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- Catch up with friends and meet new people
- Light appetizers & cash bar



Keynote speaker:
Hon. Ray LaHood, former
Department of Transportation
Secretary and member,
U.S. House of Representatives

SAVE THE DATE
OLLI Distinguished Lecture Series
Thursday, September 25

OLLI in the Evening

If you don't have time for OLLI during the day,
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We've listened and we are changing our OLLI registration process.

SAVE THE DATE:



Summer 2025 Pre-Registration Week

The Continuing Education staff has heard your feedback on OLLI's registration process and is working on making significant improvements for the next season.

We're introducing a stress-free pre-registration process, letting you prioritize and request your preferred programs.

Registration requests—whether by mail, phone, or online—will be processed simultaneously during one week (May 5 - 9, 2025).

At the end of the pre-registration week, the computer software will automatically assign spots based on prioritization for programs with more requests than available spaces.

Staff will provide detailed information and training sessions to guide you through the changes before summer registration begins.

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Your Guide to OLLI at Bradley

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

Who Are OLLI Members?

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

What is OLLI?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOW TO



WITH OLLI

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BECOMING AN OLLI MEMBER IS EASY!

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

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NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Peoria Next | 801 W Main, Peoria

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

Each class consists of four 1-hour sessions and will meet each Wednesday in April. You may choose how many classes to take - 1, 2, 3, or all 4. Most classes meet at Bradley University's Michel Student Center. Eight of our classes gives you the option to attend in person or via Zoom (#1, #7, #9, #11, #17, #21, #26, #28) you can choose to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. (If you would like to register to take the class via Zoom, go to the **OLLI Online** section when registering.)

WEDNESDAYS

April 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2025

Coffee 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

● **9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

1. All About Veins: Inside and Out

Vascular Surgeons manage a wide range of conditions that affect your blood vessels. Join Dr. Andy Chiou, Director of the vascular and endovascular team at Peoria Vein Center, to learn all about veins inside and out – literally. Each week, we'll take a deep dive into a different topic.

April 2: It's OK to be Vain About Your Veins

April 9: Blocked Plumbing and Clogged Pipes, Oh My!

April 16: Ready, Fire, Aim! Vascular Trauma

April 23: Win Some Battles, Lose the War – Healthcare Reality in 2025

\$30 – Class instructor is Dr. Chiou, a Board Certified Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon.

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2. Autism Appreciation and Awareness

In 2023, the CDC reported that one in 36 eight-year-old children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Over the past several decades, much has been learned about autism, which affects individuals across all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. It is nearly four times more common in boys than girls, and there is a strong genetic component to its diagnosis. Early diagnosis and intervention are crucial for improving overall quality of life. This class will explore what is known, (and not known), about ASD, dispel common myths, and provide practical tools that can help foster positive and inclusive environments. Most importantly, the

class aims to deepen participants' understanding and appreciation of the full spectrum of autism, promoting true acceptance.

\$30 – Class instructor is Kelly Nimtz-Rusch, former director of OSF Autism Pathways, with a background in pediatric nursing.

3. Building Better Cities:

Hot Topics in Urban Planning

Explore the rapidly evolving world of urban planning. We'll learn more about the contemporary challenges and innovations in planning cities, including 15-minute cities, which is a new take on an old notion: the ability for people to meet all or most of their daily needs within a short walk, bike ride, or public transit. We'll also discuss autonomous transportation, affordable housing, and the impact of technology on towns and cities.

\$30 – Class instructor is Ross Black, retired City of Peoria Community Development Director.

4. Computers: Past, Present, and Future

This class is a classic, as computers touch nearly every aspect of our lives. We will explore the basic components of computer systems, the history of their development, and the key inventions and inventors that made them possible. Additionally, we will examine emerging trends and technologies that may shape the future of computers and how we use them.

\$30 – Class Instructor is Larry Trollope, retired information technology professional and former OLLI president.

5. Decades of Change:

20th Century History 1900-1940

This class offers an in-depth exploration of the transformative first four decades of the 20th century, focusing on the years 1901 to 1940. The course is divided into four distinct segments, each corresponding to a decade in this pivotal period in history. We'll discuss significant political, economic, cultural, and social changes, as well as the key global events that shaped the modern world. This class will give us an understanding of how these decades laid the foundation for the dramatic shifts that occurred later in the century.

\$30 – Class instructor is John Cummings, retired high school history teacher.

6. Exploring Our National Parks: America's Crown Jewels

Often called America's Crown Jewels, our national parks attract hundreds of millions of visitors each year. Their popularity, however, has led to challenges, such as overuse and limited funding. In this class, we will explore the history of the parks and the park system, and learn about some of the individuals who helped make these natural wonders part of our national heritage. We'll also take a closer look at a handful of well-known parks, and a few hidden gems with which many may not be familiar.

\$30 – Class instructor is John McCabe, former mayor of Pekin and retired high school social science teacher.

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Originals #4

7. Turning Photos into Fine Art: Creative Photography Techniques

Taking a photo is easy, but transforming it into fine art requires creativity and thought. In this class, we'll explore various techniques and approaches to turn ordinary photos into extraordinary works of art. Using examples from his own fine art photography, Coke Mattingly will guide the class through converting photos into styles like Impressionism, Expressionism, Abstracts, and other exciting and creative forms. He'll also introduce software tools for post-processing, along with methods for simply adjusting how the image is captured.

\$30 – Class instructor is Coke Mattingly, frequent OLLI instructor and photographer.

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● 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. _____

8. 19th Century Musical Romantics

During this class we'll immerse ourselves in the lives and music of iconic Classical and Romantic composers such as Beethoven, Berlioz, Brahms, Bruckner, Mendelssohn, and others. We'll explore their musical genius and contributions through engaging audiovisual performances and learn fascinating insights into their backgrounds and paths to musical prominence. Join us for a deeper understanding of how these composers shaped the course of music history, blending storytelling with the rich sounds of their compositions.

\$30 – Class instructor is Michael Dicker, Emeritus Professor of Bassoon, Illinois State University, and frequent OLLI instructor.

9. Blood and Sand: The Games and Arenas of Ancient Rome

Spectator sports in ancient Rome were just as popular, if not more so, than they are today. The big difference, of course, is that the athletes could—and frequently did—die! In this class, we'll learn about the men who entertained the ancient Romans. We will explore the two main sports of chariot racing and gladiator fights, using evidence from ancient writings, art, archaeology, and even graffiti. We'll also examine the arenas where these games were held.

\$30 – Class instructor is Janene Mattingly, retired Latin teacher, avid Italy traveler, and frequent OLLI Instructor.

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10. Classical Gardens of Suzhou: A UNESCO World Heritage Journey

Beautiful Suzhou, China, earns its nickname as the “Venice of the East” due to its network of canals, but visitors are often even more enchanted by the city's traditional Chinese gardens. Nine of Suzhou's exquisitely-restored Classical Gardens are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. In this class, we'll take a virtual tour of these gardens and explore, through photos, culture, and history, what makes them unique, beautiful, and deserving of their prestigious UNESCO designation.

\$30 – Class instructor is Dawn Dickey, former resident of Suzhou, and a visitor to its gardens.

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Online #1

11. Downsizing: Everything You Need to Know

Downsizing can be a daunting and emotional process, but it doesn't have to be. Join us for a comprehensive class that will guide us step-by-step through the downsizing journey. Whether you're looking to simplify your life, move to a more manageable space, or sell your current home for a profit, this class will equip you with the knowledge and tools needed to succeed. We'll tackle a different topic each week: reviewing the downsizing process, creating a plan to get started and stay on track, deciding what to keep through practical methods, and preparing for sale with staging strategies to attract buyers.

\$30 – Class instructor is Tracy Molendi, REALTOR, ABR, SRES, owner of Simply Organized & Staged, and agent with RE/MAX Traders Unlimited.

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Study
Group #14

12. Literary Lions (With a Twist)

In this class, we will revisit a classic author (Ray Bradbury), explore the works of an award-winning Native American writer (Joy Harjo), and discover an author of whom you may not have heard of, one whose story has a connection to Illinois (Dinaw Mengestu). Additionally, we'll "meet" a 19th-century woman who campaigned for the rights of both the mentally ill and married women (Elizabeth Packard).

\$30 – Class Instructors are Susie Rivera, Reference Librarian, Fondulac District Library; Roberta Koscielski, retired Deputy Director Peoria Public Library; Brea Fearon, Librarian, Chillicothe Public Library District; and Laura Keyes, Director Dunlap Public Library District.

13. Meditation for Spiritual Awareness

Meditation helps reduce stress, develop productivity, and improve concentration. The emphasis of this class is on finding balance in our lives and, more importantly, spiritual fulfillment. Meditation is simple and can be practiced at home, at school, or at work. We will cover the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual benefits of meditation. Developing the meditation technique, difficulties with sitting and focusing,

and stilling the mind will also be addressed. \$30 – Class instructors are Mary Kay Berjohn, retired school psychologist; Harold Berjohn, retired school administrator; Suraaj Bhatia, retired mechanical engineer; and Prem Bhatia, retired family practice physician.

14. Now What Do I Do?

Navigating Investments During Political Shifts

You're sitting on stock investments with significant gains, and with current tax laws set to expire at the end of the year, now is the time to consider your financial strategy. Have you reviewed your charitable giving plans? Are your financial accounts set up with a Transfer on Death (T.O.D.) designation? If you're not sure, it could be time to act. Join Carl Williams, seasoned financial advisor, to discuss how evolving political and economic landscapes might influence your investments and help you chart the best path forward.

\$30 – Class instructor is Carl Williams, financial advisor and past OLLI instructor.

