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- **Explore** Fall programs
- **Connect** with friends
- **Learn** all about OLLI
- Submit your Fall registration on site!

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Wednesday, August 6
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Michel Student Center
Ballroom
915 Elmwood, Peoria IL

SAVE THE DATE

OLLI Distinguished Lecture Series
Finding Titanic with Dr. Robert Ballard
Thursday, September 25



OLLI in the Evening

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

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SUMMER 2025 REGISTRATION



**REGISTRATION WEEK: MONDAY, MAY 5 at 8 a.m.
through FRIDAY, MAY 9 at 4 p.m.**

We've listened and we are changing our OLLI registration process. We're introducing a stress-free registration process, letting you prioritize and request your preferred programs. Registration requests—whether online, by mail, phone, or in person—will be processed simultaneously during one week (May 5 - 9, 2025). At the end of the registration week, the computer software will automatically assign spots based on prioritization for programs with more requests than available spaces. See pages 26-30 for details.

SAVE THE DATE

August 4 - 8
Fall Registration Week

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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



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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, June 12, 2025
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Peoria Next | 801 W Main, Peoria

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

Summer Wellness Seminar 2025

Wednesday, June 18 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Join us for OLLI's Summer Wellness Seminar, which features two lectures and an opportunity to gather as a community over the summer.

\$20 includes both seminars, coffee and treats. Parking is free and available anywhere on campus during the summer session. **Seats Available: 200**

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Blue Zone-Inspired Eating Made Simple

Join Chef Golda Ewalt, Director of Clinical Dietetic Services at OSF HealthCare, for an inspiring seminar on incorporating Blue Zone food principles into your daily life. Explore nutritious, longevity-boosting dishes that promote overall well-being. Chef Golda will share expert insights on integrating whole foods into your diet for a healthier lifestyle. Designed for lifelong learners, this session will provide practical tips for making informed, healthy

choices in the kitchen, including strategies for preparing nutritious meals when cooking for just one or two people.

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Breath and Balance

Discover the power of breath and balance in this interactive seminar designed to enhance your well-being. Join Paul Resnick, certified yoga teacher, to explore how mindful breathing can reduce stress, improve focus, and boost energy. Learn simple balance practices to enhance stability, coordination, and overall body awareness. Whether you seek relaxation, mental clarity, or physical resilience, this seminar will provide guided exercises and practical tools to integrate into your daily life. Join us for an engaging session that fosters harmony between mind and body!



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SUMMER WELLNESS SEMINAR

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Learning Trips

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

A detailed itinerary will be emailed to you prior to the trip.

To make your trip even more enjoyable, please note:

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



PARKING

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

ACTIVITY LEVELS

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 LEVELS

Entry

Basic

Intermediate

Advanced



Activity Level 1

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

Peoria Sculptures and Monuments

Tuesday, June 24

OR

Wednesday, August 13

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

In honor of the late Jim Ludwig, who originally designed this one-of-a-kind experience, we are once again offering the popular tour. Ranging from Lydia Moss Bradley to Mother Teresa, from religious figures to a famous agnostic, from silly to serious, we will see a surprisingly rich and varied collection of public sculpture in plain sight but that we don't really notice. On this updated tour, we'll drive by dozens, stop at a few, and hear some history and anecdotes about treasures of the community.

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

Seats available: 13

EverTrue Lutheran Hillside Village

Monday, August 18

10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

On this trip, we'll get a behind-the-scenes look at EverTrue Lutheran Hillside Village, a retirement community with over 160-year tradition of compassionate service. We'll learn about the wide array of senior living options available at the campus, including the new Rehab building, the physical therapy gym, Assisted Living Samaritan Place and Memory Support Bethel Place. We'll also meet the facility's chef Mark Shoopman, who will update us on what's new in dining and delight us with a live presentation of a dessert.

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

Seats available: 28

Islamic Foundation of Illinois ◆◆◆◆

Friday, August 22

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

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.

National Weather Station in Lincoln ◆◆◆◆

Wednesday, June 11

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered how the National Weather Service (NWS) generates the forecasts you hear on the weather radio or see on the computer? Is it as simple as sticking your finger in the air, or is it more complicated? What is a normal day like for these forecasters? What happens when tornadoes, wind, and hail are moving through the area? In this tour, staff from the NWS will explain how the forecast is generated, describe where the data comes from, describe a normal day in the office, and illustrate what happens when “bad” weather hits central Illinois. The NWS staff will also explain what you can do to be prepared before “bad” weather arrives and what you should do to protect yourself when it does.

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

Seats available: 20

Peoria County Coroner – New Location ◆◆◆◆

Wednesday, July 23

OR

Friday, August 29

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join us as we meet our Peoria County Coroner Jamie Harwood, at his new office at the Peoria County building. The coroner is an elected official charged with investigating sudden, unusual, or traumatic deaths and assuring a scientific, forensic investigation is completed. 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, evidenced-based, best-practice methods.

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

Seats available: 28

WTVP PBS ◆◆◆◆

Monday, August 25

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Experience a behind-the-scenes look at Peoria's local public television station as we take a private tour of WTVP's downtown studio. We'll learn how the studio was designed by world-renowned studio creators Rees & Associates, how it was engineered to be soundproof and rock-solid against any vibration, and how it features a state-of-the-art lighting system constructed by Grand Stage of Chicago. Participants will also step onto the stage where local programs such as *At Issue with Mark Welp* and *Consider This* with Christine Zak-Edmonds are produced. President and CEO, Jenn Gordon will also be on hand to answer all your questions and share more about the exciting work WTVP PBS is doing daily to educate, inspire, and connect our community here in Central Illinois.

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

Seats available: 28

Activity Level 3 ♦♦♦♦

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

Stephen A. Forbes Biological Station ♦♦♦♦

Tuesday, June 3

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Stephen A. Forbes Biological Station, established in 1894, is located along the Illinois River on Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge near Havana, Illinois. It is the oldest inland field station in North America and one of nine field stations of the Illinois Natural History Survey. During our tour, we will learn about the research on a variety of topics relevant to wetland ecosystems, with a specific focus on the ecology and management of wetlands, waterfowl, and other waterbirds.

