



# LIFE LONG LEARNING FOR ALL GENERATIONS

## News You Can Use

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### Did You Know That

- Americans buy 28 billion single-serving plastic water bottles every year, and 80% of those end up in landfills?
- The Postal Service delivers 17.8 tons of bulk mail each year, 44% of which goes unopened?
- If every Chicago resident replaced one light bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb, it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of more than 20,000 cars?
- If every U.S. household replaced one roll of regular paper towels with 100 percent recycled ones, we'd save 544,000 trees?

Want to learn more? Become a part of the John A. Logan College Center for LifeLong Learning for All Generations where you can tell us what you want to know more about. Call (618) 985-2828, Ext. 8583, to receive more information.

## Underground Railroad Study Trip, October 12

On October 12 at 6:30 a.m. a bus load of eager intergenerational learners will depart John A. Logan College and travel nearly 3 hours to meet their Underground Railroad study guide in Alton, IL. There they will visit the Lincoln-Douglas Square, historic Union Baptist Church, and the Lovejoy Monument so as to provide a context for understanding the underground railroad. As most underground railroad stops in America were and still are private homes, they will view exteriors of homes and hear about the sites. Lunch will be provided at an Alton restaurant. After lunch the group will proceed to Jersey County via the Great River Road. The first destination will be Otterville, IL where they will hear the story of Silas Hamilton (a Vermont doctor who settled in Otterville after running a plantation in Natchez, MS) and his former slave-cum-foster son, George Washington. Silas Hamilton School, built by its namesake, was used to educate George Washington in the 1830's, making it the first integrated school in the United States. From Otterville, they will proceed to Jerseyville to visit the home of the Jersey County Historical Society and the Cheney mansion (a purported underground railroad stop and now a museum with exhibits detailing the underground railroad). The next stop will be at Brighton to hear the story of Thomas Brown, an Alabama doctor who came to Brighton in the 1840s and became an underground railroad conductor so "infamous" that Missourians wanted to burn Brighton down. After the busy but informative day, they will depart Alton, stop briefly for dinner on the way back and return to JALC about 8:00 p.m.

## Registration for Underground Railroad Trip

To register for the October 12 Study Trip, you must fill out a registration card and mail it or bring it by to the Educational Programming Office. Registration will not be accepted before September 10 and **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY PHONE**. This is a change from the registration process for past trips. This should give everyone a more equal chance to register and will not overload our phone lines. Thirty-five seats will be reserved for persons in the intergenerational program and fifteen seats will be reserved for traditional students. We will maintain a waiting list, but I encourage you to get your registration cards in to the office on September 10, as I anticipate the trip filling up on the first day. Again, we will not accept any registration before September 10. If you have already talked to someone in the office about the trip, you are **NOT** registered. You still must bring your card to the office. The Educational Programming Office is located in B30, just inside the west entrance, across from O'Neil Auditorium.

## 2010 Spring Intergenerational Day of Learning to Focus on "Grays Going Green"

The fifth, annual Day of Intergenerational Learning will once again be held at John A. Logan College on March 8, 2010, in the Conference Center. The day will reinforce John A. Logan's green initiative. According to *Green Lifestyle in NW Florida*, "Green lifestyle is about living a healthy lifestyle that is in harmony with the environment. An awareness of health and environmental issues is developing. Some are wondering why it took so long. Others, as a result of media reports, are just now hearing or reading about various aspects of green living. Some reports are quite low-key, others are alarmist in nature. People's reactions are varied - they might find them intriguing, enlightening or perhaps confusing. And not everyone is interested to the same degree. Green living for one person is using recycled printer paper. For another it's living with solar panels on the roof producing hot water and electricity. And of course there is every shade of green in between." I hope to be able to show the movie *An Inconvenient Truth* as one workshop possibility in the afternoon. The conference this year will try to offer workshops that accommodate your favorite shade of green, be it health and wellness, hobbies, food or fun. If you have topics you would like to see emphasized, please let me know by e-mailing me ([mabelhayes@jalc.edu](mailto:mabelhayes@jalc.edu)) or contacting the Educational Programming Office (985-3741, Extension 8583). Watch for further details about the conference in future newsletters.

## 2009 -2010 Performance Series Tickets Now Available

Check out the new JALC Performance Series listing at

<http://www.jalc.edu/activities/performingarts.php>

or stop by the Student Activities Office now located just inside the west entrance of the main building. Great things are in store including a tribute to the music of Billy Holliday, a Holiday musical with a '50's flair, The Dorians, a bluegrass string band, a Brazilian guitar performance and drama productions and much more.

## Please Don't Litter

***We've all seen litter scattered alongside a roadway. Do you know how long it will take to decompose to a non-recognizable form?***

- Styrofoam - Never
- Aluminum - 80-100 yrs
- Plastic Bags - 10-20 yrs
- Plastic coated cartons - 5 yrs
- Plastic containers - 50-80 yrs
- Cigarette butts - 10-12 yrs
- Leather shoes - 20-40yrs
- Orange peels - up to 6 months
- Paper Containers - 2-5 months

