

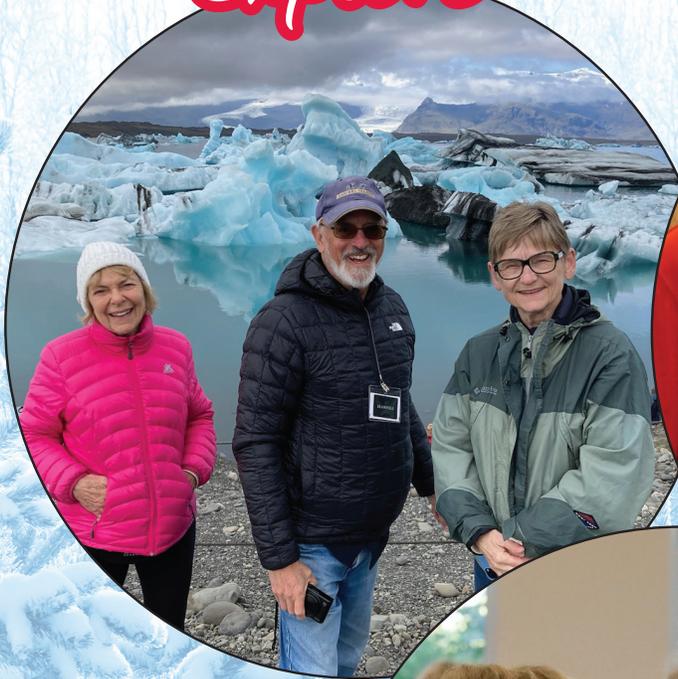
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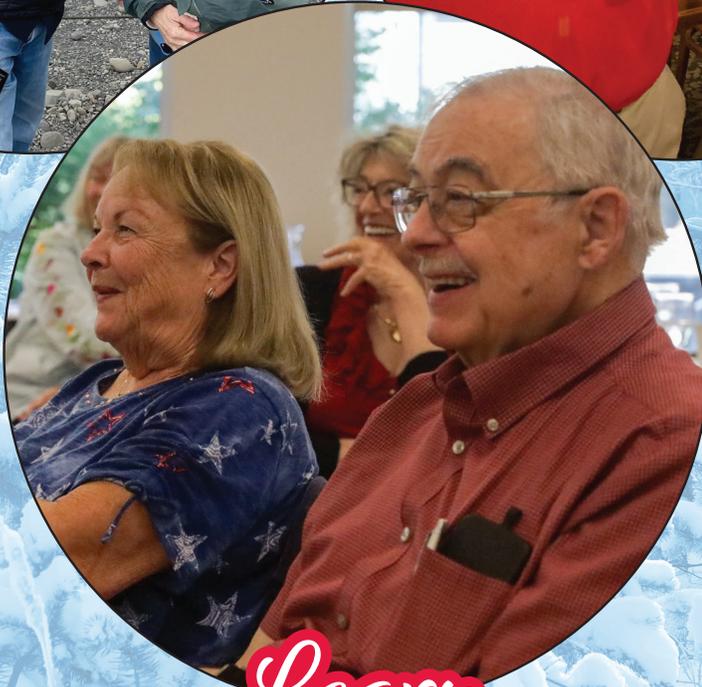


WINTER 2024

Explore



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NEW TO OLLI?

OLLI is an acronym for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University, an organization with an average of 1,000 annual members who want to stay active and connected as they reach and enjoy retirement. One of the best ways to do that is to keep learning and meeting new people.

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. This Winter, our class topics range from the war in Ukraine to pop culture philosophers.

Originals are exclusive talks from the community and beyond. Back by popular demand, we are hosting another whiskey tasting event.

Study Groups start at various times throughout the year and usually meet for 1.5 to 2 hours for 4 to 6 weeks. The groups meet off campus at locations around the area. This winter, groups will discuss a variety of topics, including brain science and Supreme Court cases.

Learning Trips offer looks at places and spaces in the Peoria area, from the Islamic Center to the new restaurant The Queen of Squash.

OLLI Online programs are run via Zoom and offer many unique presentations including a session on public lands in Alaska.

Traveling Braves let our members explore the world. In 2024, we will visit Southern Italy/Sicily, Alaska, and take memorial trips to London, Normandy, and Paris for the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

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Register on November 8

- **Wednesday, November 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. 22 - 23).

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

Help Sessions for Online Registration!
See details on page 21

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! We like to show our gratitude by offering **FREE** Member Perks each season:
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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.



EXPLORE, CONNECT, and LEARN WITH OLLI

We have close to 50 programs lined up this winter with something for everyone.

Below is just a snapshot of how you can explore, connect and learn.

Be sure to dive into the brochure to see more amazing offerings OLLI is planning.

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CLASSES VIA ZOOM

Classes via Zoom!

For Winter 2024, OLLI classes will be presented via Zoom in both January and February. With our a la carte options, you can also choose how many to take each Wednesday: one, two, three, or all four classes.

**January Online Classes
Three Sessions
Wednesdays, January 10, 17, and 24, 2024**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

1. Peoria Between the Wars: 1819-1940

History is too often taught by what happened during wars. In this class, we will discover how our city grew in times of peace. Peoria established itself from the War of 1812 to the Civil War when veterans, land speculators, immigrants, and entrepreneurs poured into this rich new area. After the Civil War, and up until World War I, Peoria not only became known for its distilling and cattle industry, it also established a number of cultural institutions that are with us today. We'll learn why Peoria became the "Whiskey Capital of the World," and how the distilling industry turned the wild town into an early Las Vegas, until it cleaned up its reputation and became an All-American City.

\$15 – Class instructors are Trisha Triff Noack, retired Peoria Public Library Public Relations Manager and current Trustee, Peoria Historical Society; and Bernie Drake, former President of the Peoria Historical Society and OLLI Trip Committee Chairman.

2. An Even Madder Dash Through Western Music History

This class will cover the broad sweep and quite a few details of the big picture of Western Music History – from the early roots in the Middle Ages, through the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and 20th Century periods. Learn how to recognize the salient and distinguishing features of musical works that place them in a musical period, based on an overview of the progression of musical composition and performance. We'll be both watching and listening with plenty of musical examples that will bring the history to life!

\$15 – Class instructor is David Commanday, Artistic Director / Conductor of the Heartland Festival Orchestra, Director of Orchestral Studies at Eastern Illinois University, and cellist.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

3. Beauty from Ashes: Pompeii and Herculaneum

Almost 2,000 years ago, the volcanic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius buried the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Hidden for centuries, they were rediscovered and excavated in the 1800s, revealing to us the culture of ancient Rome, frozen in time. The daily life of the wealthy and poor, with entertainment, politics, religion, and even pornography – these two cities tell it all. Based on the writings of Pliny the Younger, other ancient writers, graffiti, and the archaeological findings, this class will cover what happened during the eruption of Vesuvius, and what we can learn about the ancient Romans from the remains of these two cities.

