

60th Annual Great Books at Colby College Waterville, Maine July 17 – July 23, 2016

The Search for Meaning

Viktor Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*

Thomas Mann, *The Magic Mountain* (two days)

J. L. Carr, *A Month in the Country*

Peter Matthiessen, *The Snow Leopard*

Margaret Edson, *Wit: A Play*

Come join our annual week of lively discussion at Colby College. We are a community of people who enjoy reading and discussing great books. Have you ever closed a book after reading the last page and wished you could share your thoughts with someone? Colby offers an opportunity to collaborate in discovering insights rarely achieved just reading alone. Located on a beautiful campus, the college has a great library, the admission free Colby Museum of Art, a bookstore, tennis courts and first-class athletic facilities with a swimming pool, as well as waterfront property at a nearby lake open to Great Books participants. It offers an inexpensive but classy vacation where readers who love to think and talk about the world's great literary works can derive pleasure from spending time with others who share that enthusiasm. For two hours each day, readers discuss their understanding of thought-provoking classics through the Great Books Foundation's Shared Inquiry Method. Our focus this year is on *The Search for Meaning*. Man's recognition of his mortality and repeated confrontation with the trials and tribulations of human existence invariably initiate a quest for meaning. Join us in examining how these great writers view this process.

Registration covers books and discussions, as well as lectures, films, group social activities, use of the athletic facilities and tennis courts, and a real Maine lobster bake. On campus registration includes a single or double dormitory room (six nights: Sunday through Friday) and all meals. You can stay over Saturday night either before the week (July 16th) or after the week (July 23rd) for an additional charge. Either night allows you to attend the Atlantic Music Festival's outstanding free classical music concert. We also offer a Children's Program for ages three and above. Commuters participate in all activities, but live on their own, off-campus, and receive lunch each day and the Friday night lobster bake.

Application and Refunds: A deposit for each person is required with an application, one half of which is refundable for cancellations received before July 4, 2016. The balance is due at registration on Sunday, July 17, 2016. We accept credit cards, as well as cash and checks. Books and additional information are mailed after November upon receipt of your initial deposit, usually within two to three weeks, so that you can read beforehand. Our last day for registration is June 24, 2016. On-line registrations are processed by Colby College, and after December 1, 2015, you can register online at the Colby website: <http://www.colby.edu/greatbooks>. To ease processing, please consider using the credit card option for the full registration amount. To register by mail, make your check payable to **Great Books at Colby**, and send your deposit to: **Great Books at Colby, PO Box 424, Newtown Square, PA 19073**.

FEES**On Campus****Commuters**

	Fee	Deposit	Fee	Deposit
Adult	\$610	\$305	\$320	\$320
Young Adult (Grades 6+)	\$400	\$200	\$200	\$200
Children (Grades 1-5)	\$355	\$180	\$180	\$180
Children (Ages 3-5) [No Books]	\$230	\$160	\$160	\$160

No charge for children under 3 years of age. Scholarships are available on a need basis.

Optional Bus Trip to Portland, Maine: Wednesday, July 20th, 11:45 a.m. – 7:45 p.m. This charming city – the largest in Maine – will enchant you. Uptown, a few blocks from the waterfront, is Portland's secret treasure, the Arts District. With Congress Street as its spine, this once traditional shopping street is replete with museums, art galleries, antique shops, and artist studios. Nearby, the Old Port District is a Portland shopping mecca. One of a kind shops line the cobblestone streets of this historic waterfront district, so you can experience the charm of boutique shopping and enjoy restaurants serving Maine's famous lobster dishes, local specialties, and the latest nouveau cuisine. Since everything is in walking distance of the waterfront, and taxis are plentiful in Portland, you can easily get around.

The cost is \$30, which includes a box lunch. Dinner is not included. The bus leaves Colby at 12:00 and leaves Portland at 7:45. Arriving in Portland before 1:30, we will first tour the perimeter of the city for great views of the bay. The bus will then drop passengers in the Old Port District at the corner of Exchange and Middle, the meeting place for the bus to return to Colby. The afternoon will be spent touring the town with discretionary shopping followed by early dinner at your own expense. Everyone will be given a map of Portland and a restaurant guide. Everyone will have the cell phone number of the Trip Leader, and the Trip Leader will have your cell phone number. Everyone should plan on meeting the bus at 7:45. The bus leaves on time; be late at your peril. Please prepay for the bus trip with your registration deposit. Things to do in Portland: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g40827-Activities-Portland_Maine.html

Optional Saturday Nights to Attend the Atlantic Music Festival's Concert: Extra nights: Saturday, July 16th (\$85, lodging, dinner, breakfast, and lunch) or July 23rd (\$80, lodging, dinner and breakfast). Concerts are free. Please prepay for additional nights with your registration deposit.

For more information or additional flyers visit our website at www.GreatBooks-atColby.org after February 1st. You can also direct questions to John Dalton at 610-608-7711, or email him at agreatbook@aol.com On campus participants reside in the Colby dormitories, eat meals together, and participate in formal discussion groups that meet for two hours each morning, Monday through Saturday. These discussions follow the rules of the Great Books Foundation's Shared Inquiry Method. No outside sources are allowed so that discussion is egalitarian, and the emphasis is truly on readers and the text. Books are mailed to participants after registration, and people are expected to have read the assigned texts completely before arriving at Colby. Most discussion groups have assigned leaders, who move from group to group during the week. Some experienced participants opt for a "leaderless" group.

