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OLLI Online OCTOBER 2020



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WHAT IS OLLI ONLINE?

OLLI is an acronym for The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University, an organization of more than 1,200 Peoria area residents who are at least 50 years old and who want to stay vital and active as they reach and enjoy retirement. One of the best ways to do that is to keep learning, and OLLI offers many options to do so.

OLLI Online provides many virtual learning experiences delivered via Zoom, a free and easy to use video conferencing software. Meeting “live” via Zoom allows learning to continue from the comfort and safety of our own homes until we can meet in person again. Please review our current program options so you can pick what best fits your learning preferences and interests:

- **Introduction to Zoom** sessions help our members learn how to use the software on their computers, tablets, or smart phones. Led by a volunteer OLLI instructor and offered free of charge to all, our goal is to help you feel comfortable with the technology so you’ll enjoy your experience with OLLI Online.
- **OLLI Virtual Classes** are lecture-based courses during which the instructor delivers the learning material with the opportunity for participants to ask questions either during or after the presentation. OLLI Virtual Classes have been offered since May and continue in October; they meet at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. for one hour each.

- **OLLI Virtual Study Groups** are participation-based; the facilitator delivers core learning material, but all participants learn by sharing. OLLI Virtual Study Groups usually have an expectation of reading, watching a video, or other independent study outside of each session. Each group starts at various times throughout each month, and usually meet for 1.5 hours to 2 hours for four to six weeks. Seats are usually limited to 15 to 25 participants so that everyone has an opportunity to actively participate.
- **OLLI Virtual Learning Trips** to restaurants and area attractions are opportunities to get behind-the-scenes looks at local businesses. Some include a curbside meal pick-up, followed by a virtual presentation by the chef / owner the next day.
- **OLLI Virtual Originals** are exclusive talks with local leaders and businesses from the community and beyond. These one-hour sessions are a great way to keep informed about specific topics, governmental updates, or business organizations.
- **OLLI Virtual Happy Hour** is a free social time hosted by an OLLI volunteer twice a month. Each happy hour has a theme, but it’s not necessary to share – just pop in and enjoy!

REGISTER TODAY

OLLI Online is open for registration now – visit our website to sign up for our October programs:

Bradley.edu/olli

Once you’ve registered we’ll send you a confirmation email and direct links to each program prior to its start date.

If you need assistance, please email staff at olli@bradley.edu or call (309) 677-3900. We’ll be happy to assist you.



A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

October has traditionally been an important month on our calendar, as it is the time of year during which we host our Fall classes on campus. Until we can gather again as a learning community, we continue to offer OLLI Virtual programming this month, including classes, study groups, originals, and trips.

I am beyond impressed with our Continuing Education staff, the OLLI volunteers, and how our OLLI program at Bradley has been able to offer high quality virtual experiences. Looking back over the past months of OLLI virtual programming, I feel significantly better informed about the ways in which our communities are responding to the pandemic.

Looking ahead, OLLI will offer special virtual events in November and December. The OLLI email newsletter will have all the details – so watch your inbox (and, if you haven’t yet subscribed to this free newsletter, you can do so by emailing staff at olli@bradley.edu). Your Executive Committee has also made the decision to continue this virtual programming in January, February, and March 2021.

In early 2021, we will reassess and determine whether to resume face-to-face programming in April 2021 or later in the year. I am looking forward to being able to see you next year. In the meantime, I hope to “see” you at upcoming OLLI virtual programs. Please stay healthy.



John Amdall
John Amdall,
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OLLI President

Learning Trips/Originals Committee:

Tuesday, September 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Study Group Committee:

Monday, October 5 at 10:00 p.m.

Curriculum Committee:

Monday, October 12 at 12:00 p.m.

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OLLI Online will feature new programs each month. Registrations will be accepted for most of our programs up to 24 hours before the start time. We’ll produce an online brochure each month. You can find the brochure on our website, Bradley.edu/olli, and we’ll also include links in our twice-weekly email newsletter.



