

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University

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SPRING 2024



SPRING REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 7



Your Guide to OLLI at Bradley

We invite you to become part of the OLLI at Bradley lifelong learning community.

Who Are OLLI Members?

We are 1,000+ people in the Peoria area and beyond who enjoy OLLI programming geared toward age 50+, but everyone is welcome ... whether you're a Bradley alum or not.

What is OLLI?

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a program of Bradley University's Division of Continuing Education and Professional Development, and is strongly supported by Bradley as a standard of excellence in lifelong learning. OLLI is an endowed program of the Bernard Osher Foundation which seeks to improve the quality of life through its support of education and the arts.

OLLI offers many options to explore, connect, and learn:

Classes meet at Bradley University on Wednesdays in April and October, and Zoom classes are also available in January and February. Classes cover a wide range of topics including science, technology, arts, literature, environment, history, social/political issues, philosophy, community awareness, and more.

Originals are exclusive talks from the community and beyond. These compelling programs highlight a variety of people, places, and issues.

Study Groups meet off campus at locations around the area, offer an array of new choices each quarter and are great opportunity to investigate topics in a small group setting.

Learning Trips offer behind-the-scenes looks at places and spaces in the Peoria area.

OLLI Online programs are run via Zoom and offer many unique presentations.

Traveling Braves let our members explore the world. From Italy and Iceland to Croatia and the Grand Canyon we are ready to go.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, March 12
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Peoria Next | 801 W Main

Please RSVP to olli@bradley.edu or call (309) 677-3900

REGISTER ON FEBRUARY 7

- Wednesday, February 7 at 8:00 a.m.
Online and mail-in registration opens



Visit our website to sign up online: bradley.edu/OLLI or mail in the registration pages (p. 33 - 35).

- Thursday, February 8 at 8:30 a.m.
Phone registration opens

Help Sessions for Online Registration!
See details on page 32.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PERKS

OLLI members have access to register for all of our programs, but that's not all - check out these additional benefits:

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2. Opportunity to join Bradley's Markin Recreation Center, for more information call (309) 677-3900.
3. We sometimes offer additional pop up programming to members only, so be sure to register for our weekly email.



SPRING KICK OFF

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 | 5:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Bradley's Peplow Pavilion Hayden-Clark Alumni Center
Cost \$5 | Free parking available in the Main Street deck

- Camaraderie – catch up with friends and meet new people
- Appetizers & cash bar

○ Keynote speaker:
Dr. Cory Barker,
Bradley University
Department of
Communication



SAVE THE DATE FALL WELCOME BACK



September 18, 2024

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Spring Registration begins:
February 7

Summer Registration begins:
May 8

Fall Registration begins:
August 7

Quarterly catalogs are mailed
and available online prior to each
registration.

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Our guide below lists just a few of the more than 100 programs our dedicated volunteers have arranged for this Spring. We're sure you'll find many opportunities to discover fascinating places, meet new friends, and soak up knowledge.

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LEARN

Each class consists of four 1-hour sessions and will meet each Wednesday in April. With our a la carte option you may choose how many classes to take - 1, 2, 3, or all 4.

All classes meet at Bradley University's Michel Student Center. For six of our classes (#3, #7, #16, #25, #30) you can choose to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. (If you would like to register to take the class via Zoom, go to the Online section when registering.)

WEDNESDAYS

April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2024

Coffee 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

● **9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

1. 15-Minute Cities: Good Urban Planning or Sinister Government Plot

In the world of urban planning, the concept of 15-minute cities is a new take on an old notion; the ability for people to meet all or most of their daily needs within a short walk, bike ride, or public transit ride from where they live. However, the concept – and associated regulatory changes – have been criticized by some as government overreach and a direct infringement on the ability of people to decide where and how they will organize their lives. This class will explore the origin of the modern 15-minute city concept, its historical roots, and the criticisms that have been leveled against the planning practice.

\$30 – Class instructor is Ross Black, urban planner, community developer, former acting Planning Director and Neighborhood Development Manager of the City of Peoria. He is a frequent OLLI instructor.

2. Airports and Air Traffic Control

Have you ever wondered what those lights, lines, and signs at the airport mean? Have you wondered how the air traffic control system works to keep track of airplanes in all kinds of weather? In this class, Dean Doughty, an air traffic controller for 30 years, will share his insights on these topics and more.

\$30 – Class instructor is Dean Doughty, retired air traffic controller.

3. The Art and Architecture of Antoni Gaudi

Either a fool or a genius. Time will show.” This was said of Antoni Gaudi by the head of Barcelona’s School of Architecture. Gaudi turned out to be a singular genius who built in a unique and amazingly colorful style. Like Frank Lloyd Wright, he didn’t just design buildings, he was involved in every functional and decorative detail of their interiors. Gaudi is best known for his magnum opus, La Sagrada Familia, Spain’s most visited attraction. We’ll also see many of his secular works: the lush park he created out of a wasteland; the Sagrada Familia Schools; and some of his astonishing residences which others have dubbed “The House of Bones”, “The Quarry” and “The House with a Dragon on the Roof”.

\$30 – Class instructor is Roger French, retired information technology professional with a personal passion for architecture.

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4. Cancer Update:

New Developments in Cancer Therapy

One of OLLI’s most popular past classes is back. Dr. Michael Veeder, Oncologist/ infectious medicine / internal medicine physician and partner at Illinois Cancer Care since 1982, will address the following topics: what is cancer; surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy; targeted therapy; and immunotherapy.

\$30 – Class instructor is Dr. Michael Veeder, a medical oncology specialist.

5. Carl Sandburg and His Times

As a young boy, Carl Sandburg watched Civil War veterans parade down the streets of his hometown of Galesburg, Illinois. He was still alive when troops were coming home from Vietnam. In the intervening years, Carl Sandburg was a soldier, Pulitzer prize-winning Poet, a renowned biographer of Abraham Lincoln, a newspaper reporter, long time film critic, crafter of children’s stories, Civil rights champion, television star, and folk-song troubadour. Join us as we explore the ways in which the times shaped the life, writings, and values of this literary giant whose roots run deep in Central Illinois soil.

\$30 – Class instructor is John T. Brady, Peoria area attorney with a life-long interest in all things Sandburg.



OLLI members delve into the history of cannabis and hemp during a fall class.

6. Harriet Tubman: The Moses of Her People

Why is Harriet Tubman slated to replace Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill in 2030? Join us as we review the work of this escaped slave, freedom fighter, underground railroad conductor, Union soldier, suffragist, and human rights activist. We'll start by covering her life as a slave and the obstacles she faced in the underground railroad. We'll also discuss her work as a Union soldier, spy, and scout during the Civil War. Tubman's life provides thought-provoking lessons for today and demonstrates why she is considered a hero. \$30 – Class instructor is Dr. Rebecca Sisk, PhD., RN, CNE, Nurse Educator and frequent OLLI instructor.

7. The Life of a Private Investigator and the Detection of Deception

Join Greg Spencer, retired FBI agent, to learn about the life of an Illinois Private Investigator. This class will discuss the requirements, the can and can't dos of the profession, the history and the theory behind the Detection of Deception, including the history of the polygraph or "Lie Detector" and how and why it works. We'll also explore the ability to tell when people are lying to you. \$30 – Class instructor is Greg Spencer, Spencer Investigations, retired FBI agent with 28 years of criminal investigations in Peoria and Milwaukee. He has conducted investigations of bank robberies, kidnappings, fraud, public corruption, computer crimes, and many more.

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8. Trusts, Directives, and Wills, Oh My!

Your Estate Planning Questions Answered Join Tim Kirk, an attorney who specializes in trusts and estates, as he takes us step by step through the process of estate planning. He'll discuss the use of advance directives and planning for incapacity; the use of wills and the transfer of assets upon a death; various types of trusts including revocable trusts, irrevocable trusts and special needs trusts. He'll also cover the use of asset protection planning strategies in contemplation of the need for long term (nursing home) care. Participants will receive various handouts to supplement the class discussion. \$30 – Class instructor is Tim Kirk, an attorney specializing in Trusts, Estates, and Elder Law.

● **10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** _____

9. Brain Myth or Not a Myth

You are left-brained or right-brained. Everyone has a distinct learning style. Use it or lose it! Multi-tasking is efficient if you practice. You only use 10% of your brain. Are these true or are they false? In this fun, interactive course, explore recent neuroscience research implications for our daily lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren. Dr. Helm has recently studied neuroscience developments at both Johns Hopkins University and Harvard University. She'll use anecdotes, videos, and hands-on activities to explain how and what we now know about the brain. Teachers believe 50% of neuromyths (misunderstandings about the brain and learning). What about you? \$30 – Class instructor is Dr Judy Harris Helm, author and former professor at several colleges including Bradley. She is the past state president of the Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children.

10. Classic Gardens of Suzhou, China

Visitors to beautiful Suzhou, China – known as the Venice of the East for its network of canals, find Suzhou even more enchanting because of the city's traditional Chinese gardens. Nine of the exquisitely restored Classical Gardens are UNESCO World Heritage sites. In this class, we'll visit the gardens (virtually) and learn through photographs, culture, and history what makes these ancient gardens unique, beautiful and worthy of their UNESCO World Heritage designation. \$30 – Class instructor is Dawn Dickey, former multi-year resident of Suzhou, China and many-time visitor of the gardens.

11. City of Peoria Update

Peoria City Manager Patrick Ulrich will provide an update on the happenings at Peoria City Hall.

His presentations will center around the city budget, stormwater and the combined sewer overflow mandate. He'll also discuss the proposed redevelopment plan for the riverfront and the recently adopted city strategic plan.

\$30 – Class instructor is Patrick Ulrich, Peoria City Manager.

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12. Enjoying Garden Fresh Local Produce

What does it mean to "eat local"? Two instructors from the University of Illinois Extension office will explore the benefits and myths behind the local food movement. They'll discuss opportunities to get involved, whether that is through volunteering at community giving gardens or growing your own fresh vegetables in your backyard.

\$30 – Class Instructors are Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle and Tara Heath of University of Illinois Extension.

13. Essentials for Personal Security & Privacy

This class will provide participants with essential steps to help protect their personal security and privacy. Join Bradley's Direct of the Center for Cybersecurity as he discusses topics including account management, social engineering, artificial intelligence, device considerations, and physical security.

\$30 – Class instructor is Jacob Young, Director, Center for Cybersecurity, Associate Professor of Management Information Systems at Bradley University.

14. Introducing Mozart

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart lived a very short life. But within the span of that life he created music that remains frequently heard today, and is considered one of the most influential and prolific composers of the classical period. During our OLLI class time we will experience Mozart's contribution to chamber music, symphonic music, and operatic music. We will learn of his interest in and contribution to musical technology during his lifetime. Thanks to today's technology we will come away with a better understanding of Mozart's popularity and influence.

\$30 – Class instructor is Michael H. Dicker, Emeritus Professor of Bassoon, Illinois State University.

