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STAFF WORKING REMOTELY
The OLLI staff will be working remotely until the beginning of September. We are still reachable by email (ollis@american.edu) and by the office phone (202-895-4860).

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Registration is now OPEN on the OLLI website for the fall semester (September 26–December 8). Classes are offered online, in-person, and hybrid. In the catalog, each course description lists the format and whether or not the class will be recorded. Courses meet for a varying length of time (see each study group for the number of weeks). The membership fee ($300 for the semester or $550 for both fall and spring) allows you to
sign up for three courses before the lottery. After the lottery, when you have received your class assignment letter, you can add a fourth study group by logging into your account. Make sure to register before the fall semester lottery on Friday, September 8.

IN-PERSON RECORDINGS
For the first time ever, many in-person fall courses will be recorded and posted on our website. The recordings will be available to members registered for the fall semester. If an in-person class is being recorded, it is noted in the course description. Each day’s recordings are added to the website the following business day. Please note that whether or not a class is recorded is determined by Study Group Leaders’ preferences and the office.

FALL CATALOG CHANGES
Below are changes made to classes after the catalog went to print. Class changes are also available on the fall catalog changes page of the OLLI website and are updated as they occur.

441 Technologies That Make Life Better: This study group is NOT being recorded.
560 Learning to Look at Ballet: This study group is NOT being recorded.
615 Deutsch fuer Fortgeschrittene: This study group has an UPDATED DESCRIPTION online.
622 Memoir Bootcamp - Part 2: This class is listed online but does not appear in the printed catalog.
640 Jesus was a Jew: Jewish Poets on Jewish Traditions: This class is listed online but does not appear in the printed catalog.
649 The Trojan War in Story and History: The Iliad is now a recommended book. For those wanting to buy a new edition, the Stephen Mitchell translation is recommended.
681 What’s New in the Short Story: The required reading The Best American Short Stories is by Andrew Sean Greer with the ISBN 978-0358664710.
764 The “Eastern Question: “ Dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire and Its Legacies, 1800-Present”: This study group has been CANCELLED.

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WINTERGREEN MUSIC FESTIVAL RECAP
Our July newsletters featured a brief description of the Wintergreen Music Festival. Having heard lectures by Erin Freeman, Artistic Director of the City Choir of Washington, in two of David Flaxman’s study groups, I was intrigued because Erin serves as the festival’s Artistic Director during the month of July. My husband and I
decided that a four-day escape from the heat of DC to the Blue Ridge mountains was just what we needed. The festival takes place on the grounds of the Wintergreen ski resort in the midst of snow-making equipment and ski lifts. The concerts are held in a pavilion with a gorgeous view of the mountains. The walk from our room was only 3 minutes!

The variety of musical offerings was impressive. In addition to the seasoned performers, many of whom clearly return each summer for a month of music-making in this gorgeous setting, 34 young singers, instrumentalists, composers, and conductors selected to take part in the LEAD Cooperative program have a chance to work with professionals and take classes to prepare them for a career in music. Some of the concerts featured these students; others showcased guest performers and ranged from folk, ragtime, and jazz to classical. We purchased tickets for four evening performances but also attended some of the free daytime offerings.

We found this a delightful getaway and recommend the festival to music lovers.

Martha Cutts

NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL
Library of Congress
Sat., August 12 | 9:00 AM–8:00 PM
Walter E. Washington Convention Center
The 23rd annual Library of Congress National Book Festival is free and open to the public. A selection of programs will be livestreamed online and videos of all programs will be available shortly after the Festival. Attendees may expect enhanced safety and security measures when entering the Convention Center.

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