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

What is OLLI?

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a program of Bradley University's Division of Continuing Education and Professional Development, and is strongly supported by Bradley as a standard of excellence in lifelong learning. OLLI is 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

Phone: (309) 677-3900
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Mailing address: 1501 W Bradley Ave
Peoria, IL 61625
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Website: bradley.edu/olli

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.
- Or, if you'd prefer, just give us a call, and we'll take care of the rest.

FREE MEMBER PERKS

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NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Thursday, January 8
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

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

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Winter Seminar 2026



Thursday, January 15, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Bradley University, Michel Student Center Ballroom

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

\$20 – includes both seminars, coffee, and treats. Parking is free and available anywhere on campus while students are on winter break.

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. | 60 Years of the Voting Rights Act: From Bipartisan Achievement to Courtroom Debate

Marking its 60th anniversary, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 has undergone significant change, including a case being re-heard by the Supreme Court this term. Chris Kaergard, communications manager and historian at The Dirksen Congressional Center, will discuss the history of this landmark legislation, highlighting advocacy by Peoria-area citizens and U.S. Senator Everett Dirksen. He'll also examine recent efforts to limit or expand its protections, providing insight into the current state of voting rights and what they mean for our participation at the ballot box.

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Scones Break



Even in the rain, Kathy and Sigmund Self are all smiles during OLLI's tour in Croatia.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Discovering AI for Lifelong Learning: ChatGPT, NotebookLM, and Beyond

Curious about how Artificial Intelligence can support your learning journey? Angel Chatterton, Senior Instructor of Accountancy at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will take us on a friendly tour through some of today's most exciting AI tools. We'll start with ChatGPT, a conversational AI that can answer questions, explain complex ideas, and even help brainstorm creative projects. Then, we'll explore Google's NotebookLM, a new tool designed to help organize your notes, connect ideas, and make learning more engaging. Along the way, we'll look at other recent advancements and share practical examples of how these tools can spark curiosity, make research easier, and open up new ways to keep learning at any age. No technical background is required - just bring your curiosity!

KEY ONLINE REGISTRATION DATES

February 2-6

Spring 2026 Registration
Request Week begins

May 4-8

Summer 2026 Registration
Request Week begins

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

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.



ACTIVITY LEVELS

Entry
Basic
Intermediate
Advanced



PARKING

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

ACTIVITY LEVELS

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



Traveling Braves wave hello from aboard the MSS Invictus during a 7 night cruise up the Croatian coastline.

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.

Islamic Foundation of Illinois ♦♦♦♦

Friday, January 9

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Islamic Foundation of Peoria (IFP), established in 2000, serves the religious needs of the growing Muslim community in the Peoria and Dunlap areas. We will join their Imam (Imam Mazhar), Mr. Faraz, President of IFP, and Dr. Amanullah, a member of the foundation, for a tour of the facility and learn how the foundation helps the Muslim community fulfill its religious, social, and educational needs and duties. We'll also learn about the basic ideas of the Islamic faith and its daily calls to prayer. In addition, we will attend the weekly sermon and the Friday prayers with the worshipers. Please note: modest attire is suggested (long pants, long-sleeved shirts), and we will remove our shoes before entering the prayer hall, where men and women pray separately. \$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

Seats available: 28

River Kitty Cafe and Peoria County Animal Protection Services(PCAPS) ♦♦♦♦

Tuesday, January 27

9:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Spend a heartwarming day exploring the love and care that our community provides for our furry friends. Start your morning at the River Kitty Cafe, Peoria's first full-time cat cafe, where coffee, cats, and companionship combine in a cozy atmosphere. We will learn more about how this cafe fosters cats and increases adoptions from Peoria County Animal Protection Services (PCAPS). In the afternoon, we will head to PCAPS for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the animal shelter and animal control operations. Learn from the PCAPS Director about local animal control laws, day-to-day activities at the shelter, and how you can get involved in helping abandoned or neglected animals in our community. Discover the vital role PCAPS plays in animal welfare and explore opportunities to make a difference. \$40 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

Seats available: 28



OLLI members boarded a "hayrack" ride during the learning trip to Wildlife Prairie Park on the importance of keystone species.

Behind the Scenes at Tadoughs:

A Sweet Learning Tour ♦♦♦♦

Thursday, February 12

8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a delicious experience at Tadoughs! On this sweet tour, we'll hear the story of how Rick Butler and his daughter Jacqueline purchased Pekin's beloved Spudnut Donuts, the famous potato-based donuts made in Pekin for over 40 years. We'll learn about the new store in Peoria, why they transitioned to the Tadoughs name, and where they are headed in the future. We'll also have the opportunity to step behind the counter for an exclusive kitchen tour to see firsthand how the donuts are made and discover what sets their process apart from the competition.

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

Seats available: 20

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois

Monday, February 16

11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois (RMHC) opened the Peoria House in December 2019 to provide a welcoming, supportive place for families while their child receives medical care. In addition, they support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children throughout the region. During our visit, we will learn more about the mission, stories of families served, and plans for future program growth. During our tour, we'll hear how the building's design was shaped by the needs of families and get to see the incredible artwork throughout the House, created entirely by local artists. Elieen Setti, the chief operating officer for RMHC Central Illinois, will also share research on family-centered care and how Ronald McDonald House Charities, on a global level, is adapting its care model to reflect these findings. \$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

Seats available: 28



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.

Sophia's Kitchen and St. Joseph's Church



Tuesday, January 6

11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sophia's Kitchen feeds 500 people each day. Join OLLI as we visit this kitchen, staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers who make hundreds of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches daily! We'll find out where they get their food donations and how they serve Peoria's homeless, unemployed, and underemployed. Under the direction of the Catholic diocese, Sophia's Kitchen is located next to historic St. Joseph's Church. After our visit with Sophia's Kitchen, we'll visit St. Joseph's Church, a house of worship built in 1878 that features an 1896 Lancashire Marshall organ.

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

Seats available: 28

Peoria County Coroner

Thursday, January 22

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join us as we meet our Peoria County Coroner, Jamie Harwood, at his new office in the Peoria County building. Our visit to the new location on Sheridan Road will include a discussion about why the coroner investigates a death, what a typical day is like, a tour of the autopsy room and morgue, and a question and answer period. Harwood, a Certified Forensic Nurse, will also discuss how the office provides advocacy for the survivors, justice for the deceased, and a determination of cause and manner of death with the most efficient, evidence-based, best-practice methods.

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

Seats available: 28

Dr. Bob Ballard kept the crowd rapt as he shared insights from discovering the Titanic.

General Wayne A. Downing
Peoria International Airport ♦♦♦♦

Thursday, January 29

9:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Take off on a unique adventure with Director Gene Olson as we go behind the scenes at the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport! This exclusive tour will include access to areas most travelers never see. Discover how the 150,000 square foot terminal serves the needs of Central Illinois travelers as we step inside ticket counters, baggage handling areas, passenger screening rooms, waiting areas, and even walk the jet bridges where planes board. We'll also get the inside scoop on programs like TSA PreCheck and Global Entry that can make future travels faster and easier.

