**RICH Co-op Course Descriptions 2022/2023**

**Elementary**

**Nature Journaling**

**Ages:**     6 - 9

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee:** $10

**Curriculum/Supplies:** 3 Ring Binder, pack of clear sheet protectors, folder, pencil, colored pencils, loose leaf paper.

**Teacher:** Liz Shannon

**Description:** Trees budding, birds chirping, and rain falling, nature is truly amazing! Nature journaling with kids is a great way for children to explore and connect with the natural world. In this class we will be doing just that! We will observe and learn about weather patterns, changing seasons, life cycles of different plants, migratory patterns of bird’s native to RI, the habitats in our state and species that live in them. We will be using drawing and basic writing to remember everything we learn and will be putting it in a binder that is a fun expression of each child’s observations of the world around them.

**Rocket Science**

**Ages:** 6 - 9

**Prerequisite:**    None

**Fee:**       $15 but could ask for more 2nd half of year depending on supplies needed.

**Curriculum/Supplies:** 1” Binder, Ruler, Scissors, Pencils, Erasers, Crayons, and Glue Sticks. I might be asking to bring some household items like yogurt containers, or cardboard milk cartons, or beads from time to time.

**Teacher:** Vira Koldyk

**Description:**  Have you ever wondered how a camera takes pictures? How rockets are launched? Why do kites fly or boats float? All of these things can be explained by basic science. You will make Yogurt Cup Phones to understand how sound travels, construct a Paper plate Flyer to see how objects fly, make a Broomstick Pulley to experiment with mechanics, etc. When you make these and dozens of other gadgets, you’ll discover that science is a part of every object in our daily lives. And I hope someday you’ll invent your own fascinating machines and gadgets – or even grow up to be a rocket scientist! Just don’t forget to mention in your biography you first teacher of Rocket Science, Mrs. Koldyk!

**Art**

**Ages:** 6 – 9

**Prerequisite:** Willingness to participate in everything!

**Fee:** $15

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Labeled XL Ziplock bag with inexpensive basic art supplies:

-watercolor set - oil pastel set

- paintbrushes - crayons

- pencils w/erasers - 3 glue sticks

- smock (which can be a large adult t-shirt)

- a labeled, **spiral bound** mixed media art pad: 70 lb. bright white paper, good for drawing and ‘light wash’ watercolor.

 IF your child participated in a previous year and still has blank pages, please feel free to let them continue with that art pad. (Please check to make sure they have space to create.)

**Teachers:**  **Julie Kizlinski (1st period)/ Tammy Botelho (3rd period)**

 **Description:** Explore a wide range of artistic styles and themed crafts (with a dash of art

 history & culture thrown in for good measure!) in our beginner Arts & Crafts

 Class. Includes intro to mixed media, watercolor and oil pastel. Must be willing to

 listen carefully to instruction and possibly get messy (temporarily!) while learning

 something new and fun! Participation in class is \*mandatory\*.

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**Simple Recipes**

**Ages:** 6 – 9

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee:** $40 at the beginning of the year per student. Additional $25 per student in January. This will cover the cost of ingredients needed for recipes. Any remaining money at the end of the year will be returned to the parents.

**Curriculum/Supplies:** All students will need a binder to put recipes in. I also recommend bringing an apron to class.

**Teacher:** Amy Vaccarro

**Description:** This is a hands-on class that allows the children to learn simple recipes they can make at home. They will get to eat and enjoy each snack or meal we make during class. The goal is to give them confidence in reading and following recipes, but also confidence in the kitchen to be able to help mom and dad out at home with meals.

**Disclaimer for all cooking classes:** If your child has an allergy, it is strongly advised they not take cooking as it is too expensive to try to accommodate every allergy.

**Legos**

**Ages:**  6 – 9

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee:**  None

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Provided

**Teacher:** Maasa Leach

**Description:**   We will use LEGO for building, creating and fun. This class is a class for kids to build together and learn from each other.  We will also build confidence through presenting our creations each week!

