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President's Letter

What Will You Discover Next?

January has a way of making us think about fresh starts. A new calendar, a new season, and a new opportunity to try something we may not have considered before.

As the years pass, we should be aware of becoming stagnant, losing our desire to learn. OLLI gives us the opportunity to keep our curiosity growing. There is always another place to explore, another idea to consider, or another person to meet. Sometimes the most memorable discoveries are the ones we never planned to make.

As you look through the Winter catalog, I hope you will challenge yourself to choose something new. Sign up for a class on a subject you know nothing about. Join a study group that makes you think. Take a trip somewhere you have never been. Or simply make room in your calendar for an OLLI Mix-and-Mingle.

One of the things I love most about OLLI is that everyone is welcome here. You do not need experience or expertise. You only need an interest in seeing where your curiosity might take you.

So as we begin a new year together, I invite you to ask yourself one simple question: What will you discover next?

I look forward to discovering right alongside you.



Laurie Bailey

Laurie Bailey, OLLI President

VOLUNTEER WITH OLLI

Help Us Get OLLI Out Into the Community!

We're looking for volunteers to help distribute our Winter 2027 catalogs throughout the Peoria area.

It's an easy way to support OLLI and help introduce more people to our programming. Volunteers can pick up catalogs from the OLLI office and deliver them to designated locations throughout the community.

INTERESTED IN HELPING?

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to sign up for catalog distribution.

Learn more about volunteering with OLLI on page 29.

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NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, January 12
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Peoria Next | 801 W Main, Peoria

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

OLLI BRADLEY UNIVERSITY



VOICES AND VISIONARIES

EYEWITNESS TO HISTORY

Inside the Presidency with Pete Souza

Tuesday, November 10 | Renaissance Coliseum | 6:30 p.m.

Register Now!

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Your Guide to OLLI at Bradley

WHAT IS OLLI?

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University is a community of lifelong learners who come together to explore, connect, and learn. OLLI offers a welcoming and social environment with high quality educational experiences on Bradley's campus, throughout the Peoria area, online, and around the world.

OLLI is a member-driven organization supported by Bradley University and the Bernard Osher Foundation. Our programs are shaped by the interests of our members and made possible through dedicated volunteers, instructors, community partners, and Bradley staff.

WHO ARE OLLI MEMBERS?

OLLI is open to everyone, with programming designed primarily for adults age 50 and better. There is no age requirement, and you do not need to be a Bradley alum to join.

Our members come from throughout Central Illinois and beyond with different backgrounds and interests. What brings us together is a desire to continue learning, meet new people, stay engaged, and experience something new.

A quarterly OLLI membership is just $5 and provides access to program registration throughout the season.

EXPLORE OLLI

Choose what interests you and build your season from a variety of learning, travel, and social opportunities.

Learning Trips
Discover the people and places that make our region unique through educational experiences throughout Central Illinois. OLLI coordinates all the details so members can focus on exploring and enjoying the experience together.

OLLI Originals
Unique programs featuring compelling people, places, topics, and experiences. OLLI Originals include seminars and workshops, author talks, OLLI at the Movies, Mix & Mingles, Meet Us There programs, and more.

Study Groups
Take a deeper dive into a topic with other members who share your interest. These small groups are led by volunteer facilitators and encourage discussion, participation, and shared learning.

Classes
OLLI Classes let you learn at your own pace, without grades, homework, or tests. Winter Classes are offered online, so you can keep learning no matter the weather and participate from wherever you are in the world.

Osher Online
Osher Online connects OLLI members with engaging courses and presentations led by experts from across the nationwide Osher network, expanding your learning opportunities beyond Bradley.

Traveling Braves
Learn across the globe with multi-day group travel experiences that bring destinations to life through exploration, discovery, and shared experiences with fellow OLLI travelers.

CONNECT WITH OLLI

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@OLLIatBU

Minds in Motion

Thursday, January 14 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Bradley University, Michel Student Center Ballroom

What keeps us moving forward as we age? Sometimes it is challenging our minds and staying connected with others. And sometimes, it is getting on two wheels and seeing where they take us.

This winter, OLLI brings together two very different perspectives on what it means to keep our minds in motion. Join us for a morning exploring cognitive health and an unexpected journey through Illinois' bicycling history.





Keeping Our Minds Engaged

Evan Smith, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Bradley University

How can the activities we enjoy help support cognitive health as we age? Evan Smith will explore modifiable risk factors associated with cognitive decline and examine the role games and hobbies can play in keeping our minds active.

He will also look at an increasingly popular form of recreation: multiplayer digital games. Beyond entertainment, these games can challenge the brain while creating opportunities for social interaction and connection.

Smith's presentation will offer a fascinating look at what research tells us about keeping our minds active throughout our lives.



A History of Bicycling in Illinois

Christopher Sweet, Information Literacy and Scholarly Communication Librarian, Illinois Wesleyan University

From early cycling clubs and daring riders to the evolution of bicycling across the state, the bicycle has played a fascinating role in Illinois history.

Christopher Sweet, author of *A History of Bicycling in Illinois*, will introduce us to the people and developments that shaped bicycling across the state. Along the way, we will discover how something as familiar as the bicycle became intertwined with recreation, transportation, and life in Illinois.

Whether you're a lifelong cyclist or haven't been on a bicycle since childhood, Sweet's presentation offers a new way to explore Illinois history.

Learning Trips

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

To make your trip even more enjoyable, please note:

- All learning trip times in this catalog are approximate and subject to change. Please refer to your itinerary (emailed to you 2 weeks prior to the trip) 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 Main St. entrance of Campustown and the 76 gas station.



ACTIVITY LEVELS

Relaxed	◈◈◈◈
Moderate	◈◈◈◈
Active	◈◈◈◈
Challenging	◈◈◈◈

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.

The Clay Den ◈◈◈◈
Thursday, January 21
9:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Get creative during a hands-on visit to The Clay Den, a community-focused ceramics studio in Washington designed to make pottery accessible and enjoyable for artists of all experience levels. We'll learn about the art and process of ceramics while exploring how clay can be shaped, decorated, glazed, and transformed through firing. Members will then create their own pottery piece with guidance from the studio, giving everyone the chance to experience the process firsthand. After firing, your finished piece will be yours to keep as a one-of-a-kind reminder of the experience.
$60 – includes guided pottery experience, lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.
Seats available: 28

Jones Bros. Jewelers ◈◈◈◈
Friday, January 29
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Discover the artistry, craftsmanship, and expertise behind fine jewelry during a special visit to Jones Bros. Jewelers. A Peoria tradition since 1939, Jones Bros. has generations of experience helping customers select, design, repair, and care for treasured pieces. During our visit, we'll go beyond the showroom to learn more about diamonds, gemstones, precious metals, custom jewelry design, and the skills required to create and maintain fine jewelry. We'll also hear about the history of this longstanding local business and how the jewelry industry has evolved through changing styles, technology, and customer preferences.
$45 – includes guided presentation, lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.
Seats available: 28

Peoria City/County Health Department

Monday, January 25
9:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Take a closer look at public health and the important work happening every day to protect and improve the health of our community. During our visit to the Peoria City/County Health Department, we'll learn how public health extends far beyond the doctor's office through prevention, education, disease monitoring, emergency preparedness, and community partnerships. Staff will provide insight into how the department identifies health needs, responds to emerging concerns, and develops programs and services designed to improve community health and well-being. This behind-the-scenes experience will give members a greater understanding of the people, planning, and partnerships involved in keeping our community healthy.
$40 – includes guided presentation and tour, lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.
Seats available: 28

Peoria Architectural Salvage

Monday, February 1
9:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Discover how pieces of Peoria's architectural past are being rescued and given new life during a visit to Peoria Architectural Salvage. Founded by old-home enthusiasts Jeanine and Thomas Wester, the business works to save irreplaceable building materials from structures slated for demolition and make them available for historic restoration, renovation, and creative reuse. We'll explore the downtown Peoria warehouse and encounter antique doors, vintage lighting, stained and leaded glass, fireplace mantels, ornate woodwork, hardware, staircase components, and other architectural treasures. Along the way, we'll learn how salvage projects are conducted and why preserving these materials is important to maintaining the craftsmanship and character of historic buildings.
$40 – includes guided tour, lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.
Seats available: 28



OLLI members get an up-close look at the work of Peoria firefighters.

