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HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The OLLI office will be closed for the 4th of July holiday on July 4-5 (Thur-Fri) next week. **There will not be a newsletter next Friday.**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

JULY SHORTS (July 8–12)

July Shorts meet 2-5 times during the one week, either in-person or online. There are still many open courses. Now that the lottery has passed, members

can select/add however many classes fit in their schedule for the \$100 fee. **The last day for course changes and refunds is Friday, July 5.**

REGISTER

Classrooms

Below are the classrooms assigned for each in-person July Short. **Room A is on the first floor. All other classrooms and the OLLI office are on the 5th floor.** Signs with the below information will be posted in the elevator lobbies of each garage level and on the first and 5th floor of the building when exiting the elevator.

2024 JULY SHORTS ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

9:45 AM

RM SHORTS COURSE

		DATES
A	Sophists	July 8 and 10
1	The World of the IMF	July 8-12
2	Lessons in Computer and Mobile Device Security	July 11-12
3	The Islamic Golden Age in Morocco	July 11 and 12
5	The Other American Revolutionary War	July 8, 10, and 12
6	Manifest Destiny and US Expansion	July 8-12

11:45 AM

RM SHORTS COURSE

		DATES
A	Casablanca—The Most Beloved Movie Ever Made	July 8-10
1	Creating a Local Healthy Ecosystem	July 8-9
2	Jews and Baseball	July 9-11
3	Cutting the Cord: Streaming Alternatives to Cable TV	July 8-9
3	The Chatbot Revolution	July 11-12
5	To the Lighthouse: "Reading Minds"	July 8-12
6	Practicing Your German	July 8-12

1:45 PM

RM SHORTS COURSE

		DATES
3	Music City DC—From Jazz to Soul & Beyond	July 8-9
5	Hemingway's A Moveable Feast	July 8-10
6	Do Only the Rich Have Trusts?	July 8-9

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SGR Meeting

OLLI will be having a meeting for July Shorts SGRs on **Tuesday, July 2, at 11:00 AM**, online via Zoom. This meeting will explain the SGR duties in detail and be an opportunity to ask questions.

A meeting reminder and Zoom link will be sent to SGRs once they're identified for the July Shorts. Please plan to attend if you have not served as an SGR. If you have any questions, please email the office at olli@american.edu

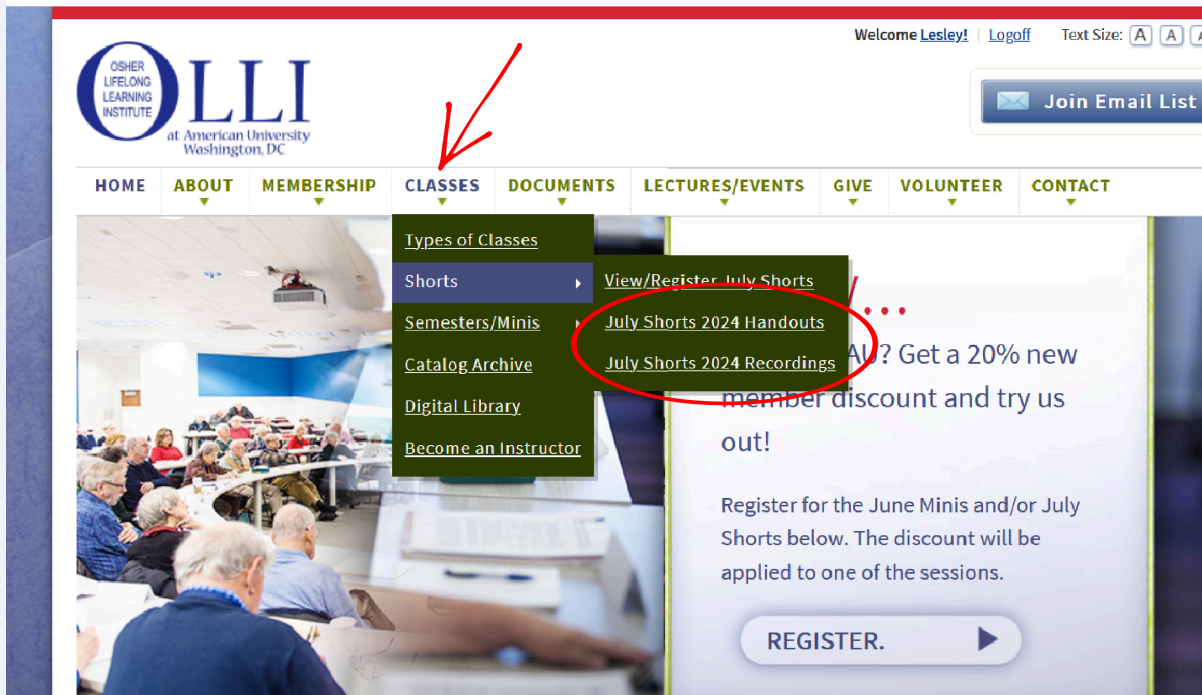
Books

Most July Shorts books are available through Politics and Prose book store at 5015 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008. Politics and Prose offers OLLI members a 10% discount on books for study groups. Below are notes regarding the book for one July Shorts class.