**Gym**

**Ages:** 6 - 9

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee:** None

**Curriculum/supplies:** None

**Teacher:** Alina Drozdov

**Description:** Students will utilize and enhance their gross motor skills through a variety of age appropriate games, activities, and exercises. Students will need to participate in the class as well as dress for gym class. Sneakers will be required as well as comfortable clothes to be able to run and move freely in. No skirts or dresses.

**Character Traits**

**Ages:**   6 – 9

**Prerequisite:**   None

**Fee:**      $10

**Curriculum/Supplies:**Folders and Crayons

**Teacher:**  Kristen Beaudoin

 **Description:** Character traits class will be focusing on one trait at a time. We will review the definition, related Bible verses, and using Lamplighter kids podcast. Children will learn through related coloring pages, crafts, Bible characters that exemplify the trait and review questions as they ‘learn to walk in the paths of righteousness.**’**

**Music Class**

**Ages**: 6 - 9

**Prerequisite**: None

**Fee:** $5

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Folder to keep music in

**Teacher:** Nelli Krishchuk

**Description:**  Introduction to music and singing. We will be learning different voice scales for beginners and basic music notes. I will also be teaching some beginner piano as well. We will be learning songs to perform twice a year at the drama production. Class participation will be required in these performances. If you enjoy singing and music, this class is for you!

**World Cultures**

**Age:** 6 - 9

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee:** $10

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Binder with dividers, crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils.

**Teacher:** Alycia Alaan

**Description:** Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in another country? Well, grab your passport and get ready for an adventure! We will be exploring the lives and customs of children around the globe. I hope to study a different country every two weeks. Our studies will include: traditional games, food, music, and customs of the people group. In addition, we will touch on any important natural/man-made attractions the country has to offer. Children will also learn how to locate the country and its continent on the world map. \***Parents will be asked to sign up for a country at the beginning of the year to bring a dish in for that country when we get to it.**

**Hand Crafts**

**Age:** 6 - 9

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee:** $15 for supplies (An additional fee may be required in January)

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Ruler, safety scissors for kids, a permanent marker, and a pencil.

**Teacher:**  Brenda Wilson

**Description:** We will be exploring different styles of crafts at a beginner level, including but not limited to bracelet beading, small sewing projects, crochet/knitting, embroidery/cross stitch.

**Aesop’s Fables**

**Age:** 6 - 9

**Prerequisite:** None

**Teacher:** Alycia Alaan

**Fee:** $3

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Glue sticks, crayons and/or colored pencils, safety kid scissors.

**Description:** Aesop’s Fables is a collection of over 700 short stories first shared by a possible slave named Aesop who lived in Ancient Greece. His fables, which were passed down orally, usually featured animals to teach important moral lessons about good character, how to treat others, and how the world works.

 Our class will enjoy listening to one fable each week, discussing the moral lessons taught, and adding details to our class notebook. We will also introduce one literary element each week such as characters, setting, plot, theme, symbols, and foreshadowing. At the end of the year, their completed notebooks will be filled with colorful details and lessons learned from each fable.

Selections will include:

The Crow and the Pitcher, The Two Goats, The Dog and His Reflection, The Goose and the Golden Egg, The Young Crab and His Mother, The Mouse and the Lion, The Fox and the Stork, The Fox and the Grapes, The Hare and the Tortoise, The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse, The Ants and the Grasshopper, The Shepherd Boy and the Wolf, The Fox and the Crow.

**Middle Grades**

**Drama**

**Age:** 10-13

 **Fee**: $10

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Pocket Folder for handouts

**Prerequisite:** None

**Teacher**: Joy Thomas

**Description:** This is a high energy class. Students are taught Universal Drama vocabulary & Theatre History. This class is modeled after a 2 hour acting class. Physical, Vocal, and Mental warm-ups start each class. Students are taught to project voices, articulate, and techniques to overcome stage fright. Behind the scenes etiquette are taught. Audition techniques and musical theatre concepts are introduced. Discussions include many of the job opportunities in the theatre, not just acting!