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

Seats available: 28

Blue Ridge Community Farm and Picket Fence ♦♦♦♦

Tuesday, June 17

9:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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

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

Seats available: 28

Giant Goose Ranch and the Uplands ♦♦♦♦

Thursday, June 19

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Giant Goose Ranch is one of the most unique family vacation destinations in the Midwest. It is a hybrid property somewhere between a campground, a sportsman's club, a vacation resort, a working ranch, and a private recreational farm. Join OLLI as we get a behind-the-scenes look at how Giant Goose Ranch operates as well learn more about their diverse multi-species fishery. After lunch we will head to the Uplands, a private 80 acre vacation rental property.

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

Seats available: 28

Princeville Heritage Museum ♦♦♦♦

Thursday, June 26

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Discover the rich history of rural Illinois with a tour of the Princeville Heritage Museum. This visit offers a look at fascinating exhibits in two large outdoor buildings, featuring blacksmithing, antique agricultural equipment, a 1900s kitchen, and even the evolution of washing machines. After lunch, we will dive into the museum's archives, local memorabilia, and a restored one-room schoolhouse.

\$40 – Includes guided tour, a boxed lunch at Princeville Heritage Museum, and shuttle transportation.

Seats available: 28

Kira's Flower Farm ♦♦♦♦

Thursday, July 10

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join OLLI as we head to Kira's Flowers, an organic flower farm and floral design studio on the edge of East Peoria. On an old Civil War era farmstead, she grows over 75 varieties of flowers, and creates designer bouquets for weddings, special occasions, and for her community-supported agriculture (CSA) and farmers market customers. Using her art and design background, Kira seeks to break the barriers of the traditional bouquet and delve into floral sculpture and wearable floral art. In the last year, she has focused her efforts on raising money to restore the old Sears Roebuck barn on the property.

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

Seats available: 28

Springdale Cemetery ♦♦♦♦

Tuesday, July 15

8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

In the 1850s Peoria was a growing community and needed a new cemetery. Three gentlemen, who owned land along the river bluffs north of the downtown, felt their land was perfect for a park/garden style of cemetery then popular in the United States. Incorporated in 1855, Springdale Cemetery is the oldest chartered cemetery in Illinois. With over 70,000 burials, Springdale stories tell the history of Peoria. On this OLLI trip you will hear some of that history while also learning about the various styles of burial and cemetery art on display in Springdale. Our guide is Bernie Drake, OLLI member and Peoria Historical Society tour guide.

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

Seats available: 27

Peoria Production Solutions ♦♦♦♦

Thursday, July 31

10:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For more than 80 years, Peoria Production Solutions (PPS) has provided business and industry with comprehensive packaging, manufacturing, assembly, and custom labor solutions. Founded in 1941 to initially provide employment for recovering tuberculosis patients, it was incorporated a decade later as a non-profit agency to employ individuals with all types of disabilities. On this trip, we'll learn how PPS provides training, employment, safe and respectful work environment that allows its employees to achieve financial and social independence.

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

Seats available: 28



Activity Level 4 ♦♦♦♦

Able to participate in extended walking and standing beyond normal trip expectations, may include hiking on hills and slippery surfaces, plus all Level 1, 2, and 3 requirements.

Western Avenue Greenway Project ♦♦♦♦

Tuesday, July 29

9:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join us on an insightful tour of the Western Avenue Greenway Project with longtime resident and Greenway Project board member, Dan Callahan. For over 30 years, this community-driven initiative has transformed five city blocks of neglected properties into a thriving, park-like green space. The project now stands as a testament to neighborhood stabilization. During the tour, you'll discover how the Greenway preserves open space in the West Bluff, view architectural artifacts from the old Saint Francis Hospital, and learn about the evolving role of community gardens. Though hidden in plain sight, this peaceful oasis provides a stark contrast to the surrounding commercial landscape.

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

Seats available: 27

Kayaking at Moraine View State Park ♦♦♦♦

Tuesday, August 19

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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

\$50 – Includes kayak, paddle, and life jacket rental, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

Seats available: 27

OLLI members are rocking their Maui Jim sunglasses on a recent tour.

REGIONAL TRIPS

"Place de la Musique" Truly a Unique Experience ♦♦♦♦

Thursday, July 24

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Join OLLI for this exclusive look at the 6,000 square-foot Tudor-style home and the various automated music machines in Barrington. The tour includes beautiful art glass-front orchestrations, fortune-telling machines, a re-creation of a turn-of-the-century casino with rare slot machines, and coin pianos to name a few. The three-hour tour includes a mini-concert with a 1927 Wurlitzer, the world's largest theater pipe organ, and culminates in the carousel building with the Eden Palais, the most complete example of a European salon carousel in existence. We'll also get a unique look at other aspects of this inventive era, including restored working steam engines and an 1890s Pullman passenger car.

\$165 – Includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and charter coach transportation. **Seats available: 45**

Historic Vincennes, Indiana:

A Day of Discovery ♦♦♦♦

Wednesday, August 27

6:15 a.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Our day begins with a private, guided tour of the Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy, a 3,500-square-foot interactive exhibit celebrating Red's life and career. Next, we'll take a short walk to the Vincenne University dining hall for lunch, where you'll enjoy a variety of cuisine. Afterward, we'll explore Grouseland, the preserved home of William Henry Harrison, a National Historic Landmark filled with period art, furniture, and memorabilia. Our next stop is the Indiana Military Museum, with exhibits spanning from pre-Revolutionary War to modern conflicts, featuring an array of artifacts, aircraft, tanks, and weaponry. Highlights include an F-4 Phantom Fighter jet and a WWII German tank. We'll briefly stop at the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park along the Wabash River before boarding the bus.

\$150 – Includes guided tours, admission fees, lunch, snacks, gratuities, and charter coach transportation. As we return to Peoria, we'll make a brief stop for those who wish to purchase fast food on their own.

