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Our Mission and Values

The mission of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Arkansas (U of A) is to provide a community of adults with a lifelong learning venue that promotes intellectual and cultural growth through exploration and discussion via diverse, high quality and affordable educational programs.

High Quality Programs and Engaging Programs

The OLLI Program Development Team annually develops stimulating programs in a variety of fascinating topic areas. Programs range from one-time lectures, tours, workshops, and day hikes to eight-week seminars or study groups. Programs are engaging, innovative, lively, hands-on, informative, and offered in a variety of settings. There are no prerequisites, no tests or exams, and no age restrictions. OLLI programs provide the ideal environment for learning.

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Along with university professors and other educators, those who facilitate OLLI programs include experienced professionals, passionate hobbyists, researchers and distinguished scholars. OLLI instructors are there both to educate and to engage, and they love sharing their knowledge, expertise and fascinating stories.

On the Cover



An OLLI member proudly displays a hummingbird feeder crafted from a recycled glass bottle during a hands-on workshop focused on creativity, sustainability, and backyard wildlife.

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Special Events and Programs

In addition to regular programs, OLLI members enjoy the opportunity to engage in monthly social and cultural events, special programs, special interest groups, and much more. These special programs provide an opportunity to take the discussion outside the classroom, meet new people, and participate in unique experiences only offered through our institute.

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OLLI Membership

Benefits of an OLLI Membership

- ◆ Memberships are tax deductible.
- ◆ Priority registration on ALL courses and events.
- ◆ Access to members only programs and courses.
- ◆ Access to member-exclusive Special Interest Groups.
- ◆ Advanced notice of OLLI programs, cultural events and socials via newsletters and special announcements.
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OLLI at Uof A Teaching Opportunities

Teaching a class with OLLI is a great way to share your expertise, highlight your business or industry, or share your love for a topic with other like-minded individuals.

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Check: Mail or drop off a check to OLLI, 481 S. Shiloh Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72704.

Welcome to Fall 2026 at OLLI

Welcome to the Fall semester of 2026 at OLLI. We are excited to present what we believe is a very meaningful slate of programs and activities for you to experience beginning in September. Your Program Development Team has dedicated their graciously donated volunteer time to ensure that you have difficult choices to make this semester. Of course, the more programs you choose the merrier, so choose liberally!

You will notice that we are continuing our homage to America 250 with classes on the significant, but sadly lesser known, contributions of women during the American Revolution and also Part 2 of the American Revolution story begun this past Spring. While not related to America 250, we are also offering several classes about Northwest Arkansas during the Civil War. Courses will focus on the Battle of Pea Ridge and the Battle of Prairie Grove, including a battlefield reenactment. Rest assured that old favorites like hikes, health, and handicrafts are still well represented.

OLLI is an extremely important part of my life. My wife and I joined OLLI shortly after retiring to Fayetteville in 2019. We are fully committed to lifelong learning and OLLI has provided the means to that end. I joined the Program Development Team in 2023 and became chairman of that dedicated group in July of 2025. This volunteer opportunity has been beyond gratifying for me. I encourage each of you to give something back to OLLI and above all to become a member.

As we close out 2026, we are encouraged with steady growth in our membership numbers and diverse program offerings for our members to choose from. The social activities during the past year from our Social Team have been spot on. Our Membership / Outreach Team has been working hard to take OLLI to other communities in Northwest Arkansas. The Development Team planned the first OLLI Trivia Night which was a big hit.

We are excited to close out a very successful 2026 with a look to celebrating OLLI's 20th Anniversary in 2027. Thanks for being a part of this tremendous organization!

Cheers,

Mike Horsman
Lifelong Learner



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Many of OLLI's programs are designed to get you moving, enjoying the great outdoors and traveling to see new things! "Programs by Category" on page 8 will give you a better idea of the more active programs available this fall.*



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LEVEL 1 Low Intensity

Activities that require minimal effort and do not significantly elevate the heart rate or breathing. Examples include leisurely walking on flat surfaces, stretching, yoga, standing without sitting, boarding, and exiting a van or bus.

LEVEL 2 Moderate Intensity

Activities that moderately elevate the heart rate, and breathing and require good balance. Participants should have good balance and be able to walk or hike 1 – 3 miles on uneven surfaces, climb at least 2 flights of stairs, and participate in leisure recreation such as light bicycling, bowling, dancing, etc.

LEVEL 3 High Intensity

Activities that substantially increase heart rate, breathing, and energy level. Participants should have outstanding balance and an active lifestyle. Examples include hiking 4 or more miles on uneven surfaces, brisk walking, aerobics, water activities, pickleball/tennis, and other recreational sports.

OLLI Activity Levels

*All participants in programs or activities involving physical activity must annually complete an activity acknowledgement form prior to participation.

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9/1/26	TUE	10:00 AM	OLLI	BRINGING ARKANSAS'S STORIES & CHARACTERS TO LIFE WITH LARRY FOLEY	1	\$54	\$39	13
9/2/26	WED	10:30 AM	OLLI	POSTCARDS FROM ITALY-AN OLLI JOURNEY	1	\$50	\$35	13
9/2/26	WEDs	1:00 PM	OLLI	OZARK/ ARKANSAS WRITERS BOOK CLUB	4	N/A	\$29	13
9/3/26	THU	10:00 AM	GPN	NIOKASKA CREEK CRITTERS	1	\$34	\$19	13
9/8/26	TUE	10:00 AM	ECO	ELECTION INTEGRITY AND SECURITY	1	\$34	\$19	13
9/9/26	WED	10:30 AM	OLLI	CAN WE TALK? RESPECTFUL CONVERSATIONS ON DIFFICULT TOPICS	1	\$44	\$29	13
9/10/26	THU	10:00 AM	UAMS	DON'T LET FALLS TRIP YOU UP: LEARN, MOVE, PREVENT	1	\$30	\$15	14
9/11/26	FRI	9:00 AM	OLLI	OIL PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS	1	\$50	\$35	14
9/11/26	FRI	6:00 PM	FHSF	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: AN INSIDE LOOK AT FAYETTEVILLE BULLDOG FOOTBALL	1	\$34	\$19	14
9/12/26	SAT	5:00 PM	DPU	BARK & RECREATION: A DOG TRAINING SESSION	1	\$60	\$45	14
9/15/26	TUE	9:00 AM	OLLI-CP	HIKE AT CHEROKEE PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA	1	\$44 (CR) / \$64 (TR)	\$29 (CR) / \$49 (TR)	14
9/16/26	WED	10:00 AM	OLLI	OUTSMARTING YOUR SMART PHONE	1	\$34	\$19	14
9/16/26	WED	5:00 PM	FERM	FERMENTARY PUBLIC HOUSE: BEHIND THE SCENES & BITES	1	\$34	\$19	15
9/17/26	THUs	2:00 PM	ATCD	FROM FOREST TO FRAME: EXPLORING MASS TIMBER DESIGN	2	N/A	\$39	15
9/18/26	FRI	10:00 AM	UAMS	BACK ON YOUR FEET: PRACTICAL FALL RECOVERY SKILLS	1	\$30	\$15	15
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9/21/26	MON	1:00 PM	OLLI	UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE ACCESS	1	\$34	\$19	15
9/22/26	TUEs & THUs	10:00 AM	OLLI	INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE: HOW TO PLAY SMARTER	8	\$59	\$44	15
9/22/26	TUE	1:30 PM	OLLI	USING THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ARKANSAS	1	\$34	\$19	15
9/23/26	WED	9:00 AM	OLLI-AWSM	SHAPING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES: INSIDE THE ALICE L. WALTON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	1	N/A	\$25 (CR) / \$45 (TR)	16
9/25/26	FRI	9:30 AM	JRM	HERBAL SALVES AND TINCTURES FOR THE MODERN WORLD	1	\$34	\$19	16
9/28/26	MONs	10:00 AM	VIRTUAL	GREAT ARTISTS IN AMERICAN ROOTS MUSIC (OOL)	6	N/A	\$55	16
9/28/26	MON	10:00 AM	OLLI	ORIGINAL MEDICARE OR MEDICARE ADVANTAGE - WHICH IS BETTER FOR ME?	1	\$34	\$19	16
9/28/26	MONs	12:00 PM	VIRTUAL	THE BRITISH FAMILY IN FILM: HEAVY IS THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE CROWN (OOL)	6	N/A	\$55	16
9/29/26	TUE	10:00 AM	OEC	ELECTRIC VEHICLES: TAKING CHARGE OF THE ROAD	1	\$34	\$19	17

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9/29/26	TUEs	10:00 AM	VIRTUAL	WINNING THE WHITE HOUSE: THE EVOLUTION OF THE PRESIDENCY (OOL)	6	N/A	\$55	17
9/29/26	TUE	11:00 AM	RRSP	ROARING RIVER STATE PARK LUNCH & VISIT	1	\$44	\$29	17
9/29/26	TUEs	4:00 PM	VIRTUAL	A COSMIC GRAND TOUR: THE REALMS OF THE UNIVERSE (OOL)	6	N/A	\$55	17
9/29/26	TUEs	6:00 PM	VIRTUAL	APPLE AT 50: HOW IT REVOLUTIONIZED COMPUTING AND TRANSFORMED DAILY LIFE (OOL)	6	N/A	\$55	17
9/30/26	WEDs	10:00 AM	OLLI	NURTURING YOUR BRAIN WITH THE MIND DIET	4	\$70	\$55	17
9/30/26	WED	1:00 PM	OLLI	THE CIVIL WAR IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS: THE BATTLE OF PEA RIDGE	1	\$34	\$19	17
9/30/26	WEDs	4:00 PM	VIRTUAL	THE MAGIC BEHIND FILM SCORES: THE ROLE OF MUSIC IN GREAT MOVIES-PART II (OOL)	6	N/A	\$55	18
10/1/26	THU	1:00 PM	FHGC	HISTORY OF FOWLER HOUSE AND TEA WITH FIRST LADY	1	N/A	\$19	18
10/2/26	FRI	9:45 AM	OLLI-SM	BEAUTIFUL HISTORICAL TOUR: ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ALTUS AR	1	\$34 (CR) / \$59 (TR)	\$19 (CR) / \$44 (TR)	18
10/5/26	MONs	6:00 PM	VIRTUAL	THE HISTORY AND EXPERIENCE OF ROUTE 66 (OOL)	6	N/A	\$55	18
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10/7/26	WEDs	12:00 PM	VIRTUAL	POST-WAR ARCHITECTURE: THE INNOVATIVE ARCHITECTS OF THE MIDCENTURY MODERN PERIOD (OOL)	6	N/A	\$55	23
10/7/26	WEDs	4:00 PM	VIRTUAL	AUGUST WILSON AND HIS AMERICAN CYCLE-THE FIRST FIVE: 1904-1957 (OOL)	6	N/A	\$55	23
10/8/26	THUs	1:00 PM	OLLI	BEGINNING KNITTING	3	\$49	\$34	23
10/9/26	FRIs	10:00 AM	OLLI	GRANDMA MOSES: AMERICAN FOLK ART ICON	1 - 2	\$34	\$19	23
10/9/26	FRIs	10:00 AM	VIRTUAL	THE 60's THROUGH THE GREAT SPEECHES (OOL)	6	N/A	\$55	24
10/12/26	MON	10:00 AM	OLLI	THE SONNET: HOW TO RECOGNIZE, HOW TO WRITE	1	\$34	\$19	24
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10/14/26	WED	10:00 AM	RBK	HAVE YOUR CAKE AND DECORATE IT TOO!	1	\$70	\$55	24
10/14/26	WEDs	1:00 PM	OLLI	HAND QUILTING FOR BEGINNERS	3	\$59	\$44	24
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10/20/26	TUE	10:00 AM	OLLI HQ	THE GEOLOGIC STORY OF LITHIUM	1	\$34	\$19	25
10/21/26	WED	5:00 PM	TDB	TEXAS DE BRAZIL: A TASTE OF BRAZILIAN TRADITION	1	\$34	\$19	25
10/22/26	THU	6:00 PM	TBD	POLITICS, POWER, AND PROGNOSIS: AN EVENING WITH JOHN BRUMMETT	1	\$44	\$29	25
10/23/26	FRI	10:00 AM	KUAF	STORY WORTHY: HOW TO FIND, SHAPE, AND TELL A STORY	1	\$34	\$19	26
10/26/26	MON	10:00 AM	OLLI HQ	LOOP, LOOM & LEARN: CREATE YOUR FIRST POTHOLDER	1	\$54	\$39	26
10/27/26	TUE	9:00 AM	OLLI-RT	ROUND TOP MOUNTAIN HIKE: BIG VIEWS IN THE OZARKS	1	\$40 (CR) / \$60 (TR)	\$25 (CR) / \$45 (TR)	26
10/29/26	THU	10:00 AM	OLLI	HOW TO BE A SONGBIRD SUPERHERO	1	\$34	\$19	26
10/29/26	THU	1:00 PM	VIRTUAL	OWNING OLD: BECOMING AS WE AGE - AN INTERACTIVE ONLINE EXPERIENCE	1	\$30	\$15	26
10/30/26	FRI	10:00 AM	SMU	WHAT'S NEW (AND OLD) IN DOWNTOWN SPRINGDALE?	1	\$34	\$19	27
11/2/26	MONs & WEDs	9:00 AM	VAR	STEP INTO WELLNESS - FALL WALKING SERIES	8	N/A	\$15	27
11/2/26	MON	11:00 AM	MUL	HANDS ON CUNEIFORM! EXAMINING 4,000-YEAR-OLD TABLETS IN THE UA ARCHIVE.	1	\$60	\$45	27
11/3/26	TUEs	10:00 AM	OLLI	GEOLOGIC TIME: THE AGE AND EVOLUTION OF THE EARTH	2	\$39	\$24	27
11/5/26	THUs	10:00 AM	OLLI	A GREAT DAY IN HARLEM: REFLECTIONS ON THE ICONIC PHOTO AND THE ARTISTS THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE	2	\$54	\$35	27
11/5/26	THUs	2:00 PM	OLLI	AMERICA 250: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - PART 2 (1777-1783)	2	\$40	\$25	28
11/6/26	FRI	9:00 AM	OLLI-ONF	HIKE THE OZARK NATIONAL FOREST - COVE CREEK	1	\$44 (CR) / \$64 (TR)	\$29 (CR) / \$49 (TR)	28
11/9/26	MONs	2:00 PM	OLLI	WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH CAPITALISM?	2	\$39	\$24	28
11/10/26	TUEs	1:00 PM	OLLI	AMERICA 250: THE AMAZING WOMEN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION	2	\$40	\$25	28
11/11/26	WED	1:00 PM	OLLI	ROUTE 66 AT 100: THE HIGHWAY THAT SHAPED AMERICA	1	\$34	\$19	28
11/13/26	FRI	10:00 AM	OLLI	THE CIVIL WAR IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS: "I CAN SEE THE HAND OF PROVIDENCE" - THE BATTLE OF PRAIRIE GROVE	1	\$34	\$19	29
11/16/26	MON	11:30 AM	WS	WOODEN SPOON: TRADITION, CRAFT, AND A TASTE OF COMMUNITY	1	\$39	\$24	29
11/17/26	TUE	9:00 AM	FAYCH	A HIKE BACK IN TIME, ROCK CITY ON KESSLER MOUNTAIN	1	\$39	\$24	29
11/18/26	WED	9:00 AM	OLLI-PRSA	PEDESTAL ROCKS LOOP TRAIL HIKE	1	\$44 (CR) / \$60 (TR)	\$29 (CR) / \$45 (TR)	29