15. The World of Herbs

Charlemagne once said, "An herb is the friend of physicians, and the praise of cooks." From the earliest times of civilization, humans have cultivated a relationship with herbs, whether for cooking, crafting, healing, or as powerful stimulants for our senses. Today, there is a growing movement to rediscover the value of herbs and how they can enhance our lives. We'll explore how ancient Chinese, Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans used the properties of herbs for their benefit. We will discover the joys of growing herbs, explore the various types and their uses, and learn how to cook, harvest, and store them. If you've always wanted to know what to do with herbs but didn't know where to start, this class is for you.

\$30 – Class instructor is Patricia Melaik, University of Illinois Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, and frequent OLLI instructor.

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● 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. _____

Buffet Lunch Choices

During the lunch hour you can dine at one of our neighborhood restaurants, the Student Center Marketplace, bring a sack lunch, or enjoy OLLI's convenient lunches in the ballroom. You must register for each week's lunch in advance. The cost for each weekly lunch is \$13.50.

April 2: Soup du jour and salad buffet

April 9: Oven roasted pork, fingerling potatoes, and mac and cheese

April 16: Turkey wrap with cranberry jam and housemade chips

April 23: Vegetable lasagna with green beans and Italian bread

● 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. _____

16. The Allure of Young Adult Literature: Why Grown-Ups Love It Too

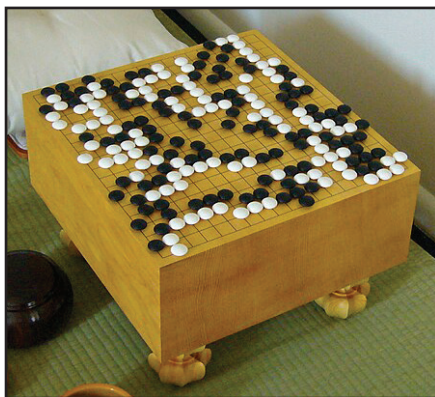
Young Adult (YA) literature, typically written for ages 12 to 18, is increasingly popular among adults. In fact, research commissioned by HarperCollins reveals that 74% of YA readers are adults, and 28% of those are over the age of 28. In this class, four local librarians will discuss some of the best YA books and explore why they resonate with readers of all ages. You may discover a new genre or find a book that sparks engaging conversations with a grandchild.

April 2: Historical Fiction with a Twist

April 9: Award Winning YA

April 16: Activist Authors: Laurie Halse Anderson, John Green

April 23: Manga, Comics, and K-Drama, Oh My!
\$30 - Class Instructors are Hilary Vissering, Teen Services, Morton Library; Amy Edgar, Youth Services and Laura Keyes, Director, Dunlap Public Library; Katie Smith, Teen Program Coordinator, Fondulac District Library; Sarah Couri, Collection Development, Peoria Public Library.



17. Bloody Kansas--The First Civil War

The Kansas-Nebraska Act was implemented by Congress in 1854.

Bleeding Kansas, Bloody Kansas, or the Border War, was a series of violent civil confrontations in Kansas Territory and western Missouri, between 1854 and 1859. It emerged from a political and ideological debate over the legality of slavery in the proposed state of Kansas--it was the first Civil War. Join us for a look at the other civil war--the fight over Kansas statehood and slavery.

\$30 – The class instructor is Bernie Drake, OLLI instructor and past president of the Peoria Historical Society.

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18. Creating a Financial Legacy: Tools for the Present and Future

This class aims to provide the knowledge needed to align current assets with financial goals. We will cover the basics of investing, the impact of current events and timing on investments, charitable giving, and estate planning. Designed for those with some basic investment knowledge, the course will start with foundational concepts and progressively dive deeper, building on what is learned in each session. If your goal is to create a financial legacy for the future while maximizing the value of your assets today, this class is for you. \$30 – Class Instructor is Emily Bruington, financial consultant at John Graham & Associates.

19. The Game of Go

Discover the fascinating world of Go, an ancient strategy board game that has been played for over 2,500 years. Widely popular in Asia with more than 20 million active players, Go is renowned for its simple rules and profound depth. In this course, you'll learn the basics of gameplay, develop your strategic thinking, and explore the complexity that makes Go one of the most intellectually challenging games in the world. Whether you're a complete beginner or have some experience, this class will help you refine your skills and appreciate the beauty of Go. \$30 – Class instructor is Ethan Ham, Interim Dean of Slane College of Communications & Fine Arts, and Professor of Game Design.

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20. I Am Woman: Hear Me Roar! (Part 2)

In this class, we'll focus on influential female singers who have made a significant impact in the music industry. If you missed our sessions in the fall, don't worry, there is more to explore. We'll delve into the music and careers of prominent women such as Cher, Madonna, Adele, Tina Turner, Shania Twain, Reba McEntire, and Julie Andrews. Each of these artists has contributed uniquely to the landscape of music. We'll analyze their work and the influence they've had on both their genres and popular culture.

\$30 – Class instructor is Don Baker, former high school teacher, disc jockey, and frequent OLLI instructor.

21. Look Where I Went

Travel around the world without the need for a passport, airfare, packing, or bus rides. For those who love to travel, join these presenters as they share experiences and photographs from their journeys.

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April 2: Deb Clay – Galapagos

A bucket-list trip of hiking, snorkeling, and kayaking to the islands where Charles Darwin first developed his theory of evolution. Located 600 miles west of Ecuador, these islands are home to animals that don't fear humans, as they evolved in near isolation with few predators.

April 9: Carl and Carol Hendricksen – New Zealand

A 28-day adventure by camper van, traveling the back roads and mountains of New Zealand. Along the way, we encountered all manner of wildlife and people, enjoying the island's diverse culture and stunning beauty.

April 16: John Dust – Russia

Starting in St. Petersburg, we'll cruise up the Volga River to Moscow, with dedicated stops along the way. From palaces and cathedrals to vodka tastings, subway rides, and river cruising, the locations and people are truly fascinating.

April 23: Gary Nelson – Southeast Asia

Experience Southeast Asia as we journey through Hanoi, Hue, Da Nang, Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City), Angkor Wat, and more, including Bangkok and an elephant sanctuary.

\$30 – Class instructors as listed above.

OLLI members immerse themselves in hands-on design during a recent tour of LuxBlox.

22. Ocean Worlds:

The Search for Life Beyond Earth

Earth is an oasis in space, the only world we know of with life, and water is a necessary ingredient for that life. In our search for life beyond Earth, we naturally look for places with water. Surprisingly, our robotic reconnaissance of the Solar System has revealed many potential ocean worlds, some with even more water than Earth. As our telescopes continue to advance, we're finding new worlds orbiting other stars, some of which may have conditions similar to Earth. As we explore these ocean worlds, could we one day make the ultimate discovery—life itself?

\$30 – Class instructor is Nick Rae, Senior Planetarium Educator at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

● 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

23. Can a Broken Congress Be Fixed?

The 118th Congress, which ended its session in January 2025, will go down in history. It passed among the fewest laws in modern history, was the first to oust a House Speaker mid-term, and was one of the most closely divided. So, is the institution broken? Using Dirksen Congressional Center documents, we'll examine efforts to reform Congress since World War II, as well as explore some of the factors that have contributed to today's hyper-partisanship. We'll also look at current reporting and the work of more recent members of Congress to learn about reform proposals being discussed—including a few already underway that haven't received much public attention.

\$30 – Class Instructor is Chris Kaergard, Communications Director and Historian at The Dirksen Congressional Center.



24. Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics

The quote, “Lies, damned lies, and statistics,” is more relevant today than when Mark Twain made this observation over 100 years ago, largely because computers have made statistics (and, thus, lying) easier. This class will explore the fundamentals of how statistics can distort the truth and examine specific examples in finance, medicine, and the news. John Amdall, a frequent OLLI instructor, will share his learning journey and provide a handout to help participants continue their own exploration of the relationship—if any—between statistics and the truth.

\$30 – Class instructor is John Amdall, frequent OLLI Instructor.

25. The Navajo Code Talkers

During World War II, the Japanese were able to break every code used by the U.S. armed forces—until a group of Native American soldiers was recruited to create a code based on their native language. This code was so effective that it remained unbroken throughout the war. In this class, we will learn the translation for Besh-legai-la-ih Cha Jeha Dibeh moasi tse-gah. We'll also explore the history of the Navajo people and the development and use of their unique code, which played a crucial role in the success of the U.S. military in the Pacific theater.

\$30 – Class instructor is Rich Henz, retired high school biology teacher and frequent OLLI instructor.

26. Operation Downfall, The Planned Invasion of Japan: 1945/1946

Operation Downfall was codename for the United States planned invasion of Japan during the final stages of World War II. Set to take place in 1945 or 1946, it remains one of the most notable “what if” scenarios in military history. In this class, we'll explore the scale of the operation (which was projected to involve over 5 million men), discuss the anticipated Japanese resistance, logistical challenges, and the eventual impact of the atomic bomb. Operation Downfall represents a key element of the complex calculations that led to the end of World War II, illustrating both the vast scope of U.S. military planning and the extreme measures considered to force Japan's surrender.

\$30 – Class instructor is Al Audo, Security and Tools Manager, Illinois Central College.

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OLLI members enjoy a delightful day at the Giant Goose Ranch, discovering the diverse fishing stock and scenic beauty of the lake.

27. Philosophy That Actually Makes Sense

Many people find the thought of a philosophy class revolting.

