

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University

EXPLORE | CONNECT | LEARN



OLLII

SUMMER 2024



SUMMER REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 8



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 a 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, June 4
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Peoria Next | 801 W Main

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

REGISTER ON MAY 8

- Wednesday, May 8 at 8:30 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. 26 - 27).

- Thursday, May 9 at 8:30 a.m.
Phone registration opens

Help Sessions for Online Registration!
See details on page 25.

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:

1. Free Member Perks!
 - Uncommon Threads with John Wieland, p. 5
 - Healthy Walk and Talk, p. 6
 - Study Group Facilitator Workshop, p. 8

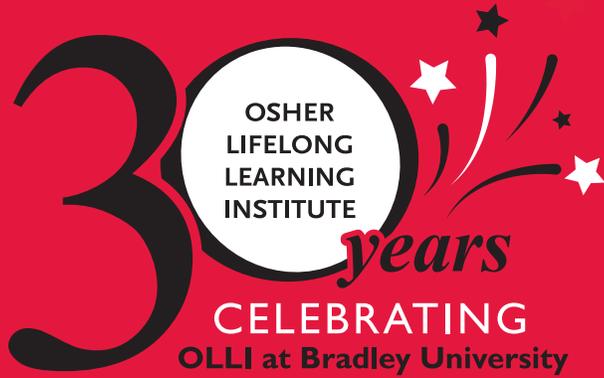


FALL WELCOME BACK

September 18, 2024 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

30th Anniversary Luncheon

Bradley's Michel Student Center Ballroom



Registration opens
Wednesday, August 7



Keynote Speaker:

Janet Lange
Executive Director Emerita of
Continuing Education



If you don't have time for OLLI during the day,
check out our evening offerings!

Rock and Roll Trivia, p. 4

OLLI at the Movies, p. 6

Mix & Mingle, p. 7 | Cornstock, p. 18

TABLE OF CONTENTS

OLLI Trivia Fundraiser	p. 4
Originals	p. 5
Mix & Mingle	p. 7
Study Groups	p. 8 - 10
Learning Trips	p. 14 - 19
OLLI Online	p. 20
FAQs	p. 24
Registration Help Sessions	p. 25

KEY ONLINE REGISTRATION DATES

Summer Registration begins:
May 8

Fall Registration begins:
August 7

Winter Registration begins:
November 6

Quarterly catalogs are mailed prior to
each registration and are also available
online approximately two weeks before
each registration period begins.

**Reminder! OLLI Fall classes will be held
Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23**

SAVE THE DATE

OLLI Loves Rock and Roll



Dust Off Your Air Guitar... It's Time to Register for Trivia Night

Friday, August 16, 2024 | 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Hayden-Clark Alumni Center,
Bradley University

Get ready to channel your inner rockstar at OLLI's 8th Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser, where WMBD 1470-AM radio personalities (and legendary OLLI trivia icons) Dan DiOrio and Greg Batton will emcee a night filled with music, memories, and mind-bending questions that will have you tapping your toes and racking your brain!



This year's theme is "I Love Rock and Roll," but it's not an epic battle of musical wits and you don't need to be a seasoned rock aficionado – only one or two questions in each category will focus on the rock and roll galaxy.

Instead, shine like a shooting star with creative table decorations and team costumes ... but if you don't want to break out your Janis Joplin jeans or Elvis jumpsuit, that's okay, too! You can embrace Kurt Cobain's vibe and simply "come as you are."

The skinny: \$50 per person (\$400 for a table of 8) includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, coffee, tea, and cash bar; seven rounds of trivia fun; prizes for the first place team, best decorated table and best-dressed team.

No sweat: If you don't have a team, you'll still rock on. We'll place you on one, and you'll have an epic night as we raise money for our brochure costs, shuttle savings fund, audio-visual needs, and more!

Join the band: Register online at bradley.edu/olli, select OLLI Registration, then riff down the page to 2024 Trivia Registration.

Give us a shout: Or register by calling the Continuing Education office at (309) 677-3900 anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Spin the vinyl: Or register by mailing a check (separate from your summer registration) to Bradley University Continuing Education, Attention: OLLI, 1501 West Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL 61625.

On a different tour: *Can't make it? We still need your support! Please visit bradley.edu/olli to donate and help us reach this year's fundraising goal.*

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

1. OLLI at the Movies: *Race* Wednesday, June 5

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

Get excited about the 2024 Olympics with *Race*, a 2016 biographical sports drama film about African-American athlete Jesse Owens, who won a record-breaking four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. The storyline shows how Owens struggles with the virulent racism against him while the question of whether America would compete at all in the Olympics in Nazi Germany is being debated vigorously. Directed by Stephen Hopkins, the film stars Stephan James as Owens, and co-stars Jason Sudeikis, Jeremy Irons, William Hurt and Carice van Houten. Join OLLI for the film and moderated pre show discussion, with film buff Randy Wilson at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. \$5 - includes moderated discussion prior to the start of the film screening. Transportation not provided - meet us there!



2. Mindfulness with Dr. Amit Sinha Monday, June 10

9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Michel Student Center, Executive Suite

Mindfulness, a cognitive skill, although constructed on the foundations of ancient oriental traditions, has been found to provide therapeutic benefits to both psychological and physical health. Join us to learn what mindfulness is, its benefits, and how to practice. Dr. Amit Sinha is a Professor of Finance in the Foster College of Business.

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

3. OLLI Coffee and Conversation Mayan Culture with Dr. Elmo Roach Monday, June 17

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Michel Student Center Ballroom

Join OLLI and Dr. Elmo (Joe) Roach, Bradley University emeritus history professor on a Mayan Adventure. Arising around 2000 BC., and originally influenced primarily by the Olmecs, the Mayan

culture spread across what is now southern Mexico, Belize and Guatemala. We will explore the Mayan Calendar, Astronomy, and their 10 digit numbering system then we delve into Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) assisted archaeology at Tikal Guatemala, and finish at the Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City. \$20 – includes presentation, scones, and coffee. Transportation not provided – meet us there!

4. *Uncommon Threads*

with John Wieland

Tuesday, June 25

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Business Engineering Convergence Center (BECC) Executive Classroom 1122

Perfection is not a precondition for success. *Uncommon Threads* is the candid story of an unlikely business leader who wove together the threads of faith, family, and vocation to find his saving grace and who now encourages you to do the same. John Wieland purchased a small company in 1994 and under his leadership, MH Equipment has grown from three to over 30 branches. Join OLLI to hear John share his inspirational story.

