ALL THE NEWS

Dates: Monday, January 8, March 25, April 15
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Dr. Alan Fisher
Members $15 / Non-members $20 per session
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

This lecture will explore the current events taking place around the world at the time of the lecture. Also, you will learn about the headlines four months before they appear in the Mass Media.

THREADS OF HISTORY: THE RESILIENT SPIRIT OF A JEWISH FAMILY

Date: Monday, January 8
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Instructor: Dr. Desiree Rosenthal Israel and John Ury
Members $10 / Non-members $20
Location: Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

Join us for a captivating journey through the vibrant tapestry of a Jewish Family in Berlin from 1770 to 1943. This uplifting tale chronicles the lives of five generations of an assimilated German Jewish family, offering a unique perspective on their experiences. Delve into the literary world of Else Ury and her iconic Nesthakeckchen books, which have captivated hearts worldwide with over 7 million copies sold.
ART YOUR WAY: ACRYLICS AND PASTELS

Date: Tuesday, January 9 - February 13  
Time: 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm  
Instructor: James warwick  
Members $100 / Non-members $125  
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Develop your creativity with acrylics and pastels. Students will learn techniques, design, composition and keeping a sketchbook. We will process paintings and demonstrations as a group, but mainly work one on one. Realistic, abstract and nonrepresentational styles will be explored. Instructor Jim Warwick will help beginners get started during the first session.

CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Date: Tuesday, Jan 9, Feb 6, March 5, April 9  
Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Instructor: Bob Raymond  
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Meet up with other inquisitive adults to discuss various topics. No preparation needed. The rules are simple: Each participant may submit up to three (3) questions of choice (no politics, no religion, and no current affairs). 1. A question about a simple topic 2. A question about a personal topic 3. A question about a serious or heavy topic The facilitator will randomly select a question from one of the bowls, read it aloud, and then give the first response.

BUT THEY WERE GOOD TO THEIR MOTHERS: JEWISH GANGSTERS IN AMERICA

Date: Tuesday, January 9  
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm  
Instructor: Helene Herman  
Members $12 / Non-members $15  
Location: Jewish Museum of Florida in Miami Beach

Helene Herman's engaging lecture addresses a seldom-covered aspect of the darker side of the immigrant experience, delving into the rise and fall of Jewish gangsters who dominated crime from the 1920s until the end of World War II.
OLLI WINTER OPEN HOUSE

Date: Wednesday, January 10
Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Location: FIU BBC - Kovens Conference Center

Our OLLI Winter Open House on January 10th at the BBC campus is a delightful event that ushers in the new year with a spirit of learning and community. The OLLI at FIU 2024 Open House will be held at the Kovens Conference Center.

Held in a warm and inviting atmosphere, the event offers a preview of the rich curriculum, inviting participants to delve into subjects ranging from art and literature to history and technology. Engaging instructors, many of whom are experts in their respective fields, are on hand to share their knowledge and passion, fostering an environment of intellectual curiosity and camaraderie.

CENSORED AND BANNED IN AMERICA: A SELECTIVE HISTORY

Date: Thursday, January 11 to January 25
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: MICHAEL SCHEIBACH
Members $50 / Non-members $60
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

WEEK 1: THE HISTORY OF CENSORSHIP AND BANNING IN AMERICA
WEEK 2: BANNED BOOKS
WEEK 3: BANNED MOVIES AND PEOPLE
SUDDENLY A SENIOR: EMBRACING LIFE'S NEXT CHAPTER

Date: Tuesday, January 16
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Carolyn Kerner Stein
Members $10 / Non-members $20
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Carolyn Kerner Stein is an international speaker and executive coach. Author Carolyn Stein will present an enlightening session designed to empower best agers with valuable insights. Receive a useful handout featuring essential information and contacts. Delve into intriguing topics, including historical perceptions of seniors, combating Ageism, and strategies to overcome isolation.

EVIL: RELIGION'S GREATEST PROBLEM

Date: Friday, January 12
Time: 10:30 pm to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Rabbi Michael Gold
Members $15 / Non-members $25
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

The religions of the West - Judaism, Christianity, and Islam - are based on classical theism. God is omnipotent (all powerful), omniscient (all-knowing), and beneficent (all good). Nonetheless, we live in a world filled with both natural and human evil. From hurricanes and the Coronavirus to the Holocaust and 9/11, religious thinkers must ask the question, where is God?