15. Sixty Years of the Civil Rights Act

Two central Illinoisans played key roles in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which marks its 60th anniversary this year. In their own words and the research of others, we'll look at how Pekin native U.S. Sen. Everett Dirksen's legislative expertise helped to craft a law that thwarted a segregationist filibuster for the first time in history and passed with a bipartisan supermajority. We'll also examine the work of Macomb's Rev. C.T. Vivian, a key lieutenant to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. who helped lead civil rights protests across the South after getting his start advocating for equality right here in Peoria.

\$30 – Class instructor is Chris Kaergard, historian at the Dirksen Congressional Center in Pekin. A Bradley University Department of History alum, he spent 17 years as a reporter and editor at the Peoria Journal Star.

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16. War Crimes:

Easy to Define, Harder to Prosecute

This class on war crimes provides an in-depth exploration of the legal and ethical considerations surrounding acts committed in armed conflicts. The class delves into the definition of war crimes, their historical context, relevant international laws and treaties, and the prosecution of individuals responsible for such offenses. Through case studies we will gain an understanding of the impact of war crimes on societies and the global community. We will finish with the complexities of enforcing accountability and seeking justice in the aftermath of conflict.

\$30 – Class instructor is Don Samford, a Bradley University alum and former reporter for Peoria Journal Star.

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OLLI President Gary Nelson and staff members Catherine Lawless and Michelle Riggio meet the man himself in person - Bernard Osher.

● **11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** _____

Buffet Lunch Choices

During the lunch hour you can dine at one of our neighborhood restaurants, the Student Center Marketplace, bring a sack lunch, or enjoy OLLI's convenient lunches in the ballroom. You must register for each week's lunch in advance. The cost for each weekly lunch is \$13.25

April 3: Soup du jour and salad buffet, mixed greens with toppings – tomatoes, cucumbers, cheese, diced ham, sliced egg, croutons, dressings, dinner rolls

April 10: Oven Roasted Seasoned Pork, fingerling potatoes, green beans

April 17: Chicken Tacos, charro beans, Mexican rice, chips and pico de gallo

April 24: Turkey Wrap with cranberry jam and housemade chips

● **12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** _____

17. Bands, Jazz, and Dixie - Live!

Each week this class will present live music performances, along with background information about the music, performers, and composers. The weekly sessions will feature the following groups:

April 3: Peoria Pops Dixie Group led by Heather Maughan

April 10: Richwood Jazz band led by Chris Render

April 17: Illinois Central College Vocal Jazz Ensemble led by Julie Clemens

April 24: Illinois Valley Central High School Jazz Choir led by Angie Dorough

\$30 – Each session led by band and vocal leaders listed above.

18. Disco:

The History, The Music, and The Movement

Hope you still have some of your leisure suits, platform shoes, and gold chains because we are going to have a "Celebration" with Kool and the Gang, work on our "YMCA" moves with the Village People and "Stayin' Alive" with the BeeGees. We will listen to the disco greats, explore disco history and the artists who were part of it and see if you can "Survive" with Gloria Gaynor. Sorry, the Poison Apple is closed but this Bradley OLLI class will surely meet your needs!

\$30 – Class instructor is Don Baker, former high school teacher, Journal Star sports writer, disc jockey and frequent OLLI instructor.

19. Early Christian Spiritual Warfare

The Christian Scriptures teach that 'our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against...the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.' In this class we'll learn about specific early Christian authors and read excerpts from their texts. Will discuss how Christians in the first four centuries practiced spiritual struggle. We'll explore how the literature is wild with references to demons, dreams, and desperation in the deserts where disciples developed discernment to test the spirits in their daily disciplines. Join us to learn some Greek vocabulary expressing the connection between spiritual conflict and the cultivation of Christian character.

\$30 – Class instructor is Jason Zaborowski, Ph.D. Philosophy & Religious Studies, Bradley University.

20. Exercise and Aging

As we know, most studies suggest regular exercise helps people age more slowly, live healthier, and it also helps people live longer. Join us to learn about the different ways aging impacts the body and the different activities and exercises you can do to continue your daily activities with ease. This class will be interactive! We won't just learn, we'll also practice activities and exercises in class so that you can start to do them on your own.

\$30 – Class instructor is Amber Parkinson, Chief Operating Officer at Anytime Fitness / NASM Personal Trainer and B.S. in Exercise Science from Illinois State University.



Christine Barrow and Julie Beckenbaugh enjoy a conversation during OLLI class break time.

21. Look Where I Went

Travel across the world as these presenters educate with their photographs and personal experiences of their trip. For those with a love for lifelong learning and travel, this class is for you.

April 3: Coke and Janene Mattingly – Israel and Jordan

Travel back in time to Israel, starting in 1,000 BCE till the present, as we explore the City of David, Jerusalem, continuing to Galilee, the fortress of Masada, and the caves of the Dead Sea scrolls. Then cross the border to Aman in Jordan, with the conclusion at one of the still existing Seven Wonders of the World, Petra, the city of sandstone. And, you KNOW there will be Roman ruins!

April 10: Mark Berhow – Norway

Interested in our family heritage and where our ancestors came from, travel with myself and family to Scandinavia, and our pilgrimage to visit the Berhaug family farm on Halsnoy Island, Norway.

April 17: Steve and Jayne Richards – Costa Rica

Join us on an exhilarating journey into the enchanted world of Costa Rica, as we traverse through lush rainforests teeming with vibrant wildlife, soar through the canopy on thrilling ziplines, bask in the glorious pristine and breathtaking beaches, and savor the flavors of exquisite local cuisine.

April 24: Deb Clay and Cathie Trent – Zambia

We will visit the capital city of Lusaka, from enjoying the art to a visit to an elephant orphanage. Then travel to the South Luangwa National Park, where you will see the “Big 5” in action, and also learn about both the “Little 5” and the “Green 5”. Next stop will be Livingstone and the Victoria Falls. The trip included amazing bird life, fabulous foods, and great hospitality along the way.

\$30 – class instructors as listed above.

22. Research at Peoria’s Ag Lab The National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research

Todd Ward, the director of the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research (NCAUR), will give a brief overview of Peoria’s “Ag Lab,” its current mission, and research program. Each week we’ll meet a different scientist who’ll share the details of their research. Evan Wegener will present the use of x-rays to understand the structures of catalysts and how it relates to their reactivity. DeMichael Winfield will discuss the topic of bio based materials and Nancy Nichols will present research on bio energy.

\$30 – Various Class instructors as listed above.

23. Studying Paul’s Letter to the Church in Philippi

The New Testament book commonly titled Philippians is really a letter written to an early Christian church located in the first century city of Philippi. The Apostle Paul wrote to them for encouragement, support, and warning. In this class, we will explore the Letter to the Philippians by studying important areas of interest: first century historical context, contribution to Christian theology, and Paul’s role in this early congregation.

\$30 – Class instructor is Dr. Rob Collins who serves as the Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church of Peoria and past OLLI instructor.

24. Thriving through Time - Mastering Wellness in Your Golden Years

Now more than ever before, most people have the opportunity to lengthen not only their lifespan but also their healthspan. In this class you will learn key actionable longevity insights in a 1-hour session on each of these topics:

April 3: Cognitive activities and social engagement from Marjorie Getz, current Professor of Arts and Sciences at Methodist College

April 10: Eating, Exercise, and Energy from Reid Hansen, MD, retired Peoria surgeon

April 17: Enabling technology for improved aging from John Amdall, retired Caterpillar Research Director

April 24: Sleep from Sarah Zallek, MD, current Medical Director of OSF Sleep Peoria.

\$30 – Class instructors listed above.

● 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. _____

25. The Battle of Gettysburg

The battle of Gettysburg was the bloodiest battle of the American Civil War. It was also a study of leadership on both the Union and Confederate sides. Why did Lee fight at Gettysburg? Join Bernie Drake as we explore both the battle and the month-long Gettysburg Campaign.

\$30 – Class instructor is Bernie Drake, former president of the Peoria Historical Society and guide for OLLI Civil War trips.

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26. Ecology of the Illinois River Bluffs

The Illinois River Bluffs habitat has a rich biological history that makes the Peoria area a truly unique natural community. In this class, participants will learn about local wildflowers, migratory birds, and the future of ecological stewardship in Peoria. The final session will take place at Forest Park Nature Center. Transportation is not included, meet us there! Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, we will walk on one of the trails.

\$30 – Class Instructor is Susie Grana Ingram, wildlife biologist, program coordinator of Peoria Park District's Forest Park Nature Center, and President-Elect of Environmental Education Association of Illinois.

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27. The History of Mathematics - People, Ideas and Places

Curious about math? Join Dr. Herb Kasube, Associate Professor of Mathematics Emeritus Bradley University to learn more about the history of math. In this class we'll explore some of the influential people, fascinating ideas, and interesting places in the history of mathematics. \$30 – Class instructor is Dr. Herb Kasube, Associate Professor of Mathematics Emeritus Bradley University.

28. It Played in Peoria: The History of Botulism

2023 marked the 40th anniversary of the Peoria outbreak - the third largest botulism outbreak in the nation's history. In 1983 dozens of people became seriously ill after dining at The Skewer Inn, Northwoods Mall, in Peoria. Within days, 28 people were hospitalized from a deadly toxin with no taste and no smell. Join us to learn "The rest of the story" from a researcher/scholar who specializes in long-term recovery of botulism. Guest speakers include Peorians with firsthand experience of this tragic event. We'll also cover the discovery of botulism, the canning industry crisis, early research tales from Stanford and Harvard, development of the antitoxin at the University of Illinois, botulism diagnostic criteria (then and now), and the weaponization of botulism toxin in WWII.

\$30 – Class instructor is Dr. Jane Talkington, Associate Director of the Bradley University Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation and an avid science researcher/scholar.

29. Robert Green Ingersoll: Peoria's Pagan Progressive

Rising to National prominence in the 1870s while living in Peoria, Robert Green Ingersoll became recognized as a great orator- possibly the greatest of that century. As a Civil War veteran and accomplished lawyer, active in Republican Politics, he was appointed Illinois Attorney General. His speeches, while hugely popular, made many enemies as he often attacked orthodox religions, promoted church-state separation, women's rights, and enfranchisement of blacks. Join us to learn some surprising and little known facts about the life and times of Robert Green Ingersoll.

\$30 – Class instructor is David Jackson, history buff and frequent OLLI instructor.

30. Startup Investing in Peoria: What's Next?

What if you could be an early investor in the next Google, airbnb or Uber? Doug Cruitt, serial entrepreneur and founder of several companies, will discuss what early-stage investments look like and why it's so important for Peoria's economy to strategically support local startups. We'll talk about how we're positioned to become a globally recognized startup community. We'll have the opportunity to learn directly from a panel of investors that take calculated risks by investing in multiple early stage startups. We'll also hear directly from local entrepreneurs to learn about their experiences building and scaling from the ground up. The Peoria region has a plethora of creative, talented entrepreneurs working to make a positive difference in the world.

\$30 – Class instructor is Doug Cruitt MBA, the Executive Director at Distillery Labs and affiliate Instructor at Bradley University.