This class will have the opportunity to perform in 2 productions for their family. A December performance before Christmas break (in the afternoon). The second performance will be held mid-May in the evening as well. An occasional outside class rehearsal is necessary. Class commitment is mandatory.

Some memorization occasionally for homework will be required. Most scripts will be emailed.

**Elective: Cooking 10-13**

**Ages:** 10 - 13

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee:** $35 in September, $35 in January

**Curriculum/Supplies:** 1" Binder to hold recipes in. Reusable container to bring leftovers home in.

**Teacher:** **Bethany Caro (1st period)/Patricia Hussey (3rd period)**

**Description:** This is a hands-on class for those who are interested in food and learning to cook. I will be teaching how to create simple meals using basic ingredients found in most kitchens with the goal of kids being able to whip up something in the kitchen- perhaps even giving parents a much needed break! I will teach a variety of beginner cooking skills including pancake flipping, egg scrambling, egg boiling, egg frying! Saute, baking, using a knife, cheese grating, how to smash a clove of garlic, how to not cry (as much) when chopping an onion, how to add spices, etc.

\*\*Food allergies cannot be accommodated, however, if your child has a food allergy and still wants to learn how to cook, I can let you know in advance what recipe we’re doing and parents can provide a snack to eat from home. There will be many recipes with flour, mild, and butter.

**History: Mystery of History Volume IV**

**Ages:** 10 - 13

**Prerequisite:** Should be reading at a 5th grade level (or there is an audio version of the book)

**Fee:** $15 (May request more for the second half of the year depending on supplies.)

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Mystery of History Volume IV book by Linda Hobar**,** 1” 3-Ring Binder, Folder, Pencils, Pack of clear sheet protectors.

**Teacher:** Liz Shannon

**Description:**

The students will be **required** to read 3 lessons a week at home. (3-4 pages per lesson). Wars of Independence to Modern Times- (AGE WARNING AT END OF DESCRIPTION). Mystery of History Volume IV is the last and final volume of the Mystery of History series from Bright Ideas Press. Covering 1708 to 2014, it begins with Bach and Handel, brings the reader through multiple “wars of independence” as well as many “wars of ideologies” between Marxism, Darwinism, Fascism, as well as the Cold War, World War I, and World War II and will bring the reader to more modern-day conflicts, including a collapsed Soviet Union, a divided Korea, tension in the Middle East, and an ongoing War on Terror. **AGE WARNING**: I would say this curriculum is geared towards 12-13 year olds. Along with covering a lot of intense topics such as WWI and WWII, we will also broach topics such as Roe v. Wade.

We will be doing the extracurricular activities in the class along with some discussion to review dates and important info. This will be a fun class that combines review of weekly reading with hands on projects, class discussions, and games.

**Literature Book Club**

**Ages:** 10 - 13

**Fee:**  None

**Prerequisite:** Reading at least at a 5th/6th grade level. Some books “might” contain some mature content.

**Supplies:** Pens/pencils, notebook

**Teacher:** Jamy Smith

 **Curriculum:** None (must purchase/borrow books from list)

**Description**: This year we will read middle school literature books with movie adaptations. The goal will be to critically analyze the book to the movie. Books may include: Holes, Because of Winn-Dixie, Pippi Longstocking, Wonder, Little Women, The Secret Garden, Where the Red Fern Grows, and Black Stallion.

 **Gym Class**

**Ages:** 10 - 13

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee:** None

**Curriculum/Supplies**: None

**Teacher:** Jayce Meglio

**Description:** Students will engage in physical activities, exercising, games, and sports.

**Clothing Requirement:** Children will be required to be dressed appropriately including sneakers, absolutely no jeans, or skirts. Shorts must be gym appropriate. Shirts should fit properly for movement.

