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Once you become a member in your local statewide OLLI, you are entitled to attend programs at the six UVM statewide OLLIs (Central VT, Lamotte Valley, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans and St. Johnsbury) throughout Vermont.

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Our Mission:

To provide intellectually stimulating, affordable, non-credit learning opportunities for people 50 and over in community settings throughout Vermont.

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SEPTEMBER 16

Easter Island and the Lake District of Chile
Hank Kaestner

SEPTEMBER 16–DECEMBER 2
Tuesdays, 2–3:30 pm

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OLLI at UVM, one of more than 120 OLLIs nationwide, is a cooperative learning community supported by the contributions and participation of our members.

Spanning seven locations across the state of Vermont, OLLI members are a part of a vibrant and dynamic community of lifelong learners who enjoy exploring new ideas, enhancing their creativity, and sharing a passion with others through in-person & online programs.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU...

...to our dedicated Springfield OLLI Committee Members for their time, energy, and vision—and to HB Energy Solutions for their generous sponsorship. Your support makes lifelong learning in our community possible!

For weather-related schedule changes, check the website or call 802.885.3094 the morning of the program.

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FALL 2025 PROGRAMS
SEPTEMBER 16–DECEMBER 2
Tuesdays, 2–3:30 pm

Easter Island and the Lake District of Chile

with Hank Kaestner, World-Traveled Spice Buyer and Birdwatcher
Co-Sponsored by the Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society

Tuesday, September 16, 2–3:30 pm

Join Hank on a journey to remote Easter Island and discover the incredible Polynesian migration throughout the Pacific. Explore the mystery of the large stone-carved heads called moais. Then travel to central Chile, where you'll experience lakes, mountains and even creemees that will make you feel right at home in Vermont!

Tales of a Traveling Troubadour

with Rik Palieri, Singer; Songwriter; Folk Music Storyteller

Tuesday, September 30, 2–3:30 pm

Celebrate and reminisce as we journey with Rik through his over fifty years of storytelling and adventures as he sang and traveled his way around the world. Explore the rich tapestry of American folk traditions through the lives and legacies of icons whom he met and sang with like Pete Seeger, Utah Phillips, and Jimmy Driftwood. Discover the powerful role folk music has played in shaping cultural movements, uniting communities, and preserving history. This program invites you to experience the heart and soul of a musical era that continues to inspire. We'll hear Rik sing and play a variety of instruments in a vibrant tribute to the Legend of Folk Music.



Rik Palieri

St. Albans Raid: A Complex Civil War Event in Vermont

with Michelle Sherburne, Vermont Historian; Author; Publisher of Journal Opinion

Wednesday, October 15, 2–3:30 pm

Uncover the fascinating—and little-known—story of the St. Albans Raid, a daring Confederate secret mission that both succeeded and failed. Follow twenty-one Confederate soldiers as they infiltrated northern Vermont, just 25 minutes from the Canadian border, blending undercover with locals while gathering reconnaissance. Relive the October 19, 1864 attack as they rob three banks of \$200,000, hold townspeople hostage, steal horses, and fire on citizens before making a quick escape. Witness Vermonters' tenacity as they form two posses, chase the raiders across the Canadian border, and secure their arrest. Join Sherburne as she guides you through the drama, planning, and long-term effects of the raid. Explore the complex connections to the Lincoln Assassination, the Confederate Secret Service, and Jefferson Davis's "Grand Scheme" to undermine the Lincoln Administration during the War of the Rebellion.

Vermont Wildlife

with Michael Clough, Executive Director, Vermont Museum of Natural History

Tuesday, October 28, 2–3:30 pm

Encounter the wild side of the Northeast in this unforgettable, hands-on exploration of local wildlife. Come face-to-face with live animals and uncover the incredible challenges they navigate to survive in our forests, fields, and wetlands. Touch furs, examine skulls, and investigate unique artifacts that reveal the hidden lives of these remarkable creatures. Guided by expert museum staff, this engaging program will spark your curiosity and deepen your connection to the natural world right outside your door.

Register today!

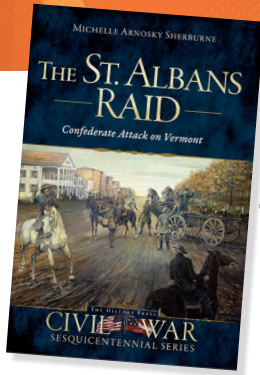


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The Outer Limits: Exploring the Extremes of Astronomy

with Bobby Farlice-Rubio, Science Educator; Astronomer

Tuesday, November 11, 2–3:30 pm

Discover how astronomers identified "gravity waves" caused by massive stellar collisions. Examine NASA's 2021 launch of the most powerful space telescope ever built. Observe how technology now reveals phenomena once thought purely theoretical. View the first image of a Black Hole, captured by radio astronomers just six years ago. Trace the journey from these colossal objects to the tiniest particles smashed in particle accelerators. Test the limits of your imagination as we explore recent discoveries and strive for a new understanding of our increasingly strange universe.



Michael Clough



Photo: Mark Breen

"According to the Almanac..."

with Mark Breen, Senior Meteorologist and Planetarium Director, Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium

Tuesday, December 2, 2–3:30 pm

Examine how almanacs predict winter weather months in advance—and how they offer much more. Explore their deep roots in astronomy, which once encompassed astrology, a non-scientific belief system based on celestial influence. Trace how almanacs became rich sources of not only weather and astronomical data, but also medical advice, horoscopes, satire, and entertainment. Join Mark Breen, Senior Meteorologist and Planetarium Director, as he shares his decades-long fascination and celebrates the charm and complexity of these enduring publications.



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Please consider option 1 or 2

(Quick & easy for you, and also for the OLLI Staff and Volunteers)

REGISTRATION/PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1 Go to website: learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield and register online with your credit card;

2 Register over the phone with your credit card by simply calling the UVM Non-Credit Registration office at **802.656.8407** during regular business hours or email noncredit@uvm.edu

3 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:

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☐ **Full Series Membership:** (after September 2): \$35

☐ **Individual Program(s)** \$10 each

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Pre-registration will be required. Walk-in registrations will no longer be accepted.

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