

AN ENCORE LEARNING SPECIAL EVENT

SHIPS, CLOCKS & STARS



The Quest for Longitude

Friday, August 7 2015 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Folger Shakespeare Library

Registration is required for 12 Encore Learning members.
The tour is free.

For centuries of navigation, one of the greatest challenges was finding a ship's east/west position, or longitude. With its location unknown, a ship might sail into unintended, dangerous waters or run aground with the loss of all hands aboard. Consequently, the British Longitude Act of 1714 offered handsome rewards for a practical way to find longitude at sea. Join Encore Learning on a tour of SHIPS, CLOCKS & STARS, which explores how the greatest minds on earth, slowly and often contentiously, initially met this, the world's greatest maritime challenge.

A waiting list will be maintained and all registrants will be contacted approximately one week prior to the tour regarding their status.

The Folger Library is located at 201 East Capitol Street, SE, in Washington. The nearby METRO Station is Capitol South on the Blue and Orange Lines.