Peoria Emergency Communications Center

Tuesday, February 23
9:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
What happens after you call 911? We'll go behind the scenes at Peoria's Emergency Communications Center to find out. Serving as the critical telecommunications link between residents and emergency responders throughout Peoria and Peoria County, the ECC coordinates calls involving police, fire, emergency medical services, and other first responders. During our visit, we'll learn how trained telecommunicators receive emergency calls, gather critical information, prioritize incidents, and dispatch the appropriate response. We'll also explore the technology that supports modern 911 operations, learn about Text to 911 and emergency notification systems, and gain a new appreciation for the professionals who remain calm behind the headset while helping coordinate assistance during some of the community's most urgent moments.
$40 – includes guided tour and presentation, lunch, 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.

Five Points Washington ◈◈◈◈

Friday, January 15
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m
Discover what goes on behind the scenes at Five Points Washington, a nonprofit community center serving Washington and the surrounding area. During our visit, we'll explore this impressive multipurpose facility and learn how its recreational, wellness, cultural, and community spaces come together under one roof. Members will get a closer look at amenities that include a fitness center, indoor running track, two-court gymnasium, aquatic center, and spaces designed for community programs and events. Along the way, we'll discover how Five Points serves the community, learn how the facility operates, and explore the many ways it brings people together.
$45 – includes guided tour, lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.
Seats available: 28



Unique access is one way our Learning Trips provide unforgettable experiences, such as this visit to Woodgenuity.

Woodruff Career & Technical Center ◈◈◈◈

Thursday, February 18
9:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
See career and technical education in action when we tour the Woodruff Career & Technical Center, where Peoria-area students gain hands-on experience preparing for careers and further education. We'll explore programs that introduce students to skilled professions including construction, collision technology, cosmetology, criminal justice, culinary arts, emergency services, fire science, HVAC, health occupations, and more. Along the way, we'll learn how classroom instruction is combined with practical training to give students real-world skills and career experience. We'll complete our visit with lunch at the student-operated Warrior Way Café, where culinary students put their training into practice while gaining experience in food preparation, service, and hospitality.
$45 – includes guided tour, lunch at Warrior Way Café, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.
Seats available: 28

Activity Level 3 ◈◈◈◈
All Level 1 and 2 requirements, plus be able to stand and walk for over 2 hours with minimal chance for sitting.

Jtec Industries, Inc. ◈◈◈◈

Tuesday, January 19
8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Explore innovation in Central Illinois manufacturing during a behind-the-scenes visit to Jtec Industries in East Peoria. Founded in 2004, Jtec designs and manufactures innovative material-handling solutions that help companies move products efficiently while reducing reliance on forklifts in busy manufacturing environments. During our visit, we'll learn how Jtec takes an idea from engineering and custom design through fabrication, assembly, and final production. We'll also discover how its industrial tugger carts, automated solutions, and custom systems are designed to improve workplace safety, productivity, and material flow. This tour offers an inside look at modern manufacturing, engineering, automation, and a locally grown company whose products are used by major manufacturers.
$40 – includes guided manufacturing tour, lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.
Seats available: 28

OSF JUMP Training Simulation and Education Center ◈◈◈◈

Thursday, January 28
8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Step inside the future of health care during a fascinating visit to the Jump Trading Simulation & Education Center. A collaboration between OSF HealthCare and the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria, Jump Simulation is one of the world's largest medical simulation and innovation centers. During our guided tour, we'll explore how realistic simulation environments, advanced technology, and innovative training techniques help physicians, nurses, students, and other medical professionals prepare for real-life situations without putting patients at risk. We'll learn how simulation is being used not only for education and training, but also to test new health care technologies, improve clinical practices, and develop solutions designed to improve patient outcomes.
$45 – includes guided tour, lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.
Seats available: 28

USDA National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research ◈◈◈◈

Tuesday, February 2
11:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
On this trip, we'll get a first-hand look at the USDA National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research. Commonly known as the Ag Lab, it is home to more than 100 Ph.D. research scientists who develop technologies to improve environmental quality. We'll see interdisciplinary science at work, learn how the lab was created in 1940 in response to a chronic farm depression, and get a chance to speak with scientists who conduct the research that has led to hundreds of new commercial products.
$40 – includes guided tour, lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.
Seats available: 28

Carter Paper & Packaging ◈◈◈◈

Tuesday, February 9
8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Go behind the scenes of a Peoria business that has been serving customers for more than 70 years. Founded in 1954, Carter Paper & Packaging has grown from a local paper distributor into a second-generation, family- and women-owned company operating from a 55,000-square-foot facility. During our visit, we'll learn how the company supplies packaging solutions ranging from corrugated boxes and protective cushioning to bags, tape, shrink film, paper products, and other materials used by businesses every day. We'll explore how products move through the operation and learn about the logistics, customer service, quality standards, and problem-solving involved in getting the right packaging into customers' hands.
$40 – includes guided tour, lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.
Seats available: 28



Up-close encounters, like this one at Blue Ridge Farm, make OLLI learning trips memorable.

Originals

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

Zoom Refresher Workshop

ONLINE ONLY

Tuesday, January 5
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Get ready for OLLI's online classes with a Zoom session led by John Amdall. Whether you're new to virtual learning or want to brush up on the latest features, you'll gain the confidence to join any class with ease. Practice connecting to a meeting, adjusting audio and video, using key tools, and asking questions before classes begin.
Free member perk! A link to the online program will be sent the morning of the event.
Seats available: 200

Only Hope: My Mother and the Holocaust Brought to Light

ONLINE ONLY

Monday, February 1
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Before her death in 1974, Felicia Bornstein Lubliner wrote about her experiences in ghettos and concentration camps in Nazi-occupied Poland. Her son, Irv, professor emeritus at Southern Oregon University, later published her stories as *Only Hope: A Survivor's Stories of the Holocaust*. In this deeply personal presentation, he shares excerpts from her writings, letting participants encounter the Holocaust through the words, emotions, and memories of a survivor. He'll also reflect on growing up as the child of two Auschwitz survivors and the lasting impact their experiences had on his life. For those interested in history, personal stories, and how the past shapes the present, this presentation offers an intimate look at both the devastating cost of persecution and the enduring strength of the human spirit.
$10 – A link to the online program will be sent the morning of the event.
Seats available: 200



A little snow doesn't keep OLLI members from discovering something new in Peoria.

The Rosenwald Legacy: An Update on the Campaign for a National Park

ONLINE ONLY

Thursday, February 11
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Julius Rosenwald, the Sears, Roebuck and Co. executive and pioneering philanthropist, helped establish nearly 5,000 schools that expanded educational opportunities for African American children throughout the Jim Crow South. OLLI previously hosted Dorothy Canter, Ph.D., President of the Rosenwald Park Campaign, who shared Rosenwald's remarkable story and the effort to create a National Park honoring his legacy. Now, she returns to update us on the campaign's progress and next steps, including the launch of a free interactive map and database on Rosenwald Schools that still exist.
$5 – A link to the online program will be sent the morning of the event.
Seats available: 200

Springdale Cemetery: 170 Years of History, Heritage, and Revival

Friday, February 12
Doors Open: 9:30 a.m.
Program: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Bradley University's Hayden Clark Alumni Center | Peplow Pavilion

Aaron Comte, General Manager of Springdale Cemetery, traces the 170-year history of Illinois's oldest chartered cemetery, from its 1854 founding during the Rural Cemetery Movement to its near collapse and community-led revival. Discover what it takes to operate a National Historic Landmark burial ground that doubles as a living park, complete with rare native plants and wildlife, a beautifully crafted mausoleum, and year-round public programming that encourages the community to embrace its historical and cultural roots.

$15 – Refreshments and treats provided
Free parking available in the Main Street Parking Deck.
Seats available: 150

You Brew You: An Introduction to Homebrewing

Tuesday, February 16
Doors Open: 9:30 a.m.
Program: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Bradley University's Hayden Clark Alumni Center | Peplow Pavilion

Have you ever wondered what it takes to brew your own beer? Join experienced brewers Gary Giles and Dick Miller for an introduction to the art and science of homebrewing.

Learn how four basic ingredients come together to create beer and follow the process from the brew kettle through fermentation and bottling. Gary and Dick will introduce the equipment homebrewers use, explain the role each ingredient plays, and share tips they have learned through their own brewing experience.

