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**Dr. Timothy Mulligan, Formerly of National Archives, Examines the Battle of Britain 1940-41, June 23-30**

## July 9, 2021

**Editor of the Week: John Nash**

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### Alerts & Notices

- Meeting of the OLLI Board of Directors via Zoom Friday, July 16, at 10:00. Link and meeting information will be available in the July 16 OLLI daily schedule email. All members are welcome.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, July 16; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, July 13, at 6:00.

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### Computer Club

**3rd Saturday, July 17 via Zoom  
 Getting Started on Your Family History  
 Virginia State Parks and Avenza Maps**



**By [Paul Howard](#), OPCUG Program Chair**

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, July 17 via Zoom. Program activities begin at 1:00.

*Getting Started on Your Family History* – Presented by Amy Breedlove. This session provides basic information on documenting your family history. The speaker covers what to do first, as in figuring out what you and/or your family already knows. Next steps include figuring out what information is missing and what you want to look for first, determining what types of records may hold that information, who created those records, and where they may be available. Next, she briefly discusses the research process itself and where you can do the research. There follows a list of hints to keep you out of genealogical trouble and, finally, she presents some types of technology aids available to genealogists.

Amy Breedlove is a native Virginian and has lived in northern Virginia her whole life. She's a Mason graduate in history and a retired career federal employee. She got interested in genealogy at age nine. She is a member of several historical societies and many genealogical societies at the national, state, and local levels, including the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. She's not a professional genealogist or speaker but is always willing to answer questions.

*Learn in 30: Virginia State Parks and Avenza Maps* – Presented by John Krout. In this presentation, you will learn about the fascinating Virginia state parks and the new availability of park trail maps online, using the Avenza Maps app for Android and Apple portable devices. The

state parks are scattered across Virginia, with several within a 90-minute drive from the Washington DC metro region. Almost all the state parks feature hiking and biking trails, and some permit horseback riding. Most provide water recreation, such as river, bay or lake access, rental boats and kayaks, swimming pools, water parks, and fishing ponds.

You will learn how to use Avenza Maps to find and download Virginia State Parks maps, how to select a downloaded map for use, how to mark your parking spot or any other interesting location on the map for easy return, and how to record your hiking/riding track on the map. PATACS member John Krout is an avid photographer and a frequent presenter at our joint meetings.

**See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#).** For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG Website](#). OPCUG dues are \$5 for 2021—see <http://ollimu.org/opcug/comm.html> for details on making payment.

Attend via Zoom’s cloud meeting service, beginning at 1:00. Please click [this link](#) to join the meeting and use passcode 217154, or enter meeting ID 827 0407 4246 in the Zoom app and use the above passcode.

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## Course Proposals for Upcoming Terms

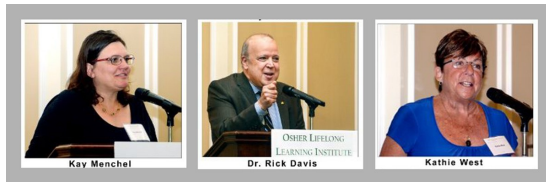


**By Nancy Klein, Communications and Program Associate**

Thinking of teaching a course or know someone who would be willing to join the ranks of our fabulous OLLI Mason instructors, like those shown below? Proposals for future terms are due as follows—

- Winter 2022: July 26
- Spring 2022: October 8

For additional information, check out the Instructor Resources page on the OLLI website by clicking [here](#). Thanks!



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## Reston Book Club: Switch in Order of Books for Fall Term



**Nancy Scheeler and Luci Martel, Reston Book Club coordinators**

Nancy Scheeler and Luci Martel, co-leaders of the Reston Book Club, announce a switch in order of books for discussion for fall term. It is too late to make this switch in the printed catalog.

On September 23, the club will discuss *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. On October 21, the book will be *Disappearing Earth* by Julia Phillips. This reversal is due to travel plans for Luci and Nancy.



The last book discussed during fall term will be *Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart, as originally planned.

Members of the Reston Book Club gathered in person on June 17 for lunch at Cafe Montmartre on Lake Anne Plaza in Reston (see picture). The group plans to continue to meet via Zoom, with occasional in-person lunches scheduled during the year.

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

I heard the sound of fireworks  
A neighbor thrilling his kids

I went outside  
Sat on the stoop

I thought to be a kid again

And in the corner of my eye  
I saw a firefly

Nature’s fireworks are not so loud  
But they are equally a delight

*Melvin Axilbund*

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## Arts & Music at George Mason

No Performances until September



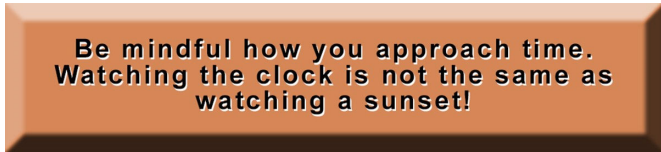
By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

### Virtual Performances

Although Mason’s Fairfax campus is shut down, online entertainment and events at the Hylton Center continue for us to access and enjoy. Dr. Linda Apple Monson produces a periodic “Notes from the Director.” This email is full of interesting online performances by the students and faculty of the School of Music. If you would like to receive these bulletins, just send an email to Brianna Schoen at [bschoen@gmu.edu](mailto:bschoen@gmu.edu). Also, the Center for the Arts has a website, [Mason Arts at Home](#), which has a calendar of online events and access to many past performances.

All Mason Arts & Music events are postponed until September.

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## Meetings & Clubs

**Please note:** Physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled until further notice in accordance with Mason’s guidelines. OLLI is conducting its classes and activities online. Refer to the university’s [coronavirus website](#) for official university updates and check the [OLLI calendar](#) for revised information.

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office. The list is accurate as of mid-week but for the most up-to-date information, please view the latest forecast of coming events on our website (News/[OLLI Calendar](#)). *Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend, meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off coffees, etc. (bolded below). The OLLI office has sent (or will send) emails with links and meeting passwords to club members; you may also log in at the [member portal](#) and click on ZOOM CLASS LINKS.*

Sat Jul 10	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Tue Jul 13	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Jul 14	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group
Thu Jul 15	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Jul 16	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Craft and Conversation <b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> Homer, etc.
Sat Jul 17	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club Personal Computer User Group
Tue Jul 20	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Jul 21	4:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club
Thu Jul 22	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Jul 23	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon	Craft and Convrnsation Homer, etc. Photography Club
Sat Jul 24	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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## About OLLI E-News

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**Deadline:** Tuesday, 6:00, for that week’s issue (Monday, 6:00, for letters to the editor); early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words.

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