



# OLLI E-News

The electronic newsletter for members of the  
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University



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## A VERITABLE GOLD MINE FOR OLLI MEMBERS!

*From the executive director*



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

**A LITTLE-KNOWN GEM IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE** for all OLLI members who use a computer. It's called "DocStore" and you can get to it with one-click of your mouse from our OLLI home web page. Just look at the Quick Links on the left-hand side of the screen and you'll see a list of frequently used sites -- "DocStore" is the next to last item in the list.

Once you see the DocStore on your screen, you'll notice that the listings are categorized. Documents that are to be used in the current OLLI term will always be on top, followed by documents that have been used in previous OLLI terms, beginning with the Fall 2008 term. Move on down the screen using your scroll bar and you'll see that other categories are "Documents and Links for Clubs and Activities," "Forms and other Documents" and "Tech Tips." There is also a complete archive of almost every OLLI course catalog going back to 1991.

You could spend hours perusing these documents and I hope you will check out those of interest. Just from this most recent summer term, you can find information from nine courses, including: "Little Known Women Composers," "Charles Darwin and His Big Idea," and "Powerpoint Basics and Beyond." If you want to find out about how to take care of your roses, look in the Archived Documents under "900 Other" and you'll see "Everything's Coming Up Roses" -- there is a complete Powerpoint presentation that was used in that class.

In the Forms section, you can find everything from the current Registration Form, to the Bus Waiver form for OLLI trips, to the new "A Teacher's Manual" that was recently written by OLLI member Debbie Halverson.

Besides being such a great resource for information, the DocStore has

made it much more convenient for OLLI's instructors to send background information, articles, or links for further research about their course. By using it, OLLI can save on printing costs by reducing the number of copies of handouts.

Many thanks to Paul Howard, who created the DocStore section of our Web site, and John West, who maintains it.

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## PROGRAM CORNER

*Undersubscribed courses you'll love*



By Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Chair

**N**OW THAT REGISTRATION HAS ENDED, all we have to do is sit back and anticipate the beginning of an exciting fall term at OLLI.

When your confirmation letter arrives, however, you may find that you're on a waiting list for an oversubscribed class. Or you may find you have time in your schedule to add another class or two. This is the time to check out the list of "open" classes. You'll find some real treasures here that perhaps you hadn't considered.

Take a close look at the literature and languages classes that are typically smaller, allowing for more student/teacher interaction than the large lecture courses. One of these, ["More than the \(W\)right Stuff" \(F405\)](#), is taught by Mason professor Keith Clark, who previously brought us a popular course on the writings of August Wilson and Toni Morrison. Prof. Clark is a dynamic teacher, one of Mason's best, who engages his audience with his warm, conversational style as well as his depth of scholarship and knowledge. You won't want to miss this very special instructor.

In addition, you'll find plenty of mental gymnastics in some of the other fine literature and language courses, among them, ["Shakespeare's Coriolanus" \(F404\)](#) and ["The Fifties Zeitgeist in American Short Fiction" \(R411\)](#). Also think about challenging your brain with one of our language courses. Some OLLI members will be interested in a new language course, ["Advanced Conversational Spanish" \(F503\)](#). Or look at ["Conversational Spanish" \(R504\)](#).

The Reston location offers some other very attractive possibilities as

well. Have you ever found yourself unable to attend a National Park Service class? Then this is your opportunity to take ["WWII to Cold War" \(R310\)](#). Park rangers Michael Kelly and Brad Berger will bring history alive for you. If the civil war holds your interest, ["Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley" \(R313\)](#) also offers a bus tour of historical sites in conjunction with the course. Or learn more about ["George C. Marshall: An American Leader" \(R312\)](#), which features a related field trip. The Philosophy/Religion group is offering ["Questions of Value" \(R606\)](#) and ["Messianic Prophecies of Hebrew Scriptures" \(R605\)](#).

If the Loudoun site is your major destination, you'll find more possibilities for filling your schedule. Here you can explore "Basic Computers" (L810) and learn some pointers on investing in ["Back to Basics" \(L208\)](#). Or do a little "virtual" traveling in ["Trip Tales" \(L903\)](#) and ["Land of the Midnight Sun" \(L970\)](#).

As you can see, you still have many opportunities to fill out your schedule with some very fine undersubscribed classes at all three locations. Just fill out one of those "add" forms in the office, or go to the OLLI [Member Portal](#) and find "Register/Add course" on the login page under the pull-down menu "Courses." Then get set for a fantastic fall term at OLLI.

Next week: Special Events you won't want to miss.

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## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

*An event to recognize OLLI volunteers*



By Debbie Halverson, Membership Committee Chair

**AS MANY AS TWO HUNDRED VOLUNTEERS** received invitations this week to the Volunteer Recognition Party to be held on Friday, Sep 18, 1:00 to 3:00 at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Olley Lane.

