INTRODUCTION:
OLLI at the University of Nevada, Reno is excited to offer online programs to help members meet and learn during our time of physical distancing.

Our December programs are hosted on OLLI’s Zoom account: a web-based software that you can download onto your computer, phone or tablet. You do not need to create an account to use this application. Just go to https://zoom.us to get it for your device.

The Zoom link for each program will be provided in OLLI Weekly’s program listings. If you are not receiving the OLLI Weekly emails, please notify the office at olli@unr.edu.

HOW TO USE THIS CATALOG:
This month’s programs are listed in three sections.
Multi-session Programs meeting several times this month. These programs will be listed by the day of the week.
Single Programs are listed in chronological order, by date and then by time.
“IG” after a program title indicates an Interest Group/ongoing class that meets throughout the year.
“PRQ” after a program title indicates advanced pre-registration is required to participate in this program. Specific pre-registration instructions will be just below the program description.
For Outdoor Activities, see https://ollireno.com/outdoor.
All programs start promptly at the time specified.

MULTI-SESSION PROGRAMS:

Mondays:
French 2 — Conversation IG
Meets weekly on Dec. 7, 14 at Noon
Presenter: Cora Robey, Ph.D., OLLI member
This class is for students who have some previous knowledge of French and would like to review and build on that knowledge. We will practice dialogues written to help travelers and those who love France and its cultural traditions. Students also will have plenty of opportunities to talk in French about their experiences and interests. For more information, contact Cora Robey at corarobey@sbcglobal.net.

Tuesdays:
Ukulele 2 — Intermediate IG
Meets weekly on Dec. 1, 8, 15 at Noon
Presenter: William Papa, ukulele instructor
Intermediate ukulele is for those familiar with the instrument and who feel comfortable reading music. If you have already taken the beginning ukulele class, this intermediate class will continue your ukulele adventure. For more information, email baldrica@charter.net with “OLLI Ukulele 2” in the subject line.

Ukulele 1 — Beginners IG
Meets weekly on Dec. 1, 8, 15 at 2 p.m.
Presenter: William Papa, ukulele instructor
Ever wanted to play the ukulele? Learn the correct way to hold the instrument and two chords for playing multiple songs. For more information, email baldrica@charter.net with “OLLI Ukulele 1” in the subject line.

Cracker Barrel IG
Meets weekly on Dec. 1, 8, 15 at 2 p.m.
Facilitator: LaMerne Kozlowski, OLLI member
Ongoing discussions of current affairs of municipal, state, national and international interest modeled on the old-time, free-wheeling exchange of opinions by those who desire to be heard among their peers. Subjects will vary based on the interests of the participants. For more information, contact LaMerne Kozlowski at lamernekozlowski@att.net or (775) 358-1746.
**Wednesdays:**

*Reading Poetry Together IG*

Meets on Dec. 2, 16 at 2 p.m.  
**Facilitators:** Tom Wolf and OLLI members  
Join OLLI poetry lovers to explore insights and pleasures in response to poetry. Group members will share poems that are meaningful to them. For more information, email Tom Wolf at tewolf1960@gmail.com with “Reading Poetry” in the subject line.

**Thursdays:**

*Cracker Barrel IG*  
(see Tuesdays for description)  
Meets weekly on Dec. 3, 10, 17 at 10 a.m.

*Reading Great Literature IG*  
Meets on Dec. 3, 17 at 10 a.m.  
**Facilitator:** Susan Nielsen, OLLI member  
Read and discuss selections from The Norton Anthology of World Literature Third Edition, Volumes A, B, C, and D, E, F, available in paperback in two distinct sets from Amazon or used booksellers. Readings are selected by the group each semester. Together we explore the big ideas and issues of the readings in a historical and contemporary context. For more information, contact Susan Nielsen at (775) 881-8070 or susancosmicdance@gmail.com.

**Fridays:**

*French 3 — Advanced IG*  
Meets weekly on Dec. 4, 11, 18 at Noon  
**Presenter:** Arlette Lessig, OLLI member  
This French class is for students fluent enough to exchange ideas comfortably with others in a relaxed, conversational setting. Some new vocabulary will be introduced on topics of interest to the students. For more information, contact Arlette Lessig at arlettebiche@yahoo.com.

**SINGLE PROGRAMS:**

**Wednesday, Dec. 2**  
**2 p.m.**

*OLLI Travelers IG*  
**Facilitator:** Judi Whiting, OLLI member  
OLLI member Donna Ballard presents “Out and About in Bavaria.”

**Thursday, Dec. 3**  
**Noon**

*TTSA Keeps River Pristine*  
**Presenter:** Don McKechnie, OLLI member  
Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency is the regional water reclamation facility in Truckee that, when it was built in 1978, was the most sophisticated sewer plant in the world. Learn about the creation, engineering and construction of this remarkable facility.

**2 p.m.**

*Nevada Suffrage and Railroad History*  
**Presenter:** Mona Reno, past chair, Nevada Women’s History Project  
The transcontinental railroad made transmission of people and their ideals easy to spread nationwide. In 1916, suffragists from the East Coast sent a train called the Suffrage Special to the Western states that had passed women’s right to vote laws. Learn about Nevada's Suffrage Special in 1920 and the historic train that brought Eastern suffragists to see Gov. Emmett D. Boyle in Carson City.