960 *Practicing Your German* - Pay to order, no returns, and no discount

Class Recordings & Handouts

Most classes during the July Shorts are being recorded. [July recordings](#), as well as [July handouts](#), are listed under "Classes," then "Shorts" (see image below). Each day's recordings during the Shorts session are posted that afternoon. You must first log in to your member account in order to view the recordings. Recordings are available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of each session.



The image shows a screenshot of the OLLI website. The header includes the OLLI logo (OSHER LIFE LONG LEARNING INSTITUTE at American University Washington, DC) and a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT, MEMBERSHIP, CLASSES, DOCUMENTS, LECTURES/EVENTS, GIVE, VOLUNTEER, CONTACT. A red arrow points to the 'CLASSES' link, which has a dropdown menu open. The dropdown menu contains: Types of Classes, Shorts, Semesters/Minis, Catalog Archive, Digital Library, and Become an Instructor. The 'Shorts' link is highlighted, and its sub-menu is visible, containing: View/Register July Shorts, July Shorts 2024 Handouts, and July Shorts 2024 Recordings. The 'July Shorts 2024 Recordings' link is circled in red. To the right of the navigation menu is a 'Join Email List' button. Below the navigation menu is a banner for a 20% new member discount with a 'REGISTER.' button.

JUNE MINIS FEEDBACK & SGL GIFTS

June Minis Feedback

The June Minis [final feedback form](#) is available on the OLLI website under "Classes" and then "Semesters/Minis." Please take a few minutes to submit feedback as each of your study groups comes to a close. You can also fill out a

paper form outside the OLLI office. As always, if you have suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.

SGL Gifts

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. We cannot accept cash. The OLLI office will collect all gifts and write a check to each SGL.

Feedback and SGL Gifts will be accepted through today, Friday, July 5.

OLLI EVENTS

SERENDIPITY TALK

Kim and Carl Weichel, *Discovering the New Sounds of Jazz: Highlights from the 2022-23 Monterey Jazz Festivals*

Monday, July 8 | 3:30-5:00 PM

Online via Zoom

This presentation is for anyone with an interest in jazz or learning about many remarkable new jazz musicians and their unique styles. There will be 12 different artists and groups featured that have performed internationally and at the annual Monterey Jazz Festival. Some are young upcoming stars and others have been on the scene for awhile. Join in and enjoy some vibrant jazz and hear how the music has evolved since the early days.

Kim and Carl Weichel are longtime SGLs who have taught many classes at OLLI at AU. They are both jazz fans and love traveling to summer Jazz festivals, especially Newport and Monterey. Kim plays jazz piano, guitar, and sings in an a capella choir.

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of the talk.

MORE INFO

DISCUSSION GROUP—ELECTION ISSUES 2024

Tuesday, July 9 | 10:00-11:30 AM

In-Person at OLLI (5th floor Social Space)

With the upcoming presidential and congressional elections this fall, we will be bombarded with lots of information. If you want to share your information or your opinions, come join OLLI's Current Events and Policy study group leaders, Jeff Porter and David Callet for a discussion about issues related to this year's election cycle. This is an informal gathering of up to 30 people to discuss these topics. This is a free event open to all OLLI members, registration is required, and refreshments will be provided by OLLI board member and Social Committee Chair, Jeff Porter. The room location will be shared before the event to those who register. Refreshments will be served. Reservation Required; Limited to 30 people.

[REGISTER](#)

TRADIN' TUNES ON THE FRONT PORCH

Friday, July 12 | 7:00 PM at Washington Latin Public Charter School

Saturday, July 20 | 7:00 PM at the Arts Barn Music house concert series in the Historic District of Herndon, VA

Come see OLLI member and singer/songwriter Steven Cutts perform with fellow singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Jim Fowler at their upcoming concerts.

[MORE INFO AND TICKETS](#)

OTHER EVENTS



2024 NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 24 | 9:00 AM-8:00 PM

Walter E. Washington Convention Center

The 2024 National Book Festival will be held in the nation's capital at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center on Saturday, August 24, from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM (doors open at 8:30 AM).

The event 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.

[MORE INFO](#)

MISCELLANEOUS



SGL'S STORY IN *AMAZING STORIES* ANTHOLOGY

OLLI study group leader, Andrew Hiller, recently had one of his stories ("Time of the Critic") selected to be part of the *Amazing Stories Best of 2023* Anthology. The description reads, in part:

From pulse-pounding action to thought-provoking speculative fiction, this anthology showcases the diverse talents of today's most imaginative writers. Prepare to be transported to distant galaxies, alternate realities, and future civilizations as you delve into these gripping tales of adventure, intrigue, and wonder.

Featuring contributions from a roster of visionary storytellers, including David Ian, Lisa Fox, Andrew Hiller, and more, this collection promises thrills, chills, and unforgettable journeys through the vast expanse of the cosmos. So buckle up and get ready to explore the unknown—because in the universe of *Amazing Stories*, anything is possible.

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