**Science: S.T.E.M.**

**Ages:** 10-13

**Prerequisite:** none

**Fee:**  $20

**Curriculum/Supplies**: none

**Teacher:** Kristen Priestley

**Description:** Each class we’ll experience fun new ways to look at the world, work together and solve problems using the STEM fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. This class is a blend of two different styles. The first class style will be teacher lead classes where we will make things all following the same directions. Some examples: art robots, slime, and soap. The second and more common class will involve student lead builds where students work as a group to accomplish tasks and problem solve their ways to solutions.

**Science: Apologia Land Animals**

**Ages:** 10 – 13

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee**: $10- This fee will cover in class hands-on activities. If there is any money left over you will be refunded.

**Curriculum/Supplies:**

1. $45 Exploring Creation with Zoology 3: Land Animals of the Sixth Day <https://www.christianbook.com/animals-sixth-exploring-creation-with-zoology/jeannie-fulbright/9781932012859/pd/337013?event=ESRCG>
2. Zoology 3 Notebooking Journal for Exploring Creation with Zoology 3: Land Animals of the Sixth Day $32 (You also have the option to purchase the Zoology 3 Junior Notebooking Journal for Exploring Creation with Zoology 3: Land Animals of the Sixth Day $32 depending on your child’s writing abilities).

Some sites may discount you if you purchase the bundle.

1. There may be requests for simple household supplies to be brought in from home.

**Teacher:** Carrie McKiel

**Description:** In this course we will explore...What separates people from apes? How can a Great Dane be related to a Chihuahua? Is there evidence that people and dinosaurs lived at the same time? What should you do if you encounter a bear? How can you tell if a snake is poisonous? Come find out answers to these questions and many, many more with Apologia’s Exploring Creation with Zoology 3!

Lesson Topics Include:

Predators and Prey, Habituation, Animal Careers, Carnivorous Mammals, Feliform Carnivores,

Marsupials, Primates, Rodentia, Ungulates, Order Artiodactyla, Orders Squamata and Rhynchocephalia, Reptiles and Amphibians, Dinosaurs, Anthropods, Gastropods and Worms, and much more!

This class will have weekly homework of reading (textbook), and writing (notebooking journal) assignments. We will be doing the experiment activities in the classroom along with some review (verbal). This is a hands-on class to complement the reading at home.

**Hand Crafts**

**Age:** 10-13

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee:** $20 for supplies (An additional fee may be required in January)

**Teacher:** Brenda Wilson

**Curriculum/Supplies:** A ruler, scissors, permanent marker, and a pencil.

**Description:** We will be exploring different styles of hand crafts at a beginner/intermediate level (depending on student experience). These include, but are not limited to hand sewing projects, bracelet making, yarn crafts, and embroidery.

**Art**

**Ages:** 10 – 13

**Prerequisite:** Willingness to participate in everything!

**Fee:** $15

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Labeled XL Ziplock bag with inexpensive basic art supplies:

* watercolor set - oil pastel set
* paintbrush - crayons
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 & culture thrown in for good measure!) in our beginner Arts & Crafts Class.

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 to instruction and possibly get messy (temporarily!) while learning something

 new and fun! \*Participation in class is mandatory\*.

 **Lego Challenge**

**Ages:** 10 - 13

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee:** $10

**Curriculum/Supplies:** None

**Teacher:** Aurelia Drolet

**Description:** We will use legos to build and create something new each week. They will build as a team, and individually. This class will build confidence as they present their creations each week. This will be a fun filled no pressure lego class.

**Music Class**

**Age**: 10-13

**Prerequisite**: None

**Fee:** $5

**Supplies/curriculum:** Folder to put music sheets into and a writing utensil.

**Teacher:** Nelli Krishchuk

**Description:** Introduction to music and singing. We will be learning different voice scales for beginners and basic music notes. I will also be teaching some beginner piano as well. We will be learning songs to perform twice a year at the drama performance. Class participation will be required in these recitals. If you enjoy singing and music, this class is for you!

