OLLI Orientation

New and Prospective Member Orientation

If you are a new member, or are interested in learning more about what OLLI has to offer, this is your chance! In this informal session, you will learn about OLLI’s many programs and activities and meet board members and staff. You will also find out about our wide variety of course topics, committees and volunteer opportunities. Bring your catalog if you already have one; we will go over classes and procedures using this publication. This class is open to current members and those who are not currently members, but are interested in discovering what OLLI has to offer. Refreshments will be served.

Instructor: Terri Navrkal is honored to serve as president for the Lubbock OLLI advisory board. She earned a bachelor’s degree in secondary education and a master’s degree in education administration from Texas Tech University.

Date: June 12, 2019
Day/Times: Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m. or 5:30-7 p.m.
Fee: FREE
Location: Texas Tech Plaza, Room 501
1901 University Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79410

Hobbies and Activities

How to Play Mahjong

(American National League version)

You do not want to miss this chance to learn this historical and exciting game with Chinese origins which uses tiles with symbols and pictures. The instructor will teach fundamental components, etiquette, and rules while giving you playing time in a patient learning environment. The lessons are taught in a specific sequence, so it is crucial that you do not miss any of the classes. Ideal for beginners or intermediate players. A 2019 playing card will be provided and included in the price of this class.

Instructor: Marsha Weiss has been an avid mahjong player for years. She is excited to share this ancient, thought-provoking game with others. Marsha attended Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia. She earned an international Judging Brevet from the International Gymnastics Federation has traveled the world as a tumbling judge.

Dates: July 15, 17, 22 & 24, 2019
Days/Times: Mondays & Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.
Fee: $20 for OLLI members
Capacity: 12 participants
Location: Texas Tech Plaza, Room 218
1901 University Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79410
OLLI Book Club

Inspired by the PBS special, “The Great American Read,” join OLLI members to discover or rediscover some of the most meaningful books of our time as chosen by a national survey of America's 100 best-loved novels. This semester, we have chosen one book to discuss each month and are hoping to continue this in the coming semesters.

Facilitator: Shelby Crews is the director of the OLLI program at Texas Tech University. She has been an avid reader since childhood and is especially looking forward to discussing these books as a part of “The Great American Read.”

“Pride and Prejudice” by Jane Austen

“Pride and Prejudice” (1813), Jane Austen’s most beloved novel, follows the clever and kind but “obstinate, headstrong” young woman Elizabeth Bennet and her four sisters as they navigate the intricacies of English society in the Regency period. Resistant to her mother’s avowal that she must marry “a single man in possession of a good fortune” (lest the family’s meager property be entailed to an unpleasant cousin), Elizabeth meets the wealthy but aloof Mr. Darcy at a country ball, where her sister Jane and his rich friend Bingley form an attachment despite their class differences. With one bachelor enchanted and the other unimpressed, will the Bennet sisters find love without compromising their dignity?

Fee: FREE for OLLI members
Date: June 18, 2019
Day/Time: Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m.
Location: Texas Tech Plaza, Room 218
1901 University Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79410

“The Shack” by William P. Young

Mackenzie Allen Phillips’s youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation. Evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later, in the midst of his great sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note – apparently from God – inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment, he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change his life forever.

Fee: FREE for OLLI members
Date: July 23, 2019
Day/Time: Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m.
Location: Texas Tech Plaza, Room 218
1901 University Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79410

“Watchers” by Dean Koontz

“A superior thriller” (Oakland Press) about a man, a dog, and a terrifying threat that could only have come from the imagination of No. 1 New York Times bestselling author Dean Koontz. On his 36th birthday, Travis Cornell hikes into the foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains. But his path is soon blocked by a bedraggled golden retriever who will let him go no further into the dark woods. That morning, Travis had been desperate to find some happiness in his lonely, seemingly cursed life. What he finds is a dog of alarming intelligence that soon leads him into a relentless storm of mankind’s darkest creation.

Fee: FREE for OLLI members
Date: August 13, 2019
Day/Time: Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m.
Location: Texas Tech Plaza, Room 218
1901 University Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79410
Turner Classic Movies
Big Screen Classics Presents

Join OLLI at the movies this summer as Fathom Events and Turner Classic Movies present some of our favorite classic movies. Turner Classic Movies’ well-known hosts will provide insight, background and more before and after the screening – making these events that movie lovers won’t want to miss.

Movie 1 – “Field of Dreams”

“If you build it, he will come.” With these words, Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella (Kevin Costner) is inspired by a voice he can’t ignore to pursue a dream he can hardly believe. Supported by his wife Annie, Ray begins the quest by turning his ordinary cornfield into a place where dreams can come true.

Fee: $6 for OLLI members
Date: June 18, 2019
Day/Time: Tuesday, 4 p.m.
Location: Cinemark Movies 16
5721 58th Street, Lubbock, TX 79424

Movie 2 – “Glory”

The heart-stopping story of the first black regiment to fight for the North in the Civil War, “Glory” stars Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington, Cary Elwes and Morgan Freeman.

Fee: $6 for OLLI members
Date: July 24, 2019
Day/Time: Wednesday, 4 p.m.
Location: Cinemark Movies 16
5721 58th Street, Lubbock, TX 79424

Movie 3 – “Hello Dolly”

Dolly Levi uses her matchmaking skills in New York City to orchestrate the love lives of her friends, all the while trying to get the man she likes to fall for her.