Bradley staffers Diana Klein and Debbie Finnegan assist with curbside pick-up at W.E. Sullivans.

VIRTUAL CLASSES

1. The Seeds of a New Nation: English Colonization of North America 9:00 a.m.

English Pilgrims landed in Plymouth 400 years ago, planting the seed of the second permanent English colony in North America. Over the next 100 years, more seeds of English settlements would be established, eventually forming 13 colonies. In this class we will learn why English settlers came to North America, discuss some of the difficulties they experienced in getting here, explore the hardships they faced in settling lands already occupied by others, and find out how these seeds of colonies grew and eventually prospered. We will primarily focus on Jamestown Colony in Virginia, and Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay Colonies in Massachusetts.

\$20 per person - The class instructor is Tim Bailey, OLLI's Winter Curriculum Committee chair, history buff, and retired apprentice training instructor.

OR

2. What is Autoethnography? 9:00 a.m.

Autoethnography is a method of writing and doing research that uses personal experience (“auto”) to describe and interpret (“graphy”) cultural texts, experiences, beliefs, and practices (“ethno”). Autoethnographers believe personal experience is infused with cultural norms and expectations, and they engage in self-reflection in order to identify and interrogate the meanings of, and intersections between, the self and social life. In this interactive workshop, we will discuss key characteristics and practices of autoethnography. Specifically, we will discuss what autoethnography is, how it developed, how it is best used; how to begin doing autoethnography; how to write autoethnograph; and ways you can use/do autoethnography in your life.

\$20 – The class instructor is Dr. Tony Adams, Professor of Communication, Bradley University.

3. Mythology Through Art: Every Picture Tells a Story

11:00 a.m.

Artists from ancient to modern times have used Greek and Roman mythology as the theme for their art. This class will take a look at some of these masterpieces and discuss the myths behind them, and how the artists chose to depict them. If you love art and have always wondered about the stories, or you love mythology and want to hear the stories again, then this class is for you!

\$20 – The class instructor is Janene Mattingly, past OLLI secretary and frequent instructor, retired Latin teacher at East Peoria Community High School, and avid Italy traveler.

OR

4. Social Media, Big Tech, and You

11:00 a.m.

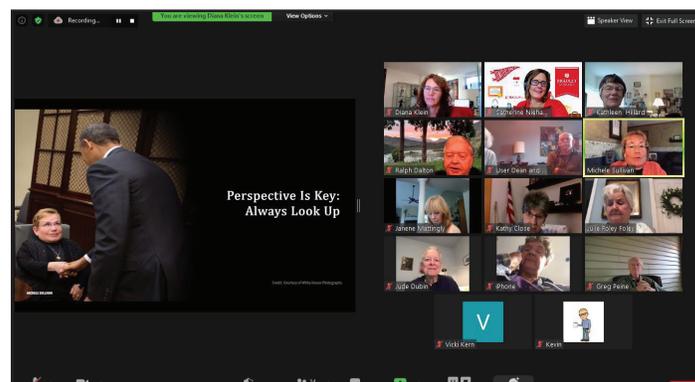
This class expands on Cory Barker’s Fall 2019 class, Media Literacy in the Age of Social Media and Fake News. The impact of tech companies like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Google goes far beyond news production and consumption. This class will address their increasing influence over our everyday lives – from data collection and privacy to entertainment and shopping. It will also introduce participants to emergent platforms like Netflix and TikTok that have significance on a global scale. Participants will learn how to use these platforms smartly and why they matter to the future of pop culture and society.

\$20 per person – The class instructor is Dr. Cory Barker, Assistant Professor of Communication, Bradley University.

5. Healthcare 2020 What Now?

1:00 p.m.