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31. Why YA? Young Adult Literature - Not Just for Teenagers

Young Adult Literature (YA) typically centers on teenagers, but over 50% of today's YA readers are adults. Join this class to explore why so many readers love YA fiction. Not only will you find out what your grandchildren are reading, this class will explore the relatively short history and current state of young adult literature. We will discuss the themes and issues found in popular books over time and examine the impact of YA literature on popular culture and society.

\$30 – Class instructor is Karla Wilkinson, Programming Librarian, Peoria Public Library.

You'll Love
Original #7

OLLI Originals are exclusive talks with local leaders and businesses from the community and beyond.

1. Peoria Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle

Friday, March 1: *Pride & Prejudice*
by Jane Austen

Friday, April 5: *All the Light We Cannot See*
by Anthony Doerr

Friday, May 3: *The Riches of This Land*
by Jim Tankersley

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Peoria Women's Club, 301 NE Madison Ave.

In collaboration with the Peoria Women's Club, OLLI invites you to join the Peoria Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. Considered the oldest continuous book club in the United States, the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle (CLSC) was founded in 1878 to "promote habits of reading and study in nature, art, science, and in secular and sacred literature." This is the fourth series offered toward national CLSC graduation, but new members can start anytime. We've picked three of Chautauqua Institute's annual book selections. The class will provide additional opportunities to view films related to this semester's selections: *Pride & Prejudice* by Director Gurinder Chadha and Netflix's 2023 mini-series *All The Light We Cannot See*. Lynette Steger professional educator, content strategist, and Peoria Women's Club board member will moderate each meeting. \$30 – includes presentations, snacks, and coffee. This fee also includes a \$10 annual CLSC membership. Transportation not provided - meet us there!



The Traveling Braves celebrate a great trip to New York City.

2. What's New?

Transportation in The Tri-County Area

Monday, March 4

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) studies the needs and conditions of Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties and seeks to promote intergovernmental cooperation. Join OLLI as TCRPC staff discuss transportation initiatives from the regional long range transportation plan, the rail corridor study, electric vehicles, and their active transportation plan. Learn more about the transportation planning efforts in the region and how it could affect you. \$15 – includes the presentation, snacks, and coffee. Transportation not provided - meet us there!



3. OLLI at the Movies: American Graffiti

Friday, March 8

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

Set in Modesto, California, in 1962, *American Graffiti* is a study of the cruising and early rock 'n' roll cultures. Through a series of vignettes, it tells the story of a group of teenagers and their adventures over the course of one night. Gary Nelson, OLLI president and film buff, will set the scene for a nostalgic look at this unforgettable era. \$5 – includes moderated discussion prior to the start of the film screening. Transportation not provided - meet us there!

4. 1930's Peoria: America's Sin City

Wednesday, March 13

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Rediscover America's Sin City–In the 1930s Peoria was home to organized crime, gambling, prostitution, and corruption. You've heard, "If it plays in Peoria, it plays anywhere." Join Dr. Richard A. Olson to learn more about the decade of depression, faith and hope, where guns and fisticuffs rule. He'll discuss how Peoria was ruled by the infamous Shelton's, called America's bloodiest gang, and how one could pay a tariff to drink, gamble and get laid. Olson is the author of several books based in Peoria including *A Man of Stihl* and *Peoria Nights*, Nick Stihl, Private Investigator. \$15 – includes the presentation, snacks, and coffee. Transportation not provided - meet us there!

5. OLLI Workshop

A Good-Goodbye:

What Matters to You at the End?

Friday, March 15

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Death is a subject no one wants to talk about but everyone should. Join Veronica Haskell, a local funeral home owner and death educator, for this important and necessary workshop that takes a deep dive into the world of death care and funeral service. We'll explore answers to the questions of: Why do I need to pre-plan for my end of life? What disposition options do I have? How and why do I want to be memorialized at the end? and most importantly, What does death really cost? Professional, practical guidance and advice will be given in a step-by-step process, in a relaxed and casual environment.

\$35 – includes presentation and boxed lunch. Transportation not provided - meet us there! Free parking is available in the lot behind the building.



Gary Heriford uses simulator training technology during a recent trip to CSE Software and Simformotion.

6. Creating a Culture of Innovation

Friday, April 5

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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Join The Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, as they discuss how to create a culture of innovation. We'll learn how research about inspiring young adults to become innovators is applied in a housing experiment with freshmen Bradley students. The goal of their curriculum is to transform a room of strangers into a 'community of innovators' who are charged with developing courage to rethink and reinvent their industries. The discussion will focus on how the corporate curriculum that Caterpillar uses creates value through their unique innovation and also discuss how organizations nurture innovative thinking among their employees. Your facilitators are from The Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation will be: Dr. Jane Talkington, Dr. Marcos Hashimoto, Bill Berlinger (retired Caterpillar). Free member perk! Includes presentation, snacks, and coffee. Transportation not provided - meet us there! Parking is available in the lot behind the building.



7. Children's Book Awards...

And the Winner is

Thursday, April 11

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Ever wonder what books students have been checking out and currently enjoying? Prepare to discover notable award winning titles chosen by American Library Association committees from thousands of new children's books published annually, as well as award winning children's choice titles voted-on by the astute students of Illinois. This session's goal is designed to refresh adults with the significance of leading children's book awards and our state of Illinois children's choice awards. Hear top award winners and honorable mention titles "book-talked" to engage listeners and to present a glimpse of fun, excitement, and even a suspenseful feel for the award recipients.

\$15 – includes presentation, snacks, and coffee. Transportation not provided - meet us there! Free parking is available in the lot behind the building.



8. Early Illinois Baseball

Friday, April 26

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Compared by some observers as spreading like a disease, the embrace of baseball by Illinoisans between 1865 and 1870 reached into every corner of the state. Even places no longer on the map boasted baseball clubs, joining more than 1,000 formed during those five years. Yet by 1870, while the game remained in its “fad” phase and some of its attraction had faded. Robert D. Sampson, author of *Ballists, Dead Beats, and Muffins: Early Baseball in Illinois*, will recount the rise and decline of the game.

\$15 – includes presentations, snacks, and coffee. Transportation not provided - meet us there!

9. OLLI at the Movies: *The Searchers*

Friday, April 26

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

The Searchers is a 1956 American film based on the 1954 novel by Alan Le May. It is set during the Texas-Native American wars and stars John Wayne as a middle-aged Civil War veteran who spends years looking for his abducted niece, accompanied by his adopted nephew. This film was a critical and commercial success. Since its release, it has come to be considered a masterpiece and one of the greatest and most influential films ever made. Randy Wilson, OLLI film buff, will share his insights on what makes this possibly one of John Ford's best films.

\$5 – includes moderated discussion prior to the start of the film screening. Transportation not provided - meet us there!

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 OLLI MIX & Mingle

The new OLLI Mix & Mingle is a great way to meet new people in a casual environment.

Participants will purchase their own drinks and snacks. Each event will be hosted by OLLI volunteers and a Bradley staffer. We have reserved a few tables at area restaurants so we can mix and mingle OLLI style. Registration is required, but if you'd like to bring a friend who is new to OLLI just call the office and let us know so we can add them to the count.

These new events are considered “on your own” and give current OLLI members and those that may be interested in learning more about OLLI the chance to get together, socialize and exchange ideas and tips on all things OLLI and beyond.

1. Mix & Mingle

Tuesday, March 26, 4:00 p.m.

The Fieldhouse Bar & Grill

1200 W Main St #24, Peoria

Free – please register to enable an accurate count. Meet us there!

2. Mix & Mingle

Tuesday, May 21, 4:30 p.m.

12 Bar Lounge

4500 N Prospect Rd, Peoria Heights

Free – please register to enable an accurate count. Meet us there!



The adventurous Traveling Braves take in the breathtaking sites during a multi-day trip to Iceland. Photo by Greg Hall, Collette Tour Manager.

Study Groups

Study Groups offer an opportunity to investigate a topic in depth. Most study groups typically meet once a week for four to eight weeks. Please note the abbreviations at the end of the description:

RF = returning facilitator **RG = repeat group**
NF = new facilitator **NG = new group**

Please Note! To participate in most all study groups it is necessary to have an active email account and internet access.

1. The Art of the Documentary **Tuesdays, March 5 – March 26** **2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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This group is for the study and appreciation of the documentary with four films chosen by our facilitators. All are available for a nominal fee on Prime, Netflix, or YouTube. Participants will watch the films at home, then we will meet in person for discussion. Each week reference materials and talking points to consider will be emailed to each participant from our fine cast of facilitators.

March 5: *Inside the Mind of a Cat*
led by Pat Pritchard

March 12: *Steve McQueen: American Icon*
led by Debbie Lewellyn

March 19: *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story*
led by Denise Hocker

March 26: *Kiss the Ground* led by Sarah Allen
\$45 – Various facilitators as listed above (RF/NG)

2. Poetry for People Who Hate Poetry **Wednesdays, March 6 – 27** **1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

Peoria Next Innovation Center

If you've ever said, "I hate poetry. Why don't they say what they want to say and quit with the fancy words!", this group is for you. Poetry is not just fluffy language about flowers on hillsides. It's about war and dogs and mountains and insomnia and winter mornings and...You get the picture. We won't "tie a poem to a chair with rope and torture a confession out of it." (Thanks, Billy Collins) and we bet some lines will capture you. Join us! As that Nobel prize winner for Poetry, Bob Dylan, said, "Don't think twice, it's all right."

\$45 – facilitated by Jane Hense, frequent Study Group Facilitator, Jim Wilhelm, WCBU's popular Illinois Adventure host and longtime OLLI member, and Jim Sullivan, Professor of English at Illinois Central College, frequent OLLI study group facilitator and class leader. (RF/NG)

3. Art of the Cocktail Redux **Wednesdays, March 6 – 27** **2:00 – 4:15 p.m.** **Hearth Restaurant,** **4604 N Prospect Rd,** **Peoria Heights**

Once again, we are offering a repeat of this popular study group for those of you who have not had the chance to participate. It is for all levels of cocktail lovers, especially those who are intrigued by the creativity of mixology. We will study cocktails that you know (and don't know) and demonstrate how the classics can be easily modified into modern cocktails that are great for entertaining others or enjoying on your own. We will review the history of cocktails, both pre-Prohibition and post-Prohibition, and identify the barware, books, and spirits that any home bar should contain. Of course, we will shake, stir, and taste test together along the way and discuss what appeals to you and why.

\$45 – Facilitated by Tim Bertschy, retired attorney and frequent OLLI facilitator. (RF/NG)

4. A Story of Homecoming **Thursdays, March 7 – April 18 (skip March 28)** **9:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

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A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's painting, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, catapulted Henri Nouwen on a long spiritual adventure. This six-week discussion-based study of Nouwen's book, a spiritual classic, will invite participants to discover themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation presented with a vigor and power fresh for our times. Please plan to obtain and read *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, copies are available from local or online retailers.

\$45 – Facilitated by Arvil Bass, a retired minister, former OSF chaplain, and frequent OLLI instructor. (RF/NG)

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5. Let's Read:

Science IN Fiction, NOT Science Fiction

Thursdays, March 7 – April 11

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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“Lab Lit” is a fiction genre that realistically portrays characters who are engaged in the work of science. As opposed to science fiction, Lab Lit is set in the real world, mostly in contemporary settings but sometimes in historical ones.

