

Weekly Update Summer Session July 9 - July 11, 2024

Most of our classes will be held in person, with the exception of Social Hour/Social Zoom. See "Tuesday" below for the link to enter the Zoom Session. If you are unable to enter the session, please call Annette Olsen at (916) 215-6967.

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Tuesday, July 9, 10:00 AM - NOON: PHILOSOPHER'S TOOLKIT

Coordinator: **James Pack**

1st Hour: The Great Debate

Continue to hone your argumentative skills by evaluating a debate over the future of freedom and democracy. You'll analyze the rhetoric and see the strategies at work in a real back-and-forth, and you'll come away with a sharpened ear for appeals to emotion, syllogisms, and other rhetorical techniques of persuasion.

2nd Hour: Outwitting the Advertiser

Recommended by doctors! Low fat! Call today! The world of advertising is filled with psychological manipulation, misleading half-truths, and magic words designed to get us to buy. This lecture cuts through the spin to show us the advertiser's favorite techniques, from beautiful spokespeople to empty messaging.

Tuesday, July 9, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: SOCIAL ZOOM

Coordinator: **Diana Sicard**

SOCIAL ZOOM: We will continue social zoom in the summer. If you haven't joined us, or it has been a while, please give us a try. It's like sitting around the kitchen table and talking about whatever suits us at the moment. We have come to know our fellow Zoomers better in a way that is different from seeing them in class.

You can access the meeting by clicking the link below or by putting in the numbers and passcode.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89193079434?pwd=VTF1YStmbDgwNVExdnRQK3psdkVIZz09>

Meeting ID: 891 9307 9434

Passcode: 720691

Wednesday, July 10, 10:00 AM - NOON: BANNED BOOKS

Coordinator: **Bob Droual**

1st Hour - New Kids' Books, Old Objections

Begin this look at contemporary children's books with a consideration of complaints lodged against Dr. Seuss and see how these objections carry over to later works like Skippyjon Jones and Captain Underpants. From potty humor and violence to racial stereotypes and moral panics, discover the many ways children's literature can spark extreme adult reactions.

2nd Hour - Canceled Authors

Where do we draw the line between an author's work and their private life? Examine some striking instances in which authors' behavior—alleged or confirmed—has resulted in the challenging or banning of their works and see how social justice movements and the internet have changed the nature of censorship, book banning, and free speech in the 21st century.

Wednesday, July 10, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: WEDNESDAYS AT THE MOVIES

Coordinator: **Noel Russell**

Start your mid-week relaxation with a film classic or foreign film (subtitled in English, of course) that will carry you away to other times and other places. Discussion encouraged but not required. Details of the movies are posted just before the summer session starts.

Fahrenheit 451

"Montag, a regimented fireman in charge of burning the forbidden volumes, meets a revolutionary school teacher who dares to read. Suddenly he finds himself a hunted fugitive, forced to choose not only between two women, but between personal safety and intellectual freedom." (113 min.)

Thursday, July 11, 10:00 AM – NOON: CURRENT EVENTS

Coordinator: **Dorothy Winke**

Have you ever watched TV or read a newspaper article, opinion, or letter to the editor and really wanted to discuss or react to what you read? "Current Events" is just the class for you. We discuss all kinds of issues and happenings from your neighborhood, local, regional, state, national, and world news. You bring in the topic, introduce it, and we all discuss it with the help of our collective expertise. We are very careful to respect the rights of all to express their opinions.

Future MICL Events

Friday, July 19, 1 PM - MICL BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

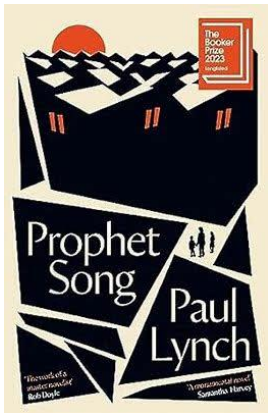


We will gather at Mimi's on July 19th at 1 PM. Let Dorothy Winke know you are coming, by sending a text message to her at 209-499-2129, or easier still, tell her in person at MICL. Be sure to remind her if it is your birthday month so you can receive a free dessert provided by Mimi's.

Thursday, August 1, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - MICL BOOK CLUB

Coordinator: Arleen Allsup

Prophet Song by Paul Lynch



On a dark, wet evening in Dublin, scientist and mother-of-four, Eilish Stack, answers her front door to find two officers from Ireland's newly formed secret police on her step. They have arrived to interrogate her husband, a trade unionist.

Ireland is falling apart, caught in the grip of a government turning towards tyranny. As the life she knows and the ones she loves disappear before her eyes, Eilish must contend with the dystopian logic of her new, unraveling country. How far will she go to save her family? And what—or who—is she willing to leave behind?

Prophet Song offers a shocking vision of a country at war and a deeply human portrait of a mother's fight to hold her family together.