
Classes for Curious Adults
OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE
OLLI
AT YAVAPAI COLLEGE
Fall 2026
Sedona/Clarkdale
Oct 26 - Dec 11
Registration opens Sept 30
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Stay Curious, Stay Engaged… OLLI!

Message from the Director

Sometimes crisis makes us stronger. I am hopeful that our OLLI program in Sedona and Clarkdale is experiencing just such a moment. In August we suffered a series of blows, losing both of our well established and beloved staff members at almost the same time. This alone would have been just a blip. However, this occurred in the context of dropping membership, enrollment and revenue. It was time to take a pause, and re-think our approach and next steps to ensure a sustainable future for our program.

We are grateful that in the meantime, Yavapai College offered staff to keep our Fall 1 session moving forward. It has taken some time to create a long-term plan that will allow us to continue, while embracing the reality of changing demographics in Sedona and the Verde Valley.

Given all these dynamics, you will see that our Fall 2 session looks different. This is a temporary situation - most classes will be offered for free in community locations. We continue to offer online classes, free munch and learn options, and international travel. We are also offering a one-time discount for current OLLI members for Community Education classes this Fall.

OLLI members have stepped forward to fill the committees so important to OLLI's program. We have struggled for a couple of years to generate enough committed volunteers, and this crisis has led to a re-energized volunteer base - we are so grateful!

This Fall 2 schedule will continue to evolve - please keep your eyes on our announcements as we add more offerings, and finalize more details.

Tricia Berlowe

Director, OLLI at Yavapai College

In Person Registration is available in Prescott (M-F)

1100 E Sheldon Street, Building 31, Prescott

Register online: **www.yc.edu/olliregister**

Or call: 928-717-7634

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Membership Fee Options

Membership levels cover 5 consecutive terms (one year), access to classes offered online and all our locations, and unlimited Munch and Learns. Osher Online classes are $60 each, no matter your member-ship level.

Basic Membership for $65, multi-week classes are $35, 1-day classes are $15.

Deluxe Membership for $185, includes 20 free multi-week or 1-day classes.

Premium Unlimited Membership for $350, includes unlimited classes and workshops.

Fall 2 Special (6-week) Membership for $25, multi-week classes are $35, 1-day classes are $15

Scholarships are available!

Memberships are not eligible for refunds or extensions.

Important Dates

Fall 2: Oct 26-Dec 11
Winter: Jan 25 - March 12
Spring: April 5 - May 14

OLLI Staff

Tricia Berlowe – Director
Linda Chalcraft – Admin Assistant
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Munch & Learn: Northern Arizona Health Care

Thurs, Oct 29 • 12:30-1:45 • FREE
E) Verde Campus Bldg. G-106 • OV-405-F226
F) Online • OPZ-406-F226
Facilitator: Shri Srikanth
This is a unique opportunity to hear and be heard by the executive team at Northern Arizona Health Care (NAH). Rick Gray, executive in charge of Verde Valley Operations and a team of senior managers will share updates on recently expanded services and future plans for this area. They would also like to hear from the people of the area regarding questions and concerns about the important subject of health care.

Munch & Learn: UFOs, Aliens and Other Things Extraterrestrial - Session Two

Thurs, Nov 5 • 12:30-1:45 • FREE
G) Verde Campus Bldg. G-106 • OPZ-408-F226
H) Online • OV-407-F226
Facilitator: Shri Srikanth
Join us for Part Two of an updated look at UFOs, Aliens and Other Things Extraterrestrial. The presenter is Rick Rokosz, a retired aerospace executive, OLLI Facilitator, and a self-professed Space / UFO geek. Rick picks up where he left off with his humorous approach to an update of this topic based on the most recent Pentagon files release. Session two will include a brief recap of session one. In this class, we will continue our interactive discussion of UFOs and other extraterrestrial phenomena. Come and be part of the out-of-this-world fun experience.