Seats available: 45



New Zealand's Wonders January 22 – February 9, 2026

From geothermal springs and ice fields to stunning fjords and Maori culture, experience New Zealand at its best.

*Price: Double: \$11,249 | Single: \$12,989

Includes: Roundtrip transportation to Chicago O'Hare, roundtrip air, 19 days, 25 meals, all hotels, transfers, and tours. This price also includes the \$699 cancellation and waiver insurance.

***Prices are not guaranteed after 6/17/25.**



SNEAK PEAK:

2026 TRAVELING BRAVES TRIPS

Shades of Ireland featuring Northern Ireland
June 2026

Canadian Rockies featuring Rocky Mountaineer
September 2026

Trivia Night

Place Your Bets on a Winning Night! It's Time to Register for Trivia

Friday, August 15, 2025 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Hayden-Clark Alumni Center
Bradley University



Get ready to roll the dice at OLLI's 9th Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser, where WMBD 1470-AM radio personalities (and legendary OLLI trivia icons) Dan DiOrio and Greg Batton (we're hoping they bring Yvonne Greer, too) will emcee a high-stakes evening of laughs, luck, and lively questions!

This year's theme is "Viva Las Vegas," but don't worry — you don't need to count cards or memorize Elvis lyrics to have a great time. Only a few questions per category will pay tribute to the glitz and glam of Sin City.

Instead, go all in with your team costumes and table decorations — whether you're channeling Rat Pack cool, showgirl sparkle, or slot machine chic! Not into dressing up? No problem. Rock a poker face and come as you are.



- ♠ **The Deal:** \$50 per person (\$400 for a table of 8) includes hors d'oeuvres, coffee, tea, and a cash/card bar; seven rounds of trivia; and chances to win prizes for first place, best decorated table, and best dressed team.
- ♥ **Flying Solo?** No big gamble — you'll be matched with a table and guaranteed a fun night out as we raise funds to support OLLI's brochure printing, shuttle savings, audio-visual upgrades, and more!
- ♣ **Ready to play?** Register online at bradley.edu/olli, select OLLI Registration, then shuffle down the page to 2025 Trivia Registration.
- ♦ **Want to call it in?** Reach the Continuing Education office at (309) 677-3900, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ♠ **Old school?** Send a check (separate from your summer registration) to: Bradley University Continuing Education, Attention: OLLI, 1501 West Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL 61625.
- ♥ **Out of town?** You can still ante up and support the cause. Visit bradley.edu/olli to donate and help us hit this year's fundraising jackpot.
- ♣ **Want to sponsor our fundraiser and help stack the deck in OLLI's favor?** Contact Michelle Riggio (mriggio@bradley.edu or 309-677-3900), and she'll deal you in with a custom sponsorship opportunity that fits your hand perfectly.

Study Groups In-Person

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.

Study Group Facilitator Workshop

Tuesday, June 24

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center



Do you love study groups? Are there topics you would like to explore or explore again? Study groups need FACILITATORS. More importantly, study groups need NEW FACILITATORS. You are invited to join a few of our frequent OLLI facilitators for an interactive and engaging exploration of group facilitation and its dynamics. We'll go over the nuts and bolts of planning a group, how to ask well-crafted questions, and how to deal with disagreements. You'll also learn how to engage members in the group and address any other questions or concerns you may have. For this session, be prepared to relax, reflect, and have fun. While designed for OLLI study group facilitators, the content for this study group is also applicable to anyone who leads groups (or wants to lead groups in the not-so-distant future).

Free! Facilitated by frequent facilitators Jane Hense, Denise Hocker, Roberta Koscielski, Gary Nelson, Rob Parks, Steve Richards and Bob Yonker. (R&NFs/RG) **Seats available: 20**

The Seven Sins of Memory

Fridays, May 30 – June 27

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Methodist College

Harvard psychology professor Daniel Schacter's *The Seven Sins of Memory* is now available in a 20th-anniversary edition. In this group, we'll explore how our minds both remember and forget. Dr. Schacter presents a clear, engaging, and thought-provoking examination of memory research, offering insight into how and why memory functions—and why it sometimes fails us. Through this exploration, we will gain a deeper understanding of memory's complexities and discover strategies to enhance our ability to remember.

\$45 – Facilitated by Marjorie Getz, a Professor at Methodist College and frequent OLLI facilitator. (RG/RF) **Seats available: 16**

Art of the Documentary

Mondays, June 2 – 23

9:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Do you love documentaries? Then this study group is perfect for you! We'll explore four different documentaries, each led by a different discussion leader. All films will be available on Netflix or Amazon Prime Video, and participants will watch them independently before each discussion. The documentaries include: *Join or Die* with Rob Parks (6/2), *It Ain't Over with John McCabe* (6/9), *Man on Wire* with Kathleen Kowal (6/16), and *Buy Now–The Shopping Conspiracy* with Al Audo (6/29).

\$45 – Facilitators listed above. (NG/R&NFs)

Seats available: 20

**Includes
Admission to
Join or Die**

A Sand County Almanac

Mondays, June 2 – 23

1:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

A Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold, is a timeless exploration of essays on nature, conservation, and our ethical relationship with the land. Delving into his powerful "land ethic" philosophy, we'll reflect on our responsibility to not just live off the land but live with the land. For our last session we'll take a field trip to learn

more about prairie restoration and controlled burns, witnessing firsthand the role of fire in ecosystem renewal (transportation not provided but carpooling is available.) Participants should acquire *A Sand County Almanac* available from local and online booksellers and the library. Participants must have internet access.
\$45 – Facilitated by Lee Maki, experienced University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener and Master Naturalist and Jennifer Bass, retired educator, both have been active volunteers in local prairie areas and frequent OLLI facilitators. (RG/RFs) **Seats available: 16**

More Great Short Novels

Tuesdays, June 3 - July 29 (every other week)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Peoria Main Library