In this election year, health care and health reform are major issues for a majority of citizens. The recent pandemic, socio-economic disparities among segments of the population, and protests concerning racial discrimination have exposed important weaknesses in our system. Questions of system change are part of the national discussion as the election nears. The U.S Healthcare system now consumes over 18% of GDP, and clearly



Michele Sullivan recounts her meeting with President Obama during a recent OLLI Conversation.

affects every citizen. The class will discuss the status of the current delivery system, including lessons learned during the pandemic, and rationale for reform, problems with access to the current system and reasons for the high cost of healthcare. We will also look at “Medicare for all” vs. repair and revision of the current system, and have a discussion of comparative systems used in other developed countries. Can we devise a system which provides optimal care to all Americans at an affordable cost?

\$20 - The class instructor is Dr. Bill Albers, retired pediatric cardiologist and former chairman of the UICOMP Department of Pediatrics.

OR

**6. Use and Misuse of Statistics
1:00 p.m.**

Research Statistics are a valuable tool to help us make informed decisions in our daily life. Statistics are gathered by universities, corporations, and all levels of government to advance knowledge and provide a basis for a vast amount of government spending. Those statistics can be very useful if done right. However, statistics can also be used to misinform us, and we need to know how to be cautious about interpreting the data. This class will focus on how to become healthy skeptics of statistics, learn more about surveys and polling, especially in this political season. We will discuss a selection of the massive amount of government collected data, focusing on life expectancy, the census, unemployment, and others. Lastly, we will wrap it all up by discussing how good statistics can be used to explain things the way we want them.

\$20 – The class instructor is Dr. Fred Fry, retired Professor of Entrepreneurship, Bradley University.

**7. Health and the Media
3:00 p.m.**

In this class, we’ll discuss the field of health communication research, theory, and practice. With a focus on both organizational structures within the healthcare landscape and the role of mass media in defining health and wellness, with various contexts to analyze health communication. Media portrayals of illnesses and disorders across traditional and new media will be discussed, as well as the resulting effects these portrayals have on the audience.

\$20 – The class instructor is Dr. Rachele Pavelko, Assistant Professor of Communication, Bradley University.

OR



**8. Look What I Did
3:00 p.m.**

October 7 - Changing Lives and Community...With Art, Action, and Audaciousness

Doug and Eileen Leunig are the foremost arts activists and advocates in central Illinois... but with a clear purpose and vision. They want to change the lives of underserved children, change the look of Peoria, change the self-image and global reputation of Peoria, and make the arts a driver of economic development. From starting with murals on Earth Day 2009, they have been on a learning journey with a team who has had an amazing impact on our community.

October 14 - Construct, Repair, Salvage, Rescue, and Demolish...All In a Day's Work... Underwater!

Tom Boylan grew up in Princeville and participated in Future Farmers of America. A year after graduation, he enlisted in the Navy and spent four years in service to our country. During that time, he decided to become a deep-sea diver and eventually achieved Navy Diver First Class rank. In this role, he was involved in many types of challenging underwater tasks, including construction, search & rescue, repair, and demolition. Join us to hear his story!

October 21 - Mother Nature's Partner...A 20-Year Journey to Restore Land and Water

Bud Grieves was mayor of Peoria beginning in 1997. After leaving office and while mushroom hunting, he found a peaceful spot for his future home on a bluff. Twenty years later, he has restored the native trees, prairie grasses, and wetlands to a former cornfield. He also developed a unique water management system on his 400-acre property that keeps siltation out of the Illinois River. This was an incredible learning journey. Join us for the inside story of Indian Ridge.

October 28 - Inspired by a House With a Garden... And the Learning Journey that Led to Success

Inspiration started with the house with the garden... the amazing garden. This led to gardening, which led to writing, which led to art and illustrations... a learning journey that was self-taught. But oh, the places the journey has led to! Jan Powers writing and gardens have been featured in the Peoria Journal Star and magazines such as Midwest Living, Victorian Homes, and more. In 2019, she self-published an art illustrated memoir, *Pieces of Us*. Join us!