Free! – includes the presentation and coffee. Feel free to bring a sack lunch. Transportation not provided - meet us there!



During a recent trip, OLLI members get an update on the latest technology at the Peoria County Sheriff's Crime Lab.



Shelley and Marianne Epstein are sporting their Bradley gear during the Spring Kick-Off event.

**5. OLLI at the Movies:
Chariots of Fire
Friday, June 28
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Peoria Riverfront Museum**

Get excited about the 2024 Olympics with *Chariots of Fire*, a 1981 British historical sports drama film directed by Hugh Hudson. It is based on the true story of two British athletes in the 1924 Olympics: Eric Liddell, a devout Scottish Christian who runs for the glory of God, and Harold Abrahams, an English Jew who runs to overcome prejudice. Join OLLI for the film and moderated pre show discussion, with film buff Denise Hocker at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. \$5 – includes moderated discussion prior to the start of the film screening. Transportation not provided - meet us there!



**6. Honey Tasting with Luke Harvey
Monday, July 29
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
Business Engineering
Convergence Center (BECC)
Executive Classroom 1122**

Join OLLI on a delightful journey through the golden nectar of nature - honey. In this honey tasting event, we will embark on a sensory exploration of five distinct types of honey, each with its unique flavors, textures, and aromas. From the local apiaries of Peoria to the far-flung corners of the world, we will discover the fascinating interplay between bees, terroir, and the art of honey-making. \$35 – includes presentation, honey tastings, snacks, and coffee. Transportation not provided - meet us there! Parking is free and available on campus during the summer months.



**7. Healthy Walk and Talk
Bradley Wellness Club
Monday, August 26
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Laura Bradley Park**

Join Bradley Wellness Club for a walk and hot topic discussion at Laura Bradley Park. We will be discussing how we define wellness and will have some fun debate questions as well. Free Member Perk! Transportation not provided – meet us there!



**8. OLLI at the Movies: Footloose
Tuesday, August 27
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Peoria Riverfront Museum**

Believe it or not it's been 40 years since the original *Footloose* was released in 1984. This iconic musical drama film directed by Herbert Ross tells the coming of age story of Ren McCormack, a teenager from Chicago who moves to a small town, where he attempts to overturn the ban on dancing instituted by the efforts of a local minister. Join OLLI for the film and moderated pre-show discussion with film buff Denise Hocker at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. \$5 – includes moderated discussion prior to the start of the film screening. Transportation not provided – meet us there!

40th _____
Anniversary



OLLI members get a close up look at a gas meter during a tour of the Ameren Gas Metering Shop.

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 Bradley staff members. 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, June 11, 4:30 p.m.

The Bar at Black Band
1000 SW Adams, Peoria

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

2. Mix & Mingle
Tuesday, July 9, 4:00 p.m.

Industry Brewing,
8012 N Hale, Peoria

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

3. Mix & Mingle
Wednesday, August 14, 4:00 p.m.

Tres Rojas Winery
1774 E Cruger Rd, Washington

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



CHEERS
TO
OLLI

Study Groups

Study Groups In Person offer an opportunity to investigate a topic in depth. Most study groups typically meet once a week for four to six weeks.

Please note the abbreviations at the end of the description:

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

1. Study Group Facilitator Workshop

Thursday, May 30

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Do you love study groups? Are there topics you would like to explore or explore again? Study groups need FACILITATORS. More importantly, study groups need NEW FACILITATORS. You are invited to join a few of our frequent OLLI facilitators for an interactive and engaging exploration of group facilitation and its dynamics. We'll go over the nuts and bolts of planning a group, how to ask well-crafted questions, and how to deal with disagreements. You'll also learn how to engage members in the group and address any other questions or concerns you may have. For this session, be prepared to relax, reflect, and have fun. While designed for OLLI study group facilitators, the content for this study group is also applicable to anyone who leads groups (or wants to lead groups in the not-so-distant future). Free! Facilitated by frequent facilitators Bernie Drake, Shelley Epstein, Roberta Koscielski, and Gary Nelson. (NFs/RG)



Deb Deitrick listens intently during the OLLI Winter Seminar.

2. Great Short Novels

Mondays, June 3 – August 12 (every other week)
1:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Summer is a great time to read, whether it's inside on a steamy day or outside getting fresh air. This group will read six short novels over eleven weeks as a different facilitator leads our discussion of a short novel every other week.

June 3: Jane Hense

Saints at the River by Ron Rash

June 17: Roberta Koscielski

On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan

July 1: Murv Pretorius

Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton

July 15: Sarah Allen

Samurai's Garden by Gail Tsukiyama

July 29: Dottie Strickler

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

August 12: Jenny Tripses

Sula by Toni Morrison

\$45 – facilitators listed above. (RFs/NG)

3. Butterflies and the Flowering Plants They Love

Wednesdays, June 5 – July 10

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center and various locations around Peoria

Join us for a journey into the world of butterflies and pollinator plants in Central Illinois. The first three sessions of this study group will explore native butterflies and their supporting plants. Topics include: Midwest butterfly identification, life cycles, raising butterflies, and essential flowering plants for butterfly gardens. We'll also visit local butterfly gardens in Peoria to identify butterflies and view supporting plants. Transportation is not provided, but we can carpool from Peoria Next. Participants in this study group should be able to walk for at least two hours. Selected reading materials will be sent via email. *The Life Cycles of Butterflies* by Judy Burris and Wayne Richards will be referenced during our discussion and is recommended but not required.