You don't need a basement full of equipment or years of experience to get started. Whether you are interested in brewing your first batch or simply curious about how beer is made, come discover what happens before you crack open the finished product and brew yourself!

$15 – Refreshments and treats provided
Free parking available in the Main Street Parking Deck
Seats available: 150



OLLI explores places rarely seen by the public, including the Caterpillar Edwards Demonstration and Learning Area.

OLLI at the Movies
at Peoria Riverfront Museum

Transportation not provided, meet us there. All films $5 unless otherwise noted and include admission and moderation discussion prior to the start of screening.
Seats Available: 190

Good Morning, Vietnam!
Friday, January 22 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Peoria Riverfront Museum
Good Morning, Vietnam! stars Robin Williams as an unconventional Armed Forces Radio DJ stationed in Saigon during the Vietnam War. Join us for this special screening ahead of our members' Traveling Braves journey to Vietnam.

My Fair Lady
Friday, February 5 | 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Peoria Riverfront Museum
My Fair Lady stars Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison in the classic story of Eliza Doolittle, a London flower seller whose life is transformed by Professor Henry Higgins. Featuring memorable music and lavish costumes, the film remains a celebrated Hollywood musical.

Hidden Figures
FREE Member Perk
Friday, February 19 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Peoria Riverfront Museum
Hidden Figures tells the true story of three brilliant Black women at NASA whose work helped send astronaut John Glenn into orbit while breaking barriers of race and gender. Join us in recognition of Black History Month and the contributions of these pioneering women.
FREE – Brought to you through OLLI's Dallinger Series.

OLLI MIX & *Mingle*

Join us for a casual OLLI Mix & Mingle this Winter! It's a great way to meet new people in a casual environment.

FREE Member Perk

We'll have a few tables reserved so you can relax, meet new people, and enjoy time with fellow OLLI members. Purchase your own drinks and snacks, then settle in for good conversation and a fun, informal gathering.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required so we can plan for seating. Want to bring a friend who is new to OLLI? Just call the office and we'll add them to the count. Transportation is not included—meet us there!

Clink Bar
Thursday, January 7, 4:00 p.m.
4450 N. Prospect Rd., Suite S12, Peoria Heights
Seats available: 60

Tres Rojas Winery
Thursday, February 4, 4:00 p.m.
1774 E. Cruger Rd., Washington
Seats available: 60

The Missing Zither
Thursday, February 25, 4:00 p.m.
Keller Station, 6035 Knoxville Ave, Peoria
Seats available: 40

MEMBER TESTIMONIAL



Mix and Mingles have given me a chance to meet OLLI members that I might not cross paths with otherwise.

They also have given me the opportunity to socialize with my current OLLI friends.

If I know someone who is interested in OLLI and that person has not participated yet it is an easy way for them to get a taste of OLLI.

An added bonus is going to new restaurants and coffee houses that I might not have been to before. And it is free to register!

- Diane Rock

OLLI-Palooza Raises $16,000

OLLI members and friends turned up the volume in August for OLLI-Palooza, our 10th Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser. It was an encore-worthy hit, drawing 24 teams, 192 participants, 20 dedicated volunteers, 2 fantastic emcees, and a nail-biting finish that crowned The Dashers as champs.

The money raised from Trivia Night will fully cover the costs of our Winter and Spring 2027 catalogs! Most importantly, OLLI-Palooza showed just how much our OLLI community can accomplish when we gather together.

Trivia Night has become one of OLLI's favorite traditions and our signature event, held every August to kick off the new fundraising year. The combination of fun and generosity is what makes Trivia Night so unmistakably OLLI.

OLLI Trivia Night returns for its 11th year on Friday, August 13, 2027. Stay tuned for next year's theme!



Team Woodstock (above) took home Best Dressed honors, while The Dashers (below) claimed first place at OLLI's 10th Annual Trivia Night!



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Giving to OLLI

OUR 2026–27 MILESTONES

1,487
members
Our highest membership ever

650
donors
Our participation goal

44%
of members giving
Gifts of every size make a difference

$65,000
Supporting OLLI's core operations throughout the year

The shuttles you ride
Gifts keep our shuttles safely on the road for park-and-ride service at classes and transportation to our learning trip sites. Annual support helps cover all of our shuttle expenses: driver certification, licensing, oil changes, tires, maintenance, and savings for eventual replacement.

The catalog in your hands (or on your screen)
Your donations help produce the catalog you are reading right now, from design to printing to mailing and the software required for our online version. Your support also helps fund banners, rack cards, thank-you cards, notepads, appreciation activities, and other materials that help our members and volunteers stay connected.

The programs you can hear and enjoy
Technology plays an important role in your OLLI experience. Gifts help replace laptops, maintain sound-enhancement equipment, repair and replace headsets, and fund Bradley Tech Team support when we need it.

The Bradley students we celebrate
Each year, OLLI provides $2,000 in awards to two Bradley students whose volunteer service is making a meaningful difference in our community. Your support allows OLLI members to recognize and encourage the next generation of community leaders.

The strength behind the scenes
Not every need can be planned for. Annual giving helps build the emergency reserve required by the Bernard Osher Foundation, giving OLLI the flexibility to respond to unexpected expenses without disrupting the programs and experiences our members value.

Consider making a gift today
Donor participation is an important part of our culture of giving. We want our members to say, "OLLI matters to me, and I want to be part of sustaining it."

Please consider being one of our donors this year. Scan the QR code on this page to give an online gift, or click the "Give to OLLI" tab on our website: bradley.edu/olli.

Study Groups

Where You Get Your Book Matters

When you choose a book for an OLLI Study Group, where you get that book can make a difference beyond your own reading experience.

Borrowing from a public library helps demonstrate that libraries are well used and valued in our communities. Circulation numbers are one of the many ways libraries show the importance of the services they provide.

Purchasing from a local independent or used bookstore is another way to support the community. Dollars spent locally help sustain economic activity in our community.

Of course, OLLI members should choose the option that works best for them. Our Study Group Committee simply encourages you to consider our local libraries and independent booksellers when searching for your next selection, and we hope the book leads to another memorable OLLI experience.

–From the OLLI Study Group Committee volunteers

Shutterfly: Understanding the Tool

Tuesdays, January 5 – 26
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Peoria Next Innovation Center

Turn your favorite photos into a keepsake you'll enjoy for years to come. Over four weeks, you'll create your own Shutterfly photo book using pictures stored on your iPhone or computer. Mike Hopwood will guide you through selecting photos, designing pages, adding text, and using Shutterfly's editing tools, frames, and enhancements. Participants should bring a laptop and be able to access the Shutterfly website. By the end of the study group, you'll have a completed photo book ready to order if you choose; printing costs are not included.

$45 – Facilitated by Mike Hopwood, who has created numerous Shutterfly photo books documenting the travels and adventures he has shared with his wife, Cheryl, during their 50 years of marriage.

Seats available: 18

Mah Jongg for Novices

Tuesdays, January 5 – February 23
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Proctor Place, 2724 W. Reservoir Blvd., 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 22-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), and Gail Gordon, Peoria Mah Jongg maven, in mastering the basics of this challenging game.

$45 – Facilitated by Dan Stanley, Continuing Education staff member, and Gail Gordon, retired teacher.

Seats available: 13

Origami - Folding Amazing Models

Thursdays, January 7 – 28
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Peoria Next Innovation Center

Ready to have fun, spark creativity, and learn a skill you can enjoy anywhere? Join us for origami! Turn simple squares of paper into charming, surprising models while learning basic folds, reading diagrams, and transforming flat paper into something fantastic. We'll begin with an easy, beginner-friendly session, perfect for those who are new to origami or haven't folded since childhood. Each week introduces new models that build confidence, dexterity, and creativity. All materials are provided. Just bring your hands and curiosity!

Origami is easy to learn, engaging for the brain, instantly rewarding, and a skill you can enjoy for life.

$45 – Facilitated by Steve and Jayne Richards. Steve has been folding for more than 50 years and belongs to Origami USA, British Origami Society. Jayne has been Steve's origami assistant for more than 49 years.

Seats available: 20

Beginning Bridge III - Defense

Thursdays, January 7 – February 11 and March 18 & 25
9:30 – 11:45 a.m.
Proctor Place, 2724 W. Reservoir Blvd., Peoria

Come improve your bridge-playing skills with others who are eager to learn. In this eight-session workshop, we will focus on defensive play. Participants should be familiar with basic bidding and play of the hand. Topics will include opening leads against No Trump and suit contracts, third- and second-hand play, defensive signals, and developing defensive tricks. Each session will include an opportunity to practice these skills by playing pre-dealt hands. Participants will also receive a copy of Defense in the 21st Century at no additional cost.