\$15 – Class instructor is Janene Mattingly, retired Latin teacher, avid Italy traveler, and frequent OLLI instructor.

4. It's Our Planet: Can We Save It?

During 2024, the 23rd annual Peoria Reads project will focus on climate change and our environment. Through discussion, we will address reasons why people deny climate change, how we can each do our part in protecting our environment, what is being done in other countries to tackle the changes planet Earth is facing, and review current news items focusing on the health of our planet. \$15 – Class instructors are Roberta Koscielski, retired Peoria Public Librarian, OLLI Study Group Committee Co-Chair and frequent OLLI presenter; and Wayne Cannon, manager of Peoria Area Food Bank.

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1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

5. Behind the Curtain: How Things Work

Many advances have been made in technology over the decades since most of us were in school and “up” on the latest innovations. This class will explore two somewhat recent additions: Global Positioning Systems (GPS), which, among other benefits, tell us where we are and how to get to where we want to go; and computer models which help us understand real-world systems and experiment with different solutions to problems.

\$15 – Class instructors are York Phillips, retired urban planner and Bob Yonker, retired engineer. Both are past OLLI instructors living out of state and Zooming in!

6. Explore the World via the Magic of the Internet

Are you ready to travel but feeling frustrated that you are stuck at home? You can't always get there in person, but with virtual field trips the world is still your oyster. Learn how to explore the world virtually with John Amdall, who will work with your suggestions and show you how to travel to various locations through the magic of the Internet. This class is back by popular demand, but we'll

visit new locations both as suggested by the participants and locations discovered in recent months. A computer or laptop is recommended, since many of the websites we will be exploring work better on these devices, although tablet or smartphone will suffice.

\$15 – Class instructor is John Amdall, OLLI past president and frequent OLLI instructor.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

7. Common Sense Wealth Creation

Simplify your investments and perhaps double your returns. This class will explore the long-term use of whole market index funds. These investments achieve a simple, low-cost, easy to implement way to create high returns.

Dr. Albers is the author of *Investing: Creating Wealth With Whole Market Index Funds*, which can be downloaded for FREE at: <https://wholemarketindexinvesting.com>.

\$15 – The class instructor is Dr. Robert Albers, has 40 years experience in self-education in the world of investments and past OLLI instructor.

8. Creative Journaling

Whether you're new to journaling or just looking for creative ideas to inspire you, this class is for you.

Journaling has been shown to produce improvements in both mood and stress levels, and journals can be a place to record the events of each day and track schedules, or they can be used for creating art, collecting quotes, visualizing dreams, and more. Join Carol Manny, a local artist, to discover the different ways your journal can become a reflection of your life and explore journal ideas that allow a little more creativity, including art journals, bullet journals, and journal mapping.

\$15 – Class instructor is Carol Manny, local artist, educator, and past OLLI instructor.



The OLLI Executive Committee members serve as advisors to the Continuing Education staff in coordinating the OLLI program. Pictured are Roger French, Rob Parks, Bernie Drake, John Amdall, Gary Nelson, Deb Clay, Diane Rock, Roberta Koscielski. (Committee members not pictured Dotty Drake and Bev Ketel)



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February Online Classes Four Sessions February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2024

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

I. Look What I Wrote

The newest addition to OLLI's curriculum, Look What I Wrote, will showcase authors in a wide range of genres, all of whom are enthused to share their works with OLLI. Each week, we'll learn a little about their work, their writing journeys, and the charms and challenges of being a published author. Each session will also include time for questions and answers with the author.

February 7: Jacqueline Gillam Fairchild – *Estate of Mind*

February 14: Dave Kindred – *My Home Team*

February 21: Joe Chianakas – *Singlets and Secrets*

February 28: Maureen Leuba – author in process

\$20 – Class instructors are local authors listed above.

2. Dementia Series:

Journey to Understanding

Join Drs. Patrick and Diane Healey for this interactive series on dementia, as they cover symptoms of dementia, diagnosis, treatment, and how to deal with later stages of the disease including behaviors. In addition, participants will learn how to find local resources for care for someone with dementia, and learn about the concept of age-friendly care so they may advocate for loved ones with dementia.

\$20 – Class instructors are Dr. Diane Healey and Dr. Patrick Healey, recently retired community-based geriatricians for 35 years.

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11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

3. From the Big Bang to the Big ... Expansion of Our Universe

The universe is expanding, but what does this mean? We will review cosmologists' current Benchmark Model and the composition, density, temperature, and epochs of the observable universe from two seconds after the Big Bang to the end of our observable universe (Big Chill or Big Rip). We will cover the big picture and broad strokes, not physics of particles, stars, and galaxies. We will also discuss some of the open questions that may change our understanding in the coming decades, but we won't have time to examine the evidence for the current model. There will be an optional fifth class in March for those who can attend.

\$20 – Class instructor is Walter Urbaniak, a retired computer networking engineer with a personal interest in physics and a frequent OLLI instructor.

4. Four Doctors, Four Topics, For Women Only

This unique class is designed for women, and each week will focus on the different health issues faced by women. Please note: to accommodate the doctor's schedule, the final session will take place on *Thursday, February 29*.

Wednesday, February 7 – Dr. Katherine Beaudry, Dermatology

As the largest organ of the human body, our skin performs several vital functions. It's important, therefore, to take good care of it as we grow older. Dr. Beaudry will explain different things you can do to maintain skin health, review the early warning signs of skin cancer, and discuss when you should see your dermatologist.

Wednesday, February 14 – Molly Dimler, Pelvic Health Physical Therapy

Pelvic health physical therapy treats a variety of conditions including pain, prolapse, urinary/fecal incontinence, and pregnancy-related disorders. Join Molly Dimler, Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Women's Health Physical Therapy, as we explore measure to improve pelvic floor health.

Wednesday, February 21 – Dr. Lynne Jalovec, Breast Cancer: What You Need to Know

Dr. Jalovec, a retired Peoria breast cancer surgeon who has been on the cutting edge of breast cancer research, will discuss breast health, the importance of mammograms, and how to guard against breast cancer.

Thursday, February 29 – Dr. Wendy McLaughlin, Gynecology

Dr. McLaughlin, who practices at Harbour Women's Health in New Hampshire, will discuss why women need gynecological care at every stage of life. She will also review normal aging issues and discuss those that may cause concern.

\$20 – Class instructors are listed above.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

5. Pop Culture's Philosophers

Philosophers may sometimes seem irrelevant to us, but their ideas undergird all the stories we tell. Join us to explore four philosophers whose ideas are still alive today in pop culture. We'll learn to recognize their ideas and their work as we discuss their impact on the media and our world today.

\$20 – Class instructor is Pastor Bill Dohle, frequent OLLI instructor and former Peorian who now serves King of Kings Lutheran in Pueblo, Colorado.