The last time we had such an event was in the spring of 2007. The Board, as representatives of our membership, is hosting this event to let our volunteers know how important their efforts are to the success of OLLI. Not included on the guest list are the many volunteer OLLI teachers who are reminded that they will be feted in the spring at their own event.

Names for the invitation list were accumulated from input from

committee chairs, the liaison list from this past summer, and other activities where volunteers made it all happen. With a total of better than 850 members including Tallwood, Loudoun and Reston, the number of our volunteers is a good 25% of our membership. Hurrah for them!

In putting together a list from a variety of sources, it is possible that someone's name was left falling through the cracks. If you have not received an invitation and you believe you should have, do let me know by [emailing me](#) your name and your volunteer activity and we shall rectify that at once.

Sorry to those who have a partner or spouse they would like to bring along; with such a large guest list, that's just not practical.

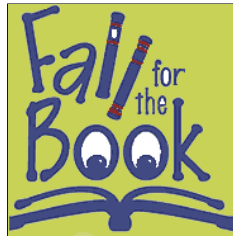
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## FALL FOR THE BOOK FESTIVAL TO START SOON!

Coming Sep 21-26



By Paulette Lichtman-Panzer, OLLI member, Fall for the Book Board member



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the six-day Fall for the Book Festival running from Mon, Sep 21, through Sat, Sep 26. What could be more enjoyable than seeing many of your favorite authors up close and personal and having an opportunity to ask them questions? The festival celebrates literature, learning, and all types of books (both fiction and nonfiction), poetry, and plays. Two of the notable authors who will be making presentations include novelists E.L. Doctorow and Sherman Alexie. To see the complete list of daytime and evening events, go to [fallforthebook.org](http://fallforthebook.org). Remember, all events are free!

This year, OLLI is again a sponsor of Fall for the Book, and three Fall for the Book events are listed as special events in the catalog ([click here for details](#)).

- During the week of the festival you can hop on a free bus at Tallwood (**leaves OLLI at 12:45**) to take you over to the campus to hear these two fascinating presentations:

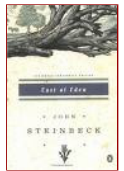
- **F974 Understanding Obama: Three Views** at 1:30 on Tue, Sep 22; and
- **F975 Freedom Without Walls: The Presidents** at 1:30 on Thu, Sep 24.
- At Tallwood on Fri, Sep 25, at 1:00, author Carol Berkin will speak (event **F976 On the Homefront: Civil War Wives**). Ms. Berkin is the author of *Civil War Wives: The Lives and Times of Angelina Grimke Weld, Varina Howell Davis, and Julia Dent Grant*.

If you have any questions, please contact me via [email](#) or telephone (703-569-4983).

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## BOOK CLUB

Meets Wednesday to discuss *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck



**THE OLLI BOOK CLUB WILL MEET** at 10:00 on Wed, Sep 9, at Tallwood. The book for discussion is *East of Eden*, John Steinbeck's classic and most autobiographical novel. First published in 1952, it was made into a movie in 1955. The book may be previewed at [this Google books page](#).

All OLLI members are welcome to attend.

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## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLLI MEMBERS

*Travel abroad after the holidays.*

**THE GEORGE MASON Center for Global Education (CGE)** invites OLLI members to join one of their upcoming Winter Break Programs. Four programs in particular might be appealing.

- GREAT CITIES: [Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest, Prague](#)
- GREECE AND TURKEY: [Philosophical Thought](#)
- EGYPT: Representing Egypt: [Tradition, Modernity, and Globalization](#)
- ENGLAND: [London Theater Tour](#)



Last years group in Egypt

(Click on the program's title to visit the Web page.)

Each program is for two weeks in January (after the holidays), is led by a Mason faculty person, and has the option of staying in a private room in a hotel.

For more information contact Kevin Stoy of CGE ([email](#) or phone 703-993-2132) or meet with him in the Tallwood annex on Mon, Sep 28 or Tue, Sep 29 at 11:00 and 1:15. The deadline to apply for these programs is Oct 9.

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**KEY CONTACT INFORMATION**

*How to contact OLLI*

**HERE IS A READY REFERENCE** on how to contact OLLI. For email addresses and phone numbers not listed below, please consult the online Membership Directory (log in to [Member Portal](#)).