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BEGIN DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	PROGRAM	SESSIONS	PUBLIC PRICE	MEMBER PRICE	PG #
11/19/26	THU	10:00 AM	CHC	HISTORIC CANE HILL: CRAFTING CULTURE, PRESERVING PLACE	1	\$44	\$29	29
11/19/26	THU	1:00 PM	YRCC	HEALTHY MEALS MADE EASY	1	\$69	\$54	30
11/20/26	FRI	1:30 PM	OLLI	COMMON QUESTIONS IN MEN'S HEALTH	1	\$34	\$19	30
11/30/26	MON	10:00 AM	OLLI	AGING IN PLACE VS. MOVING: HOW TO EVALUATE YOUR HOME AND MAKE A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE	1	\$30	\$15	30
11/30/26	MON	5:30 PM	TBD	COOKING DINNER FOR ONE, TWO, OR A FEW	1	N/A	\$59	30
12/1/26	TUE	11:00 AM	OLLI	CAN YOU HEAR ME? EAR & HEARING HEALTH	1	\$49	\$34	30
12/2/26	WED	9:30 AM	CCGC	INSIDE COLLEGE WOMEN'S GOLF: COACHING, RECRUITING, AND THE PATH TO THE PROS	1	\$34	\$19	31
12/3/26	THU	9:30 AM	OLLI	A DIPLOMATIC LIFE - TALES FROM SERVING OVERSEAS	1	\$39	\$24	31
12/5/26	SAT	9:00 AM	PGBP	THE CIVIL WAR IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS: BATTLE OF PRAIRIE GROVE REENACTMENT	1	\$34	\$19	31
12/8/26	TUE	10:00 AM	SNOC	SAINT NICHOLAS: THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND	1	\$34	\$19	31
VAR	VAR	VAR	VAR	THE CIVIL WAR BUNDLE OPTION	3	\$64	\$49	31
VAR	VAR	VAR	VAR	THE AMERICA 250 BUNDLE OPTION	2	\$60	\$45	31

Locations Key

ATCD	Anthony Timberlands Center for Design, 610 W Praxis Ln, Fayetteville, AR
CBMU	Crystal Bridges, 600 Museum Way, Bentonville, AR
CHC	Cane Hill College, 14219 College Rd., Caneyhill, AR
CCGC	Clear Creek Golf Course, 5826 Clear Creek Blvd, Fayetteville, AR
DPU	Dog Party USA, 912 S. Maestri Rd., Springdale, AR
ECO	Election Commission Office, 2721 South Brink Drive, Fayetteville, AR
FAYCH	Fayettechill (Smokehouse) & Rock City Trail, 1725 S Smoke House Trl, Fayetteville, AR
FHGC	Fowler House Garden & Conservatory, 523 N. Razorback Rd. Fayetteville, AR
FHSF	Fayetteville HS Football Field, 235 South Buchanan, Fayetteville, AR
FERM	Fermentary Public House, 1000 W Monroe F, Lowell, AR
GNP	Gulley Park, Fayetteville, AR
I³R	I ³ R (The Institute for Integrative and Innovative Research), 793 W Dickson St. Fayetteville, AR
JRM	Jane-Ellen Ross Home, 19978 Groth Rd, Springdale, AR
KUAF	KUAF, 9 S. School, Fayetteville, AR
MUL	Mullins Library, 365 N McIlroy Ave, Fayetteville, AR
OEC	Ozarks Electric Cooperative, 3641 Wedington Drive, Fayetteville, AR
OLLI	OLLI Headquarters, 481 S. Shiloh Dr., Fayetteville, AR

OLLI-AWSM	OLLI HQ & Alice Walton School of Medicine, 481 S. Shiloh Dr., Fayetteville & 1001 NE J St, Bentonville, AR
OLLI-CP	OLLI HQ & Cherokee Prairie, 481 S. Shiloh Dr., Fayetteville, AR and Highway 60, Charleston, AR
OLLI-ONF	OLLI HQ & Ozark National Forest, 481 S. Shiloh Dr., Fayetteville, AR
OLLI-RT	OLLI HQ & Round Top Mountain Loop Trail, 481 S. Shiloh Dr., Fayetteville & Jasper, AR
OLLI-SM	OLLI HQ & St. Mary's Catholic Church, 481 S. Shiloh Dr., Fayetteville & 5118 St. Mary's Lane, Altus, AR
ONF	Ozark National Forest, Russellville, AR
PGBP	Prairie Grove Battlefield Park, 506 E Douglas St., Prairie Grove, AR
PRSA	Pedestal Rock Scenic Area, AR 16 Highway, Pelsor, AR
RBK	Rick's Bakery, 1220 N. College, Fayetteville, AR
RRSP	Roaring River State Park, 24667 State Hwy 112, Cassville, MO
SMU	Shiloh Museum, 118 W. Johnson Ave, Springdale, AR
SNOC	St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 3171 S 48th Street, Springdale, AR
SSYS	Soovieet Skeins Yarn Shop, 901 N. College Ave Fayetteville, AR
TdB	Texas de Brazil, 2203 S Promenade Blvd., #15100, Rogers, AR
UAMS	UAMS, NW Campus, 1125 N College Ave, Fayetteville, AR
WS	Wooden Spoon, 1000 S Gentry Blvd., Gentry, AR
YRCC	Yvonne Richardson Community Center, 240 E Rock St, Fayetteville, AR

SEP. 1 | BRINGING ARKANSAS'S STORIES & CHARACTERS TO LIFE WITH LARRY FOLEY

DESCRIPTION: Larry Foley, University of Arkansas Professor Emeritus, has been producing stories about Arkansas for 50 years. In this 3-hour interactive presentation, he will show segments of some of his favorite films and most compelling characters, from a baptism on the Buffalo River, to a death-bed reenactment with Judge Isaac Parker, the Hangin' Judge. Foley will wax about narrators he has used, places he has filmed, and the techniques he employs to bring history to life.

Lunch will be provided and is included in the cost of program.

INSTRUCTOR: Larry Foley

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 9/1/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$54 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$39

SEP. 2 | POSTCARDS FROM ITALY-AN OLLI JOURNEY

DESCRIPTION: Participants will revisit the beauty of Venice, Florence, Rome, and Sorrento through Doug Talbott's curated presentation of photographs from OLLI's 2026 Italy journey. The program highlights iconic landmarks, candid moments, and the spirit of shared travel, offering both a chance to relive the experience and a preview of what future OLLI adventures may hold.

Lunch will be provided and is included in the cost of program.

INSTRUCTOR: Doug Talbott

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 9/2/26- (1)

TIME: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$50 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$35

SEP. 2 | OZARK/ ARKANSAS WRITERS BOOK CLUB

DESCRIPTION: Book Club participants will explore Arkansas and the Ozarks through four well-written books by Arkansas authors. Sept. 2 - *Backing Down the Protestant Trail* by Harris Taylor; Oct. 7 - *Though Silent They Speak*, by Abby Burnett; Nov. 4 - *Don't Cry for Me* by Daniel Black; Dec. 2 - *Cave Mountain* by Benjamin Hale. Participants are expected to acquire their own books and read them before each meeting. Pearl's Books in downtown Fayetteville offers a 20% discount when participants mention the OLLI Book Club.

The class meets the first Wednesday of each month. (Current OLLI Members Only).

INSTRUCTOR: Marilyn Heifner and

Missy Pledger

DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 9/2/26-12/2/26 (4)

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$29

SEP. 3 | NIOKASKA CREEK CRITTERS

DESCRIPTION: Participants will join Suzanne Murphy, Education and Water Quality Specialist with the Illinois River Watershed Partnership, to explore the world of creek-dwelling benthic macroinvertebrates—small, spineless organisms that play a key role in assessing freshwater ecology. Their diversity provides important clues about water quality and environmental health.

This field-based lab will take place at Niokaska Creek at Gulley Park (unless an alternate venue is required). Participants will conduct a bug kick, collect macroinvertebrates, identify taxa, and use the findings to estimate the creek's water quality.

All equipment will be provided. Waders are available upon request up to IRWP's supply limit. Participants are encouraged to bring weather-appropriate clothing, sun protection, a refillable water bottle, and a lawn chair. IRWP will provide a water cooler.

INSTRUCTOR: Suzanne Murphy

DAY/DATE: Thursday, 9/3/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Gulley Park, Niokaska Creek

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

SEP. 8 | ELECTION INTEGRITY AND SECURITY

DESCRIPTION: This class focuses on the steps the Washington County Election Commission takes to ensure election integrity and security, guided by Jennifer Price, Director of Elections for Washington County. Topics include ballot creation, equipment testing, Election Day procedures, chain-of-custody protocols, and the certification process.

Participants will have the opportunity to view election equipment and observe each stage of the process firsthand. The class also addresses recent Presidential Executive Orders, the SAVE Act, and their potential impact on voting in Washington County.

INSTRUCTOR: Jennifer Price

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 9/8/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

LOCATION: Election Commission Office

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19



Photo by OLLI

SEP. 9 | CAN WE TALK? RESPECTFUL CONVERSATIONS ON DIFFICULT TOPICS

DESCRIPTION: Led by Glen White, retired psychologist and founding member of Braver Angels of Arkansas, and David Childs, Braver Angels ambassador, this two-hour interactive workshop introduces participants to Braver Angels, a national nonpartisan organization dedicated to reducing polarization. The session explores the forces that drive tribalism and highlights the true story of Daryl Davis, a Black musician whose friendships with Ku Klux Klan members prompted many to leave the organization.

Participants will learn the LAPP framework—Listen, Acknowledge/Agree, Pivot, and Perspective—a set of four practical skills for navigating difficult conversations. Each skill is clearly defined and illustrated with real examples.

The workshop includes hands-on practice, coaching, and a live modeled conversation. Volunteers may participate in a guided real-time dialogue. The session concludes with open discussion and Q&A. Lunch will be provided and is included in the program cost.

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INSTRUCTOR: Glen White and David Childs
DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 9/9/26- (1)
TIME: 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$29

SEP. 10 | DON'T LET FALLS TRIP YOU UP: LEARN, MOVE, PREVENT

DESCRIPTION: This interactive program helps older adults reduce their risk of falls while maintaining confidence and independence. Led by Physical Therapist (PT) Dr. Jennifer Vincenzo and Occupational Therapist (OT) Dr. John (Johnny) Rider, the session combines practical education with actionable strategies to prevent falls in daily life.

Participants will learn how factors such as strength, vision, medications, and home setup influence stability. The program introduces simple exercises to improve mobility and offers tips for creating safer environments.

Participants will leave with increased awareness, practical tools, and greater confidence to remain active and steady. **Activity Level: 1**

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. John V. Rider and Dr. Jennifer L. Vincenzo
DAY/DATE: Thursday, 9/10/26- (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: UAMS, NW Campus
PUBLIC PRICE: \$30 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$15

SEP. 11 | OIL PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS

DESCRIPTION: Led by local artist and long-time OLLI instructor Helen Eaton, this workshop guides beginning painters through the full process of creating an oil painting—from a blank canvas to a finished work of art. The class emphasizes hands-on learning supported by reference photographs, instructor demonstrations, and individualized guidance.

Participants will complete a small painting of a bluebird, a project previously offered as an

OLLI course in 2019. All materials (canvas, paint, brushes, palette, medium, etc.) are included in the class fee.

INSTRUCTOR: Helen Eaton
DAY/DATE: Friday, 9/11/26- (1)
TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$50 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$35

SEP. 11 | FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: AN INSIDE LOOK AT FAYETTEVILLE BULLDOG FOOTBALL

DESCRIPTION: Participants will experience the excitement of a hometown tradition during an evening at Harmon Stadium on Friday, September 11. This behind-the-scenes program reveals what it takes to bring Friday night football to life.

The session highlights the coordinated efforts of players, coaches, band members, spirit teams, and game-day staff—more than 500 students working together to create a spirited community event.

This insider experience offers a deeper appreciation for the teamwork, preparation, and energy that make game night memorable.