Some even characterize philosophy—often not unfairly—as an attempt to befuddle others with linguistic mazes reminiscent of an insane asylum. Philosophy has another side, however, rooted in the ancient Greeks. Their methods and the insights they triggered formed the bedrock of Western culture and continue to impact us in countless ways today. In this class, we will explore these timeless ideas, following the Greeks' pursuit of happiness.

\$30 – Class instructor is Tim Irwin, Masters in Philosophy from Holy Apostles College and Seminary.

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28. Reform is in the Air: The Progressive Era

The Progressive Era in America -- from roughly 1890 to about 1920 -- was a period of intense social, political, and economic reform to promote the common good, aimed at addressing conditions that had been caused by the country's rapid industrialization, urbanization, and corruption in government after the Civil War. After setting the stage by discussing the characteristics of the prior Gilded Age that helped create these issues, we'll glimpse the lives of both wealthy and working Americans, discuss the most important writers, politicians, social reformers, and institutions of the era, and how they worked to improve working conditions for laborers, regulate monopolies, expand democracy, and protect public health.

\$30 – Class instructor is John T. Brady, semi-retired attorney and frequent OLLI instructor.

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

1. Peoria Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle

Fridays, March 7, April 4, May 2

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Peoria Women's Club

301 NE Madison Ave., Peoria

In collaboration with the Peoria Women's Club, OLLI invites you to join the Peoria Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, considered the oldest continuous book club in the United States. Lynette Steger professional educator, content strategist, and Peoria Women's Club board member will moderate each meeting that will focus on three of the Chautauqua Institute's annual book selections:

March 7: *Apple: Skin to the Core* by Erin Gansworth

April 4: *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson

May 2: *Horse: A Novel* by Geraldine Brooks

\$35 – includes presentations, snacks, and coffee. This fee also includes a \$10 annual CLSC membership. Transportation not provided – meet us there!

2. How Did Everett Dirksen Become a Civil Rights Advocate?

Tuesday, March 18

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Marty Theater, Michel Student Center

In the first half of the 1900s, the Peoria area wasn't yet a hotbed of civil rights advocacy. That's when Pekin-born U.S. Senator Everett Dirksen came of age and entered politics, and almost immediately began sponsoring bills against racial inequality. Using his own words and experiences, we'll look at the instances in his childhood, young adulthood, and early career in Congress that set him up to be a key figure in passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

\$15 – per person includes presentation and snacks. Transportation not included – meet us there!

3. OLLI at the Movies: *Wizard of Oz* **Thursday, March 27**

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

The Wizard of Oz is a 1939 American musical fantasy film based on the 1900 novel by L. Frank Baum. The film is celebrated for its captivating storytelling, iconic musical score, memorable characters, and, of course, Judy Garland. It was the use of Technicolor, however, that helped transform it into an American film classic. Join us as we step back in time to enjoy the wonderful journey to Oz in its Technicolor splendor the way it was meant to be seen – on the big screen at Peoria Riverfront Museum.

\$5 – includes moderated discussion with resident film buff and OLLI facilitator Tim Burns prior to the start of the film screening. Transportation not provided – meet us there!

4. Illinois Treasurer's I-Cash Program

Monday, March 31

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

The Illinois Treasurer's I-Cash program is an innovative initiative aimed at reuniting residents with their unclaimed assets, which currently total over \$5 billion. This program utilizes advanced technology to automatically return lost money to qualifying individuals, simplifying the claims process significantly. Ashton Kulavic, the chief of unclaimed property, and Kevin Schuster, community affairs specialist, will discuss the types of unclaimed property the state holds, the process for claiming assets, and tips for preventing property from becoming unclaimed. After the presentation, they'll perform on-the-spot searches, giving you a chance to find out if you have any unclaimed property waiting to be recovered. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn about this valuable state service and potentially reunite with your lost assets!

\$15 – includes presentation and snacks.

Transportation not provided – meet us there!



OLLI members Jackie Orren and Betty Schlacter are all ready for class.

**5. Stitching Together Sustainability:
A Hands-on Workshop on Clothing Repair**
Friday, April 4

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

We'll join students from Bradley University's Sewsation, a student organization aimed at promoting the benefits of mending garments instead of discarding them. Participants are encouraged to bring their own clothing items to repair with the support and hands-on guidance of experienced student volunteers. Discover valuable skills that not only extend the life of your wardrobe but also contribute to a more sustainable future. All equipment and supplies will be provided.

\$15 – includes presentation and snacks.
Transportation not provided – meet us there!

**6. "Tracks Across America" with
Mark Johnson and Steve Tarter**
Thursday, April 10

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Since its invention, the "Caterpillar" tractor has played a key role in the industrial development of the United States. *Tracks Across America*, written by local authors Mark Johnson and Steve Tarter, traces the evolution of both the machine and the company that built it. The book celebrates the 100th anniversary of Caterpillar Inc. and the unique heritage of an iconic American product through the use of original company magazine advertisements as illustrations.



Attendees will have the chance to purchase signed copies of the authors' book following the presentation.

\$15 – includes presentation and snacks.

Transportation not provided – meet us there!

7. OLLI at the Movies: *To Kill a Mockingbird*
Friday, April 11

10:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

To Kill a Mockingbird is based on the classic 1960 novel by American author Harper Lee. Set in small-town Alabama in 1932, the film follows Atticus Finch (Gregory Peck), who is defending a Black man falsely accused of raping a white woman. As the trial unfolds, the Finch family faces societal pressures, racial prejudice, and deep moral dilemmas. The film explores themes of justice, empathy, and the loss of innocence, all while portraying the struggles of navigating a deeply divided community. *To Kill a Mockingbird* is not only a compelling courtroom drama but also a poignant reflection on human nature and the importance of standing up for what is right.

\$5 – includes moderated discussion with resident film buff and OLLI facilitator Denise Hocker prior to the start of the screening. Transportation not provided – meet us there!

8. Blue Zone Foods with Chef Golda Ewalt
Tuesday, April 15

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

OSF Healthcare Cancer Institute

Join Chef Golda Ewalt, Director of Clinical Dietetic Services at OSF HealthCare, for an engaging healthy cooking class at the new OSF Cancer Institute Teaching Kitchen. She will focus on the principles of Blue Zone foods—dishes that promote longevity and well-being. We'll learn how to prepare nutritious meals that are not only delicious but also beneficial for health, emphasizing the importance of whole foods. This class is designed for all skill levels, encouraging hands-on participation to enhance the learning experience, and best of all, we will enjoy eating what we make together!

\$30 – includes the presentation and cooking supplies. Transportation not provided – meet us there.

**9. A Social History of Tattooing:
Class, Crime, and Contemporary Culture**
Friday, April 18

1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Have you noticed that people tend to be more permissive of body modifications, like tattoos, than in the past? Perhaps you've wondered about the people who carve out a living engaging in this kind of body work. Using visual imagery and elaborate stories this talk will explore the history of tattooing in the western world, with specific emphasis on the United States. Dr. David Lane, an assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences at Illinois State University, will illustrate the common misconceptions about social class, crime, and tattooing, while also depicting the historical contributions toward and complexity of contemporary tattoo work.

\$15 – includes the presentation, snacks, and coffee. Transportation not provided - meet us there!

10. OLLI at the Movies: *Moneyball*

Wednesday, May 21

12:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront Museum

Moneyball is a 2011 American sports drama film featuring Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill, Philip Seymour Hoffman, and Chris Pratt. Based on the 2003 nonfiction book by Michael Lewis, the film centers on the 2002 season of the Oakland Athletics baseball team. To build a competitive team, the general manager defies traditional scouting methods and uses statistical data to identify undervalued players. *Moneyball* is an inspiring story about redefining success in a sport that values tradition.

\$5 – enjoy a moderated discussion with Michelle Riggio Rarick, former Bradley University fastpitch softball pitcher ('93) and Executive Director of Continuing Education, prior to the screening. Transportation not provided – meet us there!

As part of a 10-day tour of World War II sites in England and France, OLLI members visited the Longues-sur-Mer battery, located on a cliff overlooking the Baie de Seine in Normandy between the Allied landing sectors of Omaha Beach and Gold Beach.

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.

1. Mix & Mingle

Tuesday, March 11, 4:30 p.m.

Bernardi's

2137 Washington Rd., Washington

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

2. Mix & Mingle

Tuesday, April 15, 4:00 p.m.

Industry Brewing

8012 N. Hale Ave., Peoria

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

3. Mix & Mingle

Tuesday, May 20, 4:00 p.m.

Oliver's in the Heights

1231 E. Samuel, Peoria Heights

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



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.

1. Great Decisions:

America's Global Affairs Discussion Program

Tuesdays, March 4 – April 22

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Goodwill Commons

America is facing critical issues that bear enormous consequences. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the following topics: American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads; U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy; Science Across Borders; U.S. China Relations; After Gaza: American Policy and the Middle East; International Cooperation on Climate Change; The Future of NATO and European Security; AI and American National Security; and India: Between China, the West and the Global South. Before the first meeting, participants must obtain the *Great Decision 2025* briefing book book (available at fpa.org/greatdecisions) and read the analysis for each topic as the basis for discussion. \$45 – Facilitated by Don Samford, a retired teacher and Peoria Area World Affairs Council Program Chair, and Angela Weck, Executive Director, Peoria Area World Affairs Council, and Bradley University Instructor. (RFs/NG)

2. *The Seven Sins Of Memory*

Mondays, March 17 – April 14

10:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Methodist College

Harvard psychology professor Daniel Schacter wrote *The Seven Sins of Memory*, now available in a 20th anniversary edition. This group will explore how our minds both forget and remember. Dr. Schacter offers a clear, engaging, and thought-provoking examination of memory research, shedding light on how and why our memory functions—and why, at times, it fails us. Through this exploration, we will gain a deeper understanding of memory's complexities and discover ways to improve our ability to remember. \$45 – Facilitated by Marjorie Getz, a Professor at Methodist College and frequent OLLI facilitator. (RF/NG)

3. Discovering India:

The Hidden Gems Of Bharat

Tuesdays, March 18 – April 22

2:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Peoria Main Library

This group will be an exploration of India's rich and varied society, touching on its historical, cultural, economic, and religious diversity. We'll investigate how a nation with such a vast range of traditions, languages, and practices manages to coexist harmoniously. Discussions will cover India's historical evolution, the major indigenous religions, and the vibrant food culture, colorful festivals, and clothing. The group will feature several guest lecturers with direct experience in India, as well as an opportunity to engage with clothing, food samples, and artifacts to deepen our understanding.

