

CSUCI Osher Institute will offer classes in Oxnard for Adults

Camarillo, Calif., July 2, 2009 - The CSUCI Osher Institute will offer this fall, Universityquality classes in Oxnard for mature learners. The classes will be held at the Oxnard Public Library located at 251 South A Street. Classes will begin on August 26 and continue for six weeks. This will be the first opportunity for adult learners of all ages to enroll in Osher Institute classes that have been extremely popular to older adults for their high quality. In other instances, enrollment has been open only to persons 50 years old and above.

Popular Film and Society meets on Wednesday mornings, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. It traces the history and psychology of Hollywood film through the "golden age", and examines how film both reflects the current society and then influences it as well. Students will learn about the role film plays in society (and vice-versa) and will be able to evaluate the frequent claims that film is too influential or too political.

Beyond Story-Telling: The Art of Fiction examines how the elements and style of good literature combine to create fiction that is almost as real as life itself. This class will meet on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) conducts courses for learners over the age of 50 years of age in Oxnard, Ventura, Ojai, Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley, and a full slate of courses at CSUCI. The Oxnard courses are offered for the first time at this location in partnership with the Oxnard Public Library. Though OLLI courses are generally intended for mature learners, for the Oxnard classes, residents of any age who want to take university-quality courses for intellectual enrichment will be welcome. Because the courses are for enrichment, there are no tests, grades, or college credits.

The fee for one six-week course is \$75.00. Full membership in OLLI, for \$150.00 per term or \$360.00 per year (three terms) permits enrollment in an unlimited number of courses, whether in Oxnard, at the University, or in any other city in which courses are being held. Enrollment is now open and remains open until the beginning of class. Enrollment and further information can be obtained at 805-437-2748 or online at <u>www.csuci.edu/exed/osher.htm</u>. OLLI catalogs are also available at the Oxnard Public Library.

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