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# Your Guide to OLLI at Bradley

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

## **Who Are OLLI Members?**

We are 1,200+ people in the Peoria area and beyond who enjoy OLLI programming geared toward age 50+, but everyone is welcome ... whether you're a Bradley alum or not.

## **What is OLLI?**

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

## HOW TO



**WITH OLLI**

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## BECOMING AN OLLI MEMBER IS EASY!

- Membership is just \$5 per quarter, granting you access to any program.
- All programs are available a la carte.
- Set up your account and register online at [bradley.edu/olli](http://bradley.edu/olli).
- Or, if you'd prefer, just give us a call, and we'll take care of the rest.

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## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, June 10  
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Peoria Next | 801 W Main, Peoria  
Please RSVP to [olli@bradley.edu](mailto:olli@bradley.edu)  
or call (309) 677-3900

# Join us for A Taste of



# OLLI

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, July 29  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Michel Student Center  
Ballroom  
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- **Explore** Fall programs
- **Connect** with friends
- **Learn** all about OLLI
- Featuring a presentation by Laura Cullinan of

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### SAVE THE DATE

**NEW**

## VOICES VISIONARIES

OLLI Distinguished Speaker Series with  
White House photographer Pete Souza  
November 10, 2026



**OLLI**  
*After Work*

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

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**FALL REGISTRATION**  
**REQUEST WEEK**  
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# Summer Wellness Seminar

**Summer Wellness Seminar 2026**  
**Monday, June 29, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Bradley's Michel Student Center**

This season's Wellness Seminar features two lectures and an opportunity to gather as a community over the summer.

\$20 - includes both seminars, coffee and treats.  
Parking is free and available anywhere on campus during the summer session.

**9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

### **Food As Medicine: Cook Well, Eat Well, Live Well**

Join Sydney Russell, oncology dietitian and Teaching Kitchen Coordinator at OSF HealthCare, for an engaging seminar exploring the powerful connection between food and health. We'll discover how everyday ingredients can support wellness, prevent disease, and enhance overall vitality. Chef Sydney will present a live cooking demonstration and share practical insights on using whole, nutrient-rich foods as part of a balanced lifestyle. She'll also share simple strategies for making healthier choices in the kitchen, planning nourishing meals, and cooking

effectively for one or two people. Whether you're looking to boost energy, support long-term health, or simply cook more intentionally, you'll leave with practical ideas for using food as a tool for better living.

**11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Break**

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

### **Discover Tai Chi and Qigong**

Discover the gentle power of mindful movement in this introductory seminar exploring Tai Chi and Qigong practices designed to support balance, relaxation, and overall well-being. Led by Keith Boswell with Peoria's Mindful Movement Center, this basic-level class introduces participants to a variety of energy movement exercises drawn from traditional practices. We will learn and experience foundational Tai Chi concepts along with simple Qigong exercises that cultivate body awareness and calm focus. We'll also cover simple balance exercises that help strengthen the lower body and improve stability. Designed to offer practical tools to build balance, reduce stress, and bring greater mindfulness into your daily life.



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# Learning Trips

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

A detailed itinerary will be emailed to you, typically one week prior to the trip.

To make your trip even more enjoyable, please note:

- All learning trip times in this brochure are approximate and subject to change. Please refer to your itinerary email for specific departure, tour, and arrival times.
- All participants must wear closed-toed shoes on all trips to ensure safety and respect our hosts' regulations.



## PARKING

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



## ACTIVITY LEVELS

Entry	◆◆◆◆
Basic	◆◆◆◆
Intermediate	◆◆◆◆
Advanced	◆◆◆◆

## ACTIVITY LEVELS

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

### Activity Level 1 ◆◆◆◆

All trips listed in this section require participants to enter/exit the shuttle with minimal assistance, climb some stairs, and walk a few blocks indoors or out.

### ImpactLife ◆◆◆◆

**Tuesday, June 2**

**9:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Blood donation plays a critical role in saving lives, yet many people never see the journey blood takes from donor to patient. On this behind-the-scenes visit to ImpactLife, we'll learn how donated blood is collected, tested, processed, and distributed to hospitals across the region. Staff members will share how technology and logistics ensure a safe and reliable blood supply and explain how community donors make this lifesaving work possible.

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

**Seats available: 28**

### OLLI at Corn Stock Theatre:

**West Side Story** ◆◆◆◆

**Wednesday, June 3**

**5:00 – 11:00 p.m.**

Join OLLI to experience *West Side Story* at Corn Stock Theatre, one of central Illinois' most beloved outdoor venues. This timeless iconic musical reimagines Romeo and Juliet in the streets of New York City, where rival gangs and forbidden love collide. Featuring unforgettable songs like "Tonight," "America," and "Somewhere," along with a talented local cast, this production offers a dynamic theatrical experience. After the show, director Deric Kimler will meet with our group to share his insights, discuss the production, and take us on a short behind-the-scenes tour.

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

**Seats available: 28**



We are putting trips in date order within the activity level.

### Hooked on Fishing

**Tuesday, June 9**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Get hooked on fishing with a fun and welcoming morning by the water. Guided by a knowledgeable host, participants will learn the basics of fishing, including how to use essential equipment, practice casting techniques, and identify common local fish species. We'll learn more about this unique non-profit organization that provides free fishing opportunities to our community. Whether you're brand new to fishing or rediscovering a hobby you once loved, this hands-on outing offers a relaxing way to enjoy the outdoors and connect with fellow learners. No experience necessary, just bring your curiosity and get ready to cast a line!

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

**Seats available: 28**

### Firehouse No. 16 with Fire Chief Sollberger

**Monday, June 15**

**9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the doors of a working fire station? Join us for an inside look at the new Firehouse No. 16, where we'll meet Fire Chief Sollberger and members of the Peoria Fire Department. We'll learn about the extensive firefighting equipment used by first responders, emergency response operations, and the training required to protect our community.

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

**Seats available: 28**

### Fired Up & Ice Cream

**Friday, June 19**

**12:15 – 3:30 p.m.**

Discover how creativity and entrepreneurship come together at Fired Up, a paint-your-own pottery and art studio. During our visit, Heather Hogan, the studio manager for more than 19 years, will share how the team turned their passion for art and learning into a successful business. After the informational tour, participants will enjoy two hours of painting time in the studio working on their own pottery mug or plate to keep. We'll also learn about glazing techniques and the firing process that brings each piece to life. Afterwards we'll walk next door to The Daily Scoop to celebrate with a delicious ice cream treat and conversation.

\$45 – includes guided tour, take home pottery piece, ice cream, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

**Seats available: 28**

### Peoria's Past Revealed:

### A Guided History Tour

**Tuesday, July 21**

**8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Led by longtime Peoria educator and community leader Mike Plunkett, this engaging bus tour uncovers the stories that shaped the city. We'll begin at Trefzger's Bakery, then travel along scenic Grandview Drive to admire its iconic historic homes and sweeping river views. We'll see the Dan Fogelberg Memorial, explore historic High Street, and stop at sites connected to Peoria's past as a once "wide open city," including the location tied to Bernie Shelton's murder. This tour traces Peoria's remarkable transformation from a rough-and-tumble river town into an All-American city.

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

**Seats available: 13**

### Woodgenuity

**Wednesday, August 5**

**9:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Step inside the workshop of Woodgenuity where Old World craftsmanship meets modern technology. Master woodworker Stephan Konrad will share insights from five decades of experience creating rocking chairs, furniture, decorative objects, and more. We'll learn about the process of building an heirloom Maloof-style rocking chair from wood selection to CNC machining, laminating, sanding, and finishing. Along the way, we'll also discover how simple wood is transformed into both functional furniture and artistic pieces. Rumor has it there may even be a raffle.

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

**Seats available: 13**



### AS YOU EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS

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## Peoria Sculptures and Monuments ◆◆◆◆

Thursday, August 6

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

In honor of the late Jim Ludwig, who originally designed this one-of-a-kind experience, we are once again offering the popular tour. OLLI volunteers Bernie Drake and John Amdall have researched Jim's notes, and will serve as our guides. Ranging from Lydia Moss Bradley to Mother Teresa, from religious figures to a famous agnostic, from silly to serious, we will see a surprisingly rich and varied collection of public sculpture in plain sight but that we don't really notice. On this updated tour, we'll drive by dozens, stop at a few, and hear some history and anecdotes about treasures of the community. \$45 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

**Seats available: 13**

## RC Outfitters ◆◆◆◆

Thursday, August 27

8:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Go behind the scenes at RC Outfitters, a locally owned business that has been a staple of the central Illinois fitness and outdoor community since 1977. Our host will discuss the business philosophy and practices that have helped fuel RC Outfitter's growth and will provide ample time for your questions and answers. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the facility and a detailed walkthrough of their services, including the proper shoe fitting process. We'll also explore a wide range of outdoor gear and apparel, gaining insight into how to choose the right equipment for walking, running, hiking, and seasonal activities. Throughout the visit, we'll discover how RC Outfitters has grown alongside the region's vibrant outdoor recreation community, fostering connection through education, personalized service, and a shared passion for staying active.

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

**Seats available: 28**

*It's all smiles as our OLLI members learn how to play Mahjong.*

## Activity Level 2 ◆◆◆◆

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

## McLean County Museum of History and Downtown Bloomington Architectural Tour

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Monday, June 22

8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Together, we will discover the rich history and architectural character of downtown Bloomington. Housed in a beautifully restored courthouse, the McLean County Museum of History offers a fascinating look at the people, industries, and events that shaped central Illinois. We will begin with a 60-minute guided downtown architectural walking tour, where you'll explore historic buildings while learning about their architectural styles and the many businesses and stories they've housed over the years. Following the tour, enjoy time to explore the McLean County Museum of History at your own pace. Discover exhibits highlighting local immigration, agriculture, industry, and everyday life through the decades, all within this stunning historic setting. \$55 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

**Seats available: 28**





*Deb Clay, chair of the OLLI Volunteer committee, makes Sly, our CxT barista, an official OLLI Volunteer during a recent Mix & Mingle.*

**The Art & Science of Tree Pruning:  
Bradley's Campus Canvas** ◆◆◆◆  
**Friday, June 5**

**9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Every gardener makes decisions that impact the next generation when pruning a tree. The choices made today or the decision not to prune can determine whether a tree survives a windstorm 50 or even 100 years in the future. Join frequent OLLI instructor John Amdall for a walking tour of Bradley University's campus focused on the art and science of tree pruning. The session will begin with a classroom overview of essential pruning techniques and practical tips for caring for your own trees. A handout will be provided to support your learning. As you enjoy a leisurely stroll across campus, Amdall will highlight real-life examples and explain key pruning principles that contribute to a tree's long-term health and strength. Along the way, he will also share insights about the campus's art installations. The tour will conclude with a group dining experience in the newly refinished Williams Hall cafeteria.

\$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at the campus dining hall. **Seats available: 28**

**Behind the Curtain at Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts** ◆◆◆◆

**Tuesday, July 7**

**10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Step behind the curtain at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts (BCPA) for an exclusive experience at one of central Illinois' premier cultural venues. This private docent-led tour will take us onstage, backstage, and even beneath the stage, offering a fascinating look at how productions come to life. We'll explore the rich history, architecture, and stories that make this venue a local treasure. Walk across one of the largest performance stages west of New York City, admire the elegant Neo-Classical interior, and visit the famous Green Room Artist Wall featuring signatures from past performers. We'll even venture into the sub-stage area to see the inner workings that support each performance.

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

**Seats available: 28**

**Springfield's Historic Homes Tour:  
Edwards Place & Dana-Thomas House** ◆◆◆◆  
**Friday, July 31**

**8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.**

Join us for a day exploring Springfield's rich history and architecture with visits to Edwards Place and the Dana-Thomas House. At Edwards Place, a beautifully restored 19th-century mansion, we'll step into the social and political world of Abraham Lincoln's Springfield through a guided tour of this historic home. We'll also experience the Dana-Thomas House, one of the best-preserved examples of Frank Lloyd Wright's "organic architecture." Designed for Susan Lawrence Dana, the home features over 100 pieces of custom furniture and more than 250 original art glass windows, offering a stunning and immersive look at Wright's vision of design, light, and space.

\$55 – includes guided tours, lunch at a local restaurant, and shuttle transportation.

**Seats available: 28**

## Architecture in Peoria:

### Inside the Frank Lloyd Wright House

Tuesday, August 25

9:15 am - 1:15 pm

Step inside a hidden architectural gem right here in Peoria! Owner Andrew Muir has invited us for a special tour of his Francis W. Little House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Guided by Tim Hartneck, a Bradley alumnus and local expert on Frank Lloyd Wright, this exclusive experience will highlight Wright's signature style, unique architectural details, and the story behind this remarkable residence. Don't miss this rare opportunity to explore one of Peoria's most distinctive homes.

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

**Seats available: 28**

### Peoria Women's Club

Monday, August 31

9:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Step into the rich history and timeless elegance of the Historic Peoria Women's Club, a cornerstone of civic engagement and philanthropy in the community for more than a century. During this immersive tour and talk, we'll explore the beautifully preserved clubhouse, where classic architectural details, inviting gathering spaces, and storied rooms reflect generations of purpose and progress. As we move through the space, knowledgeable club members will bring the past to life with engaging stories that highlight the club's lasting impact on education, the arts, and social initiatives throughout the Peoria area. From its early beginnings to its continued role today, this experience offers a meaningful glimpse into how a dedicated group of women helped shape the cultural and civic fabric of the community making it not just a tour, but a journey through local history and legacy.

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

**Seats available: 28**



## Activity Level 3

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

### Peoria Heights Sculpture Walk

featuring Mayor Phelan

Monday, June 8

8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a guided walking tour of Peoria Heights, a community known for its vibrant public art and unique character. The village features the largest collection of sculptures by internationally renowned artist Bruce White, whose work blends ancient symbolism with contemporary design. Led by frequent OLLI instructor John Amdall, we'll explore public art, local landmarks, and learn about the village's history and growth. The tour concludes at Village Hall with Mayor Matt Wigginton, who will share updates and insights on the Peoria Heights community.

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

**Seats available: 28**

### The Mother Road Experience:

Route 66 in Springfield

Wednesday, June 24

8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

We'll cruise into nostalgia on a Historic Route 66 tour to Springfield, filled with classic roadside charm and Americana during this 100th anniversary year. Our day will begin at the Route 66 Experience, where immersive exhibits bring the Mother Road to life, then explore the neon glow of the Ace Sign Museum. Next, we'll enjoy a stop at Route 66 Motorheads Bar & Grill, located in the iconic former Stuckey's building, and drive past Bill Shea's Filling Station and the legendary Cozy Dog Drive Inn, birthplace of the corn dog on a stick. OLLI class instructor Paul Buck will join us to share his knowledge on this iconic road creating a fun, fast-paced day of history, food, and unforgettable Route 66 spirit.

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

**Seats available: 27**

### **Springdale Cemetery** ◆◆◆◆

**Thursday, July 16**

**8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

In the 1850s Peoria was a growing community and needed a new cemetery. Three gentlemen, who owned land along the river bluffs north of the downtown felt their land was perfect for a park/garden style cemetery. Incorporated in 1855, Springdale Cemetery is now the oldest chartered cemetery in Illinois. With over 70,000 burials, Springdale stories tell the history of Peoria. Bernie Drake, a frequent OLLI instructor, will share the history of this fascinating place as well as information about the various styles of burial and cemetery art on display in Springdale.

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

**Seats available: 27**

### **Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds** ◆◆◆◆

**Thursday, July 23**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Discover 12,000 years of history at Dickson Mounds, a branch of the Illinois State Museum and a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places. One of the nation's major on-site archaeological museums, Dickson Mounds offers a fascinating look at the lives, cultures, and traditions of the American Indian peoples of the Illinois River Valley. During our guided exhibit experience, museum staff will lead us through the exhibits and share insights into the region's rich archaeological and cultural history. The visit also includes a hands-on teaching collection cart, giving participants the opportunity to interact with selected objects and deepen their understanding of this remarkable site.

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

**Seats available: 28**

### **Tippy Creek Honey Farm** ◆◆◆◆

**Tuesday, August 18**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Tippy Creek is a small agri-business/farm just north of Hopedale that hosts a combination of scenic woodlands, midwestern prairie, and nonaggressive farming practices. Owner Rob Preston will guide us through his lovely farm featuring 12 acres of clover, newly-established native wildflowers, and apple trees. Next, we will head to the brand new education building to learn about agriculture, and biology, along

with studying the relationship between bees, and nature, all while learning more about the responsibilities placed upon them, as stewards of their environment.

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

**Seats available: 28**

### **Blue Ridge Community Farm and Picket Fence** ◆◆◆◆

**Thursday, August 20**

**9:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

On this day, we'll head to Blue Ridge Community Farm, a 245-acre nonprofit near Chillicothe, dedicated to children and adults with special needs. We'll learn about their free educational field trips featuring interactions with farm animals, music, crafts, hayrides, and lessons on farming and animal care and tour the farm, home to alpacas, donkeys, chickens, a horse, and golden retrievers. After lunch, we will have the opportunity to visit the Picket Fence Foundation in Chillicothe, the farm's sister organization, a nonprofit, full service florist, gift shop and garden center with a mission to offer training and employment opportunities to people with disabilities.

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

**Seats available: 28**

### **Behind-the-Scenes at Dozer Park, Home of the Peoria Chiefs** ◆◆◆◆

**Wednesday, August 26**

**9:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

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

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

**Seats available: 28**

## Activity Level 4 ♦♦♦♦

All Level 1, 2, and 3 requirements AND be able to participate in extended walking and standing beyond normal trip expectations, including hiking on hills and slippery surfaces.

### Starved Rock Canyon Hike and Illinois Waterway Visitor Center ♦♦♦♦

Thursday, June 11

8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a day exploring one of Illinois' most beloved state parks. At Starved Rock, dramatic sandstone canyons and seasonal waterfalls reveal a geological story millions of years in the making. During our visit, we'll learn about the area's natural history, the glacial activity that shaped the landscape, and the cultural significance of the region to Indigenous peoples and early settlers. This is considered a low-impact experience, but participants should be prepared for two staircases and a paved hike of approximately .6 to 1 mile. This tour is not recommended for individuals with mobility concerns.