\$45 – Facilitated by Patricia Melaik, Peoria County Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, and frequent OLLI presenter. (RF/RG)

4. Landscape & Nature Photography

Thursdays, June 6 – 27

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Subject, composition, light, weather conditions, time of day, camera settings - they all play a part in landscape and nature photography. In this group, we'll learn to use the camera on our phones as a visual storytelling tool, to take and make emotional landscapes and nature photos that tell a story. With the technology on our phones we'll learn to: visualize a scene; apply creative composition techniques to create a story; use the camera's capabilities to get special effects; and leverage mobile apps to enhance images with mood, texture, ambience, and even text. We'll also learn tips for managing, storing, and retrieving images. Participants must own a recent model mobile phone and be familiar with the camera settings. \$45 – Facilitated by Julie Dodge, retired graphic designer and photographer. (RF/RG)

You'll Love
Trip #9

5. Dose of Reality:

Exploring Substance Use in Your Community

Thursdays, June 6 – August 1 (skip July 4)

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Hult Education Center

This dose of reality will engage and educate participants on legal as well as illegal substances in the Peoria County area. We'll be joined by expert speakers on topics such as legal recreational and medical marijuana use; substance abuse as it relates to youth; local resources to address addictions; law enforcement and the coroner's office share death data; and how to help make our community healthy. Participants will be given suggested articles and podcasts for additional learning and discussion. \$45 – facilitated by Andrea Parker, Director of the Hult Center for Healthy Living. (NF/NG)

6. *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*

Mondays, June 10 – July 15

10:00 a.m. – 12:15 pm

Methodist College

Caste has been lauded by critics and readers alike. It is unique in offering a different perspective on the issue of race in America, an often-fraught topic, through the lens of a caste system. Isabel Wilkerson, a Pulitzer Prize winning author, offers excellent research, compelling personal stories, and clear,

You'll Love
OLLI
Originals #1

lucid writing to help support her point of view. The book is not without controversy which guarantees participants in this study group stimulating weekly discussions. Please plan to obtain and read *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent* by Isabella Wilkerson, copies are available at local libraries and from local or online retailers. The recently released film, *Origin*, traces the work done by Wilkerson as she researched and wrote this book, which we may try to stream during our last session. \$45 – Marjorie Getz is a professor at Methodist College and teaches courses in psychology, gerontology and public health. (RF/NG)

7. Let the Games Begin:

Movies of the Summer Olympics

Tuesdays, July 2 – 30

1:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Every four years, the world gathers to cheer on athletes from around the world who try to live up to the Olympic motto of Citius, Altius, Fortius or Faster, Higher, and Stronger. The Summer Olympics are the largest sporting event featuring 32 different sports, 400 events, and 200 countries. The stories of the athletes fascinate and inspire. Join us Denise Hocker, Debbie Lewellyn, and Randy Wilson as we explore movies based on true stories that will enlighten as well as touch our hearts. Participants may join OLLI at the Peoria Riverfront Museum (PRM) for free showings of *Chariots of Fire* and *Race* on the big screen. See page 5 and 6 for details on the showings.

July 2: *Chariots of Fire* (free showing at PRM)

July 9: *Race* (free showing at PRM)

July 16: *The Boys in the Boat*

July 23: *Without Limits*

July 30: *Nadia*

All films are available on Amazon Prime for \$6.00 or less or on Netflix.

\$45 – Facilitated by Randy Wilson, Debbie Lewellyn and Denise Hocker, avid film buffs and frequent OLLI facilitators. (RFs/NG)



INCLUDES
FREE showing
of *Chariots of
Fire* and *Race*



*The
Boys
in the
Boat*

8. A Mosaic of Mothers

Tuesdays, July 9 – 30

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

What do mothers of the U.S. Presidents have in common? Is the Native American Matriarchal Society still alive? Are there differences between the mothers of Martin L. King, Malcolm X, and James Baldwin? Can we learn more from families in the animal kingdom? Those questions, plus many more examples of motherhood in our society will be discussed. Class is encouraged to read *First Mothers* by Bonnie Angelo. It covers Sarah Delano Roosevelt through Virginia Clinton with information seldom mentioned of mothers of Reagan, Johnson, Eisenhower, and Truman. \$45 – Facilitated by frequent OLLI facilitators Ruth Rademacker, retired librarian and Sarah Allen, retired Caterpillar marketer. (RF/NG)

9. To Go or Not to Go?

Making Decisions about Independent Living

Tuesdays, July 23 – August 27

10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center and visits to various locations

There comes a point when we ask ourselves what would we do if, when, we (or our parents) can no longer live independently. This study group is designed to help those who are starting to think about the later stages of their lives (or their parent's lives) and how to decide what is the best fit for your family. We'll provide reading materials to provoke lots of questions and discussion about this difficult decision. We'll also plan to visit facilities in the Peoria area, transportation not included. The facilitators' combined wealth of experience will help participants understand what options are available and how to evaluate those options.

\$45 – Facilitated by Bernie Drake, frequent OLLI instructor and new resident of an independent living facility, and John Sahn, former CEO of Proctor Place. (RF/NF/NG)

10. OLLI Trailblazers

Wednesdays, July 31– August 28

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Join our hiking leaders to explore multiple trails in the area. We will hike the Rock Island Trail, Kinsey Park, Robinson Park, Forest Park Nature Trail and Potawatomi Trail in McNaughton Park. Only the Rock Island Trail is flat, the others have hills, uneven surfaces and may be muddy.

Each hike will be between 3-4 miles, no

transportation provided, we will meet at the trailhead. Please consider your physical abilities and only register if you are an active hiker on hilly trails. We will learn to use the All Trails app on our phones and also discuss local hiking groups that you may want to join.

\$45 – facilitated by OLLI members and avid hikers Rob Parks, Diane Rock, Stacey Delvecchio, Steve and Jayne Richards. (RF/NF/NG)

11. How Will the Blue Zones Play in Peoria?

Wednesdays, August 7 – 28

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Join us to discuss *The Blue Zones Secrets for Living Longer: Lessons From the Healthiest Places on Earth*, an informative guide to the places on Earth where people live the longest. The book delves into lessons learned, top longevity foods, and the behaviors they suggest to help you live to 100—plus a surprising new blue zone. National Geographic Explorer and best-selling author Dan Buettner has traveled the globe to uncover the best strategies for longevity in places around the world where higher percentages of people enjoy remarkably long, full lives. He named these areas Blue Zones and returned to check in on the super-agers.

\$45 – Facilitated by Jeanne Perino, a Neonatal APRN and owner of Downtown Yoga, and Drew Gay, former CPA and OLLI member with an avid interest in health. (NF/NG)

12. Writing: The Art of Storytelling

Thursdays, August 1 – 29

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

In this study group we will practice observational writing and learn how to become reporters on life as we see it happen around us. We'll learn how to pay attention, report on the observations, and then shape them into stories that inform, educate, and entertain. We will write during our sessions and at home, using our imaginations and events from our lives (and other people's) as material. Participants should plan to obtain *On Writing Well: the Classic Guide to Writing Nonfiction*, by William Zinsser. Participants may also want (but are not required) to purchase *The Elements of Style*, by William Strunk and E.B. White, both available at local or online retailers and libraries.

