

UW-Milwaukee: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) expands to Waukesha County with new classes and learning opportunities

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Milwaukee, WI, Feb 4, 2026 — The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee has expanded its programming to Waukesha County in 2026, bringing an exciting lineup of courses, special interest groups and cultural excursions to learners throughout the region. As OLLI continues to grow its community of curious, engaged adults, this expansion offers more opportunities than ever to learn, explore and connect close to home.

“OLLI has always been about building community through lifelong learning,” said Sarah Grammer, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute director. “We’re excited to partner with Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) to bring programming to their campus. This spring we have some exciting programming, including Mini-Symposium Fridays and special interest groups. We are looking forward to growing in the community and bringing even more enriching experiences and programming to Waukesha County in the years to come.”

Spring 2026 Programming at WCTC

Beginning this spring, OLLI will offer a series of *Mini-Symposium Fridays* hosted at Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC), featuring local scholars and thought leaders across a diverse set of topics.

On Friday, February 20, the symposium focuses on conflicts and resolutions abroad.

- 10–11:30 a.m. *The UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project*
Gregg Jamison, Ph.D., Lead Archaeologist, UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project
- 1–2:30 p.m. *Good Morning, Vietnam*
Presented by Tim Thering, Ph.D., Emeritus History Professor, UW-Milwaukee at Waukesha

On Friday, March 20, the programming focuses on historical phenomenon.

- 10–11:30 a.m. *Breaking Gender Molds in Latin America*
Presented by Bert Kreitlow, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer Emeritus, UW-Whitewater
- 1–2:30 p.m. *Women and Gender at U.S. World's Fairs*
Presented by Abigail Markwyn, Ph.D., Professor of History, Carroll University

Additional Waukesha-area Special Interest Groups (SIGs) — including the Waukesha History SIG and Memoir Book Club SIG — meet regularly at WCTC for peer-led discussion and exploration.

“We also offer a variety of popular Go Explore excursions, aka field trips, offering hands-on, immersive experiences throughout Waukesha County,” continued Grammer. “These include presentations at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center, local food experiences and more. Unfortunately, space is limited, and we filled up quickly for our spring excursions. We encourage you to become a member and watch our weekly newsletter for pop up excursions as well as fun activities outside of Waukesha County.”

Why Join OLLI?

Membership in Osher Lifelong Learning Institute provides access to a vibrant community who enjoy learning and friendship. Membership benefits include:

- Exclusive discounted group tours around the world
- Local excursions throughout Waukesha and Milwaukee as well as bus tours to Chicago and beyond
- Engaging courses in literature, history, science, arts, health care and more
- Peer-led small groups focused on shared interests and lifelong curiosity

Adults of all ages are welcome to continue learning for the joy of it without tests and grades. To learn more about Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UWM, go



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