**High School**

**Improv**

**Age:** 13 and up

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee:** None

**Curriculum/Supplies:** None

**Teacher:** Kristen Priestly

**Description:** This class will be focusing on short form improv theater. Improv is a form of theater where the plot, characters, and dialogue are all unplanned and constantly changing and developing. Each class will consist of a lesson and some short form improv games and working up to a live performance. All levels and experiences are welcome.

**Elective: HS Cooking**

**Age:** High School

**Prerequisite**: None

**Fee:** $35 in September, $35 in January

**Curriculum/Supplies:** 1” binder to hold recipes in. Reusable container to bring home leftovers in.

**Teacher:** Patricia Hussey

**Description:** This is a hands-on class for those who are interested in food and learning to cook. I will be teaching how to create simple meals using basic ingredients found in most kitchens with the goal of teens being able to whip something up in the kitchen- perhaps even giving parents a much needed break! I will teach a variety of cooking skills including baking, saute, knife techniques, zesting, grating, how to smash a clove of garlic, handling and cooking with meat, food safety, how not to cry (as much) when chopping an onion, how to add spices, etc.

\*\***Food allergies cannot be accommodated, however, if your child has a food allergy and still wants to learn to cook, I can let you know in advance what recipe we’re making and parents can provide a snack to eat from home. There will be many recipes with flour, mild, and butter.**

**Literature: American Literature**

**Age:** High School

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fee:** None

**Teacher:** Jamy Smith

**Curriculum/Supplies:** The 3rd Edition*Learning Language Arts Through Literature -Gold Book - American Literature* is a complete curriculum for high school language arts courses.

**Description:** Classic poems, short stories, and novels by the best and most influential American authors were selected to demonstrate literary principles. *The Gold Book* series is designed to encourage the high school student’s ability to read and understand literature, develop the ability for verbal and written expression, enable him to interpret and access literary meaning in terms of content and philosophy and clearly state a position in response. ​ The book includes: **Short Story Unit, Novel Units, Essay Unit, and Poetry Unit. Parents do not need to purchase the teacher's manual.  Must purchase book LLATL book but do not need to purchase test booklet.**

**Students will need a pencil and a notebook.**

\*To complete the assignments in this manual, **the student will need the following books** which may be obtained through your library or purchased from bookstores or catalogs:

*Great American Short Stories* - Edited by Wallace and Mary Stegner, Random House.
*The Mentor Book of Major American Poets* - Edited by Oscar Williams and Edwin Honig, Penguin.
*The Old Man and the Sea* - Ernest Hemingway, Simon and Schuster.
*The Pearl***-** John Steinbeck, Penguin.
*The Red Badge of Courage* - Stephen Crane, Random House.

Additional Supplies: 3 ring binder with 4 section tabs labeled: The Short Story, The Novel, The Essay and Poetry. Lined paper in the binder.

\*\*\*For parents who want to do the placement test or see a sample lesson here is a link

<https://www.commonsensepress.com/placement-tests.html> \*\*\*

**History: World History -1 credit**

**Ages:** High School

**Prerequisite**: None

**Fee:** None

**Teacher:** Jaime Carroll

**Curriculum/Supplies:**

You will need to purchase the 2014 editions:

Notgrass Exploring World History Curriculum Including:

* ***Exploring World History Part 1***by Ray Notgrass ISBN 978-1-60999-061-9 © 2014
* ***Exploring World History Part* 2** by Ray Notgrass ISBN 978-1-60999-062-6 © 2014
* ***In Their Words*** by Ray Notgrass ISBN 978-1-60999-063-3  © 2014
* ***Student Review Pack***   this includes the ***Student Review Book***, ***The Quiz and Exam Book*** (this one I will collect on the first day of classes) and ***The Answer Key*** (this one is for the parent only!)
* Students will need a binder with loose leaf paper with tabbed sections and a pencil.