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

Seats available: 28

South Side Mission ♦♦♦♦

Tuesday, February 3

9:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a meaningful and eye-opening visit to the South Side Mission, which recently celebrated 100 years of service in the Peoria area. We'll get a special insider's look at how this vital organization serves our community, guided by both its business and spiritual leaders. Along the way, we'll see firsthand how volunteer efforts and financial support fuel their success and growth. We'll also hear about the exciting Youth Ministry Expansion and future plans to reach even more young people in the 61605 zip code.

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

Seats available: 28

The Queen of Squash ♦♦♦♦

Tuesday, February 24

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

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

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.

Enercon ♦♦♦♦

Thursday, February 5

8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Founded in 1975 by Edward Tangel, Enercon has grown from a small Central Illinois company into a global leader in power generation and controls. Today, Enercon is a trusted partner for engineering and manufacturing customized critical power solutions serving defense, industrial, commercial, municipal, and government sectors. With a reputation for excellence, the company's products—including industrial control panels, switchgear, and critical power generation systems—are found in 110 countries, with more than 50,000 projects successfully completed. We invite you to join Larry Tangel, CEO of Enercon, for a guided tour of the 160,000 sq. ft. manufacturing campus. Highlights include a 50,000 sq. ft. electrical assembly area, an in-house sheet metal fabrication shop, a military-standard paint booth, and on-site testing facilities.

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

Seats available: 28

Muir Omni Graphics ♦♦♦♦

Thursday, February 19

11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Muir Omni Graphics is a second-generation, family-owned business and leading manufacturer of industrial graphics. Since 1963, the company has provided leading manufacturing companies and service organizations with decals, fleet markings, corporate identity labels, and specialty graphics. Our tour will consist of an in-depth look at how the company takes an order and processes it through the production shop. We'll also get a closer look at the pre-press operations and the silk screen printing manufacturing process.

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

Seats available: 28

Travel the World with OLLI!

Canadian Rockies by Train: Banff, Lake Louise & Vancouver September 11 - 21, 2026



With visits to endless dazzling landscapes, this tour will open your eyes to western Canada's natural gems, the history of its First Nations peoples, and its

proud cultural melting pot. Explore Canada's Rocky Mountains as you take in the jewel-colored lakes and snowy summits of Banff National Park. Just when you think the scenery can't get any more spectacular, you'll climb aboard the Rocky Mountaineer train and ride the rails through the soaring peaks and twisting valleys of the Coastal Range, from Banff to Kamloops and on to Vancouver.

Registration Opened Tuesday, October 7, 8:00 a.m.
via phone only: EF/Go Ahead Tours: 800-438-7672

Tour package includes: Round trip airfare from Peoria, all transfers, 10 nights in handpicked hotels, breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 4 dinners with beer/wine, 6 sightseeing tours, expert tour manager, local guides, private deluxe motor coach, 2 days of riding on Rocky Mountaineer train, and accompaniment by Bradley University staffer.

- Double Occupancy: \$8,864 per person*
- Single Occupancy: \$10,589 per person*

*Does not include travel insurance, tips, baggage fees, or meals not included.

**Upgrades to air and train service are available

Traveling Braves Unpack Travel Mix & Mingle Style Tuesday, January 13, 3:30 p.m. Kellehers, 401 Water Street Peoria.

For anyone with a passion for travel. Swap stories, trade tips, and pick up fresh ideas for your next big adventure. This mix & mingle is all about fueling wanderlust and making connections—because the best journeys start with a great conversation!

No formal registration or OLLI membership required, just call or email the office and let us know so we can add you to the count. (309-677-3900 or olli@bradley.edu)

These events are considered "on your own" and everyone will purchase their own drinks and snacks. The event will be hosted by a staff member and OLLI volunteers. We have reserved a few tables at area restaurants so we can mix and mingle OLLI-style.



We're already dreaming about 2027 adventures and we want your input. Be on the lookout for a short survey in OLLI's weekly email newsletter headed your way soon. It's your chance to help shape our next unforgettable journey. Whether it's mountains, museums, or Mediterranean shores—your ideas matter!

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.

Please note the abbreviations at the end of the description:

RF= returning facilitator RG = repeat group

NF= new facilitator NG = new group

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

Beginning Bridge II – Declarer Play **Thursdays, January 8 – February 26**

9:30 – 11:45 a.m.

**Proctor Place, 2724 W.
Reservoir Blvd., Peoria**

Improve your bridge playing skills with others who are eager to play. In this 8-session workshop, we will focus on “declarer play.”

Participants should be familiar with basic bidding and rules of the game of bridge. You will learn keys to declarer play, including counting winners and losers, creating extra winners through long suits, promotion of lower ranking cards, finessing and ruffing. We will also review some bidding techniques. These sessions (as in the workshop on bidding) will be interactive and participants will have the opportunity to put their newly-learned skills into action by playing pre-dealt hands that illustrate the skills during the sessions. A text entitled *Play of the Hand in the 21st Century* will be given to each participant without further charge.

\$45 – Facilitated by Chuck Young, American Contract Bridge League certified teacher, and Michael Bohn, Bridge enthusiast and talented player.

Seats available: 20



Super Agers:

An Evidence-Based Approach to Longevity

Mondays, January 12 – February 9

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Methodist College, 7600 N. Academic Drive,
Peoria**

Join Professor Margie Getz to explore *Super Agers*, the groundbreaking new book by physician Eric Topol. Drawing on meticulous research and an extensive bibliography, Dr. Topol unpacks the science behind healthy aging, the surprising factors that influence longevity, and the emerging role of AI in extending our years of vitality. Accessible, engaging, and full of practical insights, our discussions around this book will focus on a path forward for anyone interested in living not just longer, but better.

\$45 – Facilitated by Marjorie Getz who is a Professor at Methodist College in Peoria where she has taught psychology, gerontology, and public health courses for 15 years.

Seats available: 16

Peoria Reads: Music in Literature

Mondays, January 12 – March 9

(every other week)

1:00 – 3:15 p.m.

**Peoria Main Library, 107 NE Monroe, Peoria, 1st
Floor Meeting Room**

Discover the power of music woven through story in this year's Peoria Reads theme. Together, we'll explore five novels where music plays a central role, adding depth, rhythm, and meaning to each narrative. Meeting every other week, this study group offers readers time to enjoy each book and come ready for lively, facilitated discussions. Join us to celebrate how words and music intertwine to inspire, connect, and move us. Peoria Reads is a one city/one book initiative begun in 2002.

January 12 - *Body & Soul* by Frank Conroy

January 26 - *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett

February 9 - *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway

February 23 - *The Noise of Time* by Julian Barnes

March 9 - *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason.

\$45 – Facilitated by the following fellow OLLI members who share a love of literature: Sheila Hansen, Jane Hense, Roger French, Paul Resnick, and Roberta Koscielski.

Seats available: 20

Mah Jongg for Novices

Tuesdays, January 13 – March 3

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

PeoriaNext Innovation Center, 801 W. Main, Peoria

American Mah Jongg is a fascinating game of skill and chance, with a little luck rolled in. We will start with the basics of the game – identifying the tiles, understanding the rules, reading the card – and move on to actual game play with plenty of oversight and support. This course is for the beginner starting from scratch, but we'll have you tossing tiles with the best of them by the end of the group. Join Dan Stanley, a 21-year Mah Jongg enthusiast who has taught many opera singers to play while waiting for a call to the stage (but you don't have to be able to sing to learn to play).