- President: Emmett Fenlon ([email](#))
- Executive Director: [Thom Clement](#), phone 703-503-7866
- [OLLI Office](#), phone 703-503-3384
- Tallwood Administrator/OLLI Registrar: [Maria Buczek](#), phone 703-503-3384
- Board members: See [Organization page](#) (to send an email to the entire Board, send it to the [office](#) or the *OLLI E-News editor*, and your message will be forwarded to all members of the Board)
- Committee chairs, resource-group chairs: See [Organization page](#)
- Suggestions: [Online suggestion box](#)
- Letters to the editor or letters to Ms. Ollie Ettakit (etiquette matters): *OLLI E-News Editor* [Rod Zumbro](#), phone 703-569-2750

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**MASON ARTS AND MUSIC**

*Upcoming Mason performances, Sep 4-13*



By Jan Bohall, *OLLI E-News* Staff Writer

**FOR TICKETS**, call 1-888-945-2468 (phone orders are handled by [tickets.com](#)) or visit the Center for the Arts Box Office, Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00. More info on tickets at the [CFA tickets page](#).

**Faculty Artist Series  
Faculty Showcase Recital**

Fri, Sep 11, 8:00  
Admission: Free  
Harris Theater

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra  
Christopher Zimmerman, conductor**

Sat, Sep 12, 8:00

This opening concert of the group's 53rd season, and welcoming Maestro Zimmerman, will feature Bernstein's *Symphonic Dances*, from *West Side Story*; Elgar's *Introduction and Allegro for Strings*; and Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*.

Admission: \$25 +

Free student tickets available until 9/11

Concert Hall

Come early at 7:00 for a free, pre-concert lecture on Grand Tier III.

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**MASON HIGHLIGHTS**

*Other Mason events*



By Helen Ackerman, *OLLI E-News* Staff Writer

- **Cinema Series:** *My Sister's Keeper*. A girl seeks medical emancipation from her parents who have used her to help keep their leukemia-stricken older daughter alive. Fri, Sep 11, 6:00 and 9:00, Sat, Sep 12, 6:00 and 9:00, Sun, Sep 13, 3:00 and 6:00. Johnson

Center, Cinema. Mason students w/ID, free; Mason faculty and staff w/ID, \$1; general public, \$3.

- **Comic Pain Relief:** The Hippest Hypnosis Show, featuring hypnotist Tom DeLuca. This performance weaves together the light-hearted fun of a comedy show with a motivational message, and is hosted by the Power of Pain Foundation. Sat, Sep 12, 7:00, Harris Theater. Admission: \$10-20.
- **Fall for the Book Exhibit:** Other Places. An exhibit of photographs by Southern novelist Eudora Welty, produced by the Museum of Mississippi History, a division of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Sep 14 to Sep 30. Concert Hall, Lobby.
- **Vuoi fare l'italiano?:** Italian Language and Culture Programs Abroad. Learn more about opportunities to study Italian language, history, politics, literature and culture in places like Florence, Rome, and Sicily and meet the faculty who lead the trips. Mon, Sep 14, 6:30 to 8:00, Research I, Room 163. Kevin Stoy (703) 993-2132, kstoy@gmu.edu, Center for Global Education.
- **Hispanic Heritage Month:** Celebración Spanish Language Programs Abroad. Learn more about opportunities to study Hispanic/Latino culture in places like Argentina, Guanajuato, Madrid, and Granada. Tue, Sep 15, 6:30 to 8:00, Research I, Room 163. Free. Kevin Stoy (703) 993-2132, kstoy@gmu.edu, Center for Global Education.

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

*Non-class events at OLLI for the next two weeks*

**T**HE FOLLOWING LIST covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master calendar maintained by the office (see [Upcoming Non-Class Events](#) to view the real-time OLLI online calendar used by the office). *Note: Board, committee, resource-group and 'membership-type' meetings/events below are **highlighted in bold**. OLLI members are welcome at all Board, committee and resource-group meetings (except during executive sessions).*

Fri Sep 4	10am	Recorder Consort - TA-2
	10am	<b>Planning Committee Meeting</b>

	11am	Homer Group - Social Room Annex
Mon Sep 7		OLLI Office Closed - Labor Day
Tue Sep 8	10:30am	Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne Coffee Shop
Wed Sep 9	10am	Book Club at Tallwood - TA-2
	10am	Bridge Club - TA-3
	10am	Investment Forum - TA-1
	10:30am	<b>Open House</b> - Loudoun GMU campus
Fri Sep 11	10am	Recorder Consort - TA-2
	10am	Travel Club - TA-1
	11am	Homer Group - Social Room Annex
Mon Sep 14	10am	<b>Communications Committee Meeting</b> - TA-2
Tue Sep 15	10:30am	Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne Coffee Shop
Wed Sep 16	10am	Investment Forum - TA-1
	10am	Bridge Club - TA-3
	10:30am	Special Event - F951 Tour of the Workhouse Arts Center - Lorton
Fri Sep 18	10am	Recorder Consort - TA-2
	10am	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> - TA-1
	11am	Homer Group - Social Room Annex
	1pm	OLLI Volunteer Reception - Church of Good Shepherd
Sat Sep 19	12:30pm	OLLI Personal Computer User Group
Mon Sep 21		<b>Fall Term Begins</b>

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