6. Russian-Ukrainian War with Dr. Roach

Dr. Joe Roach, Bradley University professor emeritus, will share his expertise and views on the Russian-Ukrainian War. We'll start with a review of Russian history from 1917 to the reign of Vladimir Putin, including the impact of the Ukrainian War upon the U.S. economy and politics. We'll discuss the genocidal Ukrainian experience of the 1930s and 1940s, when Ukraine was caught between Josef Stalin and Adolph Hitler, and the political, economic, and military record of Putin's invasion of Ukraine, the consequences of the invasion, and the major combat systems used in the war. Dr. Roach will also explain why Putin will probably lose the war – as well as Siberia in the process.

\$20 – Class instructor is Dr. Joe Roach, professor emeritus of Bradley University, where he taught 1968-2005 and served as director of international programs.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

7. Zentangle©

Zentangle© is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun method to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. It's also a proven method for mindfulness, fostering self-esteem and focus, and reducing stress. In this class, we'll learn to use the eight-step method of Zentangle© drawing and how to also use this in our professional/personal life. \$20 – Class instructor is Sue Dion, a retired art educator, Certified Zentangle© teacher, and OLLI instructor.

8. Honeybees in Peoria

Discover the fascinating world of honeybees, beekeeping, and honey in Illinois with Luke Harvey of Riverview Road Apiary, one of Peoria's largest apiaries. Uncover the vital role honeybees play in pollination and ecosystem health from someone who has tailored beekeeping techniques to our local environment. This class offers invaluable insights into bee biology, hive management, and sustainable beekeeping practices. We'll explore Illinois' unique flora and its impact on our local honey's flavor profile as we take a journey of ecological awareness and sustainable food production. We'll enrich our knowledge and contribute to the preservation of honeybee and pollinator populations crucial for our ecosystem.

\$20 – Class instructor is Luke Harvey, local beekeeper.

**Need a quick Zoom
refresher course?
See page 22 for details.**

WINTER SEMINAR 2024

Thursday, January 11, 2024 • 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Bradley University, Michel Student Center Ballroom

NEW

Join us for OLLI's Winter Seminar, our new in-person winter program that features two lectures and an opportunity to gather as a community in the new year.

\$15 - includes both seminars, coffee, and treats. Parking is free and available anywhere on campus while students are on winter break.

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Cybersecurity: Best Practices to Stay Safe

With billions of dollars lost annually, it's more important than ever to protect your personal information and assets. Join Bradley University's Jacob Young, Director of the Center for Cybersecurity, and David Scuffham, Director of Information Security, to learn how online data and credentials can become compromised. We'll discover how to keep your computer safe from cyberattacks and data breaches, and what steps

to take to reduce the threat of identity theft, online scams, malware, fraud and more. They will also help us understand best practices for online account management, including ways to secure our personal data with password managers and multi-factor authentication.

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Scones break

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

What is ChatGPT and How Does it Work?

The second part of the seminar will be all about ChatGPT, the new Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology. Angel Chatterton, Senior Instructor of Accountancy at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will help us gain an understanding of the state-of-the-art language generation model. We'll have the opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas, thoughts and questions about the technology.

OLLI MIX & Mingle

OLLI Mix & Mingle is a great way to meet new people in a casual environment. It's an opportunity for current OLLI members (and those that may be interested in learning more about OLLI) to get together, socialize, and exchange ideas and tips on all things OLLI and beyond. We reserve a few tables at each location so we can mix and mingle – OLLI style! Registration is required; if you'd like to bring a friend who's new to OLLI, contact the office so staff can provide accurate numbers for the reservation.

I. Mix & Mingle

Tuesday, February 13, at 4:00 p.m.

The Fox Pub

7800 N Sommer St, Ste 302, Peoria

Free! – Registration is required. Transportation not provided - meet us there!



Frequent OLLI volunteers, Patricia Melaik and Doug McCarty enjoy nature during a tour of Hornbaker Gardens. Patricia says getting involved with the OLLI Program as a class instructor has helped her to grow as a person, socially and beyond.



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OLLI ORIGINALS

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

1. Whiskey Tasting with Steve Richards

Friday, January 19

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Hey there, whiskey enthusiasts and the curious, are you ready to embark on a golden journey with us? This event is the perfect opportunity to expand your whiskey knowledge and taste buds! Join us as we explore the different types of whiskey from around the world – Canadian, Bourbon, Tennessee, Irish, and Scotch. You'll learn how to observe, nose, taste, drink, and even describe the unique flavors of each one. (Yes, there will be sipping samples of each.) And who better to guide you on this boozy adventure than Steve Richards, who was a professional taster for Hiram Walker distillery in Peoria. So come on, let's raise a glass and learn about the water of life together!

\$30 – Includes presentation, whiskey tasting, snacks, and coffee. Transportation not provided – meet us there. Free parking is available in the lot behind the building.

2. OLLI at the Movies:

Roman Holiday

Friday, January 26

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

Roman Holiday, a 1953 American romantic comedy film directed and produced by William Wyler, features a captivating fairy-tale romance shot entirely on location in Rome. It stars Audrey Hepburn as a princess out to see Rome on her own and Gregory Peck as a reporter seeking an exclusive interview with her. Hepburn won an Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance, and the film received a phenomenal ten Academy Award nominations for a comedy. OLLI is delighted to present the film and moderated discussion, with film buff Pat Pritchard, at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

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

You'll Love
Study Group
#3

3. Virtual Reality Focus Group:

Step into the Future

Wednesday, January 31

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

or

4. Virtual Reality Focus Group

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

or

5. Virtual Reality Focus Group

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Whether you're a tech enthusiast or a complete beginner, this group is your gateway to the limitless possibilities of Virtual Reality (VR). Dive into the mechanics of VR content creation without coding and be a part of a new software tool that will bring your imagination to life. Frank Alonso and Keenan Karich of Transfer Thought, an Illinois-based company founded in 2019 that deploys and customizes web-based VR training scenarios that run directly in the browser, will guide you through every step of the way, ensuring you grasp the basics of this tool, develop your own VR adventure, and experience a final product to wow your friends and family. As a participant in this virtual reality focus group, your feedback on this new VR product is crucial, helping shape its optimization for the open market and ensuring its success and refinement. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about VR and help shape the digital landscapes of tomorrow, together!

FREE! – The VR focus groups will be facilitated by Angel Chatterton, Senior Instructor of Accountancy at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The focus group will be repeated three times, feel free to register for whichever session best fits your schedule. Transportation not provided – meet us there. Parking is available in the lot behind the building.



Steve and Jayne Richards share their expertise and love of whiskey with OLLI members during the whiskey tasting experience.

6. Understanding Social Problems using Constructionist Theory

Thursday, February 1

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Have you ever stopped to think about what makes something a social problem? Do you wonder why others do not see some issue with the same lens as yourself? This program will center on the social constructionist stance toward social problems, and highlight the subjective and relative aspects of the social problems process, including the subjective ways we claim, frame, define, measure, and resolve social problems. The goal is to illustrate how we are active agents in our world, and how subjective definitions ultimately shape what we recognize as a troubling condition. Join OLLI as David Lane, an assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences at Illinois State University, discusses contemporary social problems. \$15 – Includes the presentation, snacks and coffee. Transportation not provided - meet us there. Free parking is available in the lot behind the building.



