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**Membership Renewal Information**

Please [renew your membership](#) (which ended June 30, 2024) if you have not already done so. Memberships in OLLI for Fiscal Year 2025 are now available and will be needed to register for summer study groups and fall courses. The cost of an OLLI membership is still $150 for a full-year membership (now – June 30, 2025) and $90 for a Fall membership (now – December 31, 2024). Scholarships are available. Please contact the office for more information about scholarships.

**Fall 2024 semester:**
July 10 – August 16: **Summer Study Group** session (6 weeks) Register [Now]!

**Tuesday, September 3 – Monday, October 28: Fall Courses** [Registration](#) opens Wednesday, July 10, 9:00 a.m.

Monday, November 4 – Friday, December 20: **Fall Study Group** session (6 weeks; no study groups November 25 – 29)

**Spring 2025 semester:**
January 6 – February 17, 2025: Winter Study Group session (6 weeks)

**Monday, February 24 – April 18: Spring Courses**
April 28 – June 9: Spring Study Group session (6 weeks)

OLLI Documentary Week: June 16 – June 20 (not June 19)

***If there are two contacts on your account (a household account) and you receive a message indicating that you do not have permission to purchase a membership, please have the other contact on the account log in to purchase the memberships. (Our registration software permits only one designated contact to purchase memberships, even though either contact can register for courses and other events.) If you still have difficulties, please contact the OLLI office for assistance (217-244-9141). We’re happy to help.

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Summer Trivia at OLLI

Thursdays, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
July 11, July 18, and July 25, 2024
Illinois Classroom

OLLI’s Membership Committee has organized three fun-filled afternoons of trivia at OLLI and plans to continue the fun at a neighborhood bar of the trivia MC’s choosing. Please join us. Come with a group of friends or come by yourself and we will pair you with others. Guests are welcome! Teams will consist of 4 – 8 people. Varying themes and categories will be included.

To register, log in to your OLLI account with your username and password, choose “Events 24-25” under Select Semester, then press “select” and the Registration button under the session(s) you wish to attend. Click “Checkout,” agree to “Terms of Use,” click “continue” and then “submit.” You will receive an email confirmation as soon as you have completed the registration process. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please make sure that you completed the registration process by clicking the “submit” button.

Please call the OLLI office or email if you would like to register guests. Everyone is welcome! Light refreshments provided by Membership Committee members will be served during the contests.

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OLLl is hiring! Program and Engagement Coordinator

As you know, Janet Summers retired at the end of May. Now, OLLI at Illinois is in the process of hiring a new Program and Engagement Coordinator. This full-time position coordinates OLLI programs and engagement initiatives involving members, instructors, lecturers, and community partners. The individual will assist the OLLI director in strategic planning and in the development and implementation of OLLI at Illinois’ lifelong learning programs, as well as other duties, as necessary, for the smooth operation of OLLI.

To view the position description and application information, please visit this link: https://illinois.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/1/home/requisition/10945?c=illinois

If you know someone you think would be interested in this position, please share this link. Thank you!

Summer Study Groups begin Monday, July 8

Our summer study group session will begin Monday, July 8. The list of study groups and schedule are below, and descriptions are on the OLLI website. Registration is now open. Please renew your membership for 2024-2025 to register for the summer session. To register, log in to your OLLI account with your username and password, choose “Study Groups – Summer 2024” under Select Semester, then press “Select” and the Registration button under the study group(s) you wish to attend. Complete “Checkout,” agree to “Terms of Use,” click “continue” and then “submit.” You will receive an email confirmation as soon as you have completed the entire registration process. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please make sure that you completed the registration process by clicking the “submit” button.

For descriptions of each study group, please visit OLLI’s Current Study Groups website. For the Summer Study Group Schedule, visit the Summer 2024 Study Group Downloads.