CINEMA AT FIU - IN PERSON WITH SHELLY ISAACS

Date: Tuesday, January 16 to February 27
Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Professor: Shelly Isaacs
Members $90 / Non-members $125
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Join Shelly Isaacs for this 5-part series, where he will host the screening of a film and post-discussion.
NAZI HUNTER FRITZ BAUER - A HEROIC STORY

Date: Wednesday, January 17
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Anette Isaacs
Fee: $10
Location: Vi at Aventura

Adolf Eichmann, the architect of the Holocaust, was apprehended by Mossad agents in Argentina and tried in Israel. Yet, the pivotal role of German-Jewish attorney general Fritz Bauer in divulging Eichmann's location remains lesser known. Join OLLI Director and historian Anette Isaacs in commemorating Bauer, a true hero who confronted post-war Germany's collective guilt and denial, and catalyzed the Auschwitz Trials of the mid-1960s.

CRAFTING YOUR LIFE STORY: WRITING YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY (HYBRID CLASS: IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM!)

Date: Wednesday, January 17 to February 7
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Instructor: Merridy Kotler- Robinson
Members $70 / Non-members $90
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

This 4 week course is designed to help you begin to write your autobiography. You will be guided through the process of reflecting on your life, organizing your memories, and writing a compelling account of your life. By the end you will have the tools and confidence to begin to write your autobiography that will capture your life experiences, for either publication or as a personal legacy for your loved one.

WATERCOLOR WITHOUT LIMITS - WINTER A 2024

Date: Wednesday, January 17 to February 14
Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Instructor: Pamela Gilmour
Members $100 / Non-members $125 for 5 Sessions
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Develop your creativity with watercolors. Students will learn techniques, design, composition and keeping a sketchbook. We will process paintings and demonstrations as a group, but mainly work one on one. Realistic, abstract and nonrepresentational styles will be explored. Instructor Pam Gilmour will help beginners get started during the first session.
FROM BEAN TO BREW: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE WORLD OF COFFEE (LECTURE AND TASTING!)

Date: Thursday, January 18  
Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
instructor: Rowan Jacobs  
Members $25 / Non-members $40  
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Embark on a delightful exploration into the world of America’s cherished beverage!  
Join coffee expert Rowan Jacobs for an enriching session that unveils the captivating history of coffee, from its origins to the meticulous cultivation process. Journey through the intricate path from tree to finely ground beans, immersing yourself in the nuances of this beloved brew.

ARTFUL EXPEDITIONS: NAVIGATING CREATIVE REALMS -- FEATURING SHEILA ELIAS IN HER STUDIO IN NORTH MIAMI

Date: Thursday, January 19  
Time: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm  
instructor: Sheila Elias  
Members $20 / Non-members $30  
Location: We are going to meet at Sheila’s studio in North Miami (the address is going to be provided later. Just know that it is 5 minutes away from the BBC campus)

Embark on a morning of artistic discovery with "Artful Expeditions: Navigating Creative Realms" as we unveil the extraordinary talent of contemporary artist Sheila Elias. Join us for an intimate visit to her studio in North Miami Beach, where you will witness the evolution of her captivating artworks.

BEETHOVEN, THE MAN BEHIND THE MUSIC

Date: Monday, January 22  
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
Instructor: Anette Isaacs  
Members $10 / Non-members $20  
Location: Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

To this day, German born Ludwig van Beethoven, who premiered his iconic 9th Symphony (Ode to Joy) 200 years ago, is the most listened to creator of classical music. Join German Historian and OLLI Director Anette Isaacs for an intimate look at the life and times of this tragic genius who was as famous for his fiery personality as for his divine ability to turn his personal struggles into supreme and powerful melodies.
DRAWING FOR LONGEVITY

Date: Monday, January 22 to February 26
   Monday, March 4 to April 8
Time: 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Instructor: James Warwick
Members $100 / Non-members $125 (each term)
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Exercising your creativity leads to increased quality of life as people age. Drawing has been shown to enhance memory recall and reduce anxiety. Regular practice has led to major improvements for those with moderate or severe depression. Creating art helps lower a person’s pain perception and improves overall cognitive functioning.

A HOLLYWOOD BRAT’S PERSPECTIVE ON JEWISH IMPACT ON ENTERTAINMENT

Date: Wednesday, January 24
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Dr. Kurt Stone
Fee: $10
Location: At The Vi Aventura

Dr. Kurt F. Stone grew up in the heart of Hollywood. With a mother in the performing arts and a father as a leading industry financial expert, he brings a unique insight into the pivotal role Jews played in shaping the entertainment world. Join us for a captivating journey through untold Hollywood stories from a man who had more legends on his paper route than anyone in history.

A PALETTE OF WISDOM AND WINE: GALLERY NIGHT WITH OLLI ART STUDENTS, POWERED BY RIOJA WINES

Date: Wednesday, January 24
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

You must be over 21 years of age to participate in this event!
Space is limited.

