

OLLI AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

# OLLI

## Spring 2025

**OLLI Class Catalog**  
Learn for the Love of It  
March | April | May  
In Person and Zoom Classes



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Sioux Falls, SD 57107

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Spring membership is \$100  
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**Registration  
Brookings and Vermillion  
classes:  
February 19,  
starting at 9 a.m.**

**Sioux Falls classes:  
February 20,  
starting at 9 a.m.**

## Donations

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**Zoom classes hold 300 students. Registration opens February 19, but there's no need to hurry. Register for your Zoom online classes at your leisure.**

## Greetings, OLLI Friends!



Welcome to OLLI! Whether you're a long-time member or joining us for the first time, we're thrilled to have you as part of our community. Together, we share a passion for learning, exploring new ideas, and connecting with others who are just as curious and engaged as we are.



Curiosity doesn't retire! This spring, we're offering a wide array of classes designed to inspire, challenge, and ignite your imagination. Take a moment to explore the catalog—you just might discover a topic you never realized you wanted to learn about!

Stacey Shepherd and I are here to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out. Call us at (605) 274-9528 or email [OLLI@usd.edu](mailto:OLLI@usd.edu).

~ Thea Miller Ryan  
Director, OLLI at USD

### NOTE ON WAITING LISTS

Our registration system creates a waiting list when a class fills. Every day we look and see if we can move people off the list.

*Don't be afraid of waiting lists.* Your chances of getting in a class are still excellent.

**Statement on Controversial Issues and Speakers**  
The sentiments and beliefs of some of our instructors may, on occasion, be controversial or divisive. To ensure the inherent rights of free speech and freedom of expression, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of South Dakota will not censure or limit any materials or opinions expressed by the persons involved.

## ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL TIME

OLLI Membership	
SD Annual Membership (2 semesters)	\$180
SD Spring Semester Membership	\$100
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**OLLI at USD Land Acknowledgement Statement**  
We would like to acknowledge, first and foremost, that this program comes to you from ground which is the homeland of the Oceti Sakowin [oh-CHAY-tee shah-KOH-ween] – the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota people. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of South Dakota honors and appreciates the Indigenous people who have the longest relationship to this place.

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# BROOKINGS

## ART

### Learn How to Weave a Strap IN PERSON

- 2 session(s) with Elizabeth Fox

Thursdays, March 6 to 13, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. | First Lutheran Church Parlor

Create a strap that can be used as a belt, purse strap, or more using a portable loom (provided). Participants will use cards/tablets to twist threads into unique designs. This weaving method has been around since 8,000 BCE and is still useful today! **Limit: 5**

### Fancy Up Your Knitting with Borders IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with Elizabeth Fox

Thursdays, April 10 to 24, 2:30 to 4:30 PM | First Lutheran Church Parlor

Take your knitting to the next level by learning how to add borders for a polished, decorative touch. Participants will explore three border techniques: one incorporated at the cast-on stage and two added after your project is complete. Bring knitting needles, two colors of worsted-weight yarn, stitch markers, and a darning needle, and get ready to create something extraordinary! **Limit: 10**

### Make Your Own Fascinator IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Sandy McFarland

Thursday, May 8, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. | First Lutheran Church

Queen Elizabeth II and Princess Diana wore them and so can you. Be your own milliner and make a fascinator (mini hat) to wear to a British Afternoon Tea or any special occasion. Use supplies provided or bring your own embellishments to create your distinctive symbol of sophistication. **Limit: 25**

### Henna Art IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Harsha Mistry

Wednesday, May 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | First Lutheran Church Parlor

Learn about the ancient practice of Henna Art, a temporary dye used for beautiful and intricate body art. This presentation will explore its history and many applications. Participants can also enjoy a personal Henna design on their palms if they wish! **Limit: 10**

## CURRENT EVENTS

### Brookings Needs and Resources and tour of United Way IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Heidi Gullickson

Monday, April 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | United Way-Brookings

Join Heidi for an update on the current needs and challenges facing Brookings. After the discussion, enjoy a guided tour of the new United Way facility to see how they're working to make a difference in the community. **Limit: 30**

### SDSU/Mellon Foundation Post-Carceral Higher Ed Program IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Victor Taylor

Wednesday, March 19, 11 a.m. to 12 Noon | Gracepoint

This session will present an overview of higher education in prison models and programs in the United States. The SDSU/Mellon Foundation Post-Carceral Higher Education Opportunity Program will be described and discussed as a new model for educational opportunity. **Limit: 30**

### What About the 211 Helpline? IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Amy Carter

Thursday, March 27, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Dacotah Bank

The Helpline Center is celebrating 50 years of "making lives better by giving support, offering hope, and creating connections all day, every day." Programs range from the 24/7 information and resource helpline, crisis hotline for individuals experiencing mental health, suicide, or substance use crisis, to outreach for older adults and caregivers to community information exchange programs. **Limit: 30**

### State of the School District IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Summer Schultz

Tuesday, April 15, 2 to 3:30 p.m. | Dacotah Bank

Join Dr. Summer Schultz, Superintendent of Brookings School District, for the State of the School District address. This engaging session will highlight key achievements, ongoing initiatives, and future goals, emphasizing the district's commitment to student success and community collaboration. Gain insights into educational innovations and strategies that enhance learning experiences for all students in Brookings. **Limit: 30**

### South Dakota Highway Patrol IN PERSON –

1 session(s) with Sgt. Matt Wosje

Monday, April 28, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. | Grace Point Wesleyan Church

Learn about the history of the South Dakota Highway Patrol and discover the different opportunities available within the organization. This session will include time for questions and answers. **Limit: 30**

### Lobbying and Lobbyists in South Dakota IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Justin Smith

Thursday, May 1, 10 to 11:00 a.m. | SD

Newsmedia Association

During this session, participants will learn about the different types of lobbying, the importance of that voice to the legislative process, and the ways in which all South Dakotans lobby the legislature. **Limit: 30**

## EXPANDING YOUR MIND

### Introduction to the World of Coffee IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Kurt Osborne

Monday, March 3, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. | Kool Beans Coffee and Roasterie

Join us for an exploration of coffee's rich history, various brewing methods, and tasting techniques. The class will culminate with a tour of the facility, where you'll have the chance to try your hand at roasting coffee beans. **Limit: 10**

### Yep, You Can Recycle That! IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with John Thompson, Charlie Kuhn

Thursday, March 20, 1 to 2:00 p.m. | Dacotah Bank

Join staff from the City of Brookings Public Works - Solid Waste Division for an interactive presentation and discussion on how residents can help improve recycling efforts and reduce the waste sent to the regional landfill. Learn practical tips and strategies to make a positive impact on the community and the environment. **Limit: 30**

### Make a Loaf of Sourdough Artisan Bread IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Rachel Glanzer

Wednesday, March 26, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Grace Point Wesleyan Church

In this hands-on workshop, you'll receive step-by-step instructions and demonstrations on making your own sourdough bread. Participants will be actively involved in the process, creating a loaf to bake at home. You'll also take home several recipes, detailed instructions, and a starter to

continue your baking journey. There is a \$20 non-refundable activity fee with this class. **Limit: 15**

### Grilling with Homestead Meats IN PERSON

- 1 session(s)

Monday, May 5, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Homestead Meats

Learn the ins and outs of a local meat processing/sales business in Brookings. Jonah and his staff will cook up some of their amazing products for tasting and sampling. Try some of their excellent fresh and smoked items for yourself! **Limit: 20**

### The World of Cheeses IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Vikram Mistry

Monday, May 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Dacotah Bank

The presentation will provide a glimpse into the fascinating world of cheese making, and how milk is converted into hundreds of varieties of cheeses in various parts of the world. **Limit: 30**

### British Afternoon Teas - Their History and Their Taste! IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Graham Wrightson

Thursday, May 22, 2 to 3:30 p.m. | First Lutheran Church Coffee House

The class will cover the history of the British afternoon tea, also called cream teas, and the class will then get to sample one with all the trimmings discussed in the talk (minus the champagne!). The tea drinking will start appropriately at 3 p.m. as it should! \$30 non-refundable fee, payable at registration. **Limit: 30**

## HISTORY

### The Panama Canal and its Amazing History IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Rich Reid

Monday, March 10, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | SD Newsmedia Association

The idea of the Panama Canal dates back to 1513, before finally becoming a reality 400 years later. Learn about the long and complicated history of the canal from the initial failed attempt by France to its eventual completion by the United States. A brief summary of a recent cruise through the canal will also be presented. **Limit: 35**



### **The Magdalene Laundries: from Pilgrimage to Poetry IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Marcella Remund**

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 11 and 12, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Grace Point Wesleyan Church

Learn about the author's trip to Ireland to uncover the history of the Magdalene laundries, where girls and women were incarcerated and forced into unpaid labor by the Catholic Church. Day 2: Experience a reading of poems inspired by the research and trip to Ireland. **Limit: 40**

### **Repatriation of a Brookings County Korean War MIA Soldier IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Robert Hill

Monday, March 17, 10 to 11 a.m. | Grace Point Wesleyan Church

PVT Floyd Schultz was Killed In Action (KIA) on August 20, 1950 in Korea during the Battle of the Pusan Perimeter. By the time his body was recovered it was unidentifiable using the technology of the day. Fast forward to September 18, 2024, when his remains were identified. **Limit: 30**

### **An Overview of the United States Bison Industry IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Philip Urso

Friday, April 4, 2 to 3 p.m. | SDSU Animal Science Complex, Wahlstrom 111

This course will focus on an overview and the dynamics of the American Bison Industry. This session will focus on various production systems, the history of the industry, and current research focuses. It includes a brief tour of the animal science facilities at South Dakota State University. **Limit: 30**

### **Brookings Historical Walking Tour IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Paula Carson

Tuesday, April 29, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. | TBA

Take a stroll through two of the Historical Districts within Brookings. The tour will include highlights of the architectural styles and other stories of selected houses in the Historical Districts. Wear walking shoes. **Limit: 15**

### **History and Use of Talking Books and Braille with SD Accessible Library Services IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Josh Easter**

Wednesday, May 14, 2 to 3:30 PM | SD

Newsmedia Association

During this session, participants will explore the history and use of talking books and Braille. Learn

about efforts to make South Dakota materials available in accessible formats. Many people with standard print disabilities can benefit from talking books and other Accessible Library Services.

**Limit: 30**

## **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

### **The Rhythms of Tap Dance IN PERSON**

- 5 session(s) with Melissa Hauschild-Mork

Fridays, March 7 to April 4, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. |

Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center

Class will include tap history, warm-ups, tap skill development, tap combinations, and cool-down. Participants will benefit most from participating in the class with their own personal tap shoes.