$45 – Facilitated by Chuck Young, ACBL Certified Bridge Teacher.

Seats available: 32

January 22, 1879: The Empire's Longest Day

Thursdays, January 7 – 28
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Peoria Next Innovation Center

The Empire's Longest Day is for history buffs and movie lovers alike. Explore the Anglo-Zulu War through two classic British films, *Zulu Dawn and Zulu*. One depicts the British defeat at Isandlwana; the other tells the story of a small British force defending Rorke's Drift against a much larger Zulu army. How closely do the films follow history? Over four sessions, we'll explore the history, compare the films, and discuss the recommended book *Zulu Rising* by Ian Knight and a required 60-page study guide developed by Peter following his visits to the battlefields. We'll also examine what happened to the heroes, survivors, and actors—including Peter O'Toole, Burt Lancaster, Michael Caine, and Stanley Baker—and consider two provocative quotes: "Politicians can spoil a good peace; generals can ruin a good war" and "Total war is okay—in moderation."

$45 – Facilitated by Peter Barclay, an amateur historian, movie lover, and OLLI volunteer who has visited battlefields across North America, Europe, and Africa and enjoys exploring history from the soldier's perspective.

Seats available: 20

Super Agers

Mondays, January 11 – February 8
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Methodist College,
7600 N. Academic Drive, Peoria

Join Professor Marjorie Getz to explore *Super Agers: An Evidence-Based Approach to Longevity*, the groundbreaking book by physician Eric Topol. Drawing on extensive research, Dr. Topol examines the science of healthy aging, surprising factors that influence longevity, and the emerging role of AI in extending our years of vitality. Our discussions will explore practical insights and a path toward living not just longer, but better.

$45 – Facilitated by Marjorie Getz, professor at Methodist College and longtime OLLI volunteer who teaches psychology, gerontology, and public health courses.

Seats available: 15

Using AI Tools



Mondays, January 11 – February 15
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

We hear that AI is everywhere and can do almost anything—but what can it really do, and how can we use it? Let's find out through hands-on experience. This group will meet weekly online. Between meetings, participants will spend 2–3 hours exploring free AI tools and practicing with chatbots, image and video creation, and more. During our online meetings, we'll learn about different AI tools, share experiences, and compare results. By the end of the course, participants will have tried a variety of tools, learned from one another's experiences, and gained a better understanding of how chatbots work. 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.

Seats available: 24



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Timeless Short Stories from The New Yorker

Tuesdays, January 12 – February 16
1:00 – 3:15 p.m.
Peoria Next Innovation Center

Do you love short stories or are you new to reading them? Either way, join us as we explore 12 stories over six sessions, led by six enthusiastic facilitators. Participants should purchase or borrow *A Century of Fiction in The New Yorker*. Internet access and an email address are required to receive discussion questions and other relevant information.

$45 – Facilitated by Meeta Baphna, John Brady, Roger French, Jane Hense, Roberta Koscielski, Paul Resnick, all experienced OLLI study group facilitators.

Seats available: 18

Leading Ladies: Five Women Who Defined the Golden Age of Hollywood

Tuesdays, January 19 – February 23
1:00 – 3:15 p.m.
Peoria Next Innovation Center

This study group explores five actresses—Katharine Hepburn, Ingrid Bergman, Grace Kelly, Audrey Hepburn, and Elizabeth Taylor—whose careers helped define Hollywood's Golden Age and the changing image of women on screen. Each week focuses on one actress, her life, career, persona, and influence, followed by a discussion of one of her films: *The Philadelphia Story, Gaslight*, *Rear Window*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*? Along the way, we'll explore the studio system, celebrity culture, the Hays Code, changing expectations for women, the influence of European performers and filmmakers, and Hollywood's transition to New Hollywood. We'll consider how these stars reflected (and sometimes challenged) ideas about beauty, romance, independence, sexuality, and identity, while discovering why their films and performances continue to captivate audiences.

$45 – Facilitated by Tim Burns, Denise Hocker, Gary Nelson, and Randy Wilson, all long-time OLLI facilitators and film enthusiasts.

Seats available: 22

Advanced Trailblazers

Thursdays, February 4 – 25
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Various Locations

Join our hike leaders to explore several area trails. Hikes will be 3–4 miles in length and may include significant elevation changes. Trails may be uneven, rocky, or include water, ice, or snow, and the pace may be brisk. Please consider your physical abilities and register only if you are an experienced hiker. Poles are recommended for winter hikes. The AllTrails app will be used. Planned locations include Running Deer Trail in Dirksen Park, Springdale Cemetery, Detweiller Park, and Independence Park near Groveland. Locations may change based on weather conditions.

$45 – Facilitated by Dave Woodruff, Sheila Hansen, Allan Spangler, Stacey DelVecchio, Chris Esken and Paul Miller, all experienced hikers on local trails.

Seats available: 18

The Antebellum Period in U.S. History, 1815 - 1860

Fridays, February 5 – March 5
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Peoria Next Innovation Center

What events and growing tensions pushed a divided nation toward Civil War? Explore the political, social, and economic conflicts that shaped the years leading up to 1861. Through discussion and historical perspectives, we'll examine the debate over slavery, states' rights, sectional tensions, and key events that ultimately brought the nation to war.

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

Seats available: 25



Study Group Committee Co-Chair Gary Nelson provides helpful hints for volunteers during a recent facilitator training session.

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Traveling Braves

Travel the World with OLLI!

Utah's Mighty Five and The Rockies

May 24 – June 1, 2027

Set out on an unforgettable rail journey from Denver to Moab aboard Canyon Spirit, traveling through some of the Southwest's most dramatic scenery. Take in sienna-colored canyons, towering rock formations, sweeping desert landscapes, and the natural wonders of Utah's five national parks. Along the way, cross the Continental Divide, follow the Colorado River, and enjoy breathtaking views of rugged valleys and canyon country. Your journey concludes with a striking change of scenery as the quiet beauty of the desert gives way to the bright lights and lively energy of Las Vegas.



Includes round-trip airfare from O'Hare International Airport, insurance, all transfers, 9 days in handpicked hotels, 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners, an expert tour manager, local guides, a private deluxe motor coach, and a Bradley University staff member traveling with the group.



Double $8,499 | Single $10,299
Registration opened September 29, 2026
If the trip is full, we strongly encourage you to join the wait list

To see the detailed itinerary and register, please visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1467644

Southern Charm Holiday

November 29 – December 5, 2027

Experience the warmth and holiday charm of the Southeast on a journey through Charleston, Savannah, and Jekyll Island. Discover the region's rich history and traditions as you explore graceful mansions, beautiful squares, riverfront promenades, and one of America's oldest working plantations. Continue to Georgia's scenic Gold Coast with a visit to St. Simons Island before traveling to Jekyll Island, once a favorite retreat of prominent families including the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts, and J.P. Morgan.



Includes round-trip airfare from O'Hare International Airport, insurance, all transfers, 7 days in handpicked hotels, 6 breakfasts, 3 dinners, an expert tour manager, local guides, a private deluxe motor coach, and a Bradley University staff member traveling with the group.



Double $4,799 | Single $5,899
Registration opens November 20

Informational meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2026
12:00 p.m.
Peoria Health Department Community Room,
2116 N. Sheridan, Peoria
To register for this meeting, call (309) 677-3900
or email olli@bradley.edu

Please note: *Both trips require participants to walk 2–3 miles over the course of a day, navigate a variety of terrains without assistance, climb two flights of stairs, and be comfortable at elevations up to 6,000 feet.*

Coming in 2028

Cultural Treasures of Japan (14 days)

America's Cowboy Country: Badlands, Yellowstone, Jackson Hole (8 days)

Hawaiian Adventure: O'ahu, Big Island, and Maui (10 days)

Spectacular Scandinavia (15 days)

Subscribe to the OLLI newsletter to stay up to date on these upcoming trips. Email olli@bradley.edu to register.

