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Encore Learning was established in 2002 by a group of intrepid Arlingtonians who decided to start their own lifelong learning organization. They spent countless hours forging relationships to bring this service to the greater community.

MISSION

Encore Learning is dedicated to providing our community with high-quality lifelong learning and social opportunities at a reasonable cost.

OVERVIEW

We offer daytime academic courses, clubs and special events for anyone over fifty in the metropolitan area. We are an Arlington-based nonprofit, completely governed and primarily funded by our members. Approximately 70% of our members live in Arlington. We are an equal opportunity organization without regard to sex, race, color, religion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

Membership & Fees: We have over 1200 active members. We've served over 5000 members over the past twenty-four years. Membership is \$65.00 per year and courses are \$55.00 each.

Academic Course Offerings: Now in our 48th semester, we offer courses in Arts, Music & Performance; Health & Wellness; History & World Cultures; Government, Politics & Global Affairs; Literature & Writing; Science & Technology; and Social Sciences. Courses are offered virtually and in-person during a fall and spring semester.

Partnership with Mason: We have held most of our in-person classes each semester on George Mason University's Arlington Campus and maintain an office in Van Metre Hall. Many of our instructors are current or former instructors at Mason. We also cosponsor events for Encore Learning members and the wider community.

Free Community Events: Our Course Previews showcase our instructors and the courses that will be available for the upcoming semester. Our "Encore Learning Presents" lecture series is a partnership with Arlington Public Library – we jointly sponsor at least one event per month that is free and open to the public. Mason instructors have frequently been selected as lecturers for this series.

Giving: Each year, we work through Arlington Community Foundation to award our **Arthur W. Gosling Scholarship** to an Arlington public high school graduate attending George Mason or Marymount Universities.

At Mason, our John T. Sprott – Encore Learning Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduate student in Mason's Schar School of Policy and Government. The Encore Learning Scholarship in Honor of John T. McCracken provide a scholarship to an undergraduate student of the Schar School of Policy and Government who graduated from a Northern Virginia public high school and has academic merit and financial need.