whether you're crafting a memoir, how-to guide, personal essay, or narrative article, this class is your launchpad to powerful, authentic writing. Discover how to pick compelling topics, unleash your unique voice, and organize your ideas with clarity and punch. Explore every nonfiction format from blogs to books and master techniques for crafting openings that hook, weaving in research seamlessly, and polishing your work for maximum impact. (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:2159

(1 session), Wednesday, March 11; 4:00-6:00PM
LIVE ONLINE
\$45 includes material fee

■ SAFETY

American Red Cross CPR/First Aid/AED

Students will receive American Red Cross CPR training for adult, child, and infant, First Aid Certification, and proper AED training. This class is suitable for individuals' needing certification for employment as well as those looking to expand their skill set. The American Red Cross Certification card is included. (Ages 12 & Up)

Class ID:2152

(1 session), Saturday, January 24; 9:00AM-1:00PM
SVCC- Riverview Room 1H16 • Instructor-Heather Grobe
\$89

Class ID:2153

(1 session), Saturday, April 18; 9:00AM-1:00PM
SVCC- Riverview Room 1H16 • Instructor-Heather Grobe
\$89



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Creative Writing 101

You don't need a degree in creative writing to be an exceptional writer and get paid for it! Anyone with a passion for writing can learn and develop their fiction and non-fiction writing skills. Whether you're writing from your own life experience, creating new worlds, or informing readers about important information, this class will teach you about the different forms of creative writing, the top 10 creative writing tips for beginners, as well as how to brainstorm for new creative writing ideas, bring your words to life with engaging descriptions, develop your own writing style, and how to get paid for your creative writing. (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:2160

(1 session), Friday, March 13; 4:00-6:00PM

LIVE ONLINE

\$45 includes material fee

Write Your First Novel (in 90 Days!)

This intensive course provides a schedule of crafting a novel from start to finish, which you can finish in as little as 90 days! This class will also help you stay motivated throughout the journey. You will learn how to:

- select your novel genre and develop a compelling premise
- create multidimensional characters and immersive settings
- craft a detailed plot outline
- manage your time to keep your writing flow consistent
- combat common roadblocks including writer's block
- master the art of self-editing: refining your plot, and fixing pacing, dialogue, and characterization problems.
- receive constructive criticism from beta readers
- explore publishing options

By the end of this class, you will know how to complete your novel and have the knowledge and confidence to move forward with the publishing process. (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:2161

(1 session), Friday, March 13; 6:00-9:00PM

LIVE ONLINE

\$55 includes material fee

Be a Better Writer: 10 Easy Tips to Improve Your Writing

We write everyday: emails, social media posts, work projects, and even non-fiction or creative writing. Improving is just a matter of knowing some simple tricks to make your writing more impactful

and readable, and may help get you a promotion at work or avoid rejection from a publisher. In this hands-on session, there will be writing/editing examples and exercises so you can see in real time how to make sentences flow properly while still maintaining reader interest, and you will leave with a workbook full of writing tips and tricks, which is included in the class fee. (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:2162

(1 session), Saturday, March 14; 10:00AM-1:00PM

LIVE ONLINE

\$55 includes material fee

★ Writing for Children: A Beginner's Guide

NEW! Step into the magical world of children's and YA literature and learn how to captivate young readers like a pro! This dynamic class dives deep into the hottest market trends, age-smart storytelling techniques, and unforgettable character creation that speaks directly to kids and teens. You will also get insider tips on crafting submissions that grab the attention of kid-lit magazines and publishers. Whether you're dreaming of picture books or YA novels, this is your launchpad to creating stories that kids won't put down. (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:2163

(1 session), Sunday, March 15; 1:00-3:00PM

LIVE ONLINE

\$45 includes material fee

★ Ghostwriting 101: Get Paid to Write Other People's Stories

NEW! Unlock the lucrative world of ghostwriting and become the invisible voice behind powerful stories. This comprehensive class reveals how to build strong client relationships, protect confidentiality, and capture your clients' unique voices with authenticity and flair. You will explore diverse ghostwriting projects, master pricing strategies, navigate contracts with confidence, and learn how to build a thriving, well-paid career that keeps the work and the income flowing. (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:2164