January Online Classes

Classes Meet:
Wednesdays, January 6, 13, and 20, 2027

- **9:00 – 10:00 a.m.** _____

The Die Is Cast: The Causes of the End of the Roman Republic

Before Rome and its emperors ruled the Mediterranean World and most of Western Europe, Rome was a Republic for almost 500 years. The assassination of Julius Caesar on the Ides of March in 44 B.C. historically is considered the final blow to the Republic. But what led to his assassination? And what started the demise of one of the most powerful and longest lasting republics of all time? What can we learn from the Romans' mistakes? This class will address these questions by discussing the civil wars of the first century BCE, the conspiracy of Catiline, the gang wars of Clodius and Milo, and the political corruption, based on the writings of the people of that time.
$15 – Class instructor is Janene Mattingly, a retired Latin teacher and frequent OLLI instructor.

U.S.– Iran Relations, Part I: From Early Contact to the 1979 Revolution

Explore how nearly 150 years of political, economic, and cultural developments shaped the relationship between the United States and Iran, beginning with the arrival of American missionaries in 1833 and the Qajar dynasty's early efforts to build ties with the United States. We'll examine how the World Wars, the Pahlavi era, the 1953 coup, Cold War politics, oil, and growing economic and military cooperation influenced the relationship between the two countries. The course concludes by exploring the political and social forces that led to the 1979 Iranian Revolution and the collapse of the U.S.- Iran strategic partnership.
$15 – Class instructor is Moe Bidgoli, Emeritus Professor of Computer Science and Information Systems at Saginaw Valley State University. He has taught numerous OLLI classes at various universities.

- **11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** _____

Native Gardening 101 and Your Indoor Houseplants

Discover how native plants support pollinators, strengthen the local food web, and contribute to a healthier landscape. We'll explore the relationships between plants and insect pollinators, consider ways to incorporate beneficial native plant communities into your own yard, and learn how thoughtful plant choices can support greater biodiversity. The course concludes with a look at houseplants, including winter care and propagation techniques.
$15 – Class instructor is Ella Maxwell, a horticulturist and a Tazewell County Master Gardener with many years of gardening experience.

Spies, Secrets, and Spycraft

Step into the secret world of espionage through the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., and the German Spy Museum in Berlin. Using fascinating artifacts and real-life stories, explore famous spies, ingenious gadgets, codes, surveillance, Cold War operations, and Berlin's unique role as a center of espionage. From secret messages and double agents to cyber espionage and disinformation, discover how intelligence has shaped history—and why espionage remains relevant today.
$15 – Class instructor is Don Samford, retired social studies teacher, program chair for Peoria Area World Affairs Council, podcast host, and frequent OLLI instructor and facilitator.



Joe Emanuel, at right, speaks with OLLI presenter Carl Cannon after a recent program.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

History of Mathematics

Explore how mathematics evolved as people searched for easier, faster, and more useful ways to solve problems. We'll look at why Roman numerals gave way to more practical number systems, how exponents simplified complex calculations, and how tools such as the abacus and early calculating machines changed the way people worked with numbers. Along the way, we'll trace developments from ancient mathematics to Pascal, Leibniz, modern calculators, and today's computers and smartphones—while asking not only when and how these advances happened, but why they mattered and what might have happened without them.
$15 – Class instructor is Mary Jane Sterling, emeritus math instructor at Bradley University and frequent OLLI instructor.

Unlocking the Mysteries of Color, Part 2 of 3

Continue exploring the science of color with a closer look at how colors are created, mixed, and reproduced. We'll examine subtractive primary colors—cyan, magenta, and yellow—and see how they are used in inks, paints, and color printing. Along the way, we'll explore CMYK printing, halftones, spot colors, painters' traditional red-yellow-blue color wheel, complementary colors, and why colors can appear different under changing light. Part 3 will follow in February. Part 1 is available on YouTube for anyone who did not take it last winter.
$15 – Class instructor is Walter Urbaniak, a retired computer network engineer with an interest in science.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Practical Approaches to Computer Security

John Amdall, who has taught several advanced OLLI computer classes, will be your instructor for this basic, introductory class on computer security covering basic topics including: avoiding scams, what about AI, social media suggestions, creating 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 John Amdall is a past OLLI president and frequent computer class instructor.



OLLI Classes make it easy to learn alongside others who share your interests.

February Online Classes

Classes Meet:
Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2027

- **9:00 – 10:00 a.m.** _____

Harriet Tubman: The Moses of Her People
Explore the life and legacy of Harriet Tubman and discover why she remains one of America's most respected historical figures. We'll examine her early life and family, her escape from slavery, and the challenges she faced while leading others to freedom through the Underground Railroad. We'll also learn about her work during the Civil War as a soldier, scout, and spy alongside abolitionist Union officers, as well as her later involvement in the women's suffrage movement. Along the way, we'll consider what Tubman's courage, leadership, and lifelong commitment to freedom can teach us today.
$20 – Class instructor is Becky Sisk, retired nurse educator and frequent OLLI instructor.

U.S.- Iran Relations, Part II:
From the 1979 Revolution to War
Explore how political, military, and diplomatic developments shaped the relationship between the United States and Iran from the 1979 Iranian Revolution to the present. We'll examine the U.S. Embassy hostage crisis, the Iran-Iraq War, the Iran-Contra affair, regional conflicts and proxy warfare, economic sanctions, Iran's nuclear program, and efforts at nuclear diplomacy. The course concludes by exploring the further deterioration of U.S.–Iran relations, the 2026 U.S.-Israeli war with Iran, and the contemporary geopolitical struggle involving Iran, the United States, Israel, and other regional and global powers.
$20 – Class instructor is Moe Bidgoli, Emeritus Professor of Computer Science and Information Systems at Saginaw Valley State University. He has taught numerous OLLI classes at various universities.

- **11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** _____

AI for Mere Mortals:
Practical Ways to Use AI Daily
Wondering what the buzz is about, but afraid of techno-babble? Unleash your inner tech wizard! Discover how friendly AI tools can become your ultimate sidekick. In this fun class, we will transform AI from a mystery into your favorite daily shortcut. Learn to draft sweet notes, crack household repair puzzles, tame chaotic spreadsheets, whip up OLLI syllabi, and hunt down shopping deals. Want more? We will brew up AI images, rock out with custom music, and jazz up PowerPoint slides. It's perfect for beginners wanting to build AI confidence in a supportive environment. No technical background required! Grab your curiosity and build your superpower toolkit!
$20 – Class instructor is Bob Yonker, former Caterpillar engineer and frequent OLLI facilitator.

The Art & Architecture of Antoni Gaudi
Discover why Antoni Gaudí, once described as "either a fool or a genius," came to be recognized as one of the world's most original architects. We'll explore the colorful, imaginative style that shaped both his buildings and their interiors, where Gaudí was involved in everything from structural design to decorative details. Like Frank Lloyd Wright, he approached each project as a complete work of art. Along the way, we'll examine his masterpiece, La Sagrada Família, as well as Park Güell, the Sagrada Família Schools, and several of his remarkable residences, including buildings nicknamed "The House of Bones," "The Quarry," and "The House with a Dragon on the Roof."
$20 – Class instructor is Roger French, retired information technology professional with a personal passion for church history and architecture.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

How to Think Like a Roman Emperor

Explore the life and philosophy of Marcus Aurelius, one of Rome's most influential emperors and Stoic thinkers. Modeled on Donald Robertson's *How to Think Like a Roman Emperor: The Stoic Philosophy of Marcus Aurelius*, this course will examine how Marcus Aurelius approached adversity, resilience, and the pursuit of tranquility. The book is not required reading. Along the way, we'll consider how Stoic ideas drawn from his life and Meditations can still offer practical insight today.
$20 – Class instructor is Pastor Bill Dohle, a frequent OLLI instructor from Pueblo, Colorado. He serves as pastor at King of Kings Lutheran Church and as an adjunct professor of religion and philosophy at Colorado State University Pueblo.

Unlocking the Mysteries of Color, Part 3 of 3

Continue exploring the science of color with a closer look at how digital displays and printing systems create, represent, and reproduce color. We'll examine color spaces and gamuts for standard displays, HD and UHDTV, and CMYK printing, along with the limitations of each. We'll also explore digital color models such as RGB and HSB, color cubes and color squares, and the technologies behind CRT, LCD/LED, and OLED displays. Part 2 is offered in January.
$20 – Class instructor is Walter Urbaniak, a retired computer network engineer with an interest in science.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Monsters in Film & Literature

Explore what monsters reveal about the cultures that create them. We'll examine the role monsters play in literature, fairy tales, and film, and consider how they reflect changing fears, values, and social anxieties. Along the way, we'll look at classic monster films from the 1930s through the 1970s and compare them with contemporary portrayals to see how both our fears (and the monsters that embody them) have evolved over time.
$20 – Class instructor is Dr. Colleen Karn, Professor of English & Humanities at Methodist College in Peoria. The focus of most of her scholarly work is Monster Studies.