\$45 – Facilitated by Dan Stanley, Continuing Education staff member, and Gail Gordon, retired teacher and Peoria Mah Jongg maven. (RG/RFs)

Seats available: 13

The Beatles: A Cultural Revolution

Tuesdays, January 20 – February 24

10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

PeoriaNext Innovation Center, 801 W. Main, Peoria

From "Love Me Do" in 1962 to "Hello, Goodbye" at the close of the decade, the Beatles transformed not only music, but society and culture itself. Their revolutionary sound reshaped the way we think about sex, politics, art, drugs, work, and everyday life. Together we'll explore the lesser-known history of the band, uncovering the cultural forces that gave rise to their worldwide phenomenon. With the clarity of hindsight, we'll consider how England shaped the Beatles, and how the Beatles, in turn, reshaped England and the world. But this isn't just history - it's also personal. What do the Beatles mean to you? Bring your thoughts, memories, and reflections to enrich our discussions as we dive deep into the songs that defined a generation. Each week, there will be "homework" to view two 30-minute videos and listen to 4–6 Beatles songs (accessible via a provided Spotify playlist, online resources, or your own music collection).

\$45 – Facilitated by Don Baker, educator, tutor, and a DJ for decades, and Bob Yonker, retired engineer and '60s music enthusiast, will be Zooming in to co-facilitate.

Seats available: 16

Kennedy vs. Nixon:

Power, Politics, and the Battle for America

Tuesdays, January 20 – February 17

1:30 – 3:45 p.m.

PeoriaNext Innovation Center, 801 W. Main, Peoria

Few rivalries in American history were as dramatic - or as consequential - as that between John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon. Born just a few years apart, they entered Congress together in 1946, rose from starkly different backgrounds, and eventually faced off in the 1960 presidential race, where the first televised debates and one of the closest popular-vote margins in U.S. history forever changed American politics. Their careers left legacies that still shape the nation today. We'll go beyond the familiar headlines to uncover the men behind the myths: Nixon, scarred by poverty and family loss, and Kennedy, wracked by hidden illnesses and private struggles. Together, their stories reveal not only how power is won - and lost - but also the human cost of ambition. From their first campaigns to Watergate, we'll revisit an epic struggle that still reverberates more than fifty years later.

\$45 – Facilitated by Tim Burns, a former university administrator and teacher.

Seats available: 20



President Shadid takes time for a conversation with OLLI member Sherry Hillman during the OLLI/AARP Legislative breakfast.



Ken Ferino and Dave Woodruff toast to good times on the recent Traveling Braves trip to Croatia.

Flying Lessons: Finding Your Next Life's Purpose
Tuesdays, January 27 – February 24
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

PeoriaNext Innovation Center, 801 W. Main, Peoria

In life, we experience threshold moments. Our identity shifts. What once made sense now is a question mark. Join us on a journey of self-reflection. Together, 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 using her book *"Flying Lessons: To Discover and Remember You."* In addition, at each session, we will be stimulated to think and write about our future from prompts Heather has designed. Heather's newly published book will be available for purchase on the first day of class for \$20.

\$45 – 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.

Seats available: 20

Advanced Trailblazers
Mondays, February 2 – 23
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Various locations

Join our hiking leaders to explore multiple trails in the area. Each hike will be 3 to 4 miles in length, and some will have significant elevation changes. Trails will be uneven, rocky and may go

through water or snow. The pace may be brisk. Please consider your physical abilities, and only register if you are an experienced hiker. Poles are recommended for the winter hikes. The All Trails hiking app will be used.

\$45 – Facilitated by Diane Rock, Sheila Hansen, Allan Spangler, Rob Parks, Dave Woodruff, Chris Esken, Paul Miller, experienced hike leaders who love to explore trails in the Tri-County area and beyond.

Seats available: 18

Let the Games Begin – Winter Olympics Edition
Tuesdays, February 3 – 24

1:30 – 3:45 p.m.

PeoriaNext Innovation Center, 801 W. Main, Peoria

This February, in the cities of Milano and Cortina, Italy, approximately 3000 athletes from 91 countries will compete on snow and ice in 116 events. Every Olympics, there are stories that inspire and fascinate. Join frequent OLLI facilitators Randy Wilson and Denise Hocker as we discuss movies and documentaries based on real people and explore the events that influenced these athletes and the Games in which they participated. The following movies and documentaries are expected to be viewed on your own prior to each discussion: February 3: *Downhill Racer*; February 10: *Miracle and The Russian Five*; February 17: *I, Tonya* and *The Ice King*; February 24: *The Crash Reel*. All are available on Amazon Prime, Tubi, and at your local library.

\$45 – Facilitated by OLLI film buffs Denise Hocker and Randy Wilson.

Seats available: 20

The Gilded Age: The Rise of Modern America
Thursdays, February 5 – March 5

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

PeoriaNext Innovation Center, 801 W. Main, Peoria

Step back into one of the most pivotal eras in U.S. history - the Gilded Age. Together, we will glide through the Old West, waves of immigration, and the explosive growth of cities. We'll examine the rise of industry and labor unions, the evolution of the two-party political system, and the early stirrings of big government. Through our group discussion, we'll uncover how this dynamic period laid the foundation for modern America, and how its struggles and triumphs still echo today.

\$45 – Facilitated by John Cummings, retired high school teacher, OLLI member, and lifelong history enthusiast.

Seats available: 24

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

Peoria Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle Friday, February 6

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Peoria Women's Club, 301 NE Madison Ave.,
Peoria

In collaboration with the Peoria Women's Club, OLLI invites you to join the Peoria Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, which is considered the oldest continuous book club in the United States. Lynette Steger, professional educator, content strategist, and Peoria Women's Club board member, will moderate. The book discussion for winter will be *Harlem Rhapsody* by Victoria Christopher Murray

\$10 – includes the discussion, snacks, and coffee.

Transportation not provided – meet us there!

Seats available: 40

Power Up with Ameren:

Scam Prevention, Storm Readiness, and Smart Energy

Friday, January 23

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

PeoriaNext Innovation Center,
801 N. Main Street, Peoria



Ruthie Bertram, Community Relations Coordinator, and Kierstin Newton, Residential Energy Efficiency, both with Ameren Illinois, will share important information on how to protect ourselves and our homes. We'll learn how to spot and prevent common utility scams, gain practical tips for storm preparedness, and discover valuable programs and resources available through Ameren. With insights designed to keep us safe, informed, and resilient, this session will also highlight opportunities from Ameren's Energy Efficiency team. Don't miss the chance to learn how Ameren can help you save energy, stay secure, and prepare for whatever comes your way.

Free! OLLI member perk, includes presentation and snacks. Transportation not provided – meet us there!

Seats available: 35



OLLI members pose with statue of Red Skelton as Freddie the Freeloader during a trip to historic Vincennes, Indiana.