\$45 – Facilitators: Dr. Mandar Pattekar, retired radiologist and board member, Hindu Temple of Central Illinois; Mugdha Pattekar, registered dietician; Dr. Satish Yadav, Senior Engineer with Caterpillar; Dr. Kris Maillacheruvu, Bradley University Interim Dean of Engineering. (NF/NG)

4. Read With Us:

George Saunders' Brilliant Contemporary Fiction
Mondays, March 24 – April 7, April 28, May 5

1:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Peoria Public Downtown Library, 107 NE Monroe Street, Peoria

Haven't read anything by the acclaimed and prolific American author George Saunders? He's the prize-winning novelist and short story writer who connects with both aspiring writers and fans on Substack. Heard his work can be tough to get into? Join us as we dive into his Booker Prize-winning novel, *Lincoln in the Bardo*, along with short stories from his collection *Tenth of December*. We've scheduled plenty of time between meetings to keep it manageable. Want a preview before committing? Check out one of his many interviews on YouTube—chances are, you'll be hooked!

\$45 – Facilitators: Randall Yelverton, Director, Peoria Public Library; Wayne Cannon, Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, COO/ Foodbank; Jane Hense, retired educator; Roberta Koscielski, retired Deputy Director, Peoria Library; Nancy Varness, retired educator. (RFs/NG)

5. Five Decades Of Films (1930s through 1970s)

Tuesdays, March 25 – April 22

1:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Many of the greatest American films reflect the socio-cultural conditions of their time and their unique place in history. During the 20th century, these films were shown exclusively in lavish movie theaters, which served as central gathering places for people of all ages. This shared experience helped us navigate significant events like the Depression, World War II, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War. We'll explore selected films from each decade between 1930 and 1970, examining them within their historical and socio-cultural contexts to see how they captured their times. Among the films we'll discuss are *Modern Times*, *The Best Years of Our Lives*, *On the Waterfront*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, and *Saturday Night Fever*.

So, buckle-up and join us as we ponder flying monkeys, storm the beaches, build fallout shelters, share a train with four lads from Liverpool, and debate the merits of disco. It will be groovy!

\$45 – Facilitated by frequent OLLI facilitators and film buffs Tim Burns, Gary Nelson, Denise Hocker, Paul Resnick, and Randy Wilson. (RFs/NG)

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6. Beyond Sorry! Board Gaming for Everyone Mondays, March 31 – April 21

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Cabbages and Kings, 4450 N Prospect Ave, Peoria Heights

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We had so much fun last year this group is back by popular demand! When they talk about board games, most people think of Sorry or Monopoly. The world of board games has evolved far beyond, however, now offering exciting options that even those who don't consider themselves "board game people" can enjoy. Join Dan and Stefanie Crawford, owners of Cabbages and Kings Games, as they introduce us to a variety of non-traditional games and teach us how to play. Board games have come a long way since the old roll-and-move games, and we'll explore games that are easy to learn, last 15–45 minutes, and are perfect for casual play. This study group will open up new opportunities for fun. No prior experience required!

\$45 – Facilitated by Dan and Stefanie Crawford, co-owners of Cabbages and Kings Games, who also work with educators to show how games positively impact learning in the classroom. (RFs/RG)



OLLI members celebrate the birthday of Laura Ingalls Wilder during a Study Group with facilitator Karla Wilkerson, Peoria Public Library.

7. Trailblazers LIGHT!

Thursdays, April 3 – April 24

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Various locations

This hiking group is perfect for those who are newer to hiking or looking to get back into it. Each hike will cover 2 to 2.5 miles with gentle terrain and minimal elevation gain, making it more accessible than our OLLI Trailblazers group. Whether you're returning to hiking after a break or just starting out, this is a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in a relaxed group environment. All hikes will take place in the tri-county area, and we'll meet directly at the trailhead.

\$45 – Facilitators: Rob Parks, Dave Woodruff, Denise Hocker, and Stacey DelVecchio. (RFs/NG)

ACTIVITY LEVEL



8. Unlocking The Secrets of Sleep And Dreams

Thursdays, April 3 – April 24

1:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

In *Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep and Dreams*, neuroscientist Matthew Walker, PhD delves into the science of the nocturnal journey and its profound impact on our bodies and minds. We'll explore how sleep affects our health, safety, intelligence, and productivity, underscoring its universal importance. The book examines various factors that influence our slumber, such as caffeine, sleeping pills, jet lag, naps, screen time, and the effects of aging and dementia. We'll also discuss how Walker demystifies the enigmatic world of dreams, revealing their purpose and utility in our lives. With an engaging narrative, he tackles common misconceptions about sleep and provides simple, actionable ways to get better rest. Please plan to obtain and read the book, which is available at local and online bookstores, and local libraries.

\$45 – Facilitated by Steve and Jayne Richards, frequent OLLI facilitators with a passion for neuroscience. (RFs/RG)



Ann Ragsdale joyfully explores the rich tones of a French horn during a recent tour to Kidder Music.

9. *Life After Power:*

Presidential Lives In Transition

Thursdays, April 17 – May 29

1:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

What is it like to be an ex-President? How does one transition from wielding immense power to finding a new purpose as a citizen? Join us as we explore the lives of seven U.S. Presidents after their terms in office. Each changed history and offered valuable lessons about how to decide what to do in the next chapter of life. We anticipate lively and thought-provoking discussions on Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, Grover Cleveland, William Howard Taft, Herbert Hoover, Jimmy Carter, and George W. Bush. We will use Jared Cohen's compelling book, *Life After Power*, as the framework for our discussions. Please plan to obtain and read the book, which is available at local and online bookstores, and local libraries.

\$45 – Facilitated by an all star line-up of frequent OLLI facilitators: Tim Bailey, Steve Garrison, Barney Shultz, John Brady, Tim Bertschy, Rob Parks, Bernie Drake, and Gary Nelson. (RFs/NG)

10. More Conversations with Women Artists

Tuesdays, April 29 – May 20

1:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center

Don't miss this unique opportunity to engage in conversations with our local artistic talent. Each week, we'll meet two women artists, each working in a different medium. They will share what motivates them as artists, the life journeys that have shaped their creative paths, and how they view their role in the world. Together, we'll explore why each artist chooses her specific discipline, what inspires her subject matter, and what she hopes her artistic legacy will be. Each artist will bring examples of her work to discuss and provide insight into her creative process.

\$45 – Facilitated by Kristan McKinsey, Director, Illinois Women Artists Project. (RF/NG)

11. Let's Read Lab Lit!

Where Fiction and Science Intersect

Thursdays, May 1 – May 29

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Peoria Main Library

"Lab lit" is fiction that realistically portrays characters engaged in science. Unlike science fiction, it takes place in the real world, exploring scientists and their work, often focusing on scientists as the main characters. We'll delve

into two novels, along with several short stories: *Experimental Heart* by Jennifer Rohn, which explores the high-stakes world of commercial drug development and the intense, intimate world of biomedical research, and *The Bourbaki Gambit* by Carl Djerassi, which offers a fascinating glimpse into the worlds of academia and scientific enterprise. Please plan to obtain and read both books prior to the group, which are available at local and online bookstores, and libraries. The facilitator will provide the short stories during the sessions.

\$45 – Facilitated by Kathryn Eissfeldt, educator and freelance science writer with an academic background in the history of science. (RF/NG)

12. OLLI Trailblazers

Wednesdays, May 7 – May 28

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Various Locations

Join our hiking leaders to explore multiple trails in the area. Each hike will be 3 to 4 miles in length, and some will have significant elevation changes. Trails will be uneven, rocky and may go through water. The pace may be brisk. Please consider your physical abilities and only register if you are an experienced hiker. The All Trails hiking app will be used.