\$20 – The speakers for this class are listed above for each week.

“TRAVEL” *Beyond Peoria*

1. Travel with OLLI to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio

Friday, October 16, 9:00 a.m.

\$10 per person

Join OLLI for a live, interactive, docent-led journey to the Pro Football Hall of Fame for “The Story of Pro Football.” We will examine the museum concept brought to life through the use of priceless artifacts and historical documents, which illustrates the museum approach of conveying the history of professional football through these objects. The program includes a discussion about why the Hall of Fame is located in Canton, Ohio, which is based on Northeast Ohio’s historic ties to professional football.

2. Travel with OLLI to the Dalai Lama Center for Ethics The Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi

Running Toward Mystery: The Adventure of an Unconventional Life

Tuesday, October 20, 2:00 p.m.

FREE

Join OLLI for an exclusive conversation via Zoom with the Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi, a Buddhist monk from India ordained and mentored by the Dalai Lama. Priyadarshi is an innovative thinker, philosopher, educator and a polymath monk. He is President & CEO of The Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a center dedicated to inquiry, dialogue, and education on the ethical and humane dimensions of life. Venerable Tenzin’s unusual background encompasses entering a Buddhist monastery at the age of ten and receiving graduate education at Harvard University with degrees ranging from Philosophy to Physics to International Relations. He is the recipient of several recognitions and awards, and received Harvard’s Distinguished Alumni Honors for his visionary contributions to humanity. In

2020, Priyadarshi released his book “*Running Toward Mystery: The Adventure of an Unconventional Life*” a profound account of his lifelong journey as a seeker.

3. Travel with OLLI to the Illinois State Museum “Fashioning Illinois: 1820-1900”

Erika Holst, Curator of History, Illinois State Museum

Thursday, October 22, 10:00 a.m.

\$10 per person

Join Erika Holst, Curator of History, on a walk through the Fashioning Illinois exhibition to explore 19th century clothing and the impact of textiles on early American life. It is hard to overstate the role of textiles during this period. For families, the making of clothing required countless hours of labor, while the purchase of textiles could consume a large portion of the household budget. For the nation, textiles drove the pre-Civil War American economy. We’ll see stunning examples of historic costumes, textiles, and accessories from the museum’s Illinois Legacy Collection.

4. Travel with OLLI to the New York Historical Society Museum “The Eighth Wonder of the World: The Brooklyn Bridge”

Monday, October 26, 12:00 p.m.

\$10 per person

Join us for a live, virtual journey through the history of the Brooklyn Bridge. Opened on May 24, 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge was hailed as “the eighth wonder of the world.” This interactive, docent-led presentation explores the amazing history of the bridge’s construction and the heroic and sometimes tragic stories of the men and women who made it possible. Discover how the bridge’s construction helped lead to the consolidation of New York and how old world engineering know-how and modern industrial innovation came together to complete the project.

VIRTUAL OLLI ORIGINALS

Virtual OLLI Originals are one hour learning experiences featuring a wide range of topics presented by community leaders, authors, and speakers outside of the Peoria area.

1. Helping Small Businesses Succeed and Promoting Innovation

Jim Foley, Small Business Development Center

Monday, October 5, 12:00 p.m.

\$10 per person

Peoria Next Innovation Center (PNIC) is meant to serve as the catalyst in the development of technology-based entrepreneurial businesses. At the Turner Center for Entrepreneurship and the Illinois SBDC International

Trade Center at Bradley University, Jim Foley manages the program and training in international business planning, marketing, logistics, export finance, and entrepreneurship. As part of the COVID relief package, Illinois’ Small Business Development Centers have received an additional \$7.3 million in funding to help them guide businesses through the pandemic crisis – with no charge to the businesses. Join OLLI for a conversation with Jim Foley.

2. Public Transportation — For Seniors, For the Community, For the Future
Doug Roelfs, Greater Peoria Mass Transit District/ CityLink

Thursday, October 8, 12:00 p.m.