(1 session), Sunday, March 15; 3:00-5:00PM

LIVE ONLINE

\$45 includes material fee

★ Content Creation for Cash: Social Media Writing that Works

NEW! Harness the power of social media to grow your audience and boost your brand one post at a time. This dynamic class dives deep into crafting scroll-stopping content tailored for each platform, from Instagram reels to Twitter threads. Learn how to write engaging captions, spark viral shares, and use storytelling to build authentic connections that keep followers coming back. You will also discover savvy strategies to turn likes and comments into real income by monetizing your social presence like a pro. (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:2165

(1 session), Wednesday, March 18; 6:00-8:00PM

LIVE ONLINE

\$45 includes material fee



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Beginner's Guide to using Free ChatGPT (AI) for Writers

ChatGPT (AI) is here to stay and is the future for writers and content creators. Don't be left behind! No prior AI experience required. In this beginner-friendly course, you'll learn how to harness the power of cutting-edge technology to elevate your writing process. Whether you're crafting web content, articles, novels, or scripts, this course will give you the tools to incorporate ChatGPT into your creative workflow. Through practical exercises and expert guidance, you'll learn to:

- Register for a FREE ChatGPT account and get started right away
- Input effective writing prompts to generate clear, meaningful content
- Build a variety of creative content, from stories to marketing copy
- Understand ChatGPT's capabilities and limitations to enhance your writing
- Navigate ethical and legal considerations when using AI-generated content

ChatGPT and similar AI tools are revolutionizing the job market. As industries evolve, it's essential to adapt, learn new skills, and collaborate with AI for greater productivity. Start building your expertise now and secure your place in the future of content creation! (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:2166

(1 session), Thursday, March 26; 6:00-8:00PM

LIVE ONLINE

\$45 includes material fee

★ Overcome Writer's Block: Tools to Get Unstuck and Inspired

NEW! Words stuck in your head instead of on the page? This high-energy class is your breakthrough. Discover powerful techniques and dynamic creative exercises that blast through writer's block and ignite your imagination. You will learn how to spark ideas from the unlikeliest places, ditch perfectionism, and build unstoppable daily writing habits. Walk away with renewed confidence, a flood of inspiration, and the momentum to write boldly, consistently, and with joy. (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:2167

(1 session), Saturday, March 28; 2:00-3:00PM

LIVE ONLINE

\$35 includes material fee

★ Show, Don't Tell: Make Your Writing Come Alive

NEW! Transform your writing from flat to unforgettable. Dive into the art of "show, don't tell" and learn how to craft manuscripts that leap off the page. This hands-on class unlocks the secrets of vivid descriptions, sensory details, dynamic dialogue, and action that grip readers from the first word. With practical exercises designed to spotlight weak spots and supercharge your prose, you'll walk away with the tools to create stories that readers can see, feel, and live page after page. (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:2168

(1 session), Saturday, March 28; 4:00-5:00PM

LIVE ONLINE

\$35 includes material fee

★ Speak Up, Stand Out: Public Speaking for Beginners

NEW! Terrified of public speaking? You're not alone. This beginner-friendly class will help you ditch the nerves and find your voice. Whether you're presenting at work, reading your writing aloud, or giving a speech at a special event, you'll learn the fundamentals of confident, clear communication. We will cover how to organize your thoughts, speak with clarity and purpose, manage anxiety, and connect with your audience. Through low-pressure activities and practical tips, you will leave feeling ready to speak up and stand out, no podium panic required. (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:2169

(1 session), Sunday, March 29; 11:00AM-1:00PM

LIVE ONLINE

\$45 includes material fee

★ Becoming a Technical Writer for Fun & For-Profit

NEW! Learn how to turn complex ideas into clear, user-friendly information! Technical writers play a key role in helping people understand products, processes, and services by creating instruction manuals, how-to guides, and training materials. This class provides an overview of technical writing and its importance across industries. Students will explore common tools used by technical writers, practice writing different types of documentation, and receive feedback to strengthen their skills. (Ages 18 & Up)

Class ID:2186

(6 sessions), Mondays, March 23 – April 27; 6:00-7:00PM

SVCC-Room 2D01 • Instructor-John Hoh

\$90



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Class ID:2156

(1 session), Saturday, May 2; 10:00-11:30AM
SVCC-Riverview Room 1H16 • Instructor-Martha Ebbesmeyer, U of I Extension
\$15

Pokémon® Masters: Designers & 3D Makers Unite!