\$45 – Facilitated by Diane Rock, Steve and Jayne Richards, Sheila Hansen, Chris Esken, and Paul Miller. (RFs/RG)

ACTIVITY LEVEL
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13. To Go or Not to Go

Wednesdays, May 28 – July 16

9:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Peoria Next and various locations

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

\$45 – Facilitated by Bernie Drake, John Sahn, and John Amdall, all frequent OLLI instructors and facilitators. (RFs/RG)

You'll Love
Class #11

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3	4 SG#1, Great Decisions, 12:30-2:30p	5 Trip#1, Ardor, 10:15a-2p	6 OSG#1, Stare into Void, 1:30-3p	7 OO#1, Chautauqua Lit Circle, 9-10:30a OOO#1, Google Drive 101, 12-1p
10	11 New Member Orientation, 12- 1:30p SG#1, Great Decisions, 12:30-2:30p MM#1, Bernardi's I, 4:30p	12 OOO#2 (ZOOM), Mapping the Flames, 12-1p	13 Trip#21, Caterpillar Research/Dev, 8:30a-1:30p OSG#1, Stare Into Void, 1:30-3p OOO#3, Making a Difference, 5:30-6:45p	14 Trip#5, Bradley Int'l Print Show, 10:30a-3p
17 SG#2, Seven Sins, 10-11:45a	18 SG#1, Great Decisions, 12:30-2:30p OO#2, Everett Dirksen, 1-2:30p SG#3, Discovering India, 2-4:15p	19	20 OSG#1, Stare Into Void, 1:30-3p OOO#3, Making a Difference, 5:30-6:45p	21 Trip#2, Peoria Co. Coroner, 10:45a-3:30p
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<p>7 SG#2, Seven Sins, 10-11:45a SG#4, George Saunders, 1-3:15p SG#6, Beyond Sorry! 3-5p OsherO#1, Bonsai, 6-7:30p</p>	<p>8 Trip#7, Proctor Place, 8:45a-1p SG#1, Great Decisions, 12:30-2:30p SG#5, 5 Decades of Films, 1:30-3:45p SG#3, Discovering India, 2-4:15p</p>	<p>9 OLLI CLASSES Day 2 OsherO#3, Car Crazy, 6-7:30p</p>	<p>10 SG#7, Trailblazers LIGHT! 9-11a SG#2, Flee, Be Silent, & Pray, 9:30-11:30a OO#6, Tracks Across America, 10-11:15a SG#8, Secrets of Sleep, 1-3:15p OSG#1, Stare into Void, 1:30-3p OsherO#2, Sci Charcuterie, 4-5:30p Trip3#, BU Theatre: John Proctor, 5:15-10:30p</p>	<p>11 OO#7, To Kill a Mockingbird, 10a-12:45p</p>
<p>14 SG#2, Seven Sins, 10-11:45a SG#6, Beyond Sorry! 3-5p Spring Kick-Off, 5:30-7p OsherO#1, Bonsai, 6-7:30p</p>	<p>15 Learning Trip Committee, 9a OO#8, Blue Zone Foods, 10a-12p SG#1, Great Decisions, 12:30-2:30p SG#5, 5 Decades of Films, 1:30-3:45p SG#3, Discovering India, 2-4:15p MM#2, Industry Brewing, 4p</p>	<p>16 OLLI CLASSES Day 3 OsherO#3, Car Crazy, 6-7:30p</p>	<p>17 Trip#12, ServPro, 8:30a-2:30p SG#7, Trailblazers LIGHT! 9-11a SG#8, Secrets Sleep, 1-3:15p SG#9, Life After Power, 1:30-3:45p OsherO#2, Sci Charcuterie, 4-5:30p</p>	<p>18 OO#9, History of Tattooing, 1-2:15p</p>
<p>21 SG#6, Beyond Sorry! 3-5p OsherO#1, Bonsai, 6-7:30p</p>	<p>22 SG#1, Great Decisions, 12:30-2:30p SG#5, 5 Decades of Films, 1:30-3:45p SG#3, Discovering India, 2-4:15p</p>	<p>23 OLLI CLASSES Day 4 OsherO#3, Car Crazy, 6-7:30p</p>	<p>24 SG#7, Trailblazers LIGHT! 9-11a Trip#13, Malvern Lane, 9:45a-2:30p Study Group Committee, 11:30a SG#8, Secrets Sleep, 1-3:15p SG#9, Life After Power, 1:30-3:45p</p>	<p>25 OOO#5, Future of Hollywood, 12-1p</p>

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19 Trip#22, Navigate Nature, 8:30a-2p	20 Trip#4, Sculptures & Monuments, 10:30a-3:30p SG#10, Women Artists, 1-3:15p MM#3, Oliver's, 4p OSG#2, Deepest Well, 6-7:30p	21 SG#12, OLLI Trailblazers, 9-11a OO#10, Moneyball, 12-2:30p	22 Trip#19, Wheels O' Time, 9:30a-1:30p SG#9, Life After Power, 1:30-3:45p SG#11, LAB LIT! 2-3:30p	23 Traveling Braves, Discover American Heritage, 5/23- 30
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Christmas on the Danube December 4 – 14, 2025

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From geothermal springs and ice fields to stunning fjords and Maori culture, experience New Zealand at its best. Spend two nights discovering the sun-soaked Bay of Islands. Stand in awe of the giant kauri tree. Spend 2 nights in Christchurch and see how the city is reinventing itself. Admire the ice fields and glaciers surrounding Mt. Cook. Stay in Dunedin, a little slice of Scotland in the South Pacific. Cruise Milford Sound in dramatic Fiordland. Savor a captivating 3-night stay in Queenstown, the "Adventure Capital of the World." The vibrant lifestyle of the Pacific Islands welcomes you.

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Single: \$12,989

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Informational Meeting

Date: Monday, February 10

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Peoria Next, 801 West Main Street, Peoria

For more information, availability, and current pricing, please call us at 309-677-3900 or email: olli@bradley.edu



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Double: \$7,299

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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.

1. Ardor

Wednesday, March 5

10:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Experience a delightful culinary journey at Ardor, where we will enjoy a specially crafted sharing lunch menu. Following the meal, Christian Mora, general manager, will share insights into the creative process behind menu development, ingredient selection, and cooking techniques. We'll also have the unique opportunity to explore behind the scenes at the restaurant, gaining a deeper understanding of daily operations, and the passion that drives Ardor's innovative cuisine. This tour promises not only a delicious meal but also an enriching educational experience in the heart of a vibrant culinary community.

\$55 – includes guided tour, a sharing menu lunch at Ardor, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

2. Peoria County Coroner – New Location

Friday, March 21

10:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Join us as we meet our Peoria County Coroner Jamie Harwood, at his new office at the Peoria County building. Our visit to the new location on Sheridan Road will include a discussion about why the coroner investigates a death, what a typical day is like, a tour of the autopsy room and morgue, and a question and answer period. Harwood, a Certified Forensic Nurse, will also discuss how the office provides advocacy for the survivors, justice for the deceased, and a determination of cause and manner of death with the most efficient, evidenced-based, best-practice methods. \$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

3. BU Theatre: *John Proctor is the Villain*

Thursday, April 10

5:15 – 10:30 p.m.

Join us for Bradley University's production of *John Proctor is the Villain*. Based in rural Georgia, high school students dive into Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* while navigating the ups and downs of love, sex ed, and some juicy school scandals. This fresh and funny take on a classic story is all about transformation, fueled by pop music, and a mix of optimism and frustration. Miller used the play to comment on the McCarthy trials that were occurring in the 1950s, which were often referred to as witch hunts. Gary Nelson, retired attorney, will share insights on the themes of truth and integrity, the often blurred distinction between law and justice. Scott Kanoff, Bradley University theater professor and director, will present a pre-show talk to further enrich our understanding. \$65 – includes presentation, play tickets, and catered dinner.

4. Peoria Sculptures and Monuments

Tuesday, May 20

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

In honor of the late Jim Ludwig, who originally designed this one-of-a-kind experience, we are once again offering the popular tour. OLLI volunteers Bernie Drake and John Amdall have researched Jim's notes, and will serve as our guides. Ranging from Lydia Moss Bradley to Mother Teresa, from religious figures to a famous agnostic, from silly to serious, we will see a surprisingly rich and varied collection of

public sculpture in plain sight but that we don't really notice. On this updated tour, we'll drive by dozens, stop at a few, and hear some history and anecdotes about treasures of the community. \$40 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

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.

5. 39th Bradley International Print and Drawing Show

Friday, March 14

10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This spring, Bradley University will sponsor the highly regarded 39th Bradley International Print and Drawing Exhibition that uses five exhibit spaces in the Peoria area and is the second-longest-running juried print and drawing show in the country. John Amdall, a frequent OLLI instructor and active supporter of the arts, will be our guide as we go behind the scenes for tours of the Hartmann Center Gallery, the Heuser Art Center Gallery, and an off-campus exhibit space at the Prairie Center of the Arts. \$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at a local restaurant, and shuttle transportation.

6. USDA National Center for Agriculture Utilization Research

Wednesday, March 26

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

On this trip, we'll get a first-hand look at National Center for Agriculture Utilization Research, commonly known as the Ag Lab, home to more than 60 Ph.D. research scientists and over 70 research support staff who develop technologies to improve agricultural production and the economic security of rural communities, ensure the American food supply is safe and nutritious, and improve agricultural sustainability and climate resilience. We'll learn how the lab was created in 1940 in response to a chronic farm depression, explore the history of its research successes and mission objectives, take a peek into its conservation work, and get a chance to speak with scientists who conduct the research that has led to hundreds of new commercial products. \$35 – includes guided tour, lunch at local restaurant, and shuttle transportation.

7. Proctor Place

Tuesday, April 8

8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join OLLI for a behind-the-scenes tour at Proctor Place to gain insight into the daily operations of this welcoming community. Founded by John C. Proctor in 1906, Proctor Place is the longest tenured retirement home in the Peoria area. We will learn how Proctor's leaders recruit, manage and motivate their team members. We'll also meet Tina Carlson, the Director of Resident Services, who will give us an in depth look at the move-in process for new residents.

\$35 – includes guided tour, lunch on-site, and shuttle transportation.

8. Mackinaw Valley Vineyard: Wine and Chocolate Tasting

Wednesday, May 14

12:00 – 3:30 p.m.

We'll learn about wine making and Midwest wines, wine tasting, and pairing confection chocolates with wine to enhance the flavors of both in our behind-the-scenes look at Mackinaw Valley Vineyard. Bradley University alumnae Diane Hahn, owner of the working vineyard and winery, will guide our private tour of the winery that sits on a glacial moraine and features an amazing 30-mile view of the valley and farms below. Our tour will include a walk-through of the wine making room and a visit to the vineyard weather permitting and a formal tasting of at least six wines paired with confection chocolates from Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola, a 4th generation family business.

