

Spring Catalog Offers 99 Courses Where do they all come from?

The OLLI Spring 2010 catalog was mailed in mid-February and classes have begun. Between the four sites, 99 courses are being offered. How can OLLI offer so many and such a variety of courses and keep the fees so reasonable? Only through the work of dedicated volunteers on the local level is it possible. The Curriculum Committees at each site meet on a regular basis to discuss potential course ideas. Once an idea is deemed a good one, members of the committee beat the bushes looking for a possible presenter who might like to "teach his/her passion." The really tricky part is that the potential presenter must be willing to teach just for the fun of it because OLLI presenters are also OLLI volunteers and receive no pay for their time.

Next time you attend a class on literature, science or any other fascinating topic or visit an interesting site, remember that the class is made possible through the efforts of hard-working local committees and volunteer presenters. Be sure to thank both and if you are interested in building curriculum in your area, call the OLLI office (513-1377) for more information about your local curriculum committee.

Spring 2010 Course Statistics as of April 6, 2010

Course offerings	99
Courses actually taught	87
Registrations processed	1281
Number of members taking a course	442
Average number of classes per person	2.89
Most classes taken by one person	13

OLLI Skill-Building Workshops

Building Effective Groups

GSC Portsmouth, Friday, April 23, 2010, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Who Is Telling OLLI's Story?

GSC Manchester, Monday, June 7, 10:30 AM – 12:00PM

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Notes of Interest

Volunteer Thanks

Many thanks to **Trish Churchill** for the hours she spent proofing the Spring 2010 catalog.

From the Bernard Osher Foundation

"As of today, the total reported dues-paying membership of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is over 90,000 - 90,092 to be exact. I was struck by how much work went into the increase in numbers. From tabling at events to creating speakers bureaus, holding open houses, each-one-bring-one campaigns, and the like - the growth in membership represents a terrific amount of good old-fashioned hard work from institute volunteers and staff."

David Blazeovich,
Sr. Program Officer

Renewal Update

Of the people who were notified that their membership expired in February, 79 have not yet renewed. If you are one of those, please renew now - not only to keep the catalogs coming, but also to support OLLI in its mission of providing intellectually stimulating learning.