Summer is the perfect time to dive into a good book, whether you're relaxing indoors on a hot day or enjoying the fresh air outside. Participants will read five short novels over the course of nine weeks. Each week, a different facilitator will lead the discussion, offering fresh perspectives and insights into the books: *This Other Eden* by Paul Harding (6/3), *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead (6/17), *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald (7/1), *If Beale Street Could Talk* by James Baldwin (7/15), and *Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption* by Stephen King (7/29). Participants should plan to obtain and read all books, available at local booksellers and libraries.
\$45 – Facilitated by Jane Hense, Roberta Koscielski, John Brady, Bev Ketel, and Gary Nelson. all frequent OLLI facilitators. (NG/RFs)

Seats available: 20

Urban Walkers

Tuesdays, June 3 – 24

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Various Locations

So, what can you see and do when walking around downtown Peoria? Plenty! We'll explore monuments (Bernie Drake), sculptures (John and Jeff Heintzman), and murals (Doug and Eileen Leunig), and maybe even stop by a few bars or coffee shops. Plus, you'll get a glimpse of what it's like to walk around if you live downtown (Rob Parks). As mentioned, each walk will be led by a different expert on the subject, and the length of each walk may vary. You'll be pleasantly surprised by all the sights and experiences waiting for you in downtown Peoria!

\$45 – Facilitators listed above; all frequent OLLI facilitators. (NG/RFs)

Seats available: 18

OLLI Trailblazers

Thursdays, June 5 – 26

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Various Locations

Join our experienced hiking leaders to explore several scenic trails in the area. Each hike will span 3-4 miles, with some featuring SIGNIFICANT elevation changes. The trails will be uneven, rocky, and may involve crossing through water, so be prepared for a challenging experience. The pace will be brisk, so it's important to consider your physical abilities before registering. These hikes are designed for experienced hikers who are comfortable with a more strenuous outdoor adventure. We will be using the "All Trails" app to guide us along the way.

\$45 – Facilitators: Diane Rock, Chris Eskin & Paul Miller, Sheila Hansen, and Stacey DelVecchio. (RG/RF) **Seats available: 16**

Write to Remember: From Memory to Memoir

Thursdays, June 5 – 26, July 3

9:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Goodwill Commons

You have a story to tell, and the world is waiting to hear it. Well, if not the whole world, then at least our group of fellow writers—and certainly your family and friends. Memoir writing is exciting because it comes straight from your own experiences—whether joyful, heartbreaking, dramatic, or simply the everyday moments of your old neighborhood. Join us for brief, spontaneous writing and the opportunity to share pieces you've written between sessions. We'll provide prompts (always optional) to spark inspiration. But what if you're not a writer? No worries! If you have stories to tell, we're here to help you put them on paper, iPad, or laptop. No prior writing experience is needed. We will be using Judith Barrington's book, *Writing the Memoir*, which is available at bookstores, online, or your local library.

\$45 – Facilitated by Gary Nelson and Jane Hense, both frequent OLLI facilitators with a love of writing. (RG/RFs)

Seats available: 20

ACTIVITY LEVEL



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

Thursdays, June 19 – July 17 (skip July 3)

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Join us for an engaging and informative four-week OLLI Study Group exploring Apple products. Each week, we'll focus on a different device: iPhone, iPad, Mac computer, and Apple Watch. Each session will start with an overview of the featured product, followed by tips, tricks, and hands-on exploration. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned Apple user, you'll uncover new ways to make the most of your devices—like maximizing battery life with smart settings or turning your iPhone into a scanner. Bring your Apple products and your questions, and leave each session with practical skills and fresh insights to enhance your tech experience.

\$45 – Facilitator: John Amdall, frequent OLLI instructor and facilitator, retired CAT engineer.

(NG/RF) **Seats available: 16**

Back to the 80s: Coming of Age on Film

Wednesdays, July 2 – 30

1:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

We survived the decade of yuppies, mall rats, punker rockers, and new wave music. We witnessed the launch of CNN and MTV. We were stunned by the eruption of Mount St Helens, the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and the AIDS epidemic. During this time, a new generation of Hollywood writers and directors captured the anxieties of the era, portraying them through the eyes of authentic teenagers. Join us to explore coming-of-age stories from the 1980s through film. Movies are available for rent on Amazon Prime or may be available at your local library: *The Breakfast Club* (7/2), *Back to the Future* (7/9), *Boyz in the Hood* (7/16), *Risky Business* and *Wall Street* (7/23), and *St. Elmo's Fire* (7/30)

\$45 – Facilitated by Diane Hocker; Gary Nelson, and Randy Wilson, all movie buffs and frequent OLLI facilitators. (NG/RFs)

Seats available: 18

Legends of the Fall Classic: Baseball's Greatest World Series

Thursdays, July 10 – August 7

9:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Explore the history of the fall classic and as we focus on four memorable World Series games, including a couple featuring two of our locally beloved teams - the Cubs and Cards. Whether reminiscing about past triumphs or anticipating future matchups, these games are sure to spark discussion. (By July, who knows? Reliving past Cubs/Cards glories may be as good as it gets this year, or it may whet the appetite for one or both to land in the 2025 postseason!). Participants will need email and internet access to read articles and view links.

\$45 – Facilitated by baseball fans and past OLLI SG facilitators Kurt and Keith Butterfield; Tim Bailey; and Michelle Riggio Rarick, BU Continuing Education and Professional Development Executive Director. (RG/RFs)

Seats available: 15

An Unfinished Love Story:

Personal Histories of the Transformative 60's

Mondays, July 14 – August 4

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Peoria Public Library North Branch

Travel back to the 1960s and gain a deeper understanding of the political landscape through Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin's memoir, *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s*. This study group will offer fresh perspectives on political figures of the 1960s, based on insights from the memoir. Each week, we will also explore different aspects of 1960s culture. Participants will be encouraged to create their own "boxes of memorabilia" to share with future generations—your children and grandchildren. For those who came of age in the 1960s, this will be an unforgettable journey of reliving and rediscovering the significance of that momentous decade.