The OLLIwood Squares Trivia Team are all smiles in their squares during the Annual OLLI Trivia Night.

7. Startup Pitch Day: What's Incubating in Peoria?

Friday, February 16

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Peoria's startup community is seeking your help. As part of every startup's journey, the founders need to pitch (present) their idea to investors. Come hear about some of the great ideas incubating in Peoria. We will also create a judges panel of a few participants from the audience who are willing to provide honest feedback. We're seeking some "sharks" for our own OLLI shark tank! \$15 – Includes presentation, scones and coffee. Transportation not provided - meet us there. Free parking is available in the lot behind the building.

8. Extreme Weather with Illinois Climatologist

Friday, February 23

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Climate change is already causing significant impacts globally, and right here in Central Illinois. One of the most discussed impacts is the extreme weather – heat waves, heavy rain, severe storms – with the notion that these extremes will become more frequent and even more intense. We are far from being locked in to a more extreme weather future, however, and there are ways of both reducing climate change-affected weather extremes and reducing their societal impacts. We'll talk about climate change with Trent Ford, Illinois State Climatologist, how it is affecting extreme weather, what that means for us in central Illinois, and what we can do about it. \$15 – Includes the presentation, snacks, and coffee. Transportation not provided – meet us there. Free parking is available in the lot behind the building.

**You'll Love
Class #4**



JOIN US FOR THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Curriculum Committee
Spring 2024

Wednesdays, November 1, 15, and 29

Learning Trip Committee
Summer 2024

Tuesday, January 16

Study Group Committee
Summer 2024

Thursdays, January 18 and February 15



STUDY GROUPS

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

1. *The Sixth Extinction*

Mondays, January 8 – February 5
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Over the last half a billion years, there have been five distinct mass extinctions when the diversity of life on Earth was suddenly altered. In her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Sixth Extinction*, author Elizabeth Kolbert draws on the work of geologists, botanists, and marine biologists and tells their stories of the species disappearances occurring around the world. Participants in this study group will journey with the author to various habitats to discover the most recent scientifically recorded extinctions of various members of the mammal, reptile, insect, bird, and other species. The author beckons us to consider: are we, will we, be the sixth extinction? Please plan to obtain and read the book *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert, available from local retailers, libraries, and online retailers. \$45 – Facilitated by Patricia Melaik, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, and frequent OLLI facilitator.

2. *The Supreme Court: Its Cases and Impacts*

Tuesdays, January 9 – February 6
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

The Supreme Court is “distinctly American in concept and function,” according to former Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes. Few other courts in the world have the same authority of constitutional interpretation. In this study group, we will study the history of the Supreme Court and explore various cases that have shaped history and have an impact on citizens today. Participants must have an email address and access to the internet.

\$45 – Facilitated by John Cummings, recently retired history teacher.

3. *La Dolce Vita! All Things Italian*

Fridays, January 12 – February 9
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

The word Italy alone can stir wanderlust – whether you have been there or just dream of going. Even if you don’t have plans to visit “the boot” soon, you’ll want to join us as we immerse ourselves into Italian culture through books and films. Each week, one of our facilitators will discuss a book or film set in Italy. Both films are available on streaming services such as Amazon Prime and YouTube, and the books are available from local retailers, libraries, and online retailers.

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Original #5

Participants must have an email address and access to the internet. *This study group will also include FREE admission to the OLLI screening of Roman Holiday on the big screen at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.*

January 12 – *Cinema Paradiso* led by Gary Nelson

January 19 – *A Thread of Grace* by Mary Doria Russell led by Jane Hense

January 26 – *Roman Holiday* at 11:00 a.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

(No meeting at Peoria Next)

February 2 – *Roman Holiday* led by Pat Pritchard

February 9 – *A Room with a View* by E. M. Forster led by Bev Ketel

\$45 – Facilitated by the OLLI volunteers listed above.

4. *The Games People Play (and How to Play Them)*

Tuesdays, January 16 – February 13
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Buehler Home

Games can be played with paper and pencil, on your phone or Kindle or iPad, on your computer, and with friends. All of these types of games will be introduced, investigated, described, and actually played during this study group. Research shows when the games are challenging to us, they help support brain health for life. Come join us in the hunt for new challenges and brain-stimulating fun.

\$45 – Facilitated by Mary Jane Sterling, a retired mathematics teacher, author and frequent OLLI instructor; and Janet McGrath, retired manager for WTVP-TV, freelance journalist, and OLLI instructor.

5. *Laura Ingalls Wilder and Rose Wilder Lane: Examining the Mother-Daughter Relationship*

Tuesdays, January 16 – February 6
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Peoria Public Library, Main Branch

Laura Ingalls Wilder is known as the beloved author of the *Little House on the Prairie* books, painting an idyllic picture of her life as a pioneer. In reality, life was not so perfect and Laura was not the sole creator of her masterpiece. Using excerpts from scholarly works, we will examine the relationship between Laura and her daughter, Rose Wilder Lane, both as family and as colleagues. What impact did Rose’s training as a journalist have on her mother’s success as an author? Did Rose’s ethics and politics influence the stories so many have come to treasure? Join us as we delve into the relationships and realities of this timeless literature. Participants must have an email address and access to the internet.

\$45 – Facilitated by Karla Wilkinson, Bradley alumnae and Peoria Public Library programming librarian.

6. Keep Sharp:**Build a Better Brain at Any Age****Thursdays, January 18 – February 8****9:00 – 11:00 a.m.****Peoria Next Innovation Center**

Dr. Sanjay Gupta, neurosurgeon and CNN chief medical correspondent, estimates that most of our brains function at approximately 50% capacity at any time. Grounded upon the promise that knowledge of the brain can build a better brain at any age, this study group will discuss ways to maximize the potential possessed by each of us. Together we'll explore science proven lifestyle strategies to continue building and keep an optimal brain. Please plan to obtain and read *Keep Sharp: Build a Better Brain at Any Age* by Dr. Sanjay Gupta, available from local retailers, libraries, and online retailers.

\$45 – Facilitated by Dr. Becky Sisk, retired nurse educator, and Dr. Jenny Tripses, professor emerita, Bradley University.

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Class #4**

7. Henri Nouwen and The Return of the Prodigal Son**Thursdays, January 18 – February 15****9:00 – 11:00 a.m.****Peoria Next Innovation Center**

This group will discuss Gabrielle Earnshaw's *Henri Nouwen & The Return of the Prodigal Son*. We'll learn how Henri Nouwen's classic (*The Return of the Prodigal Son*) came to be written and changed the lives of millions—including Nouwen himself. Earnshaw, an archivist for Nouwen Trust, explores the ongoing popularity of this spiritual classic. Her research reveals how and why the book came to be written, sheds light on Nouwen's writing process, and delves into aspects of Nouwen's life influencing his spiritual classic during the nine years he took to complete the book. Copies of the book are available from local or online retailers.

