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 May 2021 programs are hosted on OLLI’s Zoom account: a web-based software 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 two 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 ollireno.com/outdoor. All programs start promptly at the time specified.

MULTI-SESSION PROGRAMS:

**Mondays:**

**French 2 — Conversation IG**
Meets weekly on May 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 12 p.m.
**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 upon that knowledge. We will practice dialogues written to help travelers and those who love France and its cultural traditions. Students also will converse in French about their experiences and interests. For more information, contact Cora at corarobey@sbcglobal.net.

**Warm Hats for Cool Heads IG**
Meets on May 10 and 24 at 2 p.m.
**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.

**Tuesdays:**

**Ukulele 2 — Intermediate IG**
Meets weekly on May 4, 11 and 18 at 12 p.m.
**Presenter:** William Papa, ukulele instructor
Intermediate ukulele is for those familiar with the instrument and who feel comfortable reading music. If you already have 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 May 4, 11 and 18 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 May 4, 11, 18 and 25 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 May 5 and 19 at 2 p.m.  
**Facilitators:** Tom Wolf and OLLI members  
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 twolf1960@gmail.com with “Reading Poetry” in the subject line.

**Great Decisions 2021**  
Meets on May 5 and 12 at 2 p.m.  
**Facilitator:** Anne Stilwill, OLLI Advisory Council member  
Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Participants read the annual Great Decisions 2021 Briefing Book and meet in a group to watch the DVD and discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Please purchase your own Briefing Book (about $30) at http://www.fpa.org, and read the first chapter before our initial class meeting. More information about the program and materials can be found on the Foreign Policy Association’s website at www.fpa.org/great_decisions. For more information about the Great Decisions program at OLLI, please contact Anne Stilwill at annestilwill@gmail.com.

**Thursdays:**

**Cracker Barrel IG**  
(see Tuesdays for description)  
Meets weekly on May 6, 12, 20 and 27 at 10 a.m.

**Reading Great Literature IG**  
Meets on May 6 and 20 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 May 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 12 p.m.  
**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 at arlettebiche@yahoo.com.

**SINGLE PROGRAMS:**

**Wednesday, May 5**

**Kentucky Mine**  
**Presenter:** Don McKechnie, OLLI member  
Ninety minutes from Reno is a small park where you can learn about mining in the Sierra Nevada mountains. We'll talk about mining, milling, mucking, John Mackay and sabotage.

**2 p.m.**

**OLLI Travelers**  
**Facilitator:** Judi Whiting, OLLI member  
Lawrie Kirkham, OLLI Traveler and videographer par excellence, presents "Italy Re-visited." The 4-week journey covers many popular destinations in Italy including a visit to a remote village in Calabria in search of distant relatives.
Thursday, May 6

12 p.m.

Alzheimer's and Caregiving: Professional and Family Caregivers Panel Discussion

Presenters: Denise Hund, LSW, family care associate, Alzheimer's Foundation; Laurel Lipkin, retired geriatric nurse; Catherine Maupin, M.Ed.; and Kerri Cunningham, certified senior fitness trainer

Are you a care partner or primary caregiver for one of the 151,000 Nevadans diagnosed with Alzheimer's or related dementia? Join us for an opportunity to talk with a panel of experts who will address the impact on care partners, activities of daily living, safety issues and specific concerns.

Friday, May 7

2 p.m.

History of the Washoe County Ditches

Presenter: Jim Bonar, M.Ed., OLLI member

The Ditches in the Truckee Meadows are an interesting novelty to the residents of today's population. Jim will explore the evolution of the ditches, how and why they were produced and what effect they had, and are having, on the environment. It's a very convoluted subject and he will cover a small portion of the story.

Monday, May 10

10 a.m.

Unique and Surprising History of Reno Parks

Presenter: Jill Richardson, OLLI member

Many surprises can be found in the history of our 200+ local parks. Who owned the land before it became a park? When and how did it become a park? Step back in time and learn about early pioneers and ranchers, the prominent citizens, plus the Hollywood celebrities and athletes who have a connection to our parks.

Tuesday, May 11

10 a.m.

Nature Lovers' Books IG: One Wild Bird at a Time: Portraits of Individual Lives by Bernd Heinrich

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 https://ollirenatonatbooks.blogspot.com for more information.

Friday, May 14

10 a.m.

Espionage Books IG: Dinner at the Center of the Earth by Nathan Englander

Facilitator: Kenn Rohrs, OLLI member

Join other readers to discuss spy novels and discover new authors and plot twists.

See https://ollirenoebgebg.blogspot.com for more information.

2 p.m.

Novel Takes on Shakespeare's Tales: Hag-Seed by Margaret Atwood — a new take on The Tempest

Presenter: Joe Sanpietro, Ph.D., instructor of English, TMCC

In 2013, Hogarth Press invited modern authors to re-imagine some of Shakespeare's most famous plays. Let's explore these novels within the context of Shakespeare's source material as we analyze how modern authors tie their work to the Bard.
Wednesday, May 19

9:30-11:30 a.m.