**Limit: 15**

### **Meniscus Repair IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Solaiman Tarafder

Tuesday, March 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Grace Point Wesleyan Church

Meniscus tears are a common knee injury that affect over 1 million people annually. Solaiman Tarafder, assistant professor in South Dakota State University's Department of Mechanical Engineering, is using his expertise in biomaterials and tissue engineering to come up with a unique solution for meniscus tear repairs that could potentially improve outcomes while also speeding up the healing process. **Limit: 30**

### **Tai Chi Tuesdays for Beginners IN PERSON**

- 5 session(s) with Sandy McFarland

Tuesdays, April 1 to 29, 9 to 10 a.m. | Forte Living

Learn the ancient Chinese form of exercise through stretching and breathing with a single fluid grace calming the body and soul while achieving a sense of balance. Wear comfortable clothes, light, soft shoes with arch support if needed (or socks with rubber grips). Not recommended if using a cane, walker or wheelchair. **Limit: 12**

### **Empowering People with Parkinson's Disease by Moving Bigger IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Samantha Drealan, Jamie Halvorson**

Friday, April 4, 10 to 11 a.m. | Brookings Hospital

In this session, instructors will provide an overview of Parkinson's Disease (PD), including treatment options, symptom management, and local resources. The focus will be on LSVT BIG therapy and its benefits for individuals with PD. Additionally, instructors will discuss adaptive equipment and

home modifications that can prevent falls, enhance safety, and increase independence in daily tasks.

**Limit: 30**

### **From Passive Reader to Active Learner IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Shelly Bayer, Janet Johnson**

Wednesday, April 30, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Dacotah Bank

With a flood of information daily, mastering strategic reading techniques is essential to enhanced comprehension and engagement. Learn to dissect text effectively, ask critical questions, and extract key insights. Elevate your reading experience and become an active learner by putting to rest passive reading habits. **Limit: 30**

### **Using Joy to Declutter IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Samantha Turnquist

Friday, May 2, 10 to 11 a.m. | Dacotah Bank

Discover the transformative power of the KonMari Method! This course guides you in decluttering and organizing your space, focusing on items that "spark joy." You'll learn about this organizing method, and gain clarity, peace, and control over your environment. Learn about the KonMari Method from South Dakota's only Certified KonMari Consultant. **Limit: 30**

### **10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Samantha Turnquist

Friday, May 9, 10 to 11 a.m. | Dacotah Bank

If you've noticed memory or thinking changes in yourself or others or just want to learn more, this course will help you learn about the warning signs of Alzheimer's and other dementias. **Limit: 30**

## **LITERATURE**

### **Book Discussion: *Becoming Madam Secretary* IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Janet Brubakken**

Tuesday, May 6, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | First Lutheran Church Parlor

*Becoming Madam Secretary* by Stephanie Dray tells the story of how Frances Perkins became Franklin Delano Roosevelt's most trusted lieutenant in his fight to end the Great Depression. Struggling to balance the demands of a public career and a family, she must decide what she's willing to do to save a nation despite vicious political attacks. **Limit: 15**

## **SOCIAL**

### **Wednesday Lunch at FLAVOR**

Wednesday, March 26, 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. |

FLAVOR, Indian and Asian Fare

Savor a fusion of vibrant flavors from around the world, all right here in Brookings. This is a casual, pay-your-own-way lunch event where you can explore diverse cuisines and enjoy a unique culinary experience with others. **Limit: 12**

### **Dinner at the Knotty Pine IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Randy and Kris Hunter

Wednesday, April 23, 5:30 to 7 p.m. | The Knotty Pine Supper Club

Join your OLLI friends at one of the region's older supper clubs. Relax and enjoy your evening out! Order and pay for your own meal. **Limit: 15**

### **Celebrate The Pheasant's 75th Year IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Michael Johnson

Tuesday, May 13, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. | Pheasant Restaurant

Celebrate The Pheasant's 75th anniversary! Hear the story of the Pheasant's 75-year journey and sample food and beverages highlighting this South Dakota destination. Learn about the Cafe days, adding Brookings' first public bar, decades as a hometown hub, and the James Beard Award America's Classics for the Midwest. There is a \$40 non-refundable fee for amazing food and drink. **Limit: 40**

### **Brookings Scavenger Hunt IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Elaine Gullickson

Monday, May 19, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | First Lutheran Church Coffee House

Discover the hidden gems of Brookings on a fun scavenger hunt! Groups of four will receive clues and directions to follow in their car. The adventure begins at The Mission Coffeehouse at First Lutheran Church, and then sets off to explore the city. **Limit: 40**

### **Have Lunch at the Lucky Dog IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Dianne Hawks

Tuesday, May 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. | The Lucky Dog

Join your OLLI friends for lunch at the Lucky Dog! Great food and an awesome staff. Members will order and pay for their own lunches. Bring a guest and introduce them to OLLI! **Limit: 12**

## SCIENCE AND TECH

**SDSU Dairy and Food Science Department – The Inside Scoop IN PERSON** - 1 session(s) with *Londa Nwadike*

Tuesday, March 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | SD Newsmedia Association

This session will cover the history and vision for the future of SDSU's Dairy and Food Science Department. The participants will explore the various majors offered, the department's research and outreach efforts, and employment opportunities available to graduates. **Limit: 30**

**The Art of Polygraph in Criminal Investigations IN PERSON** - 1 session(s) with *Jeff Kollars*

Tuesday, March 11, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. | Grace Point

This one-hour course provides an overview of the history of deception detection and explores the modern polygraph used in criminal investigations and screening processes. **Limit: 30**

**Internet Privacy and Security IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with *Dr. George Hamer*

Tuesday, April 1, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | South Dakota Newsmedia Association

As people increasingly live their lives online, it is essential to prioritize security while browsing the internet. This course will explore how individuals can secure their browsers from potential threats and identify which browsers offer the highest safety standards. Additionally, it will discuss methods to protect computing devices from attacks. The course will cover common cyberattacks targeting businesses and personal devices, as well as strategies for ensuring a safe online environment. **Limit: 30**

## TRAVEL AND TOURS

**Introducing Israel Through the Five Senses IN PERSON** - 1 session(s) with *Carrie Taylor*

*Goldberg*

Friday, March 14, 1 to 3 p.m. | First Lutheran Church

What don't you know about Israel? What have you heard? How do you imagine Jerusalem today? Will you dare to take a fresh look - through another's lens? Come along on a virtual tour, exploring the Land and People of Israel through the five senses. **Limit: 30**

**Aging in Style and Comfort IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with *Autumn Cogdill*

Wednesday, April 9, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Peaceful Pines Senior Living

Lunch and Learn with a tour of Peaceful Pines Senior Living in Brookings. Learn about the three different levels of living: Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Memory Care. The Peaceful Pines community provides exceptional care and service with compassion through daily activities that promote healthy, active and engaged living. Lunch will be provided. **Limit: 25**

**Idyllic Great Britain IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with *Prudence DeBates*

Tuesday, April 22, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Dacotah Bank of Brookings

Embark on a journey through Great Britain's most picturesque scenery and historic landmarks. Begin with the stunning Snowdonian Mountains in Wales, pass through the Roman ruins and medieval charm of Chester, and continue to the breathtaking Lake District and Dales in northern England. Cross Hadrian's Wall into Scotland, where the magic unfolds with stops in Edinburgh, the Orkney Islands, Inverness, and the Isle of Sky. **Limit: 30**

**A Walking Tour of SDSU's First Bank and Trust Arena IN PERSON** - 1 session(s) with *Austin*

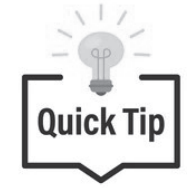
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Tuesday, May 6, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | SDSU First Bank Trust Arena

South Dakota State University's Frost Arena is no longer the home to basketball, volleyball, and wrestling. After a \$50 million overhaul, this facility is now known as First Bank and Trust Arena. Join us as we take a grand tour and look behind the scenes to the next level of excellence in collegiate competitive sports. **Limit: 25**

## Brookings Class Locations

- Ascension Lutheran Church - 2030 3rd St
- Brookings Hospital - 300 22nd Ave
- Dacotah Bank of Brookings - 1441 6th St
- First Lutheran Church - 337 8th St
- FLAVOR – 501 Main
- Forte Living – 2123 Tallgrass Pkwy.
- Grace Point Wesleyan Church - 1420 Orchard Dr.
- Knotty Pine Supper Club – 1014 Co. Hwy. 10, Elkton, SD
- Lucky Dog – 323 Hwy 14, Volga, SD
- Homestead Meats – 2508 Wilbert Ct.
- Kool Beans Coffee and Roasterie – 225 Main
- Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center – 1601 University Blvd.
- Peaceful Pines Senior Living – 900 20<sup>th</sup> St. S.
- Pheasant Restaurant – 726 Main
- SD News Association - 1125 32nd Ave
- SDSU Animal Science Complex, Wahlstrom 111 – 1097 North Campus Drive
- SDSU First Bank and Trust Arena – 1396 Stadium Road
- United Way - Brookings – 908 Hope Drive



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# SIoux FALLS

## ART

### The Fairies Intervene! Political Satire of Gilbert and Sullivan in Iolanthe - 1 session(s) with Sarah Busse Spencer

Friday, March 14, 9 to 11 a.m. | USD – Sioux Falls, 108

Noted collaborators of comic opera, Gilbert (lyrics) and Sullivan (music) created a light hearted political satire called Iolanthe, in which Fairies meddle in politics. With a little background of Victorian England, we explore how satire from 1882 can still be relevant (and funny) today. We will watch excerpts of recordings and find out what happens when Fairies are in charge. Brought to you in cooperation with Sioux Falls Savoy and their upcoming production of Iolanthe April 4-5, 2025.

**Limit: 30**

### It is Glorious Thing to Be a Pirate King! Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance

- 1 session(s) with Sarah Busse Spencer

Friday, March 21, 9 to 11 a.m. | USD – Sioux Falls, 108

WS Gilbert wrote amusing poetry and Arthur Sullivan was a noted English composer; Their collaboration resulted in light-hearted comic operettas. Undeniably catchy tunes, but why are they funny? Pirates of Penzance pokes fun at social class, respectability, and other aspects of life in Victorian England. This class will read through lyrics, discuss some social background, and then watch a recording of Pirates of Penzance. Come prepared to laugh or sing along! In cooperation with Sioux Falls Savoy Theater.