Munch & Learn: Prescott on the Air

Thurs, Dec 3 • 12:30-01:45 • FREE
I) Online • OPZ-409-F226
J) Prescott Bldg 3-119 • OP-410-F226
Facilitator: Rudy Arena
Jason Zinzilieta, general manager of KYCA Radio and Prescott Broadcasting stations, will discuss the history of radio broadcasting, from the beginning through the Golden Age of Radio to today's technology, along with how radio has evolved with the times and radio in the Prescott and Yavapai County areas. Jason has worked in the broadcast industry for 40 years and continues to bring the world to Prescott and Yavapai County through radio.

Munch & Learn: Taming the Arizona Territory

Thurs, Dec 10 • 12:30-1:45 • FREE
K) Online • OPZ-411-F226
L) Prescott Bldg 3-119 • OP-412-F226
Facilitator: Rudy Arena
By the early 1900's America's "Wild West" was a thing of the past. The states were calm and safe for their citizens…. except for ARIZONA. In 1901 the Territory was still a snake pit of rustlers, murderers, banditos and train robbers. AZ was even too tough and lawless to be admitted as a state! Learn with Ron Anderson the story of the most unique group of men in our state's history. A small cadre of tough, hard riding and quick on the trigger lawmen who tamed the wild AZ Territory and aided it in becoming a state.

M) Community Chats with AZ Philharmonic: Flamenco Rhythms and Dances

Thurs, Oct 29 • 2-3:15 • FREE
1 Meeting • Prescott Bldg 15-255 • OP-413-F226
Facilitators: Maria Flurry, Henry Flurry
Flamenco is organized through forms called palos, each with its own character and rhythmic pattern, known as compás. Chris and Lena Jácome will demonstrate the form, music and rhythm of different flamenco dances. Through clapping, guitar and dance, they will show how these patterns shape movement and guide the guitarist. Participants will try the rhythms.
About the series: Before each Arizona Philharmonic concert, guest artists share insights into music and craft, with time for questions. Limit: 70

N) Community Chats with AZ Philharmonic: Behind Christmas Music

Fri, Dec 4 • 11-12:15 • FREE
1 Meeting • Prescott Bldg 15-255 • OP-414-F226
Facilitators: Maria Flurry Henry Flurry
ASU Professors Katherine McLin, Arizona Philharmonic Concertmaster, and Andrew Campbell, Director of ASU's Collaborative Piano Program, explore stories behind selected Christmas music. They will discuss familiar carols, unexpected seasonal connections, and works linked to Christmas long after they were written. There will be live performances and opportunities to sing along.
About the series: Before Arizona Philharmonic concerts, guest artists discuss the music and their craft, with time for questions. Limit: 70

Current Economic Issues (Sedona)
By presenting relevant concepts and data, this on-going course aims to equip each participant to be an educated consumer of news on a wide range of economic topics. Discussions will be fact-driven and nontechnical; no formal economics training is required. Meets Mondays 10/29-12/7, 1-3pm at the Community Library Sedona.
Coordinator: Charles Blum
Contact: chblum45@yahoo.com to enroll

American Democracy Forum (Sedona)
Participants are invited to give short (10–20 min) presentations on a key issue shaping American democracy—covering such aspects as governing principles, current challenges and global comparisons. Each presentation will be followed by open discussion aimed at fostering civic awareness, critical thinking, careful listening and respectful dialogue. Together we will deepen understanding of community values and engage in meaningful conversation about America's changing role in a changing world. Meets Thursdays 10/29-12/7 from 12:30 to 2pm at the Community Library Sedona.
Coordinator: Charles Blum
Contact: chblum45@yahoo.com to enroll

Captain John Smith, Founding Father (Cottonwood)
A man of outstanding character and wit who saved the English Settlement at Jamestown from failure and mapped the Chesapeake Bay and New England. Known to have been the best friend the Native Americans ever had and most well known for having his life saved by the Chief's daughter, Pocohontas. From meeting Native American giants to dealing with survival, Smith's decisions will astound the listener. Meets Tuesdays, 1 pm 11/3 at the Cottonwood Library.
Coordinator: John Sutton
Contact: johnsutton1az@gmail.com for details