INSTRUCTOR: Alan Wilbourn
DAY/DATE: Friday, 9/11/26- (1)
TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
LOCATION: Fayetteville HS Football Field
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

SEP. 12 | BARK & RECREATION: A DOG TRAINING SESSION

DESCRIPTION: Dog Party USA, a multi-year winner of "Best Boarding and Daycare," invites participants and their dogs to a special one-hour introductory educational experience in a relaxed park-and-pool setting. The facility has welcomed dogs for 20 years, offering play sessions, training, and overnight stays.

Participants will enjoy snacks and beverages while learning from the Dog Party USA team as their dogs play, splash, and socialize. Casual attire is recommended, and participants may enter the pool with their dogs if they wish. Come see why dogs (and their humans) love Dog Party USA. It's fun, it's friendly, and it's the perfect outing for you and your best friend.

To keep every tail wagging safely, all Dogs must provide proof of current vaccinations for rabies, DHLPP, and Bordetella. The cost of the training session is included in your program cost.

INSTRUCTOR: Alex Barrales and Chaddie Platt
DAY/DATE: Saturday, 9/12/26- (1)
TIME: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Dog Party USA
PUBLIC PRICE: \$60 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$45

SEP. 15 | HIKE AT CHEROKEE PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA

DESCRIPTION: Discover the beauty and ecological significance of one of Arkansas's last remaining tallgrass prairies on this guided hike through Cherokee Prairie Natural Area. Located just north of Charleston, this remarkable landscape offers a glimpse of the once-expansive Cherokee Prairie that covers western Arkansas.

Participants will be joined by ANHC botanist Ben Benton, exploring native plants and learning about the ecosystem that supports rare and endangered species. As you walk through the prairie's shifting colors and textures, you'll also experience the importance of Prairie Creek, which winds through the area and sustains a rich variety of wildlife.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes and bring water, a bag lunch, and a hiking stick if needed. Meeting information and other details will be sent in the program reminder. **Activity Level: 2**

INSTRUCTOR: Josh Raney
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 9/15/26- (1)
TIME: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ & Cherokee Prairie
PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 (CR) / \$64 (TR)
MEMBER PRICE: \$29 (CR) / \$49 (TR)

SEP. 16 | OUTSMARTING YOUR SMART PHONE

DESCRIPTION: This workshop helps participants feel confident and capable when using their smartphones—whether iPhone or Android. Eric Howerton, an entrepreneur in the technology sector, will focus on everyday tasks that simplify life, such as finding and installing apps, using patient portals to communicate with healthcare providers, and navigating on-

line shopping safely.

Special attention will be given to password security, recognizing scams, and avoiding common online pitfalls. Participants will learn simple habits that protect privacy and keep devices running smoothly.

Participants should bring a fully charged smartphone (and/or tablet) to class.

INSTRUCTOR: Eric Howerton

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 9/16/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

SEP. 16 | FERMENTARY PUBLIC HOUSE: BEHIND THE SCENES & BITES

DESCRIPTION: Participants will enjoy a relaxed social outing at Fermentary Public House, a locally owned brewery known for its craft beer, cider, and welcoming atmosphere. The visit includes a behind-the-scenes look at the brewing process and the unique qualities that make this venue a community favorite.

Participants may stay to enjoy smash burgers, charcuterie, and beverages of their choice. Food and drink will be available for purchase, allowing each participant to tailor their experience.

The program fee covers administrative costs only. Food and drink will be purchased individually (cost TBD).

INSTRUCTOR: Jennifer Muckerman and Karen Smenner

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 9/16/26- (1)

TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Fermentary Public House

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

SEP. 17 | FROM FOREST TO FRAME: EXPLORING MASS TIMBER DESIGN

DESCRIPTION: Led by UA Professor of Architecture Peter MacKeith, this short course introduces participants to the principles of mass timber design and construction—a rapidly expanding field in contemporary architecture, engineering, and construction. The course explores the material's roots in vernacular building traditions, its relationship to forestry and materials science, and its role in sustainable environmental design.

Participants will tour four mass timber facilities on the University of Arkansas campus: the Anthony Timberlands Center for Design and Materials Innovation, the Library Annex, the Adohi Residence Hall, and the I3R Research Facility.

Architects, engineers, and contractors involved in each project will share insights into design logic, construction methods, and the future of mass timber.

The first session concludes with a guided tour of the Anthony Timberlands Center. During the second session, participants will meet at a designated location and travel together by bus to visit the remaining facilities. **Activity Level: 1** (Current Members Only)

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Peter MacKeith

DAY/DATE: Thursdays, 9/17/26-9/24/26 (2)

TIME: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Anthony Timberlands Center for Design

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$39

SEP. 18 | BACK ON YOUR FEET: PRACTICAL FALL RECOVERY SKILLS

DESCRIPTION: Falls are not an inevitable part of aging, but when they occur, knowing how to respond is essential. This hands-on class, led by Dr. Jennifer Vincenzo of UAMS and Dr. John (Johnny) Rider of the University of Arkansas, teaches older adults how to safely recover from a fall, protect themselves from further injury, and assist another person when needed.

Participants will learn techniques for getting up from the floor, recognizing when to call for emergency assistance, and preventing future falls. The class also introduces tools such as medical alert systems that can enhance safety and peace of mind.

The session emphasizes practical skills, confidence-building, and personal safety in a supportive environment. Family members and caregivers are welcome. **Activity Level: 1**

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Jennifer L. Vincenzo and Dr. John V. Rider

DAY/DATE: Friday, 9/18/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: UAMS NW Campus

PUBLIC PRICE: \$30 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$15

SEP. 18 | HOW MEMORIES INFORM HEALTH

DESCRIPTION: This program explores the powerful role memory plays in the health of older adults. As people age, long-term memories often become more vivid and influential, shaping identity and emotional well-being. Positive memories can offer comfort and stability, while unresolved or traumatic memories may contribute to stress, anxiety, or depression.

Dr. Orie Quinn, founder of the Ozark Holistic Center and frequent OLLI presenter, emphasizes that supporting older adults in process-

ing and understanding their past can lead to improved mood, greater peace of mind, and better physical health.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Orie Quinn

DAY/DATE: Friday, 9/18/26- (1)

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

SEP. 21 | UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE ACCESS

DESCRIPTION: This program examines the financial, logistical, cultural, and systemic barriers that limit access to healthcare. These obstacles can delay treatment, worsen health outcomes, and deepen existing disparities.

Dr. D'Andre Jones, a licensed therapist and mental health professional, will discuss how these barriers affect individuals on a personal level and how they shape overall well-being.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. D'Andre Jones

DAY/DATE: Monday, 9/21/26- (1)

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

SEP. 22 | INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE: HOW TO PLAY SMARTER

DESCRIPTION: Participants will join Tom Jacobsen for a bridge class designed for players who know the basics and are ready to deepen their skills. The course teaches participants how to think ahead at the table—evaluating hands, planning strategy, and choosing effective lines of play.

Each workshop combines clear instruction with hands-on practice, allowing participants to apply new concepts immediately. The course covers planning as both Declarer and Defender, strengthening bidding, and refining technique.

The class meets twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) for four weeks. Handouts will be provided.

INSTRUCTOR: Tom Jacobsen

DAY/DATE: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9/22/26-10/15/26 (8)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$59 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$44

SEP. 22 | USING THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ARKANSAS

DESCRIPTION: Participants will join Kylee Cole, Long Range & Historic Preservation Planner for the City of Fayetteville, for an explor-

tion of the Encyclopedia of Arkansas—the only state encyclopedia in the nation created and maintained by a public library system. This rich online resource contains thousands of entries illuminating Arkansas's people, places, and stories.

Participants will learn how to access the Encyclopedia, navigate its themes and topics, and explore entries related to local history, culture, natural landscapes, and significant events. The session also introduces the process for contributing original research.

This program offers a welcoming entry point for history enthusiasts, curious residents, and lifelong learners interested in preserving and sharing Arkansas's past.

INSTRUCTOR: Kylee Cole

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 9/22/26- (1)

TIME: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

SEP. 23 | SHAPING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES: INSIDE THE ALICE L. WALTON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

DESCRIPTION: This program offers participants an immersive visit to the Alice L. Walton School of Medicine (AWSOM) and the Heartland Whole Health Institute, highlighting their shared commitment to whole-person health and the future of healthcare delivery in Arkansas. The experience begins at AWSOM with a guided tour of its innovative learning environments, including medical simulation areas that reflect real-world clinical settings.

The visit continues at the Heartland Whole

Health Institute, where leadership guides participants through spaces dedicated to research, collaboration, and community well-being. An art-focused walkthrough demonstrates how Heartland integrates creativity and aesthetics to enhance emotional well-being and reinforce whole-health principles.

Throughout the program, AWSOM faculty and Heartland leadership facilitate discussions on integrative medical education, innovative care models, and their efforts to improve healthcare access across Arkansas—particularly in rural communities. Participants will also learn about Heartland initiatives aimed at transforming healthcare through policy and research, including efforts to expand statewide capacity for critical graduate medical education training programs. Together, the experience provides a concise yet meaningful look at how these organizations are shaping the future of whole-person health and strengthening the healthcare workforce. **Activity Level: 1** (Current members only)

FACILITATOR: David Honey

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 9/23/26- (1)

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ & AWSOM

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A

MEMBER PRICE: \$25 (CR)/\$45 (TR)

SEP. 25 | HERBAL SALVES AND TINCTURES FOR THE MODERN WORLD

DESCRIPTION: Participants will join Jane-Ellen Ross, a fifth-generation Ozark woman, at her home in rural eastern Washington County to learn the process of making and using herbal salves and tinctures. These remedies are crafted from home-grown or wild-harvested medicinal plants.

The class covers which plants can be safely used, how to gather and prepare them responsibly, and the step-by-step methods for creating tinctures and salves. Participants will also learn guidelines for safe and effective use in daily life.

Attendees will take home a small tin of salve, a small bottle of tincture, and basic recipes for making their own preparations.

INSTRUCTOR: Jane-Ellen Ross

DAY/DATE: Friday, 9/25/26- (1)

TIME: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Jane-Ellen Ross Home

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

SEP. 28 | GREAT ARTISTS IN AMERICAN ROOTS MUSIC (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: From its emergence amid rapid cultural change in the early 20th century,

country music has resonated with people who feel left behind by a shifting world. A key genre of American roots music, it captures hardships of modern life while intentionally evoking emotional response. Whether facing troubled relationships, unemployment, homelessness, loneliness, or spiritual bereft, there is a country song for you.

This course traces the history of country and American roots music through the stories and artistic developments of influential performers. Each session highlights key figures including the Carter Family, Bill Monroe, Hank Williams, and Dolly Parton.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Taylor Ackley

DAY/DATE: Mondays, 9/28/26-11/2/26 (6)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

LOCATION: Virtual

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

SEP. 28 | ORIGINAL MEDICARE OR MEDICARE ADVANTAGE - WHICH IS BETTER FOR ME?

DESCRIPTION: Millions of Americans become eligible for Medicare each month, and the fall enrollment period brings a wave of advertisements and mailings promoting various health plans. This program helps participants navigate these options with clarity.

Tom O'Neal, a retired senior healthcare executive, provides unbiased information explaining the available Medicare choices, with a focus on considerations specific to Northwest Arkansas.

The session helps participants identify the personal factors that matter most when determining which type of plan best fits their needs.

INSTRUCTOR: Thomas O'Neal

DAY/DATE: Monday, 9/28/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

SEP. 28 | THE BRITISH FAMILY IN FILM: HEAVY IS THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE CROWN (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: This course examines royal succession through acclaimed British films that explore power not as ceremony, but as moral and political crisis. We will trace the monarchy's evolution from personal rule to institutional authority, beginning with the Plantagenet struggles in *Becket* (1964) and *The Lion in Winter* (1968).

We will then examine the moral costs of kingship and the performance of national leader-



ship through two Shakespeare adaptations: *Chimes at Midnight* (1965) and *Henry V* (1989). The course will conclude with the Tudor rupture: *A Man for All Seasons* (1966) and the consolidation of legitimacy in *Elizabeth* (1998).

INSTRUCTOR: Butch Epps
DAY/DATE: Monday, 9/28/26-11/2/26 (6)
TIME: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

SEP. 29 | ELECTRIC VEHICLES: TAKING CHARGE OF THE ROAD

DESCRIPTION: Kris Williams, Director of Energy Services and Business Development for Ozarks Electric Cooperative, offers a practical introduction to electric vehicles (EVs) for participants curious about what driving one is really like. The session explains how EV technology works and how it differs from traditional engines. Participants will explore charging basics, battery range, maintenance needs, and the real-world experience of owning an EV in Northwest Arkansas. Common questions and misconceptions will be addressed.

The program helps participants understand both the mechanics and the motivations behind this rapidly growing technology.

INSTRUCTOR: Kris Williams
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 9/29/26- (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: Ozarks Electric Cooperative
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

SEP. 29 | WINNING THE WHITE HOUSE: THE EVOLUTION OF THE PRESIDENCY (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: Harry S. Truman once described the presidency as "the most peculiar office in the world." In this course, we will explore how the Founding Fathers left the office for future presidents to define, creating conditions for a dramatic expansion of executive power. We will examine how the presidency has come to dominate the three co-equal branches, with Congress and the Supreme Court at times ceding authority.

We will consider how and why this shift occurred, how this peculiar office is won or lost, how they have exercised power, and how the rise of the administrative state has reshaped the balance envisioned by the framers.

INSTRUCTOR: John White
DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 9/29/26-11/3/26 (6)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

SEP. 29 | ROARING RIVER STATE PARK LUNCH & VISIT

DESCRIPTION: Participants will enjoy a scenic outing to Roaring River, featuring a guided tour of the park and its renowned fish hatchery. The tour provides insight into the area's natural environment and ongoing conservation efforts. Upon arrival at Roaring River State Park, participants will meet at the Emory Melton Inn to enjoy lunch (at 11:30), featuring a limited menu with options such as smothered steak, chicken strips, or a hummingbird salad. After dining, the group will tour the hatchery facility. The program fee covers the tour and administrative costs. Food and beverages will be purchased individually (estimated cost: \$20). **Activity Level: 1**

INSTRUCTOR: Christina Corrison and Karen Smenner
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 9/29/26- (1)
TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
LOCATION: Roaring River State Park, Cassville, MO
PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$29

SEP. 29 | A COSMIC GRAND TOUR: THE REALMS OF THE UNIVERSE (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: In this course, we will explore the three fascinating realms of the cosmos: nearby planets and moons; the stars; and the galaxies (the great island of stars that turn out to be the building blocks of the universe.)