**Limit: 30**

### Art Explorations - Hands-on Painting March IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Lisa Rinaldo

Friday, March 14, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Trail Ridge Senior Living Community

March Painting: Forsythias. Painting is for everyone! In these step-by-step classes, participants will complete an easy painting in two hours. Come and explore the world of color, shape, line and texture. No previous experience necessary. Class materials fee \$5, payable at registration. Instructor provides all materials.

**Limit: 20**

### Art Explorations - Hands-on Painting April IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Lisa Rinaldo

Friday, April 11, 1 to 3 p.m. | Trail Ridge Senior Living Community

April Painting: Dutch Windmill and Tulip Fields. Painting is for everyone! In these step-by-step classes, we will complete an easy painting in 2 hours. Come and explore the world of color, shape, line and texture. No previous experience Necessary. Class materials fee \$5, payable at registration. Instructor provides all materials.

**Limit: 20**

### Needle Felting – Let's Make Something! IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Suzanne Fairchild

Tuesday, May 6, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Village Coop

Get creative! We will needle felt a 3D gnome sculpture - it will be so much fun. Participants will also discuss the sheep industry in the US. Each project will cost \$30 and that will include all supplies (with enough to take home). **Limit: 20**

### Art Explorations - Hands-on Painting May IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Lisa Rinaldo

Friday, May 9, 1 to 3 p.m. | Trail Ridge Senior Living Community

May Painting: Camper in the Woods Collage/Mixed Media. Painting is for everyone! In these step-by-step classes, we will complete an easy painting in 2 hours. Come and explore the world of color, shape, line and texture. No previous experience Necessary. Class materials fee \$5, payable at registration. Instructor provides all materials.

**Limit: 20**

### Pottery Wheel and Hand Building Clay Project IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Anna Hudelson

Tuesdays, May 20 to 27, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Mosaic

This program will begin with a 15-minute tutorial on creating a hand-built clay project. Then, the class will split into two groups of five. One group will learn pottery wheel techniques, while the other will create a clay project using hand-building methods. Then the groups will switch stations. Two finished pieces will be fired and clear-glazed, ready for pickup in three weeks. \$40 non-refundable activity fee, payable at registration. **Limit: 10**

## CURRENT EVENTS

### Refugee 101 IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Nichole Townsend

Monday, March 17, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon | LSS Center for New Americans

This course is an introduction to the life of a refugee in South Dakota. It includes a short presentation with open discussion, a tour of the LSS Center for New Americans, and an overview of the services provided and ways to help. Lunch with be a cultural appreciation potluck with the newest group of refugee arrivals to South Dakota.

**Limit: 30**

### Scams - What Do We Need to Know? IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Jessie Schmidt

Tuesday, March 25, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Trail Ridge Senior Living Community

The Better Business Bureau will present on recent scams and data, highlighting what to watch for when online, at home, or reading the news.

**Limit: 40**

### The Arts in Sioux Falls IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Maren Engel

Tuesday, March 25, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls 108

Learn from Sioux Falls' first Arts Coordinator about the role of public art, the work of the new Arts Commission, the cultural initiatives happening in the city and the role that arts plays in improving civic life. **Limit: 40**

### Industrial Hemp in South Dakota IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Ken Meyer

Thursday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | USD - Sioux Falls 108

Since the legalization of industrial hemp production and processing in South Dakota in 2020, the state has emerged as a leading producer, with the highest number of acres grown and harvested. The industry's success in South Dakota is driven by the dedication of local leaders who have worked tirelessly to promote hemp to farmers and advocate for sensible regulations. **Limit: 40**

## EXPANDING YOUR MIND

### A Round To It: Genealogy WORKSHOP IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with Sarah Busse Spencer

Tuesdays, March 4 to 18, 9 to 11 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

These workshops will help you move your genealogy forward! No matter what stage your family history research (beginner, intermediate, advanced)--all are welcome! Bring your laptop or device and your questions. Instructor will answer questions, demonstrate tips, and give personalized suggestions to make your research more productive. **Limit: 25**

### Spiritual Tapestry of South Dakota Part 1 IN PERSON - 4 session(s) with Jennifer Dreiske

Fridays, March 7 to 28, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, Room 108

Bring your curiosity as we explore the rich and vibrant spiritual traditions of our community (Oceti Sakowin, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Paganism, New Age Spirituality). **Limit: 30**

### Improv for a Zestful Life IN PERSON

- 3 session(s) with Alex R. Hey

Mondays, March 17 to 31, 10 a.m. to 12 noon | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

Improvisational theater has been around for many years. While it began to help actors perform better, the real-life applications have become apparent. It helps with brain health, both physical and mental flexibility, mood, mental sharpness, and the level of fun in life. No experience with the theater is necessary! **Limit: 25**

### Retired Detective - JonBenet Ramsey

- 4 session(s) with Jon Carda

Wednesdays, April 2 to 23, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. | Trail Ridge Senior Living Community

Join retired local detective Jon Carda for another intriguing case analysis. Follow along as he explores the case details, the people involved, the crime scene, interviews, interrogations, and more. By the end, you might already know "who did it"! This semester, the focus will be on the unsolved 1996 Christmas murder of 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey. The class will review the timeline, the people involved, the evidence, and discuss possible theories about what happened. **Limit: 85**

### Hula – The Hawaiian Story Telling Dance IN PERSON - 4 session(s) with Edie Julik

Mondays, April 7 to 28, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Trail Ridge Senior Living Community

The participants will learn Hula Kahiko (ancient) and Hula auana (modern) as well as many Hawaiian words. This dance is good for the body and soul and is also a lot of fun! Participants can usually find an audience at the end of class to practice Aloha. **Limit: 8**

### Sleep and Dreams IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with John Solberg

Tuesday, May 6, 1 to 3 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls 108

This class explores the topic of sleep and dreams through a combination of self-assessment surveys and interactive activities. Students will also analyze an episode from the television show M\*A\*S\*H to deepen their understanding of sleep and dreaming. **Limit: 40**

## Sioux Falls Class Locations

- Active Generations East – 5500 E. Active Gen Place
- EROS – 47914 252<sup>nd</sup> St.
- Inn on Westport – 4000 S. Westport Ave.
- LSS Center for New Americans – 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- Mosaic – Formerly Museum of Visual Materials – 500 N. Main
- Sioux Falls State Government Service Center (One Stop) -
- St. Francis House – 210 N. Sherman Ave.
- Trail Ridge Senior Living Community - 3408 W Ralph Rogers Rd
- Union Gospel Mission – 701 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- University of South Dakota – Sioux Falls – 4701 or 4801 N. Career Avenue
- Veteran's Community Project – 367 N. Willow Ave.
- Village Coop - 1600 E 77th St.

## HISTORY

### 1968: A Tumultuous Year IN PERSON

- 2 session(s) with Michael MacDonald

Wednesday and Friday, March 26 and 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108 The year 1968 was marked by intense cultural, political, and racial upheaval, making it the most turbulent year of the 1960s. This course will explore key events from that year, including the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy. It will also examine the Presidential election and the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, as well as the cultural and musical movements that shaped this pivotal year. **Limit: 40**

### From Ukraine to the Dakota Territory in 1874, A Mennonite Immigration Story IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Lisa Howard, Joan Mueller

Thursday, April 3, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108 In 1874, the authors' family immigrated from Russia to the Dakota Territory. They will share the process of researching their family history, weaving it into a children's story. The presentation focuses on the unique stories gleaned from extensive research. Hear about the struggles these Mennonite immigrants faced travelling across Europe, the Atlantic ocean, from New York to the Dakota Territory. Suggested Book: *Katy: The Little Rose From Ukraine* by Joan and Lisa Mueller **Limit: 40**

### The Death of Socrates IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with John Hollingsworth

Fridays, April 4 to 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108 The program will compare the radio and television versions of the *You Are There* shows depicting the death of Socrates. In Week One, participants will listen to the radio version from the late 1940s, and in Week Two, they will watch the television version from the 1950s. Participants are encouraged to review readings from Xenophon and Plato in preparation. **Limit: 30**

### Archaeological Investigations of the Laundress Quarters at Ft. Meade, South Dakota (1880s-1920s) IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Aaron J Mayer

Monday, April 7, 6 to 7 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108 Between 2022 and 2024, excavations were carried out at 39MD45, commonly known as "Soap Suds Row." These excavations uncovered numerous domestic artifacts from the late 1800s to early 1900s, providing valuable insights into the

commerce, trade, foodways, and subsistence practices of the residents of Soap Suds Row at Fort Meade. Suggested book: *Soap Suds Row* by Jennifer Lawrence **Limit: 40**

### Rethinking Sioux Falls IN PERSON

- 3 session(s) with Michael Mullin

Tuesdays, April 8 to 22, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 245 Sioux Falls gradually transformed itself from an important regional hub to a national center for science, credit cards, and medicine in the post-World War II period. These classes focus on the role of three organizations – EROS, Citibank, and Sanford Health System – in creating the Sioux Falls as it is known today. **Limit: 24**

### Fact, Fiction and Food: A Discussion of Ireland's Great Famine 1845-55 IN PERSON

- 2 session(s) with Margaret Preston

Tuesdays, April 15 to 22, 10 to 11 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108 This course will focus on the Great Famine in Ireland from 1845-55. This was a watershed event that brought dramatic social, economic, demographic and political change to Ireland, as approximately 2 million persons disappeared from the landscape. Suggested book: *The Great Irish Potato Famine* by James Donnelly Jr, **Limit: 30**

### History Is All Around Us IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Kevin Gansz

Tuesday, April 15, 9 to 10 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

Sioux Falls is rich with remnants of its history, many of which are visible in our everyday surroundings. Some of these historical landmarks are widely recognized, while others may go unnoticed. In this course, participants will explore these pieces of the past, uncovering their origins and significance to the community's story. **Limit: 40**

### Singers of Today and Their Influences From Yesterday IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Rob Joyce

Wednesday, April 16, 1 to 4 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, Avera Hall

Successful singers from today were influenced by legendary singers of the past. Participants will investigate some 20th century legendary vocalists and compare them with contemporary performers. Past singers may include Billie Holiday, Mel Tormé, Sarah Vaughan, Nat King Cole and Ella Fitzgerald. Singers from today who were influenced by these

legends may be Michael Bubl , Cassandra Wilson, Diana Krall, Norah Jones and more!

