



EXPLORERS LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE 2024 WINTER INTERSESSION SPEAKERS PROGRAM

When: Wednesdays from 10 AM to 11 AM

Where: Explorers LLI of Salem State University, 10 Federal Street, Suite 10, Salem MA

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NOTE: This winter we will present a mix of speaker talks occurring IN PERSON at Explorers headquarters and simultaneously over Zoom and ONLY online over Zoom. These Zoom only sessions are listed as noted. The general public is invited to participate in these free sessions.

To access lectures over Zoom, click or copy/paste this link into your web browser:

[Bit.ly/winter24talks](https://bit.ly/winter24talks)

Wednesday, January 10 – A Dozen Things You Should Really Know About Salem – Jim McAllister, owner/operator Derby Square Tours. A native of New Jersey, Jim is the unofficial historian of the city of Salem, having given tours since 1983. He will share with us his voluminous knowledge of Salem history.

Wednesday, January 17 – My 30 years Visiting the Navajo – Sandra Rubchinuk, teacher. Our guest will share her love and respect for the vibrant culture and the beautiful lands of the Navajo people after her many visits to the Navajo Nation in the American West.

Wednesday, January 24 – The State of the City of Salem - Dominick Pangallo, Mayor of Salem. Here is an opportunity to learn what the new mayoral administration's goals and priorities are for the city.

Wednesday, January 31 – (ZOOM ONLY) Why We Forget and How to Remember Better- Elizabeth Kensinger, PhD, professor. Author of a book by the same title and chairperson of the psychology and neuroscience department at Boston College, our guest will share her research findings about memory.

Wednesday, February 7 – Sea Turtles in Winter-How They Survive – Meredith Moise, environmental specialist, Our speaker is Marine Animal Stranding Coordinator at NOAA. She will discuss how various climate-driven changes can directly affect the health and condition of sea turtles and can also impact the availability of the habitat and prey they rely on to survive and reproduce.

Wednesday, February 14 - (ZOOM ONLY) The Poisoner's Handbook: Murder and the Birth of Forensic Medicine in Jazz Age New York - Deborah Blum, Pulitzer winning science author., Our speaker's book is equal parts true crime, twentieth-century history, and science thriller. She is director of the Knight Science Journalism Program at MIT, and editor of Undark magazine.

Wednesday, February 21- (ZOOM ONLY) Exciting Mysteries of British and American Authors that I Have Loved - Ann McGreevy, PhD, SSU professor. An avid mystery fan, our guest may discuss her favorite authors including Kate Quinn, Liz Nugent and the amazing Daniel Silva.

Wednesday, February 28 – A History of Doo Wop Music – Ted Novakowski. Explorer member and former professional musician. Our speaker will trace the evolution of this unique pop music genre from our youth. He will examine the musical elements in many Doo Wop hits as they evolved through the 50's and 60's.

Explorers LLI of Salem State University is one of more than 400 Lifelong Learning Institute chapters across the USA. Membership is open to anyone 50 years of age or older. Non-members are welcome to attend Intersession programs. Donations are appreciated.