Our discussion will be in everyday language, without any math, and will be accompanied by remarkable color images from the latest space probes and the world's largest telescopes, including the latest breathtaking images from the James Webb Space Telescope.

INSTRUCTOR: Andrew Fraknoi
DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 9/29/26-11/3/26 (6)
TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

SEP. 29 | APPLE AT 50: HOW IT REVOLUTIONIZED COMPUTING AND TRANSFORMED DAILY LIFE (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: This course traces Apple's fifty-year history and its massive impact on personal computing, design, product culture, platforms and ecosystems, and daily life. Each session focuses on a different decade in Apple's history, from the birth of the PC in the late

1970s to the latest Apple silicon, VR headsets, and future iPhones. We will learn how Apple reshaped not just technology, but how people live, work, and communicate.

INSTRUCTOR: Leander Kahney
DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 9/29/26-11/3/26 (6)
TIME: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

SEP. 30 | NURTURING YOUR BRAIN WITH THE MIND DIET

DESCRIPTION: This four-part series explores the MIND Diet, a flexible and enjoyable approach to eating that may support brain health as people age. Research suggests that nutrient-rich foods—such as leafy greens, nuts, and berries—may help maintain cognitive function and slow age-related memory changes.

Led by Elizabeth Berner, Washington County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, the program introduces participants to the diet's potential benefits and includes opportunities to sample simple, flavorful recipes designed to nourish both body and mind. Participants will discover how small, sustainable dietary choices can contribute to long-term well-being and mental sharpness.

INSTRUCTOR: Elizabeth Berner
DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 9/30/26-10/21/26 (4)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$70 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

SEP. 30 | THE CIVIL WAR IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS: THE BATTLE OF PEA RIDGE

DESCRIPTION: This program examines the Battle of Pea Ridge, fought March 7-8, 1862, a decisive Civil War engagement that determined control of Northwest Arkansas and Southwest Missouri. It was one of the largest battles west of the Mississippi River.

Participants will explore the strategic importance of the region and the campaign that brought opposing armies to the Wire Road in Pea Ridge.

Dale Phillips, a 41-year Ranger, Historian, and Superintendent with the National Park Service, will bring this pivotal battle to life through expert interpretation.

INSTRUCTOR: Dale Phillips
DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 9/30/26- (1)
TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

SEP. 30 | THE MAGIC BEHIND FILM SCORES: THE ROLE OF MUSIC IN GREAT MOVIES-PART II (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: This course continues our journey into how music becomes the emotional engine of film. This is not film school—it is a celebration for film lovers who want to experience how music shapes story, character, and unforgettable moments.

We will explore how instrumental scores and songs with lyrics work together to drive narrative, define identity, and capture cultural shifts. We will focus on films where songs take center stage, from iconic franchise themes to pop- and rock-driven storytelling. Spanning genres and eras, we will see how composers, songwriters, and performers expanded the language of film music.

(Class will not meet 10/28)

INSTRUCTOR: Mike Agron

DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 9/30/26-11/11/26 (6)

TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

OCT. 1 | HISTORY OF FOWLER HOUSE AND TEA WITH FIRST LADY

DESCRIPTION: Participants will learn about the rich history of the Fowler House and the Fowler Garden & Conservatory through a guided overview by Derrick Hartberger. The session highlights the estate's evolving uses and cultural significance.

Following the tour, guests will enjoy tea and light refreshments with University of Arkansas First Lady Reynelda Augustine-Robinson, offering a welcoming space for conversation and reflection.

Parking will be available for participants in Lot 100 on Oliver Avenue. (Current Members Only)

INSTRUCTOR: Derrick Hartberger

DAY/DATE: Thursday, 10/1/26- (1)

TIME: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Fowler House Garden & Conservatory

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

OCT. 2 | BEAUTIFUL HISTORICAL TOUR: ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ALTUS AR

DESCRIPTION: Experience a guided tour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help—St. Mary's—an architectural gem dedicated in 1902 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Over-



looking the Arkansas River Valley, the church features stunning gold-leaf murals by Fridolin Fuchs and brilliant stained-glass windows crafted by Emil Frei of St. Louis and the Art Glass Company of Cincinnati.

The tour includes the historic J.G. Pfeffer organ, a rare reverse-console tracker instrument installed in 1925. A live demonstration by Amy Post Sexton showcases its distinctive sound and connects the music to the region's Swiss, German, and Slavic immigrant heritage. Participants will learn how the church's story intersects with Arkansas railroads, mining towns, and early winemaking traditions.

Tour time: 11:30 - 1:00 / Travel time add 1.5 hrs. Lunch afterward will be on participants' own. Activity Level: 1

INSTRUCTOR: Amy Post Sexton

DAY/DATE: Friday, 10/2/26- (1)

TIME: 9:45 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ & St. Mary's Catholic Church

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 (CR) / \$59 (TR)

MEMBER PRICE: \$19 (CR) / \$44 (TR)

OCT. 5 | THE HISTORY AND EXPERIENCE OF ROUTE 66 (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: Route 66 is as much an idea as it is a place. Since its creation in 1926, America's most famous highway has evolved from a 2,400-mile transportation corridor into a powerful symbol of nostalgia, travel, and the American road. Today, it functions as a kind of pilgrimage route, marked by neon signs, roadside attractions, and preserved motels, cafés, and gas stations.

In this course, we will explore the history, cultural meaning, and enduring appeal of Route 66. Together, we will examine its origins, rise and decline, late-20th century revival, the role of nostalgia and car culture, preservation efforts, and the possible future of this iconic highway.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Peter Dedek

DAY/DATE: Mondays, 10/5/26-11/9/26 (6)

TIME: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

OCT. 6 | CULTS AND NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS IN AMERICA (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: America has provided fertile ground for new and alternative religions to sprout and grow. Some prosper and eventually become accepted as part of the normal religious landscape, some wither away and are forgotten, and some detonate, creating public scandal and in the worst cases, national tragedy.

This course will examine New Religious Movements, popularly known as "cults", within the US context. We will examine these religious movements both from insider perspectives and outsider perceptions. We will analyze the history, practices, and beliefs of these organizations to better understand them and deconstruct misconceptions. This course covers the 18th and 19th centuries.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Kathryn (Kate) Davis

DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 10/6/26-11/10/26 (6)

TIME: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

OCT. 6 | THE FUNDAMENTALS OF TOP-DOWN KNITTING FOR EXPERIENCED KNITTERS

DESCRIPTION: Experienced knitters seeking to expand their skills into top-down garment construction will enjoy this technique-rich class led by Fayetteville fiber artist Letha Frizzell. Over three relaxed sessions, participants will learn how to construct a knitted garment from the neckline downward, shape yokes and sleeves, customize fit during the process, and understand the structural logic that makes top-down knitting so versatile.

Participants will gather around a comfortable craft table at Sooiect Skeins in Fayetteville, surrounded by beautiful yarn and a welcoming studio environment. The class emphasizes fellowship, conversation, and hands-on learning.

After registration, participants will receive an

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00 AM Bringing AR's Stories & Characters to Life (OLLI)	2 10:30 AM Postcards From Italy (OLLI HQ) 1:00 PM Ozark/Arkansas Writers Book Club (OLLI)	3 10:00 AM Niokaska Creek Critters (GPN)	4	5
7	8 10:00 AM Election Integrity and Security (ECO)	9 10:30 AM Can We Talk? Respectful Conversations (OLLI)	10 10:00 AM Don't Let Falls Trip You Up (UAMS)	11 9:00 AM Oil Painting for Beginners (OLLI) 6:00 PM Friday Night Lights (FHSF)	12 5:00 PM Bark & Recreation: Dog Training (DPU)
14	15 9:00 AM Hike Cherokee Prairie Natural Area (OLLI-CP)	16 10:00 AM Outsmarting Your Smart Phone (OLLI) 5:00 PM Fermentary Public House (FERM)	17 11:30 AM Lunch with OLLI (TBD) 2:00 PM From Forest to Frame (ATCD)	18 10:00 AM Back on Your Feet: Fall Recovery Skills (UAMS) 1:00 PM How Memories Inform Health (OLLI)	19
21 1:00 PM Barriers to Healthcare Access (OLLI)	22 10:00 AM Int. Bridge (OLLI) 1:30 PM Using the Encyclopedia of Arkansas (OLLI)	23 9:00 AM Shaping Healthier Communities (OLLI-AWSM)	24 10:00 AM Int. Bridge (OLLI) 2:00 PM From Forest to Frame (ATCD) 5:30 PM Social Hour (TBD)	25 9:30 AM Herbal Salves and Tinctures (JRM)	26
28 10:00 AM Great Artists in American Roots Music (OOL) (Virtual) 10:00 AM Medicare or Medicare Advantage? (OLLI) 12:00 PM The British Family in Film (OOL) (Virtual)	29 10:00 AM Int. Bridge (OLLI) 10:00 AM Electric Vehicles: Taking Charge (OEC) 10:00 AM Winning the White House (OOL) (Virtual) 11:00 AM Roaring River State Park Lunch/Visit (RRSP) 4:00 PM A Cosmic Grand Tour (OOL) (Virtual) 6:00 PM Apple at 50 (OOL) (Virtual)	30 10:00 AM Nurturing Your Brain- The MIND Diet (OLLI) 1:00 PM Civil War in NWA: Battle of Pea Ridge (OLLI) 4:00 PM Magic Behind Film Scores (OOL) (Virtual)			

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 AM Int. Bridge (OLLI) 1:00 PM History of Fowler House (FHGC)	2 9:45 AM Tour St. Mary's Church, Altus (OLLI-SM)	3
5 10:00 AM Great Artists in American Roots Music (OOL) (Virtual) 12:00 PM The British Family in Film (OOL) (Virtual) 6:00 PM History/Experience of Route 66 (OOL) (Virtual)	6 10:00 AM Int. Bridge (OLLI) 10:00 AM Winning the White House (OOL) (Virtual) 2:00 PM Cults & New Relig. Mov. (OOL) (Virtual) 2:00 PM Top-Down Knitting (SSYS) 4:00 PM A Cosmic Grand Tour (OOL) (Virtual) 6:00 PM Apple at 50 (OOL) (Virtual)	7 1:00 PM Ozark/Arkansas Writers Book Club (OLLI HQ) 10:00 AM Nurturing Your Brain- The MIND Diet (OLLI) 12:00 PM Post-War Architecture (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM Magic Behind Film Scores (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM August Wilson (OOL) (Virtual)	8 10:00 AM Int. Bridge (OLLI) 1:00 PM Beg. Knitting (OLLI)	9 10:00 AM Grandma Moses: Am. Folk Art Icon (OLLI) 10:00 AM 60s Great Speeches (OOL) (Virtual)	10
12 10:00 AM Great Artists in American Roots Music (OOL) (Virtual) 10:00 AM Sonnet: Recognize, Write (OLLI) 12:00 PM The British Family in Film (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM Search for American Sound (OOL) (Virtual) 6:00 PM History/Experience of Route 66 (OOL) (Virtual)	13 10:00 AM Int. Bridge (OLLI) 10:00 AM Winning the White House (OOL) (Virtual) 1:00 PM Rx for Success: Meds Tips (OLLI) 2:00 PM Cults & New Relig. Mov. (OOL) (Virtual) 2:00 PM Top-Down Knitting (SSYS) 4:00 PM A Cosmic Grand Tour (OOL) (Virtual) 6:00 PM Apple at 50 (OOL) (Virtual)	14 10:00 AM Nurturing Your Brain- The MIND Diet (OLLI) 10:00 AM Have Cake, Decorate Too! (RBK) 12:00 PM Post-War Architecture (OOL) (Virtual) 1:00 PM Beg. Hand Quilting (OLLI) 4:00 PM Magic Behind Film Scores (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM August Wilson (OOL) (Virtual)	15 10:00 AM Int. Bridge (OLLI) 11:30 AM Lunch with OLLI (TBD) 12:00 PM Evol. of U.S. Fed. Jud. (OOL) (Virtual) 1:00 PM Beg. Knitting (OLLI)	16 10:00 AM Grandma Moses (Possible Tour) (OLLI) 10:00 AM 60s Great Speeches (OOL) (Virtual)	17
19 9:30 AM Explore Research at I3R (I3R) 10:00 AM Great Artists in American Roots Music (OOL) (Virtual) 10:00 AM Global Supp. Chain (OOL) (Virtual) 12:00 PM The British Family in Film (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM Search for American Sound (OOL) (Virtual) 6:00 PM History/Experience of Route 66 (OOL) (Virtual)	20 10:00 AM Winning the White House (OOL) (Virtual) 10:00 AM Geol. Story of Lithium (OLLI) 2:00 PM Cults & New Relig. Mov. (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM A Cosmic Grand Tour (OOL) (Virtual) 6:00 PM Apple at 50 (OOL) (Virtual)	21 10:00 AM Nurturing Your Brain- The MIND Diet (OLLI) 12:00 PM Post-War Architecture (OOL) (Virtual) 1:00 PM Beg. Hand Quilting (OLLI) 4:00 PM Magic Behind Film Scores (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM August Wilson (OOL) (Virtual) 5:00 PM Texas de Brazil (TdB)	22 12:00 PM Evol. of U.S. Fed. Jud. (OOL) (Virtual) 1:00 PM Beg. Knitting (OLLI) 6:00 PM Politics, Power, Prog.: John Brummett (TBD)	23 10:00 AM 60s Great Speeches (OOL) (Virtual) 10:00 AM Find, Shape, Tell a Story (KUAF)	24
26 10:00 AM Great Artists in American Roots Music (OOL) (Virtual) 10:00 AM Global Supp. Chain (OOL) (Virtual) 10:00 AM Loop, Loom, Learn: Potholder (OLLI) 12:00 PM The British Family in Film (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM Search for American Sound (OOL) (Virtual) 6:00 PM History/Experience of Route 66 (OOL) (Virtual)	27 9:00 AM Round Top Mountain Hike (OLLI-RT) 10:00 AM Winning the White House (OOL) (Virtual) 2:00 PM Cults & New Relig. Mov. (OOL) (Virtual) 2:00 PM Top-Down Knitting (SSYS) 4:00 PM A Cosmic Grand Tour (OOL) (Virtual) 6:00 PM Apple at 50 (OOL) (Virtual)	28 12:00 PM Post-War Architecture (OOL) (Virtual) 1:00 PM Beg. Hand Quilting (OLLI) 4:00 PM August Wilson (OOL) (Virtual)	29 10:00 AM Be a Songbird Superhero (OLLI) 12:00 PM Evol. of U.S. Fed. Jud. (OOL) (Virtual) 1:00 PM Owning Old: Becoming as We Age (Virtual) 5:30 PM Social Hour (TBD)	30 10:00 AM 60s Great Speeches (OOL) (Virtual) 10:00 AM What's New (and Old) in Downtown Springdale? (SMU)	31

