

**Lifelong Learning Institute Offers
Elderquest Film and Novel Course As Gift to Community**

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) at Columbus State Community College will present an eight-week course entitled *The Elderquest in Today's Movies and Novels* free of charge to the public on Tuesday evenings in March and Monday evenings in April. All sessions will be held at the Martin Luther King Arts Complex theater, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities obtained by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston, the course is being offered this spring by 20 LLI's in 14 states, including 3 in Ohio. *Elderquest* is intended to encourage discussion in communities across America about a new model for old age just as the 77 million baby boomers approaching retirement promise to change the face of aging.

Films to be viewed and discussed with a multigenerational audience include *Wild Strawberries*, *The Trip to Bountiful*, *The Straight Story*, *Central Station*, and *About Schmidt*. The 2 novels to be read and discussed are *Praisesong for the Widow* by Paule Marshall and *Carry Me Across the Water* by Ethan Canin.

Humanities professors from local colleges and universities will facilitate the discussions. Light refreshments will be served in the lobby of the theater during the break. Parking will be available directly across the street from the theater's entrance at 867 Mt. Vernon Avenue.

While there is no fee to take the course, registration is required. To register, call Columbus State's registration center at 614-287-5858.

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For further information about the *Elderquest* course (not for registration), call Christina Butler at 501-9551.

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