\$45 – Facilitated by Dave Kindred, author of several books and long time newspaper and magazine columnist. (NF/NG)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 SG#2, Great Novels, 1-3:15p Trip#1, Honey Farm, 8:30a-1:30p	4 Info Meeting, Croatia, 12p	5 SG#3, Butterflies, 9:30-11:30a OO#1, Race, 11a-1p	6 Trip#2, Sandburg, 8:30a-4:15p SG#4, Photography, 9:30-11:30a SG#5, Dose of Reality, 1:30-3p	7
10 OO#2, Mindfulness, 9:45-11a SG#6, Caste, 10a- 12:15p	11 M&M#1, 4:30p Trip#3, Sculptures, 10:30a-3:30p	12 SG#3, Butterflies, 9:30-11:30a	13 SG#4, Photography, 9:30-11:30a SG#5, Dose of Reality, 1:30-3p Trip#5, Leather, 9:15a-2:00p	14
17 OO#3, Mayan, 10-11:30a SG#6, Caste, 10a- 12:15p SG#2, Great Novels, 1-3:15p	18	19 SG#3, Butterflies, 9:30-11:30a	20 SG#4, Photography, 9:30-11:30a SG#5, Dose of Reality, 1:30-3p	21 Bradley Campus closed
24 SG#6, Caste, 10a- 12:15p	25 OO#4 Threads, 12-1p	26 SG#3, Butterflies, 9:30-11:30a Trip#6, Pontiac, 8:45a-5p	27 SG#4, Photography, 9:30-11:30a SG#5, Dose of Reality, 1:30-3p Trip#7, Heartland, 9:15a-2:30p	28 OO#5, Chariots, 11a-1p

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 SG#6, Caste, 10a-12:15p SG#2, Great Novels, 1-3:15p	2 SG#7, Games Begin, 1:30 -3:45p	3 SG#3, Butterflies, 9:30-11:30a	4 Holiday Bradley campus closed	5 Bradley Campus closed
8 SG#6, Caste, 10a-12:15p	9 Learning Trip Committee, 9a SG#7, Games Begin, 1:30 -3:45p SG#8, Mosaic of Mothers, 1:30-3:30p M&M#2, 4:00p	10 SG#3, Butterflies, 9:30-11:30a	11 SG#5, Dose of Reality, 1:30-3p Trip#8, Coroner, 11a-3:30p	12 OnlineOO#1, Lions, 12-1:30p
15 SG#6, Caste, 10a-12:15p SG#2, Great Novels, 1-3:15p	16 SG#7, Games Begin, 1:30 -3:45p SG#8, Mosaic of Mothers, 1:30-3:30p	17 Traveling Braves, Alaska	18 SG#5, Dose of Reality, 1:30-3p Traveling Braves, Alaska	19 Bradley Campus closed Traveling Braves, Alaska
22 OnlineOO#2, Art, 12-1p Traveling Braves, Alaska	23 SG#9, To Go or Not, 10a-12:15p Trip#4, Sculptures, 10:30a-3:30p SG#7, Games Begin, 1:30 -3:45p SG#8, Mosaic of Mothers, 1:30-3:30p Traveling Braves, Alaska	24 Traveling Braves, Alaska	25 SG#5, Dose of Reality, 1:30-3p Trip#9, Flower Farm, 8:30a-1:30p Study Group Committee, 9a Traveling Braves, Alaska	26 Bradley Campus closed
29 SG#2, Great Novels, 1-3:15p OO#6, Honey Tasting, 1-2:15p	30 SG#9, To Go or Not, 10a-12:15p SG#7, Games Begin, 1:30 -3:45p SG#8, Mosaic of Mothers, 1:30-3:30p	31 SG#10, OLLI Trailblazers, 9-11a Trip#10, IL River Bio Station, 8:30a-3p		

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 SG#12, Writing Our Lives, 1-3p SG#5, Dose of Reality, 1:30-3p	2 Bradley Campus closed
5 Trip#11, Temple, 8:45a-1:30p	6 SG#9, To Go or Not, 10a-12:15p	7 Fall Registration, 8:30a SG #10, OLLI Trailblazers, 9-11a SG# 11, Blue Zones, 1-3p	8 Fall Phone Registration, 8:30a SG#12, Writing Our Lives, 1-3p Trip#12, Corn Stock, 5:30-10:30p	9
12 SG#2, Great Novels, 1-3:15p	13 Trip#13, EP!C, 8:45a-1:30p SG#9, To Go or Not, 10a-12:15p	14 SG #10, OLLI Trailblazers, 9-11a SG# 11, Blue Zones, 1-3p M&M#3, 4p	15 Study Group Committee, 9a SG#12, Writing Our Lives, 1-3p	16 OLLI Trivia Fundraiser, 5-9p
19	20 SG#9, To Go or Not, 10a-12:15p	21 Trip#14, Distillery, 8:45a-1:30p SG #10, OLLI Trailblazers, 9-11a SG# 11, Blue Zones, 1-3p	22 Trip#15, Kayaking, 8:30a-2:30p SG#12, Writing Our Lives, 1-3p	23
26 OO#7, Walk, 9-10:30a Info Meeting, Christmas on Danube, 12p	27 SG#9, To Go or Not, 10a-12:15p OO#8, Footloose, 5:30-7:30p	28 Trip#16, Sanitary, 8:45a-1:30p SG #10, OLLI Trailblazers, 9-11a SG#11, Blue Zones, 1-3p	29 Trip#17, Dream, 8:45a-1:30p SG#12, Writing Our Lives, 1-3p	30



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. 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.

*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.

*** 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 Braves to experience the forest canopy on your choice of a hanging bridges nature walk or an exhilarating zip lining tour. You will find a slice of paradise and so much more.

*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.