The Creation of Arizona (Cottonwood)
Geologic description of the creation of Arizona 1.75 billion years ago. Plus changes of Arizona creating the Colorado plateau and red rocks of Sedona. Meets Tuesdays, 1 pm 10/27 at the Cottonwood Library.
Coordinator: John Sutton
Contact: johnsutton1az@gmail.com to enroll

Local Poets Share Their Writing and Wisdom (Sedona)
OLLI at Yavapai College invites the Community to join with us as we host 4 lectures with local published poets sharing their poetry and wisdom. Lectures will be followed by Q&A and the joyful process of creating poems, inspired by our guests. We are honored to have as our first presenter Nicholas Kirsten-Honshin, "The Dean of Sedona Poetry" whose art and poetry gallery has for 31 years inspired all who visit Tlaquepaque, and whose generosity in encouraging other poets has contributed greatly to creating the thriving community of poets found in Sedona today. Meets Thursdyas 11/12&19, 12/3&10, 2:15-4pm at the Community Library Sedona.
Coordinator: Jahnay Pickett
Contact: centerstone.jahnay@gmail.com to enroll & confirm details

Go with the Flow: Experience the Wisdom of the Tao Te Ching (Sedona)
Start your day out right, drawing inspiration and guidance from the Tao Te Ching. Over the past 2500 years, the Tao has been translated and studied by seekers in every religion and spiritual tradition. Whether a daily practitioner or a total newcomer, you'll benefit from each session as we read and share reactions to a few verses and take a moment of silence to integrate their wisdom into our day. Bring your own copy or borrow one of those on reserve at Sedona Library. We meet every Friday from 8 until 9:30.
Coordinators: Jahnay Pickett and Charles Blum. For details, contact centerstone.jahnay@gmail.com or chblum45@yahoo.com.

Fascinating First Ladies (Cottonwood)
Which First Lady was a descendant of Pocahontas? Who was first given the title "First Lady?" Who was the first wife to hold the bible on which her presidential husband took the oath of office? Who ran up tens of thousands of dollars in department store debt? To get the answer to these questions and learn more interesting information about four of our fascinating first ladies, join me for this workshop. Meeting on Dec 1 at 1 pm at the Cottonwood library,
Coordinator: Judith Julien.
Contact: judjul55@hotmail.com to enroll & confirm details.

Discover Nature with iNaturalist (Sedona)
This 2-session class introduces seniors to iNaturalist, a free app that identifies plants, birds, insects and other organisms from your photos. But iNat is so much more! Session 1 explores how to use iNaturalist and why it's a great tool for outdoor lovers. Session 2 will be hands-on practice: spotting interesting subjects, taking photos, getting AI-assisted IDs, creating a personal record, and sharing with a global community. No tech experience needed, just your smartphone and curiosity! Meeting Tuesdays Dec 1 and Dec 8, 1-2:30 at the Community Library Sedona.
Coordinator: Tom Liken.
Contact: tomlikens@icloud.com to enroll & confirm details.

Celebrating Peace and Human Rights (YC Clarkdale)
On this day, many millions of people around the world will view the award of the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize and others will celebrate the 78th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. What are those events all about? What do they mean for us in today's turbulent world? What might be done in our communities to support these causes? We'll explore those questions and more, with the help of multimedia and a cameo appearance by President John Kennedy. Free and open to the public; priority seating for OLLI members. December 10, 3-5:30 at Yavapai College Building M-137.
Coordinator: Charles Blum. For more details, contact chblum45@yahoo.com.