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2 9:00 AM Step Into Wellness (VAR) 10:00 AM Great Artists in American Roots Music (OOL) (Virtual) 10:00 AM Global Supp. Chain (OOL) (Virtual) 11:00 AM Hands on Cuneiform! (MUL) 12:00 PM The British Family in Film (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM Search for American Sound (OOL) (Virtual) 6:00 PM History/Experience of Route 66 (OOL) (Virtual)	3 10:00 AM Winning the White House (OOL) (Virtual) 10:00 AM Geol. Time: Age/Evol. of Earth (OLLI) 2:00 PM Cults & New Relig. Mov. (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM A Cosmic Grand Tour (OOL) (Virtual) 6:00 PM Apple at 50 (OOL) (Virtual)	4 9:00 AM Step Into Wellness (VAR) 1:00 PM Ozark/Arkansas Writers Book Club (OLLI HQ) 12:00 PM Post-War Architecture (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM Magic Behind Film Scores (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM August Wilson (OOL) (Virtual)	5 10:00 AM A Great Day in Harlem: Iconic Photo (OLLI) 12:00 PM Evol. of U.S. Fed. Jud. (OOL) (Virtual) 2:00 PM America 250: Am. Revolution (OLLI)	6 9:00 AM Hike Ozark National Forest- Cove Creek (OLLI-ONF) 10:00 AM 60s Great Speeches (OOL) (Virtual)	7
9 9:00 AM Step Into Wellness (VAR) 10:00 AM Global Supp. Chain (OOL) (Virtual) 2:00 PM What's the Matter with Capitalism? (OLLI) 4:00 PM Search for American Sound (OOL) (Virtual) 6:00 PM History/Experience of Route 66 (OOL) (Virtual)	10 10:00 AM Geol. Time: Age/Evol. of Earth (OLLI) 1:00 PM America 250: Women of the American Revolution (OLLI) 2:00 PM Cults & New Relig. Mov. (OOL) (Virtual)	11 9:00 AM Step Into Wellness (VAR) 12:00 PM Post-War Architecture (OOL) (Virtual) 1:00 PM Route 66 at 100 (OLLI) 4:00 PM Magic Behind Film Scores (OOL) (Virtual) 4:00 PM August Wilson (OOL) (Virtual)	12 10:00 AM A Great Day in Harlem: Iconic Photo (OLLI) 12:00 PM Evol. of U.S. Fed. Jud. (OOL) (Virtual) 2:00 PM America 250: Am. Revolution (OLLI)	13 10:00 AM 60s Great Speeches (OOL) (Virtual) 10:00 AM Civil War in NWA: Battle of Prairie Grove (OLLI)	14
16 9:00 AM Step Into Wellness (VAR) 10:00 AM Global Supp. Chain (OOL) (Virtual) 11:30 AM Wooden Spoon (WS) 2:00 PM What's the Matter with Capitalism? (OLLI) 4:00 PM Search for American Sound (OOL) (Virtual)	17 9:00 AM A Hike Back in Time, Rock City on Kessler Mountain (FAYCH) 1:00 PM America 250: Women of the American Revolution (OLLI)	18 9:00 AM Step Into Wellness (VAR) 9:00 AM Hike Pedestal Rocks Loop Trail (OLLI)	19 10:00 AM Historic Cane Hill (CHC) 11:30 AM Lunch with OLLI (TBD) 12:00 PM Evol. of U.S. Fed. Jud. (OOL) (Virtual) 1:00 PM Healthy Meals Made Easy (YRCC)	20 1:30 PM Common Questions in Men's Health (OLLI)	21
23 9:00 AM Step Into Wellness (VAR) 10:00 AM Global Supp. Chain (OOL) (Virtual)	24	25 9:00 AM Step Into Wellness (VAR)	26	27	28
30 10:00 AM Aging in Place vs. Moving (OLLI) 5:30 PM Cooking Dinner For One, Two, or A Few (TBD)	31	Check out OLLI's  YouTube channel... OLLI at UofA Learn more about upcoming classes and events by watching the OLLI YouTube page! There you will find short takes and exchanges with instructors about what to expect in their classes!			

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December 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 11:00 AM Can You Hear Me? Ear & Hearing Health (OLLI)	2 9:30 AM Inside College Women's Golf (CCGC) 1:00 PM Ozark/Arkansas Writers Book Club (OLLI)	3 9:30 AM Diplomatic Life- Tales From Serving Overseas (OLLI)	4	5 9:00 AM Civil War in NWA: Battle of Prairie Grove (PGBP)
7	8 10:00 AM Saint Nicholas: Man, Myth, Legend (SNOG)	9	10	11	12 10:00 AM OLLI Holiday Brunch (TBD)



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CR = Commuter Rate | TR = Transportation Provided

email link to the top-down pattern used in class. They should bring the pattern, designated yarn (or a suitable substitute), needles as noted in the pattern, and all required tools and materials. The class will not meet the week of 10/13. **Activity Level: 1**

INSTRUCTOR: Letha Frizzell

DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 10/6/26-10/27/26 (3)

TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Sooiect Skeins Yarn Shop

PUBLIC PRICE: \$64 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$49

OCT. 7 | POST-WAR ARCHITECTURE: THE INNOVATIVE ARCHITECTS OF THE MIDCENTURY MODERN PERIOD (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: From sleek new industrial materials to innovations in housing, mid-20th-century designers faced the challenge of shaping an aesthetic that reflected the ideals of post-World War II America. In this course, we will explore the optimism that defined the relationship between design and lifestyle during this period, particularly through the emergence of open living spaces in architecture.

We will examine the influence of the Case Study Program and the work of leading designers, including Charles and Ray Eames, John Lautner, Eero Saarinen, E. Fay Jones, and Donald Wexler, while considering these developments within the broader context of rapid social and cultural change.

INSTRUCTOR: Eleanor Schrader

DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 10/7/26-11/11/26 (6)

TIME: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

OCT. 7 | AUGUST WILSON AND HIS AMERICAN CYCLE- THE FIRST FIVE: 1904-1957 (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: August Wilson was the first African American playwright to have a Broadway theater bear his name, a fitting tribute to a dramatist who brought African American culture and lived experience to the stage. In this course, we will read, watch, and examine the first five plays in Wilson's *American Cycle*, a ten-play series representing each decade of the African American culture's 20th century.

We will explore Wilson's life and the influences behind his work while focusing on *Gem of the Ocean*, *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*, *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, and *Seven Guitars*, tracing his



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powerful interpretation, celebration, and preservation of African American culture.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Ladrica Menson-Furr

DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 10/7/26-11/11/26 (6)

TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

OCT. 8 | BEGINNING KNITTING

DESCRIPTION: This welcoming class introduces participants to the foundational skills of knitting. Led by lifelong knitter Judith Tavano, the course is ideal for those learning for the first time or returning after many years. Participants will explore casting on, the knit and purl stitches, yarn weights, needle sizes, and how tension affects the finished fabric.

Across three hands-on sessions, participants will work in a relaxed, supportive environment where questions are encouraged and creativity is celebrated. The class emphasizes confidence-building and the joy of making something by hand.

Participants should bring U.S. size 10.5 knitting needles (preferably wood or bamboo, 10" in length) and one skein of worsted-weight yarn in a color they enjoy. (Please note that knitting requires moderate manual dexterity.) **Activity Level: 1**

INSTRUCTOR: Judith Tavano

DAY/DATE: Thursdays, 10/8/26-10/22/26 (3)

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$49 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$34

OCT. 9 | GRANDMA MOSES: AMERICAN FOLK ART ICON

DESCRIPTION: Participants will join Jonathan Jeffrey, a Crystal Bridges tour leader, for an in-depth look at Anna Mary Robertson "Grandma" Moses (1860-1961), one of America's most beloved folk artists. Known for her evocative rural scenes, Moses produced more than 1,000 works and challenged mid-century art world expectations.

Prompted by the upcoming retrospective *Grandma Moses: A Good Day's Work*, curated by the Smithsonian American Art Museum and scheduled for exhibition at Crystal Bridges in Fall 2026, this course examines Moses' life, artistic techniques, disciplined approach to painting, and the marketing and reception of her work.

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of Moses' legacy in both folk art and American culture. An optional tour of the exhibition at Crystal Bridges on 10/16/26 will be discussed during the lecture session. Participants will pay admission fee on their own if attending.

INSTRUCTOR: Jonathan Jeffrey

DAY/DATE: Fridays, 10/9/26-10/16/26 (1 - 2)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

OCT. 9 | THE 60's THROUGH THE GREAT SPEECHES (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: The 1960s is a decade wrapped in myth and misunderstanding. In this course, we will cut through that haze by turning to something powerful and concrete: the speeches of the era. The times and the conditions demanded these significant speeches.

Together, we will listen to the voices that moved a nation and shaped history. With recordings preserved through television, video, and YouTube, we will discover what these speeches still have to teach us today.

INSTRUCTOR: Arthur (Buck) Benedict
DAY/DATE: Fridays, 10/9/26-11/13/26 (6)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

OCT. 12 | THE SONNET: HOW TO RECOGNIZE, HOW TO WRITE

DESCRIPTION: This program invites participants to explore the sonnet—one of poetry's most enduring and expressive forms. Together, the class traces the history of the sonnet, examines how its structure has evolved across centuries, and considers why writers from Shakespeare to contemporary poets continue to return to its compact, musical shape.

Guided by David Jolliffe, Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Arkansas, participants read examples from different eras, discuss how the form works, and consider what gives a sonnet its distinctive power. Participants also have the opportunity to write a sonnet of their own—experimenting with rhythm, rhyme, and argument—and to share their work in a supportive, curious community of fellow learners.

INSTRUCTOR: David Jolliffe
DAY/DATE: Monday, 10/12/26- (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

OCT. 12 | THE SEARCH FOR AN AMERICAN SOUND (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: Since the 1890s, when Americans were beginning to develop their own traditions in classical music, composers have recognized the dilemma of creating the American sound. We will explore how classical musicians, and Broadway and Hollywood composers, most of them Jewish, followed parallel paths in creating sounds that have been defined as evocative of these lands and its people. Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, William Grant Still, Florence Price, Alex North, Elmer

Bernstein and others will be the protagonists of this lecture, supported with audiovisuals and anecdotes.

INSTRUCTOR: Emanuel Abramovits
DAY/DATE: Mondays, 10/12/26-11/16/26 (6)
TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

OCT. 13 | PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCCESS: MEDICATION TIPS FOR OLDER ADULTS

DESCRIPTION: Medications play an important role in maintaining health and independence, but managing multiple prescriptions, over-the-counter products, and supplements can sometimes feel overwhelming. In this presentation, Dr. Michelle Balli (Piel), a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Primary Care with the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks, and Dr. Jessica Binz, a faculty member in Pharmacy Practice and an ambulatory care specialist at the UAMS NW Family Medical Center in Fayetteville, provide practical guidance to help older adults better understand and manage their medications safely and confidently.

Participants will learn important questions to ask healthcare providers and pharmacists, how to avoid common medication-related problems, and key considerations for safe medication use as they age. Topics include medication organization, possible side effects and interactions, communication with providers, and strategies for reducing the risk of medication errors and falls. Whether taking one medication or many, participants will gain useful tips and tools to become more informed and active partners in their healthcare. Time will also be provided for questions and discussion.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Michelle Balli (Piel)



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and Dr. Jessica Binz
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 10/13/26- (1)
TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

OCT. 14 | HAVE YOUR CAKE AND DECORATE IT TOO!

DESCRIPTION: Get ready for a sweet start to your day! Participants are invited to enjoy a hands-on cake decorating experience at Rick's Bakery. Chelsea Ecklund, longtime special events coordinator and an experienced cake decorator, demonstrates how to transform 8" cakes into Halloween scarecrow creations.

Participants learn simple techniques while creating their own designs, whether polished or playfully homemade. And the best part? You get to take your masterpiece home and enjoy every bite.

The cost of all materials is included in the program fee.

INSTRUCTOR: Chelsea Ecklund
DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 10/14/26- (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: Rick's Bakery
PUBLIC PRICE: \$70 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

OCT. 14 | HAND QUILTING FOR BEGINNERS

DESCRIPTION: In this three-part class, master quilter Paula Dutton guides participants through creating a small, fully hand-quilted project without the use of a machine. Lesson 1 focuses on getting started, Lesson 2 on assembling the project, and Lesson 3 on completing the quilt and planning a second project. Paula also introduces specialized tools and additional quilting techniques along the way.

