

First Book Club

March 8, 2025

Moderator: Carmella Walsh, PhD

The Other Einstein **by Marie Benedict**

The story of a not-so-famous scientist who not only loved Albert Einstein but also shaped the theories that brought him lasting renown. Marie Benedict's book offers us a window into a brilliant, fascinating woman whose light was lost in Einstein's enormous shadow. Mitza Einstein was a brilliant physicist in her own right, whose contribution to the special theory of relativity is hotly debated. Was she simply Einstein's sounding board, an assistant performing complex mathematical equations? Or did she contribute something more? Mitza Maric has always been a little different from other girls. Most 20 year-olds are wives by now, not studying physics at an elite Zurich university with only male students trying to out-do her clever calculations. But Mitza is smart enough to know that, for her, math is an easier path than marriage. Then fellow student, Albert Einstein takes an interest in her, and the world turns sideways. Theirs becomes a partnership of the mind and of the heart, but there might not be room for more than one genius in a marriage. No Fee (12-1)

Second Book Club

April 5, 2025

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In this unique session, we will host local authors who will discuss their latest literary works. We are honored to have Robert Commodari, Mark DeSimone, Debra King McGullicuddy, Albert Marra, Rosalia Scalia and Diane White. They will discuss their literary journey and relate the challenges of successfully publishing their work and distributing it. No Fee (12-1)



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The cost is still only \$80 for 7 in person classes unless otherwise stated. Students must register for online classes to receive an invitation with instructions of how to join our secure educational platform.

Dates for Saturday classes:

March 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 12, 26

May 10, 17 (bocce classes)



ONLINE Classes:

Please view dates and times in the course descriptions within.

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Celebrating our 29th year!

New! New! New!

ITALIAN SAVORY EASTER PIE Learn to bake this traditional, Easter treat. Our resident Chef, Mark Orendorff, will present instructions for making the filling and placing it in a delicious crust. Treat your loved ones to this delicious, savory pie. In Center: Saturday, April 12, 2025 (11am-12:30pm) Fee \$25 Instructor: Mark Orendorff

TIRAMISU Learn to make this scrumptious Italian dessert. Tiramisu, Italian for “pick-me-up,” is made with ladyfingers dipped in coffee that are then layered with a whipped mascarpone mixture and topped with chocolate shavings. In Center: Saturday, March 8, 2025 (11am-12pm) Fee \$25 Instructors: Erminia Rettura & Nicola Colloca

ITALIAN BEER CULTURE: A Sip Through Italian History Italy is known for its wine culture; however in this class we will be learning about the long-standing and fascinating history of beer in Italy from ancient times to modern day. This class includes a beer tasting which focuses on 4 major beer regions in Italy. Discussion about the different ingredients, processes, and practices that create these interesting and tasty brews and how they are tied to the history of these regions will be informative and interesting. Come to the class ready to learn, and enjoy the journey of our examination of Italian beer. Cin! Cin! In Center: April 12, 2025 (11am-12:30pm) Fee \$30 Instructor: Mr. Kevin Lasko (M.A in History from DePaul University)

DISCOVER THE ART OF HANDMADE PASTA FROM CALABRIA Join us for a special culinary workshop celebrating Fileja, the traditional pasta from Calabria’s Vibo Valentia province. Made with durum wheat semolina and water, Fileja is shaped by wrapping dough around a thin cane (dinaciulu), creating its signature hollow, elongated form - perfect for capturing rich sauces. In Center: Saturday, April 26, 2025 (11am-12pm) Fee \$25 Instructors: Erminia Rettura & Nicola Colloca

HOME MADE RAVIOLI Our Chef, Mark Orendorff, will teach the art of making scrumptious ravioli. Learn how to create this pasta so often made by our beloved ancestors. Techniques for making the dough, rolling it, and filling each ravioli will be covered. In Center: Saturday, March 22, 2025 (11am-12:30pm) Fee \$25 Instructor: Mark Orendorff

SWEET ITALIAN EASTER BREAD and ZABAGLIONE Remember these delicious delights created by a beloved family member? Learn how to make Italian Easter Bread, then begin a new family tradition as you treat your family to scrumptious zabaglione, a rich Italian custard. In Center: Saturday, April 5, 2025 (10am-12pm) Fee: \$25 Instructors: Nancy Barbieri Wolfe, Mary Ann Barbieri Owen & Celeste DiFerdinando Hughes

A FABULOUS SPRING FLING! Make Cream Limoncello AND Italian Meatballs! Searching for ingredients and supplies can be a challenge, so we present a novel approach with this class. Materials will be provided along with great instruction to create a bottle of homemade liquor for the holidays. In addition, Joe Gardella, chef and partner of Benny’s Restaurant in Little Italy, will demonstrate the art of making homemade Italian meatballs. In Center: Saturday, March 15, 2025 (10:30am-12:30pm) Fee \$65 Instructors: Joe Gardella & Arthur Gentile Please Note: You use Eventbrite to register for this class.

