

OLLI Weekly – 6/28/24

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Membership Renewal Information (Final Weekend of 2023-2024 OLLI Membership)

It's time to [renew your membership](#)! Current full-year and spring memberships expire this **Sunday, June 30, 2024**. Memberships in OLLI for Fiscal Year 2025 are now available. The cost of 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.

Access to I-cards, UINs, and library privileges will begin around July 1, 2024 for all 2024-2025 full-year members who live within 50 miles of OLLI at Illinois. (**Note:** If you have been receiving emails from no-reply@illinois.edu: "Affiliation Manager Reminder" in your inbox, please disregard. The emails have to do with updating your OLLI affiliation information. I hope to resolve the issue with the 2024-2025 uploaded membership information next week.)

Fall 2024 semester:

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

****Tuesday, September 3 – Monday, October 28: Fall Courses**

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.

Summer Trivia at OLLI

Thursdays, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

July 11, July 18, and July 25, 2024

Join us for three fun-filled afternoons of trivia at OLLI and continue the fun at a neighborhood bar of the trivia MC's choosing.

Come with a group of friends or come by yourself and we will pair you with others. 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 friends.

Light refreshments will be served during the contests.

OLLI 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 for spreading the word!

New OLLI Website and Registration System Coming this Fall! (We need your help!)

On Monday, July 1, OLLI will begin working with CampusCE to develop a new website for OLLI at Illinois and set up a new registration system. Finally!!! The transition from our current website and system to the new one will take between 90 and 120 days. As we are building our new website, we'd appreciate input from members about what items/sections on the home page and subsequent pages will make it easy for you to find out what is going on at OLLI and how you can participate. **If you are interested in volunteering to serve on this ad hoc committee, please email Kathryn (kfw@illinois.edu or olli@illinois.edu) by next Friday, July 5.** Thanks to those of you who have already suggested improvements to our registration system. We'll do what we can to incorporate your ideas into our new program. If others of you have suggestions (but don't want to serve on the committee), please email your thoughts to Kathryn. We're keeping a list!! Thanks for your help.

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.

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.

If you enjoyed your study group, please consider [donating](#) to OLLI in honor of your study group facilitator or facilitators. These OLLI members work hard to ensure that all of the

sessions are interesting and challenging for everyone. 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.**

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.

Membership Satisfaction Survey

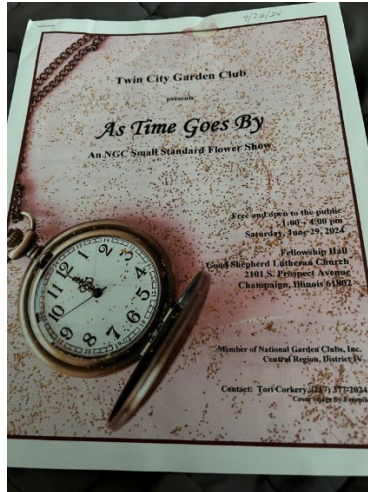
Thanks to everyone who has already filled out a survey of your OLLI experience during 2023-2024. This brief survey will remain available through Friday, July 5. Visit <https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/1341011809> or click [here](#) to access the survey. Results will be shared with members in a subsequent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

OLLI Members Recommend...

A Standard Flower Show, “As Time Goes By,” will take place **Saturday, June 29, 2024** at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2101 S. Prospect, Champaign, IL from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. A Standard Flower Show is three-fold:

- to set standards of artistic and horticulture excellence
- to broaden knowledge of horticulture, flower arranging, conservation and other related areas of interest
- to share the beauty of a show to the general public

Admission is free.



Weekly Calendar

Registration continues for [Summer Study Groups](#)

Sunday, June 30. **Final day of Annual and Spring OLLI Memberships. We hope you will [renew](#).**

Tuesday, July 2, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. **OLLI Folksingers** (Blue Room)

Wednesday, July 3, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Membership Committee Meeting** (Orange and Zoom)

Thursday, July 4. **OLLI Office Closed for Independence Day.**

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:

Prof. Martin and Dr. Sandra Camargo

Millie Davis

Robert Illyes

Paula Kaufman

Donna and Paul Offenbecher

Claudia Reich

Vaidotas and Birute Simaitis

Prof. Martin and Dr. Sandra Camargo (in honor of Bev Herzog)

David and Patricia Meller (in honor of Norman Klein and Robert Strauss)

Honoring Janet

Over the eighteen-year history of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, there has been one ongoing anchor: Janet Summers. Through three directors, three locations, and multiple office managers, Janet has remained the sole constant. Known for her collaborative, helpful style and her warm sense of humor, Janet has interacted with hundreds of current and past members, instructors, and campus and community contacts.

To honor her career and major contributions to OLLI, and in conjunction with her retirement on May 31, 2024, an initiative is being launched to raise funds in Janet's honor. Throughout her time at OLLI, Janet assisted in the development and implementation of hundreds of courses, lectures, study groups, travel programs, and social activities. She made herself available to numerous Board/Advisory Council meetings and participated in multiple committee meetings, and her uncompromising and reliable help in every conceivable way possible has endeared her to countless members. Her wide-ranging talents will be deeply missed at OLLI.

Please consider honoring Janet's years of service by making a tax-deductible donation. OLLI will notify Janet of each gift given in her honor. Thank you!



Ways to give:

- 1) via giving.illinois.edu (search Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Fund – 11342234; on a subsequent page select “This gift is a tribute” and add Janet Summers’ name.)

- 2) by mail (University of Illinois Foundation, P.O. Box 734500, Chicago, IL 60673-4500) with a check payable to 'University of Illinois Foundation' and a note indicating it is to be directed to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Fund (11342234) in honor of Janet Summers.
- 3) by bringing a check to the office (made payable to 'University of Illinois Foundation' and a comment indicating it is for OLLI Fund (11342234) in honor of Janet Summers

Recent Donations in Honor of Janet Summers:

Beverly Herzog

Joan and Charles Kozoll

Barbara Schleicher

Dr. Aldred and Mrs. Nina Heckman

Dr. Ira and Mrs. Cecile Levenson

Dr. Shung-Wu Lee and Ms. Emmie Fisher

Dr. Rebecca Morgan-Boyd and Dr. David Boyd

Marilyn Resch

Richard and Janet Schroeder

Jerry Soesbe

Gift comments:

"In honor of Janet Summers on her retirement from OLLI. She has been an essential part of OLLI since its inception and become a friend many of us, including me."

"Remembering Janet in her retirement from OLLI."

COFFEE SPONSOR FOR JUNE:

It is our pleasure to thank the sponsor for the OLLI Coffee Bar for June 2024:

BEV HERZOG, CHAIR

2023 – 2024 ADVISORY COUNCIL

THANKS, BEV, FOR
A GREAT YEAR!!



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. A special thanks to those who have become monthly recurring donors. Thank you!

Stay Curious!

Kathryn and Patricia,
June 28, 2024