**Limit: 100**

### Alexander the Great: Examination Through Vintage Media IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with John Hollingsworth

Wednesdays, April 23 to 30, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

This program involves viewing and comparing the radio and television versions of the *You Are There* show depicting Alexander the Great. In Week One, participants will watch the televised version, and in Week Two, they will listen to the radio version. Suggested book: *Alexander the Great* by Ulrich Wilcken **Limit: 30**

### Mac n' Cheese, Steak, and Pizza! How Food Tells the Story of US History IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Jay Perry

Thursday, April 24, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

The stories behind popular foods can reveal much about US history. Using mac n' cheese, steak, and pizza as guides, participants will discuss how these and other foods are related to immigration, national identity, conflicts, and other topics. Come learn about the history on the table! **Limit: 40**

### The Magdalene Laundries: from Pilgrimage to Poetry IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Marcella Remund

Monday, Tuesday, April 28 to 29, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

Learn about the author's trip to Ireland to uncover the history of the Magdalene laundries, where girls and women were incarcerated and forced into unpaid labor by the Catholic Church. Experience a reading of poems inspired by the research and trip to Ireland. **Limit: 40**

### Powers of the American Presidency in the Trump Era IN PERSON

– 2 sessions with Bob Burns

Thursdays, May 8 and 15, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. | USD – Sioux Falls, Avera Hall

How far do the powers of the U.S. presidency reach? We will discuss tariffs, immigration, retribution and more. **Limit 100**



### The Commandant of Lubizec and the Operation Reinhard Nazi Death Camps IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Patrick Hicks

Thursday, May 22, 4 to 5 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

Hicks will discuss his novel, *The Commandant of Lubizec*, which is based upon the Nazi death camps of Operation Reinhard. This novel debuted over ten years ago to very strong reviews and a new edition has recently been published. Hicks has done readings all across the country. Photos of these Nazi camps and discussion are part of this accessible talk. **Limit: 40**

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Caregiver Support - Reach Out Before You Burn Out IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Carmen Spurling

Spurling

Tuesday, March 4, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Active Generations East

Family caregivers often don't ask for help until they are at the end of their rope. Learn strategies for coping, resources available, and other tools that can help people thrive in their caregiving role, not just survive. **Limit: 20**

### Fighting Back Against Parkinson's - Rock Steady Boxing IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Lisa Howard

Thursday, March 6, 10 to 11 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

Approximately one person is diagnosed with Parkinson's disease every six minutes. Currently there is no cure for this disease but research corroborates that intense exercise can slow down the progression of Parkinson's. Rock Steady Boxing is one such program. Come learn more about this exciting program that has been helping people with Parkinson's in the Sioux Empire region since 2017. **Limit: 40**

### Fixing A Broken Heart: Part II IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with John Hay

Wednesday, April 9, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

There are many types of heart disease. This class will specifically focus on surgical intervention for valvular heart diseases. Discussion will include causes of valvular heart disease and the implantable devices that can replace or repair heart valves. **Limit: 40**

## LITERATURE

### Book Discussion: *Wild Ride: A Memoir of I.V. Drips and Rocket Ships* IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Sharon DeVaney

Monday, March 17, 1 to 2 p.m. | Inn on Westport

When Hayley is 10 years old, she is diagnosed with bone cancer in her left leg. She is treated at St Jude's Children's Research Hospital. She decides that she wants a career in medicine. Ten years later she is invited to be one of a four person all-civilian space mission. She trains for a year and the mission launched on September 15, 2021.

Book Suggestion *Wild Ride: A Memoir of I.V. Drips and Rocket Ships* by Hayley Arceneaux. **Limit: 20**

### Lecture - March IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Monica Draeger

Tuesday, March 18, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 208

Lecture is an exercise in sharing a love of reading. Each participant will bring the reading material of their choice. The title, author and genre are not to be shared with the group before or during the readings. Participants will read a brief excerpt (2 min 37 seconds) aloud to the group. After all readers have finished discussion of the contributions will commence. Participants must bring their own reading selection. Can be any genre, excluding pornographic materials. **Limit: 12**

### Lecture - April IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Monica Draeger

Tuesday, April 15, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 208

Lecture is an exercise in sharing a love of reading. Each participant will bring the reading material of their choice. The title, author and genre are not to be shared with the group before or during the readings. Participants will read a brief excerpt (2 min 37 seconds) aloud to the group. After all readers have finished discussion of the contributions will commence. Participants must bring their own reading selection. Can be any genre, excluding pornographic materials. **Limit: 12**

### Lecture - May IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Monica Draeger

Tuesday, May 20, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 208

Lecture is an exercise in sharing a love of reading. Each participant will bring the reading material of their choice. The title, author and genre are not to be shared with the group before or during the

readings. Participants will read a brief excerpt (2 min 37 seconds) aloud to the group. After all readers have finished discussion of the contributions will commence. Participants must bring their own reading selection. Can be any genre, excluding pornographic materials. **Limit: 12**

## SOCIAL

### OLLI Lunch Group:IN PERSON

- 6 session(s) with Mary Enright, Suzanne Fuller

Wednesdays, March 12 to April 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Various Locations-See Class Descriptions

Join the OLLI lunch group in trying new restaurants in Sioux Falls. We'll visit Big Poppa's Pizza, Big Sioux Burgers, Dahlia Kitchen, Cascata Italian Cuisine, Tavern Grill, and Pizza Cheeks (former Kaladi's space, not yet reopened). You'll receive an email from one of the group leaders (Suzanne or Mary) about a week before our first meeting with the date and location of each event and a deadline to RSVP so reservations can be made. Each person will pay for their own meal and parking. **Limit: 38**

## SCIENCE AND TECH

### Modeling for Flood Early Warning IN PERSON

- 2 session(s) with Shahriar Pervez

Mondays, March 17 to 24, 1 to 2 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

This course will teach a method for combining statistical analysis (using data and math to identify patterns) and geospatial modeling (using geographic data and mapping techniques) to create systems that can predict floods in advance. The course will specifically focus on how this method was applied to predict and respond to the flooding in South Sudan in 2024. **Limit: 30**

### Understanding Weather and the National Weather Service IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Todd Heitkamp

Wednesday, March 19, 10 to 11 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

This course explores various aspects of weather, teaching participants how to recognize signs of approaching hazardous conditions to protect themselves and their families. It examines storms that have occurred in the Tri-State area and addresses questions from students. Additionally, the course delves into the mission of the National Weather Service and its importance in weather forecasting and public safety. **Limit: 40**

### South Dakota Pheasants and Pheasant Habitat...A Short Course IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Emmett Keyser

Thursday, March 27, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

Participants will learn about the history of ringnecked pheasants in South Dakota, their biology and habitat requirements, and what efforts are being made by state conservation organizations to promote the sustainability of pheasant populations in South Dakota. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and engage in discussion. **Limit: 40**

## TRAVEL AND TOURS

### Idyllic Great Britain IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Prudence DeBates

Monday, March 10, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls, 108

Embark on a journey through Great Britain's most picturesque scenery and historic landmarks. Begin with the stunning Snowdonian Mountains in Wales, pass through the Roman ruins and medieval charm of Chester, and continue to the breathtaking Lake District and Dales in northern England. Cross Hadrian's Wall into Scotland, where the magic unfolds with stops in Edinburgh, the Orkney Islands, Inverness, and the Isle of Sky. **Limit: 40**

### Union Gospel Mission Tour: Understanding Homelessness IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Ann Lenaers

Tuesday, April 8, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Union Gospel Mission

This tour offers a guided walk through the Sioux Falls Union Gospel Mission Emergency Shelter, providing OLLI students with the chance to learn about the Mission's resources, services, and the local needs and issues it addresses. While there are steps at the entrance, the remainder of the tour will be accessible via elevators throughout the building. **Limit: 30**



### St. Francis House: Moving People from Homelessness to Hope IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Andy Wingert

Thursday, April 17, 1 to 2 p.m. | St. Francis House

Explore the St. Francis House in this guided tour and discussion, delving into its history and role as a transitional housing facility in Sioux Falls. Gain insight into the services provided, the challenges faced by guests, and the support strategies that help individuals on their journey from homelessness to stability and independence.

**Limit: 25**

### Discover Earth from Space: A Behind-the-Scenes Tour of USGS EROS IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Michelle Bouchard

Monday, April 28, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | EROS

Explore the USGS Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center, where satellite technology meets Earth science. Join the group for an exclusive tour and learn how global landscapes are monitored from space. Hear how this vital work supports disaster response, conservation, and more, offering an inside look at how data from space shapes people's understanding of Earth.

**Limit: 50**

### Veterans Community Project Tiny Home Village Tour IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Kaelyn Giefer

Wednesday, May 7, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Veterans Community Project Village

Take a tour of the Veterans Community Project Village! VCP is a transitional housing program that serves homeless and at risk of being homeless Veterans. Take a look at the inside a tiny home, tour the brand new village center, and learn about the services provided to the Veterans in the community. **Limit: 50**

### Tour the New State One-Stop: Enhancing Service to Citizens by Design IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Darin Seeley

Monday, May 19, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | State Government Service Center

The work environment directly impacts success, and the new Sioux Falls State Government Service Center (One-Stop) is designed to improve service to citizens through streamlined protocols and more engaged employees. **Limit: 25**

## VERMILLION

### ART

#### Pressed Flower Clay Dish IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Kaia Brose

Tuesday, March 11, 6 to 7:30 p.m. | Vermillion

Public Library, Kozak Room Make a pressed flower clay dish with friends at the library. **Limit: 50**

#### Chalk Pastels IN PERSON

- 4 session(s) with Janet Beeman

Wednesdays, March 12 to April 2, 1 to 2:30 p.m. |

Vermillion Fraternal Order of Eagles Join us to learn and create with chalk pastels! This class welcomes all skill levels, offering techniques for blending, layering and texturing. Our Instructor provides personalized guidance to help you develop your artistic abilities in a fun and supportive environment. \$10 supply fee payable at registration. **Limit: 12**

#### Explore Alcohol Inks IN PERSON

- 2 session(s) with Michele D Mechling

Tuesday, April 8 to 15, 1 to 3:00 p.m. | Coyote Twin Gallery

Explore the unusual properties of Alcohol Inks on tile and ink boards where you will want to let yourself "go with the flow." Play with these lovely, brilliant colors to work abstractly. This medium is sure to delight art enthusiasts who like to experiment with different art materials. \$5 non-refundable materials charge for the class. **Limit: 15**

#### ArtWalk Downtown Vermillion IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Michele Mechling

Thursday, May 1, 2 to 4:00 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library

Instructor Michele Mechling leads a downtown stroll exploring the public artworks featured in the Vermillion Sculpture Walk and mural displays. Participants will learn about the artists behind each piece and engage in Visual Thinking Strategies to analyze and interpret the artworks, considering why they resonate with viewers—or why they might not. The tour includes a visit to the Coyote Gallery to view its current exhibit. **Limit: 20**

#### Let's Make Garden Whimsies! IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Betsy Simons

Monday, May 5, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. | Simons Farm

Let's make Garden Whimsies! Bring unused or cracked, chipped pieces of china, crockery, glassware to create a cute lawn ornament. Participants can bring their own supplies and need to purchase E-6000 glue (found at Walmart and hardware stores) to build the whimsies. Thrift stores are also great for finding the supplies you need. Come build and have fun creating! **Limit: 25**

### CURRENT EVENTS

#### Boys and Girls Club of Vermillion IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Rachel Franks

Monday, March 10, 1 to 2:00 p.m. | Boys and Girls

Club of Vermillion The Boys and Girls Club of Vermillion invites you to learn about the exciting opportunities it offers to the youth of Vermillion. With programs centered on three key outcomes—Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Character and Leadership—the Club provides enriching experiences for every child. **Limit: 50**

#### Lunch and Learn: The Rise of Women in the Medical Profession IN PERSON - 1 session(s)

with Marilyn Aronson

Wednesday, March 26, 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m. |

Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

There is a more than 30% chance that a female physician will treat you today, as statistics reveal that most doctors under the age of 35 are women. This presentation explores the journey of women in the medical profession, starting with Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, the first formally trained female physician in the United States. This session highlights the progress of women in medicine and the significant contributions of ten influential female physicians.

**Limit: 50**

#### America's Best Idea: The National Park Service 101 IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Abby Schauer

Tuesday, April 1, 10 to 11:00 a.m. | Vermillion

Public Library, Small Conf Rm

While the National Park Service was established in 1916, protecting parks began long before. This session will explore the inspiring mission of the N.P.S. and the path it took to comprise the now 431 parks across the United States. Finally, participants will discuss the many opportunities that can be found in park sites today. **Limit: 20**

## EXPANDING YOUR MIND

### Soylent Green IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Holly Straub

Monday, March 3, 3 to 5:00 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Small Conf Rm

What is Soylent Green? Are you familiar with a food product called soylent? *Soylent Green* is a 1973 film starring Charlton Heston and Leigh Taylor-Young. This dystopian ecological thriller is set in the Big Apple in 2022, which is plagued by the cumulative effects of global warming, overpopulation and pollution. Sound familiar? Film showing followed by discussion. **Limit: 20**

### Storytellers of Vermillion IN PERSON

- 3 session(s) with Betsey Wick

Tuesdays, March 18 to April 1, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Fraternal Order of Eagles

Everyone has stories to tell. Some may often share their stories, while others wish they could tell them as effectively as those they admire. This program offers participants the opportunity to learn what makes a good storyteller, how to craft a compelling story, and develop their own narrative. Participants may even have the chance to perform their stories for the community. **Limit: 25**

### Wills, Trusts and Powers of Attorney IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Craig Thompson

Monday, March 31, 4 to 5:30 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library – Sm Conference Room

This class will cover basic Wills and Trusts as well as Durable and Health Care Powers of Attorney. **Limit: 15**

### Basic Numismatics (Coin Collecting!) IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Roy Jager

Tuesday, April 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Small Conf Rm

This course provides an introduction to the basics of coin collecting, including its history, value, and significance. Participants will learn what to look for when collecting coins and currency, as well as important considerations to keep in mind. **Limit: 20**

### Free for All: The Public Library (A Movie) IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Kaia Brose

Wednesday, April 9, 6 to 7:30 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room The library will be showing the movie *Free For All: The Public Library*, in spirit of library appreciation week in April. The movie explores the history of the public library and the impact it has had on society. **Limit: 50**

### Bees and BBQ: Come Learn about Beekeeping 101 IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Dan Van Peurse

Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 to 8 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

Come learn about beekeeping and enjoy some light BBQ fare. This will be an introduction to beekeeping for the hobbyist. Participants will look at equipment, terminology, pest management, and honey harvesting. Food sponsored by the Vermillion Public Library. **Limit: 25**

### Birding by Ear II - Listening to Spring Bird Songs IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with David Swanson

Fridays, May 2 to 9, 10 to 11:00 a.m. | Vermillion City Hall

The course will involve lecture and discussion of bird vocalizations. This will be followed by a 3- to 4-hour field trip in the local area to put our listening skills into practice and to gain an appreciation for the variety of birds to be found in southeastern South Dakota. **Limit: 18**

### Know your Auto IN PERSON

- 3 session(s) with Corey Balleweg

Tuesdays, May 6 to 20, 3 to 4:00 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library

In this course you will learn about proper tire inflation according to the seasons, what the lights on your dash mean and what not to ignore. You will also learn to check or add oil and other fluids, how to jump start your car, and how to safely change a tire. **Limit: 10**

## HISTORY

### Good Earth and Blood Run: Protecting Important Cultural Resources IN PERSON

- 2 session(s) with George Shurr

Tuesdays, March 4 to 11, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

Good Earth State Park, located just east of Sioux Falls, and Blood Run National Historic Landmark mainly located east of the Big Sioux River, are in an important cultural landscape. About 500 years ago thousands of families lived, worked, played, and worshipped on both sides of the river. Today more protection is needed for these significant cultural resources. **Limit: 30**

### Historical Contention of the Japanese Military "Comfort Women" IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Jing Williams

Thursday, March 13, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Vermillion City Hall

During World War II, the Japanese Imperial Army recruited hundreds of thousands of young women and girls from East and Southeast Asia and turned them into sex slaves and referred to them as the "comfort women." Now, the Japanese government denies the history. What can be learned from this horrendous case that violated women's human rights? Suggested Book: *Comfort Women* by Yoshima Yoshiaki. **Limit: 25**

### The Dust Bowl in South Dakota: A Dusty Future? IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Mark Sweeney

Monday, March 31, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

The 1930s Dust Bowl ravaged the Great Plains. Some forget that the Dakotas suffered just as badly as southern plains states like Texas and Oklahoma. This course will cover the causes of the Dust Bowl and compare its effects in the Southern and Northern Plains. We will also consider the possibility of another Dust Bowl. **Limit: 40**

### America's Most Musical War: The Musical Traditions of the Civil War IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Anna Van Kley

Wednesday, April 9, 11 a.m. to 12:00 Noon | National Music Museum

Calling all lovers of music and history! Join a focused tour of the National Music Museum's galleries to learn about the Civil War, which is sometimes called America's most musical war. This course will take place in person at the National Music Museum. **Limit: 20**

### Pipe Up! The History and Design of Pipe Organs IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Anna Van Kley

Wednesday, April 23, 11 a.m. to 12:00 Noon | National Music Museum

Have you ever wondered why organs are so popular in Christian churches worldwide? Come learn about the history of organs on a focused tour in the National Music Museum's galleries. Then, experience how organs are built in an interactive organ-building session with the NMM's miniature pipe organ kit! **Limit: 20**

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Staying On Your Feet: How Balance Changes as You Age IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Sarah Droge

Thursday, March 6, 10 to 11:00 a.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Small Conf Rm

The goal of this class is to discuss fall risk and recent evidence on reducing fall risk in aging adults. **Limit: 20**

### Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Ranelle Nissen, Allison Naber

Thursday, March 6, 1 to 2:00 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

For centuries, it has been understood that the health of the brain and the body are interconnected. This program explores research on diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement. Participants will use hands-on tools to incorporate these insights into a personalized plan for healthy aging. **Limit: 50**

### Happiness and the Good Life IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Doug Peterson

Wednesday, March 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Fraternal Order of Eagles

This class will provide an overview of the psychology of happiness. This includes exploring the myths and realities of why people are happy, and why they are not. The course will include discussion and short activities intended to demonstrate the techniques used to improve subjective well-being. **Limit: 50**

### How to Bring More Joy and Happiness into Everyday Life Through Simple Routines IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with Evgeniya Lukyanova

Thursday, April 3 to 17, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Vermillion City Hall

Nowadays more than 800 hospitals in the U.S. are using meditation, breath work, sound healing, Reiki, etc. as important parts of preventive and restorative medicine. With ease and laughter participants will walk through easy practical steps to develop new habits, learn helpful techniques to bring more joy, peace and balance into everyday life. **Limit: 20**



**Staying Strong As You Age: A Physical Therapist's Viewpoint IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Sarah Droge

Thursday, April 24, 10 to 11:00 a.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

This class is designed for older adults to learn about the right amount of exercise, proper lifting techniques, and optimal frequency. Participants will also explore the crucial role of resistance training in maintaining bone health. **Limit: 50**

**Surviving Domestic Violence IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Sandie Sullivan

Thursday, May 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

Explore the challenges that survivors and service providers face today. Participants will review the developments of the past several decades and look ahead to future trends. This course will delve into current issues and provide guidance on how to offer effective support. **Limit: 50**

**LITERATURE**

**Author Visit: Good Order and Discipline by Greg Huckabee IN PERSON** - 1 session(s) with Greg Huckabee

Thursday, March 13, 6 to 7:00 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

Local author Greg Huckabee will discuss his book *Good Order and Discipline*. Books will be available to checkout at the library or you can buy your own copy on Amazon. Suggested Book: *Good Order and Discipline* by Gregory Huckabee **Limit: 50**

**Author Visit: Across the Lake by Patrick Hicks IN PERSON** - 1 session(s) with Patrick Hicks

Thursday, April 17, 6 to 7:00 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

Join the Vermillion Public Library in the Kozak Room as Patrick Hicks talks about his book, *Across the Lake*. His latest novel is about the only all-female concentration camp in the Third Reich. In order to get the history correct for his work, Hicks made three research trips to Ravensbruck. **Limit: 50**

**Earth Day Book Discussion: Brave the Wild River IN PERSON** - 1 session(s) with Holly Straub  
Monday, April 21, 7 to 8:30 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

Join this Earth Week book discussion on *Brave the Wild River: The Untold Story of Two Women Who*

*Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon* by Melissa Sevigny. Books will be available on April 1st at the circulation desk. **Limit: 50**

**Steinbeck's American Dream IN PERSON**

- 4 session(s) with Betsy Simons

Wednesdays, May 7 to 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

John Steinbeck is one of America's most beloved authors. This class will read three of his great novels: *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Of Mice and Men*, and *The Pearl*. Participants will be asked to read *The Grapes of Wrath* by the first class. The class will discuss Steinbeck's major themes and characters and view a movie of one of the classics. **Limit: 25**

**SOCIAL**

**Let's Celebrate "Pie-Day"...Pie Not?! IN PERSON** - 1 session(s) with Holly Straub, Constance Krueger

Friday, March 14, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room Come join the fun. pie-eaters, math and science nerds, music aficionados

(American Pie, of course), curious curmudgeons, pie-rates, and all others are welcome. We won't throw a pie in your face, but we will serve pie, along with a plethora of pie-logy and more bad pie-puns. For, in pies we crust. **Limit: 30**

**Tropical Beach Party Open House IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Holly Straub, Michelle Finnegan

Friday, March 21, 3 to 4:30 p.m. | Main Street Center

Come to the Tropical Beach Party! Enjoy beach-themed entertainment, snacks, games, and other activities. Come learn about all the fun things happening at the Main Street Center. There is something for everyone. Bring a friend! **Limit: 60**

**SCIENCE AND TECH**

**Light Pollution and the Importance of the Nighttime Environment IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Susanne Skyrn

Wednesday, March 5, 10 to 11:30 am. | Vermillion Public Library, Small Conf Rm

The night sky is a precious natural resource, but it's fading due to increasing light pollution, which has been growing by about 10% each year since 2011. This presentation will explore the different types of light pollution, its harmful effects on the environment and human health, and practical steps that can be taken to protect the night sky. Suggested book: *The Darkness Manifesto* by Johan Eklof. **Limit: 10**

**Planning Your National Park Trip: Guide to Online Resources, Passes, Programs and More IN PERSON**

- 1 session(s) with Caroline Ver Mulm

Monday, March 24, 10 to 11:00 a.m. | Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

Planning a trip to a National Park can be overwhelming—deciding on passes, activities, and must-see sites. This course will guide you through finding useful information on the National Park Service website and app, obtaining a park pass, and exploring the programs and activities available to make the most of your visit. **Limit: 35**

**Vermillion Class Locations:**

- Boys and Girls Club of Vermillion – 300 High St.
- Coyote Twin Gallery - 10 E. Main Street
- Fraternal Order of Eagles – 114 W. Main St.
- Main Street Center - 320 W Main Street
- National Music Museum – Corner of Clark and Yale Streets
- Simons Farm – 1421 N. University Road
- Vermillion City Hall – 25 Center St.
- Vermillion Public Library - 18 Church Street

**Frequently Asked Questions:****How many OLLIs are there?**

There are 124 OLLIs in the United States. We are in all 50 states.

**How did OLLI get started?**

The Bernard Osher Foundation began to consider programs targeted toward more mature students not necessarily well served by standard continuing education curricula in 2000. The interest of many older adults, especially those who have retired, is in learning for the joy of learning – without examinations or grades – and keeping in touch with a larger world. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at USD – Sioux Falls (OLLI) was established in 2006 and has received a million-dollar endowment from the Osher Foundation to fund this program in perpetuity.

**What happens when the weather is bad?**

If the public school system cancels classes due to weather in the community where your class is being held, OLLI classes will also be cancelled. The Director of OLLI reserves the right to cancel classes in the event of bad weather, even if the public schools do not cancel. In the event of a weather-related cancellation, emails will be sent to OLLI members with email addresses who are enrolled in classes that day. OLLI will also post information on the Facebook pages and will have information on the OLLI telephone voicemail system. If you have any questions, please call us for weather related closings. Safety is important.

**Can I take a class without being a member?**

Any non-member who wants to attend a single lecture or event may do so as OLLI's guest, at no charge, on a space available basis for select offerings. Priority is given to members. To inquire, call OLLI Director at (605)-274-9528 or email [Thea.Ryan@usd.edu](mailto:Thea.Ryan@usd.edu) more information

## ZOOM

\*Indicates ZOOM only

### HISTORY

#### The Panama Canal and it's Amazing History

**ZOOM** - 1 session(s) with Rich Reid

Monday, March 10, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | Zoom

The idea of the Panama Canal dates back to 1513, before finally becoming a reality 400 years later. Learn about the long and complicated history of the canal from the initial failed attempt by France to its eventual completion by the United States. A brief summary of a recent cruise through the canal will also be presented. **Limit: 300**

#### 1968: A Tumultuous Year ZOOM

- 2 session(s) with Michael MacDonald

Wednesday and Friday, March 26 and 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

The year 1968 was marked by intense cultural, political, and racial upheaval, making it the most turbulent year of the 1960s. This course will explore key events from that year, including the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy. It will also examine the Presidential election and the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, as well as the cultural and musical movements that shaped this pivotal year. **Limit: 300**

#### The Death of Socrates ZOOM

- 2 session(s) with John Hollingsworth

Fridays, April 4 to 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

The program will compare the radio and television versions of the *You Are There* shows depicting the death of Socrates. In Week One, participants will listen to the radio version from the late 1940s, and in Week Two, they will watch the television version from the 1950s. Participants are encouraged to review readings from Xenophon and Plato in preparation. **Limit: 300**

#### Archaeological Investigations of the Laundress Quarters at Ft. Meade, South Dakota (1880s-1920s) ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with Aaron J Mayer

Monday, April 7, 6 to 7 p.m. | Zoom

*Suggested book: Soap Suds Row by Jennifer Lawrence*

Between 2022 and 2024, excavations were carried out at 39MD45, commonly known as "Soap Suds

Row." These excavations uncovered numerous domestic artifacts from the late 1800s to early 1900s, providing valuable insights into the commerce, trade, foodways, and subsistence practices of the residents of Soap Suds Row at Fort Meade. *Suggested book: Soap Suds Row by Jennifer Lawrence* **Limit: 300**

#### Rethinking Sioux Falls ZOOM

- 3 session(s) with Michael Mullin

Tuesdays, April 8 to 22, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

Sioux Falls gradually transformed itself from an important regional hub to a national center for science, credit cards, and medicine in the post-World War II period. These classes focus on the role of three organizations – EROS, Citibank, and Sanford Health System – in creating the Sioux Falls as it is known today. **Limit: 300**

#### Fact, Fiction and Food: A Discussion of Ireland's Great Famine 1845-55 ZOOM

- 2 session(s) with Margaret Preston

Tuesdays, April 15 to 22, 10 to 11 a.m. | Zoom

This course will focus on the Great Famine in Ireland from 1845-55. This was a watershed event that brought dramatic social, economic, demographic and political change to Ireland, as approximately 2 million persons disappeared from the landscape. *Suggested book: The Great Irish Potato Famine by James Donnelly Jr.* **Limit: 300**

#### History is All Around Us ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with Kevin Gansz

Tuesday, April 15, 9 to 10 a.m. | Zoom

Sioux Falls is rich with remnants of its history, many of which are visible in our everyday surroundings. Some of these historical landmarks are widely recognized, while others may go unnoticed. In this course, participants will explore these pieces of the past, uncovering their origins and significance to the community's story. **Limit: 300**

#### Alexander the Great: Examination Through

**Vintage Media ZOOM** - 2 session(s) with John Hollingsworth

Wednesdays, April 23 to 30, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. | Zoom

This program involves viewing and comparing the radio and television versions of the *You Are There* show depicting Alexander the Great. In Week One, participants will watch the televised version, and in Week Two, they will listen to the radio version. *Suggested book: Alexander the Great by Ulrich Wilcken.* **Limit: 300**

#### Mac n' Cheese, Steak, and Pizza! How Food Tells the Story of US History ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with Jay Perry

Thursday, April 24, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

The stories behind popular foods can reveal much about US history. Using mac n' cheese, steak, and pizza as guides, participants will discuss how these and other foods are related to immigration, national identity, conflicts, and other topics. Come learn about the history on the table! **Limit: 300**

#### \*Weaving Art: Textiles in the Russian Empire

**ZOOM** - 1 session(s) with Carol Veldman Rudie

Wednesday, April 30, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

Women not only wove fabrics for practical use, they also beautified ordinary in life, including their textiles. To glimpse the richness of the result, this brief survey samples the artistic weaving and embroidery created by the women from three parts of the Russian Empire: Russia, Uzbekistan, and Siberia. Explore a bit of the culture that created these artifacts and gain a new appreciation of this form of artistry. **Limit: 300**

#### Industrial Hemp in South Dakota IN PERSON

- 1 session(s) with Ken Meyer

Thursday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Zoom

Since the legalization of industrial hemp production and processing in South Dakota in 2020, the state has emerged as a leading producer, with the highest number of acres grown and harvested. The industry's success in South Dakota is driven by the dedication of local leaders who have worked tirelessly to promote hemp to farmers and advocate for sensible regulations. **Limit: 300**

#### Powers of the American Presidency in the Trump Era ZOOM

- 2 sessions with Bob Burns

Thursdays, May 8 and 15, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. | Zoom

How far do the powers of the U.S. presidency reach? We will discuss tariffs, immigration, retribution and more. **Limit: 300**

#### History and Use of Talking Books and Braille with SD Accessible Library Services ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with Josh Easter

Wednesday, May 14, 2 to 3:30 p.m. | Zoom

Explore the history and use of talking books and Braille. Learn about efforts to make South Dakota materials available in accessible formats. Many people with standard print disabilities can benefit

from talking books and other Accessible Library Services. **Limit: 300**

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

#### Fixing A Broken Heart: Part II ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with John Hay

Wednesday, April 9, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | Zoom

There are many types of heart disease. This class will specifically focus on surgical intervention for valvular heart diseases. Discussion will include causes of valvular heart disease and the implantable devices that can replace or repair heart valves. **Limit: 300**

### SCIENCE AND TECH

#### SDSU Dairy and Food Science Department- The Inside Scoop ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with Londa Nwadike

Tuesday, March 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

This session will cover the history and vision for the future of SDSU's Dairy and Food Science Department. Participants will explore the various majors offered, the department's research and outreach efforts, and employment opportunities available to graduates. **Limit: 300**

#### Light Pollution and the Importance of the Nighttime Environment ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with Susanne Skyrn

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#### Modeling for Flood Early Warning ZOOM

- 2 session(s) with Shahriar Pervez

Mondays, March 17 to 24, 1 to 2 p.m. | Zoom

This course will teach a method for combining statistical analysis (using data and math to identify patterns) and geospatial modeling (using geographic data and mapping techniques) to create systems that can predict floods in advance. The course will specifically focus on how this method was applied to predict and respond to the flooding in South Sudan in 2024. **Limit: 300**



### Understanding Weather and the National Weather Service ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with *Todd Heitkamp*