INTERNET SAFETY TRAINING We will discuss ways children can get into trouble on the Internet, problems creating and sharing CSAM (Child Sexual Abuse Material) and how this can create lifelong problems. Sextortion and online predators, two of the biggest dangers on the Internet, will be discussed. In Center: Saturday, April 5, 2025 (1-2pm) Fee \$10 Moderator: Giustina Martire Instructor: Joseph Dugan



In Center & Online Italian Language Classes

DISCOVER THE SICILIAN DIALECT This new course will explore the Sicilian dialect and the many nuances of the language spoken on this ancient island. Words, phrases, and comparisons with Italian will be presented. Textbook: Beginner’s Sicilian by Joseph Privitera (available on Amazon) In-Center: Starting Saturday, March 8, 2025 (12:30-1:30pm) Instructor: Fabiana Alajmo

EXPLORATORY ITALIAN Basic introduction to the Italian language. Learn words, phrases, and basic conversation. Discover the language of your beloved ancestors. Online: Starting Tuesday, March 4, 2025 (7-8pm) Textbook: Italian is Fun Instructor: Luanna Colloca, Ph.D In Center: Saturday, March 8, 2025 (11am-2pm) Textbook: Italian is Fun Instructor: Giustina Martire

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED ITALIAN This class is designed for students who have knowledge of written and spoken Italian. Online: Starting Tuesday, March 4, 2024 (8-9pm) Fee \$80 Instructor: Luana Colloca, MD, PhD

CONTINUING ITALIAN Discover information and hints to make your journey with the fantastic Italian language. Continue to refresh your skills with grammar, phrases, and conversation. In Center: March 8, 2025 (11am-12:15pm) Fee \$80 Instructor: Fabiana Alajmo

ADVANCED ITALIAN CONVERSATION Students will be using all four main language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Italian will be spoken during the class along with grammar instruction. Online: Starting Thursday March 6, 2025 (7-8:30pm) Fee \$80 plus textbook Instructor: Rev. Bernard Carman, SAC

FANTASTIC FUN CLASS! The Art of Playing a Mandolin

We are indeed fortunate to embark on this new endeavor. How many of you can recall one of your beloved family members playing a mandolin? It brings back touching memories of serene days. Dr. Marc DeSimone has graciously agreed to present an online basic Mandolin class on how to play this traditional instrument. The only requirements are to bring a Mandolin and a desire to achieve your goal. Date and time TBA Fee \$15 Instructor: Marc DeSimone

ART OF PAINTING Enjoy creating a unique piece of artwork in a stress-free environment to take home. In Center: Saturday, April 12, 2025 (11am-2pm) Materials provided. Fee \$25 Instructor: Ronda Lasko

HEALTH WELLNESS SESSIONS A group health care educational program about mental wellness and how to cope with the feeling of loneliness in today’s world. All ages welcome! Saturday, March 15, 2025 (12-1pm) No Fee Moderator: Carmella Walsh, PhD

PYSANKY EGGS Have you ever wondered how to create beautiful Pysanky decorated eggs? Our instructor will provide firsthand, specific techniques to create these incredible eggs. Each student will have the opportunity to paint an egg and share it for Easter. In Center: Saturday, March 29, 2025 (11am-1pm) Fee \$25 Instructor: Halyna Mudryj

ASSISTANCE for our ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY Pina Culotta will share her expertise regarding pensions from Italy and other countries. Call 410- 868-7296 to schedule an appointment.

LEARN HOW TO PLAY BOCCE Learn this ancient game from our talented staff on Little Italy’s bocce courts on Stiles Street outside the Little Italy Lodge. Saturdays, May 10 and 17, 2025 (11am-1pm) Fee \$15 Instructors: Frank Corazza & Fran Blattermann

SIGN LANGUAGE: Adults and children will learn Basis American Manual Alphabet (which uses the signer’s dominant hand to represent each letter of the alphabet), prayers, numbers and simple conversation. In Center: Saturdays, April 12 and 26, 2025 (12-1pm) Fee \$15 Instructor: Sadie Zaccari-Witz