We cordially invite you to our 2nd Annual OLLI at FIU Art Exhibit and Wine Tasting at the Glenn Hubert Library on the BBC campus! Join us on January 24 (which happens to be the International Day of Education!) for an inspiring art exhibition, featuring remarkable works by our OLLI students! Elevate your senses further with a delightful wine tasting, sponsored by Rioja Wines and facilitated by talented students from FIU's Wine Guild, seamlessly intertwining art and flavor for a truly memorable evening.
WHO GETS THE VENTILATOR: MORAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SCARCE MEDICAL RESOURCES

Date: Thursday, January 25
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Instructor: Dr. Samuel Director
Members $15 / Non-members $20
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Join Dr. Samuel Director of FAU as he will explore a series of moral principles that cover a wide array of possibilities, including "distribute resources equally", "distribute resources to the neediest first" or "distribute resources on a first come first serve basis" and many more.

ELDER LAW UNVEILED: MASTERING LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING AND ASSET PROTECTION

Date: Tuesday, January 30 to February 6
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Jason Neufeld
Members $20 / Non-members $30
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Join attorney Jason Neufeld of Aventura and explore essential topics in Elder Law. Learn how to navigate Medicaid's long-term care programs; earn how to legally and ethically protect assets for qualification without a prolonged wait, selling your home, or facing financial strain. In addition, discover key components of Florida estate planning, alternative methods, debunk common misconceptions, and steer clear of significant pitfalls in the estate planning process.

NEVER FORGET: REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST IN BERLIN AND GERMANY

Date: Tuesday, January 30
Time: 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm
Instructor: Anette Isaacs
Members $0 / Non-members $0
free for library patrons. Suggested donation $10
Location: Hallandale Beach Public Library

OLLI at FIU is delighted to announce our new collaboration with the Hallandale Beach Public Library!

Just a couple of months ago, the world commemorated the 85th anniversary of Kristallnacht, also known as the November pogrom. OLLI at FIU Director Anette Isaacs will take you on a photographic journey to some of the many memorials to victims of the Holocaust, that show how remembrance and guilt have been expressed in the “land of the perpetrators.”
A RETROSPECTIVE LOOK AT THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR: UNDERSTANDING WHAT HAPPENED, WHY, AND WHAT IS NEXT

Date: Wednesday, January 31
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Dr. Sam Edelman
Fee: $10
Location: At The Vi Aventura

Prof. Sam Edelman will explore with you the origins of Hamas and how it came to strike Israel without warning. Killing more than 1400 Israeli men, women, children and infants, Jews, Moslems, Christians, Arab Israelis, and foreigners in a gruesome manner. We will look at Israel’s response and discuss what the possible solutions may be for the future.

AFFAIRS OF STATE: AN ENTERTAINING LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF PRESIDENTIAL LOVE AND SCANDAL

Date: Wednesday, January 31
Time: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Instructor: Robert Watson
Members $15 / Non-members $25
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

OLLI at FIU is thrilled to welcome Prof. Robert Watson, historian and award-winning author of 45 books and over 200 scholarly articles. His delightful program explores the long history of presidential misbehavior, missteps, and mistresses. It includes entertaining and shocking stories of both youthful peccadilloes and those occurring in the White House as well as examples of true love that influenced presidential careers, decisions, and marriages.

PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUALITY: A BETTER WAY OF LIFE

Date: Thursday, February 1 to February 15
Time: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Instructor: Dr. Oren Hertz
Members $60 / Non-members $75
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

This engaging course by FIU’s own Dr. Oren Hertz will provide participants the opportunity to learn more about spiritual concepts that enhance one’s life. Throughout this 3 class sessions, Dr. Hertz will introduce you to a variety of spiritual concepts founded on Kabbalah, Reiki, The Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz, and more.
HARMONIES OF HERITAGE: BLACK EXCELLENCE IN CLASSICAL MUSIC

Date: Tuesday, February 6
Time: 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm
Instructor: Dr. Alan Mason
Members $0 / Non-members $0
free for library patrons. Suggested donation $10
Location: Hallandale Beach Public Library

OLLI at FIU is delighted to announce our new collaboration with the Hallandale Beach Public Library! This Black History Month, immerse yourself in the captivating world of classical music as we pay tribute to the extraordinary contributions of Black musicians, composers, vocalists, and conductors. Join us in celebrating the legacy of these remarkable individuals who have left an indelible mark on the world of classical music.