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

Croatia and Its Islands September 5 – 16, 2025

From medieval architecture to ethereal waterfalls, coast along the sparkling Adriatic Sea and experience the best of Croatia. We will begin your journey in Zagreb, the illustrious capital of Croatia. Stand in awe before the cascading waterfalls of Krka National Park. Join the Traveling Braves as we enjoy a memorable 7-night cruise on the Adriatic Sea along Croatia's coast aboard a privately chartered ship. On Brac Island, we'll take in the "Golden Cape" of Bol, we'll visit the island of Biševo, home to the mystical Blue Cave, and tour the Old City of Dubrovnik with its picturesque cobblestone streets. A great chance to see the country's immaculate beauty as we cruise its vibrant waters and step into its rich history.

Due to anticipated high demand, registration for this trip will be completed with a lottery. Colette does not anticipate any single occupancies available for this trip. During the informational session you may request help finding a roommate, but we cannot guarantee matching anyone with a roommate. No money is required to enter the lottery. We will accept registrations from June 4 – 24. Those randomly selected registrants will be contacted on June 25, and will have until July 10 to make a deposit of \$1,497. If registration and payment is not received by July 10, registration will move back to the waitlist.

Informational Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 4
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Location: Peoria Next, 801 West Main Street, Peoria



*Price: Lower Outside Double: \$6,799
Main Deck Double: \$7,299
Includes: Roundtrip transportation to Chicago O'Hare, roundtrip air, 12 days, 20 meals, all hotels, transfers, and tours. This price also includes the \$599 cancellation and waiver insurance.

***Prices are not guaranteed after 8/6/24.**



Christmas on the Danube December 4 – 14, 2025

Join Traveling Braves for this multi-day trip December 4 – 14, 2025. Your trip begins in the fairytale city of Prague with a panoramic tour through the city before arriving at Hradcany Castle for a stroll across the Charles's Bridge. We will visit the beautiful St. Vitus Cathedral and see the iconic statue-lined Charles Bridge. On a boat cruise along the Danube, we will explore charming Christmas markets and see Europe dressed in its holiday best. Discover Würzburg, an ancient Franconian wine town. Explore Nuremberg, home to one of the oldest and largest Christmas markets in the world. Float through the Wachau Valley, dotted with castles and hillside houses. Visit the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries. Join a local expert and explore historic Vienna. Relax as you are transported to beloved riverside towns and delve into local holiday traditions.

*Price: Lower Outside Double Cabin: \$5,248:
Middle Outside Double Cabin: \$5,548
Upper Outside Double Cabin: \$6,148
Suite Double Cabin: \$6,548
Includes: Roundtrip transportation to Chicago O'Hare, roundtrip air, 11 days, 21 meals, all hotels, transfers, and tours. This price also includes the \$599 cancellation and waiver insurance.

Informational Meeting

Date: Monday, August 26
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Location: Peoria Next, 801 West Main Street, Peoria

*** Prices are not guaranteed after 12/7/24.**

Please call 309-677-3900 or email olli@bradley.edu for more information.

TRAVELING BRAVES

15

Learning Trips

Learning trips are educational travel experiences that enable you to interact with experts who offer behind-the-scenes looks at area businesses, regional attractions, and multi-day domestic/international destinations.

A detailed itinerary will be emailed to you prior to the trip.

To make your trip even more enjoyable, please note:

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



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.

ACTIVITY LEVELS

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 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. Tippy Creek Honey Farm

Activity Level 3

Monday, June 3

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tippy Creek is a small agri-business/farm just north of Hopedale that hosts a combination of scenic woodlands, midwestern prairie, and non-aggressive farming practices. Join OLLI as owner Rob Preston will guide us through his lovely farm including 12 acres of clover, newly established native wildflowers, apple trees, and an ever-enlarging apiary. Next, we will head to the brand new education building to learn about agriculture, and biology, along with studying the relationship between bees, and nature, all while learning more about the responsibilities placed upon them, as stewards of their environment.

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

2. Carl Sandburg's Home and Galesburg

Activity Level 3

Thursday, June 6

8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Join us as we head to Galesburg to visit two historic sites. We will tour the Central Congregational Church, a historic church on Central Square in Galesburg. Central Congregational was built in 1898 and has 75 stained glass windows. Carl Sandburg packed the 880-seat sanctuary when he spoke and played his guitar there for his 75th birthday. Then after lunch we will visit the home where poet and author Carl Sandburg was born. We'll start in the Visitor's Center, which houses a museum containing hundreds of artifacts and displays. Docents will provide a private tour of his home and grounds, which include the garden, barn, and quotation walk in the backyard.

\$50 – includes guided tour, lunch at local restaurant, and shuttle transportation.



Trip host Scott Coppernoll and Deb Clay stop to smile for the camera during a recent tour of Ameren. Do you see the family resemblance?

3. Peoria Sculptures and Monuments Tours with Bernie Drake

Activity Level 1

Tuesday, June 11

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

OR

4. Peoria Sculptures and Monuments Tour with John Amdall

Activity Level 1

Tuesday, July 23

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

OLLI volunteers Bernie Drake and John Amdall have helped design and research this one-of-a-kind experience 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.

5. Mabuhay Leather Craft

Activity Level 1

Thursday, June 13

9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join OLLI as we delve into the world of handcrafted leather at Mabuhay Leather Craft. They design everything from customized leather crafts such as cosplay armor and accessories, slings, vests, holsters, pouches, cases, wallets, bags, belts, notebook covers, board games, flowers and more! Owner and master leather smith, Abegail Alm will be our guide through a leather craft project and give us an insider's look at the leather crafting. She'll also discuss her business model.

\$60 – includes guided tour, leather project, lunch at a local restaurant, and shuttle transportation.

6. Historic Pontiac

Activity Level 3

Wednesday, June 26

8:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Our day in historic Pontiac will begin with a visit with Liz Vincent, tourism director for the city. We'll have a guided tour of the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame and Museum, which features *The Route 66: Photo Journal* exhibit. We'll also visit the Livingston County War Museum, which many equate to taking a tour of the 20th Century, as it features artifacts, films, books, uniforms, and weapons of several wars. Next, we'll visit the town's 20 outdoor murals, most painted by the Walldogs, who came to town in 2009 and painted 18 murals in just four days. After lunch at Acres Inn, we'll tour the Pontiac Oakland Automobile Museum, which features antique and classic cars and artifacts. From there, we will visit the Museum of the Gilding Arts, a small but unique museum showcasing the craft of gold and silver leaf gilding, including items from the Swift Collection.