Participants are asked to bring the listed materials to fully engage in the hands-on experience: 4 small to medium scale printed fabrics in 100% cotton and in 2-3 colors that you like (a 'fat-quarter' or 10"square of each) and a quarter yard of muslin fabric, sewing scissors, craft scissors, long sewing pins, regular hand-sewing needles, quilting needles (between size 7 and 8), sewing thread that matches your fabrics and hand quilting thread, one sheet of fine grit sandpaper (8" x 11"), sharp pencil, and a small iron and pressing mat if you have them. We can share irons if you do not have one.

Activity Level: 1

INSTRUCTOR: Paula Dutton
DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 10/14/26-10/28/26 (3)
TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$59 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$44



Photo by Doug Talbott, OLLI member

OCT. 15 | POWER AND THE PEOPLE: THE EVOLUTION OF THE U.S. FEDERAL JUDICIARY (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: The American Experiment began with the Declaration of Independence and led to the creation of the federal judiciary, one of the country's greatest experiments. In this course, we will trace the evolution of the courts from their English roots to their formal establishment in the Constitution.

We will explore how the Supreme Court, lacking the power of the purse or military, derives its authority from its ability to connect with the people of the US and protect democracy. We will examine creation of the federal judiciary and the power of the Marshall Court, the Court's evolution through the New Deal, the Vinson Court, the Warren Court's "Rights Revolution," and the role of today's US Supreme Court.

INSTRUCTOR: Lauren Andersen
DAY/DATE: Thursdays, 10/15/26-11/19/26 (6)
TIME: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

OCT. 19 | CURIOSITY IN ACTION: EXPLORING RESEARCH AT THE U OF A- I3R

DESCRIPTION: Step inside one of the University of Arkansas's most innovative research environments and explore how interdisciplinary science and technology are shaping the future. During this behind-the-scenes visit to the Institute for Integrative and Innovative Research (I³R), participants will learn how researchers from multiple fields collaborate to solve real-world challenges in areas such as robotics, artificial intelligence, and human-centered technologies. The program will include an

introduction to the institute's mission, guided tours of select spaces, and demonstrations that showcase how ideas move from discovery to implementation.

Visiting as part of an OLLI program offers a unique opportunity to experience these facilities with expert guidance, gain context about the research being conducted, and ask questions directly to those working at the forefront of innovation – access that is not typically available through a stand-alone visit. The program, which will be led by I³R researchers, will provide first-hand accounts of how interdisciplinary teamwork can deliver solutions to 'wicked' problems.

Whether you are curious about emerging technologies or enjoy learning how research impacts everyday life, this visit will offer an engaging look at innovation in action in our region. The group will meet at a designated location, with transportation to campus provided. Tour time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. **Activity Level: 1**

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. James Abbas
DAY/DATE: Monday, 10/19/26- (1)
TIME: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
LOCATION: I3R
PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$29

OCT. 19 | THE INVISIBLE THREAD: 3,500 YEARS OF GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN (OOL)

DESCRIPTION: We often only notice the global supply chain when it breaks. Yet, for millennia, the movement of goods has been the silent engine of civilization. In this course, we will track the evolution of trade from an executive's perspective. From the sunken treasures of Bronze Age merchant ships to the high-tech intermodal systems of today, we will explore the vessels that carried the world's wealth and the complex networks that keep our modern

shelves stocked.

INSTRUCTOR: Scott Jones
DAY/DATE: Mondays, 10/19/26-11/23/26 (6)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

OCT. 20 | THE GEOLOGIC STORY OF LITHIUM

DESCRIPTION: There has been a lot of talk lately about lithium in the Natural State. Lithium is a critical mineral, essential in many modern devices (such as our ubiquitous smart-phones). Why is Arkansas in the discussion? And what is this smackover you may have heard mentioned? The economic impact of lithium on the state could be enormous.

This program, led by Geologist, Chris Moyer, will discuss what lithium is, how it is used, how it is extracted and processed and how geology plays a pertinent role in this important story.

INSTRUCTOR: Chris Moyer
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 10/20/26- (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

OCT. 21 | TEXAS DE BRAZIL: A TASTE OF BRAZILIAN TRADITION

DESCRIPTION: Participants join fellow OLLI members for a dining experience at Texas de Brazil, where they learn about the history and style of Brazilian churrasco dining while enjoying a variety of meats, salads, and side dishes in a social setting.

The program provides an opportunity to explore a cultural dining tradition while connecting with others. The class fee covers administrative costs only; all food and beverages are purchased individually. (All you can eat Salad Bar - \$32; or Salad Bar & Meat Skewer - \$53)

Plenty of parking in front of the restaurant in the mall parking lot.

FACILITATOR: Karen Smenner
DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 10/21/26- (1)
TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Texas de Brazil
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

OCT. 22 | POLITICS, POWER, AND PROGNOSIS: AN EVENING WITH JOHN BRUMMETT

DESCRIPTION: John Brummett brings his perspective and experience to a discussion of contemporary politics and future trends. Draw-

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ing on decades of reporting on Arkansas politics, he reflects on current conditions, emerging patterns, and the broader forces shaping political decision-making.

This session encourages participants to step back from daily headlines and consider long-term political developments through informed analysis and storytelling.

INSTRUCTOR: John Brummett

DAY/DATE: Thursday, 10/22/26- (1)

TIME: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

LOCATION: TBD

PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$29

OCT. 23 | STORY WORTHY: HOW TO FIND, SHAPE, AND TELL A STORY

DESCRIPTION: Every great community is full of stories waiting to be told—but finding them, shaping them, and making them land with an audience is a craft.

Participants discover the craft of storytelling in this hands-on session led by KUAF General Manager Clint Schaff and colleague, Jack Travis. Drawing from decades of experience, they introduce the essential elements of compelling narrative, from identifying meaningful characters and moments to structuring stories for maximum impact. The session also explores the unique qualities of spoken storytelling—across radio, podcasts, and live presentations—emphasizing its intimacy and connection with audiences.

Participants leave with practical tools they can apply to personal projects such as family histories, oral storytelling, or community work. No prior experience is required—only an interest in sharing meaningful stories. **Activity Level: 1**

INSTRUCTOR: Clint Schaff

DAY/DATE: Friday, 10/23/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: KUAF

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

OCT. 26 | LOOP, LOOM & LEARN: CREATE YOUR FIRST POTHOLDER

DESCRIPTION: Led by Dr. Kathy Pillow-Price, this session introduces participants to the fundamentals of potholder weaving in a hands-on, beginner-friendly setting. Participants learn weaving techniques, become familiar with key terminology such as warp and weft, and practice creating structured patterns.

Each participant will leave with a completed, functional cotton potholder and a clear understanding of how to continue weaving independently at home.



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The cost of materials is included in your program cost. **Activity Level: 1**

INSTRUCTOR: Kathy Pillow-Price

DAY/DATE: Monday, 10/26/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$54 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$39

OCT. 27 | ROUND TOP MOUNTAIN HIKE: BIG VIEWS IN THE OZARKS

DESCRIPTION: Get ready for a rewarding day hike at Round Top Mountain near Jasper, Arkansas—one of the region's hidden gems. This moderately challenging trail winds through scenic forest before opening to breathtaking panoramic views of the Ozark Mountains.

Along the way, the natural beauty of the area can be enjoyed while engaging in great conversation. Whether you're an experienced hiker or simply enjoy being outdoors, this trip offers the perfect blend of exploration, exercise, and great company, making the effort well worth the climb. Come prepared for uneven terrain, bring water, snacks/lunch, and get ready to experience one of Arkansas's hidden gems. **Activity Level: 3** (Moderately strenuous for regular hikers and very strenuous for others)

Meeting location and further details will be sent in your reminder.

INSTRUCTOR: Josh Raney

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 10/27/26- (1)

TIME: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ & Round

Top Mountain Loop Trail

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 (CR) / \$60 (TR)

MEMBER PRICE: \$25 (CR) / \$45 (TR)

OCT. 29 | HOW TO BE A SONGBIRD SUPERHERO

DESCRIPTION: Since 1970, the total population of birds in the United States has dropped by almost three billion. While that number is significant, individuals do not need to be scientists or invest large amounts of time and money to make a difference in protecting songbirds.

In this program, Wild Birds Unlimited Education Director Lauren Eno explains why bird populations are declining and what individuals can do to help. Participants will learn tips to make their yards a sanctuary, make informed purchasing decisions, and connect with others who care about nature. This class is designed to empower participants to become advocates for local bird populations.

INSTRUCTOR: Lauren Eno

DAY/DATE: Thursday, 10/29/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

OCT. 29 | OWNING OLD: BECOMING AS WE AGE - AN INTERACTIVE ONLINE EXPERIENCE

DESCRIPTION: Judith Tavano's Owning Old class has attracted audiences across Northwest Arkansas; however, not all interested participants are able to attend in person. To increase accessibility, OLLI now offers the class as a 90-minute remote, interactive online experience.

Judith Tavano, longtime OLLI instructor and former University of Arkansas educator, engages participants through an accessible Zoom platform where they can see and hear both the instructor and one another, while participating in discussion and asking questions in a welcoming environment.

The class focuses on empowering older adults by exploring what is positive about aging, what is challenging, what can be changed, and what cannot. Participants will reflect together, share experiences, and engage in thoughtful and light-hearted conversation about the aging journey.

INSTRUCTOR: Judith Tavano

DAY/DATE: Thursday, 10/29/26- (1)

TIME: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual

PUBLIC PRICE: \$30 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$15

OCT. 30 | WHAT'S NEW (AND OLD) IN DOWNTOWN SPRINGDALE?

DESCRIPTION: Participants begin with the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History team leading an engaging walking tour of Downtown Springdale, exploring the history of Emma Avenue and the changes that have shaped the area over time. The experience includes a guided tour of the museum's newly renovated spaces and its America 250-themed exhibit, *Our Changing Landscape*, highlighting the resilience of Ozark communities over 250 years. Participants will explore refreshed galleries, learn how the region has evolved, and see how local stories connect to broader national history. Afterward, attendees are encouraged to enjoy lunch independently and continue exploring downtown Springdale's shops, trails, and public art. **Activity Level: 2**

INSTRUCTOR: Rachel Whitaker

DAY/DATE: Friday, 10/30/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Shiloh Museum of Ozark History

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

NOV. 2 | STEP INTO WELLNESS - FALL WALKING SERIES

DESCRIPTION: Fitness expert and Wellness Recovery Coach Shari Withey leads this energizing four-week walking series designed to support overall health through consistent movement and guided instruction. Drawing on decades of experience in yoga, Pilates, weight training, and more, she brings a supportive and knowledgeable approach to each session.

Each session includes at least an hour of walking on local trails, popular paths, and lesser-known routes. Participants receive a simple posture analysis and fitness assessment during the first session to help establish personal goals. Over the course of the program, they will gain insight into alignment, agility, balance, and endurance, while learning how efficient movement can improve posture and strength.

Participants will walk, learn, and connect—leaving with greater confidence, improved wellness, and possibly new walking companions. Locations are shared in advance. **Activity Level: 2** (Current Members Only)

INSTRUCTOR: Shari Withey

DAY/DATE: Mondays & Wednesdays, 11/2/26-11/25/26 (8)

TIME: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Various Locations

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$15

NOV. 2 | HANDS ON CUNEIFORM! EXAMINING 4,000-YEAR-OLD TABLETS IN THE UA ARCHIVE.

DESCRIPTION: Edgar J. Banks (1866–1945), known as an adventurer, archaeologist, and lecturer, is often cited as an inspiration for Indiana Jones. Following his excavation in Bismya (ancient Adab), Banks sold thousands of cuneiform tablets across the United States, including four acquired by the University of Arkansas. These artifacts remain preserved in the UA archives.

In this class, Spencer Allen, UA Teaching Assistant Professor specializing in the history of biblical interpretation, explores the history of Banks and the tablets, presents newly completed translations, and provides participants with the rare opportunity to handle these ancient artifacts firsthand.

Lunch will be provided and is included in the cost of program.

INSTRUCTOR: Spencer L. Allen

DAY/DATE: Monday, 11/2/26- (1)

TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Mullins Library

PUBLIC PRICE: \$60 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$45

NOV. 3 | GEOLOGIC TIME: THE AGE AND EVOLUTION OF THE EARTH

DESCRIPTION: This program invites participants to explore geologic time—a scale so vast that millions and billions of years frame Earth's story. Led by Dr. Thomas "Mac" McGilvery, Adjunct Professor of Geosciences at the University of Arkansas, the course combines scientific discovery with historical context.

Participants examine how scientists established the concept of deep time and developed tools such as radiometric dating. They compare differing interpretations of Earth's age and explore how evidence and perspective shape understanding. The course traces Earth's transformation from a molten sphere to a life-supporting planet, highlighting major physical and biological milestones.

Throughout the program, Dr. McGilvery emphasizes critical thinking and curiosity. The goal is not to promote a single interpretation but to offer "Food for Thought" -- inviting participants to engage with evidence, explore multiple viewpoints, and develop a richer understanding of Earth's long and dynamic history.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Thomas "Mac" McGilvery

DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 11/3/26-11/10/26 (2)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$39 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$24

NOV. 5 | A GREAT DAY IN HARLEM: REFLECTIONS ON THE ICONIC PHOTO AND THE ARTISTS THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE

DESCRIPTION: In his 2004 film *The Terminal*, Steven Spielberg tells the story of Viktor Navorski and his quest to complete his late father's collection of jazz autographs. In the film's final moments, Viktor reveals he is missing only one signature from the 56 musicians featured in Art Kane's legendary photograph, *A Great Day in Harlem*. The film introduced this iconic image to a wide audience, sparking renewed interest in mid-20th-century jazz and the story behind the 1958 photo shoot.