Generally, scientists are the main characters, and the plot relates to the implications of their discoveries. It is intended for general audiences. For this group, we'll read three novels and spend two weeks discussing each book. Please acquire copies of all three and complete reading of *Cantor's Dilemma* prior to the first class.

Week 1: *Cantor's Dilemma* by Carl Djerass

Week 3: *Mosquitoes Don't Bite Me* by Pendred Noyce

Week 5: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

\$45 – Facilitated by Kathryn Eissfeldt, educator and science communicator. She studied History of Science at Oxford University, has done graduate studies at Bradley and Syracuse Universities, and is a frequent OLLI instructor. (RF/RG)

6. Great Decisions:

America's Global Affairs Discussion Program

Mondays, March 18 – May 6

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

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This discussion-based study group will use the Great Decisions 2024 briefing book which is included in the price of the group. Don't miss the lively discussion based on eight of the most pressing global issues selected by the Foreign Policy Association. Topics include: Mideast realignment, Climate technology and competition, Science across borders, U.S. – China trade rivalry, NATO's future, Understanding Indonesia, High Seas Treaty, and Pandemic preparedness.

Participants will read short articles on the week's topic and discuss during the class sessions. \$70 – Includes discussion book! Facilitated by Angela Weck, Bradley University's History Department faculty member and Executive Director of the Peoria Area World Affairs Council and Don Samford, retired high school teacher, and past president of the Peoria Area World Affairs Council. (RFs/NG)

7. Fever in the Heartland:

The Ku Klux Klan in the Midwest

Fridays, April 12 - May 3

1:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Lakeview Library

Using Timothy Egan's book, *A Fever in the Heartland, The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America*, we will learn about the rise and power of the KKK in Indiana in the 1920's. We will discuss the three periods of the Klan in America; learn about the greed and political power of the Klan; and discuss comparisons to white supremacy in America today. Please plan to obtain and read *A Fever in the Heartland, The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America*, there may be supplementary reading materials.

\$45 – Facilitated by Roberta Parks, retired Vice President of UnityPoint Foundation, OLLI study group co-chair and OLLI facilitator. (RF/NG)

8. Great Books That Have Changed America

Mondays, April 8 and 22, May 6, and 20

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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This study group will focus on four books that have impacted and changed America. *The Scarlet Letter* by N. Hawthorne; *All the President's Men*, by Bernstein & Woodward; *The Jungle* by U. Sinclair; *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by H.B. Stowe. Join us every other week as we discuss the importance of these classics and their influence on America. Please plan to obtain and read all books, available at online booksellers, new and used bookstores, or your local library.

\$45 – Facilitated by Kathleen Kowal, Anne Bergstrom, Jane Hense and Jenny Tripses, Experienced and frequent OLLI facilitators and educators. (RFs/NG)



Dee Neidy and Nancy Taylor create beautiful images and relax during a Zentangle© class.

**9. John Ford and The Myth of The American West
Tuesdays, April 9 – May 7**

1:30 – 3:45 p.m.

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‘My name is John Ford and I direct Westerns’. That is how John Ford introduced himself to a group of fellow directors. Direct Westerns he did, over 50 in his career! While he directed over 140 films in his career, Westerns are where he chose to make his mark and his Westerns made a mark on our national psyche, encapsulating our generation’s vision of how the West was won. In this study group, we will look at five of his classic Westerns and how they shaped our view of America and Americans. This study group will also include FREE admission to the screening of *The Searchers* on the big screen at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. All films are available on Amazon Prime for less than \$5 or at your local library.

April 9: *Stagecoach*

April 16: *My Darling Clementine*

April 23: *She Wore A Yellow Ribbon*

April 30: *The Searchers*

May 7: *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*

\$45 – Facilitated by Randy Wilson and Gary Nelson, OLLI film buffs and frequent facilitators. (RF/NG)

10. Through the Lens of James Baldwin:

36 Years Gone but Still Relevant

Thursdays, April 18 – May 9

9:30 – 11:45 a.m.

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The insightful and prescient writings of James Baldwin, a prolific and revolutionary black author, will be explored during this study group. Using selections (identified in advance) from the book *James Baldwin: Collected Essays*, edited by Toni Morrison we will study Baldwin’s provocative observations on race, sexual identity, patriotism, and civil rights. The book is available from local or online retailers and libraries. Please plan to watch *I Am Not Your Negro* (available to rent on Amazon Prime) prior to the first class as it will be discussed to set the stage for understanding Baldwin’s writing.

\$45 – Facilitated by Mary McDade, Illinois Appellate Court Judge and Murv Pretorius, retired attorney and frequent OLLI facilitator. (RF/RG)

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11. Accidental Presidents Part II

Thursdays, April 18 – May 16

1:30 – 3:45 p.m.

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Eight men have succeeded to the presidency when the incumbent died in office. All had a significant impact on our history. Previously, we looked at five of the lesser known accidental Presidents. In this study group, we will look at three better known ones - Teddy Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson. We added Gerald Ford due to his “special circumstance” with a special session looking at several “close calls”. Join us as we shine a light on these men, the challenges they faced, their successes and failures and how America was changed because of them. We will use the book *Accidental Presidents* by Jared Cohen, available at online booksellers or your local library.

\$45 – Facilitated by Tim Bailey, Tim Bertschy, Bernie Drake, Barney Shultz, Rob Parks, and Gary Nelson all frequent OLLI facilitators and avid history buffs. (RF/RG)

12. Our Changing Climate Challenges

Mondays, April 22 – May 20

1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Peoria Public Library Main Branch

Climate change is a topic that has been in the news media quite frequently and is an area that may impact our activity. More than a primer on climate change and proposed solutions, the ten informative half-hour video lessons will provide firsthand information from scientists, engineers, and policy makers on the cutting-edge of climate innovation. With a fact-based worldview we can see things that can be done to make it better. Prior to each session a link will be provided to view the lesson videos that will be discussed. Bill Gates book “*How to Avoid a Climate Disaster*,” available at local public libraries is suggested but not required. The study group focuses on revolutionary developments that give us good reason to believe we have the talent and technologies to escape the worst effects of climate change. Participants must have email addresses and access to the internet.

\$45 – Facilitated by Lee Maki, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, also a frequent OLLI facilitator and Roberta Koscielski, study group co-chair and frequent OLLI facilitator. (RFs/NG)



Sandy Ranney and Karyn Hawbaker brave the rain to get a closer look at murals during a recent trip.

13. Beyond Sorry! Board Gaming for Everyone Mondays, April 29 – May 20

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Cabbage & Kings, 4450 N Prospect Ave, Peoria Heights

We had so much fun last year this group is back by popular demand! When most people think of board games, they think of traditional ones such as Sorry, Clue, and Monopoly. However, board games extend so far beyond that traditional lens that even people who think they're not "board game people" find joy in playing. Join Dan and Stefanie Crawford, owners of Cabbages and Kings Games, to explore some non-traditional games and learn how to play them. Board games have come a long way since the roll-and-move games of past years. We will explore and dive into games that last 15 - 45 minutes that are easy to learn and play. This study group will open up the world of board gaming, no experience is necessary.

\$45 – facilitated by Dan and Stefanie Crawford, co-owners of Cabbages and Kings Games, who also work with educators to show how games positively impact learning in the classroom. (RF/NG)

14. Intuitive Art

Wednesdays, May 1 – 22

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Universalist Unitarian Church

Art is not limited to certain individuals who may have a degree or a particular talent. Art is for everyone. Join us to explore the concept of Intuitive Art, which allows us to observe and try

out the thoughts that come to us in colors, shapes, images. We'll begin the session by putting warm colors on a canvas. We'll continue from there with some prompts, then continue with what comes to you intuitively. There are many layers to intuitive art and it changes as you work on your piece. This is not a class where we all paint the same penguin; the idea is to experience creative freedom. All of the art that is done will be completely and beautifully different and all yours. Come with an open mind and be prepared to surprise yourself and bring your thoughts and impressions to our in-person gatherings.

\$45 – Facilitated by Carol Manny, local artist, educator and frequent OLLI instructor. (RF/RG)

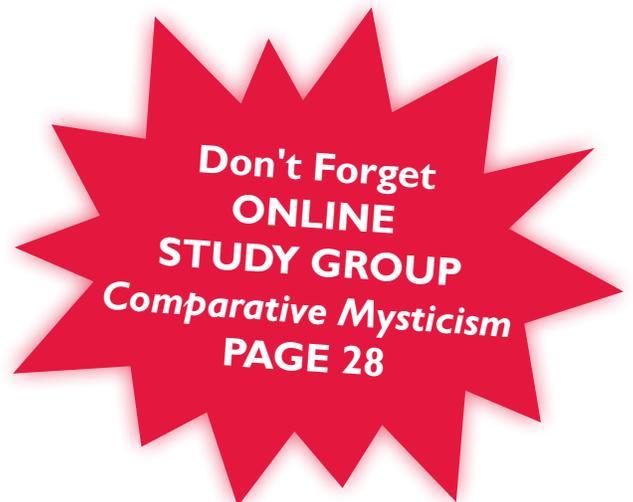
15. 1968: The Year that Changed Everything Wednesdays, May 1 – June 5

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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OLLI last explored this tumultuous year with a study group in 2018, but journalists and historians have continued to study its significance. It's time to revisit what Newsweek called "The year that changed everything." In 2018, Time magazine wrote, "We have embarked on the 50th anniversary of a year that stands with 1776, 1861 and 1941 as points in time when everything in American history changed." Janet Lange, who recalls 1968 from the perspective of a 12-year-old, middle class girl from Illinois, will facilitate a discussion on the magazine's position that, "we live even now in the long shadow of the cascading crises of that year." Participants will be invited to prepare and discuss a person/people, place, event, or cultural change from 1968.

\$45 – Facilitated by Janet Lange, former executive director of Continuing Education. (RF/RG)





Traveling Braves 

Travel the World with OLLI!



Discover Spotlight on San Antonio Holiday December 14 – 18, 2024

Enjoy the holiday spirit Texas-style as you settle into your RiverWalk hotel on this Southwestern getaway. We will visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of the legendary Alamo and Mission San José, discover the bold flavors of Texas during dinner at a restored convent in the historic King William District. Next, we will visit the National Museum of the Pacific War when you venture to charming Fredericksburg nestled in the Hill Country, rich with German heritage. Cruise along the Paseo del Rio. Join the Traveling Braves as we take in the holiday sights during an evening stroll with over 120,000 lights illuminating the River Walk during holiday season.

Dates: December 14 – 18, 2024

*Price: Double Occupancy: \$2,619: Single Occupancy: \$3,019

Includes: Roundtrip transportation to Chicago O'Hare, roundtrip air, 5 days, 5 meals, all hotels, transfers, and tours. This price also includes the \$199 cancellation and waiver insurance.