\$65 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

7. Advanced Manufacturing Center at Heartland College

Activity Level 3

Thursday, June 27

9:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Heartland Community College in Normal, founded in 1990, is now home to more than 40 programs for career training and transfer preparation. During our tour we will visit the Advanced Manufacturing Center and the State Farm Electric Vehicle Lab. We'll learn how the college, a founding member of the Illinois Green Economy Network, provides training and education that responds to the workforce needs of the regional green economy, helping to address state and national sustainability initiatives. We'll also visit the new Ag Complex, a \$23-million building for students wanting to pursue careers in broad fields of agriculture.

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

8. Peoria County Coroner

Activity Level 1

Thursday, July 11

11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meet our Peoria County Coroner, Jamie Harwood, an elected official charged with investigating sudden, unusual, or traumatic deaths and assuring a scientific, forensic investigation is completed. Our visit will include a discussion about why the coroner investigates a death, what a typical day is like, a tour of the autopsy room and morgue, as well as a question and answer period. Harwood, a Certified Forensic Nurse, will also discuss how the office provides advocacy for the survivors, justice for the deceased, and a determination of cause and manner of death with the most efficient, evidenced-based, best practice methods. \$35 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation.

9. Kira's Flower Farm

Activity Level 3

Thursday, July 25

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join OLLI as we head to Kira's Flowers, an organic flower farm and floral design studio on the edge of East Peoria. On an old Civil War era farmstead, she grows over 75 varieties of flowers, and creates designer bouquets for weddings, special occasions, and for her community-supported agriculture (CSA) and farmers market customers. Using her art and design background, Kira seeks to break the barriers of the traditional bouquet and delve into floral sculpture and wearable floral art. In the last year, she has focused her efforts on raising money to restore the old Sears Roebuck barn on the property. \$35 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, tasting, and shuttle transportation.

10. Illinois River Biological Station

Activity Level 4

Wednesday, July 31

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Illinois Natural History Survey's Illinois River Biological Station's mission is to gather environmental and biological data on the Illinois River. They are one of six stations of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program's Long Term Resource Monitoring element (LTRM), and the home of the 60-year old Long Term Survey and Assessment of Large River Fishes in Illinois, started

in 1957. We'll travel to Havana to visit with the staff who also coordinate the fish and vegetation monitoring and research at the Emiquon Preserve, in addition to various other research programs focusing on large river ecosystems. We'll spend part of our tour on a boat, and you may get up close and personal with some wet fish, so please wear appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear! \$45 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

11. Thien Tam Temple

Activity Level 2

Monday, August 5

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Explore the rich cultural tapestry of the Thien Tam Temple with OLLI. The Temple is located in the historic Washington School building on Moss Avenue. Buddhism is a spiritual path that emphasizes the pursuit of enlightenment through practices such as meditation, mindfulness, and compassion, rooted in the teachings of Siddhartha Gautama, known as the Buddha. Abbot Thich Tinh Nghia will be our guide through the temple and give us insight into Buddhist traditions and practices.

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

12. NINE The Musical at Corn Stock Theatre

Activity Level 1

Thursday, August 8

5:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Join OLLI for a performance of NINE the Musical at Corn Stock Theatre, Peoria's only outdoor community theater where shows are presented under a big-top style tent. Celebrated but impetuous film director Guido Contini, succumbing to the pressures of filming his latest film epic (a musical version of the Casanova story), suffers a midlife crisis. One by one, women from his past and present – including his mother, his wife, his mistress, and his leading lady – haunt, instruct, scold, seduce and encourage him until he finally learns to grow up. We'll have the unique chance to meet with Chip Joyce, the play's director, as he shares his insights during an after the show talk back and gives a short behind-the-scenes tour. \$55 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

13. EP!C

Activity Level 2

Tuesday, August 13

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

EP!C (Empowering People, Inspiring Capabilities) has been serving individuals with developmental disabilities and their families for over 70 years. Advocates for the respect and inclusion of capable people, EP!C invites you to visit their headquarters to take a behind-the-scenes look at some of their services and learn how a program that was originally organized to serve ten children with disabilities now supports adults with cognitive differences and their families across 15 counties in Illinois.

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

14. Distillery Labs

Activity Level 3

Wednesday, August 21

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m

Distillery Labs is working to connect people, ideas, and resources to launch and grow new businesses in the Greater Peoria community. Doug Cruitt, the Executive Director at Distillery Labs and affiliate Instructor at Bradley University will be our guide to the newly renovated location featuring 40,000 square feet of space in the former Illinois Central College building on Southwest Adams. The renovated building will house a world-class startup and technology incubation center complete with public education and training facilities, offices and coworking areas, and maker spaces including a commercial test kitchen, cut-and-sew, and prototyping equipment.

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

15. Kayaking at Moraine View State Park

Activity Level 4

Thursday, August 22

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m

This trip was so popular, we're offering it again! Join OLLI for a fun-filled day at Moraine View State Recreation Area, where we'll get an introduction to the sport of kayaking, including basic techniques, benefits, and more. We'll board kayaks ourselves (you may be assigned a single or a tandem kayak) for an hour of paddling around scenic Dawson Lake. No prior kayaking experience is necessary, but please make sure that you are comfortable being in a watercraft on the lake, and that you

meet the activity level requirements for this trip. \$50 – includes kayak, paddle, and life jacket rental, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation

16. Greater Peoria Sanitary District

Activity Level 3

Wednesday, August 28

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Greater Peoria Sanitary and Sewage Disposal District (GPSD) is a special governmental unit organized in 1927 to treat sewage before it is discharged into the Illinois River. During our visit, we'll learn how wastewater is collected and treated in the 700 miles of pipes, find out how the plant treats an average of 25 million gallons annually, and take a look at how the laboratory monitors the treatment process in order to meet the federal requirements.

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

17. Dream Center

Activity Level 3

Thursday, August 29

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Dream Center Peoria is a faith based not-for-profit in downtown Peoria that aims to impact families in poverty, starting with kids. They have a multitude of programming including emergency and transitional housing for women, children, and families; after school tutoring; mentoring, summer camp, and success skills and Backpack Peoria. Join us for a tour of the activity areas for youth services, the HOPE Store, the shelter, and much more.

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



Kayaking with OLLI is fun and easy!