**Friday, Dec. 4**  
**2 p.m.**

*Potpourri of Politics*  
**Presenter:** Fred Lokken, M.A., professor of political science, TMCC  
The world of politics — whether at the local, state, regional, national or international level — seems to change every five minutes, which can make it hard to sort it all out. Find out what our favorite local political pundit thinks is relevant right now.

**Monday, Dec. 7**  
**10 a.m.**

*Organ Donation*  
**Presenter:** Candee Candler, community development liaison for Donor Network West  
Every 10 minutes, another person is added to the transplant waiting list, and one person dies every hour while on the transplant list. Hear stories of recipients, from a 5-month-old to teens and to adults, who have had the experience of waiting for a transplant. With this urgent need, maybe it’s time for all of us to take a hard look at the situation and consider organ and/or tissue donation.
Monday, Dec. 7 (Cont.)

Noon

Mystery Books IG: *Dark Sacred Night* by Michael Connelly

**Facilitator:** Kenn Rohrs, OLLI member

Join fellow mystery buffs to discuss mysteries of all types — from cozies to hard-boiled crime fiction. See [http://ollirenomysterybg.blogspot.com](http://ollirenomysterybg.blogspot.com) for more information.

2 p.m.

Warm Hats for Cool Heads IG

**Facilitator:** Leslie Davis, OLLI member

Knit and/or crochet hats and scarves for Reno’s homeless and needy. Share patterns, techniques and inspiration while satisfying our need to create and our desire to support the community. Experience the glow of gratification by providing a thing of beauty and comfort to a fellow human in need. Bring your own needles/hooks.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

10 a.m.

Nature Lovers’ Books IG: *Cod: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World* by Mark Kurlansky

**Facilitator:** Kenn Rohrs, OLLI member

Discuss books with topics of wildlife, ecology and the natural world and our place in it. Explore the literature of landscape, place, natural history and the environment. See [http://ollirenonatbooks.blogspot.com](http://ollirenonatbooks.blogspot.com) for more information.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

10 a.m.

Ramifications of Work From Home

**Presenter:** Dave Archer, CEO and president, Nevada’s Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology

What do "Work From Home" orders mean for Northern Nevada businesses and tech communities — and for you? How is this business change affecting the current influx of companies, personnel, commercial and residential real estate? Archer has answers or projections as the biggest little city continues to grow by leaps and bounds.

Wednesday, Dec. 9 (Cont.)

2 p.m.

Literary Universes

**Presenter:** Karen Wikander, Ph.D., instructor of English, TMCC

After the incredible financial success of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, the concept of the shared universe has gone mainstream. In fact, the term “shared universe” primarily is used in relation to comic books. However, reading audiences in the 19th century experienced a powerful, formative world with Émile Zola’s *Les Rougon-Macquart* series. Let’s explore how a literary shared universe offers up a frisson of excitement and connection that goes beyond the traditional novel. We’ll examine how these literary universes engage their readers and why we build deeper emotional relationships to character and place.

Thursday, Dec. 10

10 a.m.

False Friends: Art History and Labor Studies

**Presenter:** Brett Van Hoesen, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Art, UNR

Art history and labor studies often are considered false friends: two fields that investigate very different subjects. Yet there’s a long history of art that represents labor and working conditions. This talk will focus on the intersection of art and labor in painting, photography and sculpture of the 20th century with attention to the E. L. Wiegand Collection at the Nevada Museum of Art.

2 p.m.

Big Questions IG

**Facilitators:** Larry Marshall and Debbie Bartley, OLLI members

A challenging and engaging book discussion group for individuals seeking new insights into the big questions of our lives. Past areas of inquiry have been science, religion, philosophy, history, politics and economics. Group members select, read and then discuss a book for several sessions. For more information, email Larry Marshall at [olli.big.questions@gmail.com](mailto:olli.big.questions@gmail.com).
Friday, Dec. 11
10 a.m.

Espionage Books IG: The Quantum Spy by David Ignatius
Facilitator: Kenn Rohrs, OLLI member
Join other readers to discuss spy novels and discover new authors and plot twists. See ollirenoebgebg.blogspot.com for more information.

Noon

Movie Discussion: The Girl from the Song (2016) filmed at Burning Man
Facilitator: Robin Holabird, OLLI member
Watch the movie on your own (available on Netflix) and then come together for a post-viewing discussion.

Wednesday, Dec. 16
10 a.m.

Route 66
Presenter: Ramon Seelbach, OLLI member
A study of U.S Highway 66 is a study of American evolution in many ways. In almost 60 years, this route has witnessed a complex, rich history that earned it the nicknames “The Mother Road,” “America's Highway” and “Main Street U.S.A.” Explore the history, icons and current views of this most extraordinary highway.

OLLI OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
Please check ollireno.com/outdoor for weekly information for all activities. The health and safety precautions are on the website. All who are interested in any of the activities should sign up for the mailing list. All weekly activities require participants to register in advance. Although we welcome members who are new to OLLI outdoor activities, we do request, because of COVID-19 concerns, you sign up only for those activities that are well within your current level of fitness. We are delighted to offer our full panoply of activities while keeping everyone safe and socially distanced.
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