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

8. Banned and Challenged Books – Don't Erase Them!**Mondays, January 22 – February 12****1:30 – 3:45 p.m.****Peoria Next Innovation Center**

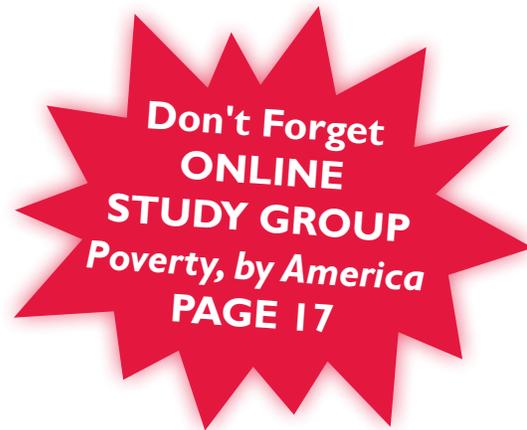
Does book banning/challenging/rewriting threaten our history? What protective laws are in place to stop the hiding of the written word? What are the main reasons for banning or challenging materials? As a group, we will examine classics that have regularly been challenged as well as dive into outstanding books by LGBTQ+ authors. How can we help to preserve access to education and information for all? Expect lively conversation as we honor the importance of authors' stories.

\$45 – Facilitated by Ruth Rademacker, OLLI facilitator, and Roberta Koscielski, OLLI study group chair and frequent facilitator.

9. Understanding Local Governments**Thursdays, February 1 – 22****2:00 – 4:15 p.m.****Peoria Next Innovation Center**

Did you know Illinois has more local government units than any other state (over 8,000!) Have you ever wondered the difference between a city, town, or village, asked what a township board does, or why some communities have a park district board while others don't? Do you examine your property tax bill and ask what these groups are doing with your money? Have you attended a local government meeting and asked, "What the heck is happening?" In this study group, we hope to get some answers to these questions and more with the help of a few local government leaders.

\$45 – Facilitated by John McCabe, former city council member/mayor of Pekin, Army veteran, and retired high school social science teacher.



During a hard hat tour of the new Peoria Mass Transport Building, River City Construction's Project Manager Beth Schupp, points out details of the new building to Theron Bradshaw.





OLLI AT-A-GLANCE

JANUARY 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 HAPPY 2024! Bradley University Closed	2 Bradley University Closed	3	4 Be sure to register for OLLI Winter programs!	5
8 SG#1, 6th Extinct, 9-11a	9 SG#2, SCOTUS, 9:30-11a	10 January Online Classes	11 Winter Seminar, 9-11:30a	12 SG#3, <i>La Dolce</i> , 10a-12p
15 SG#1, 6th Extinct, 9-11a Trip#1, Heritage, 11a-3:30p	16 Trip#2, Election, 8:45a-1:30p SG#2, SCOTUS, 9:30-11a SG#4, Games, 9-10:30a SG#5, Laura, 9:30-11a	17 January Online Classes	18 SG#6, <i>Keep Sharp</i> , 9-11a SG#7, <i>Henri Nouwen</i> , 9-11a	19 SG#3, <i>La Dolce</i> , 10a-12p OO#1, Whiskey, 1-4p
22 SG#1, 6th Extinct, 9-11a SG#8, Banned, 1:30-3:45p Online OO#1, Alaska, 12-1p	23 SG#2, SCOTUS, 9:30-11a SG#4, Games, 9-10:30a SG#5, Laura, 9:30-11a	24 January Online Classes	25 SG#6, <i>Keep Sharp</i> , 9-11a SG#7, <i>Henri Nouwen</i> , 9-11a	26 OO#2, <i>Roman</i> , 11a-1:30p Trip#3, OSF, 11:15a-3:30p
29 SG#1, 6th Extinct, 9-11a SG#8, Banned, 1:30-3:45p	30 SG#2, SCOTUS, 9:30-11a SG#4, Games, 9-10:30a SG#5, Laura, 9:30-11a	31 Trip#4, USDA, 8:45a-1:30p OO#3, VR, 9:30 -11:00a OO#4, VR, 12-1:30p OO#5, VR, 2-3:30p		



FEBRUARY 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 SG#6, Keep Sharp, 9-11a SG#7, Henri Nouwen, 9-11a SG#9, Government, 2-4:15p OO#6, Social, 2-3:30p OSG, Poverty, 6-7:30p	2 SG#3, La Dolce, 10a-12p Trip#6, Islamic, 10:30a-3:15p
5 SG#1, 6th Extinct, 9-11a SG#8, Banned, 1:30-3:45p Online OO#2, Tool, 12-1p	6 SG#2, SCOTUS, 9:30-11a SG#4, Games, 9-10:30a SG#5, Laura, 9:30-11a	7 February Online Classes	8 Trip#7, ISU Crime, 8:15a-2p SG#6, Keep Sharp, 9-11a SG#7, Henri Nouwen, 9-11a SG#9, Government, 2-4:15p OSG, Poverty, 6-7:30p	9 Trip#8, Jtec, 8:30a-1:30p SG#3, La Dolce, 10a-12p
12 SG#8, Banned, 1:30-3:45p	13 SG#4, Games, 9-10:30a Trip#9, Precision, 9:15a-2:30p M&M, Fox Pub, 4p	14 February Online Classes	15 Trip#10, CWTC, 8:45a-1:30p SG#7, Henri Nouwen, 9-11a SG#9, Government, 2-4:15p OSG, Poverty, 6-7:30p	16 OO#7, Pitch Day, 9-11a
19	20 Trip#11, School, 8:45a-1:30p	21 February Online Classes	22 Trip#12, Joans, 8:45a-1:30p SG#9, Government, 2-4:15p OSG, Poverty, 6-7:30p	23 OO#8, Weather, 2-3:30p
26	27 Trip#13, Squash, 9:30a-1p	28 February Online Classes	29 Trip#5, USDA, 11a-3:30p OSG, Poverty, 6-7:30p	



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.



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/SAFETY 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. Each trip includes an activity level symbol, ranging from Level 1-4. Level 1 is the easiest, but participants must be able to enter/exit the shuttle and walk several blocks. Level 4 participants should be able to participate in extended walking and standing beyond 2 hours with little to no chance of sitting.

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

1. Heritage Restoration 1 2

Monday, January 15

11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Heritage Restoration and Design traces its roots back to the 1800s in Bavaria, Germany. When the family brought the company to the United States in 1965, its work broadened from stone cutting and carving to restoration of antique pieces and the creation of stained glass. Join us as we visit the company, headquartered in Peoria since 1971, to learn how it preserves old-world craftsmanship and creates designs for churches, historic buildings, corporate offices, and private homes.

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



On a recent trip to Elmwood on the OLLI shuttles, members enjoy a stop at a local Underground Railway location.