Informational Meeting

Date: Monday, March 11

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Peoria Next, 801 West Main Street, Peoria

For more information, availability, and current pricing. Please call us at (309)677-3900 or email olli@bradley.edu

*** Prices are not guaranteed after 6/14/24.**





Tropical Costa Rica January 10 – 18, 2025

Join Traveling Braves for this multi-day trip January 10 – 18, 2025. Lush forests and stunning waterfalls...rumbling volcanoes and endless coastlines...Costa Rica is a paradise teeming with exotic plants and incredible animals. We will enjoy the tranquil views of Arenal Volcano from your hotel and explore part of the 20,000-acre nature preserve of Cano Negro on a riverboat adventure. We will spend two nights in Monteverde's lush cloud forest. Join the Traveling Brave to experience the forest canopy on your choice of a hanging bridges nature walk or an exhilarating zip lining tour. Luxuriate at a resort for two nights at Playa Carrillo, Guanacaste, known for its breathtaking beauty and fine sandy beaches. You will find a slice of paradise and so much more.

Dates: January 10 – 18, 2025

*Price: Double Occupancy: \$3,898: Single Occupancy: \$4,598

Includes: Roundtrip transportation to Chicago O'Hare, roundtrip air, 9 days, 14 meals, all hotels, transfers, and tours. This price also includes the \$499 cancellation and waiver insurance.

Informational Meeting

Date: Monday, April 22

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Peoria Next, 801 West Main Street, Peoria

For more information, availability, and current pricing. please call us at (309)677-3900 or email: olli@bradley.edu

* Prices are not guaranteed after 7/10/24.

Memorials of World War II October 28 – November 6, 2024

On this trip commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landing tour, retrace history as you explore the hallowed grounds of the Normandy landing beaches, visit the D-Day Story Museum, and learn about Operation Overlord. In Caen, France, experience the Caen Peace Memorial Museum that vividly documents the causes and consequences of WWII. From the Vel d'Hiv, Hôtel de Ville, Les Invalides, Panthéon, and the Luxembourg Gardens to Le Marais, see the sites that tell the story of the liberation of Paris and what life was like under Nazi rule.

Dates: October 28 – November 6, 2024

*Price: Double Occupancy: \$5,049: Single Occupancy: \$6,049



Includes: Roundtrip transportation to Chicago O'Hare, roundtrip air, 10 days, 12 meals, all hotels, transfers, and tours. This price also includes the \$449 cancellation and waiver insurance.

*Prices are not guaranteed after 2/29/24.

Learning Trips

Learning trips enable you to interact with experts who offer behind-the-scenes looks at area businesses and attractions.

A detailed itinerary will be emailed to you prior to the trip. All learning trip times in this brochure are approximate and subject to change. Please refer to your itinerary email for specific departure, tour, and arrival times.



PARKING

All trips depart from CampusTown Shopping Center, 1200 W. Main, near Bradley's campus. We reserve parking for participants on trip days between the entrance of CampusTown and the Shell gas station.

IMPORTANT

Participants must wear closed toed shoes on all trips to ensure safety and respect our hosts' regulations.

Before you register, make sure the activity level matches your abilities. This will ensure an enjoyable trip for you and those who travel with you.

ACTIVITY LEVELS

Activity Level 1

Enter/exit shuttle with minimal assistance, climb some stairs, and walk a few blocks indoors or out.

Activity Level 2

All of Level 1 requirements plus be able to stand for over an hour, climb some flights of stairs, and walk on uneven surfaces.

Activity Level 3

Be able to stand and walk for over 2 hours with minimal chance for sitting, plus all Level 1 and 2 requirements.

Activity Level 4

Be able to participate in extended walking and standing beyond normal trip expectations, may include hiking on hills and slippery surfaces, plus all Level 1, 2, and 3 requirements.

1. Welcome to the Circus! Illinois State University Activity Level 2

Friday, March 1

10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join OLLI as we head to Illinois State University home of the Gamma Phi Circus, the oldest collegiate circus in the nation. From its beginning in 1929, Gamma Phi has established itself as a unique performance troupe, supporting acrobatic and circus arts in higher education, and continuing the legacy of circus history in the state of Illinois. We'll also visit the Circus and Allied Arts Collection – which contains over one million items ranging from books (their oldest circus book dates to the 1500s), performance contracts, cashbooks/ledgers, correspondence, still images in a variety of formats from glass plate negatives to Kodachrome slides. We will finish our tour with a unique opportunity to observe a practice session to see how collegiate circus performers learn their skills. \$45 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation



2. General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport Activity Level 2

Wednesday, March 6

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join Director Gene Olson for an exclusive, behind the scenes look at the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport. During our visit, we'll learn how the terminal is able to serve approximately 1 million people annually as we tour the ticket counters, inbound baggage facilities, passenger screening rooms, waiting areas, and jet bridges of this 125,000 square-foot facility. \$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at local restaurant, and shuttle transportation.

3. Maui Jim

Activity Level 3

Friday, March 8

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Now the fastest-growing premium polarized sunglasses maker in the world, Maui Jim got its start in the 1980s as a one-man business on the beach in Lahaina, Hawaii. During this trip, we'll tour the company's headquarters in Peoria and see firsthand how they engineer their Polarized Plus lenses. We'll get a close-up look at the lab and see employees at work throughout the facility. In addition, Maui Jim staff members will discuss the company's Aloha Spirit philosophy, its move from Hawaii to Peoria, and how the company's ohana (Hawaiian for family) has steadily built a cult following for its products.

\$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

4. Peoria County Jail with Sheriff Watkins

Activity Level 3

Monday, March 18

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to visit the Peoria County Jail. We'll walk through the lockup portion and experience a behind-the-scenes look at how a jail operates. We will also have a tour of the Sheriff's Office Crime Lab and look at the technology that investigators use to solve crimes. Participants will be able to get an up-close look at the Sheriff's Office Armored Bearcat that is sent out to high-risk operations.

\$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

5. SC2: Supply Chain Services and Solutions

Activity Level 3

Tuesday, March 19

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join OLLI as we tour SC2 Supply Chain Services and Solutions, a leader in contract packaging with an extensive range of capabilities and over 30 years of experience. Their employee-owners package over 150 million units per year and deliver many other third-party-logistic services. Brian Prina, vice president of operations, will give us a private tour of SC2's packaging facility in East Peoria to learn how they package and process specifically to customer specifications.

\$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at local restaurant, and shuttle transportation.

6. NFW

Activity Level 3

Tuesday, March 26

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

OR

7. NFW

Monday, April 8

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

NFW is a material science innovation company giving industries plastic-free material platforms to create responsibly. NFW invents and manufactures shockingly sustainable products from nature. Beginning with naturally circular ingredients, NFW is making a material-rich, plastic-free future possible. NFW was founded in 2015 and is based in Peoria, Illinois. Join OLLI as we tour NFW and learn how plant-based material is made.

\$40 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

8. Caterpillar's Track-Type Tractor Assembly

Activity Level 3

Wednesday, March 27

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Caterpillar's Track-Type Tractor Assembly facility has streamlined factory operations with flexible manufacturing systems and other computer-based technology and processes. From the versatile D6 to the rugged D11 Carrydozer, all of Caterpillar's track-type tractors are engineered for tough working conditions. Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at how Caterpillar's medium and large track-type tractors are assembled, tested, and painted.

\$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

9. Peoria City Hall

Activity Level 2

Friday, April 12

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Peoria City Hall is well-known for its priceless art and architecture. Stacy Peterson, Strategic Communications Manager for the City of Peoria, will be our guide as we take a private tour and learn about the planning, politics, and Peorians involved in constructing the Flemish Renaissance style building. In addition, we'll visit the Council chambers to meet with a City of Peoria staff member to learn further insights about the city's headquarters.

\$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

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10. Brewers Distributing Company

Activity Level 3

Monday, April 15

11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Brewers Distributing is a family-owned distribution company located in Peoria. Established shortly after the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, the company was originally run by the Koch family and was involved in numerous businesses including beer, spirits, candy, and office supplies. Walter Jacob bought into Brewers in 1974 and today the Jacob family portfolio includes national beer brands like Budweiser, Bud Light, and Michelob Ultra as well as distinguished craft breweries. On this tour, we will learn more about the distribution process and go behind-the-scenes at the warehouse.

\$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at local restaurant, and shuttle transportation.

11. Rothan Millwork Company

Activity Level 3

Tuesday, April 16

11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Founded in 1873, Rothan Millwork recently celebrated their 150th anniversary. They produce fine architectural millwork specializing in commercial and residential woodworking, doors, and door hardware. We'll discover the history of this family-owned business, located in its original location in downtown Peoria, and learn how Rothan continues its tradition of expert craftsmanship and quality. On the tour, we'll also observe how expert carpenters design and fabricate standard cabinets and doors, highly customized desks, bars, and counters, and almost anything else the customers can dream up.

\$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at local restaurant, and shuttle transportation.

12. Altorfer's Power Systems

Activity Level 3

Friday, April 19

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Altorfer Machinery Company was founded in 1957 by the late Edward J. Altorfer, and has experienced much growth and advancement over the years. On this visit we'll learn about Altorfer's Power Systems packaging with Josh Sheckler, packaging general manager. Altorfer carries Caterpillar Inc.'s full line of construction and mining equipment, work tools, power systems, and lift trucks. In addition,

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the company is an authorized dealer for Taylor and Mitsubishi forklifts, JLG telehandlers, LEXION combines, Challenger tractors, and more. \$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

13. Workforce Sustainability Center at Illinois Central College

Activity Level 3

Tuesday, April 23

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In Greater Peoria, 60% of jobs require a credential past high school. Currently, only 40% of adults in the region have a post-secondary credential. The new Workforce Sustainability Center at Illinois Central College helps to build a credentialed workforce by offering pre-apprenticeship and entry-level training in programs most essential to accelerating workforce development in Central Illinois. Join OLLI as the Executive Director of Workforce Development, Paula Nachtrieb guides us through the brand new building and gives us an opportunity to learn more about the programs offered at the Workforce Sustainability Center.

\$35 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation.

14. BluSky Restoration

Activity Level 3

Wednesday, May 1

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

BluSky Restoration, formerly Menold Construction & Restoration is a multifaceted, award-winning restoration contractor serving nationwide in the lower 48 states with its 65 locations and growing. On this trip, participants will tour BluSky's state-of-the-art restoration and construction facility in Morton. During our visit, we will talk with the management team and view the construction area where equipment is stored, and in-house painting and staining is performed. We'll also see BluSky's restoration division, which includes a massive inventory of equipment used for water, fire, storm, and mold emergencies, and have an opportunity to walk through the Ozone Room, where damaged content is cleaned, and smoke residue is removed.

\$35 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation.

15. Behind-the-Scenes at Dozer Park, Home of the Peoria Chiefs

Activity Level 3

Thursday, May 2

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Let's go behind-the-scenes at Dozer Park. Originally O'Brien Field and formerly Chiefs Stadium, Dozer Park is the home of the Peoria Chiefs, the Midwest League affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. Assistant General Manager of Business Operations Dustin Fitzpatrick and Community Relations and Mascot Manger Payton Leverton will be our guides as we tour Dozer Park. The tour is scheduled on a non-game day to include the locker room and dugout areas.