\$45 – Facilitated by Dr. Jenny Tripses, professor emerita, Bradley University, and Anne Bergstrom, retired clinical social worker; both frequent OLLI facilitators. (NG/RFs)

Seats available: 20

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18 Trip, Lutheran Hillside Village 10:30a-3:30p 	19 Trip, Kayaking at Moraine 8:30a-2:30p 	20 	21 OO - Conversation that Matters 12-1p 	22 Trip, Islamic Foundation 10:30a-3:30p
25 Trip, WTVP 8:45a-1:30p 	26 MM, Alexander's Steakhouse 4p 	27 Trip, Historic Vincennes, IN 6:15a-9:15p 	28 	29 Trip, Peoria Co. Coroner 8:45a-1:30p

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

Challenge of War in Ukraine with Dr. Joe Roach
Monday, June 9

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Marty Theater, Michel Student Center

The U.S. election has brought significant changes in the Ukraine War as well as the U.S.-NATO relations. It may be a cause of proliferation in “tactical nuclear weapons.” Ukraine is what specialists refer to as a “Nuclear Threshold State,” meaning fully equipped to move swiftly toward Tactical Nuclear Weapons. Fear of Putin’s expansionist plans into the Baltic space, and a belief that one cannot trust the current American administration is requiring a European rethink of all options. Though the pathway to peace seems to shift weekly, the realistic options need to be examined here. Dr. Roach, Bradley University Emeritus History Professor and former Director of Bradley’s International Programs Office, will help us determine the answer: it might be “no war, no peace,” as in Korea since 1953.

\$15 – Includes presentation and snacks.

Transportation not included, meet us there!

Seats available: 200

Enneagram Learning Lab:
Cultivating Self-Awareness

Tuesday, June 10

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Westminster Community Center,
1420 West Moss Avenue

The Enneagram Learning Lab is a space for lifelong learners seeking deeper self-awareness and stronger relationships. It reveals core motivations and patterns shaping behaviors, helping navigate life with intention. Participants explore the nine Enneagram types, recognizing patterns in thoughts, emotions, and actions. This understanding fosters tools for improved communication and conflict resolution. By cultivating self-awareness, individuals develop compassion, clarity, and connection, leading to personal growth and transformation. Eric Potter, co-founder and lead facilitator at Lead From Center, will offer tools for self-development, transforming lives through a deeper

understanding of oneself and others.

\$20 – Includes presentation and snacks.

Transportation not included, meet us there! Free parking is available in the lot behind the building.

Seats available: 15

2 Chez

Monday, July 21

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

2 Chez, 7815 Knoxville Avenue

Join us for a culinary experience at 2Chez, Peoria’s fine dining gem. We will enjoy a specially crafted lunch then gain insights into 2Chez innovative approach to cuisine. Todd Hohulin will share the creative process behind menu development, ingredient selection, and their commitment to using fresh local produce. Lunch options will include pork chops, salmon, or Caesar salad.

\$40 – Includes presentation and lunch.

Transportation not provided – meet us there!

Seats available: 48

Symbiosis between Plants and Microbes:
Who is Talking to Who in the Soil

Tuesday, July 22

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Many plants, like soybean and peas, form beneficial symbiosis with bacteria in the soil. The nitrogen-fixing bacteria provide the plants with their own source of nitrate which allows them to grow in harsh conditions. The way that these plants and microbes recognize their partners is a fascinating story of chemical biology, and may one day be the future for our major crop plants. Dr. Neil Price, retired research chemist for the US Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service will tell you all about symbiotic plants, and how they communicate with each other.

\$15 – Includes presentation, snacks, and coffee.

Transportation not provided – meet us there! Free parking is available in the lot behind the building.

Seats available: 35

Extreme Weather with Illinois Climatologist

Monday, July 28

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Climate change is already causing significant impacts globally, and right here in Central Illinois. One of the most discussed impacts is the extreme weather – heat waves, heavy rain, severe storms – with the notion that these extremes will become more frequent and even more intense. We are far from being locked in to a more extreme weather future, however, and there are ways of both reducing climate change-affected weather extremes and reducing their societal impacts. We'll talk about climate change with Trent Ford, Illinois State Climatologist, how it is affecting extreme weather, what that means for us in central Illinois, and what we can do about it.

\$15 – Includes the presentation, snacks, and coffee. Transportation not provided – meet us there. Free parking is available in the lot behind the building.

Seats available: 35

A Conversation That Matters:

Planning for the Inevitable

Thursday, August 21

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Few of us take the time to prepare for the inevitable, yet planning ahead can bring peace of mind to you and your loved ones. While death may be a difficult topic, it's an important conversation everyone should have. Join Jenny Bennie from Dignity Memorial for an informative session on how to begin the planning process. The Dignity Memorial team consists of dedicated local professionals committed to ensuring every detail is handled with care. In this program, we'll discuss the importance of making final arrangements in advance, the benefits of pre-planning, and the key steps involved. Participants will also receive some discussion guidelines to start planning the process with confidence.

FREE! – Includes the presentation, snacks, and coffee. Transportation not provided – meet us there. Free parking is available in the lot behind the building.

Seats available: 35



OLLI at the Movies

at Peoria Riverfront Museum



Join or Die

Thursday, June 5, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Join or Die is a feature documentary based on Robert Putnam's groundbreaking book *Bowling Alone*, about the implications of declining social activity and civic involvement. Flanked by influential fans and scholars — from Hillary Clinton, Pete Buttigieg, and Surgeon General Vivek Murthy to Eddie Glaude Jr., Raj Chetty, and Priya Parker — as well as inspiring groups building community in neighborhoods across the country, join Putnam as he explores three urgent civic questions: What makes democracy work? Why is American democracy in crisis? And, most importantly... What can we do about it?

FREE! For everyone, in honor of OLLI volunteers and all those who volunteer! Includes moderated discussion with Rob Parks, documentary film facilitator and frequent study group leader. Transportation not provided – meet us there!