**Description:**

**From Creation to the 21st century, *Exploring World History* presents ancient, medieval, and modern history from the perspective of faith in God and respect for His Word. It offers a thorough survey of Western civilization with significant coverage of Latin America, Africa, and Asia. The hardcover books feature hundreds of full-color photographs and illustrations.**

**Completing the History portion provides your child with a year's high school credit in World History. Depending on how fast your child reads and how much time he spends on the unit projects, he may need an average of 1 hour for each daily lesson. The history credit involves reading the lessons and the original documents and answering the questions in the *Student Review*. And full participation in class discussions and presenting about 6 projects and completing tests and exams.**

**The Curriculum Package includes:**

* ***Part 1: Creation Through the Middle Ages* (first semester)**
* ***Part 2: The Renaissance to the Present* (second semester)**
* ***In Their Words: Original Documents, Speeches, Poems, and Stories from World History* (assigned readings)**
* **Student Review Pack**

Completing the full course provides your child with a year's high school credit in World History, English (literature and composition), and Bible. **We will focus on the History credit for this class.  The History credit involves reading the lessons and the original documents and speeches. That’s what our focus will be on...The History credit. All students must participate in class discussions and do all assignments!**

\*You may choose to have your teen do the English credit by assigning your child the recommended literature readings, poems and short stories in *In Their Words*. In order for your teen to earn the Bible credit, you will need to assign him/her the Bible lessons, have them complete the Bible assignments at the end of many lessons, and read the hymns and other literature assigned

**Math: Geometry**

**Ages:** High School

**Prerequisite:** Algebra 1

**Fee:** None

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Math-U-See *Geometry: Instruction Pack* (**Note: Test booklet is NOT needed**). I create my own exams as I do not believe high school math exams should be multiple choice outside of a standardized test. **The homework booklet is the most important book needed.** The textbook is highly recommended for use during the week. The videos can also be used if you think your student will need additional help that cannot be offered at home Monday-Thursday.

**Teacher:** Jessica Herisse

**Description:** Math-U-See *Geometry* has three main areas of emphasis, which are the vocabulary of geometry, practical applications of geometry, and traditional geometry, including proofs. Topics include lines, angles, area, perimeter, volume, Pythagorean theorem, axioms and postulates, congruency, and similarity.

Other Supplies:

3 – Ring Binder (1 inch), Loose leaf paper/graphing paper, Ruler, Pencil with eraser. protractor, compass, calculator (optional)

**Physical Science**

**Age:** 8th grade and up

**Prerequisite:** Students should have completed pre-algebra and be prepared for a high school level class.

**Fee:** None

**Curriculum/Supplies:**  Apologia’s Exploring Creation with Physical Science Textbook (3nd edition required) by Jay Wile. ($63.20 New and Student Notebook $31.50 New.)

 Please purchase both books before class begins in September.

\*\*There will be assigned reading and problems due the first day.

 **DO NOT** wait until the first week of classes to purchase the book. Students will need a calculator, pencils.

**Teacher:** Kara Lau

**Description:**  This 15- module, creation-based science curriculum introduces students to physical science through engaging lessons, formal experiments and “You do Science” mini-experiments that give students the opportunity for even deeper learning. Four modules cover the basics of chemistry, including properties and states of matter, atomic structure and the periodic table, chemical bonds, and reactions and energy. Six modules are dedicated to physics, and include the study of motion, forces, energy, light, electricity, and magnetism.

**Elective: Art**

**Ages:** High School

**Fee**: $50

**Prerequisite:** None

**Curriculum/Supplies:** provided by teacher with fees collected from each student

**Teacher**: Amy Vaccarro

**Description:** In this class students will be given the opportunity to use different mediums, learn techniques, and explore different styles of art. We will cover some art history and study famous works of art that will inspire each student’s project. My goal is for each student to gain confidence in their own artistic style, strengthen and stretch their abilities, or even help them discover a talent they didn’t know they had.