2026 Midterm Election Review (Sedona)
Let's review the issues, campaign and results of the 2026 midterm elections, and what their outcomes might mean for 2028. Tuesday, 11/17, 1-3pm at the Community Library Sedona.
Coordinator: Andy Herschkowitz
Contact: ahersch52@gmail.com to enroll

Medically Assisted Dying here in Arizona ... A Discussion (Sedona)
Medically-assisted Dying was proposed in Arizona in 2024, and the Bill generated so much controversy that it was tabled. I will explore this "Right to Die" issue in depth by looking at the experience of other states and countries, discuss the Pros and Cons, and offer some insight into the ethical and procedural questions that have made this policy such a difficult topic. Wednesday 11/18, 2-4:40 pm at the Sedona Community Library.
Coordinator: Curtis Kommer
Contact: ckommer1955@yahoo.com to enroll

Medicare 101 - Everything you need to know (Cottonwood)
Discussion of what Medicare Parts A and B cover, how prescription drug plans work, and how Medicare supplemental plans and Advantage plans (Part C) help to cover remaining health care costs. Paper copies of documents shown are provided. Meets 11/17 at 1 pm at the Cottonwood Library.
Coordinator: Denny Fanter
Contact: fanterdenny@gmail.com to enroll & confirm details.

The First Three Years of the Child, Walking, Speaking and Thinking (Cottonwood)
During the first three years of our lives, we probably develop more than in all the rest of our years put together, yet we remember little of it. Through great and persistent effort, and guided by unconscious forces, the child achieves the miracles of walking upright, speaking its native tongue, and beginning the rudiments of thinking. All will have the opportunity to contribute as we explore these amazing early years during which we begin our human journeys. Meets 11/10 at 1 pm at the Cottonwood Library.
Coordinator: Linden Sturgis
Contact: Ldsturgis@aol.com to enroll & confirm details.

Act 1 of China-US Relations, 1776-1860 (Cottonwood)
Oceans apart, cultures apart - yet the U.S. and China connected soon after American independence. Join us to trace early trade, diplomatic and cultural ties in the first of three workshops, drawing on John Pomfret's excellent narrative history "The Beautiful Country and the Middle Kingdom" and other sources. Later sessions in 2027 will cover 1860-1950 and 1950-present. Tuesday 12/8, 1-4pm at the Cottonwood Library.)
Coordinator: Charles Blum.
Contact chblum45@yahoo.com

Science News and Views (Sedona)
Whether you are a scientist, engineer, or mathematician or simply someone with an interest in science, come and get a better understanding of recent scientific developments and their potential impact on society. Each week members of the class will discuss science topics in a way that makes it easy for all to understand. Class members will also be encouraged to bring in interesting science articles for open-class discussions. Wednesdays, 10/28, 11/4 & 11/18, 1-2:30 pm at the YC Sedona Center.
Coordinator: Bob Haizmann
Contact: bhaizmann@gmail.com

Bridge - An Introduction to a Life Long Game (Sedona)
Discover the fun and challenge of the world's most popular card game in this engaging beginner bridge class. Designed for those with little or no experience, this class introduces the fundamentals of bridge, including basic rules, card play, simple bidding, and essential strategies. Through easy-to-follow instruction, demonstrations, and guided practice hands, participants will gain confidence while learning in a relaxed, supportive environment. Meeting tbd.
Coordinator: Mark Ducharme
Contact: mark.r.ducharme@gmail.com to enroll & confirm details.

ARTS-VISUAL & PERFORMING

10) Murray Perahia - A Pianist at Work

Email Only • $15 • OPZ-110-F226

Facilitator: Nancy Dubow

We will journey with pianist Murray Perahia through the mysteries and wonders of classical music. We begin with a marvelous documentary from ca. 1981, continue with an interview with Arie Vardi, and finish with a recital which illustrates the deeply enriching artistry of this exceptional musical artist. Limit: 50

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY

11) Get Smarter About Your Google Apps on PC and Phone

Tues, Oct 27-Nov 10 • 1-2:30 • $35
3 Meetings • Online • OSZ-111-F226

Facilitator: Sharon Sherman

Explore the free Google apps and how to navigate Google. Understand Google Drive cloud storage and explore other apps, including Google Docs, Slides, Sheets, Keep, Tasks, Contacts, Calendar, Meet, and their integration with Drive. Review some core skills. See how smartphone and tablet apps let you stay portable across all your devices and move easily to new ones.

