

**\*\*Pre-registration is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**  
**However, if you do arrive at the program without having pre-registered, we will not turn you away, but will give you instructions and an envelope on how to pay after the program.**

**REGISTRATION/PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

**\*\*Please consider option 1 or 2 – quick and easy for you, and also for the OLLI Staff and Volunteers.**

1. Go to [learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield](http://learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield) and register online with your credit card;
2. Register over the phone with your credit card by simply calling 802-656-5817 during regular business hours;
3. or complete the registration form below indicating full series membership or which specific program(s) you wish to attend; mail completed form and your check (made out to University of Vermont-OLLI) to: OLLI at UVM, 23 Mansfield Ave, Burlington, VT 05401.  
 \* If mailing in the registration, please allow 10-14 days from date of mailing check to receipt & processing.

For registration assistance, you may call 802-656-5817

**Semester Membership - \$35 • Individual Programs - \$8 each**

**Springfield OLLI Registration Fall 2023 Semester**

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# OLLI - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute SPRINGFIELD

Fall 2023 (Sept, Oct, Nov)  
 (Subject to change)

*Programs are held from 2 pm – 3:30 pm Tuesday afternoons at the Nolin Murray Center, next to St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 40 Pleasant St., Springfield, Vermont 05156*

\*For weather related schedule changes, check the website [learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield](http://learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield) and SAPA TV 802-885-6248 [www.sapatv.org](http://www.sapatv.org) Comcast Channels 1077, 1087 — VTel Cable Channels 160 & 161 or you may call 802-885-3094 the morning of the program.

**September 19** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trailblazers: Horse-Drawn Vehicles from Shelburne Museum’s Collection**

*Kory Rogers, ‘Francie and John Downing Senior Curator of American Art’ at Shelburne Museum*

We will explore the importance of Shelburne Museum’s renowned collection of horse-drawn vehicles and their formative role in the establishment of one of Vermont’s most beloved cultural institutions. From carriages and sleighs to wagons and carts, the collection spans the late 19th and early 20th centuries and includes a variety of styles and designs. Rogers will highlight key vehicles, their connection to Museum founder Electra H. Webb, and their historical significance.

**October 3** \_\_\_\_\_

**We Are All Being Used! Media Manipulation in the Digital Age**

*Ben Boyington, Educator, Writer, Media Literacy Scholar*

Like so many headlines today, this program title is clickbait. It is designed to seize your attention by appealing to your emotions. This kind of rhetoric infests our news as well as our politics and social media posts. We will explore how the attention economy and consumerism work to influence our buying (and thus our lives), our politics (the life of the country), and our very sense of self (our mental health). Through dissection of examples, sharing of facts, and open discussion, we will engage about advertising techniques, the economics of the digital age, and the impact of social media.

**WEDNESDAY** (this one program only is not on a Tuesday)  
**October 18**

Discover Vermont and New Hampshire's Roles in  
the Underground Railroad

*Michelle Arnosky Sherburne, Author, Vermont Historian*

Learn about courageous Abolitionists who were part of the network of aiding fugitive enslaved people in the years prior to the Civil War. Misconceptions and hidden histories of Vermont and New Hampshire's roles in the Underground Railroad are revealed. Highlights include Springfield's UGRR agents Noah and Nancy Safford, fugitive enslaved Ephraim Wright who settled in town, as well as southern New Hampshire's agents and their work for the Abolitionist cause. We'll explore New Hampshire's hidden Black heritage, slavery and slave trade, and Vermont's tumultuous reception of Blacks and Abolitionists in the 19th century!

**October 31**

Werewolves, Vampires & Zombies

*Bobby Farlice-Rubio, Educator and State Representative*

This Special Halloween program will demystify Monsters through facts and science. Although there are no supernatural monsters in this lesson, we will explore the ways in which real parasites have taken over their hosts, and how they may have inspired monster myths! Could parasites be responsible for some people's reckless and dangerous behavior? Could toxins and poisons in nature control people's minds and make them behave like monsters?

Membership in the Springfield OLLI entitles members to attend programs in our other statewide OLLIs throughout Vermont. Your active OLLI semester membership also entitles you to the discounted member rate for the OLLI on UVM campus programs (many of which are offered online).  
Call 802-656-5817 for more information.

Please check our webpage for current health/safety protocols at [learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield](http://learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield).

**Health/Safety Guidelines:** UVM sponsored non-credit functions/activities/offers, whether held at UVM or at a non-UVM facility or location, are governed by the same health and safety policies. As such, UVM expects event participants, visitors and guests will be vaccinated. Masks are optional and welcomed. If the event is taking place at a non-UVM venue, consideration must be given to the requirements of the host site and the more stringent requirements will apply.



*The Fall Semester will open with a special look at the Shelburne Museum's renowned collection of horse-drawn vehicles.*

**November 14**

Songs of Vermont

*'Banjo Dan' Lindner, Songwriter and Performer*

We'll listen to him sing several of his favorite 'Songs of Vermont' that he has written and hear the stories and inspirations behind these songs. His musical career has spanned fifty years, including performing as a member of the Mid-nite Plowboys. "Banjo Dan" has specialized in songs drawn from Vermont's history, legends, places and personalities.

**November 28**

Trend Setter: The Nature of Weather Patterns

*Mark Breen, Senior Meteorologist Fairbanks Museum*

*Returning for his 12th Annual Presentation to our Springfield OLLI Group.*

The weather is always up to something, and recent weather extremes, wide-open discussions through social media, as well as local and major news outlets, bring a great deal of attention to trends, patterns, and changes in weather events. We'll learn information on where the weather gets its energy, and how this creates certain patterns and events that deliver sunshine or monsoons. Breen will guide us through the information, and the misinformation, and weave together the tapestry of weather patterns.

*A special thank you to our local benefactor: Barbara Sanderson!*