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Amy Sullivan Hosts OLLI Board of Directors and Guests at Mason Fenwick Library Preservation Lab, July 20.

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Editor of the Week: Jean Boltz

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Alerts & Notices

- Reminder: Priority registration for the fall term begins August 14 and ends at noon on August 23. Fall term begins Monday, September 17. The fall-term catalog is available at the OLLI website at <https://olli.gmu.edu/2018-fall-catalog/>.
- OLLI is closed for summer break through today, August 10; the office reopens on August 13.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published August 24; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, August 21, at 6:00.

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Browsing the New Fall Catalog



By Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Co-Chair

There's something about the waning of summer that creates excitement in the air. Back-to-school ads abound, we sense a change in the weather, and we anticipate the start of a new school term. Then the beautiful OLLI fall catalog arrives. By now, we're diving deeply into this catalog and enjoying the

offerings. Its weight is impressive—64 pages, the heftiest ever. Featuring nearly 200 courses, special events, and social activities, this catalog requires some serious browsing time.

Book lovers will welcome the return of Mason’s popular “Fall for the Book” (p. 33). This year, OLLI is sponsoring six events in different venues, two of them at Tallwood. Check out the Mason Faculty Club Series. What a treat to enjoy breakfast on a lovely campus site and hear Mason professors’ lectures. And check out other courses taught by both Mason and NOVA instructors, who give generously of their time.

Next, look for instructors from the wider community—federal and county government, industry, religious and medical centers. This fall we’ll welcome historians, artists, musicians, and authors. And we always appreciate our wonderful OLLI-member teachers, who share their expertise and interests with us each term.

Finally, take a look at the new format on the schedule pages (pp. 59-62). Each week is listed separately so that we can see all classes and one-time events together, helping to avoid scheduling conflicts. We don’t have to go back and forth between classes and special events when registering.

Now that you’ve worked your way through all the classes, special events, on-going activities and clubs, it’s time to make the difficult choices. Our fabulous program planners have worked tirelessly to provide us with many extraordinary offerings. See how many you can squeeze into your calendar!

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Get A Head Start!



By *Kathryn Mitchell, Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group Co-Chair*

Professor Heba El-Shazli will be teaching a Literature/Language/Theater course this fall dealing with attempts to understand the politics of Egypt through the literature of Naguib Mahfouz, winner of the 1988 Nobel Prize for Literature. The classes will run alternate weeks starting September 17 and ending October 29. She asks that participants read the following books (listed in the order of

presentation): *Midaq Alley, Autumn Quail, Karnak Cafe, and The Day the Leader Was Killed*. Some are available in the Fairfax and Arlington Library System and all via Amazon.

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For Music Lovers Registering for Fall Term



By *Marianne Metz, Music Program Planning Group Co-Chair*

When you look through the hundreds of listings in your fall catalog, you’ll find many intriguing multi-session music classes. Try them – you’ll like them. But don’t stop there! If you do, you’ll miss the *single*-session music offerings, found farther back in the catalog. These include:

- F956 *Sonata: A Memoir of Pain and the Piano* (part of Fall for the Book)
- R967 Poets of the Piano (lecture + concert)
- R974 Papa Haydn and the Sonata
- R982 European Operetta, the Silver Age: Franz Lehar and Emmerich Kalman
- F983 Ed Sullivan’s Best of Broadway Musicals
- L997 Mozart and His Women, Both off and on the Stage
- F999 Premier Military Bands in the Washington Area

Check them out, sign up, and enjoy!

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The Tom Swift Squad Needs You!

Interested in technology? Learn with us!



By *Paul Howard, Audiovisual Support Committee Chair*



OLLI's Audiovisual Support Committee (a.k.a. The Tom Swift Squad) seeks additional volunteers to help ensure the smooth employment of OLLI's audiovisual resources. Our primary mission is to help instructors, liaisons, and staff with any audiovisual issues that might arise during the classes we attend.

We'll be meeting at 1:00 Wednesday, August 15, at Tallwood in TA-1.

We'll be discussing the FCC's Spectrum Auction, its impact requiring 14 new wireless mic systems at OLLI, and finding frequencies for our mics to operate on without interference from TV stations. Our activities for this meeting will include training on OLLI's AV equipment used in classrooms and remote locations.

Please let me know if you're planning to attend or would like to become a "Swiftie," even if you can't join us for this meeting. Contact me by [email](#) (preferred) or phone (703-860-9246).

For more information on the Audiovisual Support Committee, see its [web page](#).

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Computer Club

*3rd Saturday, August 18
What's a Router, and Why Do I Want One?
LED Lighting Explained*



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

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, August 18 at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for socializing in the Annex. Program activities begin at 1:00 in TA-1.

What's a Router and Why Do I Want One? Presented by Gabe Goldberg

The electronic box connected between your ISP wall connection and your home network is almost certainly a router (providing Ethernet ports and WiFi access),

or perhaps it's a router with added capabilities (e.g., modem converting ISP connectivity to Ethernet). You're hardly alone if you haven't given it much thought, since it likely "just works," year after year. But routers are complex devices, computers running operating systems and applications! They're therefore worth informed decisions about selection and configuration and need occasional software updating or replacement to fix problems, improve performance, and (especially) close security exposures. This presentation will answer the question posed above and help you understand and exploit router features.