\$50 – includes guided tour, tasting, a catered lunch, and shuttle transportation.



Gamma Phi Circus

9. 182nd Airlift Wing, Illinois Air National Guard

Friday, May 16

**Ride the shuttles round trip from Campustown
10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

OR

10. 182nd Airlift Wing, Illinois Air National Guard

Friday, May 16

Transportation not provided – Meet us there!

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The 182nd Airlift Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, maintains and operates eight C-130 Hercules aircraft capable of transporting large amounts of personnel and equipment over long distances. During our visit, commander of the 182nd Airlift Wing, Colonel Rusty Ballard will lead a tour to explore the Wing's mission to include the maintenance, flying operations, and air support to the Army, Security Forces, and much more. Lunch will be catered on-site. All participants must bring a photo ID to be admitted onto the base.

\$35 – includes guided tour, a catered lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.

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.

11. Welcome to the Circus! Illinois State University

Friday, March 28

10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

On this day, we'll travel to the Illinois State University (ISU) Special Collections Department to learn more about the Circus and Allied Arts Collection. The collection contains over 1 million items ranging from books (their oldest circus book dates to the 1500s), performance contracts, cashbooks/ledgers, correspondence, still images in a variety of formats from glass plate negatives to Kodachrome slides. ISU is also the home of the Gamma Phi Circus, the oldest collegiate circus in the nation. From its beginning in 1929, Gamma Phi has established itself as a unique performance troupe, supporting acrobatic and circus arts in higher education, and continuing the legacy of circus history in the state of Illinois. We will finish up our day with observing a practice session to see how collegiate circus performers learn their skills. \$45 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation.

12. ServPro ◆◆◆◆**Thursday, April 17****8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Founded in 2000, ServPro of Peoria, specializes in the cleanup and restoration of residential and commercial property after fire, smoke, storm, or water damage. On this trip, we'll learn more about the company, and its 2,200 franchises across the United States and Canada. We'll observe a restoration demonstration, get an overview of the services and specialized equipment provided by the company, meet its highly trained restoration specialists, and learn how the company manages the logistics of providing professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

\$35 – includes guided tour, a catered lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation

13. Malvern Lane with Dan Callahan ◆◆◆◆**Thursday, April 24****9:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Explore early season flora on Malvern Lane, a vestige of Peoria's past, off Moss Avenue. Spring ephemeral wildflowers bloom in abundance on the hillsides flanking this brick corridor. Catch a glimpse of dogtooth violets, trout lilies, virginia bluebells and white violets. The lane remains the most intact connector between the bluff and the valley of the half dozen originally built. We'll also enjoy an in depth tour of Westminster Presbyterian Church, an architecturally significant house of worship built in 1988 with many innovative features. Don't miss the opportunity to explore this mostly hidden street.

\$40 – includes guided tour, a catered lunch at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and shuttle transportation

14. Peoria Riverfront Museum's Archives and Collections ◆◆◆◆**Tuesday, April 29****9:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Take a peek inside the Peoria Riverfront Museum's vast number of archives with an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour and presentation. We will tour the climate-controlled, off-site facility where the majority of the museum's 18,000 objects of art, science, history, and achievement are stored. During our visit, we will also get a look at the collection's American folk art, agrarian landscape painting, African ethnographic works, and a comprehensive mineral collection.

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

15. Discover Springfield's Hidden Gems ◆◆◆◆**Wednesday, April 30****8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

On this exciting trip to Springfield, we'll explore some of the city's most fascinating and lesser-known attractions. Step into a world of illuminated history at the ACE Sign Co. Museum, where our expert docent will guide us through a vast collection of vintage signs, each with its own story, and get a behind-the-scenes look at modern sign-making techniques in their production shop. We'll also visit the impressive Air Combat Museum at Abraham Lincoln Airport and marvel at a fleet of meticulously maintained, flyable aircraft. The museum's owner will lead our tour, providing in-depth information about each plane and its history.

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

16. Historical Highlights of Bloomington ◆◆◆◆**Thursday, May 1****8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Our day will begin with a behind-the-scenes tour of the David Davis Mansion, an 1870's home that combines Italianate and Second Empire architectural features and is a model of Gilded Age style. We'll also stop by Ewing Manor, a 1929 estate designed by Bloomington architect Phil Hooten in the Channel-Norman style so favored by the affluent in the post-Victorian period. Next, we'll tour the surrounding Genevieve Green Gardens, created by noted landscape architect Jens Jensen, who also designed Springfield's Lincoln Memorial Gardens.

\$55 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

17. Princeville Clydesdales ◆◆◆◆**Tuesday, May 6****9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Join us on this visit to a Clydesdale breeding farm in rural Princeville that houses 20-30 adult horses year-round. We should see some young foals as we learn about the complete operation and its partner facility in Canada. Our host, Kendra Knobloch, will explain breeding, foaling, sourcing food, medical care, training to harness, showing, and even what happens to composted manure.

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

18. Nature Connections at United Presbyterian Church

Thursday, May 8

8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Children now spend less time outside exploring nature, resulting in vision problems, attention disorders, and childhood obesity. When Randy Saxon co-founded the United Presbyterian Church (UPC), a site plan was created for the UPC campus to encourage the congregation and community to be with nature. Now a certified Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom, this space serves UPC Discovery Early Learning Center, adults in the neighborhood, and grades schoolers at Northmoor School. During our visit, we'll view The Walk with Randy video filmed shortly before his death, and Judy Harris Helm, UPC Nature Connections Committee chair, will discuss the effects of nature and your brain.

\$35 – includes guided tour, a catered lunch at UPC, gratuities, and shuttle transportation

19. Wheels O'Time Museum icon Anniversary of CAT

Thursday, May 22

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Step back in time as we tour Wheels O' Time, a six building interactive museum on a lovely campus in Dunlap. We'll enjoy a private, guided tour of this eclectic collection of antique autos and Caterpillar machinery. We will have an opportunity to see a charming steel home that was the brainchild of industrial inventor and Peorian Robert G. LeTourneau. A highlight of the tour will be the 2025 exhibit in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Caterpillar. It includes several vintage Caterpillar tractors, machines and memorabilia, a military display with a suspended L-16 reconnaissance plane, the stunningly restored 1931 Ahrens Fox Fire Truck, a giant LEGO® display ("Bricks in Motion"), a 1907 Pekin-made Hinners pipe organ, and so much more!

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



20. Peoria Fire Academy

Wednesday, May 28

10:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join us as we visit the Peoria Fire Academy, a 15-acre training facility near Galena Road utilized by local, state, and federal public safety agencies for upgrade training and continuing education. Chief of Training, Roland Tenley, 2023 Illinois Fire

Instructor of the year, and his staff will provide an in-depth look at the Peoria Fire Department, demonstrate the equipment used by firefighters (including fire gear and breathing apparatus), lead a walk-through of the facility's five story burn tower (walking to the top will be optional), oversee a vehicle extrication practice (depending on staff availability), and give willing participants a chance to put out a fire on their own in a controlled burn environment.

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

Activity Level 4

Be 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.

21. Caterpillar Research and Development

Thursday, March 13

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

During this tour, we will learn how Caterpillar spends \$8 million each day on research and development. We'll also find out more about Caterpillar's testing, simulation, and validation work that ensures its equipment delivers value over the entire lifecycle of the equipment. Join us as we find out how employees at the facility help keep Caterpillar up-to-date on regulations, product certifications, and industry standards. We will see the additive manufacturing area, commonly known as 3D printing, and learn how the technology brings a prototype solution to a main manufacturing method. Caterpillar will supply protective shoe covers, since steel-toed shoes are mandatory on this trip. Please be aware the covers may cause some discomfort while walking in the plant. It is imperative that you review and meet the activity levels before registering for this trip.

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



22. Navigate Nature: An Introduction to Orienteering

Monday, May 19

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to explore the outdoors while honing your navigation skills? Join the Illinois River Valley Orienteering Club to dive into the world of orienteering! This engaging

trip will introduce you to the basics of this thrilling sport, which combines map reading and compass use to navigate through diverse terrains. After learning the fundamentals in a classroom setting, you'll head to Spring Creek Preserve for some hands-on practice, putting your new skills to the test in a beautiful 262-acre area filled with wooded trails. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced adventurer, this event is a fantastic way to enjoy nature while enhancing your navigation abilities!

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

REGIONAL TRIP

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

23. Bridges, Rivers, and Architecture: Discovering Chicago's Hidden Marvels

Thursday, May 29
6:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an exciting trip to Chicago, where we will explore the vibrant Chicago Riverwalk. Our day begins with a guided walking tour, focusing on the Friends of the Chicago River, where we'll learn about the river's ecological importance and ongoing conservation efforts. Next, we will visit the McCormick Bridgehouse and Chicago River Museum, a unique venue that celebrates the history and mechanics of Chicago's famous movable bridges, offering stunning views from its five-story structure. After lunch we conclude our adventure with an architectural boat tour provided by Wendella Tours. This final leg of our journey allows us to admire Chicago's stunning skyline from the water while learning about its architectural marvels.

\$165 – includes guided tours, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, and shuttle transportation.



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1. Bonsai, An Ancient Art in Modern Times **Mondays, March 31 – May 5** **6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Bonsai is a centuries-old practice of training trees in containers to resemble those in nature. In this course, we will explore the key components of bonsai: horticulture, design, and technical skills. We'll learn how to maintain a healthy tree, develop your own design style, and apply essential techniques. Whether you are new to bonsai, have experience, or are simply curious, this course will guide you through the fundamentals of this fascinating art form.

