Welcome
... to another year of ElderCollege at Vancouver Island University. This fall we have a variety of courses bound to peak your interest. Just a few of the newly added courses include From Text to E-Book, Enrich Your Overseas Experience, Oral History: How to Record Memories and Greek Comedy and Roman Satire. Another new addition to our calendar is a series of three fall lectures on a variety of topics with a bargaining basement admission of $5 a session.

Mike Matthews (1937-2012)
Earlier this year, ElderCollege lost a dedicated former instructor, a champion of Canadian literature, and a good friend: Mike Matthews.

Following a 33-year teaching career at Vancouver Island University, Mike joined ElderCollege and continued to share his love of Canadian authors. Many of us attended his courses on Canadian literature, which included Great Canadian Story Challenge and Another Great Story Challenge: Munro and Williams. A friend and former colleague described Mike as “born to teach. … It wasn’t just his knowledge of field. It was his inherent love of the teaching process, the passion to help his students, the patience and honesty that informed everything he did.” ElderCollege was privileged to have had Mike as part of our team of volunteer instructors. In Mike’s memory, ElderCollege has contributed $200.00 to the Mike Matthews Award for Studies in Canadian Literature, which has been established for a Vancouver Island University Arts and Humanities student who has a demonstrated interest in Canadian literature, and who is continuing graduate studies in this field.

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE NANAIMO CAMPUS - VIU LIBRARY CARDS: A GREAT ADDITION TO YOUR READING RESOURCES!
Did you know that, as an ElderCollege student, you can request a VIU Library card? By using your VIU Library card ID and PIN, either in person at the Nanaimo campus or from any off-campus computer, you can access all VIU library holdings both in print and on-line. You may also request an item not owned by VIU and VIU Interlibrary Loans Services will try to bring it in for you from another library.

Getting your VIU Library card is quick and easy:
• Register as usual for any ElderCollege course;
• Go in person to the VIU Library Service desk at the Nanaimo campus;
• The library is in Building 303; the service desk is on the third floor near the large totem pole
• Present any piece of personal identification, preferably photo ID such as a driver’s licence
• A library staff member will verify your current ElderCollege registration through the VIU system
• Within minutes you will be issued a plastic VIU Library non-photo ID card.

More good news…your new VIU Library card has a long life! Your card can be used immediately, throughout your ElderCollege course, and for five months (150 days) after your course ends. So, if you register for two ElderCollege courses per year—one in the fall and one in the spring—you can receive up to a full and continuous year of VIU Library privileges. Be sure to keep your card between courses as it is automatically reactivated by the library system each time you enroll in a new ElderCollege course.

Breaking News!
LOCAL PATRONS OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO ELDERCOLLEGE MEMBERS
Help with course fees available
Thanks to the generosity of local patrons, ElderCollege is pleased to report the implementation of a program to assist members with full payment of course registration fees. To take part in the program, please indicate that financial assistance is needed when registering. Membership fees are not covered. Also, availability for this program is limited so register soon!

WE HAVE A WINNER! CONGRATULATIONS
... to Mr. Sam Cosco of Parksville, winner of a free VIU ElderCollege course. Sam’s e-mail was randomly selected from all those entered in the recent VIU ElderCollege Member Survey.
Thank you to the hundreds of current and recent members who took the time to complete and return their questionnaires this August. Your responses are greatly appreciated, and will help guide the VIU ElderCollege Board of Management in developing its programs and services.

WANTED: YOUR EXPERTISE
Have you often thought that you’d like to teach a course at ElderCollege but the time commitment is too great? Do you have expert knowledge on a topic that you’d love to share with others? If so, read on!
ElderCollege is introducing a new course format: short courses! Starting in May 2013, a selection of courses lasting three or four weeks will be offered and will cover such topics as wildflowers, geocaching, local geology, local history and possibly more … some of which may include an outdoor component.

This may be your chance to contribute your expertise to ElderCollege. If you are interested in teaching a short course, or if you know of someone who may be, please email pqcampus@viu.ca.
Join us at Saturday One-Stop Talks, an ElderCollege-sponsored community event. The two remaining lectures, in a series which started in September, will be held on October 20 and November 24 at VIU’s Parksville campus.

October 20

Climate Change and Ocean Acidification

Presented by Brian Kingzett, Manager, Deep Bay Marine Station

Brian will talk about how climate change poses a threat to BC’s fishing industry and the Pacific marine ecosystem because of ocean acidification, sea-level rise, oxygen-deprived waters and other stressors. He will also discuss how the threat posed to the marine food chain by a more acidic ocean has fast-forwarded into our lifetimes, redoubling calls for decisive cuts in carbon dioxide emissions.

November 24

A Dark History: Finding the Hidden Story of Italian Immigration to British Columbia

Presented by Lynne Bowen

To track down the poorly documented story of Italian Immigration to British Columbia, Lynne Bowen had to rely on sympathetic historians, expatriate Italians and travel throughout British Columbia and Italy.

Both lectures will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
At the Forum in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville.

Space is limited, so please call 1-866-734-6252 to reserve your spot for each presentation. Admission is $5 at the door; ElderCollege membership not required.

PS: A Reminder - The sessions are open to everyone and you don’t have to be an “elder” to attend the Saturday One-Stop Talks series.

Welcome to the fourth year of the Arts and Humanities Colloquium series!

This series offers presentations by Arts and Humanities faculty at VIU on topics of interest to the public. As described by Dr. Daniel Burgoyne, one of the Colloquium’s organizers, “The Colloquium highlights the scholarly and creative work of the Arts and Humanities faculty. We invite the VIU community and the community at large to explore with us the contributions the Arts and the Humanities make to the lives of Canadians and to our understanding of who we are.”

While the Fall Series started in September, there are two upcoming and differing presentations:

- **Friday, October 19 - Lo-fi & Wi-fi: Conjuring Creativity and Performance**, presented by Media Studies Faculty Robin Davies and Marian van der Zon, along with student participants.

- **Friday, November 16 - Voices Through Time: Letters of the Great War**, presented by historian Dr. Stephen Davies, Director of the Canadian Letters and Images Project. Both events are from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Malaspina Theatre (Building 310) in the centre of the Vancouver Island University Campus.

There is no admission charge and refreshments are available from 9:30 a.m. Come and join us for this reflective and engaging series of faculty presentations followed by discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the conversation.

For more information, contact Dr. Daniel Burgoyne at 250 753-3245, local 2126, or Daniel.Burgoyne@viu.ca

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