People attending Colby Great Books vary in age, background, and interests, but all share a love of reading. Many have come to Colby for decades, but many newcomers arrive each year. Everyone is welcome. The goal is shared inquiry, shared laughter, and shared experience. Results are often friendship, fun and sometimes even glimpses of the truth. In addition to an opening night orientation and a Thursday evening Talent Show (strictly voluntary), there are a wide variety of activities during the week. Our week coincides with Atlantic Music Festival offerings, which means attending musical performances is an option almost every night. We also have a social gathering place each night. Named after Colby's founder, Is Wachs, the *Wachs Works* is our version of a friendly pub with an emphasis on socialization and relaxation.

Food at Colby is good and plentiful. Living arrangements are in comfortable dorm rooms. Fans, phones, reading lights and bed boards are available. It is dormitory living, however, with no frills and no air conditioning. (Our Maine location means this usually is not a problem.) We have private bedrooms with shared bath facilities. All buildings are smoke-free. The school provides towels and bed linen. Arrangements can usually be made for people with special needs. If you have special medical or other needs, please include that on your application. That information is forwarded to Mary McEnany, who assigns rooms and oversees accommodations. Participants make their own travel arrangements. Many arrive by car, but there is air service to Portland and Bangor, ME; Manchester, NH; and Boston, MA. Rental cars, buses and limousine service are available from there. There is also a Greyhound bus terminal in Waterville. For those without cars, rides with other participants can sometimes be arranged. Coordination of carpooling can be made by emailing participants. An email list from last year's participants is available upon request. There is also a Facebook page for sharing ride info: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wachs-Great-Books-Summer-Institute-at-Colby-College/156086481080727?ref=ts>

Please see the reverse side for the Junior Great Books Registration form.

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Great Books at Colby, PO Box 424, Newtown Square, PA 19073

APPLICATION (Make checks payable to **Great Books at Colby**)

Name(s) _____
 Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip code _____
 Phone () _____
 Cell Phone () _____
 Email _____
 Rooming with _____
 Rooming near (if possible) _____
 We are commuting (names) _____

Please circle your choice.

Lobster Bake choice: [Indicate choice] *Lobster*
Steak Halibut Vegetarian
 Optional bus trip for \$30 includes lunch:
 [Indicate choice] *Ham Turkey Vegetarian*
 Previously attended Colby Great Books: Yes or No
 Prefer Leaderless Group: Yes or No
 Need Handicapped Access: Yes or No
 Need Bed Board: Yes or No
 Need Email List: Yes or No
 Extra night choice: July 16 for \$80; July 23 for \$75

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Wachs Great Books Summer Institute at Colby
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OLDER *

Katherine Paterson, *Jacob Have I Loved*
Gillian Bradshaw, *The Sand Reckoner*
Jennifer L. Holm, *Our Only May Amelia*
Helen Frost, *Crossing Stones*

YOUNGER

Mark Twain, *The Prince & the Pauper*
Rita Williams-Garcia, *One Crazy Summer*
Kate DiCamillo, *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures*
Roald Dahl, *Matilda*

****If numbers require, this group will be split into two groups***

During the morning, counselors supervise fun activities for all Junior Great Books attendees and siblings (age 3 and up). Following lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, counselors take participants to book discussions, which start at 1 p.m. There are no Junior Great Books discussions on Wednesday, the day of the bus trip, and Saturday; parents pick children up directly from camp. In the afternoons, there are other activities, including movies, games, and if desired, Talent Show rehearsals. Facilities for swimming, tennis, and volleyball, plus a bookstore and a library, as well as computers for online access are available. Junior Great Book attendees and their families are housed near each other, when possible, for ease of communication. Each child has his or her own room, unless otherwise requested. The nearby arts and crafts rooms are open to Juniors and siblings.

The On Campus Registration fee covers accommodations in a dormitory room (single or double), meals, discussions and books, as well as swimming, tennis, counselor-supervised activities, and a real Maine lobster bake. The cost for commuters (people who participate in group activities but live off-campus) includes lunches and other activities and the lobster bake. The Wednesday bus trip (with adults) for additional fee is available. All prices are on page two above. To register by June 24th, complete the form below and send with the proper deposit per person to the address below. After December 1, 2015, you can register online at the Colby website: <http://www.colby.edu/greatbooks>

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[Please use separate form for each Junior Great Books Registrant and sibling. ALL INFO IS REQUIRED.]

Junior Great Books Registration (Please make checks payable to **Great Books at Colby**)

Name _____ Age in Sept. 2016: ____ Grade in Sept. 2016: _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

Email _____

Accompanying** Adult(s) Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

Email _____

We are Commuting (names) _____

Bus Trip Lunch choice [indicate choice] (box lunch on the bus) Lunch: Ham [] Turkey [] or Vegetarian []

Lobster Bake choice [indicate choice] Lobster [] Steak [] Halibut [] or Vegetarian []

**Accompanying adult (s) will assume responsibility for junior attendees and their respect for other attendees.

Optional bus trip for \$30 per child. Please choose lunch below. Please let us know your interests. Hobbies:

Favorite Book:

Talent for Talent Show: