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Parking Lot Reconstruction Underway at Tallwood, August 15, 2016

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Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

- The Senior Theatre Resource Center, an Art Age Publications venture that helps older performers pursue their theatrical dreams, in July selected the OLLI Players as the Senior Theatre group of the month. Read more [here](#).
- Fall-term registration began August 16 and ends August 25 at noon. Registrations will be accepted only online or by mail (no fall-term registration drop-offs because of parking lot reconstruction at Tallwood; please do not attempt to come to campus at this time).
- The publication date for the next issue of *OLLI E-News* is September 2; the deadline for submission (to ollinewseditor@gmail.com) is Tuesday, August 30, at 6:00.

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Parking Lot Construction Update



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

Tallwood is currently undergoing a major parking lot construction project as part of George Mason University's commitment to providing safe and accessible facilities to OLLI members. The project will take some time, and we appreciate your patience and support as we make these needed improvements.

There are several modifications that will be installed within the construction period JULY 22-SEPTEMBER 9:

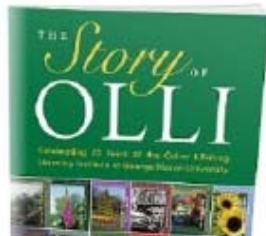
- Mark all utility lines (DONE)
- Remove shrubs from front of building while preserving the center garden (DONE)
- Close off access to Tallwood from all side of construction site (DONE)
- Dig out old parking surface (DONE-AUG)
- Install drainage piping. (AUG-SEP)
- Regrade and resurface parking lot (AUG-SEP)
- Construct retaining wall and ramp (AUG-SEP)
- Construct curb and gutter (AUG-SEP)
- Paint (SEP)
- Landscape (SEP)

Currently, construction is on time, and we fully expect to be ready to open by fall term. We are especially excited to show off our newly designed parking lot on September 15th for OLLI's Open House Event 10:00-1:30 (specific details to be announced shortly), so mark your calendars and remember to bring a friend!

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Special 25th Anniversary Book, *The Story of OLLI*, Coming in Early September

Act now to reserve your own copy of *The Story of OLLI*, a history of OLLI at George Mason University. Learn about the dramatic evolution of OLLI from its founding days to the present. The book includes lively text and beautiful photos.



The cost is only \$25. Click [here](#) to

learn more or place your order.



Books will be available in the coming weeks. Purchasers will receive an email at that time, with directions for picking up your copy.

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Preview of the OLLI Fall Course Lineup



By Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Co-Chair

Get Ready for "Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile"
- William Cullen Bryant

If you're growing weary of this sweltering August weather, take heart—September will soon be here with many wonderful OLLI classes. Our program planners have assembled lots of tempting choices: learn another language, take a trip, hear great lectures, read a book, take part in drama. The possibilities are nearly endless—113 courses, 45 special events, and many enticing social and ongoing activities and clubs.

We're welcoming an impressive group of Mason and NOVA instructors this fall. You won't want to miss "Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle" (F654), featuring several Mason instructors and other speakers involved in the historical movement. Also check out these courses by visiting instructors:

- "Religion in American History" (F604 and L609 videoconference) – Prof. John Turner, Department of Religious Studies at Mason
- "An Economics Potpourri" (F203) – By Mason professors from the Economics Department
- "The Black Death" (L317) – Stephanie Campbell, NOVA instructor
- "Enhancing Your Well-Being" (F657) – Members of Mason's Center for the Advancement of Well-Being
- "Search Like a Librarian" (972) and "The Libraries at Mason" (985) – Mason librarians guide us through research and a tour of Mason's new library
- "The 7 C's of Communication" (L659) – NOVA's Prof. Josh Pachter, assistant dean for communication studies and theater

- "Contemporary Issues in Criminology" (F656) – Team from the Department of Criminology, Law, and Society at George Mason
- "Status of Fear in the United States" (959 and 960 videoconference to Loudoun) – Peter Stearns, University Professor at George Mason

We also welcome many OLLI-member instructors and others from the community. Here's a sample of enticing classes to consider:

- "A New Look at the Old Dominion" (R314)
- "You Come Too: My Journey with Robert Frost" (971)
- "Let's Turn It into a Musical" (F101)
- "The Mind-Body Problem in Modern and Contemporary Philosophy" (F655)

And don't forget to take advantage of Fall for the Book events. We offer two (954 and 958) at OLLI sites and four at nearby venues. We can also access two (952 and 955) via bus from Tallwood.

Browsing through the thickest catalog yet, you'll have to agree that our volunteer program planners have provided an exceptional lineup of courses. Now we just have to figure out how to narrow down the choices before August 25, the registration deadline.

Please note the following updates to the fall 2016 catalog:

Date change:

For L421 Movie Matinees (No class September 29, there will now be class on November 3).

Additions:

L422 Writer's Workshop, Wednesdays, 9:40-11:05, September 21-November 9.

L705 Introduction to the U.S. Agency for International Development, Tuesdays, 9:40-11:05, October 18-25.