\$10 per person

The Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD), more commonly known as CityLink, has provided public transportation in our region since 1970. CityLink has many changes underway to improve the customer experience, including for seniors. CityLink recently won a \$10M federal grant to fund a new maintenance facility. General Manager Doug Roelfs will discuss plans for the new facility, technology changes planned to improve the customer experience, and how CityLink has been impacted by COVID.

3. Moonlighting for Better Lives and Communities
Hedy Elliot-Gardner, Moonlight Coalition

Friday, October 9, 3:00 p.m.

\$10 per person

The Moonlight Coalition for Adult Learning (“Moonlight”) was originally established in 1994 as the Moonlight Basketball League to provide organized activities for young members of the community to combat juvenile delinquency and prevent crime. Even from its beginning, free GED education was offered. Today, Moonlight focuses on providing easy access to GED education for those seeking to earn their high school diploma. Join OLLI for conversation with Hedy Elliot-Gardner, teacher, Moonlight’s coordinator, and co-founder of Moonlighting at PIA, the gift shop at the Peoria International Airport, to learn more about this life-changing program.

4. Resurrected and Reinvented —
J.K. Williams Still Distilling in Peoria

Andy Faris, Owner of J.K. Williams

Thursday, October 15, 12:00 p.m.

\$10 per person

J.K. Williams Distilling in East Peoria was a favorite local trip for OLLI members before it closed in 2018. It’s BACK — with a new owner and two new locations! J.K. Williams Distilling was acquired by a new owner, Andy Faris, in 2019. J.K. Williams Distilling moved to the north side of Peoria in September to their new primary production facility, and will start construction of their retail space in the Warehouse District in late fall. J.K. Williams has harvested a number of barrels and will be bottling around 4,000 bottles of 4+ year bourbon and 1,200 bottles of 4+ year rye whiskey for sale on local shelves. Learn more about the operation and new production of J.K. Williams.

Instructor Mike Rucker gets in full character to recite Edgar Allen Poe during a recent Zoom class.

5. “What’s Happening with the Peoria Bridges?”

Nick Volt, IDOT Field Engineer

Monday, October 19, 12:00 p.m.

\$10 per person

Have you been watching the construction on the Murray Baker and McClugage Bridges? Join OLLI as we get an update on the construction from IDOT Construction Field Engineer Nick Volt. Construction on the Murray Baker Bridge has remained on schedule for its planned October reopening date. The eastbound portion of the McClugage Bridge was completed in 1948 following World War II and is approaching the end of its serviceable life. The new eastbound bridge is under construction now.

6. “Why, You Are No Different From Us!”

Dr. Rustin Gates, Bradley University Department of History

Friday, October 23, 3:00 p.m.

\$10 per person

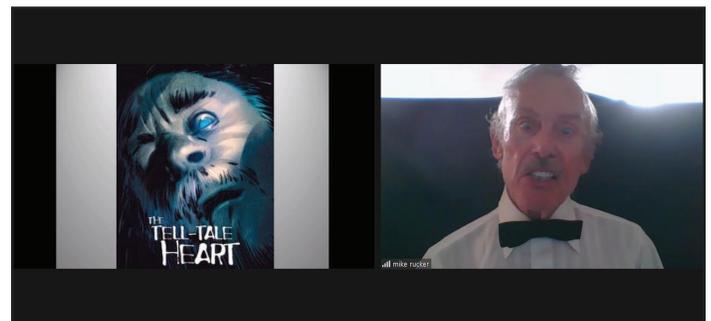
Dr. Rustin Gates from the Department of History will present “‘Why, you are no different from us!’: Japanese American Resettlement in Peoria During World War II.” The War Relocation Authority (WRA) helped establish connections for incarcerated Japanese Americans. Eventually, over 25,000 Japanese Americans relocated to the Midwest during the war, with nearly half moving to Illinois. While the bulk of the resettlers went to the Chicago area, some also moved to Peoria—lured by new jobs or the opportunity to study at St. Francis Hospital (OSF) or Bradley University. Learn about the contributions these individuals and families made to Central Illinois.