Wednesday, March 19, 10 to 11 a.m. | Zoom

This course explores various aspects of weather, teaching participants how to recognize signs of approaching hazardous conditions to protect themselves and their families. It examines storms that have occurred in the Tri-State area and addresses questions from students. Additionally, the course delves into the mission of the National Weather Service and its importance in weather forecasting and public safety. **Limit: 300**

### \*Sanford Research: Seminar Series ZOOM

- 4 session(s) with *Benjamin Benson*

Thursdays, March 20 to April 10, 10 to 11:00 a.m. | Zoom

Gain fresh insights into modern medicine with this lecture series featuring graduate students from USD's Basic Biomedical Science courses. Dive deep into topics the researchers are passionate about and hear their perspectives on the future of healthcare, research, and innovation. Stay informed and inspired by the next generation of medical researchers. **Limit: 300**

### South Dakota Pheasants and Pheasant Habitat...A Short Course ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with *Emmett Keyser*

Thursday, March 27, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

Participants will learn about the history of ringnecked pheasants in South Dakota, their biology and habitat requirements, and what efforts are being made by state conservation organizations to promote the sustainability of pheasant populations in South Dakota. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and engage in discussion. **Limit: 300**

### Internet Privacy and Security ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with *Dr. George Hamer*

Tuesday, April 1, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

As we increasingly live our lives online, it's essential to prioritize security while browsing the internet. In this course, we will explore how to secure your browser from potential threats and identify which browsers are safest to use. Additionally, we will discuss ways to protect your computing device from attacks. The course will cover common cyberattacks targeting businesses and personal devices, as well as strategies for ensuring a safe online environment. **Limit: 300**

### \*NASA Europa Clipper Mission ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with *Malmi Kiriwandalage*

Monday, April 28, 6 to 7:30 p.m. | Zoom

Embark on an voyage to one of the most intriguing moons in the solar system, Europa. In this captivating lecture, participants delve into the icy depths of Europa's mysterious oceans, seeking clues to the potential for life beyond Earth. Led by NASA, this mission aims to conduct detailed reconnaissance of Europa, shedding light on its geology, chemistry, and potential habitability. **Limit: 300**

### \*AI for Everyday Life: Getting Started with ChatGPT ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with *Kevin Smith*

Thursday, May 1, 3 to 4:00 p.m. | Zoom

In this session, you'll have a chance to learn about using ChatGPT to do a variety of things. Participants will learn to use it for tech support, movie and book recommendations, travel tips, health questions, and more. ChatGPT is an easy tool to use for anyone and with the right prompts you can tap into the power of AI. **Limit: 75**

### \*Get to Know Our Neighbor (Moon) ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with *Arjun Ayyangar*

Friday, May 2, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

There is growing interest in returning to the Moon, using it as a training ground for extended space missions and as a launching point for further exploration of the Solar System, such as Mars. As Earth's closest neighbor, the Moon plays a crucial role in the understanding of space. In this course, participants will explore key phenomena related to the Moon and discuss its significance to life on Earth. **Limit: 300**

## TRAVEL AND TOURS

### \*Small Ship Cruising: Southeast Alaska ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with *Hazel Oldham, James Oldham*

Friday, March 7, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Zoom

Six years ago the Oldhams introduced OLLI members to the experience of US small ship cruising. Since then they have presented on five of their cruises. In this session they will provide an update on developments in the U.S. small ship cruise industry and take participants along on their most recent trip along the beautiful Southeast Alaska coast, while discussing some important milestones in the history of the 49th state. **Limit: 300**

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### Idyllic Great Britain ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with *Prudence DeBates*

Monday, March 10, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

Embark on a journey through Great Britain's most picturesque scenery and historic landmarks. Begin with the stunning Snowdonian Mountains in Wales, pass through the Roman ruins and medieval charm of Chester, and continue to the breathtaking Lake District and Dales in northern England. Cross Hadrian's Wall into Scotland, where the magic unfolds with stops in Edinburgh, the Orkney Islands, Inverness, and the Isle of Sky. **Limit: 300**

### Planning Your National Park Trip: Guide to Online Resources, Passes, Programs and More ZOOM

- 1 session(s) with *Caroline Ver Mulm*

Monday, March 24, 10 to 11 a.m. | Zoom

Planning a trip to a National Park can be overwhelming—deciding on passes, activities, and must-see sites. This course will guide you through finding useful information on the National Park Service website and app, obtaining a park pass, and exploring the programs and activities available to make the most of your visit. **Limit: 300**

### \*First Lady Ida McKinley - Tour Her Home with a Park Ranger ZOOM

- 1 session

Tuesday, April 29, 1 to 2 p.m. | Zoom

Through the historic Saxton House, the Canton, Ohio home shared by President and First Lady McKinley for over 25 years, participants will learn about the life of Ida McKinley. Despite immense tragedy, Ida McKinley managed to leave an impactful legacy. **Limit: 300**



### INSTRUCTOR BIOS

**Marilyn Aronson** is a speaker for the South Dakota Humanities Council.

**Arjun Ayyangar** is a volunteer NASA Solar System Ambassador since 2018 and has received his master's degree in computational sciences and Robotics. He is

currently working as a Systems Engineer at Lockheed Martin, Mount Laurel, New Jersey.

**Corey Balleweg** is a lifelong lover of cars, enjoys getting under the hood, and knows the importance of proper vehicle upkeep.

**Shelly Baye** is driven by Maya Angelou's words, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better," Dr. Shelly Bayer is passionate about fostering spaces that embrace diversity, inclusivity, and equity. Her work is rooted in creating systems that empower individuals and promote equitable opportunities for all.

**Benjamin Benson** has been sharing research with the community for nearly 10 years from the platform of the PROMISE program.

**Nanci Bliss-Kelley** is a newcomer to South Dakota! "I am not an artist but love being creative!"

**Michelle Bouchard** is a geographer and the communications and outreach lead at USGS EROS.

**Kaia Brose** is the Adult Services Specialist at the Vermillion Public Library.

**Janet Brubakken** is a retired educator and book lover.

**Bob Burns** is a SDSU Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science. Bob Burns has taught OLLI courses for 16 years.

**Sarah Busse Spencer** has a PhD in Sociology. She lived and worked abroad in Germany and Russia and speaks, reads, and writes German and Russian. She sings with Sioux Falls Savoy, a new local community theater devoted to performing Gilbert and Sullivan operettas.

**Austin Buysee** is the Athletic Facilities and Event Manager at South Dakota State University Athletic Department.

**Jon Carda** is a 30-year law enforcement veteran, trained and experienced in investigations related to homicide and sexual assault.

**Paula Carson** is a retired faculty member from SDSU and enjoys visiting forms of art.

**Amy Carter** (COO) has been working in the social service field for over 25 years.

**Autumn Cogdill** is the Executive Director at Peaceful Pines Senior Living at Brookings, she studied at South Dakota State University.

**Prudence DeBates** has taught several OLLI courses about travel and food. She is an avid traveler & has lived overseas.

**Sharon A. DeVaney**, PhD, is a Professor Emeritus from Purdue University. She is a Jackrabbit, Buckeye, and Boilermaker.

**Monica Draeger** is a longtime resident of Sioux Falls. She is an avid reader and volunteer at Siouxland Libraries.

**Samantha Drealan** is an occupational therapist at Brookings Health trained in LSVT therapy techniques to treat Parkinson's Disease.

**Jennifer Dreiske** has been studying and exploring spiritual traditions from around the world. She is the interfaith chaplain at Augustana University.

**Sarah Droge** graduated from Nebraska Medicine in 2009 with a doctorate in Physical Therapy.

**Josh Easter** started at the SD State Library in 2005 working in the SD Braille and Talking Book Library.

**Maren Engel** is the Arts Coordinator for the city, working within the planning department to promote arts support across the community.

**Mary Enright** spent her career in the financial services industry and has served on the OLLI Leadership Council. She is a member of P.E.O. and Better Investing. She geocaches, knits, posts shoveling reports on Facebook, and loves to travel. She is currently out of hot stock tips.

**Suzanne Fairchild** lives on a wool farm and has taught this class to people for the last five years. She says it never gets boring!

**Michelle Finnegan** is the Executive Director of the Main Street Center in Vermillion, SD.

**Elizabeth Fox** is a librarian who loves all things fiber. She knits, crochets, spins, tats, and other crafts.

**Rachel Franks** is the Unit Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Vermillion. She is excited to share about the Club!

**Suzanne Fuller** is a former journalist, OLLI class presenter, OLLI Leadership Council chair, and great-granddaughter of Dakota Territory pioneers.

**Kevin Gansz**, Curator of Education with the Siouxland Heritage Museums, has over twenty-five years of

experience in researching and presenting the history of the Sioux Falls area.

**Kaelyn Giefer** is the Community Engagement Coordinator for VCP Sioux Falls, who specializes in tours, speaking engagements, volunteers, and fundraisers.

**Rachel Glanzer** is a home baker and employee at Homestead Meats.

**Carrie Taylor Goldberg** Canadian author Carrie Taylor Goldberg (B.A., U of Waterloo) has traveled in 16 countries. Last summer she served in Israel.

**Elaine Gullickson** has been providing scavenger hunts for friends and family for several years.

**Heidi Gullickson** has served as Executive Director of the Brookings Area United Way since April 2014. She loves the people side of the work and the variety and challenges that each day brings.

**Jamie Halvorson** is an occupational therapist at Brookings Health trained in LSVT therapy techniques to treat Parkinson's Disease.

**Dr. George Hamer** is currently the Acting Head of the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department at South Dakota State University and has been teaching in the computer science field for over 35 years.

**Melissa Hauschild-Mork** is a Choreographer for the Harvey Dunn Collaborative Project, The themes of Harvey Dunn's Feminine Images Paintings.

**Dianne Hawks** lives in Aurora and is recently retired and enjoying what you all have been telling me about! Spending time with hubby DeWayne, kids, and grands.

**John Hay** In his career with medical device companies John collaborated with cardiac surgeons to develop heart valve devices and implant procedures.

**Todd Heitkamp** is the Meteorologist in Charge of the NWS in Sioux Falls. A native of Adrian, MN, husband and father of three.

**Alex R. Hey** is an ADHD coach and has ADHD himself. He has worked with those with ADHD since 2018.

**Patrick Hicks, PhD** is an award-winning author, a former Visiting Fellow at Oxford, and Writer-in-Residence at Augustana University where he teaches courses on creative writing as well as Irish Literature.