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More Great Music for You



**By Marianne Metz,
Co-Chair of the Art/Music Program Planning Group**

As you register for fall-term classes, please keep in mind that not all classes appear in the "Courses" section of the catalog. One-time-only classes appear in the "Special Events" section.

Music lovers, in particular, should not overlook these wonderful one-session offerings:

965	Gilbert and Sullivan (<i>The Mikado</i>)	September 28
966	Come Rain or Come Shine: The Music of Harold Arlen	October 1
968	Music in the Life of President Lincoln	October 5
975	A Marvelous Party with Noel Coward and Cole Porter	October 26
977	Hamilton: The Man and the Musical	October 29

Each of these promises to give us a delightful morning or afternoon of music. Don't miss out!

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Kathie West Recognized with National Youth Arts Award



By Manuel Pablo, Board of Directors Member

It is fitting to note here that member Kathie West received an award at the 2015-2016 11th annual National Youth Arts Awards ceremony held August 7th in Leesburg, VA. Among more than 500 productions considered, including shows from more than 160 different youth arts group members in more than 70 cities in 15 states, Virginia's Blue Ridge Middle School's production of *The Lion King* was a winner for 10 awards, including outstanding junior production. Kathie was selected for one of those 10 awards, for outstanding hair/makeup design.

Kathie has worked with the drama program director at Blue Ridge Middle School for five years; both of her granddaughters attended school there. She participated in costuming, hair wigs, and



makeup. The shows have been *Annie*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Cats*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and finally, *The Lion King*. In her acceptance speech, Kathie said, "after 50 years in the business, I finally received an award." It is a pleasure to offer congratulations to one of OLLI's own!



You can find more information on Blue Ridge Middle School's recognition at the National Youth Arts Awards ceremony at [this link](#).

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Where the Books Are

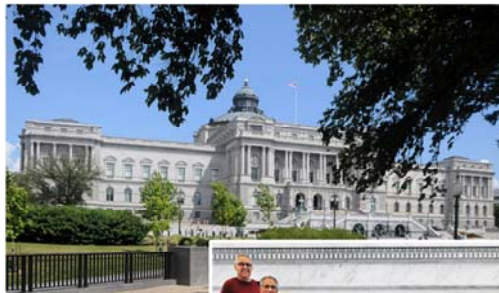


By John Nash, OLLI E-News Weekly Editor

Most of us have had an opportunity to visit the magnificent Library of Congress (LOC) and been awed by the Beaux Arts style great hall and the main reading room whose dome soars 160 feet high. But few have enjoyed a behind-the-scenes trip to the library as recently afforded to members of the OLLI photo club.

On Friday, August 12, seven OLLI photo club members enjoyed a special tour of the library...with many photo opportunities! The trip formed quickly when photo club coordinator, Angie Talaber, met new OLLI member Jan Herd, recently retired LOC research librarian. Jan quickly arranged for a tour guided by Connie Carter, herself a retired research librarian and now a docent at the LOC.

"We roamed through corridors full of books and saw some pretty incredible things," said Angie. The tour included the library's collection of Stradivarius instruments, a display on Bob Hope and, of



course, the publicly displayed Gutenberg Bible. The Library of Congress is the official research library for the United States Congress and the second largest library in the world by collection size, after the British Library, with a total of more than 160,775,400 items.



Photos by John Nash August 12 2016

The tour concluded with lunch and great stories by the two retired research librarians making this another terrific OLLI trip. Those attending and shown in the photos, l to r: Ed Marion, Don Keith, George Bradshaw, Angie Talaber, Dave Talaber, Connie Carter (docent), Jan Herd, John Nash. Other pictures of the trip may be seen at the photo club's website at <https://olliphotoclubgmu.smugmug.com/GF-Field-Trips-by-Year/GF-FT-2016>.

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Inside OLLI-Mason



Meet Camille Hodges, Humanities and Social Sciences Planning Group Co-Chair

Personal history:

- Born in Virginia; as a Navy officer's wife, I have lived in London, England, San Diego, California, and Bethesda, MD, and in Northern Virginia for 30 years.
- MEd from George Mason University; Gifted and Talented Teacher Endorsement from the state of Virginia; achieved National



Board Teacher Certification in Early Adolescence Social Studies and History.

- US history/civics middle-school teacher in Fairfax County public schools for 25 years; adjunct professor at George Mason University with the Fast Train Teacher Certification Summer Program; retired from FCPS in 2014, but returned to work for FCPS part-time in 2015.
- Volunteer tutor with the Virginia Learning Program in Fairfax County.
- Traveled in most of western Europe, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Iceland, Hawaii, and Peru.
- Two children and six grandchildren, all of whom live close by.

OLLI activities:

- Joined OLLI as the result of a personal invitation from a colleague.
- Enjoy a wide variety of OLLI courses.
- Volunteered as an OLLI liaison; joined the HSS planning group and happily accepted the opportunity to co-chair with a former FCPS colleague.
- As co-chairperson, I encourage and support the development of multicultural course selections as well as a vast array of topics that include economics, political science, education, history, sociology, psychology, and geopolitical topics. In addition, I continue to encourage our close partnerships with the Mason faculty as well as community leaders.