\$60 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation.

**Seats available: 28**

### Kayaking at Moraine View State Park ♦♦♦♦

Wednesday, August 19

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

This trip was so popular, we're offering it again! Join OLLI for a fun-filled day at Moraine View State Recreation Area, where we'll get an introduction to the sport of kayaking, including basic techniques, benefits, and more. We'll board kayaks ourselves (you may be assigned a single or a tandem kayak) for an hour of paddling around scenic Dawson Lake. No prior kayaking experience is necessary, but please make sure that you are comfortable being in a watercraft on the lake, and that you meet the activity level requirements for this trip. \$60 – includes kayak, paddle, and life jacket rental, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

**Seats available: 28**

*Laurie Bailey and Denise Hocker welcome author Lorissa Rinehart to Bradley for the kick off of our new Dallinger series.*

## Regional Trip

Spend time with OLLI enjoying travel throughout Illinois and nearby states. The price of each trip varies but includes meal, charter coach transportation, entrance fees, gratuities, snacks, and tour guides. Please note: all times listed are approximate and subject to change.

### Exploring Illinois Geology with Ed Stermer ♦♦♦♦

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Join Professor Ed Stermer of Illinois Central College for a fascinating day of hands-on geology. Our journey begins at Kankakee River State Park, where we'll examine ancient limestone bedrock and river-carved features that reveal how water, erosion, and deep geological time have shaped the region's landscape. After lunch, we'll travel to Braidwood Dunes and Savanna Nature Preserve, a rare ecosystem of inland sand dunes and oak savanna formed by glacial activity. Here, we'll explore how shifting climates and soils created distinctive habitats that support specialized plant and animal life. Our final stop is Mazonia-Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife Area, a former strip-mining site, it's now home to the world-famous Mazon Creek fossil beds. Here, we'll examine geologic evidence of a 300-million-year-old tropical coastline and discuss the historical impact of coal mining in Illinois.

\$115 – Includes guided tours, admission fees, lunch, snacks, gratuities, and charter coach transportation.

**Seats available: 45**



# Trivia Night

## Turn Up the Volume for OLLI-Palooza!

Register Now for OLLI's 10th Annual Trivia Night: OLLI-Palooza

Friday, August 14 | 6:00–9:00 p.m.  
Hayden-Clark Alumni Center  
Bradley University










Get ready to celebrate a decade of laughter, learning, and lively competition at OLLI's 10th Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser.

This year's theme is OLLI-Palooza: our playful take on the legendary summer music festivals where people gather for great energy, great company, and unforgettable moments. For one night only, the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center becomes OLLI's very own festival grounds. Instead of guitars and drum solos, the headliners are seven rounds of fast-paced trivia, creative table themes, and the camaraderie that has made this event a member favorite for 10 years.

WMBD 1470-AM personalities Dan DiOrio and Greg Batton return as emcees to keep the crowd energized and the questions coming.

Lean into the OLLI-Palooza spirit with festival-inspired table decorations or outfits. Think rock band tees, tie-dye, backstage glam, or your favorite musical era. Not into costumes? No problem. Come as you are and enjoy the show.



-  **The Lineup:**  
\$55 per person or \$440 for a table of eight includes buffet meal, coffee, tea, a cash/card bar, seven rounds of trivia, and prizes for first place, best decorated table, and best dressed team.
-  **Solo Ticket?**  
Register individually and we'll match you with a table so you can join the fun while helping raise funds to support OLLI's catalogs, shuttles, audio-visual upgrades, and more.
-  **Get Your Pass:**  
Register online at [bradley.edu/olli](http://bradley.edu/olli), select OLLI Registration, then scroll to 2026 Trivia Registration.
-  **Prefer to Call?**  
Contact the Continuing Education office at (309) 677-3900, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
-  **Mail-In Option:**  
Send a check (separate from your summer registration) to: Bradley University Continuing Education, Attn: OLLI, 1501 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL 61625.
-  **Can't Attend Trivia Night?**  
You can still support the cause. Visit [bradley.edu/olli](http://bradley.edu/olli) to make a donation and help keep OLLI programming vibrant and accessible.
-  **Sponsor the Show:**  
Contact Jake Bowers, Event Operations Assistant, [jbowers@bradley.edu](mailto:jbowers@bradley.edu), or 309-677-3900 to learn about sponsorship opportunities and help make this milestone event our biggest yet.



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## Highlights of Vietnam: Hanoi, Ha Long Bay & Saigon 12 days | February 17 – 28, 2027

See Vietnam's unique makeup unfold before your eyes as you tour Hanoi's prismatic French, Chinese, and Southeast Asian heritage before cruising between the colossal cliffs of Hạ Long Bay. You'll experience the timeless charm of Vietnam in Huế and Hội An, where ancient imperial grandeur meets lantern-lit streets, offering a journey through history and culture. Trace the steps of Vietnamese independence in Hồ Chí Minh City—Vietnam's largest city—still known as Saigon to locals and travelers. Along the way, you'll examine Vietnam War era sites, traverse verdant rice fields, and learn about Vietnamese traditions—like pearl farming—all while treating your taste buds to the spicy, tangy, sweet, and herbal complexity of Vietnamese cuisine.

**Double \$6,416**  
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Includes 10 nights in hotels, breakfast, 6 dinners, 6 lunches, demonstrations, tours, tour manager, local guides, Bradley staffer, round trip flights, 2 on-tour flights, and all transfers.

**To Register call EF/Go Ahead Travel  
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# Spotlight on New York City November 12 - 16, 2026

Experience the best of the "Big Apple" in this spectacular tour. From Rockefeller Center to Greenwich Village, New York City is a destination that will dazzle even the most seasoned traveler. Spend four nights in the heart of Midtown close to Central Park and Times Square. Take your seat and watch the curtain rise for two exciting Broadway shows. Visit The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the poignant 9/11 Museum and 9/11 Memorial. Enjoy free time to explore this fabulous city on your own. Get ready to "start spreading the news!"

**Double \$3,798**

**Single \$4,598**

Includes: 4 nights in hotels, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 2 Broadway shows, tours, museum admissions, round trip flights from Chicago, round trip charter coach from Bradley, tour manager, local guides, Bradley staffer, and cancellation insurance.

To register and see the detailed itinerary visit  
<https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1407732>



## Spots still Available A Second Departure Canadian Rockies by Train August 27 – September 6, 2026

**Cost: \$8,864** Tour package includes: 10 nights in handpicked hotels, breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 4 dinners with beer or wine, 6 sightseeing tours, private deluxe motor coach, two day ride on Rocky Mountaineer train, round trip air from Peoria and transfers, expert tour director, local guides, and full time Bradley staff member.

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*Traveling Braves*  **TALK**

Thursday, June 25  
3:30 p.m. at Bradley's  
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Let's Mingle & Unpack Travel Tips Together

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## Greece | Fall of 2027

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# Study Groups



OLLI members meet members of the Maori tribe, the indigenous people of New Zealand, during a recent trip with the Traveling Braves.

## Study Groups

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

**IMPORTANT!** To participate in most study groups, an active email account and internet access are necessary.

### Study Group Facilitator Workshop

Thursday, June 25

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center



Do you love study groups? Are there topics you'd like to explore—or revisit? Study groups need FACILITATORS, and even more importantly, they need NEW FACILITATORS. You're invited to join several experienced OLLI facilitators for an interactive exploration of group facilitation and its dynamics. We'll cover the essentials of planning a group, asking effective questions, and managing disagreements. You'll also learn how to engage participants and address common challenges. Come prepared to relax, reflect, and have fun. While designed for OLLI study group facilitators, this session is valuable for anyone who leads—or hopes to lead—groups in the near future.

Free! Facilitated by frequent facilitators Gary Nelson and Denise Hocker.

### Press Play: Journalism in Film

Fridays, May 29 – June 26

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Join us as we explore the impact of journalism through film. Each week, a retired local journalist will introduce a movie they selected to illustrate the power of reporting. Participants will individually view the film prior to each session, and as a group we'll discuss the historical context, storytelling choices, ethics, and the evolving role of the press. We currently plan to explore the films in this order: Citizen Kane with Shelley Epstein, -30- with Bill Knight, The Paper with Terry Bibo Knight, Network with Mike Dimmick, and Spotlight with Mike Bailey. All films can be accessed through Amazon Prime and other streaming services or the library.

\$45 – Facilitated by Peoria area retired journalists Shelley Epstein, Bill Knight, Terry Bibo Knight, Mike Dimmick, and Mike Bailey.

**Seats available: 20**

### Summer Advanced Trailblazers

Wednesdays, June 3 – June 24

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Various Locations

Join our hike leaders to explore multiple trails in the area. Each hike will be 3 to 4 miles long, and some routes will include significant elevation changes. Trails may be uneven, rocky, and may cross through water, and the pace may be brisk. Please consider your physical abilities and register only if you are an experienced hiker. Hiking poles are optional, and the *AllTrails* hiking app will be used. Hikes will be at Farmdale Reservoir, Kinsey Park, Camp Wokanda, and on the River Bluff Trail. \$45 – Facilitated by Stacey DelVecchio, Rob Parks, Allan Spangler, Sheila Hansen, Chris Esken, Paul Miller, Holly Teig.