**John Hollingsworth** is a retired Math Instructor with a wide variety of interests who was raised in Lincoln Country.

**Lisa Howard** has been the Director and head coach of the Rock Steady Boxing program since 2017.

**Greg Huckabee** was a professor at the USD and served 27 years as a Judge Advocate in the Regular Army.

**Anna Hudelson** received her Art Education degree from USD and has been working at Mosaic for 11 years.

**Roy Jager** is knowledgeable in the numismatic world of collecting and history.

**E. Janet Johnson** is a retired professor, who spends time writing books of poetry and giving speeches in the Brookings Toastmasters Club.

**Michael Johnson** is the General Manager of the Pheasant Restaurant in Brookings.

**Rob Joyce, MA**, taught music at Augustana & is the former Executive Director of the SF Jazz and Blues Society.

**Edie Julik** taught and performed Hula for adults and children for almost half her life.

**Emmett Keyser** is a retired 40-year employee of SD Game, Fish, and Parks who completed his MS degree researching pheasants.

**Malmi Pasandi Kiriwandalage** is an astronomer, space science educator, and aspiring Astrobiologist from Sri Lanka.

**Special Agent Jeff Kollars** is employed with the SD Division of Criminal Investigation as a polygraph examiner.

**Constance Krueger** happily taught teenagers writing and literature for 42 years and now remains curious about the world.

**Charlie Kuhn**, Solid Waste Manager, has over 20 years of solid waste experience.

**Evgeniya Lukyanova, PhD** in science, is a certified life coach, mindset coach, Reiki practitioner, and breathwork facilitator.

**Mike MacDonald** is a retired Sioux Falls businessman now living in Minneapolis and Beaufort, SC. Previous classes have been travel/history-oriented. Former OLLI volunteer.

**Aaron J. Mayer** is a paleoethnobotanist who studies plants in the archaeological past. He is a Senior Archaeologist at Augustana.

**Sandy McFarland** is an active OLLI member, who likes to learn and experience new and fun activities. She loves cookouts and good company.

**Michele Mechling**, owner of Davida Art Company/Artist Collective is an artist/teaching artist serving people of all ages and abilities.

**Harsha Mistry** is a retired entrepreneur. specializing in culinary, cultural, and arts and crafts-related activities.

**Vikram Mistry** is a Professor Department Head and Associate Dean Emeritus at South Dakota State University.

**Joan Mueller** is a SD native who writes children's historical fiction books based on actual family and community history.

**Michael Mullin** is a professor of history at Augustana University. He is currently the University's Chair of Regional Heritage.

**Allison Naber** is an occupational therapist and USD faculty who has personal and professional experience with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia.

**Ranelle Nissen** is an occupational therapist and USD faculty who has personal and professional experience with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia.

**Jim and Hazel Oldham** are both retired American Baptist ministers and Air Force chaplains and South Dakota ex-pats living in California.

**Kurt Osborne** is the founder and owner of Kool Beans Coffee and Roasterie in Brookings SD.

**Jay Perry** is USD's Vice President responsible for the operations of the USD - Sioux Falls campus.

**Dr. Shahriar Pervez** is a Geographer with USGS. He holds a Ph.D. in Geospatial Science and Engineering from SDSU and leads the flood monitoring activities of FEWS NET at USGS EROS.

**Doug Peterson** is an Associate Professor of Psychology and has taught USD students about happiness for over a decade.

**Margaret Preston** has a Ph.D. in history and has taught at Augustana University for over twenty years.



**Rich Reid** is retired and has traveled to over 50 countries and all 50 states. When not traveling, he calls Brookings home.

**Marcella Remund** is a retired USD English instructor of Irish/Eastern European descent and the author of two poetry books.

**Lisa Rinaldo** is a happily retired K-8 art instructor, with a background in art history, who teaches painting classes to various groups of "seniors" around Sioux Falls.

**Abby Schauer**, Lead Park Ranger (Interpretation) at Missouri National Recreational River, Graduate of SDSU, from Spencer, IA.

**Jessie Schmidt** has been with the BBB for 12 years. She enjoys sharing important info with our community.

**Dr. Summer Schultz** is the Brookings School District Superintendent.

**Darin Seeley** has served the state government since 2019. His background includes operations and human resources leadership.

**George Shurr** is a geologist who retired from teaching, moved back to the family farm, and got interested in archaeology.

**Katie Sieverding** is a leading hemp industry expert in South Dakota.

**Betsy Simons** taught Secondary English for over 35 years. She loves to share the love of great literature with others.

**Susanne Skyrn** is Chair of the local Living River Group of the Sierra Club.

**Justin Smith** joined Woods Fuller, a Sioux Falls law firm in 2006 and focuses his practice on litigation, specializing in trusts and estates, estate planning, commercial, workers' compensation, as well as additional legal services. He also acts as a government relations specialist and lobbyist, spending the South Dakota legislative session each year lobbying on behalf of firm clients.

**Kevin Smith** is a professor at Dakota State University. He teaches math education and technology.

**John Solberg** has a master's degree and thirty-seven years of experience teaching Psychology at Mitchell High School; Mitchell, SD.

**Carmen Spurling** has been the Caregiver Outreach Director at Active Generations for the past six years.

**Holly R. Straub** is a Professor Emerita of Psychology, at the University of South Dakota

**Sandie Sullivan** Director and Victims' Advocate Domestic Violence Safe Options Services. Sandie Sullivan has dedicated her life to empowering survivors for thirty-three years.

**Dr. David Swanson** is a Professor of Biology at the University of South Dakota. He has taught Ornithology for over 30 years.

**Mark Sweeney** is Professor in the Department of Sustainability & Environment at USD. He specializes in dust emissions and landscape change.

**Dr Solaiman Tarafder**, assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering Department at SDSU. Has a PH. D in materials Science and engineering.

**Victor Taylor, PhD**, is vice provost for graduate education and extended studies at SDSU.

**Craig Thompson** is a Vermillion Attorney with 42 years' experience.

**John Thompson**, Public Works Director, Solid Waste Manager who has over 20 years of solid waste experience.

**Samantha Turnquist** works at a senior living community and has had a personal connection to Alzheimer's Disease.

**Dr. Philip Urso** is an assistant professor of bison studies at SDSU.

**Anna VanKley** is the museum educator at the National Music Museum and earned her master's degree in history at USD.

**Dan Van Peurse** has been a hobby beekeeper for over 20 years and still learns more each year.

**Carol Veldman Rudie** is the education outreach coordinator for The Museum of Russian Art in Minneapolis. She has taught in various colleges, has an MA in English Literature, and graduate courses in art history.

**Caroline Ver Mulm** is the Community Volunteer Ambassador at Missouri National Recreational River, a unit of the National Park Service.

**Betsey Wick** has a broad array of unique things she knows about and is excited to share with OLLI.

**Jing Williams** is an Associate Professor of Social Studies Education at the University of South Dakota.

**Andy Wingert** is the Volunteer Coordinator at St Francis House.

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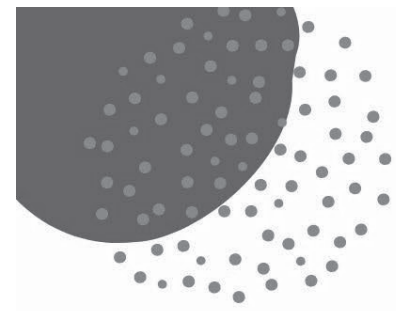
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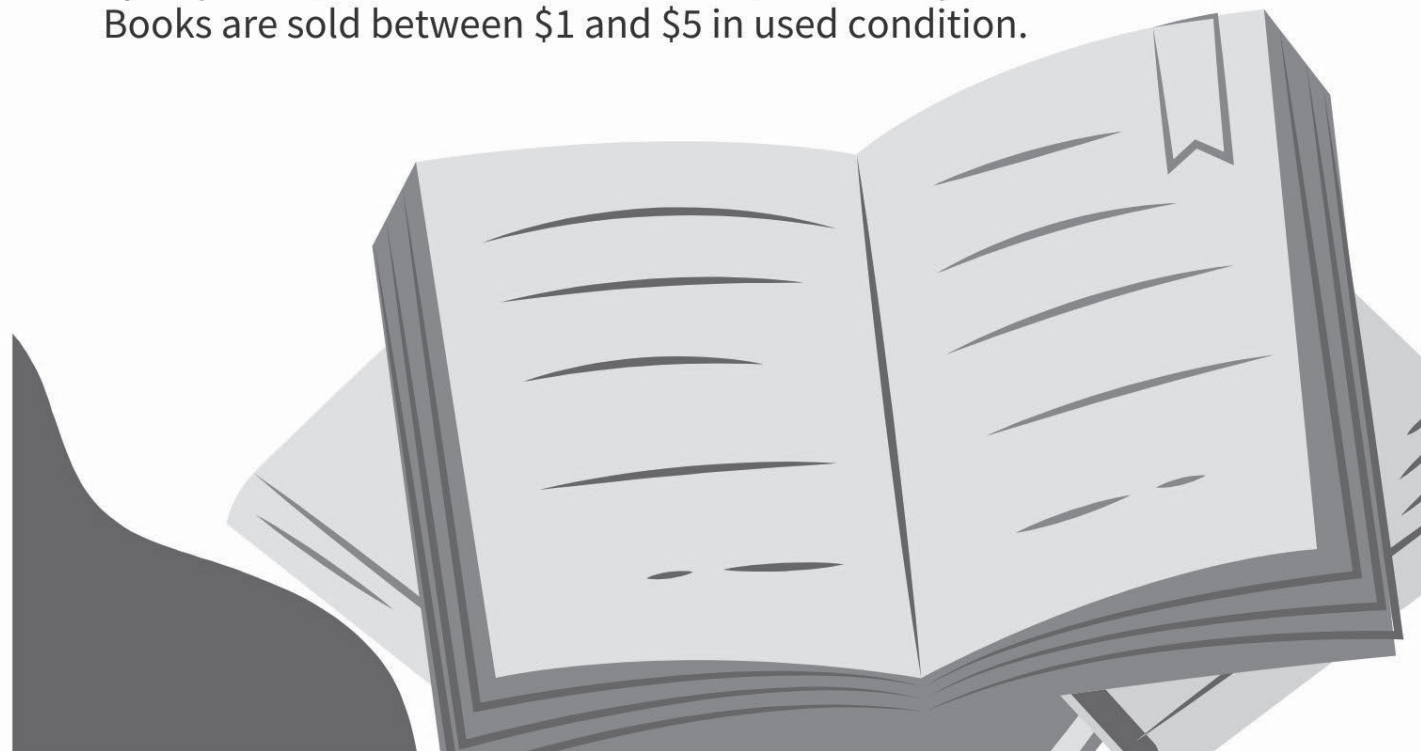
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