Stay up-to-date on what's happening at OLLI at Bradley University, including announcements of pop-up trips, special events, and campus happenings, by reading our weekly e-newsletter each Tuesday. If you would like to subscribe, please email olli@bradley.edu to add your name to the mailing list.

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

ONLINE Originals

1. Lions & Tigers & Bears, Oh My!

Friday, July 12

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Learn about The Wild Animal Sanctuary, the oldest and largest nonprofit sanctuary in the world dedicated exclusively to rescuing captive, endangered large carnivores and educating the public about the tragic plight of many captive animals today. We will learn about the Colorado facility that features a 1.5 mile walkway elevated 30 feet above the ground to allow viewing hundreds of animals in large acreage habitats. Through photos and videos, we will gain insight into the process of rescuing and rehabilitating the animals at the organization's three other facilities. Our presenter is Public Relations Director, Austin Hill who joined the group in 2015. He first visited the Wild Animal Sanctuary the day after graduating college and was instantly hooked.

\$15 – A Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.

2. The Museum of Modern Art Tour with Julie Averbach

Monday, July 22

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. CST

Online via Zoom

Explore works by Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet, and more. What inspired Vincent Van Gogh to paint *The Starry Night*? Which sculpture fascinated Albert Einstein when he visited the MoMa in the 1930s? We will delve into these stories and others, as we tour one of New York's beloved museums and consider its most iconic artworks.

\$15 – 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!

Zoom Help Sessions for Online Registration

Tuesday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

Save your spot by calling 309-677-3900 or email olli@bradley.edu



OLLI members explored the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle during an online learning trip.

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 an amount of your choice) 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.

WHY WE GIVE TO OLLI



"OLLI is an incredible asset to the Peoria area and I'm proud to support our thriving learning community."

– Chuck Dykhouse

"As an educator, I've always emphasized the importance of teaching youth to be lifelong learners. I give to OLLI so I can continue to learn, knowing I will, in return, receive a top quality curriculum and gain new insights and knowledge. And, I have met many wonderful, giving people too!"

– Jennifer Bass

"The variety of OLLI programs have stimulated and supported my brain function 24/7/365 since 2004. I think of donating to OLLI as a privilege to give back. With OLLI there is no need to take Prevagen!"

– Roberta Herbst



"We look forward to every season of OLLI - and we give because OLLI truly enriches our lives."

– Don and Laurie Hartshorn

President's Letter

Summertime and the living is easy. I've always loved that George Gershwin song from Porgy and Bess. This summer, I start my year as OLLI President. I'm excited about the future of this terrific organization which has been an important part of my life for nearly 15 years. We are now over 1,000 members strong!

Recently I was talking with a friend who shares my love of learning and travel, yet had never heard of OLLI. I immediately invited him to sit in on a class to see what he has been missing.

I hope you will help spread the word to your friends who haven't yet experienced OLLI. You are welcome to invite a guest to attend an OLLI class session for free (just call the office (309) 677-3900 to make a reservation). Or why not invite a friend who is new to OLLI to register with you for a local trip you want to take? With the Each One Reach One program, you could earn a free class or study group.

Our OLLI staff do an amazing job on many fronts, but did you know that many of the ideas for classes, study groups and trips come from OLLI members? If you have ideas you want to share, I hope you will consider attending a committee meeting where the ideas are generated. Or even if you don't have a specific idea to share, but just want to understand how the process works behind the scenes, it's OK to attend and just listen. See the next page for upcoming meeting dates or for more information, call the office or contact one of our committee chairs:

Curriculum Committee (for classes) - John Amdall (john.amdall@gmail.com) & Bev Ketel (b.ketel434@comcast.net)
Study Group Committee - Rob Parks (robertamparks7513@gmail.com) & Roberta Koscielski (robertareads@gmail.com)
Learning Trip Committee - Bernie Drake (bdrake110744@gmail.com)

Our Bradley OLLI helps people Explore, Connect and Learn. One of my favorite new ways to Connect in a casual environment — OLLI Mix & Mingles. This summer we have three mixers scheduled, see page 7 for details. Hope to see you there!



Deb Clay
Deb Clay, OLLI President

NEW FACILITATOR WORKSHOP

May 30 - Free! See details on page 8.

Facilitating doesn't require expertise, just passion to learn more about the topic

- Gary Nelson



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.

Volunteers are the Heart of OLLI

Who Volunteers at OLLI?

Everyone! OLLI is a member-driven organization guided by dedicated individuals who are passionate about their vision of our lifelong learning community. You don't need any prior experience or expertise. Everyone is welcome.



Through OLLI, we've met some of the most interesting, friendly, humorous and downright brilliant people... OLLI involvement has been a blessing in retirement and a lifeline through COVID.

-Randy Wilson and Gary Nelson



JOIN US FOR THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

OLLI welcomes everyone to join our volunteer ranks and we have a wide variety of ways to get involved. We always need hosts for classes and study groups, members to deliver brochures, and of course instructors and facilitators. Our committees meet throughout the year to plan OLLI programs, no experience or rsvp need - drop in and join us!

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

Learning Trip Committee | Winter 2025
Tuesday, July 9

Study Group Committee | Winter 2025
Thursdays, July 25 and August 15

Curriculum Committee | Winter 2025
Wednesdays, August 21 and September 4

OLLI VOLUNTEERS: THEY GET THE JOB DONE!

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

Officers 2024 - 2025

President
Deb Clay

Vice President
Shelley Epstein

Past President
Gary Nelson

Secretary
Roberta Herbst

Treasurer
Rich Radochia

Curriculum Committee

John Amdall,
Co-Chair
Bev Ketel, Co-Chair
Sharon Amdall
Jim Anstett
Laurie Bailey
Tim Bailey
Bob Balagna
Jennifer Bass
John, Brady
Rick Burritt
Ben Camacho
Ralph Dalton
Randy Domenighini
Bernie Drake
John Dust
Joe Emanuel
Duffy Armstrong
Farrell
Roger French
Steve Garrison
Rick Gentry

Rae Anne Hamp
Jane Hense
Kay Henz
Rich Henz
Sherry Hillman
Fran Kepler
Lee Maki
Chris Martin
Janene Mattingly
Janet McGrath
Deborah McQuellin
Gary Nelson
Jackie Orren
Diane Rock
Don Samford
Becky Sisk
Mark Stanard
Mary Jane Sterling
Jenny Tripses
Larry Trollope