7. Heritage Restoration and Design

Thursday, October 29, 10:00 a.m.

\$10 per person

Heritage Restoration and Design Studio is an historic restoration and preservation company. For six consecutive generations, the owning family has operated as restorers. Using a mixture of Old World techniques and American ingenuity, Heritage’s staff repairs and restores stained glass, woodwork, oil paintings, and historic interiors. Join us as we have a conversation with owner, Michael Berlinger and enjoy a virtual tour of the studio along with seeing some of their restoration work.



VIRTUAL 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. Constitutional Quarrels

Thursdays, October 1 – 29, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Do you know about the “sick chicken” case? How about the case of the miscreant purveyor of scandal? In this study group, we will learn the backstory behind some of the groundbreaking decisions from the nation’s highest court and meet a fascinating cast of characters whose passions, proclivities, and personalities drove the decisions that made America the country it is today. We will discuss how these opinions affect us and whether they were a positive or negative influence on our development as a nation. We will read chapters from the book for each session. Participants must acquire *Quarrels That Have Shaped the Constitution*, edited by John A. Garraty, available at local and online retailers and libraries.

\$25 – facilitated by Gary Nelson and Tim Bertschy, retired attorneys and frequent OLLI facilitators.

2. Greek and Roman Technology:

Amazing Infrastructure

**Tuesdays, October 13 – November 3,
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

What comes to mind when you think of the classical Greek and Roman cultures? Politics? Humanism? Art? Have you ever wondered about their technology? The ancient Greeks and Romans invented relatively few pieces of technology. However, they were masters at refining and applying technology from earlier cultures in ways that allowed their infrastructure to far surpass anything the world had ever seen. An amazing amount has survived to this day. If you are interested in learning how they built their roads, planned their cities and supplied them with water, join us for this Great Courses based study group. Internet access for video viewing and independent research is required, with approximately 1.5 to 2 hours outside work per session.

\$25 – facilitated by Randy Huber, retired Caterpillar engineer and past OLLI study group facilitator; and Roger French, retired IT professional and frequent OLLI instructor.

3. Book Censorship from Challenge to Banning to Burning

**Thursdays, October 15 – November 5
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

Why do some people seek to control the reading of others? What types of things do would-be censors find offensive? Is it ever acceptable to prohibit access to ideas? When and how does the first amendment apply? We’ll seek answers

to these and many other questions, as we consider some well-known and oft challenged books. Finally, we’ll study a book that has provoked the censor’s ire possibly more than any other: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Is it one of our country’s greatest books, as posited by no less than T.S. Eliot, Lionel Trilling, and Ernest Hemmingway? Or is it trash meant for slum denizens and advocates of Jim Crow racism, as others have contended? Join us for what is sure to be a lively and “uncensored” discussion.

\$25 – facilitated by Murv Pretorius, frequent OLLI facilitator and Roberta Koscielski, Peoria Public Library Deputy Director.

4. The 2020 Election: What the Results Mean for Our Nation and Our State

**Fridays, October 23 – November 13,
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Have you heard, there’s going to be a national election in November? If you want an inside look before and after Election Day, join this informative study group. A local political consultant and a national Super Pac will give their forecasts and predictions before we go to the polls, and U.S. Representatives Darin Lahood and Cheri Bustos will discuss the result’s impact on Congress, the presidency and the nation afterward. We’ll also get a statewide view from State Rep. Tim Butler.

\$25 – facilitated by Shelley Epstein, retired deputy opinion page editor, Peoria Journal Star, and former Associate Vice-President of Communications at Bradley University.



OLLI members Tom and Judy Gross opened their historic home during a past OLLI trip.