**Seats available: 20**

**MOVIE TIE IN**  
*Spotlight*  
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**To Go or Not to Go**  
**Wednesdays, June 3 – July 22**  
**9:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

**Peoria Next Innovation Center**

At some point in retirement, we all face important decisions. Should I stay where I am or consider downsizing? Is moving to a retirement community the right choice, or do I want to age in place? What resources do I have, and are they sufficient? What are my options for retirement communities, and how do I evaluate them? This course will help you explore and assess your choices. During the first three weeks, we will discuss how to understand and evaluate the variety of options available. In addition, we will visit five continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) in the Peoria area to see firsthand what each has to offer.

\$45 – Facilitated by Bernie Drake, John Sahn, and John Amdall, all frequent OLLI instructors and facilitators. **Seats available: 16**

**Twelve Poet Laureates:**  
**Everyday Moments, Caught in Time.**  
**Fridays, June 5 – July 17 (skip July 3)**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Peoria Next Innovation Center**

Everybody loves a winner and the poets that we will read are all winners, each honored as "U.S. Poet Laureate," the top prize that the American poetry world has to offer. Their poems highlight everyday moments, caught in time, as defined by poet Billy Collins. In the sometimes funny, sometimes shocking, sometimes tender words of these poets, we'll catch glimpses of our own times and of others' too. No book purchases necessary for this study group, as our six presenters will email you the poems to be discussed. Participants must have internet access and an email address to receive the poems and additional information.

\$45 – Facilitated by OLLI Instructors John Brady, Bill Hardwig, Jane Hense, Claire McQuerry, Paul Resnick, Jim Sullivan. **Seats available: 18**

**Exploring Pathways and Prairies**  
**Wednesdays, June 10 – July 8**  
**9:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

**(June 17, we will meet 11:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.)**

**Peoria Next Innovation Center**

Over five weeks, participants will learn about the natural environment of the Peoria area. In the first week, we will meet at Peoria Next to discuss the natural divisions of Illinois, Native American uses of

prairie plants, insects, and more. In week two, we will travel to the soil lab at ICC, where Pete Fandel will introduce us to the rich soils of central Illinois.

**Note: This session will run from 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.** During the final three weeks, we will visit several prairie sites to learn about their creation, management, and the challenges they face. Some walking will be required, so **participants who are not used to walking outdoors may wish to bring a walking stick.** Come enjoy the beauty of these landscapes and discover some of the hidden natural gems in our area.

\$45 – Facilitated by Doug McCarty and Jennifer Bass. Both hold the certification of Master Naturalist and have attended many other classes and workshops about the environment and the world in which they live. They do volunteer work in many natural and "wild" areas in the Peoria area. **Seats available: 15**

**The Best American Short Stories 2025**  
**Wednesdays, June 10 – July 15**

**1:00 – 3:15 p.m.**

**Ivy Club, 5102 N. Galena Rd., Peoria Heights**

"Short stories can act like little tuning forks, helping us clarify our own values. In a time when our values are being tested daily, it's hard to think of anything more important." These words from author Celeste Ng appear in her introduction to *The Best American Short Stories 2025*, the collection we will use for this course. Join us as we read and discuss twelve outstanding stories from this anthology. Participants must have internet access to receive weekly emails from facilitators.

\$45 – Facilitated by OLLI members and frequent literature facilitators Roberta Koscielski, Jane Hense, Gary Nelson, Roger French, Paul Resnick, and Meeta Baphna. **Seats available: 20**



*OLLI member Larry Clay gives tips on returning the serve during OLLI's spring pickleball clinic.*

**Living, Learning, and Becoming:  
A Study in Anthroposophy**  
Wednesdays, July 1 – July 29  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



**Peoria Next Innovation Center**

Join us for a reflective exploration of what it means to live, learn, and grow as human beings. Together, we'll study *An Introduction to Anthroposophy: Rudolf Steiner's World View* by Francis Edmunds, a clear and approachable introduction to Rudolf Steiner's spiritual philosophy. The text will introduce foundational principles such as Waldorf education, biodynamic agriculture, and holistic approaches to health. Anthroposophy invites us to deepen our understanding of human nature and the world by integrating intellectual, artistic, and spiritual ways of knowing. It emphasizes personal insight and inner development, offering perspectives that touch many areas of life, from education and the arts to ecology and social renewal. We'll discuss how these ideas can take root in our own experience through reading, reflection, and group conversation. Participants are expected to obtain and read the text listed above, available at online booksellers.

\$45 – Facilitated by Marcus Hashimoto, PhD, Managing Director of the Bradley University Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

**Seats available: 20**

**The Boomer Years: Shaping Modern America**  
Thursdays, July 2 – 30

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Goodwill Commons,  
2319 E. War Memorial Dr., Peoria**

The years surrounding World War II and the Baby Boom (1945–1964) were among the most transformative in twentieth-century American history, laying the foundation for the world we live in today. The war reshaped the nation's economy and global role, while the Baby Boom brought rapid population growth and cultural change. Returning veterans attended college through the GI Bill, suburbs expanded, and new expectations emerged for work and family life. Together we will explore how these changes transformed American communities and values and how their influence continues to shape the United States today.

\$45 – Facilitated by John Cummings, frequent OLLI instructor and history teacher for over 40 years.

**Seats available: 25**

**What Makes a Principled Political Leader?  
Serving Central Illinois**  
Mondays, July 6 – 27

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Peoria Next Innovation Center**

This group will explore how to recognize principled and effective political leadership, with a focus on Central Illinois. We'll examine past and present leaders who demonstrate ethical, civil, and collaborative approaches to addressing public challenges. Using a leadership framework centered on integrity and responsible decision-making, we will consider examples of leaders who have sought to serve the common good, including Abraham Lincoln. Brad McMillan will share insights from his ten years as District Chief of Staff for Ray LaHood. Participants will also work in small groups to analyze and present a political leader, developing practical skills for evaluating leadership and identifying those who effectively represent the interests of their communities.

\$45 – Facilitated by Brad McMillan, Executive Director of the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service at Bradley University, John McCabe, a retired teacher and frequent OLLI facilitator, and Jenny Tripses, retired professor emerita from Bradley University. **Seats available: 20**

**Trailblazers LIGHT**  
Tuesdays, July 7 – 28

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**Various Locations**

This hiking group is perfect for those new to hiking or returning after a break. Each hike will cover 2–2.5 miles on gentle terrain with minimal elevation gain, making it more accessible than our Advanced Trailblazers group. Enjoy the outdoors in a relaxed group setting while exploring trails in the tri-county area. We will meet directly at each trailhead. After the final hike, participants may join an optional pay-your-own-way lunch at a nearby restaurant to relax and celebrate.

\$45 – Facilitated by OLLI Members and frequent hikers. **Seats available: 18**

*OLLI's Advanced Trailblazers didn't let  
the ice and snow stop them  
from hiking this past winter!*

## Urban Walkers

**Mondays, July 13 – 27, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Monday, August 3, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Various locations in downtown Peoria**

So, what can you see and do while walking around Downtown Peoria? Plenty! We'll explore monuments with Bernie Drake, sculptures with John and Jeff Heintzman, murals with Doug and Eileen Leunig, and downtown living options with Rob Parks—and we will definitely visit a bar. Each walk will be led by a different expert, and the length of the walk will vary. You may be pleasantly surprised by all the sights and experiences waiting in Downtown Peoria. **Please note: the final session will begin at 3:00 p.m., since we know we will be ending that day at a bar!**

\$45 – Facilitated by Bernie Drake, John & Jeff Heintzman, Doug & Eileen Leunig, and Rob Parks.

**Seats available: 18**

## Apple Insights: Tips & Tricks for iPhone, iPad, iWatch, and Mac

**Tuesdays, July 28 – August 18**

**9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Peoria Next Innovation Center**

Join us for an engaging group exploring Apple products. Each week focuses on a different device: iPhone, iPad, Mac, and Apple Watch. Sessions begin with a brief overview followed by tips, tricks, and hands-on exploration. Whether you're new to Apple or an experienced user, you'll learn ways to make the most of your devices—from maximizing battery life to turning your iPhone into a scanner. Bring your devices and questions, and leave with practical skills and fresh insights.

\$45 – Facilitated by John Amdall, frequent OLLI instructor. **Seats available: 20**



## Ambition, Desire, Baseball, and Self-Destruction in Film Musicals

**Mondays, August 3 – 31**

**1:00 – 3:15 p.m.**

**Peoria Next Innovation Center**

Rodgers and Hammerstein, Liza and Vincente Minnelli, Bob Fosse and Gwen Verdon, Gene Kelly, baseball, Nazis, and the devil—who could ask for more? This study group explores landmark movie musicals spanning mid-century America and celebrates the genre's evolution from light entertainment to cinematic art. Through films from the early 1950s through the 1970s, we will examine how filmmakers used music, movement, color, editing, and performance to explore ambition, love, moral responsibility, political collapse, and the personal cost of human achievement. Films include *An American in Paris* (1951), *Carousel* (1956), *Damn Yankees* (1958), *Cabaret* (1972), and *All That Jazz* (1979). Through discussion and selected clips, we will consider how these films reflect changing cultural values while enjoying the enduring pleasures of classic Hollywood musical storytelling. \$45 – Facilitated by Tim Burns, former university administrator and teacher, and frequent OLLI facilitator. **Seats available: 22**

## Using AI Tools

**Mondays, June 1 – July 6**

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Only**

AI is everywhere, but what can it really do? Find out through hands on exploration. This course meets weekly via Zoom. Between sessions, participants will spend a few hours experimenting with two free AI tools, practicing skills such as using chatbots and creating images or videos.