Calling all PokéMasters who want to be the designers of the future! Use your Pokémon® imagination and bring your ideas to life. Begin by creating your own digital, Pokémon®-style custom-playing card game. Progress to designing action figures, jewelry, and toys in professional-level modeling software. Learn how to prepare a model for 3D printing and create a design portfolio to showcase your work! No prior experience is necessary, and 3D designs will be available on a password-protected Black Rocket website to share with friends and family. Students will work in pairs or teams for most of the program.

Class ID:2190

(4 sessions), Monday, June 1 – Thursday, June 4
9:00AM-12:00PM (Ages 8-10)
SVCC-Room 3K02
\$159

Class ID:2191

1:00-4:00PM (Ages 11-14)
SVCC-Room 3K02
\$159

Roblox® Coders

Discover the Lua coding language while designing experiences in Roblox®, an online universe where you can create anything you dream of. This class combines game design concepts, coding, and fun! New developers will learn to use Roblox® Studio software to reimagine the popular game genres with their own custom code! Student-created games will be available on a password-protected Black Rocket website to share with friends and family. Students will work in pairs or teams for most of the program.

Class ID:2192

(4 sessions), Monday, June 8 – Thursday, June 11
9:00AM-12:00PM (Ages 8-10)
SVCC-Room 3K02
\$159

Class ID:2193

1:00-4:00PM (Ages 11-14)
SVCC-Room 3K02
\$159

COLLEGE FOR KIDS INSTRUCTORS WANTED!

SVCC's Community Education is seeking Non-credit Instructors for the College for Kids classes offered by Black Rocket in June and the summer enrichment program; Monday, June 22 - Thursday, June 25. If you have knowledge in a specific topic or are passionate about a hobby, you can share it with the community. A few examples are A.I., Creative Arts, Culinary, Photography, History, Math, and Technology. For more information or questions, call 815.835.6212.

★ A.I. Designers & Developers

NEW! Take a step behind the scenes and uncover the mysteries of artificial intelligence! This program readies the next generation of AI engineers as they work with customized machine learning models for a variety of scenarios. Students will also gain experience in block-based coding skills while building interactive projects and games. From simulating self-driving racecars to teaching robots how to play video games, push the boundaries of what is possible with the help of A.I. Students will work in pairs or teams for most of the program.

Class ID:2194

(4 sessions), Monday, June 15 – Thursday, June 18
9:00AM-12:00PM (Ages 8-10)
SVCC-Room 3K02
\$175

Class ID:2195

1:00-4:00PM (Ages 11-14)
SVCC-Room 3K02
\$175

Make Your First 3D Video Game!

In this Black Rocket classic, you will go well beyond the limitations of the traditional 2D game design classes and create an immersive 3D world. Students will learn the physics behind 3D games, explore beginner event scripting, level design, controlling the flow of gameplay, and storytelling. Student projects will be available on a password-protected Black Rocket website to share with friends and family. Projects are only compatible with Windows devices. Students will work in pairs or teams for most of the program.

Class ID:2196

(4 sessions), Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25
9:00AM-12:00PM (Ages 8-10)
SVCC-Room 3K02
\$159

Class ID:2197

1:00-4:00PM (Ages 11-14)
SVCC-Room 3K02
\$159



Virtual S.T.E.A.M. Classes

Black Rocket presents fun, interactive classes online for the spring starting in January 2026. Classes are offered online for kids ages 8-14. **Classes include A.I. Adventures, Cyber Spies, 3D Game Design with Unity, Code Breakers, Minecraft Animators, Minecraft Modders ROBLOX® Coders, and much, much more!**

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Microsoft Office 2019 Value Suite
This course bundle will teach you how to use Word 2019, Excel 2019, and PowerPoint 2019, Office's top business productivity programs.

Presentation Skills Suite
Learn everything you need to know to master public speaking, create PowerPoint presentations, and incorporate humor into your presentation delivery.

QuickBooks Online Series
Learn to use QuickBooks Online to record income and expenses; enter checks and credit card payments; track your payables, inventory, and receivables; and much more.

SQL Series
SQL is one of the most requested skills from today's data-driven employers. Learn the coding language in these easy to follow online courses.

Web Design Value Suite
Create your own webpages and websites after learning everything from web design layout to CSS3/HTML5 and JavaScript.

Writing and Editing Value Series
Brush up on your grammar, writing, and editing skills with this discounted bundle on online courses!

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