Gabe shared responsibility for AARP's online Computers and Technology Web site and forums; before that, he co-hosted America Online's advanced Internet forum. He volunteers with his county's law enforcement and other community organizations. He's presently director and Association of Personal Computer User Groups representative for PATACS.

LED Lighting Explained - Presented by Roger Fujii

A quick primer on this lighting technology includes some interesting examples of possible applications. Roger serves on the Guru Team for the twice-yearly PC Clinics at our Saturday meetings and has been volunteering his technical expertise to OLLI since 2006.

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2018 will be collected at this meeting.

Can't make the meeting in person? Dues-paid club members may attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 12:45. Send a message to webinarhosts@patacs.org if you plan to attend in this way. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/2080042114>. Meeting ID: 208 004 2114

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

OLLI CLASSES

I like to take OLLI classes in the spring, winter, summer, or fall.

Since last year, I've taken 30 of them, and liked them all!
 I prefer the Arts with hands-on creativity—
 Sketching, Photo Club, OLLI Players, and Poetry.

Looking at movies, there are plenty to watch—
 Victor Borge clips, British Humor & Middlemarch.

I've heard Music Samplers from students at George Mason University.
 Other classes cover music of Tchaikovsky and Sibelius, taught by
 Christopher Zimmerman, Conductor of the Fairfax Symphony.

It's fun to learn a language or two—I'm taking French and Spanish
 Conversation
 Where we also taste and smell delectable food—like on a vacation.

OLLI offers classes in religion as well—
 "Afterlife" discussed Purgatory, Heaven, and Hell.
 A lecture about Pope Francis was enlightening
 And I found a visit with a Rabbi in a synagogue not so frightening.

In German History, I learned about Beethoven, Hitler, & the King of Prussia.
 OLLI takes you on field trips by bus with a fee.
 I visited the Gettysburg Battlefield and learned about General Lee.

Picasso's life was amazing and shocking
 While the migration of Monarch Butterflies was astonishing.

OLLI Classes are good for the senses and the intellect.
 The hardest thing for me is deciding what to select!

-Joan Lunsford

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Obituary: Audrey Markham Sullivan

Audrey Markham Sullivan, one of the original founding members of OLLI at Mason and longtime member of the Investment Forum, died July 31 at age 95. She served on the Board of Directors and later became vice president of programs. She founded the "Widowed Person

Service of Northern Virginia," a group that provides counseling, comfort and support to grieving spouses. She then spearheaded a link between OLLI and the Widowed Person Service by bringing new members, instructors, and programs to OLLI designed to give comfort and support to grieving spouses.

Audrey's caring spirit is reflected by the many who volunteer similarly at OLLI. She will be remembered and missed by all.

For a more complete story of Audrey's life, see Alice Slayton Clark's Article in an earlier edition of the OLLI *E-News*
<https://olli.gmu.edu/enews17-15/>.

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, August 10 through 27

By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

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

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Washington Concert Society: *3 Tenors*

Sun, Aug 26, 5:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: \$20.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

No performances scheduled.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: *Sub Rosa*

Jul 24 - Sep 8

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00, and two hours before each performance.

Gallery reception: Thu, Aug 14, 6:00. The gallery receptions are free and open to the public, but an RSVP is required. RSVP to smeyer3@gmu.edu.

The Lion King Experience Kids

Fri, Aug 10, 6:00 and 7:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: Adults \$10; seniors \$7; children \$5.

Lion King Jr.

Sat, Aug 11, 7:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$30.

Pied Piper Theatre: *Seussical, Jr.*

Fri, Aug 17, 7:00

Sat, Aug 18, 2:00 and 7:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: Adults \$15; children \$5.

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

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Meetings & Clubs

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office, with direct web links added when available. The list is accurate as of mid-week but to check any time for the latest information, please view the latest forecast of upcoming events on our website ([News/OLLI Calendar](#)). *Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend, meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kickoff coffees, etc. (bolded below).*

Mon Aug 13	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	What's in the Daily News–TA-1
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club–TA-2
Tue Aug 14	9:30am	Annex Art–Annex
Wed Aug 15	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
	1:00pm	A/V Committee–TA-1
Fri Aug 17	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation–Annex
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	11:30am	Cooking Club–TA-1
Sat Aug 18	1:00pm	Dr. Who Club–TA-3
	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
	1:00pm	Computer Club–TA-1
Mon Aug 20	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	What's in the Daily News–TA-1
Tue Aug 21	9:30am	Annex Art–Annex
Wed Aug 22	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
Thu Aug 23	10:00am	Outreach Meeting–Annex
Fri Aug 24	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation–Annex
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	12:00pm	Photography Club–TA-3

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

Note: You can view past issues of *OLLI E-News* on the DocStore. To search the content of issues, use Search Our Site or put your search term in Google followed by "site:olli.gmu.edu/" without the quotes.

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