2. Peoria County Election Commission 1 2

Tuesday, January 16

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Peoria County Board of Election Commission was formed in 2015 as a result of a county-wide referendum in which voters approved of creating a more efficient and economical manner of conducting elections throughout Peoria County. The mission of the Commission is to conduct accurate, secure, fair, and accessible local, state and federal elections with the highest level of professionalism and integrity in a manner that fosters public trust and confidence in the democratic process. Elizabeth Gannon, executive director, will be our guide as we learn how Peoria County keeps elections secure. \$35 – Includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

3. OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home 1 2

Friday, January 26

11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Supported by a generous \$2 million donation from Hootie Owens, this hospice care facility is a reflection of the Owens' family commitment to philanthropy. Named after her late husband, a former hospice patient, Hootie knew first-hand the difficulties of caring for loved ones with terminal illness. We'll tour this peaceful "home-away-from-home" dedicated to serving the terminally ill, the first hospice home in central Illinois, and learn how the staff provide comfort and support during this difficult time of life.

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

4. USDA National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research 1 2 3

Wednesday, January 31

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

OR

5. USDA National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research 1 2 3

Thursday, February 29

11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

We'll get a first-hand look at the USDA National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, commonly known as the Ag Lab, home to more than 100 Ph.D. research scientists who develop technologies to improve environmental quality. We'll see the interdisciplinary science at work, learn how the lab was created in 1940 in response to a chronic farm depression, and get a chance to speak with scientists who conduct the research that has led to hundreds of new commercial products.

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

6. Islamic Foundation of Peoria 1 2**Friday, February 2****10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

The Islamic Foundation of Peoria, established in 2000, serves the religious needs of the growing Muslim community in the Peoria and Dunlap areas. The new Imam and Dr. Amanullah, a member of the foundation's governing body, will lead a tour of the facility and explain how the foundation helps the Muslim community fulfill its religious, social, and educational needs and duties. We'll learn the basic ideas of the Islamic faith and its daily calls to prayer as we attend the weekly sermon and the Friday prayers with the worshipers. Please note: modest attire is suggested (long pants, long-sleeved shirts) and we will remove our shoes before entering the prayer hall, where men and women pray separately.

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

7. Illinois State University Crime Lab 1 2 3**Thursday, February 8****8:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Dr. William Lally will be our guide into the world of forensics in a brand-new crime lab at Illinois State University. During our private tour of the college's forensic laboratory, we'll discover some of the techniques used in today's crime labs, such as fingerprinting, ballistics surveys, bloodstain pattern analysis, and trace evidence collection. Please be advised that some of the scenes could be graphic.

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

8. Jtec, Industries 1 2 3**Friday, February 9****8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Jtec was founded in 2004 by Jon Peterson and Joe Knepp, and since then the company has grown exponentially, serving customers all over the world and throughout many different industries. Join us as we learn how Jtec designs, sells, and manufactures the highest-quality and most innovative mobile equipment solutions for material handling within manufacturing, distribution, and retail settings. These solutions often include cart-based systems, conveyor systems, and Autonomous Mobile Robots (AMRs) attachments that are tailored to meet the specific needs of their clients.

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

9. Precision Planting 1 2 3**Tuesday, February 13****9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Precision Planting, a leading provider of practical and effective precision agricultural technologies for farmers, designs planter systems that contribute to better seed spacing, better depth control, and better root systems for farmers. During our tour of the new Morton facility, we'll learn how the company's 150 employees assemble and package manufactured parts into kits to be shipped to its 600+ dealers around the world, provide dealer and product support, and complete product testing.

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

10. Community Workshop and Training Center (CWTC) 1 2**Thursday, February 15****8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

The Community Workshop and Training Center (CWTC), was founded in 1960 by a group of parents wanting to provide their adult age children job skills training and continuing educational opportunities. The organization started with 13 consumers and one staff member, and now serves an average 450 individuals on an annual basis throughout Central Illinois with a staff of 120. A not-for-profit organization, CWTC provides programs and services to adults with disabilities in three areas: community services, employment services, and community integration. Don Rulis, administrator of vocational services, lead our private tour of the facility.

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

11. Peoria Public Schools 1 2**Tuesday, February 20****8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

With over 12,800 students across 27 buildings, the momentum at Peoria Public Schools never stops. Join OLLI as we visit the Annie Jo Gordon Community Learning Center, a grade school on Krause Avenue, to learn about the changing landscape of education with school administration and teachers. From play-based learning in Pre-K to accelerated and hands-on opportunities in high school, their skilled educators and innovative curriculum lead students to ignite their passions and grow into their potential.

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

12. Joan's Trophy and Plaque Company 1 2

Thursday, February 22

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Joan's Trophy and Plaque Company originated in the Peoria residence of Don Whitesall in 1970. Joan's has grown from a small trophy shop to a multifaceted corporation with 18 staff members, retailing awards locally and worldwide. On this trip, we'll get a behind-the-scenes look at the work taking place in the downtown Peoria facility and learn how the company advertises and markets its products.

\$35 – Includes guided tour, catered lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

13. The Queen of Squash 1 2

Tuesday, February 27

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join owner Heather Wolbeck for a tour of The Queen of Squash, a new Peoria restaurant focusing on providing locally sourced, clean food. All menu items are gluten-free with many options for vegan, vegetarian, Whole30, and Keto lifestyles. Heather will discuss her journey to a healthy lifestyle, why her menu focuses on clean eating, and answer our questions as we indulge in some of The Queen of Squash's signature offerings during our lunch.

\$40 – Includes guided tour, lunch provided onsite during the tour, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.



Travel the World with OLLI in 2024!



**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 Nazis rule.

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.

Informational Meeting

Monday, November 6, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Peoria Next, 801 West Main Street, Peoria

OLLI ONLINE

OLLI Online programs are run via Zoom and include Classes, Originals, and Study Groups. They also may include our free online social events and Zoom training.

ONLINE CLASSES

This Winter we have 16 classes offered via Zoom during our Winter session; please see page pages 4, 5, and 6 for detailed descriptions.

ONLINE STUDY GROUPS

1. Poverty, By America

Thursdays, February 1 – 29

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Why does the United States, the richest country on earth, have more poverty than any other advanced democracy. In this study group, we'll read and discuss *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond, author of *Evicted*. In this landmark book, Desmond, an acclaimed sociologist, draws on history, research, and original reporting to show how affluent Americans knowingly and unknowingly keep poor people poor. We'll also explore poverty in our area and learn "outside" of the book through the additional resources provided by our facilitator.

\$25 – Facilitated by Dr. Anni Reinking, a lifelong educator, author, Director of Prevention Services at Children's Home Association of Illinois, and member of the Peoria Public Schools Board of Education.

ONLINE ORIGINALS

1. Alaska Public Lands Information Center

Monday, January 22

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Alaska's parks, forests, and refuges are rich and varied. The Alaska Public Lands Information Centers help visitors and residents to have meaningful, safe, enjoyable experiences on public lands, and encourages them to sustain the natural and cultural resources of Alaska. Join OLLI as Park Ranger Glenn Hart gives an in-depth presentation of Alaska's native cultural history. **FREE!** – A Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.