Seats available: 190

Back to the Future

Tuesday, July 8,

10:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Bring your
Grandkids for FREE

Head back to the 80's with *Back to the Future* a nostalgic experience, blending adventure, sci-fi, and humor. We'll join Marty McFly as he accidentally travels back to 1955 in a time-traveling DeLorean. The movie's mix of thrilling action, iconic characters, and a classic 1980s soundtrack makes it a timeless favorite.

\$5 – Includes moderated discussion with resident film buff and OLLI facilitator Gary Nelson prior to the start of the screening. Call the office to register your grandkids for FREE! Transportation not provided – meet us there! **Seats available: 190**

Jaws

Thursday, August 7, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

Dive into the suspenseful masterpiece *Jaws* on the big screen! Directed by Steven Spielberg in 1975, this iconic thriller follows the face off against a relentless great white shark terrorizing Amity Island. *Jaws* is more than just a thriller—it's a cinematic landmark that redefined suspense and adventure in film history.

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

Seats available: 190

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.

Mix & Mingle

Wednesday, June 25, 4:00 p.m.

Brickhouse

1021 N Cummings, Washington

Free – please register to enable an accurate count.
Meet us there! **Seats available: 50**

Mix & Mingle

Tuesday, July 22, 4:00 p.m.

Craft 309

500 Hamilton Blvd., Peoria

Free – please register to enable an accurate count.
Meet us there! **Seats available: 50**

Mix & Mingle

Tuesday, August 26, 4:00 p.m.

Alexander's Steakhouse

100 Alexander St., Peoria

Free – please register to enable an accurate count.
Meet us there! **Seats available: 70**

ONLINE Originals

Bering Land Bridge National Preserve

Monday, July 7

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Join OLLI for a journey to Bering Land Bridge National Preserve in Alaska, a historically significant landscape that connected Asia and North America during the Pleistocene Epoch. This preserve is a vital crossroad that influences life distribution in the Western Hemisphere and supports Indigenous communities through subsistence practices. Learn about the tundra's unique ecology, where plants and animals adapt to survive in a challenging environment, and explore the preserve's role in preserving cultural heritage and biodiversity.

\$15 – A Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event. **Seats available: 100**

Zoom Training

OLLI offers free, personal training sessions to help members become more comfortable with Zoom and online learning. Contact olli@bradley.edu and we will set up a time to help you with Zoom with one of our knowledgeable volunteers.



OLLI members are ready to enjoy the show!

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.

100 Years of Magic:

The Disney Legacy and Influence

Thursdays, July 10 – August 14

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Online via ZOOM

This course delves into the 100-year history of the Walt Disney Company, tracing its evolution from humble beginnings to a global entertainment giant. Topics include the rise of Disney animation and theme parks, the company's 1990s revival, and the strategic acquisitions that transformed Disney into a media conglomerate. We'll gain insights into what it's like to work behind the scenes at the company and consider diverse perspectives—from those who revere the Magic Kingdom to those who critique it and everywhere in between.

\$65 – Maria Massad is a marketing professional who contributed to a Walt Disney documentary and also served on the leadership team of The Walt Disney Birthplace. **Seats available: 13**

Architectural Oddities: An Off-the-Beaten Path Look at Unconventional Architecture

Thursdays, July 10 – August 14

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Online via ZOOM

What happens when a mix of whimsy, eccentricity, humor—and sometimes the creator's genius—insert themselves into traditional architectural history? Occurring throughout time and in various parts of the world, these unconventional structures exist to serve the cultures they were created for, from ancient religious sites to modern car-culture merriment. This course explores a myriad of structures set against the backdrop of the societies in which they existed, the construction methods used, the patrons for whom these structures were constructed, and the notions of the builders and architects who created them.

\$65 – Eleanor Schrader is an award-winning educator, lecturer, and author. She has been named a distinguished instructor at UCLA Extension, where she teaches history of architecture, interior design, furniture, and decorative arts.

Seats available: 13

History of Beer

Tuesdays, July 8 – August 12

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Online via ZOOM

Historians, beer enthusiasts, and curious minds alike will enjoy this exploration of the history of brewing. We will begin in the distant past with the invention of beer around 4000 BCE. Then we will journey through time to the modern rise of craft brewing. Along the way, we will dive into fascinating topics including medieval brewing, beer in Shakespeare's era, colonial brewing, Prohibition, indigenous brewing traditions worldwide, and the evolution of beer commercials.

\$65 – Dr. Karl Brown teaches courses in modern European history, film and media studies, and the history of drugs and drinking at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater. Before his academic career, he installed and operated brewpubs in Japan and Greece.

Seats available: 13

President's Letter

The first thing my wife and I did when we retired in 2013 was join OLLI. It was the best post-work decision we made. OLLI continues to offer us, and all members, intellectually stimulating and socially engaging experiences that make our lives more interesting and fulfilling. It is a gem for us, the central Illinois community, and I hope for all of you.

The one certainty in life – and OLLI – is change. OLLI's change this summer involves how we register for classes, study groups, and trips. Instead of a first-come, first-served system, we will transition to a priority-based process that will more fairly make OLLI experiences open to the broadest audience. Details will be distributed in the weeks and months ahead. OLLI's outstanding staff and dedicated Executive Committee are available for your questions and concerns. This is a change for the better, designed to make registration easier, less stressful, and more equitable. But it is a change. So please understand, and join us in pulling together to make this successful.

I am humbled that you've entrusted me to be OLLI president for the next year. I will continue to work to earn your trust and listen to your input – both good and bad.

Looking forward to seeing you at OLLI.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelley Epstein".

Shelley Epstein, OLLI President



Smiling faces fill the jury box during a tour of the Peoria County Courthouse.

Let's Finish Our Fundraising Year Strong — Together

Summer is here, and OLLI is sprinting toward the finish line of our annual fundraising campaign — with May 31 as our deadline and \$50,000 as our goal.

We're aiming for 40% of our members to participate — and we're close. If you haven't yet made a gift this year, now's the time to be part of something truly impactful.