During each meeting, participants will share screens and discuss their experiences and results. By the end of the course, everyone will have tried ten tools and learned about many others explored by the group. Participants should try ChatGPT and Google Gemini before the first meeting.

\$45 – Facilitated by Walter Urbaniak, a retired computer network engineer and information security architect with an interest in physics.

**Seats available: 18**

## Zoom Training

OLLI offers free, personal training sessions to help members become more comfortable with Zoom and online learning. Contact [olli@bradley.edu](mailto:olli@bradley.edu) and we will set up a time to help you.

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**ONLINE Study Group**

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

## **ChatGPT Workshop for Beginners Thursday, June 4**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

### **Garrett Center, Bradley University**

Curious about ChatGPT and how it can help in everyday life? Join Angel Chatterton, University of Illinois professor, for a beginner-friendly, hands-on introduction designed for lifelong learners. We will provide a simple overview of what ChatGPT is and how it works, then guide you step by step as you try it yourself. Please bring your own device (smartphone, tablet, or laptop). We will help you set up a free account, show you how to ask questions effectively, and explore how ChatGPT can support learning, creativity, and problem solving. No prior experience needed. Just bring your curiosity.

\$15 – includes presentation and snacks.

Transportation not included, meet us there!

**Seats available: 200**

## **Discover Golf with Bradley Coach Halley Morell Tuesday, June 9**

**1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

### **Coyote Creek Golf Course, 8201 W Lancaster Rd, Bartonville**

Join Bradley University women's golf coach Halley Morell for a three hour clinic at Coyote Creek Golf Course in Bartonville. Coach Morell will introduce the rules of golf, share a brief history of the game, review each club, and cover the fundamentals. Then head out to the practice area for hands on instruction in putting, chipping, and the full golf swing. Designed for beginners or those looking to build their understanding, this clinic welcomes golfers of all skill levels. Do not miss this opportunity for first-class, hands-on instruction, an OLLI first. Bring clubs if you have them, if you don't we'll have some to loan.

\$85 – includes presentation, instruction, loan on request, and time in practice area. Transportation not included, meet us there.

**Seats available: 10**

## **Pickleball! Discover, Watch, & Play Wednesday, June 17**

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

### **Markin Center, Bradley University**

Curious about pickleball? Join us for a fun, informative session where you'll learn what makes this sport so popular with all generations. We'll cover the basic rules, equipment, and strategy in a short classroom setting. We'll move to Markin Recreation Center on campus for a live demonstration of the game. Next, we'll have the opportunity to step onto the court and give it a try with hands-on guidance from volunteer coaches. No experience necessary—just bring your curiosity and comfortable shoes!

\$15 – includes presentation, demonstration, and an opportunity to play a short round of pickleball. Transportation not provided – meet us there!

**Seats available: 24**

## **Flying Lessons: Finding Your Next Life's Purpose Wednesday, July 8**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

### **Garrett Center, Bradley University**

Join us on a journey of self reflection, where we'll examine who we are now and identify where we want to go amid the fabulous possibilities lying before us. Guiding us on this journey will be facilitator Heather Patterson, author of *Flying Lessons: To Discover and Remember You*. Heather's newly published book will be available for purchase for \$20 onsite.

\$10 – Facilitated by Heather Robertson, VP of Resource Development for the Heart of Illinois United Way and the pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Pekin. Transportation not included, meet us there!

**Seats available: 100**



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## In the Shadow of Watergate

Thursday, August 6

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Garrett Center, Bradley University

As the Watergate scandal neared its dramatic conclusion, two local congressmen found themselves unexpectedly at the center of national attention. In his first major leadership role, Bob Michel faced the unenviable task of leading national House campaign efforts in 1974, and witnessed President Nixon's final evening in the White House. Meanwhile, Tom Railsback played a key role crafting the articles of impeachment against Nixon. Join Chris Kaegard of the Dirksen Congressional Center as he shares their first hand accounts, offering a front-row seat to a pivotal moment in American history, a year when presidential corruption was held to account. \$10 – includes presentation and snacks.

Transportation not provided, meet us there.

**Seats available: 100**



*Rich Henz and Bernie Drake give cheers to OLLI during a past Mix & Mingle.*

## OLLI MIX & Mingle

The OLLI Mix & Mingle is a great way to meet new people in a casual environment. These “on your own” events give current and prospective OLLI members a chance to socialize, share ideas, and exchange tips about OLLI and beyond.

Each gathering is hosted by OLLI volunteers and a Bradley staffer, with a few tables reserved at local restaurants so members can mix and mingle, OLLI style. Participants purchase their own drinks and snacks. Registration is required, and if you'd like to bring a friend new to OLLI, please call the office so we can include them.

**Wednesday, June 10, 4:00 p.m.**

**Cyd's in the Park**

**5805 N Knoxville Ave., Peoria**

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

**Seats available: 40**

**Tuesday, June 16, 10:00 a.m.**

**Cafe Santa Rosa**

**1327 East Kelly Ave., Peoria Heights**

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

**Seats available: 35**

**Wednesday, July 22, 4:00 p.m.**

**W Down Under**

**105 Main St., Washington**

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

**Seats available: 40**

**Tuesday, August 11, 4:00 p.m.**

**The Ivy Club**

**5102 N. Galena Rd., Peoria Heights**

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

**Seats available: 60**

Meet Us at the



## CINEMA SOCIAL

Arrive a little early and connect with fellow film lovers before each film. Grab some popcorn and join us to chat, socialize and maybe even learn more about OLLI before the pre-film discussion and screening begins. Everyone is welcome—just come early and join the conversation.

# OLLI at the Movies

at Peoria Riverfront Museum

Transportation not provided, meet us there.

All films \$5 – Includes admission and moderated discussion prior to the start of screening.

**Seats available: 190 per show**

### Spotlight

Tuesday, June 23

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

Reviewers praise *Spotlight* for its powerful true story, strong performances, and careful portrayal of investigative journalism. The film follows the *Boston Globe's* investigation into the Catholic Church's child abuse scandal and is widely admired for its compelling script, ensemble cast, and emotional impact. Critics also value its restraint and authenticity. Don't miss a unique opportunity to enjoy this documentary on the big screen at Peoria Riverfront Museum. Includes moderated discussion with Mike Bailey, film facilitator and frequent study group leader.

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### The Sandlot

Friday, July 24

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

Scotty Smalls moves to a new neighborhood with his mom and stepfather and wants to learn baseball. Benny Rodriguez, the local baseball expert, mentors him, and Scotty joins the neighborhood kids' adventures. Together they navigate treehouse sleepovers, a flirtatious lifeguard, a rival Little League team, and the traveling fair. Beyond the sandlot fence lurks the legendary ball-eating dog, the Beast, which the kids must eventually confront, testing their courage and teamwork. Includes moderated discussion with resident film buff and OLLI facilitator Gary Nelson prior to the start of the screening.

Bring your  
Grandkids for **FREE**

### Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Thursday, July 30

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of John Hughes unforgettable *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (1986) with a special screening of this iconic coming-of-age comedy. The film follows the charismatic Matthew Broderick as Ferris Bueller who fakes illness to skip school for an unforgettable day in Chicago. As Ferris famously said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." Before the film, OLLI film enthusiast Denise Hocker will share engaging insights, fun facts, and behind-the-scenes perspectives to deepen our appreciation of this nostalgic classic that continues to resonate across generations.



### An American in Paris

Tuesday, August 4

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

*An American in Paris* is a 1951 American musical romantic comedy starring Gene Kelly. Inspired by the 1928 jazz-influenced symphonic poem by George Gershwin, the film follows three friends struggling to find work in Paris. Things become more complicated when two of them fall in love with the same woman. The film blends humor, music, and romance as they navigate love, friendship, and the bohemian Parisian art scene. Before the film, enjoy a moderated discussion with frequent OLLI instructor Tim Burns, who will share his insights to provide a backdrop prior to the screening.

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## Osher Online

in collaboration with Northwestern University  
School of Professional Studies

*This program will provide Osher members across the country with a means to connect with each other and learn together while maintaining membership at their local institute.*

### Online Fees and Details:

- National Osher Online \$65 per class.
- Each class consists of six 90-minute sessions which meets six consecutive weeks.
- These are live lectures via Zoom and are NOT recorded.
- The Osher NRC manages the courses and will communicate directly with registrants. You will receive an email that will include an Osher Online username and password as well as a link to the Osher Online Website, through which you will access your classes.