**PAID TOUR: National Automobile Museum **PRQ**

**Facilitator:** Nancy Byl, Ph.D., OLLI member

Reno’s National Automobile Museum includes the collection of vehicles accumulated by William F. “Bill” Harrah of Nevada casino fame. The museum is rated as one of America's top five automobile museums and one of the 16 best museums of its kind in the world. It was built in 1989 thanks to donations and appropriations from the State of Nevada. Meet at the museum in Reno.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** On May 3-4, send an email to ollirenoprereg@gmail.com with “AUTO MUSEUM” in the subject line. In the message give your name(s) (maximum of two OLLI members) and phone numbers. If you do not have access to email, you may call (775) 241-8474, leave name and phone number. Tour is limited to 30 OLLI members. Cost of $8 per person, payable at the door.

12 p.m.

**Playa-ing Around Nevada**

**Presenter:** Bob Goodman, naturalist and photographer

The enchanting source of life forms from the Black Rock Playa that filled Bob’s summer in 2019 was enhanced to three different playas for the summer of 2020. He wanted to see if there might be a difference in the life from the Black Rock Playa, the Columbus Salt Marsh near Coaldale, and the Delamar Playa near Alamo, Nevada. Following what each produced did not disappoint his photographic interests, producing forms, colors, textures and shapes new to what was displayed by these seemingly barren landscapes.

Thursday, May 20

10 a.m.

**40th Anniversary of the Great Reno Balloon Race**

**Presenter:** Ron Smith, the “Voice of the Balloons”

Learn about the Great Reno Balloon Race, starting in 1983 and finishing with a preview of the 40th anniversary at Rancho San Rafael in September 2021. The GRBR brings balloon pilots and spectators from all over the world. It is considered the largest free balloon gathering in the nation. We’ll talk about what it takes to pull together all the elements to put nearly 100 balloons on the field safely for about 150,000 spectators over a three-day weekend.

Friday, May 21

12 p.m.

**Writing and Well-Being**

**Presenter:** Bill Macauley, Ph.D., professor, Dept. of English, UNR

Learn about the role of writing in well-being by reviewing trends in current scholarship, applications across contexts including “mindfulness” and how writing participates in our well-being, especially during the pandemic.

Wednesday, May 26

2 p.m.

**Annual Membership Meeting**

**Presenters:** Phyllis Clark, Membership chair; Kristen Kennedy, executive director; Alice Baldrica, Advisory Council chair

All OLLI members and prospective members are urged to attend this important meeting. Members will be updated on our activities and financial status as well as plans for re-opening. Election of Advisory Council Officers and Members will be held. This is YOUR OLLI and your attendance and input is needed.

Friday, May 28

2 p.m.

**The COVID-19 Recession and Prospects for Recovery**

**Presenter:** Elliott Parker, Ph.D., professor of economics, UNR

Dr. Parker will discuss the extent of the COVID-19 Recession in the context of previous economic recessions, notably 2008 and 1929, as well as the economic impact of the flu epidemic of 1918. He will also comment on prospects for recovery including the potential impact of the recently passed American Rescue Plan Act.

**Share your ideas for programs**

The Programs Committee needs help finding new ideas for programs and presenters! Please contact Alice Yucht at programs@ollireno.org for more info about working on/with the Programs Committee for 2021.
Message From Your Chair and Executive Director on Re-opening

We know it is critical for OLLI to make our "home" as safe and comfortable for our members, while continuing to provide quality life-long learning. YOU need to feel confident when you enter the building or pursue program options that we can make available to you. That is what we are working toward. Staff and volunteers are busy developing plans to get the Moana Campus ready for re-opening. We will open OLLI for meetings and small Interest Groups this summer starting July 12, and then begin offering in-person and hybrid programs in the fall. We are purchasing air purifiers and sanitation supplies and developing procedures for in-person activities as per state and local guidelines.

We will be holding Orientation/Re-Orientation for new and returning members to describe our new policies and protocols that should make your entry into OLLI much easier and safer. You will be notified of these meetings in the OLLI Weekly and on the OLLI website.

Thank you to the 678 members who responded to our recent survey! Here are some of the results we thought you would like to see:

- More than 65% of you would like to see us continue to offer online and recorded programs.
- You want sanitation and safety protocols in place and possibly COVID numbers to decrease before returning.
- You are ready for personal interactions with others.
- And, our favorite, you are grateful for OLLI and the online courses that have been available throughout the pandemic.

Please keep watching your OLLI Weekly every Friday as we roll out new and important information about re-opening the building. July will be here before we know it, and we want all OLLI members to be prepared. We can't wait to see you in person!

Sincerely,
Alice Baldrica, Chair, OLLI Advisory Council
Kristen Kennedy, Executive Director

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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