

2026 Series



Summer

- JUL 8 Haunted Southwest Ohio: Erie Happenings and Urban Legends**
Michael Ward: Retired History Teacher/Principal and Current OTR Brewery District Tour Guide
- JUL 15 The Science Behind “Project Hail Mary”: What Happens When Stars Die**
Richard Longshore, MD, Longtime OLLI Moderator on Astrological and Geological Topics
- JUL 22 Working Like a Dog: Meet Some Real Hard-Working Canines**
Therapy and Service Dogs with Their Handlers. Introduced by Deb Price, Frequent OLLI Presenter
- JUL 29 Managing Stress in Stressful Times**
Don Maloney, Teacher of Stress-Reducing Techniques in the US and Overseas
- AUG 5 Doris Day: The Girl Next Door**
Deb Price, Retired Educator. Doug Iden, Self-Made Film Expert. Both Long-Time OLLI Presenters
- AUG 12 What’s Happening in West Chester: Country Music to Cutting-Edge Industry**
*Brianna Wooten, Director, Public Information and Engagement, West Chester Township;
Rhiana Barrero, Director of Visitor and Event Services, MetroParks of Butler County.*

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., \$20

Information: 513-556-9186 or uc.edu/olli

Location: Miami University Voice of America Learning Center

7847 VOA Park Dr., West Chester, OH 45069

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Registration Opens May 15:

- Online: www.uc.edu/olli
- Phone: 513-556-9186
- Mail: Check payable to OLLI at UC
PO Box 210093, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0093
- In Person: OLLI Office, VPC, Admin 207



**Just \$20 for the entire series!
Seating is limited. Please indicate
the programs you will attend:**

- 7/8 Haunted Southwest Ohio
- 7/15 Death of Stars
- 7/22 Working Dogs
- 7/29 Managing Stress
- 8/5 Doris Day
- 8/12 West Chester Happenings

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Haunted Southwest Ohio: Eerie Happenings and Urban Legends

Wednesday, July 8, 10am–12pm

Presenter: Michael Ward

Southwest Ohio's towns and byways are laced with eerie happenings and urban legends. You'll find out why Waynesville is the most haunted town in Ohio, how Route 27 to Oxford came to be nicknamed the Highway to Heaven, and when flying saucers were spotted near Cincinnati. Is there really a giant lizard haunting Loveland? What happened to the Miami University student who disappeared and has never been found? Let's uncover these and other other-worldly affairs!

The Science Behind "Project Hail Mary": What Happens When Stars Die

Wednesday, July 15, 10am–12pm

Presenter: Richard Longshore

What makes a star a star? It's more than just a twinkle! We'll discuss stars of various sizes, including our own sun, Polaris, and Betelgeuse, showing what happens to them when they collapse and die. Then, we'll find out what is created by the energy and matter dying stars leave behind: black holes, white dwarfs, supernovas, cosmic dust, and even us. Everyone and everything is made of stardust!

Working Like a Dog: Meet Some Real Hard-Working Canines

Wednesday, July 22, 10am–12pm

Presenters: Therapy and Service Dogs; Deb Price

Our four-legged best friends sometimes have jobs besides being our companions. We will meet Oliver, the therapy dog who helps relieve stress for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department; a service dog trained by Circle Tail, Inc.; and a pooch who loves books. You'll also hear some tail-wagging tales of working dogs throughout history.

Managing Stress in Stressful Times

Wednesday, July 29, 10am–12pm

Presenter: Don Maloney

No doubt, the world is a more stressful place now than it was when we were kids. Although stressors in our lives can't be avoided, we can learn to manage our response to them so that they don't affect our physical or mental health, our relationships, and our activities. In this presentation, we will look at the cognitive and physiological aspects of stress and explore some stress-reducing exercises.

Doris Day: The Girl Next Door

Wednesday, August 5, 10am–12pm

Presenters: Deb Price and Doug Iden

Explore the journey of Cincinnati's own Doris von Kappelhoff from her early days at Hessler's Dance Studio to becoming Hollywood's iconic "Girl Next Door." We'll trace her transition from big band singer to global film sensation. Experience her legendary career through classic film clips, featuring her breakout in *Romance on the High Seas*, the Oscar-winning *Calamity Jane*, and her sparkling chemistry with Rock Hudson in *Pillow Talk*.

What's Happening in West Chester: Country Music to Cutting-Edge Industry

Wednesday, August 12, 10am–12pm

Presenters: Brianna Wooten and Rhiana Barrero

West Chester, the most populous township in Ohio, is a thriving community with eclectic vibes: from a country music festival that attracts national acts to local farmer's markets, shops, cutting-edge industry, unique museums, parks, and even a submarine! Hear from township leaders about all the reasons to visit and spend time in West Chester.