Other activities:

- Reading, writing, traveling, volunteering through church and social groups, working with the Virginia Geographic Alliance, and enjoying theater and the arts.

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OLLI Promotion on Mason Marquee



By John Nash, OLLI E-News Weekly Editor

An advertisement promoting OLLI will be periodically displayed on the Mason marquee from Aug16 through 26. When driving down Braddock Road, look for the OLLI announcement rotated on the marquee. The ad, in classic green and gold Mason colors, promotes the fall registration and the 25 years of OLLI’s service to our senior citizens.



According to Beth Davis, OLLI program assistant, Mason provides free space on the marquee to announce each OLLI term registration. “We appreciate Mason’s support in giving OLLI the opportunity of using a very visible medium to promote OLLI,” said Beth.

Each advertisement is the result of a coordinated effort among OLLI members and staff. This year’s ad has been relatively consistent in design, highlighting the 25th anniversary while announcing each term’s registration.

Watch for OLLI’s ad on the Mason marquee during these two weeks in August and tell your friends to do the same. This just may be the incentive someone needs to join OLLI. Fall is coming and so is another great selection of OLLI classes for all of us to enjoy!

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Invention of “The Pixie” Haircut

A lovely spring day.
 I toted my little white chair outside,
 Along with our family’s barber scissors.
 My next-door neighbor, Joetta,
 Also age four,
 Sat down willingly
 And I went to work.

I knew just what to do,
 And when I was done,
 I knew I had done right.
 Artistry is obvious.
 But my mother,
 Upon discovering my accomplishment,
 Grabbed me by one arm
 And transported me
 Up our back steps (painted light blue)
 And into the house,
 Smacking my bottom
 As we traveled.
 Apparently some people
 Don't recognize coiffure genius
 In their own backyards.
 Weeks later, "The Pixie"
 Became a national sensation.
 While I nursed a sore tooshie,
 Vidal Sassoon made his fortune.

Martha E. Powers

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, Aug 19 through Sep 5

By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

For tickets for either Center for the Arts (CFA) or Hylton, call 1-888-945-2468, buy tickets online through the event calendar (see links below), or visit the venue's box office. For more information, see the CFA [ticket page](#) or the Hylton [ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Washington Sorichung

Sat, Sep 3, 6:30

Harris Theatre
Admission: \$30.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

No performances scheduled

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At the Hylton Center

Courtney Shelton Solo Exhibition, Best in Show, 2015 Hylton Center 2nd Annual Juried Exhibit

Continues through Aug 28

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

The Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu, 10:00 - 8:00 and two hours before performances.

Admission: Free.

Honoring the Future: *Climate Art & Action*

Aug 29 - Oct 2

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

This exhibition presents photographs of the work of pioneers who are using art as a catalyst for creative solutions to climate change. The Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu, 10:00 - 8:00 and two hours before performances.

Gallery Reception: Thu, Sep 8 from 6 :00 to 8:00.

RSVP is required. RSVP to jconnor8@gmu.edu.

Admission: Free.

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For further details on any of the above events, please see the CFA [event calendar](#) and the Hylton Center [event calendar](#)

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Meetings & Clubs

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office, with direct web links added when available. The list is accurate as of mid-week but to check anytime for the latest information, please view the latest forecast of upcoming 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, kickoff coffees, etc. (**bolded** below).*

Sat Aug 20	1:00pm	Computer Club–Virtual Meeting
Mon Aug 22	9:30am	What’s in the Daily News cont’d–Lord of Life Clifton Fellowship Hall
Tue Aug 23	9:30am	Annex Art–Lord of Life Fairfax Fellowship Hall
Wed Aug 24	10:00am 10:30am	Bridge Club–Lord of Life Fairfax Fellowship Hall Tom Crooker Investment Forum–Lord of Life Fairfax Sanctuary
Fri Aug 26	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 12:00pm 12:00pm	Recorder Consort–Lord of Life Fairfax Sanctuary Craft and Conversation–Lord of Life Fairfax Conference Room Homer, etc–Lord of Life Fairfax Parlor Photography Club–Lord of Life Fairfax Youth Room Religious Studies Club–Lord of Life Fairfax Conference Room
Sat Aug 27	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–Lord of Life Fairfax Fellowship Hall
Mon Aug 29	10:00am	What’s in the Daily News, cont’d–Lord of Life Clifton Fellowship Hall
Tue Aug 30	9:30am	Annex Art–Lord of Life Fairfax Fellowship Hall

Wed Aug 31	10:00am 10:30am	Bridge Club–Lord of Life Fairfax Fellowship Hall Tom Crooker Investment Forum–Lord of Life Fairfax Sanctuary
Fri Sep 2	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Recorder Consort–Lord of Life Fairfax Sanctuary Craft and Conversation–Lord of Life Fairfax Conference Room Homer, etc–Lord of Life Fairfax Parlor

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About OLLI E-News

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

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