\$35 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, tasting, and shuttle transportation.

**You'll Love
Original #8**

16. Hiking Spring Creek Preserve

Activity Level 4

Friday, May 3

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join OLLI to explore a local hidden treasure, Spring Creek Preserve. Long-time volunteers, Lynn Carl, retired teacher, and Bob Bartelt, retired entomologist, will guide us through the park, located off Route 116 at the bottom of Germantown hill. As we walk, we'll learn about the history of the park and more about the Native American history of the area as we hike to a ridge with five burial mounds. We'll also identify birds, insects, and flowering plants (some quite rare) as we encounter them. At the end of the tour, we will have the opportunity to view a display of artifacts that are typical of those used by the Archaic and Woodland people who once inhabited this site.

Please note that this trip will require two hours of hiking in very steep terrain. Participants must meet Level 4 activity requirements in order to take part in this learning trip.

\$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at local restaurant, and shuttle transportation.

**You'll Love
Class #2**

17. Peoria Sculptures and Monuments Tour with John Amdall

Activity Level 1

Tuesday, May 7

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

OR

18. Peoria Sculptures and Monuments Tour with Bernie Drake

Tuesday, May 28

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

In honor of the late Jim Ludwig, who originally designed this one-of-a-kind experience, we are once again offering the popular tour. OLLI volunteers Bernie Drake and John Amdall have researched Jim's notes, and will serve as our guides. Ranging from Lydia Moss Bradley to Mother Teresa, from religious figures to a famous agnostic, from silly to serious, we will see a surprisingly rich and varied collection of public sculpture in plain sight but that we don't really notice. On this updated tour, we'll drive by dozens, stop at a few, and hear some history and anecdotes about treasures of the community.

\$40 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

19. Caterpillar Demonstration Center

Activity Level 1

Ride the shuttles to and from Campustown

Thursday, May 16

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

OR

20. Caterpillar Demonstration Center

Transportation not provided – meet us there!

Thursday, May 16

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Join OLLI for a unique opportunity to visit the Caterpillar Demonstration and Learning Center at Edwards. Nestled in 720 acres of unspoiled Illinois prairie, every square foot of this Caterpillar resource reflects truly advanced technology. Designed to demonstrate the value of Cat® products and services through the operation and application of their equipment, this innovative facility allows its operators hands-on experience in a real field setting. We will see and learn about the latest Cat® equipment in an environment unlike any other. \$60 – includes guided tour, lunch at a Caterpillar Demonstration and Learning Center, and shuttle transportation.



OLLI members get a lesson in innovative construction during a tour of Lux Blox, an educational building and toy company.

21. National Weather Station in Lincoln

Activity Level 2

Friday, May 17

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered how the National Weather Service (NWS) generates the forecasts you hear on the weather radio or see on the computer? Is it as simple as sticking your finger in the air, or is it more complicated? What is a normal day like for these forecasters? What happens when tornadoes, wind, and hail are moving through the area? In this tour, staff from the NWS will explain how the forecast is generated, describe where the data comes from, describe a normal day in the office, and illustrate what happens when “bad” weather hits central Illinois. The NWS staff will also explain what you can do to be prepared before “bad” weather arrives and what you should do to protect yourself when it does.

\$45 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

22. Treasures of Atlanta

Activity Level 3

Monday, May 20

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

On this day-long trip, we'll discover the unique treasures and historical sites in nearby Atlanta, Illinois. We will start our day at the brand new American Giants Museum which presents the story of International Fiberglass which produced hundreds of animals and human advertising figures in the 1960s. We will see how they were made and check out the dozens of original advertising figures on display. Our day will include a tour of the J.H. Hawes Grain Elevator, the premiere example of 20th century grain storage and distribution. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1991 and is the only restored wood grain elevator on the National Register in Illinois.

\$45 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation.

23. Saffron Social – The Newest Spice Restaurant

Activity Level 2

Wednesday, May 22

9:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join owner Travis Mohlenbrink for a tour of Saffron Social. Drawing on his experience with his other successful restaurant ventures (Cracked Pepper,

Cayenne, Industry Brewing, Thyme and Sugar Wood Fired Bistro), Travis will discuss how his menu and interior design combine to offer guests a unique experience. We will tour the restaurant, then hear first-hand how he transformed the old Block and Kuhl Building in the heart of Peoria's downtown into his latest restaurant adventure. We will indulge in some of Saffron Social's signature offerings when we stay for lunch.

\$45 – includes guided tour, lunch at a Saffron Social, and shuttle transportation.

24. Peoria Heights Sculpture Walk

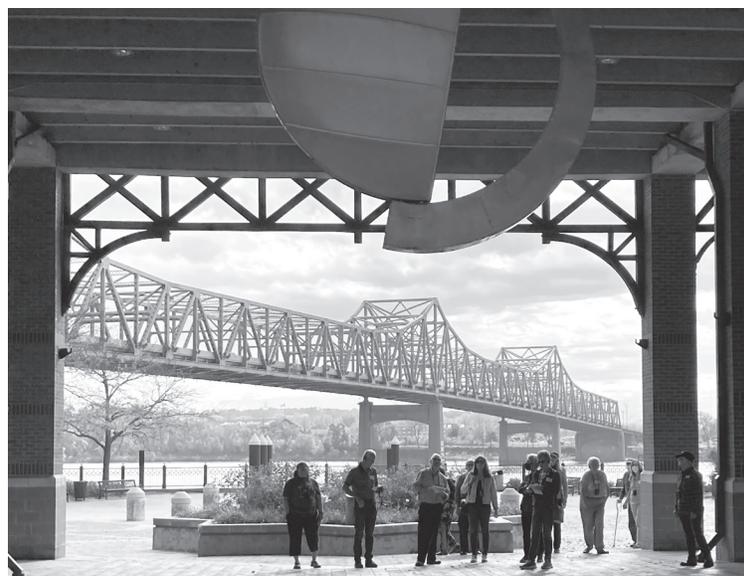
Activity Level 3

Thursday, May 30

9:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Peoria Heights has a vibrant public art scene including the largest collection of Bruce White sculptures. Bruce White is an internationally-renowned sculpture and his work has been described as “an elegant union of ancient symbolism and contemporary science.” OLLI Past President and frequent volunteer John Amdall will be our docent as we explore the public artwork that brightens the streets of Peoria Heights. We will finish up our tour at the Peoria Heights Village Hall, with Mayor Michael Phelan. He will discuss how Peoria Heights has welcomed the addition of public art and all the exciting changes coming to his community.

\$40 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.



OLLI members enjoy a beautiful view during a tour of Peoria Sculptures and Monuments.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 OO#1, Chautauqua, 9-10:30a Trip#1, Circus, 10:30a-4p Traveling Braves, Italy
4 OO#2, What's New, 1-2p Traveling Braves, Italy	5 SG#1, Documentary, 2-4p Traveling Braves, Italy	6 Trip#2, Airport, 8:45a-1:30p SG#2, Poetry, 1:30-3:30p SG#3, Cocktail, 2:00-4:15p Traveling Braves, Italy	7 SG#4, Homecoming, 9:30-11:45a SG#5, Let's Read, 2:30-4:30p Traveling Braves, Italy	8 Trip#3, Maui Jim, 8:45a-1:30p OO#3, Graffiti, 10:30a-12:30p Traveling Braves, Italy
11 Info Meeting San Antonio, 2p Traveling Braves, Italy	12 OSG, Mysticism, 9:30-11a SG#1, Documentary, 2-4p Traveling Braves, Italy	13 OO#4, Sin City, 10-11:15a SG#2, Poetry, 1:30-3:30p SG#3, Cocktail, 2:00-4:15p Traveling Braves, Italy	14 SG#4, Homecoming, 9:30-11:45a SG#5, Let's Read, 2:30-4:30p	15 OO#5, Goodbye, 10a-3p
18 Trip#4, Jail, 8:45a-1:30p SG#6, Decisions, 9-10:30a	19 Trip#5, SC2, 8:45a-1:30p OSG, Mysticism, 9:30-11a SG#1, Documentary, 2-4p	20 SG#2, Poetry, 1:30-3:30p SG#3, Cocktail, 2:00-4:15p Kick-off, 5-6:45p	21 SG#4, Homecoming, 9:30-11:45a SG#5, Let's Read, 2:30-4:30p	22
25 SG#6, Decisions, 9-10:30a	26 Trip#6, NFW, 8:45a-1:30p OSG, Mysticism, 9:30-11a SG#1, Documentary, 2-4p M&M, Fieldhouse, 4p	27 Trip#8, CAT Tractor, 8:30a-1:30p SG#2, Poetry, 1:30-3:30p SG#3, Cocktail, 2:00-4:15p	28 SG#5, Let's Read, 2:30-4:30p	

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8 Trip#7, NFW, 8:45a-1:30p SG#6, Decisions, 9-10:30a SG#8, Great Books, 1-3p	9 OSG, Mysticism, 9:30-11a SG#9, John Ford, 1:30-3:45p	10 OLLI Classes Day 2	11 OO#7, Children's, 1-2:30p SG#4, Homecoming, 9:30-11:45a SG#5, Lets Read, 2:30-4:30p Study Group Committee, 9a	12 Trip#9, City Hall, 8:45a-1:30p SG#7, Fever, 1-3:15p
15 SG#6, Decisions, 9-10:30a Trip#10, Brewers, 11a-3:30p	16 OSG, Mysticism, 9:30-11a Trip#11, Rothan, 11a-3:30p SG#9, John Ford, 1:30-3:45p Learning Trip Committee, 9a	17 OLLI Classes Day 3	18 SG#4, Homecoming, 9:30-11:45a SG#10, 36 Years, 9:30-11:45a SG#11, Presidents 2, 1:30-3:45p	19 Trip#12, Altorfer, 8:45a-1:30p SG#7, Fever, 1-3:15p
22 SG#6, Decisions, 9-10:30a Info Meeting Costa Rica, 11:30a SG#8, Great Books, 1-3p SG#12, Climates, 1:30-4p	23 Trip#13, Workforce, 8:45a-1:30p SG#9, John Ford, 1:30-3:45p	24 OLLI Classes Day 4	25 SG#10, 36 Years, 9:30-11:45a OnlineOO#1, Critical, 12-1p SG#11, Presidents 2, 1:30-3:45p	26 OO#8, Baseball, 1-2:30p OO#9, Searchers, 10:30a-12:30p SG#7, Fever, 1-3:15p
29 SG#6, Decisions, 9-10:30a SG#12, Climates, 1:30-4p SG#13, Gaming, 3-5p	30 SG#9, John Ford, 1:30-3:45p			

