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LABOR DAY HOURS/CLOSURE

The OLLI office will be closed on **Monday, September 1** in observance of Labor Day. Please note that we will also be closing at 12:00 PM today for the holiday weekend. We will be back in the office on **Tuesday, September 2**.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

ANDREW HILLER'S NOVELLA

Congrats to OLLI member and Study Group Leader Andrew Hiller on publishing his novella, *Hornytown Chutzpah*. According to a review from NetGalley's L. Gilmour, the book is described as a razor-sharp, darkly hilarious blend of speculative fiction and hard-boiled noir that grabs you from page one and refuses to let go. Set in a shadowy, demon-infested corner of Washington DC, Andrew's fast-paced novella crackles with wicked energy and larger-than-life characters. Be sure to check out Andrew's [first interview](#) on his new book!

To get a pre-sale copy of the ebook, paperback, or audiobook the Kickstarter starts on September 2.

[MORE INFO](#)

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING



FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is open on the OLLI website for the fall semester. OLLI is continuing to offer classes in three formats: in-person, online, and hybrid. The format for each course is listed online and in the print catalog.

[REGISTER](#)

NEW MEMBER 10% DISCOUNT

Are you, or someone you know, new to OLLI or thinking about coming back after taking a break? Use the button below to register for the fall semester or share it with a friend. A 10% discount will be applied for those who are new or who have not taken classes in five or more years. Click "Choose Lottery Selections" and then log in or create an account. You will see the discount when paying for the session.

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.

145 Haven From 2025 Upheavals: CANCELLED

160 Public Education and the Future of American Democracy: This course was added after the catalog went to print. See more info/register [here](#).

253 Dreams—Their Link to Meditating, Mindfulness, and AI: CANCELLED

350 Protecting and Maximizing Your Retirement Income: This course was added after the catalog went to print. See more info/register [here](#).

519 The Great French Songbook: CANCELLED

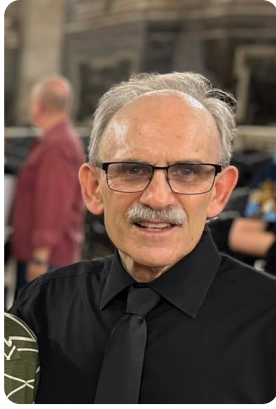
675 Comedy, French-Style: Now meets on Thursdays at 11:45 AM, starting Oct. 2

834 Mindfulness Meditation Intermediate level: This course is ONLINE

MEDIA**OLLI PODCAST**

OLLI at AU is proud to announce *Curiosity Never Retires*, a podcast series created by Paul Vamvas, Andrew Hiller, and David Flaxman, with technical support from Jesse Williams. This series provides information about some of the wonderful courses and people at the heart of our OLLI at AU, while sparking curiosity and maybe a conversation or two. Each 13–15 minute episode features interviews with instructors about upcoming courses, offering prospective registrants insight into what the course will offer and an introduction to the instructor. Links to episodes are also included in the online course catalog. Future episodes may spotlight exciting aspects of our OLLI. At CNR, we believe there's never a good time to stop learning or laughing.

Podcasts



David Flaxman, [Mozart](#)

David is a musician and computer scientist who has been teaching classes at OLLI since 2017. His music classes have previously covered Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann, Schubert, Mendelssohn, and others. He is president of the City Choir of Washington and the Georgetown Chorale and is a co-founder of the Washington Douglass Chorale.



Howard Spendelow, [China & Japan](#)

Howard earned a BA in government (1966) from Oberlin College, and an MA in Chinese Regional Studies (1970) and PhD in history and East Asian languages (1982) from Harvard University. He taught history at Georgetown University from 1979 to 2023, and from 1980 to 2014 he also served as Contract Chair of the Advanced Area Studies Seminar on China at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute.



Jack Dalby, [St Paul and Early Christianity](#)

Jack Dalby is a retired NOVA business owner. For the past 13 years, he has lectured on the topics of Christian Origins and the Historical Jesus with OLLI programs at George Mason University, the College of William and Mary, and American University.



Linda Freeman, [Thomas Hardy](#)

Linda R. Freeman, PhD, retired after teaching for 15 years on the College Park campus as a University of Maryland lecturer in Victorian literature. She also taught for Smithsonian Associates, Montgomery College, and for 26 years, at OLLI. She is enjoying course preparation for the teaching of two of her favorite Hardy novels.

OLLI EVENTS



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TOUR

Monday, September 15

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

**10 First Street SE | Registration
Required for up to 25 People**

OLLI is pleased to offer a unique tour of the [Thomas Jefferson Building](#) at the Library of Congress.

We have been invited to tour on a Monday when the Library is closed to the public. Our tour includes the Great Hall, the Main Reading Room, the Mezzanine, and Thomas Jefferson's Library. No matter how often experienced, stepping into the Great Hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building, the crown jewel among the three buildings housing the Library of Congress, is always a revelation, a feast for the eyes.

Pre-Register for a Reader Identification Card! OLLI members attending the tour are invited to preregister for a reader card. Click

the link below to find out more information about this opportunity.

MORE INFO/REGISTER



ALLIANCE FOR NEW-MUSIC THEATRE

Live and About Fall 2025 Season

Alliance for New Music-Theatre has put together another eclectic "**Live & About**" series for the 2025 fall season with outings to four different productions in the DC area.

Participants will enjoy the experience of attending performances as a group, expanding their appetites and critical appreciation for new forms, and supporting a variety of large and smaller music-theatre companies in our nation's capital. After each show, they will have the opportunity to deepen their experience by engaging with other group members in an informal gathering and discussion to understand the deeper intentions of the show's creators.

MORE INFO/REGISTER



US CAPITAL GROUNDS TOUR

Sunday, October 19

1:00-3:00 PM

68 First Street SE | Registration Required

Tickets \$25/person | No Refunds

Originally a wooded river terrace, the [US Capitol Grounds](#) now

provide a park-like setting for the nation's [Capitol Building](#), offering a picturesque counterpoint to the building's formal architecture. Join us on a unique and beautiful walk with **Steve Livengood**, Chief Guide and Public Historian of the United States Capitol Historical Society, for a private tour of the US Capitol grounds, originally landscaped by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1874. It was named an accredited arboretum in 2017. Steve is also on the board of The Olmsted Network, the national umbrella organization for the Olmsted legacy.

[MORE INFO/REGISTER](#)

OTHER EVENTS

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 6

9:00 AM-8:00 PM

Walter E. Washington Convention Center | No Registration Required

Uniting book lovers for 25 years, the Library of Congress National Book Festival will return on at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. Throughout the day, attendees will hear conversations with more than 90 authors whose literary genres range from fiction to nonfiction, picture book to biography, poetry to young adult, and more.

[MORE INFO](#)

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University is an association of, by, and for the people in the Washington, DC area who wish to continue to study and learn. OLLI at AU is dedicated to the proposition that learning is a lifelong process and that *curiosity never retires*.

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