MONDAYS: 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12
The Atlantic, Trisha Crowley and Jean Paley; Zoom 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Not Your Mother’s Soap Opera: Why are International Soap Operas So Popular? Casey Diana; In-person 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
TUESDAYS: 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13
These Are a Few of our Favorite Films, Multiple Facilitators; In person 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS: 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14
The New Yorker, Kathleen Holden and Marilyn Resch; Zoom 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
The Economist, Claire Barker, Doug Staske, and Jeff Gordon; Hybrid 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Caste and Origins: The Book and the Film, Barbara Jones; Hybrid 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion, Bob Strauss and Norm Klein; Hybrid 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS: 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14
A Moment on the Edge: 100 Years of Crime Stories by Women--Part 2,
Sandy Camargo and Judith Robinson; In-person 10:30 am – 12:00 p.m.

FRIDAYS: 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16
Writing and Performing Poetry, John Palen; Hybrid 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Writers’ Café, Frank Chadwick; Hybrid 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Study groups enable members to share ideas and get to know other members in ways different from OLLI courses. If you have not participated in OLLI study groups, you are missing out on one of the best features of OLLI. We hope you will decide it’s time for you to join a study group.

For those interested in proposing a study group for our Fall session (November 4 – December 20; no study groups Nov. 25-29), the proposal form is now available for your submissions.

Fall Course Registration opens, Wednesday, July 10 at 9:00 a.m.

OLLI will offer 27 courses this fall semester, with a solid balance of topics and a great mix of new and returning instructors. The list of fall courses and the schedule are below. Registration for the fall semester will open on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. To register, log in to your OLLI account with your username and password, choose “Courses – Fall 2024” under Select Semester, then press “Select” and the Registration button under the course(s) you wish to attend. Complete “Checkout,” agree to “Terms of Use,” click “continue” and then “submit.” You will receive an email confirmation as soon as you have completed the entire registration process. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please make sure that you completed the registration process by clicking the “submit” button.
For fuller descriptions of each Fall course and instructor biographies, please visit OLLI’s Current Courses website. For the Fall Course Schedule, visit the Fall Course Downloads.

**MONDAYS: (September 9 – October 28)**

*From Genome to Organism: Choreographing Gene Expression.* Claudia Reich
4-week course (first four weeks). In-person and Zoom. Osher 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

*Slow-Flow Yoga – the Philosophy and Practice.* Jan Erkert
In-person. Illinois 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Banned Books and the Culture Wars in the USA.* Barbara Jones
In-person and Zoom. Orange 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Genomics and Microbes: Exploring Questions at the Intersection of Science and Society*  
Paola Mera (lead instructor, IGB team-taught course). In-person & Zoom. Osher 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

*Truths and Trials: The Life of Galileo.* Robert S Kiely
In-person and Zoom. Illinois 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**TUESDAYS: (September 3 – October 22)**

*Identity and Ethnic Conflict.* Paul F. Diehl
4-week course (second four weeks). In-person. Orange 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

*History of the Art of India, Part II: Mughals through 20th Century.* Bernard Cesarone
In-person and Zoom. Illinois 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Trump in Full: Election, Autocracy and the Company He Keeps.* Brant Houston
In-person and Zoom. Osher 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Please note that this course begins and ends one week later (9/10 - 10/29) than other Tuesday courses.

*Cool Britannia: England on Film 1955–1979.* Sandy Camargo
In-person. Osher 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Early Music History: From Ancient Music to the Baroque Period. Kelli McQueen
In-person and Zoom. Orange 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Racial Literacy. Joycelyn Landrum-Brown
In-person and Zoom. Illinois 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAYS: (September 4 – October 22)**

How We learn and Use Language: An introduction to Linguistics. Sue Ingels
In-person and Zoom. Orange 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Claude Monet and Georges Clemenceau: Highlights from an Historic Friendship.
Bruce Michelson. 4-week course (first four weeks). In-person. Illinois 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Holy Land from Prehistory to the Crusades. Fred Christensen
In-person and Zoom. Illinois 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

War in Ukraine and the Revolution in Modern Warfare. Frank Chadwick
In-person and Zoom. Osher 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Cybersecurity Essentials for Staying Safer Online.
Cindy McKendall (lead instructor, UIUC Cybersecurity Training & Awareness Team)
4-week course (first four weeks). In-person. Illinois 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Launching the Imagination: Contemporary Topics in the Visual Arts. Lisa Costello
In-person and Zoom. Illinois 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Son of Silent Film Classics. Chuck Koplinski
In-person. Osher 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**THURSDAYS:**