12) Make Windows 11 Work for You!

Tues, Nov 10 • 12:30-2 • $15
1 Meeting • Online • OPZ-112-F226

Facilitator: JB Burke

Unlock the hidden potential of Windows 11! Join us for a hands-on guide to making your PC easier to see and use. We'll reveal "Power User" shortcuts, how to customize your mouse and text for better visibility, and "magic" keyboard tricks like voice typing. Whether you want to reduce eye strain or simplify daily tasks, come learn how to make Windows 11 work for you! Limit: 40

13) Internet Security for Seniors

Wed, Nov 11 • 12:30 -2 • $15
1 Meeting • Online • OPZ-113-F226

Facilitator: JB Burke

From Rob Truman at Geezer Tek, staying safe online is becoming increasingly difficult in today's digital world. This presentation will address important topics such as online scams, viruses, junk email, and telemarketers. Attendees will gain practical knowledge and useful tips to help recognize these threats and stay safer while using the internet. Limit: 40

14) Touring the Web #16 - So Much Information

Thurs, Nov 19 • 12:30-2 • $15
1 Meeting • Online • OPZ-114-F226

Facilitator: JB Burke

In this episode of Touring the Web you'll learn how smart crows are, whether your browser should save your passwords, and what our galaxy really looks like. We will also cover some cool statistics by state, how much gas costs, the history of the US $1 bill and how many humans have ever lived? We will also discuss, recent info about dementia (how to avoid), the pros and cons of using chatbots, where datacenters are and where they might go. Plus, the rise and fall of civilizations, fascinating websites and much, much more. Limit: 40

FINANCE, ECONOMICS, & LAW..



15) Current Economic Issues (Zoom)

Fri, Oct 30-Dec 11 • 1-3 • $35
6 Meetings • Online • OSZ-115-F226

Facilitator: Charles Blum

By presenting relevant concepts and data, this on-going course aims to equip each participant to be an educated consumer of news on a wide range of economic topics. Discussions will be fact-driven and nontechnical; no formal economics training is required. Limit: 12

HISTORY & CURRENT AFFAIRS

16) This & That

Fri, Oct 30-Dec 11 • 10:30-12 • $35
6 Meetings • Online • OPZ-116-F226

Facilitator: Barbara Brown

Learn something new each class. A weekly adventure of subjects from art to zoology and everything in between. Come curious - leave inspired! Limit: 40

17) Great Courses Potpourri
Email Only • $35 • OPZ-117-F226
Over the years OLLI has purchased many titles from Great Courses. We have access to over 250 titles that can be streamed from your home. If you sign up for this class, you will be given access to the Prescott OLLI account, and can stream at will for the session.

LOCAL INTEREST & TRAVEL

18) Armchair Adventures
Wed, Oct 28-Dec 9 • 10:30-12 • $35
6 Meetings • Online • OPZ-118-F226
Facilitator: Barbara Brown
Join us to travel the world without passports, expenses, long lines at airports, cathedrals and museums. Whether you're a seasoned traveler of simply curious about the world, come experience the culture, stories, art and history that make every destination unique.

SCIENCE & MATH



19) Science, Math & the Nature of Consciousness
Mon, Oct 26-Nov 30 • 2-3:30 • $35
6 Meetings • Online • OPZ-119-F226
Facilitator: DeeDee Freeman*
Students will investigate whether consciousness is 1) An accidental byproduct of biological complexity, 2) A fundamental property of the universe, or 3) The very fabric from which reality is constructed.