Thanks to you, OLLI is thriving:

- Our membership is strong
- Our programming is diverse and vibrant
- Our volunteers continue to be the heartbeat of our community

Membership and program fees don't cover everything — especially the extras that make OLLI exceptional. Your gifts help make those possible.

This year, your support is helping to:

- Keep our catalogs beautifully designed, printed, and mailed
- Replace our well-loved (and well-used) headsets for learning trips
- Maintain our shuttle fleet and save for their replacements
- Build our emergency reserves for long-term sustainability

Need an extra incentive to give? Caterpillar matches now stay directly with OLLI and don't count against your cap if you're an employee or retiree. If you'd like to learn if your former employer or foundation matches donations, give Michelle Riggio a call at the number below. If you've already given, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. If you haven't yet, this is your moment to jump in — whether it's \$25, \$100, or more. Your gift, large or small, helps carry us across the finish line.

Give today at bradley.edu/olli or call us at (309) 677-3900.

Let's wrap up this campaign with the same spirit we bring to every Class, Study Group, Trip, and Original: together.

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.

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.



JOIN US FOR THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 needed - drop in and join us!

Learning Trip Committee Winter 2026

Peoria Next/Zoom hybrid meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 9:00 a.m.

Study Group Committee Fall 2025

Peoria Next/Zoom hybrid meeting
Thursdays, April 24 and May 15, 11:30 a.m..

Curriculum Committee Fall 2025

Peoria Next/Zoom hybrid meeting
Wednesdays, April 30, May 14 and 28, 9:00 a.m.

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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2025 - 2026

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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 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.

Summer 2025 Registration

Introducing a new “no hurry, no stress” registration process. We listened to your feedback and have made improvements. Our updated system is very similar to the current one—just better!

Overview

- You now have an entire week to request as many programs as you'd like — “no hurry, no stress.”
- Register your way — online, by phone, mail-in, or in-person by appointment.
- Select and number your programs — prioritizing is important for popular programs with limited space.
- The only payment due during registration week is your quarterly membership fee.
- The following week, we'll send an email with your list of programs and directions for payment.

FAQs

Why move away from the first-come, first-served system?

We've planned this change for years due to increasing enrollment and a system that made it difficult to accommodate everyone fairly. The new process eliminates the stress of rushing to register at exactly 8:30 a.m. and ensures more members have equal opportunities for high-demand programs.

What's better about the new registration process?

You'll have a full week to explore your options, define your interests, and create a prioritized list of programs.

What's different about this process?

Instead of immediate registration, you will request programs over a week, and later pay for those for which you've been registered.

What are the biggest changes?

There are two big changes: one deals with online registration and the other deals with your payment. Online, instead of clicking “**Add to Cart,**” you'll click “**Request Program.**” **The order in which you request programs will determine their priority.**

You will not pay for programs during registration week — you'll only pay the \$5 Quarterly Membership fee. On May 13, we'll send an email with your list of registered programs and directions for payment.

How does the priority system work?

On **Friday, May 9 at 4:00 p.m., Registration Week will close** so the system can begin allocating seats based on first choice priorities. If a program still has seats after that round, the system will fill remaining seats with second choice priority, and so on. When a program reaches maximum enrollment, remaining requests will be placed on a waitlist.

How does the waitlist work?

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.

Is there a strategy for prioritizing programs?

Yes! 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.

Can I change my priorities after registering?

Yes! At any time during Registration Week, you can log into your account, go to **My Account > Course Priorities**, and update your list. Be sure to click “**Save Priorities.**” Keep in mind that switching a program to your first choice does not automatically re-prioritize all others—it simply swaps places with the program you are changing. If you need help, call our office and we'll gladly assist.

What if I miss registration week (May 5 - 9)?

After Registration Week, the system will be temporarily closed while requests are processed. Once participants are notified of their program status, registration will reopen on Wednesday, May 14. At that time, registration is open as usual on a first-come, first-served basis by selecting “**Add to Cart**” and paying at checkout.



REGISTRATION WEEK: MONDAY, MAY 5 at 8 a.m. through FRIDAY, MAY 9 at 4 p.m.

Tips for a Successful Registration Week

- The number of **Seats Available** is listed with each program description.
- Consider those numbers when setting priorities.
- Jot down your priorities and make sure your online cart (or printed form) matches that list.
- You can't have multiple programs as your first, second, third, etc choices.
- You can adjust your program priorities during Registration Week (see FAQs).

Schedule In-Person Assistance

The Continuing Education staff has scheduled "office hours" on the following dates and times to help our members in person. Simply call (309) 677-3900 to schedule an appointment at our office, 1306 W. Main, located at the corner of Main and University (the red building across from Starbucks and One World) or at Peoria Next 801 W. Main Street.

Monday, May 5	.....11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., or 1:30 p.m.....	Peoria Next Innovation Center
Tuesday, May 6	.....10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., or 3:00 p.m.....	Continuing Education office
Wednesday, May 7	.....9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 1:00 p.m.....	Peoria Next Innovation Center
Thursday, May 8	.....10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 3:30 p.m.....	Continuing Education office
Friday, May 9	.....10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., or 2:00 p.m.....	Continuing Education office

Virtual Assistance via Zoom

If you can't make it to campus, we've scheduled three virtual sessions for registration help. Simply email olli@bradley.edu with your preferred date/time and we'll send you a Zoom link for your session.

Monday, May 5:	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 7:	2:00 p.m.
Friday, May 9:	9:00 a.m.

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.



Summer 2025 Registration

REGISTRATION WEEK:
MONDAY, MAY 5 at 8 a.m. through
FRIDAY MAY 9 at 4 p.m.