VIRTUAL TRIPS

This October, you can take home a bottle of olive oil from a locally owned business, enjoy delicious dinners from area restaurants, and participate in virtual behind-the-scenes visits with the owners and chefs.

OLLI will take care of all the details. We'll even help with curbside pickup and bring the meal or olive oil directly to your car at the designated time. The next day, the business/restaurant will host a private virtual presentation, available only to those who have registered for the event. During the presentation, the owner and/or chef will discuss the meal preparation, how the business is handling our region's reopening rules, and what it was like during the state's stay-at-home order.

Your fee includes meal (or olive oil), gratuities, and online virtual visit. Please check your email for any updated information on menus and pickup times.

1. Olio and Vino with Stephanie Brott

Wednesday, October 7: pickup from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 8: virtual presentation at 11:00 a.m.

Includes olive oil sampler

\$25 per person

2. KEMP 208 Main Street Grille with Cathy Kemp

Wednesday, October 14: pickup from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 15: virtual presentation at 10:30 a.m.

\$30 per person

Menu: BBQ house smoked chicken and pork, roasted brussel sprouts, cole slaw, baked beans, and gooey butter cake

3. Eastport Galley Restaurant and Pub with Vicki Love-Freeman

Wednesday, October 21: pick-up from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 22: virtual presentation at 3:30 p.m.

Menu: TBD

4. Weaver Ridge with Matt Rogers

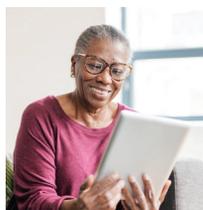
Wednesday, October 28: pickup from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 29: virtual presentation at 2:00 p.m.

Menu: Beef stroganoff with bread sticks and mixed greens with Italian dressing.

\$30 per person

FREE ZOOM TRAINING



OLLI Online uses Zoom, a popular video conferencing software, because it's so easy to use and allow individuals to meet "face-to-face" when meeting in person isn't possible.

You may access Zoom on a PC, Mac, tablet, or smart phone. OLLI has had great success in assisting our members get

FREE VIRTUAL HAPPY HOURS



We all know it's incredibly important to stay connected, but we can't interact in person as much anymore. Thanks to technology, however, we can still hang out and have a virtual happy hour. Each

OLLI Happy Hour has a themed discussion, it's a great way to meet and connect with other OLLI members in a relaxed setting, theme, even if you prefer not to share on a particular topic, it's a great time to learn new things.

1. Let's Talk About Wine

Tuesday, October 6, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Red, white, or whatever, we want to hear about your favorite go-to wine. What is the most expensive bottle you have ever purchased? Was it worth it? What are the suggested wines for the holidays? Not a wine lover, no worries, join us for the camaraderie, sit back and enjoy.



2. Books and Coffee Chat

Friday, October 9, 9:00 a.m.

Join Janet Lange, former Executive Director of Continuing Education at Bradley University, for this fun, informal books and coffee chat. We'll discuss *The Stationery Shop* by Marjen Kamali, featuring a dreamy, idealistic teenager living in 1953 Tehran who, amidst the political upheaval of the time, finds a literary oasis in the neighborhood book and stationery shop. This story is a beautiful and timely exploration of devastating loss, unbreakable family bonds, and the overwhelming power of love. **BONUS!** Join the author for a free virtual book talk on Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. – sign up at the website fallforthebook.org.

3. Pumpkins, Trick or Treat, and Halloween

Tuesday, October 27, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Halloween is just around the corner, so we'll share our favorite Halloween stories. What was your favorite costume (any wardrobe mishaps)? Did you get treats or were you one of those who did the trick? Do you have a favorite pumpkin recipe that you only bring out this time of year? Come ready to share your stories, pictures, recipes and more, or relax and enjoy finding out what others have to share.

used to this new way to meet. Please register for one of our four free upcoming training sessions:

Thursday, October 1, at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 8, at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 29 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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