World War I in the Middle East. Janice Jayes
In-person and Zoom. Osher 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
The Sound and the Fury. Parley Ann Boswell
In-person and Zoom. Osher 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

FRIDAYS:

Resolving Difficult Presidential Elections. Brian Gaines
4-week course (second four weeks). In-person and Zoom. Osher 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Yoga for Resilience. Kimberly Green
In-person. Illinois 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Dimensions of Care. Martin Srajek
In-person and Zoom. Orange 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

From the Cuban Missile Crisis to the End of the Cold War. Chris Butler
In-person and Zoom. Osher 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Zen Buddhism and Zen Meditation. Florence Caplow
In-person and Zoom (first class on Zoom only). Orange 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Classic American Novels on Film and Television. John Frayne
In-person. Osher 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAYS: (September 7 – October 26)

Yoga for Bone Health. Kimberly Green
In-person. Illinois 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

For qualified instructors who are interested in proposing a course for OLLI’s Spring 2025 semester (February 24 – April 20, 2025), the proposal form is now available for submissions. Deadline for Spring 2025 Course proposals: Friday, October 18, 2024. Late submissions may be reviewed if received no later than Monday, November 4, 2024. Please spread the word!
Membership Satisfaction Survey

Thanks to everyone who has already filled out a survey of your OLLI experience during 2023-2024. This brief survey will remain available through Friday, July 5. Visit https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/1341011809 or click here to access the survey. Results will be shared with members in a subsequent OLLI Weekly email. Your input is genuinely appreciated!

OLLI Member Research Participation Opportunity

bpMedManage Study – Using Smartphone to Support Medication Taking

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is conducting a study on using smartphones to support medication taking.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Age 60+
- Currently taking high blood pressure medication
- Experiencing challenges with memory/thinking/concentration
- Use a smartphone

About the Study:
This study is testing the benefits of smartphone technology to improve taking prescribed medications for high blood pressure among older adults who are experiencing some difficulties with memory, thinking and/or concentration. During the study, participants will continue taking their blood pressure medication as prescribed by their doctor and monitor their blood pressure using a provided blood pressure monitor. The study involves 4 in-person visits and 1 online visit over 4 months, with minimal contact with the research team outside of these visits.

Purpose:
The purpose of the study is to test the benefits of smartphone technology to support taking high blood pressure medication in older adults with memory, thinking, and/or concentration challenges.

What is Involved:
- 4 in-person meetings over 4 months (minimal contact with the research team outside of visits)
- Blood pressure monitor provided
- Financial compensation provided

Contact Information:
Please contact us at (217)-244-7383 or medmanage@illinois.edu.
This study is approved by the Institutional Review Board of the University of Arizona (lead site; IRB of record). IRB parent protocol ID #: STUDY00002804; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign IRB #: IRB24-0168.
Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 8. **Summer Study Groups** begin

Wednesday, July 10, 9:00 a.m. **Fall Course registration** begins

Thursday, July 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **OLLI Trivia Thursday** (followed by Happy Hour)

Friday, July 12, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Mahjong** (OLLI Library)

Donor Spotlight

Please join us in thanking all those who have donated to OLLI this year. The full list of OLLI donors can be found [HERE](#) on our website.

**Recent Donations:**
Mr. Kennedy Hutson and Dr. Parley Ann Boswell
Drs. Sarah and Charles Wisseman

**Recent Donations in Honor of Janet Summers:**
Anastasia Economy
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Anna Merritt
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**Gift comments:**
“On the occasion of Janet’s retirement.”
COFFEE SPONSOR FOR JULY:
It is our pleasure to thank the sponsors for the OLLI Coffee Bar for July 2024:

David and Hana Wickersheimer
&
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Many, many thanks to all our generous donors – those who have donated for coffee and tea throughout the year and the many more who are supporting all our programs. Your gifts have been especially helpful this year in supporting our course instructors, improving technology in our Osher classroom, and in the coming upgrade of our website and registration system. A special thanks to those who have become monthly recurring donors. Thank you!

Stay Curious!

Kathryn and Patricia,
July 5, 2024