Register Your Way

1. Online

- Visit bradley.edu/olli
- Click "Sign in to Your Account"
- Add quarterly membership to your cart first
- 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 May 9 at 4 p.m.:
 - Sign in to your account
 - Click "**My Account**"
 - Click "Course Priorities" and remove/reorder programs

2. Phone

- Call (309) 677-3900 to speak with Continuing Education staff and request your programs

3. In-Person (by appointment only)

- Review our special "office hours" on page 27
- Call (309) 677-3900 to schedule an appointment

4. Mail-in or Drop-off

- All mailed or dropped-off forms **MUST** be received by **Friday, May 9, at 4:00 p.m.**
- Forms received after that date will be processed after prioritization on May 14
- Submit pages 29-30 to:
Bradley University
Continuing Education, Attn: OLLI
1501 W. Bradley Ave., Peoria, IL 61625

Notification and Payment

You will receive an email confirmation on Tuesday, May 13 with your enrollment status (registered or waitlisted) and the amount owed.

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 May 14 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 **Wednesday, May 21 to secure your registration.**



Christine Barrow and Julie Beckenbaugh share warm smiles and laughter during a break at spring classes.

Summer 2025 Registration

ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON

Step 1: SELECT & RANK YOUR PROGRAMS

NEW: Rank ALL of your program choices in order of priority – #1, #2, #3, etc. Put your priority rank # in the first column.

IMPORTANT: Overall, there can only be ONE #1, ONE #2, etc. across ALL programs you choose below.

Priority #	Name	Date/s	Fee
LEARNING TRIPS			
Activity Level 1			
	Sculptures & Monuments	June 24	\$40
	Sculptures & Monuments	Aug. 13	\$40
	Lutheran Hillside Village	Aug. 18	\$35
	Islamic Foundation	Aug. 22	\$35
Activity Level 2			
	National Weather Station	June 11	\$45
	Peoria County Coroner	July 23	\$35
	Peoria County Coroner	Aug. 29	\$35
	WTVP PBS	Aug. 25	\$35
Activity Level 3			
	Forbes Biological Station	June 3	\$40
	Blue Ridge Farm	June 17	\$35
	Giant Goose Ranch	June 19	\$40
	Princeville Museum	June 26	\$40
	Kira's Flower Farm	July 10	\$40
	Springdale Cemetery	July 15	\$35
	Peoria Prod. Solutions	July 31	\$35
Activity Level 4			
	Western Ave. Greenway	July 29	\$35
	Kayaking at Moraine Park	Aug. 19	\$50
REGIONAL TRIPS			
	"Place de la Musique"	July 24	\$165
	Historic Vincennes, IN	Aug. 27	\$150

STUDY GROUPS			
	Facilitator Workshop	June 24	Free
	Seven Sins Of Memory	May 30 – June 27	\$45
	Art of the Documentary	June 2 – 23	\$45
	Sand County Almanac	June 2 – 23	\$45
	More Great Short Novels	June 3 – July 29	\$45
	Urban Walkers	June 3 – 24	\$45
	OLLI Trailblazers	June 5 – 26	\$45
	Write to Remember	June 5 – July 3	\$45
	Apple Insights	June 19 – July 17	\$45
	Back to the 80s	July 2 – 30	\$45
	Legends of the Fall Classic	July 10 – Aug. 7	\$45
	An Unfinished Love Story	July 14 – Aug. 4	\$45
ORIGINALS			
	Challenge of Ukraine War	June 9	\$15
	Enneagram Learning Lab	June 10	\$20
	2 Chez	July 21	\$40
	Symbiosis...	July 22	\$15
	Extreme Weather...	July 28	\$15
	Conversation That Matters	Aug. 21	Free
MIX AND MINGLES			
	Brickhouse	June 25	Free
	Craft 309	July 22	Free
	Alexander's Steakhouse	Aug. 26	Free
MOVIES			
	Join or Die	June 5	Free
	Back to the Future	July 8	\$5
	Jaws	Aug. 7	\$5
SUMMER SEMINAR			
	Summer Wellness	June 18	\$20
ONLINE ORIGINALS			
	Bering Land Bridge...	July 7	\$15
OSHER ONLINE			
	100 Years of Magic	July 10 – Aug. 14	\$65
	Architectural Oddities	July 10 – Aug. 14	\$65
	History of Beer	July 8 – Aug. 12	\$65

Step 2: CHOOSE HOW TO REGISTER

- If you are registering online, please visit Bradley.edu/olli to request your programs.
 - To speak by phone with staff about your registration call (309) 677-3900.
 - To register in person, call to make an appointment. See page 27 for times.

- If you are registering by mail: Bradley University Continuing Education, Attn: OLLI, 1501 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL 61625.
 For Registration Week, forms must be in the office by 4:00 pm on Friday, May 9.
 For registration after May 14 mail in your forms anytime.

SUMMER 2025 REGISTRATION

Step 3: REGISTRANT INFO

Preferred First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Primary Number (check one) ☐ Home ☐ Cell

Email _____

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

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

☐ 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: _____

f) I'm interested in volunteering for: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Class instructor (topic _____)
- ☐ Study Group facilitator (topic _____)
- ☐ Class Curriculum Committee (choose classes)
- ☐ Learning Trip Committee (choose trips)
- ☐ Study Group Committee (choose study groups)
- ☐ Sponsorship Committee
- ☐ Volunteer Committee
- ☐ Membership Development Committee (welcome members)
- ☐ Class Host (assist class instructors)
- ☐ Study Group Host (assist study group facilitators)
- ☐ Parking (assist with class park-and-ride)
- ☐ Art Exhibits (contacts artists to exhibit during classes)

Step 5: PAYMENT INFORMATION

- **NO payment due during Registration Week EXCEPT \$5 membership fee.**

See Page 28 for details.

- **For those registering May 14 or after:**

Learning Trips.....	\$ _____ +
Study Groups.....	\$ _____ +
Originals.....	\$ _____ +
Mix and Mingles.....	\$ _____ +
Movies.....	\$ _____ +
Summer Seminar.....	\$ _____ +
Online.....	\$ _____ +
Osher Online.....	\$ _____ +
OLLI Quarterly Membership Fee*.....	\$ 5.00 =
TOTAL DUE = \$ _____	

*Paid only once in May - August

Payment Information

For those registering May 14 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.

☐ 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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