Electric Vehicles: Today and Tomorrow

Friday, February 13

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Join Shawn Weck, retired Chief Engineer at Caterpillar, to explore the current state of electric vehicles (EVs) and whether one might be a good fit for your household. Learn the basics of EV technology - batteries, motors, powertrains, and charging - plus practical strategies for ownership, cost considerations versus gas cars, and the benefits of going electric. Gain a glimpse into the future of EVs, common misconceptions, and where the technology is headed.

\$10 – includes presentation and snacks.

Transportation not provided – meet us there!

Seats available: 35

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

The Big Chill

Friday, January 9 | 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

Winner of three Academy Awards in 1983, *The Big Chill* is a sharp, witty comedy-drama about baby boomers confronting friendship, loss, and the passage of time. Relive the unforgettable soundtrack, the dynamic ensemble cast, and timeless themes as Gary Nelson leads opening remarks and a post-film discussion.

Miracle

Friday, February 6 | 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

Miracle is a 2004 American sports film starring Kurt Russell. Relive one of the most electrifying moments in sports history—the 1980 “*Miracle on Ice*.” Against all odds, Team USA shocked the world by defeating the Soviet Union in Lake Placid. Join us to kick off the 2026 Winter Olympics! Denise Hocker will set the stage with pre-film insights.

OLLI MIX & *Mingle*

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

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

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

Mix & Mingle

Tuesday, February 17, 4:00 p.m.

The Fox Pub

7800 N Sommer St., Suite 302, Peoria

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

Seats available: 40



Ray LaHood is the guest of honor during our first ever Taste of OLLI.

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 **SOS HOME**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 	6 LT – Sophia’s Kitchen 11:15a-3:30p OO Online – ZOOM Refresher w/John Amdall 12-1p	7 JAN. OLLI ZOOM CLASSES Day 1	8 SG - Beginning Bridge II 9:30-11:45a New Member Orientation 12:30-2p	9 LT – Islamic Foundation 10:30a-3:30p OLLI at the Movies/ The Big Chill 12-3p
12 SG – Super Agers 10a-12p SG – Peoria Reads 1-3:15p	13 SG – Mah Jongg 4:30-6:30p	14 JAN. OLLI ZOOM CLASSES Day 2	15 Winter Seminar 2026 9a-12p SG - Beginning Bridge II 9:30-11:45a	16
19 SG – Super Agers 10a-12p	20 SG – Beatles 10a-12:15p OO Online – Trolley Museum 12-1p SG – Kennedy vs. Nixon 1-3:15p SG – Mah Jongg 4:30-6:30p	21 JAN. OLLI ZOOM CLASSES Day 3	22 LT - Peoria Co. Coroner 8:45a-1:30p SG - Beginning Bridge II 9:30-11:45a	23 OO – Power up w/ Ameren 12-1p
26 SG – Super Agers 10a-12p SG – Peoria Reads 1-3:15p	27 SG – Flying Lessons 9-11a LT – River Kitty Café 9:45a-3:30p SG – Beatles 10a-12:15p SG – Kennedy vs. Nixon 1-3:15p SG – Mah Jongg 4:30-6:30p	28 OO Online – ZOOM Refresher w/Bob Yonker 10-11:30a OO Online – Beyond the Byline 11a-12p	29 LT - Peoria Int’l Airport 9:45a-2:15p SG - Beginning Bridge II 9:30-11:45a	30

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SPRING REGISTRATION REQUEST WEEK FEBRUARY 2-6				
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MARCH 9 SG – Peoria Reads 1-3:15p				

Classes via Zoom

For Winter 2026, OLLI classes will be presented via Zoom in both January and February. With our à la carte options, you can also choose how many to take each Wednesday: one, two, three, or all four classes.

January Online Classes

Three Sessions

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, and 21, 2026

● 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. _____

Prelude to War (1770–1774): Understanding the Road to American Independence

The Revolutionary War didn't begin overnight. It was the result of years of growing tension between the American colonies and the British government. In this class, we'll explore the key causes that led to the outbreak of war in 1775. Britain's attempts to exert control over the colonies through taxes and trade restrictions, the colonists' demand for representation, and the powerful ideas of liberty and self-government that inspired rebellion will be discussed. From the Stamp Act and the Boston Tea Party to the first shots fired at Lexington and Concord, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the political, economic, and ideological forces that sparked a revolution and reshaped history. Ideal for anyone interested in America's founding and the roots of democratic thought.

\$15 – Class instructor is John Cummings, retired history teacher and frequent OLLI instructor.

Taking Control of Your Financial Future, Part 1

Retirement isn't what it used to be - longer lifespans, inflation, tax complexity, and market volatility have rewritten the rules. This is a strategic course designed for pre-retirees and retired individuals who want to take control of their future with confidence. Whether you're managing withdrawals, optimizing tax strategies, or rethinking your legacy plans, this course gives you the up-to-date tools and guidance to make smart financial decisions now, and protect your future. In part one of this series, we will explore topics related to social security, IRAs, RMDs, managing withdrawals, and optimizing tax strategies.

The content is not biased toward any strategy,

company or product, but rather focuses on the concepts needed to make informed decisions in this ever-changing environment.

\$15 – Class instructor is Joel Barjenbruch CFP®, RICP®, CLU®, ChFC®, LACP, owner of JS Financial, Inc.

● 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. _____

Family Estrangement: Is Healing Possible?

January 7 – Is healing estranged relationships possible? Learn what estrangement is and the pathways to estrangement. Estrangement can come from divorce, mental health issues of the adult child, addictions, disagreements about choices, values or political leanings.

January 14 – Understand how to best support people who identify as LGBTQ+. We will discuss the importance of connecting and caring for LGBTQ+ individuals, with attention to how generational perspectives on acceptance have shifted over time. We'll learn key concepts such as gender identity and sexual orientation, and current research on the natural diversity of human experience. We will also consider the challenges that can arise within families, including the potential for estrangement when a loved one comes out.

January 21 – We'll discuss how to heal estrangement, and explore coping strategies. \$15 – Class instructors are Sharon Mindock, retired licensed clinical professional counselor and Katie Jones, licensed clinical social worker.

Introduction to Computer Security

This will be a basic, introductory class on computer security covering topics including: avoiding scams, social media suggestions, learning to create strong passwords, and “to click or not to click” (recommendation for most situations: don't click). If you have been afraid to turn on your computer or look at your smart phone, please consider attending this class to gain the confidence to engage with the internet world outside your home. \$15 – Class instructor is John Amdall, past OLLI president and frequent computer class instructor.

● **1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** _____

The Arts: Alive and Well in Peoria

January 7 – Fine Arts Society of Peoria

Linda Rowe (President) and Kristan McKinsey (Past President) will present a brief history and overview of the Fine Arts Society of Peoria (FAS), an all-volunteer organization founded in 1962. They will begin with the society's original purpose—offering a series of lectures by distinguished figures in the art world—and share highlights of past and upcoming FAS programs as well as community service projects.

January 14 – Peoria Art Guild

Since 1878, the Peoria Art Guild has been dedicated to “bringing art to the community and the community to art.” Learn how the Guild continues to serve as a leader in the visual arts, offering classes, workshops, and outreach programs for artists of all ages and skill levels. It also showcases diverse, multidisciplinary contemporary art from local, national, and international artists, with monthly exhibitions that are always free to the public. The session will highlight the Guild's 145-year history, including the Peoria Fine Art Fair, one of Central Illinois' largest visual arts events. We'll also view current exhibitions with the class instructors and the Guild's art curators, John and Jeff Heitzman.

January 21 – Under the Tent:

The Story and Future of Corn Stock Theatre

Discover the rich history and bright future of Corn Stock Theater. Learn how a small community theater under the tent grew into one of Peoria's cultural landmarks. Join Kenny Delaney, Theater Manager, Executive Director Corn Stock Theater to explore the many ways you can be part of the magic on stage, behind the scenes, or in the audience. He'll discuss details on upcoming productions, how to audition, and opportunities for volunteers of all skill levels. He'll also share the latest updates on their exciting new tent project and how it will shape the future of the theater. Connect, participate, and keep the tradition alive. \$15 – Various instructors listed above.

Vision 101: What Your Eyes Wish You Knew

January 7 – Introduction and Science behind Glaucoma

Dr. Sachin Kalarn, MD, Ophthalmologist and Glaucoma specialist, will provide a brief high level view of the history and disease course of

Glaucoma. This includes discussion of diagnostic testing, mechanisms and treatment options including medical and surgical interventions. Glaucoma has no cure, therefore an outline of future vision restoring methods will be discussed.

January 14 – The Basics of Cataracts, Optics, and Cataract Surgery

Join Dr. Jacob Abou-Hanna, MD, Cataract Surgeon and Comprehensive Ophthalmologist, Illinois Eye Center, for this class covering the basic anatomy of the eye, high level optics as it relates to vision, cataracts, cataract surgery, and current technology available for patients.

January 21 – Ocular Manifestations of Diabetes

Dr. Stephen Eyler, Board-Certified Ophthalmologist, Comprehensive Ophthalmology, Illinois Eye Center, will discuss how diabetes affects more than just blood sugar and can have a significant impact on vision and overall eye health. We will explore how diabetes influences the eyes, from common conditions like diabetic retinopathy to subtle changes that may affect daily life. Learn about early warning signs, the importance of regular eye exams, and the latest approaches to prevention and treatment.

\$15 – Various instructors listed above.

● **3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** _____

Math Exercises for the Brain

People of all ages enjoy the thrill of a good puzzle. Whether it's recognizing patterns, solving tricky logic problems, or getting lost in a clever optical illusion, puzzles make the brain "vibrate" with excitement. This session offers a fun and challenging variety of brain teasers, including pattern recognition, grid puzzles, optical illusions, logic problems, and classic pencil puzzles like mazes and crosswords. It's a great opportunity to sharpen your thinking, spark creativity, and connect with others who enjoy mental challenges. No experience is needed—just curiosity and a willingness to think outside the box. We also welcome your ideas, so if you have a favorite puzzle, bring it along and share it with the group. Come ready to stretch your mind and have fun! \$15 – Class instructor is Mary Jane Sterling, a retired math teacher and frequent OLLI instructor.

So you are the Executor! What Now?

The class will describe the role of the Executor of a Decedent's Estate when a Will is Probated and the Administrator of an Estate for a person who has died without leaving a Will. It will also discuss alternatives to such probate or administration.
\$15 – Class instructor is Roger Holzgrafe, an attorney at Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller, LLC.

February Online Classes Four Sessions February 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2026

● 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Taking Control of Your Financial Future, Part 2

Retirement isn't what it used to be - longer lifespans, inflations, tax complexity, and market volatility have rewritten the rules. This is a strategic course designed for pre-retirees and retired individuals who want to take control of their future with confidence. Whether you're managing withdrawals, optimizing tax strategies, or rethinking your legacy plans, this course gives you the up-to-date tools and guidance to make smart financial decisions now--and protect your future. In part two of this series, we will explore topics related to legacy and estate planning, how to protect your nest egg, as well as continued discussion on tax optimization strategies, managing withdrawals and IRA strategies. The content is not biased toward any strategy, company or product, but rather focuses on the concepts needed to make informed decisions in this ever-changing environment.
\$20 – Class instructor is Joel Barjenbruch CFP®, RICP®, CLU®, ChFC®, LACP, owner of JS Financial, Inc.

The Underground Railroad: A Journey to Freedom

Some five hundred years ago, ships captained by Europeans began transporting enslaved Africans across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas, the first one reaching Virginia in 1619. Many of the enslaved African-Americans attempted to free themselves from bondage whenever possible. Courageous Americans who opposed slavery helped enslaved individuals reach freedom. In this class we will explore the history of the network of secret routes and safe houses used by the freedom-seekers that became known as "The Underground Railroad." Everyone has heard about

Harriet Tubman, but we will also talk about several other famous "conductors" as well as the people and places that were important in Illinois.
\$20 – Class instructor is Richard Henz, a retired Biology teacher, AG Lab technician, and frequent OLLI instructor.

● 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Unlocking the Mysteries of Color

Join us as we take a scientific look at color and human color vision and perception. Topics include white light, wavelengths and monochromatic colors, prisms and rainbows, emission and absorption, cone cell spectral sensitivity, color blindness, and color optical illusions. What are the additive and subtractive primary colors and why are they different in science and art? We will look at how different screen technologies display color and digital color models. We will explore color printing and mixing colors in painting. What do the blackest black and the whitest white look like? Bring your questions and your curiosity.
\$20 – Class instructor is Walter Urbaniak, a retired computer networking engineer with a passion for physics and a frequent OLLI instructor.

The Harpers Ferry Raid:

John Brown, Ardent Abolitionist

In 1859, passionate abolitionist John Brown plotted to free enslaved people in Virginia and settle them in a colony in the Appalachian Mountains. After a history of violence to promote abolition in Kansas in 1856, he and his followers undertook a daring raid on the federal arsenal in Harpers Ferry, Virginia, to obtain weapons to carry out his plan. This raid, considered one of the key events leading to the U.S. Civil War, failed and yielded many questions: Why did some friends refuse to participate? Who were the "Secret Six" who provided financial support? Why were the New England intellectuals supportive at the time? History has, for the most part, treated Brown like a martyr rather than like a villain, and we will explore why.
\$20 – Class instructor is Rebecca Sisk, retired nurse educator with an interest in history and politics, and frequent OLLI instructor.

● 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Great African-American Short Stories

Get a taste of four short stories by African-American Writers in *Great Short Stories by African-American Writers*, edited by Christine Rudisel and Bob Blaisdell. Each story to be discussed is available online and links will be emailed to participants prior to the class. Selected stories include *Mary Elizabeth* by Jessie Fauset; *Jesus Christ in Texas* by W.E.B. Du Bois; *Everyday Use* by Alice Walker; and *The City of Refuge* by Rudolph Fisher.

\$20 – The class instructors are Wayne Cannon, Community Services Block Grant Manager, Peoria Area Food Bank and Roberta Koscielski, retired Deputy Director, Peoria Public Library, both frequent OLLI instructors.

Dr. Stoic Will See You Now

This class will explore the connection between self-help and Stoic philosophy. Using the book *Reasons Not to Worry* by Brigid Delaney, we will dive into four diverse situations addressed by Stoic philosophy and ask ourselves how we can be our own self-help guru.

\$20 – Class Instructor is Pastor Bill Dohle, frequent OLLI instructor from Pueblo, Colorado. Pastor at King of Kings Lutheran Church and an adjunct professor of religion and philosophy at Colorado State University Pueblo.



Mary Jane and Ted Sterling show off their OLLI at Bradley pride by wearing red during classes.

● 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Critical Economics Topics for 2026

Knowledge of economics helps us to better understand the world around us, including people, business, markets, and government. In this class you will grow your economic literacy and improve your ability to comprehend critical economic issues for 2026. Jon Haveman and his colleagues will present a U.S. Economic Update on February 4; provide their economist perspectives on the US Federal Budget on February 11; US Monetary Policy on February 18; and International Economic Institutions including the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the World Trade Organization on February 25. \$20 – Class instructor is Jon Haveman, Ph.D., Executive Director of the National Economic Education Delegation.

Fundamentals and Contemporary Nuances of Prostate Cancer Diagnosis and Therapy

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers among men, but understanding how it's detected and treated can feel overwhelming. This class offers a clear, accessible introduction to the current medical standards for prostate cancer care. We'll cover who should consider screening, what tests are commonly used, and how results are interpreted. We'll also learn about the diagnostic process, the importance of early detection, and how doctors determine the best treatment options based on individual cases. Whether you're making decisions for yourself, supporting a loved one, or simply want to be informed, this session will provide trustworthy, up-to-date information in a supportive, jargon-free setting. Bring your questions and leave with greater confidence and clarity.

\$20 – Class instructors are Dr. Timothy Smile, Radiation Oncologist at OSF Cancer Institute, Assistant Professor at University of Illinois College of Medicine along with Kevin Lui, Greg Hermann, and Dr. Salman Syed.

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

ONLINE Originals

Fox River Trolley Museum

Peoria's Electric Rails - A Forgotten Era

Tuesday, January 20

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

It may surprise some to learn that Illinois once boasted one of the finest electric transportation systems in the country. From 1907 into the 1950s, Peoria was a key stop on the Illinois Traction line, an electric railroad that carried passengers across downstate Illinois. Join historian Doug Rundell with the Fox River Trolley Museum, for a fascinating presentation on the history of Peoria-area electric trolleys. He'll also touch briefly on some other unique trolley lines, reflecting the creativity, imagination, and diversity of the interurban railroad industry of more than a century ago. While Chicago dominated interurban trolley history, Peoria was also a key rail hub, with lines connecting communities and carrying both passengers and freight. At the turn of the century, these trolleys were essential, making unscheduled stops on private property and delivering goods with remarkable speed, a precursor to modern package services. Discover how these trolleys shaped transportation, commerce, and everyday life in central Illinois from their peak through the mid-20th century. \$10 – Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.

Seats available: 150



Behind the Byline

with New York Time's Reid Epstein

Wednesday, January 28

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join our special Zoom session with Reid Epstein, New York Times journalist, who happens to be the son of OLLI President Shelley Epstein. He'll share insights into the changing world of political reporting today. Hear firsthand about the challenges and behind-the-scenes experiences of covering politics in a rapidly shifting media landscape. The session will conclude with an interactive Q&A, offering you the chance to engage directly and ask your questions. \$10 – Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.

Seats available: 150

My Chart 101

Friday, February 20

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Join Jim Kelly, Director of Ambulatory Programs and Information Technology at Carle Health to learn more about the My Chart patient portal. Explore basic navigation, learn about key features, and manage your healthcare.

FREE Member Perk! – Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.

Seats available: 150



Zoom Training Refresher

Online via Zoom

Tuesday, January 6

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. with John Amdall

OR

Wednesday, January 28

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. with Bob Yonker

FREE Member Perk! – Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.



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.
- Space is limited per Osher Institute – be sure to register early.

The American Revolution Beyond the British Empire

Saturdays, January 17 – February 21

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

This course reframes the American Revolution as a global event shaped by imperial rivalries and geopolitical forces. Each session focuses on a different group - Germans, French, Spaniards, South Asians, and others - revealing how their experiences intersected with the collapse of British rule in North America.

\$65 – Richard Bell, PhD, is Professor of History at the University of Maryland and author of *Stolen*, a finalist for the George Washington and Harriet Tubman Prizes. His latest book, *The American Revolution and the Fate of the World*, was published in 2025.

Seats available: 13

Invisible Intelligence: The Unseen Algorithms Reshaping Your Daily Life

Thursdays, January 15 – February 19

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) shapes our daily lives in subtle, yet powerful, ways. In this non-technical course, we will explore six case studies that reveal how AI systems work, the ethics behind machine decision-making, and the impact of these technologies on our world.

\$65 – Eliot Bethke is a Ph.D. candidate in computational bioengineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Seats available: 13

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: A Comparative Exploration

Thursdays, January 29 – March 5

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Explore the rituals, beliefs, and writings of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam through a comparative lens. This course examines where these Abrahamic religions overlap and diverge, offering insights into their shared monotheistic roots and unique traditions.

\$65 – Jeremy Fackenthal, PhD, is an independent filmmaker and nonprofit director. He holds a PhD in Philosophy of Religion and Theology from Claremont Graduate University.

Seats available: 13

Einstein without Tears: His Theories Explained without Math and in Everyday Language

Tuesdays, January 27 – March 3

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Explore the fascinating world of Albert Einstein's theories—no math or science background required. This course introduces key ideas like time travel, warped space, black holes, and gravitational waves, all in accessible terms. We will discover how modern science continues to confirm Einstein's predictions.

\$65 – Andrew Fraknoi is the former chair of the astronomy department at Foothill College. He is lead author of OpenStax Astronomy, the most widely used free introductory astronomy textbook in North America.

Seats available: 13

**Pharmaceuticals and Poisons:
Chemistry at the Edge**
Thursdays, January 22 --February 26

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Some substances heal, others harm—and some do both. This chemistry-rich (but non-technical) course explores the fine line between pharmaceuticals and poisons. We will examine drug development, venom-inspired medicine, and the history of FDA regulation shaped by scandal and reform. From aspirin's industrial roots to Gila monster hormones, participants will uncover the fascinating, sometimes unsettling chemistry behind what we choose to swallow.

\$65 – Johnnie Hendrickson, PhD, a Professor in the School of Molecular Sciences at Arizona State University.

Seats available: 13

History of Sicily
Mondays, January 26 – March 2
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Sicily has been a mythic crossroads of heroes, conquerors, and culture for over 3,000 years. From Odysseus and the Arabo-Norman Golden Age to the Mafia and modern mythmakers like Garibaldi and Coppola, Sicily's story is rich, complex, and central to Western history. This course explores its pivotal role in shaping civilization.

\$65 – Douglas Kenning, PhD (University of Edinburgh), has taught world wide and offers dynamic lectures on Mediterranean civilizations and leads small-group tours exploring history, myth, and culture.

Seats available: 13

Japanese History through the Lens of Shōgun
Tuesdays, January 20 – February 24
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Inspired by the 2024 FX mini-series *Shōgun*, this course explores Japan's transition from civil war to peace between the 15th and 18th centuries. We will examine the rise of key unifiers, the roles of diverse social groups (like merchants, peasants, women, and outcasts), and the era's political, cultural, and artistic shifts. For fans of the series or those new to Japanese history, this course offers a rich, accessible introduction.

\$65 – Megan McClory is a doctoral candidate in history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A Global Research Fellow at Kokugakuin University, she has spent years living and studying in Japan and holds a BA from Brandeis University.

Seats available: 13

How the US Immigration System (Usually) Works
Fridays, January 16 – February 20

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Immigration has always been a complex and emotional issue in US history. This course explores how the immigration system has evolved and how it works today. We will examine key questions about identity, belonging, and national responsibility while engaging in thoughtful, constructive conversations about the future of immigration policy in the United States.

\$65 – Michele Waslin, PhD, is Assistant Director of the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.

Seats available: 13

Post Impressionism and the Birth of Abstraction
Mondays, January 26 – March 2
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

This course explores Post-Impressionism's bold departure from naturalistic light and color, focusing on the expressive use of form, symbolism, and vivid, often unnatural color. Through the work of Cézanne, van Gogh, Gauguin, Seurat, and Matisse, we will trace the movement's challenge to artistic norms and social value.

\$65 – Lauren Weingarden is Professor Emerita of Art History at Florida State University. Her work explores the intersections of literature and visual art in 19th-century culture.

Seats available: 13

Osher Integrative Health: Navigating Chronic Illness in a Complex Healthcare System
Fridays, January 30 – March 6
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

This course, presented in partnership with the Osher Collaborative for Integrative Health, features expert speakers from their upcoming national conference, *Navigating Chronic Illness in a Complex Healthcare System*. Participants will explore how integrative health approaches can address the challenges of living with chronic conditions and help individuals make informed choices within today's increasingly complex healthcare environment. Topics will focus on whole-person care, patient empowerment, and practical strategies for managing long-term health concerns.

\$65 – The Osher Collaborative for Integrative Health is a national network of academic health centers dedicated to advancing whole-person care.

Seats available: 13

‘Viva Las Vegas’ Trivia Night Raises More Than **\$12,000**

OLLI’s 9th Annual Trivia Night was a high-rolling hit, drawing 25 teams, 205 participants, 20 dedicated volunteers, 3 fantastic emcees, and another nail-biting finish that crowned “Kaboomtown” as repeat champs. We’re grateful to everyone who brought their winning spirit to support our lifelong learning community. Thanks to you, it truly was a “full house”.

After expenses, OLLI’s net revenue will fully cover the costs of designing, printing, and mailing the Winter 2026 catalog and put a big dent in the Spring catalog expenses.

Trivia Night is OLLI’s signature event, held every August to kick off the new fundraising year. Our robust fundraising efforts (last year 41% of our membership donated to OLLI) make an immediate difference by defraying costs that aren’t covered by our affordable program fees or the interest earned from our Osher Foundation endowment.

Save the date for 2026 Trivia Night: Friday, August 14, 2026. We already have some fantastic theme suggestions from you, so stay tuned!



The best costumes went to the One-Eyed Jacks during our annual OLLI Trivia Night.

OLLI would like to thank our Trivia Night sponsors for their incredible support:

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President's Letter

Our Fall session was a huge success and, as you know, the classes, study groups, learning trips and other OLLI offerings are a fascinating mixture across many disciplines.

OLLI recorded its highest membership ever -- 1,292 members -- from September 2024 through August 2025. Give yourself a pat on the back. The no-stress, no-hurry registration system is taking root, as you are navigating the best way to prioritize your preferences and select interesting programs.

The response to our Fall offerings was so strong that most study groups and trips experienced waiting lists. Unfortunately, we couldn't accommodate all of your requests. Classes and OLLI Originals have space available, but the Executive Committee would like to meet the needs of more of you.

To do so we need your help. Fifteen study groups were available in the Fall and another 10 this Winter. We'd like to increase that in the future to make more learning opportunities available to you. But we need more members to volunteer to facilitate, moderate and lead these discussions. You don't have to be an expert in any subject. All you need is an interest in a topic and a willingness to step forward.

If you're interested in being a study group facilitator, please contact our SG chairs: Gary Nelson at garynelson1018@gmail.com or Denise Hocker at seanchai7769@yahoo.com.

I'll thank you in advance because I'm confident that together we can make OLLI even bigger and better.

From our family to everyone in the OLLI family, I wish you a happy holiday season and healthy new year.



Shelley Epstein, OLLI President



OLLI was awarded the Turner Center for Entrepreneurship's 2025 Community Partner of the Year.

Chris Youngmark, Director of Peoria Next, announced the award, describing OLLI members as thinkers, travelers, teachers, and doers who don't just learn, but explore.

OLLI President Shelley Epstein and Vice President Laurie Bailey were joined by Past Presidents Gary Nelson and Diane Rock to accept the award.

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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We Need YOU!

A little bit of your time can make a BIG difference. OLLI members often comment on the welcoming environment and friendly atmosphere they encounter at our classes, study groups, learning trips and original events. Our members and volunteers are the core of our program.



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!

Study Group Committee Spring 2026

at PeoriaNext/Zoom hybrid
Thursdays, November 6 and December 4,
11:30 a.m.

Curriculum Committee Spring 2026

at PeoriaNext/Zoom hybrid
Wednesdays, November 5, 19, and December 3,
9:00 a.m.

Learning Trip Committee Summer 2026

at PeoriaNext/Zoom hybrid
Tuesday, January 7, 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.

PROGRAM DETAILS and PARKING

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

PARKING FOR CLASSES

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

CLASS PARKING PERMITS

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

PHOTOGRAPHY

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

WAITLISTS

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

WEATHER

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

What Do I Need to Know About the New Registration Request Week?

- 1** 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. When registering online, instead of clicking "**Add to Cart**," you'll click "**Request Program**."
IMPORTANT: the order in which you request programs will determine their priority. As you check out, your cart will say "remove from waitlist" (rather than "remove from cart") as you are technically on a waitlist until after the allocation has been run.
- 2** Waitlist placement is assigned by priority level. For example, if 40 people have selected "Trip 1" as their first choice but there are only 28 seats available, the remaining 12 people will be placed on the waitlist.
- 3** When prioritizing your programs, consider the maximum number of participants for each program (listed in the description) and follow the general order of the registration page. For example, if you're excited about a trip, a movie, and a seminar, we recommend prioritizing the trip first because it has fewer seats available.
- 4** At any time during Registration Request Week, you can log into your account, go to **My Account > Course Priorities**, and update the priority order of your list. Be sure to click "**Save Priorities**."
- 5** After Registration Request Week, the system will be temporarily closed while requests are processed. Once participants are notified of their program status, registration will reopen on **Wednesday, November 12**. At that time, registration is open as usual on a first-come, first-served basis by selecting "**Add to Cart**" and paying at checkout

CANCELLATION POLICY

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

Classes

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

Learning Trips

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

OLLI Originals and OLLI Online

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

Study Groups

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

WINTER 2026 REGISTRATION

Registration Request Week Assistance **NEW!**

Due to the high volume of registrations during Registration Request week, we encourage you to register online or by mail / drop off.

Unsure about online registration? Help us help you - we'll show you how easy it can be:

In-Person Assistance:

- Monday, November 3
- Anytime between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Peoria Next, 801 W Main Street. | Easy access, free parking

No appointment needed! Staff and volunteers will assist you with the registration process.