### Horticulture A-Z

**Tuesdays, July 7 – August 11**

**6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Explore a wide range of horticultural practices with something to offer no matter our experience level or where we live. We will cover container gardening, aquatic gardens, ornamental and fruiting plants, bonsai, landscape design, and pest management. Each week, we will focus on a theme and examine design ideas, plant choices, and long-term care practices for success.  
\$65 – Chris Baker has worked in horticulture for 15 years, including as a horticulturist at the National Aquarium in Baltimore and as Curator of Bonsai at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

**Seats available: 13**

### Canals and the Making of the Modern World Wednesdays, July 8 – August 12

**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Bernard (Bernie) Carlson A Vaughan Professor Emeritus of Humanities at the University of Virginia, explores when the Erie Canal opened in 1825, how it revolutionized American travel and transportation, but it was inspired by Europe's earlier canal networks. We will trace French, British, and Irish canals of the 17th and 18th centuries, then follow the story into the 19th century as we examine American canals, especially in New York and Pennsylvania.  
\$65 – Carlson directs the MS program in AgInnovation at the University of Galway.

**Seats available: 13**

### Endless Grounds: Coffee's Social, Economic, and Cultural Life

**Thursdays, July 9 – August 13**

**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Coffee will be a lens on climate change, social life, health, North-South dynamics, social and economic justice, tourism, and slavery. We will trace coffee from planting and processing through shipping and, ultimately, the drink in our cups. We will explore coffee's history, its shift from elite beverage to everyday staple, and research on health, farmer income, and climate resilience. The instructor will discuss different brewing methods, and demonstrate how coffee is brewed.  
\$65 – Robert Thurston, PhD, is Emeritus Professor of History at Miami University (Oxford, Ohio).

**Seats available: 13**

**Deaf Culture and History**  
**Thursdays, July 9 – August 13**  
**4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

In this course, we will introduce key aspects of Deaf Culture in the United States and explore what defines the Deaf community as a cultural minority. We will examine cultural identity, group norms, social interaction, values, and traditions, while emphasizing awareness, diversity, and language preservation. We will investigate how modern technology shapes community life, along with emerging issues, trends, and advocacy. We will also discuss communication, terminology, educational alternatives, legislation, and community resources.

\$65 – Matthew Cooper is an Assistant Professor of American Sign Language at the University of Tulsa. Born to two Deaf parents, Cooper grew up a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults).

**Seats available: 13**

**The Indispensable Founder: George Washington**  
**Mondays, July 13 – August 17**  
**12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

As America celebrates 250 years of independence, this course examines the indispensable founder, George Washington – his life, political leadership, and roles as farmer, entrepreneur, and architect. We will also explore the groundbreaking Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, which has owned and managed Mount Vernon since 1858.

\$65 – Anne “Dede” Neal Petri was elected the 24th Regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association (MVLA) in 2024.

**Seats available: 13**

**Hindu Traditions: Ritual, Knowledge, Devotion**  
**Wednesdays, July 15 – August 19**  
**2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

In this course, we will explore Hindu traditions from classical to contemporary times, emphasizing ritual, knowledge, and devotion. We will begin with South Asian roots in the Vedic tradition and key religious foundations. We will examine early and classical Hindu thought through the concept of dharma, then explore major deities through their narratives, practices, and iconography. We will examine the six major schools of Hindu philosophy.

\$65 – Eileen Goddard is a Religious Studies Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, Santa Barbara. **Seats available: 13**

**Protecting Yourself as a Patient**  
**Tuesdays, July 21 – August 25**  
**2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

This course will help us keep ourselves and our loved ones safer in today's complex healthcare system. Medical harm (often unintentional yet preventable) injures and kills hundreds of thousands of patients each year. We will learn how to reduce risk from common problems such as medication errors, care accidents, infections, diagnostic mistakes, and procedural or surgical complications.

\$65 – Hardeep Singh, MD, is a Professor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and a leader in quality and safety research focused on reducing diagnostic errors, improving health information technology, and transforming health care systems.

**Seats available: 13**

**Broadway Musicals: A Fascinating History**  
**Tuesdays, July 21 – August 25**  
**4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

We will explore book musicals, concept musicals, and the rise of European mega-productions. We will spotlight influential composers, lyricists, writers, choreographers, directors, and performers. With the help of audiovisuals, we will study landmark shows including Oklahoma!, My Fair Lady, Show Boat, Guys and Dolls, Hair, and more.

\$65 – Emanuel Abramovits is a mechanical engineer and has been a concert promoter for over two decades.

**Seats available: 13**

**History Of Signs: How to tell Americas Story**  
**Fridays, July 24 – August 28**  
**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

This course introduces the Museum's origins and features a conversation with ASM's founder about why signs matter. We will examine how signs have evolved due to trends in commerce and technology and explore case studies of three major food companies who used signage to shape their brands. In the final session, we will take a virtual visit to ASM's neon shop to see how a neon sign is made.

\$65 The American Sign Museum (Cincinnati, Ohio) covers more than 100 years of American sign history and displays more than 800 signs and artifacts.

**Seats available: 13**

# President's Letter

I am honored to be president of OLLI this year!!

I remember being a new member going to OLLI classes. I was nervous about not knowing anyone in an unfamiliar setting, but once I got there everyone was very kind and welcoming. Considering how many people were there, it ran very smoothly. I was impressed.

I thought I would like to be a part of this organization. That was 11 years ago.

I was curious to see how it all came together, so I went to the curriculum planning sessions. Again, everyone was welcoming. It was interesting to see how the ideas for classes came about. Someone always seemed to know someone who might be willing to present a class.

I ask you not to be nervous about going to any planning sessions for classes, trips or study groups. Everyone is welcoming! And you can just be interested in the process. I am always amazed with how many offerings there are each quarter.

I know OLLI has enriched my life with new friendships. It has given me the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of subjects through study groups, classes, trips, and OLLI originals. I look forward to what OLLI will bring this year.




*Laurie Bailey*  
Laurie Bailey, OLLI President

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**This Summer Starts with You! Be Part of the 42%**

Right now, you may be dog-earing pages, circling study groups, and mapping out your summer by selecting a handful of trips and originals. That simple joy you're feeling right now, flipping through this catalog and planning what's next, is made possible by our generous OLLI donors.

Your gift does more than support OLLI in theory. It shows up everywhere. It helps bring this very catalog to life, keeps membership and program fees affordable, supports the programs you love, and creates opportunities for new ideas and experiences. In other words, your dollars are at work behind the scenes, supporting more programs and helping keep fees affordable.



As we head toward May 31, the end of our fundraising year, we're nearing our goal of a 42% donor participation rate. Our goal isn't just a number; it's really a story about community. It means nearly half of our members choosing to invest in each other and in keeping OLLI strong, active, and thriving.

If you've already made a gift this year, thank you. You've made this summer catalog possible. If not, there's still time to jump in and be part of it. Every gift matters, and every donor helps keep OLLI a learning community where exploring, connecting, and learning never stop.

Make a gift today at [Bradley.edu/supportOLLI](http://Bradley.edu/supportOLLI).

# 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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Close to 400 volunteers work to make OLLI come to life. We have a wide range of opportunities for interested volunteers: committee members, delivering brochures, instructor/facilitator contact, parking assistance, instructor, facilitator, and more.... Everyone is welcome, if you'd like to help, call our office to find out more (309) 677-3900.

## Great Programs Happen Because of Great Ideas

**You're invited to attend our committee meetings.**

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

### Curriculum Committee Fall 2026

Peoria Next/Zoom hybrid meeting  
Wednesdays, April 29, May 13 and 27, 9:00 a.m.

### Learning Trip Committee Winter 2027

Peoria Next/Zoom hybrid meeting  
Tuesday, July 14, 9:00 a.m.

### Study Group Committee Winter 2027

Peoria Next/Zoom hybrid meetings  
Thursdays, July 23 and August 20, 9:00 a.m.

### **ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES**

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

### **DIETARY CONCERNS**

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

### **DRIVING ON TRIPS**

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

### **GUESTS/INVITE A FRIEND**

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

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

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

#### **Classes**

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

#### **Learning Trips**

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

### **PROGRAM DETAILS and PARKING**

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

### **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](mailto:clawless@bradley.edu) or call her at (309) 677-3900.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

