***OLLI Notes
January 12, 2024***

**OLLI Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30-5 p.m.,
Friday 8:30-4 p.m. Contact the office at 864.294.2998.**

**OLLI WILL BE CLOSED for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 15.**

*What a wonderful first week of classes at OLLI@Furman this week! It's always a pleasure to see the halls abuzz with members following the* *holiday break. We wanted a share few "start of term" reminders with our members.
In the event of inclement weather, OLLI@Furman will follow the Furman University planned schedule. We will send an email to our membership with details of any changes to our class schedules.
With cold, flu, and COVID infections on the rise this season, we would ask that if you are feeling under the weather that you remain at home or mask for the health and safety of others.
If you are enjoying the coffee bar, please remember to use a lid for your coffee whether you bring your own mug or use a disposal cup. Also, the custodial crew have requested that liquids not be thrown into the trash bins. Please empty your leftover liquids into a sink prior to disposing of your cup.
We would also like to welcome our new OLLI staff member, Custodian Jo Vargo. If you see Jo in the halls, take a moment to say hello to her.
Thank you to all!*

Stop by the office to pickup a copy of the Winter edition of **OLLI*Life.*** Our Editor Jean Hess and her contributors deserve a round of applause for this wonderful issue!

**You may still register for Winter24 courses.**Take a look at the OLLI@Furman Winter24 Brochure**,**available to view on our website [**HERE**](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=2343ca97e5&e=84d322a7f8) and find your next great course to take this winter. Please take note of the changes to the course brochure provided on the website.
If you have any questions, please call the OLLI Office.

**Making Payment for Classes?** \*\*If you see have a balance on your account and would like to pay for it using your credit card, you can log into your account and then click on “My Account,” which is at the top of the page.  A box of several choices will open.  Select “Make a Payment,” and then choose “Credit or Debit card” on the payment choice, and proceed through the screens to complete the transaction.\*\*

**The last day to drop a class for a refund is next Friday January 19.**
If you need to drop a class, please contact the OLLI Office. There is a $10 fee to drop, unless you are replacing with another class.

The deadline for Summer Course Proposals is**Friday, February 2, 2024**Please direct any questions that you may have to alex.fagan@furman.edu

There is ROOM for YOU in the following **Friday Bonus Events.**If you would like to signup, please **call the OLLI office** at 864.294.2998.
**January 19**
BTE1114 Savvy Senior Programs:  Scams and Fraud, Jan 19, 10-Noon,
9 spots
BTE1147, Estate Planning 101, Jan. 19, 10-Noon,
3 spots
**January 26**
BTE1111 Where in the World is the US?, 10-11:30 ZOOM
Many Spots
BTE1165 A Closer Look at 1-Dimensional Angular Acceleration, 10-Noon
Many Spots

**Marvin Book Nook Updates:**
We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteer librarians for the Marvin Book Nook! In an effort to refine our library, there are a few "rules" to share with the OLLI membership.
**Please place any returned or donated books and materials in the bookcase under the window.**
While member assistance is appreciated, **please do not shelve books.**
The Book Nook team has implemented a new system for how long books have been on the shelves without being taken out to read by OLLI members. The system will allow for the removal of books which are not being read, to allow for more popular books to be added. If members who are not on the team shelve books, the system breaks down.
If you have any questions or require assistance with accessing books or materials, please ask a staff member in the OLLI office. Happy Reading!

***OLLI Happenings***

***Save the Date***
**"Celebrate Your State"
Food Swap Potluck Luncheon**
**Friday, January 26 from 1-3 pm**

Get ready to dive into a scrumptious journey across the heartland of flavors at the “Celebrate Your State Food Swap” potluck hosted by the OLLI social committee. It’s a food extravaganza that promises to whisk you away on a delectable adventure through the diverse tapestry of American cuisine. OLLI members will bring a favorite dish to share representing their home state (or any state they have lived in). More details will follow, but be thinking about what culinary tradition you want to bring to share. Let’s celebrate the rich and varied foods we grew up with.

**Thursday Lunch Book Clubs** are now in session. The Rogue Readers (HC113)  and the Mystery Reading Groups (HC003) meet on **Thursdays in the Herring Center from 12:30 -1:15 p.m.**The meeting dates for **Rogue Readers**are January 11 & 25 and February 8 & 22. The meeting dates for **Mystery Readers**are January 18, February 1, 15, & 29.
You do not need to signup to join in. Book selections can be found in the Winter Brochure on page 24.  If you have further questions, you may contact Gayl Glover at ggonstarsong@hotmail.com for Rogue Readers or Judy Pearson at judypearson@bellsouth.net for Mystery Readers.