NAVIGATING DIPLOMACY IN THE SUNSHINE STATE: DEMYSTIFYING CONSULS, COUNSEL, AND CONSULATES

Date: Friday, February 2
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Dr. Cami Hofstadter
Members $15 / Non-members $20
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Join us for an engaging lecture with Dr. Cami Hofstadter as she delves into the captivating history and essence of the consular institution. Explore the reasons behind the presence of these foreign officials in communities across all fifty US states, with a special focus on Florida and Miami boasting over 80 consulates. This presentation will not only touch upon the heroic acts of some consuls in saving Jews during WWII but also delve into their portrayal in the arts and literature.

CINEMA AT THE PLAZA WITH SHELLY ISAACS

Date: Tuesday, February 6
Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Instructor: Shelly Isaacs
Members $10 / Non-members $20
Location: Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

Join Shelly Isaacs for the screening of a film and post-discussion. Offered in person at Plaza at ParkSquare in Aventura
TWO POPES AND THE HOLOCAUST

Date: Wednesday, February 7
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Mitchell Kraus
Fee: $10
Location: At The Vi Aventura

Mitchell Kraus’ discussion will delicately delve into the historical realities surrounding the papacies of Pope Pius XI (1922-1939) and his successor, Pope Pius XII (1939-1958). These were times marred by the escalating persecution and tragic loss of Jewish lives. We will explore the complexities and ongoing debates concerning Pope Pius XII's actions, while also considering the fresh perspectives brought to light by the unveiling of Vatican records in 2020.

TRIALS OF THE CENTURY: SCOPES, LEOPOLD & LOEB, LINDBERGH

Date: Friday, February 9 to February 23
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Stephen Singer
Members $55 / Non-members $70
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

OLLI's legal expert Stephen Singer is back to explore three pivotal moments in American history with a three-week course. Delve into the heated courtroom drama of "The Scopes Monkey Trial," where the clash between evolution and creationism defined a nation’s values. Uncover the chilling narrative of "The Leopold & Loeb Murder Trial," examining the psychology and consequences behind a shocking crime that captivated the public imagination. Finally, dissect the intricacies of justice in the "Lindbergh Kidnapping Case," a landmark trial that unfolded amidst the nation's fascination with the legendary aviator and his family.

DRED SCOTT AND HOMER PLESSY: SUPREME COURT CASES THAT HAUNT TODAY’S COURT

Date: Monday, February 12
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Instructor: Rebecca Staton-Reinstein
Members $20 / Non-members $30
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Dred Scott and Homer Plessy are two men whose names are part of infamous cases decided by 19th Century Supreme Courts which set the stage for continued slavery and segregation. Dred Scott v. Sandford and Plessy v. Ferguson are not boring old cases molding away in the archives. They are cases every American should know and understand in both their historical context and their relevance for today.
A 50 YEAR LOVE AFFAIR WITH FRANKIE’S PIZZA -- LUNCH & LEARN

Date: Tuesday, February 13
Time: 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm
Instructor: Cesar Becerra
Members $30 / Non-members $40
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

We are so delighted to present this fun and scrumptious Lunch & Learn event at the BBC campus! Join us as we journey back to Valentine’s Day in 1955 when Frank and Doreen Pasquarella opened the doors to Frankie’s Pizza, and for nearly 70 years, these square slices of delight have been a coveted treasure. Immerse yourself in the rich history as Historian Cesar Becerra portrays the legendary Frank himself, sharing the fascinating story of Miami’s undisputed pizza king.

GREAT JEWS IN MUSIC: SURPRISES AND TREASURES FROM THE MEDIEVAL TO THE MODERNS

Date: Tuesday, February 13
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Instructor: Dr. Alan Mason
Members $12 / Non-members $15
Location: Jewish Museum of Florida in Miami Beach

Dr. Alan Mason will explore great classical and popular musicians and composers who have made careers for themselves based on their artistry, and not their Jewish identity. This is a phenomenon of the 20th century, when Jewish musicians and composers are mainstreamed into the professional musical community based on merit, talent, and contribution, without influence of their Jewishness.

SALES AND SIMCHAS: JEWISH RETAILERS IN FLORIDA

Date: Wednesday, February 14
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Sylvia Gurinsky
Fee: $10
Location: At The Vi Aventura

From Jacksonville's Cohen Brothers to Tampa’s Maas Brothers, delve into the stories of merchants turned department store magnates. Discover the impact of pioneers like Miami’s Isidor Cohen. Trace the journeys of Jewish retailers on streets like Tampa’s Franklin, Key West's Duval, West Palm Beach’s Clematis, and Miami’s Design District. Witness how entrepreneurs from around the globe have enriched Florida’s business landscape with Yiddish, Spanish, and Hebrew.
THE GREAT SYMPHONIES

Date: Monday, February 19
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Instructor: Dr. Alan Mason
Members $10 / Non-members $20
Location: Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

In the 18th century, a cultural revolution gave birth to the public concert, setting the stage for a new era of musical expression. At the forefront of this movement was the symphony, a dynamic form designed to enrapture ticket-holding audiences with its awe-inspiring compositions. Through the centuries, the symphony has stood as a timeless testament to the ingenuity of musical craftsmanship, captivating listeners with its enduring structural brilliance.