Exclusive access gives OLLI members a new perspective on a recent visit to the Illinois State University Crime Lab.

Osher Online

Osher Online provides OLLI members across the country with a means to connect and learn together. The courses are live and not recorded. The Osher National Resource Center manages the program and communicates directly with all participants to provide access to the courses.

Office with Confidence

Tuesdays, January 19 – February 23
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Build practical computer skills at a comfortable pace, with each class focused on an essential Microsoft Office application. Learn to create polished documents, manage email with confidence, build simple spreadsheets, and deliver a presentation, while also learning how to protect yourself online. Whether you are returning to the workforce, managing a household, volunteering, or running a small business, this course will meet you where you are.
$65 – Dave Paquin is a Fulbright Scholar who designed and taught a series of computer skills courses and faculty development courses in critical thinking. Paquin was the human resources director for a healthcare-technology company and oversaw a comprehensive employee training program in cooperation with regional community colleges. His teaching style focuses on interactive learning and student engagement.
Seats Available: 10

Famous Furniture Makers and Their Fabulous Creations

Tuesdays, January 19 – February 23
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Furniture makers and decorative artists have often been viewed as secondary to painters and sculptors, yet furniture and decorative objects are important works of art in their own right. This course will trace furniture styles in Europe and America from ancient times to the end of the 18th century, focusing on marquetry, gilding, lacquering, upholstery, mechanization, and other techniques, while considering the artists, patrons, materials, and methods behind these creations.
$65 – Eleanor Schrader is an award-winning educator, lecturer, and author. She lectures and leads tours worldwide on art and architectural history. She has been named a distinguished instructor at UCLA Extension, where she teaches history of architecture, interior design, furniture, and decorative arts.
Seats Available: 10

Functional Healthspan: Measuring what Matters

Mondays, January 25 – March 1
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
This hands-on course explores "healthspan," the length of time a person lives in good health, through the lens of functional ability. We will examine how strength, endurance, mobility, flexibility, and cognition support independence and quality of life. Each session will blend evidence-based instruction with active self-assessments to help identify personal blind spots. By the end of the course, we will develop a personalized 12-week plan for building and maintaining function in daily life.
$65 – Scott Fulton is recognized internationally as a "Redefiner" in the positive aging space. Fulton's research focuses on improving adult aging outcomes.
Seats available: 10

Unknown Goodness and Events of the Holocaust

Mondays, January 25 – March 1
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
This course examines lesser-known stories connected to the Holocaust, moving beyond the familiar history of public atrocities to explore powerful behind-the-scenes events. We will learn about the 1936 Nazi Olympics, American corporations that supported Nazi Germany during World War II, and the courageous individuals who risked their lives to rescue persecuted people. Together, these stories reveal both hidden evil and extraordinary human goodness, offering a deeper understanding of this devastating period in history.
$65 – Howard Kerner was a professor of English for 47 years and published more than 100 scholarly articles, primarily on the Holocaust. In retirement, he has pursued his passion project: researching and presenting on the inspiring bravery of little-known Holocaust rescuers.
Seats available: 10

Broadway Musicals: A Fascinating History

Mondays, January 25 – March 1
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Musicals have shaped American theater, from Tin Pan Alley-driven comedies of the early twentieth century to the integrated classics of midcentury. In this course, 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, Cabaret, Rent, Wicked, Hamilton,* and more.

$65 – Emanuel Abramovits is a mechanical engineer and has been a concert promoter for over two decades. He is involved in events by international artists like Itzhak Perlman, Gustavo Dudamel, Sarah Brightman, Roger Hodgson, ASIA, Journey, and Kenny G.

Seats Available: 10

Hidden Influences: Lost Gems of the 20th Century

Tuesdays, January 26 – March 2
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

In this course, we will explore five 20th-century works of fiction that remain culturally significant, even though they are rarely read today. We will discuss each book in its historical context, consider its relevance now, and examine its place in the literary imagination. Through thoughtful, participant-driven conversation, we will explore *The Ugly American*, *Peyton Place*, *The Jungle*, *Babbitt*, and *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* in a way that is informed, engaging, and welcoming.

$65 – Richard Klin is the author of the novel *Petroleum Transfer Engineer.* His writing has been featured on NPR's All Things Considered and has appeared in *The Millions*, *The Atlantic, Cultural Daily*, *The Brooklyn Rail*, and many others.

Seats Available: 10

The Last 100 Years of Russian Rulers: From Stalin to Putin

Wednesdays, January 27 – March 3
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

In this course, we will examine 100 years of Russian history through the personalities of its rulers: Joseph Stalin, Nikita Khrushchev, Leonid Brezhnev, Mikhail Gorbachev, Boris Yeltsin, and Vladimir Putin. Each week, we will focus on one leader's background, rise to power, and legacy. We will consider how each leader's personality and peculiarities shaped Russian history, how each leader's rule ended, and why all of these leaders were men.

$65 – Asya Pereltsvaig received degrees in English and History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a PhD in Linguistics from McGill University. She taught at Yale and Stanford; her expertise is in language and history, and the relationship between them. Her most recent book is *Languages of the World: An Introduction*.

Seats Available: 10

From Gregorian Chant to Bohemian Rhapsody: The Evolution of Vocal Groups

Wednesdays, January 27 – March 3
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Building on an earlier Osher Online course, this multimedia class takes a broader and more in-depth look at duos, trios, quartets, and larger ensembles across genres including sacred chant, jazz, pop, rock, R&B, and more. Along the way, we'll explore iconic performers, discover unexpected connections across musical styles and eras, and consider how their influence continues in contemporary vocal groups.

$65 – Mike Agron is a music aficionado raised in Los Angeles's entertainment scene. A former high-tech executive and entrepreneur turned storyteller, he creates dynamic multimedia seminars exploring music and film for the Sacramento Renaissance Society, OLLIs nationwide, Osher Online, Encore Learning, and other lifelong-learning programs.

Seats available: 10

Living Off the Laughter: The History of Comedy in America, Part II

Wednesdays, January 27 – March 3
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
This is a history course with a laugh track. We will explore American history, using humor as a lens for understanding the 20th and 21st centuries. We will discuss how comedy was shaped by and responsive to American society, and how comedians influenced and shaped American life. We will also discuss comedy auteurs and incubators, stand-up, sitcoms, and political satire, and consider how Americans laughed across generations, what and whom they laughed at, and what that reveals about American life.
$65 – Eddy Friedfeld is a film and entertainment journalist and historian who teaches at Yale, NYU, and the Tisch School of the Arts.
Seats available: 10

Embodying the Inner Truth: The Films of Denzel Washington

Thursdays, January 28 – March 4
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Denzel Washington brings an intensity and dedication reminiscent of Sidney Poitier and Gene Hackman. In this course, we will examine his career across television, film, theater, directing, and producing. We will consider his early work on St. Elsewhere, his performances in *Cry Freedom*, *Malcolm X*, and *The Equalizer* trilogy, and his Oscar-winning performances in *Glory* and *Training Day*. We will also explore his directorial debut with *Antwone Fisher* and his work as a producer adapting August Wilson's plays.
$65 – Arnold Blumberg, PhD, is a publisher, author, artist, and pop culture historian has taught courses in media literacy and cultural studies.
Seats available: 10

The Power of Introverts

Mondays, February 1 – March 8
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
"Introverts are hermits. Introverts don't like people. Introverts can't hold a conversation." We will unpack these myths and explore introversion as a misunderstood personality type. We will discuss the power of introverts, the exhaustion of masking as extroverts, and the stigma attached to the word itself. Together, we will consider how introverts and extroverts can better understand, support, and honor one another.
$65 – Jeri Bingham, an administrator and non-profit leader who has managed people, policy, and programs in academia and mission-driven organizations for more than 25 years.
Seats available: 10

