

Loudoun Summer Newsletter



Overview

This has definitely been a spring and summer that we will not forget. First, we were introduced to a very scary pandemic of a new corona virus 🦠 and now, on top of that, we are seeing violence and protests in many cities. Take a deep breath and look at the picture above to take yourself to a *happy place*. We will survive these crises and Olli is helping us do that. Who would have thought that we would be participating virtually in so many classes and clubs and really liking it? For the technically challenged it has been a jump in the learning curve to master Zoom and all it offers. A big thank you to all those that put this together for all of us.

It has been a joy to see OLLI friends on Zoom and talk with them about classes and what they are doing while in quarantine. How many projects have you accomplished? How many honey-to-do lists were completed? Netflix, Disney Plus and Amazon Prime have entertained many as well as lots of books that we finally got to read. Masks are the new essential face coverings and there are millions being made with designs galore.



So in this happier vein, let me review spring term. Because of the Zoom technology, we are all able to partake in offerings across all three campuses without leaving home. I hope you all found classes that you really enjoyed. I specifically enjoyed the Creative Cauldron classes and the Friday social get-togethers. I had to get used to Zoom so I know I opted out of some noteworthy classes. I will do better this summer!

Summer Term 2020

Looking forward, OLLI classes will be provided virtually summer through fall term, so let's take a look at the fabulous offerings ahead. Here are some interesting classes/events organized by your Loudoun programming colleagues that I thought worth noting (as well as a few others). Register for all via the OLLI member portal: <https://olligmu.augusoft.net/>

**1. 1101 Coffee and Conversation organized by the Loudoun site assistant
Monday, 10–11:30, June 22**

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and some cookies (and maybe a donut) and kick off the new term at this casual online gathering. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the camaraderie.

**2. L206 Selling Your Home, A Guide for the Mature Seller and Their Family
Wednesdays, 11:50–1:15, July 22–July 29**

Instructor: Helen Flynn

This course will provide information and guidance on the following topics: knowing when it is time to move, options for where to live, what to do with your “stuff,” legal and financial issues related to selling, disbursement of funds, and how to manage the estate of a parent locally or elsewhere.

3. L604 Secrets of the Bible

Tuesdays, 9:40–11:05, June 23–July 7

Instructor: Rabbi Chaim Cohen

A lush garden... a snake... forbidden fruit... temptation... the sin of knowledge... shame... mortality... What is really going on? Revisit six seemingly absurd stories you likely remember from Hebrew school or Sunday school.

4. L806 Vanishing Worlds

Wednesdays, 11:50–1:15, July 22–July 29

Instructor: Joyce Johnston

July 22: Light Grows as Life Fades Above the Arctic Circle.

July 29: The Baltic Minorities: Bright, Beautiful, and Almost Gone

5. L901 Shopping Five Grocery Stores

Thursdays, 11:50–1:15, June 25–July 2

Instructor: Robert Cather

This course will teach you how to make choices and help you learn which stores offer the highest quality at the best prices.

6. 1204 Grab 'n' Gab Virtual Coffee Klatch

Thursday, June 18 from 9:30 to 11:00

Grab a cup of coffee and favorite pastry and enjoy between-term socializing online. All members welcome.

7. Speaking of coffee klatches, the Olli Players will be performing at the OLLI Coffee Klatch on July 24. We also have been asked to perform for you at the Fall Term Kick Off Coffee on September 17. Zoom is new to us as a performing group so we have been rehearsing and seeing what we can do.

Alerts and Notices!

- **Zoom: Make sure that you have updated your account.** Also, Zoom training will be offered Tuesday, June 16 from 11:00 to noon. Click here to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84929969081>. To join by phone: Dial +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 Webinar ID: 849 2996 9081
- **Spread the Word! Tell your friends and family about the OLLI classes you are taking this summer and see if OLLI online learning is of interest.** Share with them the updated summer catalog found at: <https://olli.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Summer2020-catalog.pdf>.
- **OLLI Mason was featured on the May 20 episode of *Mature Living* by the Fairfax County Department of Cable and Community Services;** [click here](#) to view.
- **OLLI Mason featured prominently in *The Libraries at Mason (Spring 2020)* publication;** the publication may be viewed at [this link](#).

This is the news from Loudoun and some other corners of OLLI. Take care, social distance and wear a creative and fun mask. Until next time, this is Kathie West signing off.