**Constitutional Literacy: The Principles of American Government**

**Age:** High School

**Fee:**       None

**Prerequisite:** None

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Purchase workbook: <https://store.hslda.org/constitutional-literacy-workbook-p700.aspx>

 and DVD series:

<https://store.hslda.org/constitutional-literacy-dvd-p927.aspx>

**Teacher:** Jason Carrier

**Description:** This course is based on the Apologia Constitutional Literacy High-School level course. From their website: “Dr. Michael Farris, founder and Chancellor of Patrick Henry College and with The Alliance Defending Freedom, brings the U.S. Constitution to life for modern Americans by examining these questions: What does the Constitution actually say? What does it mean? What were the Founders’ intentions for this document? How is it being interpreted to shape our laws and way of life today? This may be the most important course your student (and future voter) takes this year.” The course will include an introduction on how our constitutional republic is organized, how is it intended to operate, and how democratic principles are intended to keep the government accountable to the people. Students will be required to watch the weekly 15-20 minutes videos and complete the workbook segments at home so class time can be used to ask questions, explore more about the material, engage in lively discussions, gain perspective on the political condition of America, and consider what the future may hold.

**Yearbook Club**

**Age:** High School

**Prerequisite:** None

**Fees:** None

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Notebook and pencil and if the student has a laptop that’s a bonus:)

**Teacher:** Jody Fasnact

**Description:** Yearbook Club will be a teacher facilitated, student led class. As students work towards design and create a yearbook for RICH Co Op, they will practice a wide variety of skills such as: project management, teamwork, shot list and page list and page layout, graphic design (using platforms like Canva), and creative writing. The primary resource for photo collection will be cell phones. Yearbooks will be published by TreeRing.com

**Forensics**

**Age:** High School

**Prerequisite:** Must be in high school. It is preferred but not required that the student has successfully completed a high school level biology class.

**Lab Fee:** $70 per student (non refundable- even if the student drops the class)

**Curriculum/Supplies:** Forensic Science, Fundamentals and Investigations by Anthony J. Bertino. We will be using the **1st Edition (Click this link for ISBN)**. You may use ISBN search.org to find it for purchase. You should be able to find this book for less than $20.

**Please Note:** If you already own the 2nd Edition, it should correlate fairly well and there is no need to purchase the 1st edition. However, the 3rd edition will NOT be suitable for this course.

The laboratory portion of this course will use The Mystery of Lyle and Louise from Cross Cutting Concepts xcconcepts.com. The lab fee will cover all lab materials.

The student will also need a 2 inch 3-ring binder, notebook for note taking, and a writing utensil.

**Teacher:** Stasha Brown

**Description:** We plan to cover all 17 chapters within the textbook. In addition, I will provide some instruction on Entomology as the 1st Edition lacks in this area. There will be some CSI simulations and laboratory experiments as we work to understand the various aspects of Forensic Science. Grades will be an average of class participation, homework completion, and quizzes and tests.

**Creative Writing/Public Speaking**

**Age:** High School

**Prerequisite**: None

**Fee:** None

**Supplies/Curriculum:** I will be using various sources for creative writing, none of which need to be purchased. Students will need a notebook, a pen or a pencil, and their creativity!!!

**Teachers:**  Jaime Carroll (Creative Writing portion) & Jamy Smith (Public Speaking portion)

**Creative Writing Description:** This is a super fun class where the students will be writing various one page creative papers throughout the year, then a short story, and a group collaboration skit at the very end of the year which they will then perform on the last day.

**Public Speaking Description:** During this portion of the class, students will review some of the greatest speeches in history and practice speaking in front of an audience. There will be some small writing and reading assignments.