Women, Sainthood, and Power

Tuesdays, February 2 – March 9
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
This course explores the lives of female saints through history, religion, psychology, women's and gender studies, and cultural studies. Through figures such as Joan of Arc, Teresa of Avila, Rose of Lima, Frances Cabrini, and others, participants will examine women whose strength, complexity, and influence challenge narrow stereotypes of sainthood. Their stories reveal strategies of resistance, adaptation, and leadership within the limits of their times and invite reflection on their relevance today.
$65 – Oliva Espín, PhD, is professor emerita in the department of women's studies at San Diego State University and the California School of Professional Psychology of Alliant International University.
Seats available: 10

OLLI At-A-Glance

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11 **SG - Super Agers** 10a-12p **SG - Using AI Tools (ONLINE Only)** 1-3:30p	**12** **SG - Shutterfly** 10a-12p **New Member Orientation** 11:30a-1:30p **SG - Timeless Short Stories** 1-3:15p **SG - Mah Jongg** 3:30-5:30p	**13** **JANUARY ONLINE CLASSES** 9a-4p	**14** **SG - Origami** 9-11:30a **SG - Beginning Bridge III** 9:30-11:45a **OO - Winter Seminar** 9a-12:30p **SG - The Empire's Longest Day** 1:30-3:30p	**15** **LT - Five Points Washington** 9:30a-2:30p
18 **Learning Trip Committee** 9-11a **SG - Super Agers** 10a-12p **SG - Using AI Tools (ONLINE Only)** 1-3:30p	**19** **LT - Jtec Industries** 8:45a-1:30p **SG - Shutterfly** 10a-12p **SG - Timeless Short Stories** 1-3:15p **SG - Leading Ladies** 1-3:15p **SG - Mah Jongg** 3:30-5:30p	**20** **JANUARY ONLINE CLASSES** 9a-4p	**21** **SG - Origami** 9-11:30a **SG - Beginning Bridge III** 9:30-11:45a **LT - The Clay Den** 9:30a-2:30p **SG - The Empire's Longest Day** 1:30-3:30p	**22** **Movie: *Good Morning, Vietnam*!** 1-3:30p
25 **LT - Peoria Co. Health Dept.** 9:45a-2:15p **SG - Super Agers** 10a-12p **SG - Using AI Tools (ONLINE Only)** 1-3:30p	**26** **SG - Shutterfly** 10a-12p **SG - Timeless Short Stories** 1-3:15p **SG - Leading Ladies** 1-3:15p **SG - Mah Jongg** 3:30-5:30p	**27**	**28** **LT - OSF Jump Sim Ctr.** 8:45a-1:30p **SG - Origami** 9-11:30a **SG - Beginning Bridge III** 9:30-11:45a **SG - The Empire's Longest Day** 1:30-3:30p	**29** **LT - Jones Bros. Jewelers** 9:30a-2:30p

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 **LT - Architectural Salvage** 9:45a-2:15p **SG - Super Agers** 10a-12p **OO - The Holocaust Brought to Light** 1-3p **SG - Using AI Tools (ONLINE Only)** 1-3:30p	**2** **LT - USDA Research Ctr.** 11:15a-3:30p **SG - Leading Ladies** 1-3:15p **SG - Timeless Short Stories** 1-3:15p **SG - Mah Jongg** 3:30-5:30p	**3** **FEBRUARY ONLINE CLASSES** 9a-4p	**4** **SG - Beginning Bridge III** 9:30-11:45a **SG - Advanced Trailblazers** 1-3p **MM - Tres Rojas Winery** 4p	**5** **SG - Antebellum Period** 9:30-11:30a **Movie: *My Fair Lady*** 11:00a-2:30p
SPRING REGISTRATION REQUEST WEEK | FEBRUARY 1-5				
8 **SG - Super Agers** 10a-12p **SG - Using AI Tools (ONLINE Only)** 1-3:30p	**9** **LT - Carter Paper** 8:45a-1:30p **SG - Timeless Short Stories** 1-3:15p **SG - Leading Ladies** 1-3:15p **SG - Mah Jongg** 3:30-5:30p	**10** **FEBRUARY ONLINE CLASSES** 9a-4p	**11** **SG - Beginning Bridge III** 9:30-11:45a **OO - The Rosenwald Legacy** 1-2p **SG - Advanced Trailblazers** 1-3p	**12** **SG - Antebellum Period** 9:30-11:30a **OO: Springdale** 10a - 12p
15 **SG - Using AI Tools (ONLINE Only)** 1-3:30p	**16** **OO - You Brew You** 10-11:30a **SG - Timeless Short Stories** 1-3:15p **SG - Leading Ladies** 1-3:15p **SG - Mah Jongg** 3:30-5:30p	**17** **FEBRUARY ONLINE CLASSES** 9a-4p	**18** **LT - Woodruff Career & Tech Ctr.** 9:15a-1:30p **SG - Advanced Trailblazers** 1-3p	**19** **SG - Antebellum Period** 9:30-11:30a **Movie: *Hidden Figures*** 1-3:30p
22	**23** **LT - Peoria Emergency Comm. Ctr.** 9:45a-2:15p **SG - Leading Ladies** 1-3:15p **SG - Mah Jongg** 3:30-5:30p	**24** **FEBRUARY ONLINE CLASSES** 9a-4p	**25** **SG - Advanced Trailblazers** 1-3p **MM - The Missing Zither** 4p	**26** **SG - Antebellum Period** 9:30-11:30a

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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Meet the OLLI 2026-27 Executive Committee. L-R: John Amdall, Deb Clay, Paul Buck, Laurie Bailey, Gary Nelson, Chris Esken, Shelley Epstein, Denise Hocker, Steve Garrison, Rovert Koscielski. (Not pictured: Diane Rock and Lynn Highfill)

Great Programs Happen Because of Great Ideas

You're invited to attend our committee meetings.

Study Group Committee
Thursdays | 12:00 p.m.
October 22 and November 19

Curriculum Committee
Wednesdays | 9:00 a.m.
November 4, 18 and December 3

Learning Trip Committee
Monday | 9:00 a.m.
January 18

FAQs

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

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

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 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

PHOTOGRAPHY

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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.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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

Classes

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

Learning Trips

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

OLLI Originals and OLLI Online

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

Study Groups

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

INFORMATION DISCLAIMER:

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

Winter 2027 Registration

7 STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL REGISTRATION WEEK

1. **Select Desired Programs**
Review the catalog and choose the classes, trips, study groups, and other programs you'd like to attend.

2. **Prioritize Desired Programming & List in Order**
List your programs in order of priority, with your most desired program first. If registering online, add your OLLI membership to your cart first to unlock program registration.

3. **Submit & Complete Registration**
Registration Request Week opens Monday at 8:00 a.m. and closes Friday at 4:00 p.m. There is no advantage to submitting earlier in the week, so take your time and prioritize your selections carefully.

4. **Confirm Registration Submission**
Make sure you receive a Registration Request Submission Confirmation email. This email will come from continue@continuing.bradley.edu and confirms that OLLI has received your registration request.

5. **Receive Enrollment Status**
The week after Request Week, you'll receive an email showing which programs you are enrolled in and which programs you have been waitlisted for.

6. **Pay Balance**
Once enrollment is complete, review your account and pay the balance for the programs in which you are enrolled.

7. **Get Excited for Your Programs!**
You're registered and ready to go! Watch your email for reminders and important details as your programs approach.

Registration Request Week Assistance

In-Person Walk-In Assistance
Tuesday, November 3
Anytime 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Peoria Next, 801 W. Main St
Easy access & free parking

Phone Support: 309-677-3900
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
on the following days:
Wednesday, November 4
Thursday, November 5
Friday, November 6

Winter 2027 Registration

REGISTRATION REQUEST WEEK:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 at 8:00 a.m. through FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 at 4:00 p.m.

REGISTER YOUR WAY

1. Online
IMPORTANT: Add programs to your cart in order of priority. The order you request them determines their priority for enrollment.

- Visit bradley.edu/olli and click REGISTER FOR OLLI
- Sign in or create an account
- Add your quarterly membership first
- Add programs in priority order by clicking Request Program
- Review your requests and click Check Out
- No payment is due during Registration Request Week
- You'll receive an email confirming your requests

Need to make a change?
Before Registration Request Week closes, sign in and select Account → Course Priorities to remove or reorder requests.

2. In-Person
No appointment needed! Staff will be available to help you register online!

- **Tuesday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
- Peoria Next located at 801 W Main Street.