Dr. Gary Barrow examines how this remarkable gathering came together one early morning through a combination of planning, persistence, and luck. The musicians captured on the steps represented a cross-section of jazz styles, including *Dixieland*, swing, stride piano, bebop, and cool jazz. The program highlights key figures through biographical insights paired with the music that defined their careers.

Beginning with Count Basie, the class explores influential artists such as Thelonious Monk, Marian McPartland, Benny Golson, Lester Young, Gerry Mulligan, Pee Wee Russell, Gene Krupa, Art Blakey, Dizzy Gillespie, and Charles Mingus.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Gary Barrow

DAY/DATE: Thursdays, 11/5/26-11/12/26 (2)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$54 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$35



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NOV. 5 | AMERICA 250: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - PART 2 (1777-1783)

DESCRIPTION: Mike Horsman, retired educator and lifelong student of American history, guides participants through the middle and final years of the War for Independence as the nation approaches its 250th anniversary.

The class examines the course of the war from Fort Ticonderoga to the British surrender at Yorktown, along with the critical period that followed leading to the Treaty of Paris in 1783. Despite early challenges and a formidable British military, American forces—under George Washington's leadership—ultimately secured independence through persistence, strategy, and resilience.

INSTRUCTOR: Mike Horsman

DAY/DATE: Thursdays, 11/5/26-11/12/26 (2)

TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

NOV. 6 | HIKE THE OZARK NATIONAL FOREST - COVE CREEK

DESCRIPTION: Participants join Lloyd Keck for a fall hike through a remote area of the Ozark National Forest, where autumn color creates a vivid backdrop. This 2.5-mile trek offers opportunities to learn about regional plant life,

wildlife, and the cultural and natural history of the area.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and footwear and bring water and a hiking stick if desired. **Activity Level: 3** (Challenging due to distance, elevation changes, and terrain).

Meeting information and other details will be sent in the program reminder.

INSTRUCTOR: Lloyd Keck

DAY/DATE: Friday, 11/6/26- (1)

TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ & Ozark National Forest

PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 (CR) / \$64 (TR)

MEMBER PRICE: \$29 (CR) / \$49 (TR)

NOV. 9 | WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH CAPITALISM?

DESCRIPTION: This class traces the development of capitalism from its origins in the mid-18th century to its modern forms. Participants explore earlier systems such as mercantilism and examine the emergence of capital as a central economic force, along with the critiques it has generated.

Dr. Jeff Nash, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, explains key ideas without technical language, focusing on how capitalism has endured both minor and major crises. The discussion includes perspectives from supporters and critics alike—including Marx—and reviews the system's efficiency and productive power. Contemporary

topics such as monetary policy, surveillance capitalism, and artificial intelligence are also introduced.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Jeff Nash

DAY/DATE: Mondays, 11/9/26-11/16/26 (2)

TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$39 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$24

NOV. 10 | AMERICA 250: THE AMAZING WOMEN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

DESCRIPTION: Judith Tavano, nationally recognized generational scholar, leads a two-part exploration of the often overlooked roles women played during the American Revolution.

The program highlights the contributions of Patriot, Loyalist, Indigenous, and enslaved women through their work in domestic life, espionage, combat support, and political expression. Drawing on scholarship emerging since the 1970s, the class brings forward stories that deepen and broaden the historical narrative. Tavano shares these accounts with a personal commitment to honoring the women whose lives shaped this transformative era.

INSTRUCTOR: Judith Tavano

DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 11/10/26-11/17/26 (2)

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

NOV. 11 | ROUTE 66 AT 100: THE HIGHWAY THAT SHAPED AMERICA

DESCRIPTION: Known as the Mother Road, America's Main Street, and the Will Rogers Highway, Route 66 was officially established on November 11, 1926, as part of America's numbered highway system. As the highway approaches its 100th anniversary in 2026, interest in Route 66 continues to grow, with communities across the country celebrating its enduring legacy and influence on American culture.

In this class, Michelle Place will explore Route 66's historical role in travel and migration. How did Route 66 become a pop culture icon, and what caused the highway to fade from popularity before experiencing a more recent revival? Participants will discover how the road helped shape the American experience and why it remains a powerful symbol of freedom, adventure, and opportunity nearly a century after its creation.

Michelle Place retired from the Tulsa Historical Society in 2023. She currently volunteers at the National Archives and teaches at OLLI. Drawing on her extensive experience in public history and education, Michelle will guide participants

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through the fascinating story of one of America's most beloved highways, examining its impact on communities, culture, and the American imagination as it nears its centennial celebration.

INSTRUCTOR: Michelle Place

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 11/11/26- (1)

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

NOV. 13 | THE CIVIL WAR IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS: "I CAN SEE THE HAND OF PROVIDENCE" - THE BATTLE OF PRAIRIE GROVE

DESCRIPTION: This program explores the Battle of Prairie Grove and its significance in determining control of Northwest Arkansas, Missouri, and Indian Territory. In late 1862, multiple armies converged in a decisive conflict that deeply affected both soldiers and civilians in the region.

Liam Connor, Park Ranger at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park, provides an in-depth account of the battle's causes, outcomes, and lasting impact, connecting historical events to their continuing influence in the region today.

INSTRUCTOR: Liam Connor

DAY/DATE: Friday, 11/13/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

NOV. 16 | WOODEN SPOON: TRADITION, CRAFT, AND A TASTE OF COMMUNITY

DESCRIPTION: Participants visit a distinctive Northwest Arkansas destination to learn the story behind The Wooden Spoon. They explore how an original Illinois barn was relocated and reconstructed in Gentry, becoming a space rooted in craftsmanship and tradition.

The program also introduces the Mennonite community and the values reflected in the building and its food offerings. Participants then have time to relax, connect, and purchase food independently. Participants leave with a greater appreciation for community, heritage, and hospitality.

The program fee covers administrative costs only; all food and beverages will be purchased individually (cost TBD).

FACILITATOR: Karen Smenner

DAY/DATE: Monday, 11/16/26- (1)

TIME: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

LOCATION: Wooden Spoon

PUBLIC PRICE: \$39 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$24



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NOV. 17 | A HIKE BACK IN TIME, ROCK CITY ON KESSLER MOUNTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Participants take a journey into deep time, exploring the Fayetteville area long before human settlement. Retired geologists Chris Moyer and Mac McGilvery introduce the foundations of geology before delving into the geologic history of the region and the ways it has shaped the surrounding landscape.

Following the brief lecture, participants hike through Rock City and along the Fayetteville Traverse trail at Kessler Mountain. Along the route, outcrops and scenic vistas provide clear, real-world illustrations of the concepts discussed, highlighting geology's role in forming today's topography.

Participants are to wear comfortable shoes and bring a hiking stick (if needed.) **Activity Level: 2**

INSTRUCTOR: Chris Moyer and Dr. Mac McGilvery

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 11/17/26- (1)

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Fayettechill

(Smokehouse) Lecture; Rock City trail, Kessler Mountain, -Hike

PUBLIC PRICE: \$39 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$24

NOV. 18 | PEDESTAL ROCKS LOOP TRAIL HIKE

DESCRIPTION: Participants enjoy a full-day excursion to the Pedestal Rocks loop trail in the heart of the Ozark Mountains. This approximately 2.5-mile hike offers both scenic beauty and a firsthand look at Arkansas geology, showcasing the natural erosion processes that have shaped the region over time.

Along the trail, participants encounter distinctive rock formations resembling large mushrooms—striking examples of weathering in action—while taking in sweeping views of the Ozarks.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes and bring water, lunch, and a hiking stick if needed. Meeting details will be shared prior to the program. **Activity Level 3** (challenging due to distance and terrain).

INSTRUCTOR: Josh Raney

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 11/18/26- (1)

TIME: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI-PRSA

PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 (CR) / \$60 (TR)

MEMBER PRICE: \$29 (CR) / \$45 (TR)

NOV. 19 | HISTORIC CANE HILL: CRAFTING CULTURE, PRESERVING PLACE

DESCRIPTION: Participants explore the rich history of Cane Hill, once a thriving educational and agricultural center in Northwest Arkansas. As the first permanent European-American settlement in Washington County, Cane Hill played a formative role in the region, including establishing Arkansas's first public library, an early four-year college, and the state's first co-educational institution.

Led by representatives from Historic Cane Hill, the program begins with an engaging presentation on the site's history and its preservation efforts over the past decade. Participants then take a guided walking tour of the campus, experiencing its historic structures and landscapes firsthand.

The visit concludes with time in the gallery, featuring a curated exhibition of artwork by high school students across° Arkansas, highlighting emerging talent and educational opportunity.

Activity Level: 2

INSTRUCTOR: Amanda Cothren and Susan Young

DAY/DATE: Thursday, 11/19/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Cane Hill College

PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$29

NOV. 19 | HEALTHY MEALS MADE EASY

DESCRIPTION: This interactive session introduces practical strategies for making healthy eating simpler, safer, and more enjoyable. Participants learn approaches to meal planning, balanced nutrition, and easy-to-prepare recipes that support healthy aging and overall wellness.

Dr. Tina Maddox, registered dietitian nutritionist, demonstrates adaptive kitchen tools and techniques that enhance comfort and independence. The session also addresses kitchen safety, including fall prevention, food handling, and organization for accessibility.

Designed for a range of experience levels, the program offers hands-on learning and practical guidance to support confident, healthy cooking. (The cost of materials is included in the program cost.)

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Tina Maddox
DAY/DATE: Thursday, 11/19/26- (1)
TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: YRCC
PUBLIC PRICE: \$69 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$54

NOV. 20 | COMMON QUESTIONS IN MEN'S HEALTH

DESCRIPTION: Participants engage in a thoughtful, discussion-based session on health topics commonly experienced as men age. Led by Dr. C. Mark Jackson, the program addresses frequent concerns, clarifies what is typical,

and offers practical strategies for maintaining health and quality of life.

Designed as an open and welcoming forum, the session encourages questions and shared perspectives, fostering connection and deeper understanding among participants.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. C. Mark Jackson
DAY/DATE: Friday, 11/20/26- (1)
TIME: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

NOV. 30 | AGING IN PLACE VS. MOVING: HOW TO EVALUATE YOUR HOME AND MAKE A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

DESCRIPTION: Participants learn to evaluate their current living environment, identify potential safety concerns, and consider modifications that support long-term independence. Presenters Alison and Jason Van Hecke provide guidance on when staying in place is feasible and when relocating may better meet evolving needs.

Through a clear and practical framework, participants explore key decision factors, including lifestyle preferences, health considerations, and financial planning. The session also highlights local resources and strategies for creating a proactive plan.

The program equips participants with the knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions aligned with their personal priorities

and timeline.

INSTRUCTOR: Alison Van Hecke and Jason Van Hecke
DAY/DATE: Monday, 11/30/26- (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$30 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$15

NOV. 30 | COOKING DINNER FOR ONE, TWO, OR A FEW

DESCRIPTION: Participants spend an enjoyable evening with Chef Wes Russell and Christine Meier as they share practical tips for planning and preparing meals that feel thoughtful, fresh, and far from repetitive—no matter the number at the table.

Through live demonstrations, tastings, and conversation, participants learn simple strategies to make weeknight cooking easier, more efficient, and more enjoyable. Attendees are encouraged to come ready to learn, sample dishes, and connect with fellow OLLI members who share an interest in good food and great company.

(Current Members Only)

INSTRUCTOR: Wes Russell and Christine Meier
DAY/DATE: Monday, 11/30/26- (1)
TIME: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
LOCATION: TBD
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$59

DEC. 1 | CAN YOU HEAR ME? EAR & HEARING HEALTH

DESCRIPTION: Participants gain a comprehensive understanding of hearing health in this informative session led by audiologist Dr. Jana Smith Martin. Beginning with the anatomy of the ear, the class examines common causes and types of hearing loss, along with the diagnostic process used to assess them.

A significant portion of the program focuses on treatment, including hearing aid styles, manufacturers, and long-term care considerations. Participants also receive a practical overview of insurance coverage and reimbursement.

Designed for adults seeking to better understand their own hearing—or support someone else—this session offers clear information, expert guidance, and time for questions. Lunch will be provided and is included in your class cost.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Jana Smith Martin
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 12/1/26- (1)
TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$49 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$34



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DEC. 2 | INSIDE COLLEGE WOMEN'S GOLF: COACHING, RECRUITING, AND THE PATH TO THE PROS

DESCRIPTION: Step inside a Division I women's golf program to learn how elite college athletes are trained, recruited, and prepared for competition at the highest levels. Participants will visit a collegiate golf practice facility and meet with a successful women's golf coach who has developed players competing at the professional level. In the session, participants will explore how top college golf programs train athletes, build competitive teams, and recruit talented players from around the United States and around the world.

Coach Shauna Estes-Taylor will discuss daily practice routines, physical and mental preparation, and the progression from junior golf to collegiate play—and, for some athletes, to professional tours.

The program also highlights the increasingly global nature of college athletics and provides time for questions about coaching philosophy, recruiting, and player development.

INSTRUCTOR: Shauna Estes-Taylor

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 12/2/26- (1)

TIME: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

LOCATION: Clear Creek Golf Course

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

DEC. 3 | A DIPLOMATIC LIFE - TALES FROM SERVING OVERSEAS

DESCRIPTION: Join former senior level U.S. diplomat Kimberly Atkinson, for an engaging and informative program that will take the audience overseas into some of the most critical areas of our current focus around the globe. Drawing on her career abroad, she shares vivid stories that illustrate both the everyday realities and high-stakes moments of diplomatic work.

The program explores how U.S. embassies support citizens overseas, along with the rewards and challenges of international service. From evacuations in the Middle East to conflict zones

like Ukraine, participants gain perspective on diplomacy in an ever-changing global landscape. This interactive session invites questions and discussion, offering a rare glimpse into life on the frontlines of U.S. foreign policy.