20) New Ideas
Mon, Oct 26-Dec 7 • 10:30-12 • $35
6 Meetings • Online • OPZ-120-F226
Facilitator: Barbara Brown
Embark on weekly adventures into the world of bold ideas and fascinating discoveries. Each session dives into a fresh topic: the wonders of space, the arts, global culture, cutting-edge science, and breakthrough technologies. Come curious - leave inspired! Limit: 40



TRAVEL WITH OLLI

Jan 7-15, 2027

Costa Rica: Rainforests, Volcanoes and Wildlife

Cruise down a rainforest canal, soak in volcanic hot springs, and delight in just-picked pineapple on the same trip? From beloved preserves like Arenal to independent wildlife sanctuaries, you'll discover a country fully in tune with its surroundings.





Highlights of Scandinavia: Sweden, Norway & Denmark

September 17-27
with an extention to Iceland Sept 27-30



Lisbon, Seville, & Madrid



OLLI
Travel With OLLI

April 24 - May 4 2027





Included highlights

- Monument to the Discoveries
- Tower of Belém
- Évora
- Plaza de España
- Royal Alcázar
- Córdoba
- Puerta del Sol
- Tapas & wine of Madrid

ACTIVE MIND & BODY

Functional Yoga & Meditation
VCE-FA26-101 ● Tues/Thurs, 10/6/2026 - 11/19/2026
8:30am - 9:30am
I-137 ● Verde
This class blends traditional yoga postures and philosophy with modern functional movement principles to build muscular strength and flexibility, joint mobility and stability, and balance for daily life. Expect mindful sequencing that emphasizes safe alignment and practical range of motion. Each session integrates breath awareness, mindfulness, and meditative moments to cultivate presence on and off the mat. Movements and mindfulness are designed to improve how body and mind work together—whether walking, lifting, enjoying recreational activities, or simply being human with greater ease. Suitable for all levels, with modifications and progressions offered. **Bring your mat and water bottle!*
No class Oct 13, 15, 29 and Nov 3
Lisa Jachowicz ● $133

Yoga at the Southwest Wine Center
VCE-FA26-103 ● Sat, 10/24/2026 - 10/24/2026
11:00am - 12:00pm
SW Wine Center Founders Circle ● Verde
VCE-FA26-104 ● Sat, 11/21/2026 - 11/21/2026
11:00am - 12:00pm
SW Wine Center Founders Circle ● Verde
Unwind, stretch, and sip your way to serenity in this unique yoga experience at the Southwest Wine Center. Our expert teacher will guide you through a gentle flow of yoga poses designed to release tension, restore alignment, and deepen your breath - all while surrounded by the calming ambiance of our vineyards, stunning mountain and red rock vistas, and subtle notes of fine wine. After a revitalizing yoga session, enjoy a glass of our award-winning wine to complement the calming effects of your practice. Expect a welcoming environment, a focus on mindful movement, and plenty of time to balance your body, mind, and palate. Whether you're a beginner or seasoned yogi, this class offers a perfect blend of relaxation and rejuvenation. Cheers to health, happiness, and a glass of wine in hand!
Lisa Jachowicz ● $30

Full Body Conditioning
VCE-FA26-105 ● Mon/Wed, 11/4/2026 - 12/2/2026
8:30am - 9:30am
I-137 ● Verde
This group exercise class will condition your entire body utilizing a large variety of gym equipment (e.g. weights, bands, exercise balls) and body weight. A creative blend of fun, music, and game-style workouts will keep every fitness level engaged and motivated. You'll get the benefits of personal training in a supportive group setting while improving muscle tone, cardio endurance, flexibility and agility. Along the way, you'll track metrics such as heart rate, grip strength, and more. Each session wraps up with a relaxed cool down featuring practical nutrition, fitness, and health insights you can put to practical use.
No class Nov 11 and 25
Alma Rodoni ● $113