3. Register by Phone
Call (309) 677-3900 between 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on:

- Wednesday, November 4
- Thursday, November 5
- Friday, November 6

Due to high call volume, please call during these times only to register by phone. This allows our staff to process registration requests as efficiently as possible.

4. Mail-in or Drop-off
Completed forms must be received by **Friday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m.** to be included in prioritization. Forms received later will be processed beginning November 10.

Mail pages 33–34 to:
Bradley University
Attn: OLLI
1501 W. Bradley Ave.
Peoria, IL 61625

Drop off at:
Westlake Hall, Suite 104
Glenwood Ave. / Tobias Lane

IMPORTANT: Allow time for mail delivery. Your registration is confirmed only after you receive a confirmation email or verify receipt with the OLLI office.

NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT

On **Tuesday, November 10**, you'll receive an email with your enrollment status (registered or waitlisted) and balance due.

Need to drop a program?
Contact the OLLI office before paying so we can adjust your balance.

Preferred Payment Process
Pay online:

- Visit bradley.edu/olli and sign in to your account
- Select Account → Make a Payment
    - Click Pay, choose Credit Card, and follow the prompts to complete payment

Pay by check:
Make checks payable to Bradley University and mail to the address listed in Step 4.

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ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON

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: TELL US ABOUT YOU

Preferred First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Primary Number (check one) ☐ Home ☐ Cell

Email _____

a) Are you a Bradley alum? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b Are you interested in volunteering?

- ☐ I'd love to help, please contact me
- ☐ I already do and want to continue
- ☐ Not at this time

Step 3: READ & SIGN WAIVER

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

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Signature *Date*

Step 4: REQUESTED TOTAL

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

For those registering November 11 or after:

Winter Seminar . . . . . $ _____
+ Jan Online Classes (1, 2, 3, or 4) . . $15 x _____ = $ _____
+ Feb Online Classes (1, 2, 3, or 4) . . $20 x _____ = $ _____
+ Originals . . . . . $ _____
+ Movies . . . . . $ _____
+ Study Groups . . . . . $ _____
+ Learning Trips . . . . . $ _____
+ Mix & Mingle . . . . . $ 0.00
+ Osher Online . . . . . $ _____
+ OLLI Quarterly Membership Fee* . . . . . $ 5.00 =

**Paid only once in Jan & Feb* REQUESTED TOTAL = $ _____

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.*

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 November 10 regarding your program status and payment.
- Payments must be received by **Monday, November 23** to secure your registration. Registrations with outstanding balances after **Monday, December 7** will be dropped from enrolled programs.
- Contact the staff for assistance (309) 677-3900 or olli@bradley.edu

Winter 2027 Registration

Priority #	Program	Date/s	Fee	Seats
LEARNING TRIPS				
Activity Level 1				
	The Clay Den	1/21	$60	28
	Jones Bros. Jewelers	1/29	$45	28
	Peoria Health Department	1/25	$40	28
	Peoria Architectural Salvage	2/1	$40	28
	Peoria Emergency Com Ctr	2/23	$40	28
Activity Level 2				
	Five Points Washington	1/15	$45	28
	Woodruff Career...	2/18	$45	28
Activity Level 3				
	Jtec Industries, Inc.	1/19	$40	28
	OSF JUMP Training	1/28	$45	28
	USDA National Center...	2/2	$40	28
	Carter Paper & Packaging	2/9	$40	28

ORIGINALS				
	Zoom Refresher (ONLINE)	1/5	FREE	200
	Winter Seminar	1/14	$25	250
	Only Hope (ONLINE)	2/1	$10	200
	Rosenwald Legacy (ONLINE)	2/11	$5	200
	Springdale Cemetery	2/12	$15	150
	You Brew You	2/16	$15	150
MIX AND MINGLES				
	Clink Bar	1/7	FREE	60
	Tres Rojas Winery	2/4	FREE	60
	The Missing Zither	2/25	FREE	40
MOVIES				
	Good Morning, Vietnam!	1/22	$5	190
	My Fair Lady	2/5	$5	190
	Hidden Figures	2/19	FREE	190

STUDY GROUPS				
	Shutterfly	1/ 5 – 26	$45	18
	Mah Jongg for Novices	1/ 5 – 2/23	$45	13
	Origami	1/ 7 – 28	$45	20
	Beginning Bridge III	1/ 7 – 3/25	$45	32
	The Empire's Longest Day	1/ 7 – 28	$45	20
	Super Agers	1/ 11 – 2/8	$45	15
	Using AI Tools (ONLINE)	1/ 11 – 2/15	$45	24
	Timeless Short Stories	1/ 12 – 2/16	$45	18

Priority #	Program	Date/s	Fee	Sts
STUDY GROUPS Continued				
	Leading Ladies	1/ 19 – 2/23	$45	22
	Advanced Trailblazers	2/4 – 25	$45	18
	The Antebellum Period	2/5 – 3/5	$45	25

ONLINE CLASSES Choose 1, 2, 3, or all 4 times slots		
January 6, 14, 20: (3 Sessions for each class)		
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.		
	The Die Is Cast: End of the Roman Republic	$15
	U.S.– Iran Relations, Part I	$15
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		
	Native Gardening 101 and Indoor Houseplants	$15
	Spies, Secrets, and Spycraft	$15
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.		
	History of Mathematics	$15
	Unlocking the Mysteries of Color, Part 2 of 3	$15
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.		
	Practical Approaches to Computer Security	$15
February 3, 10, 17, 24: (4 Sessions for each class)		
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.		
	Harriet Tubman: The Moses of Her People	$20
	U.S.- Iran Relations, Part II	$20
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		
	AI for Mere Mortals: Ways to Use AI Daily	$20
	The Art & Architecture of Antoni Gaudi	$20
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.		
	How to Think Like a Roman Emperor	$20
	Unlocking the Mysteries of Color, Part 3 of 3	$20
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.		
	Monsters in Film & Literature	$20

OSHER ONLINE				
	Office with Confidence	1/19 – 2/23	$65	10
	Famous Furniture Makers	1/19 – 2/23	$65	10
	Functional Healthspan	1/25 – 3/1	$65	10
	Unknown Goodness	1/25 – 3/1	$65	10
	Broadway Musicals	1/25 – 3/1	$65	10
	Hidden Influences	1/26 – 3/2	$65	10
	Last 100 Years/Russian Rulers	1/27 – 3/3	$65	10
	Living Off the Laughter	1/27 – 3/3	$65	10
	Evolution of Vocal Groups	1/27 – 3/3	$65	10
	Films of Denzel Washington	1/28 – 3/4	$65	10
	The Power of Introverts	2/1 – 3/8	$65	10
	Women, Sainthood, & Power	2/2 – 3/9	$65	10

Reminders from OLLI

STAY CONNECTED WITH OLLI

Stay up to date on OLLI programs, upcoming opportunities, important reminders, and what's happening throughout our learning community.

MAKE SURE YOU'RE RECEIVING OUR EMAILS

Email is our primary way of communicating important information with OLLI members. Confirmations, program reminders, schedule changes, meeting links, and other updates will be sent directly to your inbox.

Add **olli@bradley.edu** and **continue@continuing.bradley.edu** to your contacts to help ensure our messages reach your inbox instead of your junk or spam folder.

READ OUR WEEKLY OLLI NEWSLETTER

Watch your inbox **every Tuesday** for the **OLLI Newsletter**, featuring upcoming programs, registration opportunities, announcements, and other OLLI news.

FOLLOW OLLI ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow OLLI at Bradley online for program highlights, photos, reminders, and more from our OLLI Community.

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WINTER WEATHER

In the rare event that Bradley University closes due to inclement weather, all OLLI programs scheduled for that day will also be cancelled.

Please **refer to local television and radio stations for Bradley University closing information**. OLLI will also communicate program cancellations and updates by email whenever possible.

SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION REMINDER

Participants are **strongly encouraged to use the OLLI shuttle transportation** provided for Learning Trips. If you are unable to ride the shuttle and need to drive separately, please **notify the OLLI office at least 10 days in advance** so accommodations can be reviewed and coordinated with trip staff and hosts.

KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT

Help us make sure you don't miss important OLLI communications. If your email address, phone number, or mailing address changes, please contact the OLLI office so we can update your information. **Call: (309) 677-3900** OR **Email: olli@bradley.edu**

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