An organizational meeting for a proposed **Stamp Collecting** Special Interest Group (SIG) will be on **Wednesday, January 17 @ 12:30 p.m. in Room 111** of the Herring Center. If interested or if you have any questions please email Lynn Duncan at echoes92@charter.net

Do you love to sing? The **OLLI Singers SIG** was formed to bring together those of who do! **This winter term Singers will meet on Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 at the Herring Center** to learn great Broadway show tunes and preparing for a performance at ShalomFest on April 7, as well as an OLLI Herring Center mini-concert in the Spring.
The OLLI Singers will sing other kinds of music in addition to show tunes, depending on the interests of the group. Our main goal is to have fun singing as a chorus! All you need is good pitch, and either some ability to read music or to pick up relatively quickly by ear.
**Please email Laura Becker at**LLB330@gmail.com**if you are interested** in participating in The OLLI Singers (or accompanying the group on piano).

**Senior Leaders Alumni News:**
You may have noticed plastic bins in the Manly Lobby this week. These are a part of an initiative by the SLG Alumni Group.

The OLLI Senior Leaders Greenville Alumni together with the OLLI Sustainability SIG have established a ***Recycle/Reuse Program*** for OLLI members. The Program involves 2 specific items; recycling batteries and the collection and reuse of eyeglasses.  Both impact our environment by keeping material out of landfills, while reclaiming eyeglasses has the additional benefit of providing vision correction to those in need around the world.
Each year, Americans throw away more than 3 billion batteries. Batteries are made with toxic elements; these toxic chemicals can leach into the soil and water system.  Did you know batteries can take over 100 years to fully decompose! You now can help protect our environment by recycling your batteries in the designated **“Recycle Used Batteries” bin here at the Herring Center.**

SLG Alumni have partnered with the Berea Lions Club to host an  **eyeglass collection box.**We accept  donations of prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and empty frames. Children's glasses are especially needed.  We do not accept eyeglass cases. Your recycled glasses will make a huge difference for someone in need, so drop off your glasses in the designated**“Donate Glasses Here” bin here at the Herring Center.**If you have any questions please contact Vito Fiore at vafbronx@gmail.com.

***Read and Explore with OLLI***

If you haven't picked up your copy of our big read for this winter, *Rocket Boys,*stop by the OLLI office to do so. Copies are being returned daily by OLLI members for others to enjoy.
We will be sharing supporting events soon, including a viewing of *“October Sky,”* the film version of our book. We’ll learn about the development of NASA, enjoy book chats with fellow OLLI members, and more. Watch your inbox for more information.

***Furman Features***

**Climate Change Lecture Opportunity January 17 5:30-6:30 p.m.,** Watkins Room, Trone Student Center, Furman University.
Exacerbated floods, heatwaves, wildfires and other physical changes in our natural world are endangering our health and safety. Why is it happening and what can we expect in the future?
Join a one-hour discussion of the basic science of climate change and how it is compromising the essentials of good health. During this non-partisan, science-based presentation, we’ll also discuss how we can innovate, mitigate and adapt to a changing climate.
 Kathleen Biggins, resident and founder of nationally recognized C-Change Conversations, will lead the discussion. This event is sponsored by The Shi Institute for Sustainable Communities, the Institute for the Advancement of Community Health, **OLLI**, and the Biology and Earth and Environmental Science departments. For more information, contact Erikah Haavie at erikah.haavie@furman.edu

***What's Happening in the Upstate***

**Music on Sunday Series**presented by Temple Israel will welcome the **West End Brass Quartet this Sunday, January 14 at 3 p.m.** Each concert is immediately followed by a complimentary Wine & Cheese Reception. Concertgoers have the opportunity to mingle with the musicians and each other. Tickets are available online [HERE](https://www.templeofisrael.org/musiconsunday) for $20 or at the door for $25.

OLLI@Furman members Bruce Schlein, Linda Hosek, Morley Jensen, and Alan Weinberg who comprise the *‘Friday Wanderers’*, have mounted a **photography exhibit at the Woodlands** at Furman in their front gallery.  It will close on January 29th.

**Greenville Symphony Orchestra** will present a Peace Center Concert***, Tales of Transformation***featuring Conductor Janna Hymes and cellist Joshua Roman. **Saturday, January 20, 7:30pm and Sunday, January 21, 3:00 pm.**Visit the GSO website [HERE](https://www.greenvillesymphony.org/?gclid=CjwKCAiA7t6sBhAiEiwAsaieYjhHI7JqN1ucD3xmKLRzP7FbR6ozT9ZPngNPsVAwXDnUI0eOkhMuixoChLkQAvD_BwE)for information and tickets.

The**Greenville Chautauqua Society**will share a *Charles Dickens Talk*led by Larry Bounds on **Tuesday, January 23, 7 – 8:30 pm.** This FREE event is a discussion, not an in-character performance. Hughes Main Library and Online. Find more information at this link [historycomesalive.org](http://historycomesalive.org/)