Deep Stretch for Mobility
VCE-FA26-114 ● Thurs, 10/1/2026 - 11/19/2026
12:00pm - 1:30pm
I-137 ● Verde
Deep Stretch is a floor-based mobility class that combines active stretching with principles of anatomy and movement science. Through sustained holds and intentional muscle engagement, students will explore techniques that support flexibility, joint mobility, posture, and overall movement quality. Unlike traditional yoga classes, Deep Stretch focuses specifically on improving range of motion and body awareness through targeted stretching practices. Suitable for most experience levels, this class offers a mindful and accessible approach to moving and feeling better in everyday life. ***No class 10/15***
Juliet Frew ● $122

Current OLLI members can receive $35 off one Community Education class. Call 928-717-7634 to enroll and receive your discount.

HEALTH & NUTRITION

Self Care & Reiki Practice
VCE-FA26-119 ● Mon, 9/28/2026 - 11/23/2026
12:30pm - 1:30pm
I-138 ● Verde
This weekly class offers practical tools to support physical, mental, and emotional well-being through Reiki practice and self-care techniques. Participants will explore gentle movement, breath awareness, relaxation methods, self-massage, and energy-based practices while developing a basic understanding of the body-mind connection. The class encourages greater self-awareness, stress reduction, balance, and resilience, providing a supportive space to cultivate healthy habits and deepen your connection with your natural capacity for well-being. Open to all experience levels; no prior Reiki experience is required. **Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your own yoga mat.*
No class Oct 12
Omina (Uma) Shibahara ● $118

HISTORY & CURRENT AFFAIRS

Arizona Mining History
VCE-FA26-120 ● Wed, 10/7/2026 - 11/4/2026
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Zoom
This course will focus on the history of mining throughout Arizona. From minerals mined by Native Americans to the mineral discoveries made by European settlers followed by the United States during it westward expansion. Learn why copper is one of the 5Cs in Arizona. Coverage includes some of the individuals who sought to exploit Arizona's vast mineral wealth. Learn about Arizona's Copper Kings and the towns they founded based upon the mineral wealth extracted. Understand the significance of Arizona's vast mineral wealth and its contribution to industry in the United States and the world.
William Ascarza ● $89

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Cliff Dwellings of Central Arizona
VCE-FA26-121 ● Mon, 10/19/2026 - 11/16/2026
6:00pm - 7:15pm
I-138 ● Verde
In this course, students will gain an understanding of cliff dwellings in central Arizona, including their architecture, engineering, cultural context, and environmental settings. By the end of the course, participants will be able to identify key sites, understand recent research and recognize modern preservation challenges.
Matthew Guebard ● $99

NATURE & THE OUTDOORS

Experiential Learning: Fur, Feathers, Fangs, Frons, and Fins
SCE-FA26-122 ● Wed, 9/30/2026 - 11/18/2026
10:00am - 12:00pm
40 ● Sedona Center
In this engaging lecture series, Janie Agyagos draws on 31 years as a Forest Service wildlife biologist in the Verde Valley to explore the region's rich fauna. Each session explores a different taxa group (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates) and will include hands-on materials like preserved specimens and natural artifacts, the best field guides and apps for our area, and checklists and cheat sheets for participants to keep. These lectures offer an immersive look at the diverse wildlife we're lucky to have as our neighbors.
No class Oct 14 and Nov 11
Janie Agyagos ● $129

LOCAL INTEREST

Meet the Winemaker
VCE-FA26-123 ● Wed, 10/21/2026 - 10/21/2026
3:00pm - 4:30pm
Southwest Wine Center ● Verde
Get a chance to meet the winemaker at Yavapai College and the Southwest Wine Center - learn how he guides students to create award-winning wines, his winemaking philosophies that drive that guidance, and taste some of the young vines from the recently completed 2026 vintage. Hearty snacks provided.
Jason McCluskey ● $50