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		1 Trip#14, BluSky, 8:45a-1:30p Curriculum Committee, 9a SG#14, Art, 10-11:30a SG#15, 1968, 2-4p	2 Trip#15, Peoria Chiefs, 8:45a-1:30p SG#10, 36 Years, 9:30-11:45a SG#11, Presidents 2, 1:30-3:45p Study Group Committee, 9a	3 Trip#16, Hiking, 8:45a-1:30p OO#1, Chautauqua, 9-10:30a SG#7, Fever, 1-3:15p
6 SG#6, Decisions, 9-10:30a OnlineOO#2, Rosie, 12-1p SG#8, Great Books, 1-3p SG#12, Climates, 1:30-4p SG#13, Gaming, 3-5p	7 Trip#17, Sculptures, 10:30a-3:30p SG#9, John Ford, 1:30-3:45p	8 SG#14, Art, 10-11:30a SG#15, 1968, 2-4p Summer 2024 Registration Opens 8:30a	9 SG#10, 36 Years, 9:30-11:45a SG#11, Presidents 2, 1:30-3:45p	10
13 SG#12, Climates, 1:30-4p SG#13, Gaming, 3-5p	14	15 SG#14, Art, 10-11:30a SG#15, 1968, 2-4p Curriculum Committee 9a	16 Trip#19 and 20, CAT Demo, 9:30a-3:30p SG#11, Presidents 2, 1:30-3:45p	17 Trip#21, Weather, 9a-3p
20 Trip#22, Atlanta, 9a-3p SG#8, Great Books, 1-3p SG#12, Climates, 1:30-4p SG#13, Gaming, 3-5p	21 M&M, Bar Lounge, 4:30p	22 Trip#23, Saffron, 9:45a-1:30p SG#14, Art, 10-11:30a SG#15, 1968, 2-4p Curriculum Committee, 9a	23	24 Bradley Campus Closed
27 Bradley Campus Closed	28 Trip#18, Sculptures, 10:30a-3:30p	29 SG#15, 1968, 2-4p	30 Trip#24, Sculpture, 9:45a-2:30p	31 OnlineOO#3, Bird, 12-1p
June 3	June 4	June 5 SG#15, 1968, 2-4p		

OLLI Online programs are run via Zoom and can include Classes, Originals, Study Groups, and Zoom training.

ONLINE CLASSES

Six of our spring classes will be held in the new hybrid learning rooms. Participants can choose to attend remotely via Zoom. Classes (#3, #7, #16, #25, #30) have been selected to be online (as well as in person). See full descriptions on pages 5-10. \$30 per person

- 3. The Art and Architecture of Antoni Gaudi
- 7. The Life of a Private Investigator
- 16. War Crimes: Easy to Define, Harder to Prosecute
- 25. The Battle of Gettysburg
- 30. Startup Investing in Peoria

ONLINE Study Groups

1. Comparative Mysticism
Tuesdays, March 12 – April 16
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Online via ZOOM

Comparative Mysticism will take a look at three mystical traditions to explore the similarities and differences between them. Mystics from Christianity, Judaism, and Islam and their writings will be explored in this study group. Material to read and study will be sent to each participant prior to class. Participants will be asked to study one mystic on their own and report to the group about their findings.

\$25 - Facilitated by Pastor Bill Dohle, pastor of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Pueblo, Colorado, and a frequent OLLI facilitator and instructor.

ONLINE Originals

1. Critical Mineral Resources and the USGS Earth Mapping Resources Initiative
Thursday, April 25
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Mineral resources are vital to the US economy and national security and are essential components of a carbon-neutral future. However, the U.S. relies heavily on imports of many mineral commodities now defined as “critical.” The U.S. Geological Survey’s (USGS) Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI) is filling geoscience data gaps and modernizing mapping of the nation to better understand domestic critical mineral resource



potential and to help secure supply chains. USGS geologist Jamey Jones will talk about the role of critical minerals in our daily lives, our global context and anticipated future, and the role of the USGS and Earth MRI in addressing these societal needs. Free member perk! A Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.

2. Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park

Monday, May 6

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park is a United States national historical park located in Richmond, California. Join us as we tour with Cecelia Thiel to explore and honor the efforts and sacrifices of American civilians on the WWII home front. Find out how diverse neighbors lived, worked, interacted, and experienced this time of opportunity and loss. \$15 - A Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.

3. Bird Banding Laboratory

Friday, May 31

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) Bird Banding Laboratory, an integrated scientific program, supports the collection, curation, archiving, and dissemination of data from banded and marked birds. The lab, now based at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Maryland, was established in 1920 to study and help protect North American birds. Join OLLI as Dr. Tony Celis-Murillo discusses how the USGS laboratory issues permits for banding in the U.S., distributes aluminum bands—about 1 million a year—to participating scientists in the U.S. and Canada, and is a central repository for banding records in both countries.

Free member perk! A Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.



Zoom Training

If you would like to receive Zoom training we'll be happy to arrange a personal training session with an OLLI volunteer. Contact olli@bradley.edu and we will set up a time to help you Zoom!

Honor Someone Special for OLLI's 30th Anniversary

As you probably know, OLLI is celebrating a big milestone this year. A \$30 donation to our lifelong learning community is a great way to help celebrate our 30th anniversary.

To make your donation even more meaningful, consider donating on behalf of someone special. You can give to celebrate a friend's birthday, a couple's anniversary, or just in honor or memory of someone at OLLI who has changed your life.

You might also consider setting up an automatic \$30 (or any meaningful amount) monthly gift. Becoming a monthly donor is one of the easiest, budget-friendly ways to make a positive difference that lasts all year.

No matter how you choose to donate, we'll send the recipient a card so they're aware of your gift.



To make a gift, please visit our website, bradley.edu/olli, or send a check to the Continuing Education Office, 1501 W. Bradley Ave., Peoria, IL 61625.

For more information, or to learn more about creating a legacy gift, please contact Michelle Riggio Rarick, Executive Director, Continuing Education, at (309) 677-3900.



Earn a Free OLLI program! New Member Referral Program

Share the joy of OLLI with friends and family and receive a free program*

It's simple - If a new member joins OLLI and you referred them, you receive a free program. Only one program per member per season.

Email olli@bradley.edu for a referral link or call (309) 677-3900.

**A free program may be a class, study group, or an OLLI Original valued up to \$50.*



OLLI TRIVIA NIGHT

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Friday, August 16, 2024
Hayden Clark Alumni Center
\$50/person | \$400/ table

Hosted by
Greg Batton & Dan DiOrio

Registration opens in May
Recruit your team today

President's Letter

Thirty years ago, a steering committee of visionaries began the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) at Bradley University. In October 1994, ILR offered 10 classes, held in the Michel Student Center. 84 people signed up.

It is breathtaking to see what OLLI has become in the past thirty years! In 2023, close to 1,100 of us attended 67 classes, 122 trips (live and virtual) and OLLI Originals, and 48 study groups!

OLLI at Bradley is a success story and it is incumbent on each of us to spread the word. To that end, we started Each One Reach One, to bring in new members to experience OLLI. We also have volunteers who will attend your church, professional or community groups to tell our story. You just need to tell us when and where!

OLLI at Bradley is poised to embark on new adventures, and I have full confidence in the collective wisdom and enthusiasm of our community to guide it toward even greater heights.

When I step down as President in June, I will carry with me the memories of our shared accomplishments and the anticipation of the remarkable journey that lies ahead for OLLI at Bradley. Thank you for entrusting me with this leadership role and thank you for being the heartbeat of our lifelong learning community.



Wishing you all continued joy in learning and growth.
Happy Anniversary OLLI!

Gary Nelson, OLLI President

OLLI VOLUNTEERS: THEY GET THE JOB DONE!

OLLI volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization – thank you all very much!

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					Bonni Whalen Administrative Support

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Assistive Listening Devices are available for all programs. Please call (309) 677-3900 for details.

DIETARY CONCERNS

All OLLI programs will provide options for vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free meals upon request. If you have a dietary issue, please contact our office at (309) 677-3900 at least two weeks before your program, so we can meet your dietary needs.

DRIVING ON TRIPS

We encourage all of our trip participants to use OLLI's shuttle transportation, as many of our trip sites have limited parking and require the group to arrive at one time. Plus, traveling as a group allows for more socializing!

GUESTS/INVITE A FRIEND

If you have a friend who has never been to OLLI classes and would like him or her to attend as your guest for one free session, please contact our office at (309) 677-3900 at least one day in advance so we can have a list of available classes prepared for the visit. It is important to reserve this privilege for those who haven't yet experienced OLLI classes.

PROGRAM DETAILS and PARKING

For all programs an email will be sent prior to the event regarding specific details on times, location, and parking. For learning trips, we provide reserved parking in the Campustown shopping center, 1200 W. Main. Study groups meet at locations throughout the Peoria area and have ample parking.

PARKING FOR CLASSES

We offer a "park-and-ride" option so you can park in large lots near campus and enjoy drop-off service at the front door of the Michel Student Center. You may choose to park at Shea Stadium, located near the Ag Lab at the corner of University and Nebraska avenues or Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1420 W. Moss Avenue, and the OLLI shuttle will transport you to and from campus. OLLI provides park-and-ride service, because OLLI members are not allowed to park anywhere on campus, including the Visitor's Lot. If you park on campus and receive a ticket, you will not be eligible for an appeal and will be required to pay the fine.

CLASS PARKING PERMITS

For our members taking classes who have state-issued handicapped placards or license plates AND are physically unable to utilize our door-to-door shuttle service from Shea Stadium and Westminster Church, we have a very limited supply of handicapped-accessible parking permits for use during classes. At a cost of \$10 each, these permits allow you to park in a handicapped or white-lined space on campus for all four class dates. All requests must be made via telephone to (309) 677-3900 three weeks prior to the first day of in-person classes. When you call, please be prepared to provide your license plate number, your placard number and expiration date, and the make, model, year, and color of your vehicle.

SCHOLARSHIPS

OLLI class scholarships are available for persons who cannot afford membership fees, but who have an interest in learning and wish to participate. To request a confidential scholarship application, please contact Catherine Lawless, Associate Director of Continuing Education at clawless@bradley.edu or call her at (309) 677-3900.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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WAITLISTS

Many of our programs, especially learning trips, fill quickly. If you find a program full at the time of your registration, please ask to be placed on a waitlist so you can be called when another member cancels or if we are able to increase the program's seating capacity.

WEATHER

In the rare case that Bradley University is closed due to inclement weather, all OLLI programs scheduled for that day will also be cancelled. Please refer to local television and radio stations for closing information.



HOW TO REGISTER FOR SPRING PROGRAMS

**ONLINE REGISTRATION Opens
Wednesday, February 7 at 8:00 a.m.**



1. Login starting ONE WEEK PRIOR to registration and purchase your \$5 Spring membership at bradley.edu/olli.
2. Prior to registration, double check your username and password so you are ready to go when registration opens.
3. **IMPORTANT:** you will NOT see the “Add to Cart” button unless you have the \$5 membership in your cart OR have already purchased a Spring 24 membership.
4. To make selections, view ALL Spring Programs or scroll down and click each of the red tiles to view a program category: Classes, Spring Kick-off, Study Groups, Learning Trips, Originals and Online.
5. Once you have finished selecting all of your programs; go to your “cart” icon in upper right corner to check out.