Virtual Assistance:

- Tuesday, November 4, 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 7, 10:00 a.m.

To request virtual help, simply email olli@bradley.edu and we'll send you a Zoom link.

Phone Support:

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on the following days:

- Wednesday, November 5
- Thursday, November 6
- Friday, November 7

Due to the increase in calls, we ask that you contact us during the phone support times for phone-only assistance. This enables our staff to process your requests as efficiently as possible.

5 Tips for a Successful Registration Request Week

1. Select and number your programs — prioritizing is important for popular programs.
2. The maximum SEATS AVAILABLE is listed with each program description.
3. Consider those numbers when setting priorities; for example classes do not usually fill completely up so consider putting classes as your last priority.
4. You can NOT have multiple programs as your first, second, third, etc choices.
5. You can adjust your program priorities during Registration Request Week by going to your account online.

BE PREPARED!
Browse the catalog and list your programs in order of priority. Be sure to jot down the seats available for each program to help you determine your priorities.



REGISTRATION REQUEST WEEK: MONDAY, November 3 at 8 a.m. through FRIDAY, November 7 at 4 p.m.



Register Your Way

1. Online

- Visit bradley.edu/olli
- Click the red **REGISTER FOR OLLI** button
- Add quarterly membership to your cart first
- You do NOT need to pay the \$5 until after registration week
- Add program requests to your cart in order of priority by clicking “**Request Program**”
- Review your choices, click “**Check Out**,” and follow prompts to pay for your membership fee
- No other payment is needed during Registration Week
- You will soon receive an email confirmation that your requests have been received
- To review or change your priorities before November 7 at 4 p.m.:
 - Sign in to your account
 - Click “**My Account**”
 - Click “Course Priorities” and remove/reorder programs

2. In-Person

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

- **Monday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
- PeoriaNext located at 801 W Main Street.
- Large parking lot, accessible entrance.

3. Mail-in or Drop-off

- All mailed or dropped-off forms MUST be received by **Friday, November 7, at 4:00 p.m.**
- Forms received after that date will be processed after prioritization on November 12.
- Submit pages 33-34 to:
Bradley University
Continuing Education, Attn: OLLI
1501 W. Bradley Ave., Peoria, IL 61625



4. Phone Support

- Wednesday, November 5
- Thursday, November 6
- Friday, November 7
- 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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, November 11 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
- 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 #4.

Important Reminders

- If you do not receive an email by November 11 regarding your program status and payment, contact the Continuing Education staff for assistance: (309) 677-3900 or olli@bradley.edu
- Payments must be received by **Friday, November 21 to secure your registration.**

Step 1: SELECT & 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.

Winter 2026 Registration

Priority#	Program	Date/s	Fee	Seats
LEARNING TRIPS				
Activity Level 1				
	Islamic Foundation	1/9	\$35	28
	River Kitty Cafe	1/27	\$40	28
	Tadoughs	2/12	\$35	20
	Ronald McDonald House	2/16	\$35	28
Activity Level 2				
	Sophia's Kitchen...	1/6	\$35	28
	Peoria County Coroner	1/22	\$35	28
	Peoria Inter'l Airport	1/29	\$35	28
	South Side Mission	2/3	\$35	28
	The Queen of Squash	2/24	\$40	28
Activity Level 3				
	Enercon	2/5	\$35	28
	Muir Omni Graphics	2/19	\$35	28
STUDY GROUPS				
	Beginning Bridge II	1/8 – 2/26	\$45	20
	Super Agers	1/12 – 2/9	\$45	16
	Peoria Reads: Music...	1/12 – 3/9	\$45	20
	Mah Jongg for Novices	1/13 – 3/3	\$45	13
	The Beatles	1/20 – 2/24	\$45	16
	Kennedy vs. Nixon	1/20 – 2/17	\$45	20
	Flying Lessons	1/27 – 2/24	\$45	20
	Advanced Trailblazers	2/2 – 23	\$45	18
	Let the Games Begin	2/3 – 24	\$45	20
	The Gilded Age	2/5 – 3/5	\$45	24
ORIGINALS				
	Peoria Chautauqua	2/6	\$10	40
	Power Up w/Ameren	1/23	FREE	35
	Electric Vehicles	2/13	\$10	35
MOVIES				
	<i>The Big Chill</i>	1/9	\$5	190
	<i>Miracle</i>	2/6	\$5	190
MIX AND MINGLES				
	Fox Pub	2/17	Free	40
OLLI ONLINE:				
	Fox River Trolley	1/20	\$10	150
	Behind the Byline	1/28	\$10	150
	My Chart 101	2/20	Free	150
	Zoom Refresher	1/6	Free	150
	Zoom Refresher	1/28	Free	150

	WINTER SEMINAR	1/15	\$20	200
ZOOM CLASSES Choose 1, 2, 3, or all 4 times slots				
January 7, 14, 21: 3 Sessions for each class				
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.				
	Prelude to War (1770–1774)		\$15	
	Taking Control of Your Financial Future, Part 1		\$15	
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.				
	Family Estrangement: Is Healing Possible?		\$15	
	Introduction to Computer Security		\$15	
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.				
	The Arts: Alive and Well in Peoria		\$15	
	Vision 101: What Your Eyes Wish You Knew		\$15	
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.				
	Math Exercises for the Brain		\$15	
	So You are The Executor! What Now?		\$15	
February 4, 11, 18, 25: 4 Sessions for each class				
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.				
	Taking Control of Your Financial Future, Part 2		\$20	
	The Underground Railroad		\$20	
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.				
	Unlocking the Mysteries of Color		\$20	
	The Harpers Ferry Raid		\$20	
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.				
	Great African-American Short Stories		\$20	
	Dr. Stoic Will See You Now		\$20	
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.				
	Critical Economics Topics for 2026		\$20	
	Prostate Cancer		\$20	
OSHER ONLINE				
	The American Revolution	1/17 - 2/21	\$65	13
	Invisible Intelligence	1/15 - 2/19	\$65	13
	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	1/29 - 3/5	\$65	13
	Einstein without Tears	1/27 - 3/3	\$65	13
	Pharmaceuticals and Poisons	1/22 - 2/26	\$65	13
	History of Sicily	1/26 - 3/2	\$65	13
	Japanese History...Shōgun	1/20 - 2/24	\$65	13
	US Immigration System	1/16 - 2/20	\$65	13
	Post Impressionism	1/26 - 3/2	\$65	13
	Osher Integrative Health	1/30 - 3/6	\$65	13



Winter 2026 Registration

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, November 7.

For registration after November 12, mail in your forms anytime.

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

☐ I am new to OLLI and participating for the first time

☐ GO GREEN I use the online brochure, I do not wish to receive the quarterly printed brochure.

Step 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



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

- For those registering November 12 or after:

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

*Paid only once in January & February

Payment Information

For those registering November 12 or after:

☐ Check (Payable to Bradley University)

DO NOT SEND A CHECK with your initial registration. If you prefer to pay by check, we will contact you via phone or email with the amount owed after your registration has been processed.

For anyone
registering after
November 12.

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Print name as it 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 _____



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