2. The Story of the Man Who Made the Most Famous Toolbox in the World

Monday, February 5

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Learn the story of the shy young Henry O. Studley, who grew up in the 1830's, lived through the Civil war, became a master in the art of organ and piano building, and went on to construct the most intricate and famous toolbox in the world. In the hundred years since its completion, the toolbox has been celebrated all over the world, but there were few details about the man himself. Through scholarship and some interpretation, Mike Mascelli, instructor at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking, will piece together Henry's long and colorful life as he portrays him during the presentation. \$10 – A Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.

ZOOM TRAINING

1. Monday, January 8, 9:00 a.m.

If you would like to receive Zoom training, but can't attend these session, we'll be happy to arrange a personal training session with an OLLI volunteer. Contact us at olli@bradley.edu or (309) 677-3900 to set up a time!



The rain did not stop Doug and Eileen Leunig of Big Picture Peoria, as they led OLLI members on a mural tour of Peoria.



A Letter from Our President

Greetings, friends! As you are reading this brochure of our Winter 2024 offerings, we are wrapping up another successful Fall season of Classes, with many Study groups, Learning Trips, and OLLI Originals still on the schedule until the end of the year.

It has been an outstanding 12 months for all of us. Our registrations have grown to within shouting distance of our pre-COVID levels and that’s something worth shouting about! Coming out of the pandemic in 2021, OLLI had 638 participants, membership had dropped by almost 50% . As part of our recovery plan, the Executive Committee set a goal to raise the membership to 850 by September 2023. Thanks to the efforts of our wonderful volunteers and staff, we SMASHED that goal - our official membership total on September 1 was 1,098!

You have probably heard of our new initiative, called “Each One, Reach One” to reward those OLLI members who spread the word about the joys of OLLI to their friends and neighbors, bringing them to our programs and replenishing our membership. Read more about it below or call the office with questions.

In 2024, OLLI will also celebrate our 30th anniversary! We have several events planned to mark this milestone throughout the year, so stay tuned to upcoming brochures and your weekly newsletter to learn more. Together we will remember our past, celebrate our present, and build our future. It will be a blast!



Gary Nelson
Gary Nelson, OLLI President



New Member Referral Program

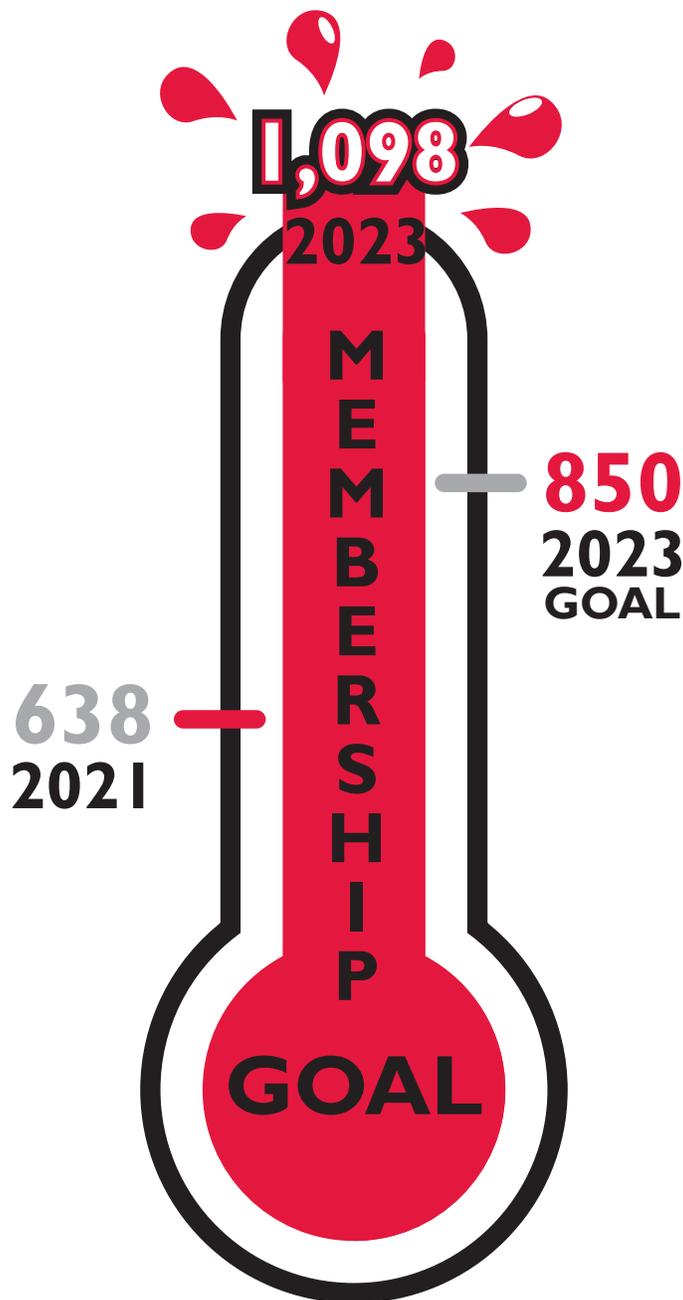
Share the joy of OLLI with friends and family and receive a free program*

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.*

Start Spreading the Word!



OLLI Trivia Night: A “Classic” Success!

OLLI’s 7th Annual Trivia Night was a rousing success, with 18 teams, 144 participants, and a double-tiebreaker ending! The theme, Classic Television, inspired some creative costumes, decorations, and even some singing by our emcees.

As of press time, we were waiting on a few bills to arrive, but anticipate a net revenue of almost \$10,000 – enough to fully cover the costs of designing, printing, and mailing this brochure.

We thank everyone who participated in the fantastic evening at Bradley University’s Hayden Clark Alumni Center.

Be sure to **SAVE THE DATE** for our
8th Annual Trivia Night
I LOVE ROCK AND ROLL
Friday, August 16, 2024.

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SAVE THE DATE

In 2024, OLLI will celebrate its 30th anniversary as a lifelong learning institute at Bradley University. Plan to attend our fall celebration on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.



This group of OLLI members won best table decorations with an amazing set up for their Gilligan's Island theme.



Assistive listening devices are available for all OLLI programs. Call (309) 677-3900 for details.

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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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!

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 (across the street from Bradley). Most study groups meet at locations throughout the Peoria area and have ample parking. We have a park and ride option for classes (see parking for classes).

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.

STAFF

OLLI is hosted by Bradley University, which recognizes OLLI as a standard for excellence in lifelong learning. Bradley supports OLLI through the Division of Continuing Education and Professional Development, which assists OLLI with leadership, staff, meeting space, and oversight.