● **HELP SESSIONS FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION** ●

Join us in person or via Zoom for a quick online registration refresher session.
In person **Thursday, February 1 at 12:00 p.m.** at Peoria Next Innovation Center
Online via Zoom **Tuesday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m.**
Save your spot by calling (309) 677-3900 or emailing olli@bradley.edu.

● **TO REGISTER BY MAIL OR PHONE SEE PAGE 33** ●

CANCELLATION POLICY

OLLI's cancellation policy was designed to encourage our members to carefully consider their personal availability for events. This thoughtful scheduling will allow peers who wish to participate a chance to do so. Extenuating circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Membership fees are non-refundable.

Classes

- \$10 minimum cancellation fee per person
- The remainder of your class fees will be refunded if you cancel before first day of classes. No refunds will be processed if cancellations are made after the start of classes. Extenuating circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Learning Trips

- \$10 minimum cancellation fee
- If you cancel day before or day of trip, entire fee forfeited
- Local trips: if you cancel and your spot is filled from waitlist, remainder of fee refunded. If you cancel and your spot cannot be filled, entire fee forfeited
- Regional trips: partial refunds may be given, less any expenses prepaid by OLLI
 - Multi-day trips will abide by their own cancellation schedule, given at the time of payment.

OLLI Originals and OLLI Online

- OLLI Originals and OLLI Online over \$15 will follow the learning trip cancellation policy. There are no refunds for programs \$15 or under.

Study Groups

- \$10 minimum cancellation fee
- \$35 will be refunded if you cancel at least 7 days before the start of your group
- Entire fee will be forfeited if you cancel less than 7 days before the start of your group

INFORMATION DISCLAIMER:

Opinions expressed in classes, trips, and study groups are those of the presenter and not necessarily those of Bradley University or OLLI. Information provided in OLLI programs is for educational and informational purposes only. In no way should OLLI be considered as offering legal advice, investment advice, health advice, or any related advice on behalf of Bradley University.

SPRING 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON

Step #1: REGISTRANT INFO

Preferred First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Primary Number (check one) Home Cell

Email _____

*By registering for spring programs we will automatically add you to OLLI's weekly email and the mailing list for our quarterly catalog.

- I am new to OLLI and participating for the first time
- GO GREEN I use the online brochure, I do not wish to receive the quarterly printed brochure.

Step #2: ADDITIONAL INFO (optional)

a) Are you a Bradley alum? Yes No

b) Age range: (circle one)
50-59 60-69 70-79 80-89 90-99 100+

c) Can you suggest a place where we might put OLLI brochures in the community? _____

d) My hobbies/interests: _____

e) Areas of expertise I could share with OLLI: _____

f) I'm interested in volunteering for: (check all that apply)

- Class instructor (topic _____)
- Study Group facilitator (topic _____)
- Class Curriculum Committee (choose classes)
- Learning Trip Committee (choose trips)
- Study Group Committee (choose study groups)
- Membership Development Committee (welcome members)
- Class Host (assist class instructors)
- Study Group Host (assist study group facilitators)
- Parking (assist with class park-and-ride)
- Luncheon (assist with decorations)
- Art Exhibits (assist artists at classes)

Step #3: SELECT YOUR PROGRAMS

On pages 34-35, pick the activities in which you'd like to participate, and total the cost for each.

Step #4: PAYMENT INFORMATION

Spring Kick-off.....	\$ _____ +
Classes (take 1, 2, 3, or 4)	\$30.00 x ____ = \$ _____ +
Lunches (1, 2, 3, or 4)	\$13.25 x ____ = \$ _____ +
Originals.....	\$ _____ +
Study Groups	\$ _____ +
Learning Trips.....	\$ _____ +
OLLI Online.....	\$ _____ +
OLLI Quarterly Membership Fee*.....	\$ 5.00 =
TOTAL DUE = \$ _____	

*Paid only once in March - May

Payment Information

- Check (Payable to Bradley University) Credit card
- VISA MasterCard Discover American Express
- Print name as it appears on card _____
- Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____
- Signature _____
- Card billing address _____

- **If you are registering online**, please visit Bradley.edu/olli (opens Wednesday, February 7 at 8:00 a.m.).
- **If you are registering by mail**, please return pages 33-35 to: Bradley University Continuing Education, Attention OLLI, 1501 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL 61625. You can mail your registration at any time; forms will be processed starting Wednesday, February 7, at 8:00 a.m.
- **To speak with staff about your registration**, please complete pages 33-35, and call (309) 677-3900 (after 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2024).

Step #5: READ & SIGN WAIVER

Photographs are taken during all OLLI programs. Your membership gives consent for any such photographs to be used for advertising and publicity purposes by Bradley University, its licensees, and/or member organizations, and you waive all claims for compensation for such use or for damages.

All OLLI participants are required to read and sign this assumption of risk, release, and waiver. Your signature confirms that you have read and agree to the cancellation policy, meet the activity level requirements, agree to abide by the safety guidelines of Bradley University staff and each host organization, and recognize and accept the risks and conditions of the classes, study groups, and trips. You acknowledge that participation involves some personal risk. For each trip, you will wear closed-toed shoes and agree to use any other safety equipment required by the host site (including any COVID protocols in place). You will assume the risks and responsibilities regarding my participation and hold Bradley University and its agents harmless.

Signature _____

Date _____

SPRING 2024 REGISTRATION

IN-PERSON CLASSES: April 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2024
\$30 per class; Choose 1, 2, 3, or all 4 times slots.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. \$30

1. 15-Minute Cities: Good Urban Planning...
2. Airports and Air Traffic Control
3. The Art and Architecture of Antoni Gaudi
4. Cancer Update: New Developments in Cancer...
5. Carl Sandburg and His Times
6. Harriet Tubman: The Moses of Her People
7. The Life of a Private Investigator
8. Trusts, Directives, and Wills, Oh My!

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. \$30

9. Brain Myth or Not a Myth
10. Classic Gardens of Suzhou, China
11. City of Peoria Update
12. Enjoying Garden Fresh Local Produce
13. Essentials for Personal Security & Privacy
14. Introducing Mozart
15. Sixty Years of the Civil Rights Act
16. War Crimes: Easy to Define, Harder to Prosecute

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. \$30

17. Bands, Jazz, and Dixie - Live!
18. Disco: The History, The Music, and The Movement
19. Early Christian Spiritual Warfare
20. Exercise and Aging
21. Look Where I Went
22. Research at Peoria's Ag Lab
23. Studying Paul's Letter to the Church in Philippi
24. Thriving through Time - Mastering Wellness...

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. \$30

25. The Battle of Gettysburg
26. Ecology of the Illinois River Bluffs
27. The History of Mathematics - People, Ideas...
28. It Played in Peoria: The History of Botulism
29. Robert Green Ingersoll: Peoria's Pagan Progressive
30. Startup Investing in Peoria: What's Next?
31. Why YA? Young Adult Literature - Not Just...

LUNCHES

1. Soup du jour and salad buffet	April 3	\$13.25
2. Oven Roasted Seasoned Pork, fingerling potatoes, green beans	April 10	\$13.25
3. Chicken Tacos, charro beans, Mexican rice, chips and pico de gallo	April 17	\$13.25
4. Turkey Wrap with cranberry jam and housemade chips	April 24	\$13.25

ORIGINALS

1. Peoria Chautauqua Literary...	March 1	\$30
2. What's New? Transportation...	March 4	\$15
3. OLLI at the Movies: American...	March 8	\$5
4. 1930's Peoria: America's Sin City	March 13	\$15
5. OLLI Workshop	March 15	\$35
6. Creating a Culture of Innovation	April 5	FREE
7. Children's Book Awards...	April 11	\$15
8. Early Illinois Baseball	April 26	\$15
9. OLLI at the Movies...	April 26	\$5

MIX AND MINGLE

Tuesday, March 26, The Fieldhouse	FREE
Tuesday, May 21, 12 Bar Lounge	FREE

STUDY GROUPS

1. The Art of the Documentary	March 5 - 26	\$45
2. Poetry for People Who...	March 6 - 27	\$45
3. Art of the Cocktail Redux	March 6 - 27	\$45
4. A Story of Homecoming	March 7 - April 18	\$45
5. Let's Read: Science IN...	March 7 - April 11	\$45
6. Great Decisions...	March 18 - May 6	\$70
7. Fever in the Heartland...	April 5 - May 3	\$45
8. Great Books That Have...	April 8 - May 20	\$45
9. John Ford and The Myth...	April 9 - May 7	\$45
10. Through the Lens...	April 18 - May 9	\$45
11. Accidental Presidents Part II	April 18 - May 16	\$45
12. Our Changing Climates	April 22 - May 20	\$45
13. Beyond Sorry!...	April 29 - May 20	\$45
14. Intuitive Art	May 1 - 22	\$45
15. 1968: The Year that...	May 1 - June 5	\$45

SPRING 2024 REGISTRATION



OLLI class break time is a great opportunity for members to discuss their classes.

SPRING KICK OFF

Spring Kick Off	March 20	\$5
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LEARNING TRIPS

1. Welcome to the Circus at Illinois...	March 1	\$45
2. General Wayne A. Downing...	March 6	\$35
3. Maui Jim	March 8	\$35
4. Peoria County Jail with Sheriff...	March 18	\$35
5. SC2: Supply Chain Services	March 19	\$35
6. NFW	March 26	\$40
7. NFW	April 8	\$40
8. Caterpillar's Track-Type	March 27	\$35
9. Peoria City Hall	April 12	\$35
10. Brewers Distributing Company	April 15	\$35
11. Rothan Millwork Company	April 16	\$35
12. Altorfer's Power Systems	April 19	\$35
13. Workforce Sustainability Center	April 23	\$35
14. BluSky Restoration	May 1	\$35
15. Behind-the-Scenes at Dozer Park	May 2	\$35
16. Hiking Spring Creek Preserve	May 3	\$35
17. Peoria Sculptures and...	May 7	\$40
18. Peoria Sculptures and...	May 28	\$40
19. Caterpillar Demonstration (shuttle)	May 16	\$60
20. Caterpillar Demonstration (meet us)	May 16	\$60
21. National Weather Station in...	May 17	\$45
22. Treasures of Atlanta	May 20	\$45
23. Saffron Social	May 22	\$45
24. Peoria Heights Sculpture Walk	May 30	\$40

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\$30 per class; Choose 1, 2, 3, or all 4 times slots.

3. The Art and Architecture of Antoni Gaudi
7. The Life of a Private Investigator
16. War Crimes: Easy to Define, Harder to...
25. The Battle of Gettysburg
30. Startup Investing in Peoria

ONLINE STUDY GROUPS

1. Comparative Mysticism	March 12	\$25
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ONLINE ORIGINALS

1. Critical Mineral Resources	April 25	FREE
2. Rosie the Riveter WWII...	May 6	\$15
3. Bird Banding Laboratory	May 31	FREE



JOIN US FOR THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

All meetings held at 9:00 a.m. at Peoria Next/Zoom Hybrid meeting

Learning Trip Committee | Fall 2024
 Tuesday, April 16

Study Group Committee | Fall 2024
 Thursdays, April 11 and May 2

Curriculum Committee | Fall 2024
 May 1, 15, and 22



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