OTHER

What Does the Constitution Really Mean?
VCE-FA26-124 ● Wed, 10/21/2026 - 11/4/2026
5:30pm - 7:00pm
G-102 ● Verde
Why do Supreme Court justices often disagree over what the Constitution means? Let's look at the reasons for these disagreements, and some of the ways which lawyers and justices try to resolve them.
Andy Herschkowitz ● $76

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lifeguarding
VCE-FA26-125 ● Tues to Thurs, 10/13/2026 - 10/15/2026
8:30am - 5:00pm
Cottonwood Rec Center
The American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification course will train and certify participants to be a lifeguard for swimming pools. The Lifeguard certification course includes the following American Red Cross certifications: Lifeguarding, First Aid and CPR/AED for the professional rescuer, valid for 2 years. Courses are all a blended learning course format with online education, classroom, and in-water components. American Red Cross requires all Lifeguard certification candidates to complete the American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Online Course prior to the first-class date. Participants must be at least 15 years old at the time of the course. Attendance is required at all class sessions. Course costs: $47 plus $150 fee for American Red Cross Certification.
Registration deadline October 5
Julia Root ● $197

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SELF-ENRICHMENT & LIFESTYLE

The Principles of Permaculture
VCE-FA26-126 ● Mon, 9/28/2026 - 11/23/2026
11:00am - 12:00pm
G-111 ● Verde
Discover the principles of permaculture and how to design resilient, sustainable systems that work in harmony with nature. This community education course introduces key concepts such as regenerative agriculture, water harvesting, soil health, companion planting, and ecological design. Whether you're a gardener, homeowner, or aspiring land steward, you'll gain practical tools to create abundance while reducing waste and environmental impact. Learn how to think like a permaculturist and apply these principles in your own backyard or community. No prior experience required—just curiosity and a desire to live more sustainably.
No class Oct 12
Omina (Uma) Shibahara ● $118

WRITING, LITERATURE, & LANGUAGES

From Life to Legend: Turning True Adventure into Story
SCE-FA26-128 ● Wed, 9/30/2026 - 10/28/2026
10:00am - 12:00pm
39 ● Sedona Center
This four-week class shows how to transform real experiences into compelling stories. Through animal encounters, personal memories, and local history, you'll learn to shape vivid scenes, choose perspective, and balance truth with storytelling craft. We'll explore writing about real people with honesty, using place as a character, and blending fact with legend. Each session includes guided exercises to help you draft and refine your own work, ending with optional sharing and feedback to inspire future projects.
No class Oct 14
Robert Louis DeMayo ● $118

OLLI Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Yavapai College

OLLI Sedona -Verde Valley

What is a SIG?

Member-run groups based on shared interests, open to all OLLI members. Free to join!

ONLINE OPTIONS

Tuesday Trivia - Weekly, Tuesdays on Zoom. Non-competitive trivia - fun questions, no pressure!

Contact: Bev Thurber - thurberbw@gmail.com

Social Bridge - Weekly online Bridge games via Bridge Base Online (BBO). All levels welcome.



Contact: Doug Adams - ret2az09g@gmail.com, (928) 759-2363

Good Morning Email Group - Daily email with weather, OLLI news, jokes, and videos. Delivered every morning.



Contact: Barbara Brown - vacbrown@yahoo.com

Write What You Want - Weekly, Wednesdays on Zoom. Creative writing group, all genres welcome.



Contact: Jim Veney - jimeveney@gmail.com

Prescott Computer Society - 3 meetings per month on Zoom. PC topics and tech help.



Contact: https://pcs4me.com

OLLI-SV IN-PERSON OPTIONS



Book Club - Monthly, in-person. Book discussions. Currently full - waitlist available.

Contact: Kate Anderson - sedonaolisig@yaholibookclub@yahoo.com

ASL Practice- Practice American Sign Language twice monthly. For all skill levels, but no formal instruction in offered.



Contact: Kate Anderson - aslollisig@yahoo.com