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 WINTER PROGRAMS

• HELP SESSIONS FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION •

Join us in person or via Zoom for a quick online registration refresher session. **FREE**
 In person Wednesday, November 1, 11:30 a.m. at Peoria Next Innovation Center
 Online via Zoom Tuesday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m.
 Save your spot by calling (309) 677-3900 or emailing olli@bradley.edu.

ONLINE REGISTRATION Opens Wednesday, November 8 at 8:30 a.m.
Brochure will be posted online by Monday, October 23, 2023

- NEW**
1. You may login starting ONE WEEK PRIOR to registration and purchase your membership, visit bradley.edu/olli, login and click on Quarterly Membership to Purchase your \$5 membership for Winter
 2. On registration day be sure to check your username and password prior to 8:30 a.m. As noted above you may pre-purchase your quarterly membership or you may purchase your membership when you register.
 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 Winer 24 membership.
 4. Scroll down and click each of the red tiles to view all programs: Classes, Winter Seminar, Study Groups, Learning Trips, Originals and Online programs.
 5. Once you have finished selecting all of your programs; go to your “cart” icon in the upper right corner to check out. You may pay via credit card or select the check option.

ONLINE

VISIT:
Bradley.edu/olli
 Wednesday,
 November 8, 8:30 a.m.

BY MAIL

Bradley Continuing Education
 Attention: OLLI
 1501 W. Bradley Avenue
 Peoria, IL 61625
 Mail your registration forms at
 any time; they will be opened and
 processed on Wednesday,
 November 8 at 8:30 a.m.

BY PHONE AND WALK-IN

Phone registrations and office
 walk-ins will not be accepted until
 Thursday, November 9, 8:30 a.m. We
 appreciate your courtesy and cooperation
 by waiting to call or visit our office until
 that time. To reach our staff on that day,
 please call (309) 677-3900.

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:

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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 _____

- I am new to OLLI and participating for the first time
- Add me to the OLLI email newsletter list
- 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 23, pick the activities in which you'd like to participate, and total the cost for each.

Step #4: PAYMENT INFORMATION

Classes Jan. Zoom (take 1, 2, 3, or 4) . . \$15.00 x _____ = \$ _____ +
Classes Feb. Zoom (take 1, 2, 3, or 4) . \$20.00 x _____ = \$ _____ +
Winter Seminar \$ _____ +
Originals \$ _____ +
Study Groups \$ _____ +
Learning Trips. \$ _____ +
OLLI Online \$ _____ +
OLLI Quarterly Membership Fee* \$ 5.00 =
TOTAL DUE = \$ _____

*Paid only once in January & February

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, November 8 at 8:30 a.m.).
- **If you are registering by mail**, please return pages 22 & 23 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, November 8, at 8:30 a.m.
- **To speak with staff about your registration**, please complete pages 22 & 23, and call (309) 677-3900 (after 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2023).

Step #5: READ & SIGN WAIVER

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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 _____

Winter 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

ONLINE CLASSES: January 10, 17, and 24, 2024	
\$15 per class; Choose 1, 2, 3 or all 4 time slots.	
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	\$15
1. Peoria Between the Wars: 1819-1940	
2. An Even Madder Dash Through Western Music History	
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	\$15
3. Beauty from Ashes: Pompeii and Herculaneum	
4. It's Our Planet: Can We Save It?	
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	\$15
5. Behind the Curtain: How Things Work	
6. Explore the World via the Magic of the Internet	
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	\$15
7. Common Sense Wealth Creation	
8. Creative Journaling	

ONLINE CLASSES: February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2024	
\$20 per class; Choose 1, 2, 3 or all 4 time slots.	
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	\$20
1. Look What I Wrote	
2. Dementia Series: Journey to Understanding	
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	\$20
3. From the Big Bang to the Big ... Expansion of Our Universe	
4. Four Doctors, Four Topics, For Women Only	
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	\$20
5. Pop Culture's Philosophers	
6. Russian-Ukrainian War with Dr. Roach	
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	\$20
7. Zentangle©	
8. Honeybees in Peoria	

WINTER SEMINAR			
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.			
	Cybersecurity and ChatGPT	Jan. 11	\$15

MIX AND MINGLE		
	Tuesday, February 13 at The Fox Pub	FREE

ORIGINALS			
	1. Whiskey Tasting with Steve ...	Jan. 19	\$30
	2. OLLI Movies: <i>Roman Holiday</i>	Jan. 26	\$5
	3. 9:00 a.m. Virtual Reality	Jan. 31	FREE
	4. 12:00 p.m. Virtual Reality	Jan. 31	FREE
	5. 2:00 p.m. Virtual Reality	Jan. 31	FREE
	6. Understanding Social Problems...	Feb. 1	\$15
	7. Startup Pitch Day	Feb. 16	\$15
	8. Extreme Weather with Illinois...	Feb. 23	\$15

STUDY GROUPS			
	1. The Sixth Extinction	Jan. 8 - Feb. 5	\$45
	2. The Supreme Court...	Jan. 9 - Feb. 6	\$45
	3. <i>La Dolce Vita!</i> All Things Italian	Jan. 12 - Feb. 9	\$45
	4. The Games People Play...	Jan. 16 - Feb. 13	\$45
	5. Laura Ingalls Wilder...	Jan. 16 - Feb. 6	\$45
	6. <i>Keep Sharp: Build a Better...</i>	Jan. 18 - Feb. 8	\$45
	7. <i>Henri Nouwen and The Return...</i>	Jan. 18 - Feb. 15	\$45
	8. Banned and Challenged Books...	Jan. 22 - Feb. 12	\$45
	9. Understanding Local...	Feb. 1 - 22	\$45

LEARNING TRIPS			
	1. Heritage Restoration	Jan. 15	\$35
	2. Peoria County Election Commission	Jan. 16	\$35
	3. OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice...	Jan. 26	\$35
	4. USDA National Center...	Jan. 31	\$35
	5. USDA National Center...	Feb. 29	\$35
	6. Islamic Foundation of Peoria	Feb. 2	\$35
	7. Illinois State University Crime Lab	Feb. 8	\$45
	8. Jtec	Feb. 9	\$35
	9. Precision Planting	Feb.13	\$35
	10. Community Workshop...	Feb.15	\$35
	11. Peoria Public Schools	Feb. 20	\$35
	12. Joan's Trophy and Plaque...	Feb. 22	\$35
	13. The Queen of Squash	Feb. 27	\$40

ONLINE STUDY GROUPS			
	1. <i>Poverty, By America</i>	Feb. 1 - 29	\$25

ONLINE ORIGINALS			
	1. Alaska Public Lands ...	Jan. 22	FREE
	2. The Story of the Man Who Made...	Feb. 5	\$10

ONLINE ZOOM TRAINING			
	1. Zoom Training	Jan. 8	FREE



Continuing Education staff members dressed in theme for OLLI's Annual Trivia Night. Pictured, back row, L to R: Gwen Howarter; Bonnie Davis, Adreanna Gudeman, Wendy Haste, Diana Klein; Front row, Catherine Lawless, Michelle Riggio, and Bonnie Whalen



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