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OLLI OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The OLLI office is closed today, July 3 for the holiday. You can call us at **202-895-4860** or email oli@american.edu. We will get back to you as soon as possible on Monday.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

JULY SHORTS INFORMATION (JULY 6-10)

There is still time to register for the shorts! July Shorts meet 2-5 times during one week, either in-person or online. Now that the lottery has passed, you can add as many additional classes as you like by logging into your account online. **The deadline to add/drop classes or request a refund is today, Friday, July 3.**

REGISTER



Hearing Loops

All of the OLLI classrooms have hearing loops installed, except for AU classrooms that may be used (see classroom assignments below).

"Hearing loops" are state-of-the-art "Listening Assistive" technology.

There are three main parts to a hearing loop: the wire that is installed around and across the room, a microphone, and a transceiver (which picks up and amplifies the sound from the microphone). The system both amplifies the speaker's voice and suppresses background noise. We urge everyone who has hearing loss to take advantage of the hearing loops. The sound is remarkable. It's as if the person speaking is sitting right next to you.

Classroom Assignments

Click on the image below to view classroom information for the July Shorts. The room assignments will also be on signs in each elevator lobby of the parking garage, in the main lobby on the first floor, and as you walk out of the elevator on the 5th floor.

2026 JULY SHORTS ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

9:45 AM

LOCATION	COURSE	DATES
1st fl/Rm A	Shall I Stay or Shall I Go?	July 6-8
5th fl/Rm 3	Bond Markets for Beginners (and the Curious)	July 6-8
5th fl/Rm 4	Memoir Writing Workshop	July 6-10
5th fl/Rm 5	Bizarre Ocean Critters - Down Deep	July 9-10
5th fl/Rm 6	Creating a Local Healthy Ecosystem	July 9-10

11:45 AM

LOCATION	COURSE	DATES
1st fl/Rm A	Backwards and in Heels	July 6-10
5th fl/Rm 2	The (World) Cup Runneth Over	July 6-10
5th fl/Rm 3	Eastern Europe's Transition	July 9-10
5th fl/Rm 5	Stress 101: Tame It and Find Balance	July 6, 8, and 10
5th fl/Rm 6	Intermediate German Part IV	July 6-10

1:45 PM

LOCATION	COURSE	DATES
1st fl/Rm A	Marriage of Figaro	July 6-8
5th fl/Rm 1	All About Mah Jongg	July 6-9
5th fl/Rm 2	Learning American Sign Language	July 9-10
5th fl/Rm 3	Origin, Development, Future of English Language	July 6-10
5th fl/Rm 5	Three Financial Crises That Changed America	July 6-8
5th fl/Rm 6	Vietnam: Echoes and Answers	July 6-8

The OLLI office & Social Space are on the 5th floor.

July Book List

Most July Shorts books are available through Politics and Prose bookstore at 5015 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008. Politics and Prose offers OLLI members a 10% discount on books for courses. Below is a list of books that are not available at Politics and Prose.

July Shorts - Not Available

JUNE MINIS FINAL FEEDBACK & SGL GIFTS

Final Feedback

The June Minis [final feedback form](#) is now available on the OLLI website under "Classes" and then "Semesters/Minis." As always, feedback is anonymous. If you have suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.

SGL Gifts

All of OLLI's study group leaders are volunteers. Each academic session, members are invited to give them a gift in honor of all of the work they do to prepare and deliver their courses. This is completely voluntary.

[SGL gifts](#) can be made on the OLLI website under "Give" and then "SGL Gifts." You must log into your account on the website to see the gift form. SGL gifts can also be made by mailing or dropping off a check made payable to OLLI at AU with the course number(s) listed in the memo field. The OLLI office will write and mail a check to each SGL.

Final feedback and SGL Gifts will be accepted through today, Friday, July 3.



FALL REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

Registration for the fall semester will open next Friday, July 10 on the OLLI website! OLLI is continuing to offer classes in three formats: in-person, online, and hybrid. The format for each course will be listed online and in the print catalog. The fall catalog will be in the mail soon. Look for a copy in your mailbox in early August.

RECEIVING PRINT CATALOGS

We are excited to announce that the fall catalog will be mailed out mid-July. We have a feature in member accounts that allows you to indicate if you prefer not

to receive a print catalog in the mail. **If you don't want to receive a print catalog:**

- Log into your member account on the [OLLI website](#).
- Click on your name at the top of the page and then go to "Edit Account" on the left
- Uncheck the box next to "Receive Print Catalogs." (See image below.)

If you want to continue receiving catalogs, no action is necessary. If you and your spouse both receive catalogs, but just one would be sufficient, please log into one of your member accounts and follow the steps above to uncheck the box.

OLLI at American University Washington, DC

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OLLI ICE CREAM SOCIALS

Social Space, 5th Floor

July 6-10, 1:00-1:30 PM

Looking for a way to beat the heat this summer? Have a sweet treat during the July Shorts! Jeff Porter, OLLI board member and Social Committee Chair, and OLLI staff will be scooping ice cream for OLLI members each day of the July Shorts, July 6–10, from 1:00–1:30 PM in the 5th Floor Social Space. Take a break, enjoy some ice cream, and socialize with other OLLI members. We look forward to seeing you next week!



OLLI CELEBRATES AMERICA 250

On Tuesday, June 30, a special day of presentations commemorated the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Members had a marvelous time exploring topics spanning American history, democracy, culture, science, and civic life through engaging presentations led by OLLI instructors and members.

Thank you to the Curriculum Committee, Sue Rolnick, Marion Connell, Marianne Sponis, and all of our fabulous presenters. Your time and dedication helped the OLLI community create an event to remember!



AU EVENTS



250+ AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

The 250+ at American initiative offers a year of multidisciplinary programs that invite AU's community to reflect on the nation's past, engage in the present, and imagine the future. [More Info/Events.](#)

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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