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

### **WAITLISTS**

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

#### **OLLI Originals and OLLI Online**

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

#### **Study Groups**

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

#### **INFORMATION DISCLAIMER:**

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> <b>SG (Online) - Using AI Tools</b> 1-3p	<b>2</b> <b>LT - ImpactLife</b> 9:45a-2p	<b>3</b> <b>SG - Adv Trailblazers</b> 9-11a <b>SG - To Go or Not to Go</b> 9:30-11:45a <b>LT - Corn Stock Theatre</b> 5-11p	<b>4</b> <b>OO - ChatGPT Workshop</b> 10a-12p	<b>5</b> <b>LT - Tree Pruning/Bradley Tour</b> 9:30a-2p <b>SG - Press Play</b> 9:30a-1:30p <b>SG - Tweve Poet Laureates, 10a-12:15p</b>
<b>8</b> <b>LT - Peoria Heights Sculpture Walk</b> 8:45a-3p <b>SG (Online) - Using AI Tools</b> 1-3p	<b>9</b> <b>LT - Hooked on Fishing</b> 9a-2p <b>OO - Discover Golf</b> 1-4p	<b>10</b> <b>SG - Adv Trailblazers, Orientation, 12:30-2:30p</b> <b>SG - To Go or Not to Go</b> 9:30-11:45a <b>SG - Exploring Pathways</b> 9:30-11:45a <b>SG - Best Short Stories</b> 1-3:15p <b>M&amp;M - Cyd's, 4p</b>	<b>11</b> <b>LT - Starved Rock Canyon</b> 8:45a-3p	<b>12</b> <b>SG - Press Play</b> 9:30-11:30a <b>SG - Twelve Poet Laureates</b> 10a-12:15p
<b>15</b> <b>LT - Firehouse No. 16</b> 9a-1:30p <b>SG (Online) - Using AI Tools</b> 1-3p	<b>16</b> <b>M&amp;M - Cafe Santa Rosa</b> 10-11a	<b>17</b> <b>SG - Adv Trailblazers, 9-11a</b> <b>SG - To Go or Not to Go</b> 9:30-11:45a <b>SG - Exploring Pathways</b> 11a-1:15p (NOTE TIME) <b>SG - Best Short Stories</b> 1-3:15p <b>OO - Pickleball, 5:15-7p</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>SG - Press Play</b> 9:30-11:30a <b>SG - Twelve Poet Laureates</b> 10a-12:15p <b>LT - Fired Up</b> 12:15-3:30p
<b>22</b> <b>SG (Online) - Using AI Tools</b> 1-3p <b>McLean County Museum of History</b> 8:45a-3p	<b>23</b> <b>OLLI at the Movies: Spotlight</b> 12-2p	<b>24</b> <b>LT - Route 66 in Springfield, 8:30a-3:45p</b> <b>SG - Adv Trailblazers</b> 9-11a <b>SG - To Go or Not to Go, 9:30-11:45a</b> <b>SG - Exploring Pathways</b> 9:30-11:45a <b>SG - Best Short Stories</b> 1-3:15p	<b>25</b> <b>SG - Facilitator Workshop</b> 9a-12p <b>Traveling Braves Mix &amp; Mingle</b> 3:30 p	<b>26</b> <b>SG - Press Play</b> 9:30-11:30a <b>SG - Twelve Poet Laureates</b> 10a-12:15p
<b>29</b> <b>Summer Seminar</b> 9:30a-12:00p <b>SG (Online) - Using AI Tools</b> 1-3p	<b>30</b> <b>Kankakee River State Park</b> 8a-5p			

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<b>6</b> <b>SG (Online) - Using AI Tools</b> 1-3p <b>SG - How to Identify Leaders</b> 1:30-3:30p	<b>7</b> <b>SG - Trailblazers LIGHT</b> 9-10:30a <b>LT - Bloomington Performing Arts Ctr</b> 10a-3:30p	<b>8</b> <b>SG - To Go or Not to Go</b> 9:30-11:45a <b>OO - Flying Lessons</b> 12-1p <b>SG - Exploring Pathways</b> 9:30-11:45a <b>SG - Best Short Stories</b> 1-3:15p <b>SG - Anthroposophy</b> 5:30 - 7:30p	<b>9</b> <b>SG - The Boomer Years</b> 9:30-11:30a	<b>10</b> <b>SG - Twelve Poet Laureates</b> 10a-12:15p
<b>13</b> <b>SG - Urban Walkers</b> 9-11a <b>SG - How to Identify Leaders</b> 1:30-3:30p	<b>14</b> <b>SG - Trailblazers LIGHT</b> 9-10:30a	<b>15</b> <b>SG - To Go or Not to Go</b> 9:30-11:45a <b>SG - Best Short Stories</b> 1-3:15p <b>SG - Anthroposophy</b> 5:30 - 7:30p	<b>16</b> <b>LT - Springdale Cemetery</b> 8:45a-2p <b>SG - The Boomer Years</b> 9:30-11:30a	<b>17</b> <b>SG - Twelve Poet Laureates</b> 10a-12:15p
<b>20</b> <b>SG - Urban Walkers</b> 9-11a <b>SG - How to Identify Leaders</b> 1:30-3:30p	<b>21</b> <b>LT - Peoria's Past Revealed</b> 8:45a-2p <b>SG - Trailblazers LIGHT</b> 9-10:30a	<b>22</b> <b>SG - To Go or Not to Go</b> 9:30-11:45a <b>M&amp;M - W Down Under</b> 4-5p <b>SG - Anthroposophy</b> 5:30 - 7:30p	<b>23</b> <b>LT - IL State Museum/Dirkson Mounds</b> 9a-3:30p <b>SG - The Boomer Years</b> 9:30-11:30a	<b>24</b> <b>OLLI at the Movies: <i>The Sandlot</i></b> 10a-12p
<b>27</b> <b>SG - Urban Walkers</b> 9-11a <b>SG - How to Identify Leaders</b> 1:30-3:30p	<b>28</b> <b>SG - Trailblazers LIGHT</b> 9-10:30a <b>SG - Apple Insights</b> 9-11a	<b>29</b> <b>A Taste of OLLI Ice Cream Social</b> 1-3p <b>SG - Anthroposophy</b> 5:30 - 7:30p	<b>30</b> <b>SG - The Boomer Years</b> 9:30-11:30a <b>OLLI at the Movies: <i>Ferris Bueller's Day Off</i></b> 5:30-7:30p	<b>31</b> <b>LT - Springfield Historical House Tour</b> 8:30a - 3:45p

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<b>3</b> <b>SG - Ambition, Desire, Baseball</b> 1-3:15p <b>SG - Urban Walkers</b> 3-5p (NOTE TIME)	<b>4</b> <b>SG - Apple Insights</b> 9-11a <b>OLLI at the Movies: An American in Paris</b> 12-2p	<b>5</b> <b>LT - Woodgenuity</b> 9:45a-2p	<b>6</b> <b>LT - Sculptures &amp; Monuments</b> 10:30a-3:30p <b>OO - In the Shadow of Watergate</b> 12-1p	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b> <b>SG - Ambition, Desire, Baseball</b> 1-3:15p	<b>11</b> <b>SG - Apple Insights</b> 9-11a <b>M&amp;M - The Ivy Club</b> 4-5p	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>OLLI-Palloza! 10th Annual Trivia Night</b> 6-9p
<b>17</b> <b>SG - Ambition, Desire, Baseball</b> 1-3:15p	<b>18</b> <b>SG - Apple Insights</b> 9-11a <b>LT - Tippy Creek</b> 9a-2p	<b>19</b> <b>LT - Kayaking at Moraine</b> 8:30a-2:30p	<b>20</b> <b>LT - Blue Ridge Farm</b> 9:15a-2:30p	<b>21</b>
<b>24</b> <b>SG - Ambition, Desire, Baseball</b> 1-3:15p	<b>25</b> <b>OO - Planned Giving Toolbox</b> 5-6p <b>LT - Frank Lloyd Wright House Tour</b> 9:15a-1:15p	<b>26</b> <b>LT - Dozer Park</b> 9:45 - 2:30p	<b>27</b> <b>LT - RC Outfitters</b> 8:45am-1:15p	<b>28</b>
<b>31</b> <b>LT - Peoria Women's Club</b> 9:45a-2p <b>SG - Ambition, Desire, Baseball</b> 1-3:15p				

# Get Ready for Registration

## REGISTRATION REQUEST WEEK: MONDAY, MAY 4 at 8 a.m. through FRIDAY, MAY 8 at 4 p.m.

Instead of immediate registration, you will request programs at any time throughout the Registration Request week, and later pay for those for which you've been registered.

NO Payment due during registration request week!

### Six Steps to a Smooth Registration

- 1 Select ONLY the programs you PLAN to participate in.
- 2 Check selected programs on the OLLI calendar to make sure they don't conflict. *\*Note: Osher Online programs are not reflected on the calendar.*
- 3 Prioritize your programs in order of your top choice across all programs: first as #1, second as #2, and so on. Add your programs to your cart in that order.
- 4 Register your way: online, in person, drop off/mail in, or via phone.
- 5 **IMPORTANT!** You must receive a **Registration Request confirmation via email** to ensure your registration requests have been received. This email will come from Bradley's Continuing Education Division: [continue@continuing.bradley.edu](mailto:continue@continuing.bradley.edu). If you do NOT receive an email, please contact [olli@bradley.edu](mailto:olli@bradley.edu) before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8 to confirm we have received your registration.
- 6 On Tuesday, May 12 at 4:00 p.m. you may go to your account to see what you are enrolled in, what you are waitlisted for, and to pay your account balance.



# Summer 2026 Registration

## REGISTRATION REQUEST WEEK: MONDAY, MAY 4 at 8 a.m. through FRIDAY, MAY 8 at 4 p.m.



### Register Your Way

#### 1. Online

**IMPORTANT: When registering online, the order in which you request programs and place them in your cart will determine their priority.**

- Visit [bradley.edu/olli](http://bradley.edu/olli)
- Click the red REGISTER FOR OLLI button
- Click to Sign In or Create New Account
- First request quarterly membership
- Add program requests to your cart in order of priority by clicking "Request Program"
- Review your choices, then click "Check Out"
- No payment is due during Registration Request Week
- You will soon receive an email confirmation that your requests have been received
- To review or change your priorities before May 8 at 4 p.m.:
  - Sign in to your account
  - Click "Account"
  - Click "Course Priorities" and remove/reorder programs

#### 2. In-Person

No appointment needed! Staff will be available to help you register online!

- **Monday, May 4 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Peoria Next located at 801 W Main Street.