Fee: $6 for OLLI members
Date: August 14, 2019
Day/Time: Wednesday, Noon
Location: Cinemark Movies 16
5721 58th Street, Lubbock, TX 79424

Travel and Day Trips

Texas Tech University Public Art Collection

Come learn about the Texas Tech University System’s Public Art Collection! This tour, led by TTUS Public Art Director Emily Wilkinson, will include a sampling of the over 200 public artworks owned by the collection, including works in metal, stone, and glass. We will discuss these works’ significance for our campus and community, learn the history of the Public Art program and its processes, and get “insider information” on ongoing projects. Please dress comfortably and wear comfortable shoes, as some walking will be required.

Instructor: Emily Wilkinson is the director for public art in the Office of Facilities Planning & Construction. Working with a committee, Wilkinson oversees the Public Art Collection and Program at the Texas Tech University System, which solicits, evaluates and commissions original public artworks to complement construction projects.

Date: June 11, 2019
Day: Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fee: $25 for OLLI members (fee includes a meal)
Capacity: 30 participants
Location: Meet at the Texas Tech Plaza parking lot
1901 University Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79410

Discover Palo Duro Canyon and “TEXAS”

Join your OLLI friends and enjoy one of the best parts of summer in the panhandle, the outdoor musical, “Texas.” The trip will include:

• A chartered bus service from Lubbock to Palo Duro Canyon.
• A bus tour of the majestic Palo Duro Canyon, led by a member of the “TEXAS” hospitality staff.
• A back stage tour, which provides a great opportunity to see what it takes to produce the show and fascinating facts about this long-running hit.
• A delicious chuck wagon dinner by Feldman’s Wrong Way Diner which includes three meats, trimmings, dessert, and drinks.
• And last, but certainly not least, priority seating and early admittance to the show beneath the blue Texas sky and surrounded by the beautiful Palo Duro Canyon. Leave the driving to us and don’t miss out on this truly magical evening! The bus will leave at 3:30 p.m. from the Texas Tech Plaza building located at the corner of 19th and University and our estimated return time will be 1 a.m.

Date: June 27, 2019
Day: Thursday-Friday, 3:30 p.m.-1 a.m.
Fee: $85 for OLLI members | Capacity: 54 participants
Location: Meet at the Texas Tech Plaza parking lot
1901 University Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79410
Our Mission
The mission of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Texas Tech University is to provide enjoyable and stimulating non-credit learning and cultural opportunities for its members.

What is Osher Lifelong Learning Institute?
OLLI began as a continuing education program at Texas Tech University in 2002-2003 as Texas Tech Lifelong Learning. In 2008, endowment support was received from the Bernard Osher Foundation. In recognition of its affiliation with the Osher Foundation and as one of 120 such institutes nationwide, Texas Tech Lifelong Learning was re-named Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Texas Tech University. We are self-sustaining, supported through membership dues, class fees, an endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation, donations and in-kind support from Texas Tech University. No tests, no grades, no research papers – just intellectual stimulation.

What are the requirements to join?
Everyone age 50 and older may join. The only prerequisite is a desire to learn.

What does membership cost?
Membership is $35 per person, valid for a year from date of purchase, and does not include cost of individual courses.

Who teaches OLLI classes?
Most of our classes are taught by distinguished professors, both active and retired. Other instructors are experts in their fields, university doctoral students or OLLI members. There is one common denominator: they teach because they enjoy education and OLLI students.

Where is the OLLI office?
Our office is in the Texas Tech Plaza, 5th floor, Suite 513 at 19th and University Avenue, Lubbock, Texas. Our email is olli@ttu.edu, and our phone number is (806) 742-OLLI (6554).

Our No-Solicitation Policy
OLLI class rosters will not be used for solicitation purposes. Any personal information regarding OLLI members such as phone numbers, e-mail or mailing addresses are considered private and not for release without specific permission by the member. The OLLI classroom setting will also not be used for promotion of personally marketed products. However, instructors who are authors may have their books available for display or purchase after class if the book is related to the subject matter of the class. Please contact the OLLI office if you need clarification of this policy.

What happens for weather or other emergency cancellations?
OLLI follows the same policy as Texas Tech University for cancellations because of weather or other acts of nature or emergencies. If TTU classes are canceled, OLLI classes are also canceled. Postings can be found at www.emergency.ttu.edu as well as on local television or radio stations. OLLI reserves the right to substitute instructors, rearrange class schedules, or cancel classes because of low enrollment or illness. In case of class cancellation or a schedule change, you will be notified and may receive a credit for another class in the same semester or a refund.

What if I have to cancel my registration?
Because space in classes is limited, please let the office know as soon as possible if you need to cancel a class registration. It is important that you are aware that canceling any class requiring bus transportation, food or supplies will result in loss of the registration fee unless the member is able to find a replacement to attend in their place.

For all other classes, we ask that members let us know of their cancellation at least four days in advance to be eligible to receive a credit transfer to be applied to another class or a refund. Members may also choose to donate their refund if they wish to support OLLI operations. We do provide full refunds on a case-by-case basis for illness, medical emergencies etc. Membership fees cannot be credited or refunded.