Study Group Committee

Roberta Koscielski,
Co-Chair
Rob Parks, Co-Chair
Phyllis Baylor
Fred Bliss
Becky Carlson
John Cummins
Ralph Dalton
Jane Hense
Jack Huggins
Kay Koch
Lee Maki
John McCabe
Doug McCarty
Patricia Melaik
Gary Nelson
Pat Pritchard
Ruth Rademaker
Diane Rock
Don Samford
Mark Stanard
Jenny Tripses
Bob Yonker

Study Group Host Coordinator

Kathleen Kowal

**Learning Trip/
Originals Committee**
Bernie Drake, Chair
Dave Allan
John Amdall
Sharon Amdall
Bob Balagna
Jennifer Bass
Barb Drake
Joe Ernst
Rae Anne Hamp
Lynn Highfill
Paul Kluber
Lee Maki
Bonnie Martin
Mary McCarty
Gloria Smith-Duryea
Larry Trollope

Continuing Education Staff

Michelle Riggio
Executive Director

Catherine Lawless
Associate Director

Gwen Howarter
Program Coordinator

Diana Klein
Program Coordinator

Bonnie Davis
Program Coordinator

Wendy Haste
Program Director
Grant

Dan Stanley
Administrative
Support

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

Photographs are taken during all OLLI programs. Your registration 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.

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 SUMMER PROGRAMS

ONLINE REGISTRATION Opens Wednesday, May 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Brochure will be posted online by Friday, April 26

1. Login starting ONE WEEK PRIOR to registration and purchase your \$5 Summer 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 Summer 24 membership.
4. To make selections, view ALL Summer Programs or scroll down and click each of the red tiles to view a program category: Trivia, Originals, Study Groups, Learning Trips, 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 **Monday, April 29 at 11:30 a.m.** Peoria Next, 801 Main Street

Online via Zoom **Tuesday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.**

Save your spot! Call (309) 677-3900 or Email: olli@bradley.edu

● **TO REGISTER BY MAIL OR PHONE SEE PAGE 26** ●

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 the 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.

SUMMER 2024 REGISTRATION

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 summer 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 page 27, pick the activities in which you'd like to participate, and total the cost for each.

Step #4: PAYMENT INFORMATION

8th Annual Trivia.....	\$ _____	+
Originals.....	\$ _____	+
Study Groups.....	\$ _____	+
Learning Trips.....	\$ _____	+
OLLI Online.....	\$ _____	+
OLLI Quarterly Membership Fee*.....	\$ 5.00	=
TOTAL DUE =	\$ _____	

*Paid only once in May - August

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, May 8 at 8:30 a.m.).
- **If you are registering by mail**, please return pages 26-27 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, May 8, at 8:30 a.m.
- **To speak with staff about your registration**, please complete pages 26-27, and call (309) 677-3900 (after 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 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 your participation and hold Bradley University and its agents harmless.

Signature

Date

SUMMER 2024 REGISTRATION

8th Annual Trivia Night			
	Rock and Roll Trivia	August 16	\$50

ORIGINALS			
	1. OLLI At the Movies: <i>Race</i>	June 5	\$5
	2. Mindfulness...	June 10	\$15
	3. OLLI Coffee and Conversation	June 17	\$20
	4. <i>Uncommon Threads</i> ...	June 25	FREE
	5. OLLI at the Movies: <i>Chariots</i> ...	June 28	\$5
	6. Honey Tasting with Luke Harvey	July 29	\$35
	7. Healthy Walk and Talk	August 26	FREE
	8. OLLI at the Movies: <i>Footloose</i>	August 27	\$5

MIX AND MINGLE			
	1. The Bar at Black Band	June 11	FREE
	2. Industry Brewing	July 9	FREE
	3. Tres Rojas Winery	August 14	FREE

STUDY GROUPS			
	1. Study Group Facilitator...	May 30	FREE
	2. Great Short Novels	June 3 – Aug 12	\$45
	3. Butterflies and the...	June 5 – July 10	\$45
	4. Landscape & Nature...	June 6 – 27	\$45
	5. Dose of Reality...	June 6 – Aug 1	\$45
	6. <i>Caste: The Origins ...</i>	June 10 – July 15	\$45
	7. Let the Games Begin...	July 2 – 30	\$45
	8. A Mosaic of Mothers	July 9 – 30	\$45
	9. To Go or Not to Go?...	July 23 – Aug 27	\$45
	10. OLLI Trailblazers	July 31 – Aug 28	\$45
	11. How Will the Blue Zones...	August 7 – 28	\$45
	12. Writing Our Lives..	August 1 – 29	\$45

LEARNING TRIPS			
	1. Tippy Creek Honey Farm	June 3	\$35
	2. Carl Sandburg's Home...	June 6	\$50
	3. Peoria Sculptures: Bernie Drake	June 11	\$40
	4. Peoria Sculptures: John Amdall	July 23	\$40
	5. Mabuhay Leather Craft	June 13	\$60
	6. Historic Pontiac	June 26	\$65
	7. Advanced Manufacturing Center...	June 27	\$40
	8. Peoria County Coroner	July 11	\$35
	9. Kira's Flower Farm	July 25	\$35
	10. Illinois River Biological Station	July 31	\$45
	11. Thien Tam Temple	August 5	\$35
	12. <i>NINE The Musical</i> at Corn Stock	August 8	\$55
	13. EPIC	August 13	\$35
	14. Distillery Labs	August 21	\$35
	15. Kayaking at Moraine View State...	August 22	\$50
	16. Greater Peoria Sanitary District	August 28	\$35
	17. Dream Center	August 29	\$35

ONLINE ORIGINALS			
	1. Lions & Tigers & Bears, Oh My	July 12	\$15
	2. The Museum of Modern Art...	July 22	\$15

On a recent trip to the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport, OLLI members take in the view on a sunny day.





1501 West Bradley Avenue
Peoria, IL • 61625

Non Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Peoria, IL
Permit No. 688



Online and Mail In
Registration OPENS
May 8, 2024

Phone Registration OPENS
May 9, 2024

CONNECT WITH OLLI



facebook.com/OLLIatBradleyUniversity



[OLLIatBU](https://www.instagram.com/OLLIatBU)