\$65 – Your instructor, Chris Baker has worked with bonsai for over 18 years beginning as an enthusiast

with a passion for horticulture and nature. He has studied with bonsai master Tohru Suzuki in Japan, is the current President of the North American Bonsai Federation.

2. Science Charcuterie **Thursdays, April 3 – May 8** **4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

In this course, intriguing bits are gathered up and presented like a charcuterie board of tasty science snacks. This class will contain just about anything one might imagine including a little bit of color theory, a morsel of genetic testing science, a dash of airplane physics, some lightning theory, a mouse that turns scorpion venom into a painkiller, current scientific thoughts on origins of life and a lot of time to explore topics of interest to you.

\$65 – Your instructor, Kjir Hendrickson, PhD is a professor of Molecular Sciences at Arizona State University (ASU). A quantum chemist whose academic work focuses on science communication, matters of workplace climate, and the reciprocal relationship between science and society.

3. Car Crazy: 1950s Onward **Wednesdays, April 9 – May 14** **6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

We will explore key eras of automotive history, as a way of understanding the profound impact cars have on society and culture. We will discuss the role of influential designers (Ford Mustang & Chevrolet Corvette), the creation of iconic vehicles (Ford Nucleon) and the appeal of visionary concept cars all of which highlight the creativity and innovation of each era. Learn how the worldwide car scene showcases the diversity of human innovation and cultural expression, cementing automobiles as both a tool of progress and a reflection of societal evolution.

\$65 – Your instructor, Pandora Paul, is the former curator at America's Automotive Test and LeMay America's Car Museum in Tacoma, Washington. She has served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Automobile Museums. She loves to showcase vehicles that have not been seen before and believes that automobiles are snapshots of our culture.

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

ONLINE CLASSES

Eight of our spring classes will be held in the new hybrid learning rooms. Participants can choose to attend remotely via Zoom. The classes below have been selected to be online (as well as in person). See full descriptions on pages 5-8. \$30 per person

1. **All About Veins: Inside and Out**, 9:00 a.m.
7. **Turning Photos into Fine Art: Creative Photography Techniques**, 9:00 a.m.
9. **Blood and Sand: The Games and Arenas of Ancient Rome**, 10:30 a.m.
11. **Downsizing: Everything You Need to Know**, 10:30 a.m.
17. **Bloody Kansas—The First Civil War**, 12:30 p.m.
21. **Look Where I Went**, 12:30 p.m.
26. **Operation Downfall, The Planned Invasion of Japan: 1945/1946**, 2:00 p.m.
28. **Reform is in the Air: The Progressive Era**, 2:00 p.m.

ONLINE STUDY GROUPS

1. **Staring Into the Void: A Study of Mysticism**
Thursdays, March 6 – April 10
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Online via ZOOM

Mystical elements can be found in all the world's religions. In this survey course, we will explore these mystical aspects in Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, with each class focusing on one tradition. In the final session, we will come together to share which elements resonated with us and reflect on what mysticism truly is.

\$30 – Facilitated by Pastor Bill Dohle, pastor of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Pueblo, Colorado, and a frequent OLLI facilitator and instructor.

2. **A Deep Dive into *The Deepest Well*: Healing from the Inside Out**
Tuesdays, May 6 – May 27
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

In *The Deepest Well*, Dr. Nadine Burke Harris explores the profound impact of childhood trauma on lifelong health and well-being.

In this book study, we will delve into topics such as adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), the effects of trauma on the brain, and how positive experiences can help mitigate the long-term consequences of childhood trauma. Join us for an insightful discussion on how early experiences shape our lives and what can be done to promote healing and resilience
\$30 – Facilitated by Anni Reinking, Vice President of Prevention Services at Children's Home Association of Illinois and frequent OLLI facilitator. (RF/RG)

ONLINE ORIGINALS

1. **Google Drive 101: Store, Share, and Manage Files with Confidence**
Friday, March 7

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Frustrated trying to share a file that is too large to email? Join us for an informative online session with John Amdall, frequent OLLI instructor, as he guides us through the essentials of Google Drive. Learn how to organize, store, and share your documents, photos, and files easily in the cloud. Whether you're new to Google Drive or want to expand your skills, this session will help you make the most of this powerful, free tool. For the best possible experience, please create a free Gmail account at Google.com. If you already have an account, please make sure you can log into this account using Chrome. If you need assistance, please contact the Continuing Education office at least several days prior to the event.

\$15 – A Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.

2. **Mapping the Flames: How Satellites Track Wildfires Across the U.S.**
Wednesday, March 12

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

The United States Geological Survey Earth Resources and Observation Science Center (USGS) (EROS) operates the Landsat satellite program with NASA, and maintains the largest civilian collection of images of the Earth's land surface in existence, including tens of millions of satellite images. The Center uses satellites to monitor fires across the United States, all from a facility in





Ron and Judy Zipfel enjoy the sights and sounds of San Antonio during their recent Traveling Braves trip.

eastern South Dakota. Joshua Picotte, a research biologist with USGS EROS, has been involved in fire science for the past 20 years, and will explain the techniques used to map those fires and how the data is used.

Free – A Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.

3. Making a Difference for the Environment Thursdays, March 13, 20, and 27

5:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Online via Zoom

We live in a world where many feel powerless to enact change and have become apathetic toward democratic processes and governmental institutions. These sessions will explore how successful campaigns are built and how to get involved at all levels to drive meaningful change (especially locally). Bradley alumni Will Hackman will conduct deep dives into global environmental concerns, climate change, climate anxiety, conservation advocacy, international negotiations, storytelling, communication strategies, coalition building, and more. Will Hackman is Senior Program Officer of the Pew Charitable Trusts, a TEDx speaker, and conservation expert.

Free member perk! A Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.



4. Mesa Verde National Park

Tuesday, March 25

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Join us for an engaging event featuring a ranger from Mesa Verde National Park and delve into the rich cultural heritage and landscapes of this

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UNESCO World Heritage site. We will learn about the ancient Pueblo peoples who inhabited the area, exploring their architectural marvels and the significance of their cultural practices. The event will also highlight the park's ecosystems and its role in preserving history for future generations. This interactive session promises to deepen your appreciation for Mesa Verde's unique contributions to history and natural beauty. \$15 – A Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.

5. Dr. Cory Barker is Back via Zoom with The Future of Hollywood

Friday, April 25

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

In this first-ever collaboration with Penn State, Dr. Cory Barker, former Professor of Journalism at Bradley University (and now at Penn State), will survey the significant shifts in Hollywood practice over the last 25 years, including evolutions in blockbuster filmmaking and intellectual property management, the rise of streaming video, and the impact of the pandemic—with an eye toward what will happen in film and television in the next 25 years.

\$15 – A Zoom link will be sent the morning of the event.

ZOOM TRAINING

OLLI offers free, personal training session 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.



Anne Lockhart and Patricia Stevens deepen their understanding of congressional history on a recent tour of the Dirksen Congressional Center in Pekin.

Giving To OLLI/Save The Date

Last year was a remarkable 30th anniversary for OLLI. Our membership levels are strong, our programs have never been more varied and appealing, and our volunteers remain the creative lifeblood in every aspect of our learning community.

For the past 12 years, OLLI has counted on the financial support of our members to evolve and grow. On average, 38% of our membership contributes annually to fund expenses and upgrades that our membership and program fees simply don't cover.

We've used your gifts to make capital investments, to expand our offerings, to continue programming during the pandemic, and to cover the costs of our signature quarterly catalog while keeping membership and program fees very affordable. This year, your generous gifts will fund the design, printing, and mailing of our catalogs, replace our aging headsets and microphones used on every learning trip, maintain our shuttles, replenish our shuttle replacement fund, and contribute to our operational emergency reserves.



The Continuing Education team is going all in for Trivia 2025! All bets are on so don't miss the fun!

We're already off to a great start, thanks to a successful Trivia Night and some Caterpillar matching gifts. **That's right: Caterpillar matches now stay with OLLI. If you're a Caterpillar employee or retiree, your donation to OLLI is doubled when you submit a matching request. As an added incentive, gifts to OLLI at Bradley are exempt from Caterpillar's annual cap!**

If you have donated in the past, we thank you and encourage you to continue. If you haven't had the opportunity to contribute yet, now is the perfect time to make your first gift. It's easy and safe to give by visiting Bradley.edu/olli or by calling the Continuing Education office at (309) 677-3900. Every gift — and every giver — is essential to OLLI's success, you included! Thank you!



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President's Letter

There is no better way to get to know someone than working together toward a goal. I am so grateful for the many friends I have made volunteering with OLLI. I love seeing the brainstorming that goes on in the Committees to generate and develop ideas for future classes, study groups and trips. I've also seen how much I learn when I prepare to teach a class or facilitate a study group. Many hands make light work — and good friends!

I encourage each OLLI member to consider volunteering in a way that fits with your interests and talents to help make our very special OLLI even stronger.



Deb Clay
Deb Clay, OLLI President



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 Fall 2025

Peoria Next/Zoom hybrid meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.

Study Group Committee Summer 2025

Peoria Next/Zoom hybrid meeting
Thursdays, January 30 and February 20, 11:30 a.m.

Curriculum Committee Fall 2025

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

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

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ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

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

DIETARY CONCERNS

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

DRIVING ON TRIPS

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

GUESTS/INVITE A FRIEND

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

PROGRAM DETAILS and PARKING

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

PARKING FOR CLASSES

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

CLASS PARKING PERMITS

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

PHOTOGRAPHY

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

WAITLISTS

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

WEATHER

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

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SPRING PROGRAMS

ONLINE REGISTRATION Opens Thursday, February 6 at 8:30 a.m.