INSTRUCTOR: Kimberly Atkinson

DAY/DATE: Thursday, 12/3/26- (1)

TIME: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$39 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$24

DEC. 5 | THE CIVIL WAR IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS: BATTLE OF PRAIRIE GROVE REENACTMENT

DESCRIPTION: Experience the history firsthand through a special program at the Prairie Grove reenactment. The day begins with a guided tour of military camps led by a park interpreter, offering opportunities to speak with staff and reenactors portraying historical units.

Following the tour, participants may stay to observe the reenactment, gaining a deeper appreciation for the events and experiences of the Civil War in the region.

Activity Level: 1

INSTRUCTOR: Liam Connor and Susan Donnangelo

DAY/DATE: Saturday, 12/5/26- (1)

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Prairie Grove

Battlefield State Park

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

DEC. 8 | SAINT NICHOLAS: THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND

DESCRIPTION: Consider the familiar story of Santa Claus—the red-suited figure said to live at the North Pole and deliver gifts each Christmas—while exploring the historical evidence behind the real person who inspired this enduring tradition.

At St. Nicholas Orthodox Church (3171 S. 48th Street in Springdale), Fr. Paul Fuller presents a

documentary and discussion on the life of St. Nicholas, a third-century Christian bishop who became a patron of churches, countries, children, and sailors around the world. Revered across Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant traditions, St. Nicholas remains one of the most widely recognized figures in Christian history.

Through this program, participants examine what is historically known, what is considered legend, and how his story evolved over time. The session offers a portrait of a courageous Christian leader whose commitment to truth left a lasting cultural impact. Following the class, participants will enjoy a Mediterranean meal.

INSTRUCTOR: Fr. Paul Fuller

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 12/8/26- (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

LOCATION: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

THE CIVIL WAR BUNDLE OPTION

DESCRIPTION: This option allows you to attend all three Civil War in Northwest Arkansas programs (The Battle of Pea Ridge, The Battle of Prairie Grove, and the Battle of Prairie Grove Reenactment).

See individual class description for day, dates, times, and locations. **Refunds will not be issued for this option.**

SPECIAL BUNDLE PRICE!

PUBLIC PRICE: \$64 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$49

THE AMERICA 250 BUNDLE OPTION

DESCRIPTION: This option allows the participant to attend both America 250 programs (The American Revolution, Part II, and The Amazing Women of the American Revolution.)

See individual class description for day, dates, times, and locations. **Refunds will not be issued for this option.**

SPECIAL BUNDLE PRICE!

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OLLI Members Return from a Remarkable Italian Adventure

In late April, a group of enthusiastic OLLI at University of Arkansas members set off on an unforgettable adventure through Italy-exploring Venice, Florence, Rome, and the Sorrento Coast with EF Go Ahead Tours. Travelers praised the experience as beautifully organized, engaging, and rich with culture, history, and shared moments.

A major highlight of the trip was Tour Director Alessandra Demeglio, whose energy, knowledge, and warmth left a lasting impression. Participants described her as “pleasant and

upbeat,” “very knowledgeable and personable,” and even “the best tour guide I’ve had during eight previous tours.” Her thoughtful leadership elevated every stop along the way.

From nighttime views of Rome to the charm of San Gimignano, from the beauty of the Tuscan hills to the awe of Pompeii, the group returned home with full hearts and memories they’ll treasure for years.



The Civil War Bundle

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Public Price **\$64** Member Price **\$49**

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Group.

We are eager to expand our Special Interest Group offerings and are currently seeking people interested in helping to establish and facilitate new groups. If you have interest in attending a SIG or helping establish a new one, call us at 479-575-4545 or email olli@uark.edu.

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Social Activities *and* Events



Connect, Learn, and Enjoy With OLLI!

Learning doesn't stop when class ends. Throughout the semester, OLLI members are invited to gather, connect, and engage with fellow lifelong learners through a variety of social and enrichment opportunities.

Lunch With OLLI

Join us on the third Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. for great conversation, community connections, and engaging guest speakers. This fall's lineup features OLLI staff, community leaders, and special guests sharing insights on topics of local interest.

The season of events begins on August 27 with special guest, Josh Raney, Director of OLLI, who will open the floor to participants for an organic discussion on all things OLLI.

Event dates for the Fall season are August 27, Sept 17, Oct 15, & Nov 19.

OLLI Social Hour

Looking for a casual way to meet fellow members? Join us on the fourth Thursday of each month from 5:30–7:00 p.m. at popular local venues around Northwest Arkansas. Enjoy fellowship,

refreshments, and lively conversation in a relaxed setting.

Event dates and venues for the Fall season include:

Aug 29 - Guisinger Cocktail Club

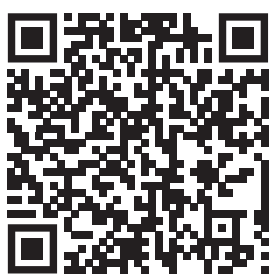
Sept 24 - Mojo's Pints and Pies

Oct 29 (last Thursday of Oct.) - Lambeth Lounge

Holiday Brunch

Celebrate the season with friends old and new at our annual Holiday Brunch on December 12. This festive gathering is a favorite OLLI tradition and a wonderful way to close out the year together. Save the date and watch for details!

Locations, speaker information, and registration details will be announced through OLLI emails, the website, and member communications throughout the semester. We hope you'll join us for these special opportunities to connect, learn, and build community beyond the classroom.



Stay current on social activities and events, follow OLLI on social media.   



Fall 2026 Registration

Join Now & Sign Up for Fall Programs!

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First Name Last Name

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Address

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Name (2nd Member) Date of Birth

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Membership* (July 1 - June 30):

☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member ☐ Non-Member

Membership Type:

☐ \$50 Regular Membership

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PROGRAM REGISTRATION \$ _____

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Registration Methods

On-Line: olli.uark.edu **By Phone:** (479) 575-4545

In Person: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

By Mail: OLLI, 481 S. Shiloh Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72704

Payment

Check: Make checks payable to "OLLI"

If registering by phone, payment must be received within 5 business days after registering.

Credit Card: Credit card payments can be made online only.

• *Memberships are tax deductible!*

Registration Opening Dates:

OLLI Members- ONLINE ONLY: 2:00 PM Sunday, August 16

OLLI Members- IN-PERSON Paper Registration: 10:00 AM, Tuesday, August 18

General Public: 10:00 AM, Monday, August 24

Select	Start Date	Brief Program Title	PUBLIC	MEMBER
	9/1	Bringing AR's Stories & Characters to Life	\$54	\$39
	9/2	Postcards From Italy-An OLLI Journey	\$50	\$35
	9/2	Ozark/ Arkansas Writers Book Club	N/A	\$29
	9/3	Niokaska Creek Critters	\$34	\$19
	9/8	Election Integrity and Security	\$34	\$19
	9/9	Can We Talk? Respectful Conversations	\$44	\$29
	9/10	Don't Let Falls Trip You Up	\$30	\$15
	9/11	Oil Painting for Beginners	\$50	\$35
	9/11	Friday Night Lights	\$34	\$19
	9/12	Bark & Recreation: Dog Training	\$60	\$45
	9/15	Hike- Cherokee Prairie Natural Area (CR)	\$44	\$29
	9/15	Hike- Cherokee Prairie Natural Area (TR)	\$64	\$49
	9/16	Outsmarting Your Smart Phone	\$34	\$19
	9/16	Fermentary Public House: Behind the Scenes	\$34	\$19
	9/17	From Forest to Frame: Mass Timber Design	N/A	\$39
	9/18	Back on Your Feet: Fall Recovery Skills	\$30	\$15
	9/18	How Memories Inform Health	\$34	\$19
	9/21	Barriers to Healthcare Access	\$34	\$19
	9/22	Intermediate Bridge: Play Smarter	\$59	\$44
	9/22	Using the Encyclopedia of Arkansas	\$34	\$19
	9/23	Shaping Healthier Communities (CR)	N/A	\$25
	9/23	Shaping Healthier Communities (TR)	N/A	\$45
	9/25	Herbal Salves and Tinctures	\$34	\$19
	9/28	Great Artists in American Roots Music (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	9/28	Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage?	\$34	\$19
	9/28	The British Family in Film (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	9/29	Electric Vehicles: Taking Charge of the Road	\$34	\$19
	9/29	Winning the White House (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	9/29	Roaring River State Park Lunch & Visit	\$44	\$29
	9/29	A Cosmic Grand Tour (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	9/29	Apple at 50 (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	9/30	Nurturing Your Brain With The MIND Diet	\$70	\$55
	9/30	The Civil War in NWA: Battle of Pea Ridge	\$34	\$19
	9/30	The Magic Behind Film Scores (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	10/1	History of Fowler House	N/A	\$19
	10/2	Tour St. Mary's Church, Altus (CR)	\$34	\$19
	10/2	Tour St. Mary's Church, Altus (TR)	\$59	\$44
	10/5	The History and Experience of Route 66 (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	10/6	Cults and New Religious Movements (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	10/6	The Fundamentals of Top-Down Knitting	\$64	\$49
	10/7	Post-War Architecture: Midcentury Modern (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	10/7	August Wilson and His American Cycle (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	10/8	Beginning Knitting	\$49	\$34

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Select	Start Date	Brief Program Title	PUBLIC	MEMBER
	10/9	Grandma Moses: American Folk Art Icon	\$34	\$19
	10/9	The 60s Through the Great Speeches (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	10/12	The Sonnet: How to Recognize, How to Write	\$34	\$19
	10/12	The Search for an American Sound (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	10/13	Prescription for Success: Medication Tips	\$34	\$19
	10/14	Have Your Cake and Decorate It Too!	\$70	\$55
	10/14	Hand Quilting for Beginners	\$59	\$44
	10/15	Evolution of the U.S. Federal Judiciary (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	10/19	Curiosity in Action: Exploring Research at I3R	\$44	\$29
	10/19	Invisible Thread: Global Supply Chain (OOL)	N/A	\$55
	10/20	The Geologic Story of Lithium	\$34	\$19
	10/21	Texas de Brazil: Taste of Brazilian Tradition	\$34	\$19
	10/22	Politics, Power, Prognosis: John Brummett	\$44	\$29
	10/23	Story Worthy: Find, Shape, and Tell a Story	\$34	\$19
	10/26	Loop, Loom & Learn: Create Your First Potholder	\$54	\$39
	10/27	Round Top Mountain Hike (CR)	\$40	\$25
	10/27	Round Top Mountain Hike (TR)	\$60	\$45
	10/29	How to Be a Songbird Superhero	\$34	\$19
	10/29	Owning Old: Becoming as We Age	\$30	\$15
	10/30	What's New (and Old) in Downtown Springdale?	\$34	\$19
	11/2	Step Into Wellness - Fall Walking Series	N/A	\$15
	11/2	Hands on Cuneiform!	\$60	\$45
	11/3	Geologic Time: Age/Evolution of the Earth	\$39	\$24
	11/5	A Great Day in Harlem: Iconic Photo	\$54	\$35
	11/5	America 250: American Revolution	\$40	\$25
	11/6	Hike Ozark National Forest- Cove Creek (CR)	\$44	\$29
	11/6	Hike Ozark National Forest- Cove Creek (TR)	\$64	\$49
	11/9	What's the Matter with Capitalism?	\$39	\$24
	11/10	America 250: Women of the American Revolution	\$40	\$25
	11/11	Route 66 at 100: The Hwy That Shaped America	\$34	\$19
	11/13	Civil War in NWA: Battle of Prairie Grove	\$34	\$19
	11/16	Wooden Spoon: Tradition, Craft, and a Taste	\$39	\$24
	11/17	A Hike Back in Time, Rock City on Kessler Mountain	\$39	\$24
	11/18	Hike Pedestal Rocks Loop Trail (CR)	\$44	\$29

Select	Start Date	Brief Program Title	PUBLIC	MEMBER
	11/18	Hike Pedestal Rocks Loop Trail (TR)	\$60	\$45
	11/19	Historic Cane Hill	\$44	\$29
	11/19	Healthy Meals Made Easy	\$69	\$54
	11/20	Common Questions in Men's Health	\$34	\$19
	11/30	Aging in Place vs. Moving	\$30	\$15
	11/30	Cooking Dinner For One, Two, or A Few	N/A	\$59
	12/1	Can You Hear Me? Ear & Hearing Health	\$49	\$34
	12/2	Inside College Women's Golf	\$34	\$19
	12/3	Diplomatic Life- Tales From Serving Overseas	\$39	\$24
	12/5	The Civil War in NWA: Battle of Prairie Grove	\$34	\$19
	12/8	Saint Nicholas: Man, Myth, Legend	\$34	\$19
	VAR	THE CIVIL WAR BUNDLE OPTION	\$64	\$49
	VAR	THE AMERICA 250 BUNDLE OPTION	\$60	\$45

Policies & Procedures

Please read and be aware of all OLLI policies and procedures.

PRICING:

Programs are priced based on a combination of: rental space fee; instructor compensation; class materials cost; transportation rates; tech fee; and/or catering (if applicable).

CLASS CANCELLATION / REFUND POLICY:

When dropping/cancelling a class you MUST contact the OLLI office at least five (5) days prior to the start of the class to receive a partial refund.

A cancellation fee of \$15 or the cost of the class, whichever is less, will be deducted from the refund. NO refund will be processed if the registration is not cancelled at least five days prior to the first class session.

Refunds are processed once a month.

Payments made by credit card will be refunded back to the credit card account. Payments by cash or check will receive a refund check mailed to the home address. Re-

ceipts will not be sent for refunds.

*Note: You will receive a full refund if OLLI has to cancel a class due to unforeseen circumstances (weather, instructor illness, etc.). Memberships are non-refundable.

PROGRAM CHANGES:

Periodically, due to unforeseen reasons, class times or locations may change after the catalog is printed. Please check your email and the OLLI website for the most up-to-date information olli.uark.edu.

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■ **Tuesday, August 11, 2026**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
or 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

■ **Thursday, August 13, 2026**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
or 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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