There is a large parking lot, accessible entrance, and no appointment needed to get registration help.

You may also make an appointment to visit our Continuing Education office at Westlake on **Tuesday, May 5, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

#### 3. Mail-in or Drop-off

- All mailed or dropped-off forms MUST be received by **Friday, May 8, at 4:00 p.m.**
- Forms received after that date will be processed after prioritization on May 13.
- **Mail-in** pages 33 - 34 to:  
Bradley University  
Continuing Education, Attn: OLLI  
1501 W. Bradley Ave., Peoria, IL 61625

##### • Drop-off:

Westlake Hall, Suite 104  
Glenwood Ave./Tobias Lane

#### 4. Phone Support

- 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 6
- Thursday, May 7
- Friday, May 8

Due to the increasingly high volume of calls, we ask that you only call during these times if you require phone-only assistance. This enables our staff to process your requests as efficiently as possible.

#### Notification and Payment

You will receive an email confirmation on **Tuesday, May 12** with your enrollment status (registered or waitlisted) and the amount owed.

**Need to drop a requested program? Contact our office BEFORE paying so we can adjust your total. You won't be able to remove the program until then.**

#### Preferred Payment Process

- Visit [bradley.edu/olli](http://bradley.edu/olli)
- Click "Sign In" to Your Account
- Click "Account" in the top red bar
- Click "Make a Payment" at left, then click "Pay" and choose "Credit Card"
- Click "Add Payment"
- Verify your billing address, enter your payment details, click "Pay" to complete your transaction
- If paying by check, make it payable to Bradley University and mail to address listed in step #3.

#### Important Reminders

- You must receive a Registration Request confirmation via email to ensure your registration requests have been received.
- You will receive an email on May 12 regarding your program status and payment.
- Payments must be received by **Friday, May 27 to secure your registration.**
- Contact the staff for assistance (309) 677-3900 or [olli@bradley.edu](mailto:olli@bradley.edu)

**IMPORTANT: Mail delivery delays may affect your submission. Your registration is only confirmed once you receive an email confirmation or verify with the office.**

## Step 1: RANK YOUR PROGRAMS

Rank all of your program choices in order of priority #1, #2 #3 etc in the first column. **Reminder, there can only be one #1 across all programs.**

## Step 2: CHOOSE HOW TO REGISTER

See page 32 for details.

**DEADLINE:** Registration Request Week, forms must be in the office by **4:00 pm on Friday, May 8.**

For registration after May 13, mail in your forms anytime. Mail delivery delays may affect your submission. Your registration is only confirmed once you receive an email confirmation or verify with the office.

## Step 3: REGISTRANT INFO

Preferred First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Number (check one)  Home  Cell

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am new to OLLI and participating for the first time

## Step 4: 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Step 5: PAYMENT INFORMATION

**NEW** **NO payment due during Registration Request Week!** See Page 32 for details.

### For those registering May 13 or after:

Summer Wellness Seminar.....	\$ _____	+
Learning Trips.....	\$ _____	+
Study Groups.....	\$ _____	+
Originals.....	\$ _____	+
Movies.....	\$ _____	+
Mix and Mingles.....	\$ _____	+
Online Study Group.....	\$ _____	+
Osher Online.....	\$ _____	+
OLLI Quarterly Membership Fee*.....	\$ <u>5.00</u>	=
*Paid only once in June - August    TOTAL DUE = \$ _____		

### Payment Information for those registering MAY 13 or after:

Check (Payable to Bradley University)  
**DO NOT SEND A CHECK** with your initial registration.  
We will contact you via phone or email with the amount owed after your registration has been processed.

VISA    MasterCard    Discover    American Express

Print name as appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Card billing address \_\_\_\_\_

**To speak with staff about your payment:** (309) 677-3900

## Step 6: READ & SIGN WAIVER

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

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Summer 2026

Priority#	Program	Date/s	Fee	Seats
	Summer Well Seminar	6/29	\$20	250
<b>LEARNING TRIPS</b>				
<b>Activity Level 1</b>				
	ImpactLife	6/2	\$40	28
	West Side Story	6/3	\$65	28
	Hooked on Fishing	6/9	\$40	28
	Firehouse No. 16	6/15	\$40	28
	Fired Up & Ice Cream	6/19	\$45	28
	Peoria's Past Revealed	7/21	\$45	13
	Woodegenuity	8/5	\$50	13
	Peoria Sculptures...	8/6	\$45	13
	RC Outfitters	8/27	\$40	28
<b>Activity Level 2</b>				
	McLean Co. Museum	6/22	\$55	28
	Art & Science/Pruning	6/5	\$35	28
	Behind the Curtain...	7/7	\$45	28
	Springfield Historical...	7/31	\$55	28
	Architecture in Peoria	8/25	\$40	28
	Peoria Women's Club	8/31	\$40	28
<b>Activity Level 3</b>				
	Heights Sculpture...	6/8	\$40	28
	Mother Road/Route 66	6/24	\$60	27
	Springdale Cemetery	7/16	\$45	27
	Illinois State Museum	7/23	\$60	28
	Tippy Creek Farm	8/18	\$40	28
	Blue Ridge Farm...	8/20	\$45	28
	Behind Scenes/Dozer	8/26	\$40	28
<b>Activity Level 4</b>				
	Starved Rock Hike...	6/11	\$60	28
	Kayaking/Moraine...	8/19	\$60	28
<b>REGIONAL TRIP</b>				
	Exploring IL Geology	6/30	\$115	45

## Trivia Night and Taste of OLLI Registrations

- \_\_\_ Check here if you would like a reminder to register for Trivia Night
- \_\_\_ Check here if you would like a reminder to register for Taste of OLLI

## STUDY GROUPS

Priority#	Program	Date/s	Fee	Seats
	Study Group Facilitator	6/25	Free	
	Press Play: Journalism...	5/29 - 6/26	\$45	20
	Advanced Trailblazers	6/3 - 6/24	\$45	20
	To Go or Not to Go	6/3 - 7/22	\$45	16
	Twelve Poet Laureates	6/5 - 7/17	\$45	18
	Pathways and Prairies	6/10 - 7/8	\$45	15
	Best Short Stories	6/10 - 7/15	\$45	20
	Living, Learning...	7/1 - 7/29	\$45	20
	The Boomer Years	7/2 - 30	\$45	25
	What Makes a...Leader?	7/6 - 27	\$45	20
	Trailblazers LIGHT	7/7 - 28	\$45	18
	Urban Walkers	7/13 - 8/3	\$45	18
	Apple Insights	7/28 - 8/18	\$45	20
	Ambition, Desire...	8/3 - 31	\$45	22

## ONLINE STUDY GROUP

	Using AI Tools	6/1 - 7/6	\$45	18
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## ORIGINALS

	ChatGPT Workshop	6/4	\$15	200
	Discover Golf	6/9	\$85	10
	Pickleball!	6/25	\$15	24
	Flying Lessons...	7/8	\$10	100
	Shadow of Watergate	8/6	\$10	100

## MOVIES

	<i>Spotlight</i>	6/23	\$5	190
	<i>The Sandlot</i>	7/24	\$5	190
	<i>Ferris Bueller's Day Off</i>	7/30	\$5	190
	<i>An American in Paris</i>	8/4	\$5	190

## MIX AND MINGLES

	Cyd's	6/10	Free	40
	Cafe Santa Rosa	6/16	Free	35
	W Down Under	7/22	Free	40
	The Ivy Club	8/11	Free	60

## OSHER ONLINE

	Horticulture A-Z	7/7 - 8/11	\$65	13
	Canals...Modern World	7/8 - 8/12	\$65	13
	Endless Grounds	7/9 - 8/13	\$65	13
	Deaf Culture/ History	7/9 - 8/13	\$65	13
	Indispensable Founder	7/13 - 8/17	\$65	13
	Hindu Traditions	7/15 - 8/19	\$65	13
	Protecting Yourself...	7/21 - 8/25	\$65	13
	Broadway Musicals	7/21 - 8/25	\$65	13
	History Of Signs	7/24 - 8/28	\$65	13

# IMPORTANT

## Reminders from OLLI

### CHECK ACTIVITY LEVELS

Select Trips that match your ability level.

Activity Levels 2, 3, & 4 include a great deal of walking and standing.



### ALERT! COMMUNICATION COMES BY EMAIL

All confirmations, reminders, updates, and itinerary revisions are sent via email. Program details, including meeting locations and times, will be shared in advance of each event.



To stay up to date, please check your inbox regularly and add [olli@bradley.edu](mailto:olli@bradley.edu) and [continue@continuing.bradley.edu](mailto:continue@continuing.bradley.edu) to your email contacts to ensure our messages are delivered to your inbox rather than your junk or spam folder.

### DEADLINES

- Friday, May 8 Registration Request forms DUE in our office. Registration requests are only confirmed once you receive an email confirmation or verify with the office.
- Wednesday, May 27 Registrations not paid by this date may be cancelled.



### REGISTRATION SUPPORT

- Monday, May 4: In-person registration assistance
- Tuesday, May 5: By appointment assistance at our Westlake Hall office
- Wednesday, May 6 - Friday, May 8: Phone support

Due to high call volume, phone assistance is only available May 6-8. We encourage members to take advantage of earlier in-person support options if possible.



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