Brochure will be posted online by Monday, January 27



1. Login starting ONE WEEK PRIOR to registration and purchase your \$5 Spring membership at bradley.edu/olli.

2. Prior to registration, double check your username and password so you are ready to go when registration opens.



3. **IMPORTANT:** you will NOT see the “Add to Cart” button unless you have the \$5 membership in your cart OR have already purchased a Spring 25 membership.

4. To make selections, view ALL Spring Programs or scroll down and click each of the red tiles to view a program category: Classes, Originals, Study Groups, Trips, and Online



5. Once you have finished selecting all of your programs; go to your “cart” icon in upper right corner to check out.



You can mail your registration at any time. Forms will be processed starting Thursday, February 6 at 8:30 a.m.



To speak with staff about your registration, call (309) 677-3900 after 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 7, 2025.

If you would like assistance on how to register online please contact us PRIOR to registration day for a Zoom appointment with staff or a volunteer. Additionally, if you are new to Zoom and would like to learn more, you may call to set up a Zoom training session. Contact: (309) 677-3900 or olli@bradley.edu

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.

SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION

ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON

Step #1: 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 programs we will automatically add you to OLLI's weekly email and the mailing list for our quarterly catalog.

I am **NEW** to OLLI

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

Step #2: 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) Areas of expertise I could share with OLLI: _____

e) 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 #3: SELECT YOUR PROGRAMS

On pages 37-38 pick the activities in which you'd like to participate, and total the cost for each.

Step #4: PAYMENT INFORMATION

Spring Kick-Off	\$ _____ +
Classes (1, 2, 3, or 4).....	\$30.00 x _____ = \$ _____ +
Lunches.....	\$ _____ +
Originals.....	\$ _____ +
Study Groups.....	\$ _____ +
Learning Trips.....	\$ _____ +
Osher Online.....	\$ _____ +
OLLI Online.....	\$ _____ +
OLLI Quarterly Membership Fee*.....	\$ 5.00 =
TOTAL DUE = \$ _____	

*Paid only once in March, April, May

Payment Information

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 _____

- **If you are registering online**, please visit Bradley.edu/olli Opens Thursday, February 6 at 8:30 a.m.
- **If you are registering by mail**, please return pages 36-38 to: Bradley University Continuing Education, Attention OLLI, 1501 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL 61625. You can mail your registration at any time; forms will be processed starting Thursday, February 6 at 8:30 a.m.
- **To speak with staff about your registration**, please complete pages 37-38, and call (309) 677-3900 after 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 7.

Step #5: 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.

Signature _____

Date _____

SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION

SPRING KICK-OFF			
	Spring Kick-Off	April 14	\$5

CLASSES: April 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2025
\$30 per class; Choose 1, 2, 3, or all 4 times slots.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. \$30			
1.	All About Veins: Inside and Out		
2.	Autism Appreciation and Awareness		
3.	Building Better Cities: Hot Topics in Urban Planning		
4.	Computers: Past, Present, and Future		
5.	Decades of Change: 20th Century History 1900-1940		
6.	Exploring Our National Parks: America's Crown Jewels		
7.	Turning Photos into Fine Art: Creative Photography...		
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. \$30			
8.	19th Century Musical Romantics		
9.	Blood and Sand: The Games and Arenas of Ancient...		
10.	Classical Gardens of Suzhou: A UNESCO World...		
11.	Downsizing: Everything You Need to Know		
12.	Literary Lions (With a Twist)		
13.	Meditation for Spiritual Awareness		
14.	Now What Do I Do? Navigating Investments...		
15.	The World of Herbs		
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. \$30			
16.	The Allure of Young Adult Literature...		
17.	Bloody Kansas-The First Civil War		
18.	Creating a Financial Legacy: Tools for the Present...		
19.	The Game of Go		
20.	I Am Woman: Hear Me Roar! (Part 2)		
21.	Look Where I Went		
22.	Ocean Worlds: The Search for Life Beyond Earth		
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. \$30			
23.	Can a Broken Congress Be Fixed?		
24.	Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics		
25.	The Navajo Code Talkers		
26.	Operation Downfall, The Planned Invasion of Japan...		
27.	Philosophy That Actually Makes Sense		
28.	Reform is in the Air: The Progressive Era		

LUNCHES DURING CLASS DAYS			
	1. Soup du jour and salad buffet	April 2	\$13.50
	2. Oven roasted pork, fingerling potatoes, and mac and cheese	April 9	\$13.50
	3. Turkey wrap with cranberry jam and homemade chips	April 16	\$13.50
	4. Vegetable lasagna with green beans and Italian bread	April 23	\$13.50

ORIGINALS			
	1. Peoria Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle	Mar 7, Apr. 4, May 2	\$35
	2. How Did Everett Dirksen...	Mar. 18	\$15
	3. OLLI at the Movies: <i>Wizard of Oz</i>	Mar. 27	\$5
	4. Illinois Treasurer's I-Cash...	Mar. 31	\$15
	5. Stitching Together Sustainability	Apr. 4	\$15
	6. "Tracks Across America"	Apr. 10	\$15
	7. OLLI at the Movies: <i>To Kill a...</i>	Apr. 11	\$5
	8. Blue Zone Foods with Chef...	Apr. 15	\$30
	9. A Social History of Tattooing...	Apr. 18	\$15
	10. OLLI at the Movies: <i>Moneyball</i>	May 21	\$5

MIX AND MINGLE			
	1. Bernardi's	Mar. 11	FREE
	2. Industry Brewing	Apr. 15	FREE
	3. Oliver's in the Heights	May 20	FREE

STUDY GROUPS			
	1. Great Decisions...	Mar. 4 - Apr. 22	\$45
	2. <i>The Seven Sins Of Memory</i>	Mar. 17 - Apr. 14	\$45
	3. Discovering India	Mar. 18 - Apr. 22	\$45
	4. Read With Us...	Mar. 24 - May 5	\$45
	5. Five Decades Of Films	Mar. 25 - Apr. 22	\$45
	6. Beyond Sorry!..	Mar. 31 - Apr. 21	\$45
	7. Trailblazers LIGHT!	Apr. 3 - 24	\$45
	8. Unlocking The Secrets Of...	Apr. 3 - 24	\$45
	9. Life After Power...	Apr. 17 - May 29	\$45
	10. More Conversations with...	Apr. 29 - May 20	\$45
	11. Let's Read Lab Lit!	May 1 - 29	\$45
	12. OLLI Trailblazers	May 7 - 28	\$45
	13. To Go or Not to Go	May 28 - Jul. 16	\$45

SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION

LEARNING TRIPS

Activity Level 1

1. Ardor	Mar. 5	\$55
2. Peoria County Coroner	Mar. 21	\$35
3. BU Theatre: <i>John Proctor is the...</i>	Apr. 10	\$65
4. Peoria Sculptures and Monuments	May 20	\$40

Activity Level 2

5. 39th Bradley International Print	Mar. 14	\$35
6. USDA National Center for...	Mar. 26	\$35
7. Proctor Place	Apr. 8	\$35
8. Mackinaw Valley Vineyard	May 14	\$50
9. 182nd Airlift Wing, Illinois Air...	May 16	\$35
10. 182nd Airlift Wing, Illinois Air...	May 16	\$35

Activity Level 3

11. Welcome to the Circus!	Mar. 28	\$45
12. ServPro	Apr. 17	\$35
13. Malvern Lane with Dan Callahan	Apr. 24	\$40
14. Peoria Riverfront Museum's ...	Apr. 29	\$45
15. Discover Springfield's Hidden...	Apr. 30	\$50
16. Historical Highlights of...	May 1	\$55
17. Princeville Clydesdales	May 6	\$35
18. Nature Connections at United...	May 8	\$35
19. Wheels O'Time Museum	May 22	\$45
20. Peoria Fire Academy	May 28	\$35

Activity Level 4

21. Caterpillar Research and...	Mar. 13	\$35
22. Navigate Nature: An Introduction..	May 19	\$35

REGIONAL TRIP

23. Bridges, Rivers, and Architecture...	May 29	\$165
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OSHER ONLINE

1. Bonsai, An Ancient Art	Mar. 31 – May 5	\$65
2. Science Charcuterie	Apr. 3 – May 8	\$65
3. Car Crazy: 1950s Onward	Apr. 9 – May 14	\$65

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ONLINE STUDY GROUP

1. Staring Into the Void...	Mar 6 - Apr. 10	\$30
2. A Deep Dive into The...	May 6 - 27	\$30

ONLINE ORIGINAL

1. Google Drive 101: Store, Share...	Mar. 7	\$15
2. Mapping the Flames..	Mar. 12	FREE
3. Making a Difference for the...	Mar. 13, 20, 27	FREE
4. Mesa Verde National Park	Mar. 25	\$15
5. Dr. Cory Barker is Back...	Apr. 25	\$15



OLLI members take a bite out of roadside history in Atlanta.



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The Peoria Riverfront Museum offers several programs that will interest and inform, including:

SENIOR MORNING

Every third Wednesday of the month, Seniors 60+ enjoy all exhibitions and daytime Planetarium shows FREE of charge.

ACCESS FOR ALL

Through Art Bridges Foundation's Access for All program, admission to the Peoria Riverfront Museum is FREE every second Sunday of the month!

VOLUNTEER

Give back to your community while enjoying a fun atmosphere with like-minded people when you volunteer at the Peoria Riverfront Museum! No matter where your talents or interests lie, there's a place for you.

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