EMPIRE OF ELEGANCE: ESTEE LAUDER'S TRAILBLAZING LEGACY - A HISTORICAL PORTRAYAL BY LESLIE GODDARD

Date: Monday, February 19
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Leslie Goddard
Fee: $10
Location: At The Vi Aventura

Step back in time with Leslie Goddard as she brings the iconic Estée Lauder to life in this captivating historical portrayal. Immerse yourself in the world of beauty and entrepreneurship as you journey through Lauder’s remarkable life, from her early beginnings to building a cosmetics empire. Gain insight into the visionary strategies and indomitable spirit that made Estée Lauder a trailblazer in the world of cosmetics.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF LITERARY FAVORITES

Date: Tuesday, February 20 to March 12
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Instructor: Lauren Radick
Members $50 / Non-members $75
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

The Life and Times of Literary Favorites is a four-part series exploring the biographies of some of the world's greatest writers. Each artist is introduced by portraits, followed by photograph and illustrations of locations and artifacts important to their lives, along with examples of their writing and their personal correspondence.
ART YOUR WAY: ACRYLICS AND PASTELS

Date: Tuesday, February 20 - March 26
Time: 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm
Instructor: James warwick
Members $100 / Non-members $125
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Develop your creativity with acrylics and pastels. Students will learn techniques, design, composition and keeping a sketchbook. We will process paintings and demonstrations as a group, but mainly work one on one. Realistic, abstract and nonrepresentational styles will be explored. Instructor will help beginners get started during the first session.

WATERCOLOR WITHOUT LIMITS

Date: Wednesday, February 21 to March 13
Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Instructor: Pamela Gilmour
Members $80 / Non-members $105
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Develop your creativity with watercolors. Students will learn techniques, design, composition and keeping a sketchbook. We will process paintings and demonstrations as a group, but mainly work one on one. Realistic, abstract and nonrepresentational styles will be explored. Instructor will help beginners get started during the first session.

MIND MATTERS: A DUAL EXPLORATION OF COGNITIVE HEALTH AND WELLNESS: LUNCH & LEARN

Date: Wednesday, February 21
Time: 10:30 am to 2:00 pm
Instructor: Joe Baldelomar
Members $30 / Non-members $45
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Join us for a day of enriching knowledge and practical insights with our workshop led by Joe Baldelemar, a distinguished program director and one of Florida's three research champions for the Alzheimer's Association.

10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia
11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. LUNCH at BBC
12.45 p.m. to 2 p.m. Healthy Living for the Brain and Body
AMELIA EARHART: A FIRST-PERSON PORTRAYAL BY LESLIE GODDARD (INCLUDES LIGHT REFRESHMENTS)

Date: Thursday, February 22  
Time: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
Instructor: Dr. Leslie Goddard  
Members $30 / Non-members $45  
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Join us here at OLLI for an extraordinary experience with actress and historian Leslie Goddard! Amelia Earhart’s courageous exploits and spirited personality made her an international celebrity in the early twentieth century. In this lively living-history program, meet Amelia and learn about her experiences as the first woman to cross the Atlantic by airplane (1928) and the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic (1932).

DEMYSTIFYING TAXES: A PRACTICAL WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday, February 29  
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm  
Instructor: Neil Kuritzky  
Members $10 / Non-members $20  
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Since April 15 is nearing, join us for invaluable tax insights from our expert and OLLI member Neil Kuritzky. With years of experience, Neil will guide you through the intricacies of filing taxes, ensuring you make the most of available deductions and credits. Don't miss this opportunity to gain confidence and clarity in managing your tax affairs.

SINATRA’S SERENADE: A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH MIAMI’S ICONIC ERA

Date: Monday, March 4  
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
Instructor: James Warwick  
Members $10 / Non-members $20  
Location: Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

Immerse yourself in the golden era of music as we explore Frank Sinatra's intimate relationship with Miami, a city he considered a second home alongside Palm Springs, Las Vegas, and New York. Led by seasoned Sinatra scholar James Warwick, this session promises to inform and enchant.
CINEMA AT FIU - IN PERSON WITH SHELLY ISAACS

Date: Tuesday, March 5 to April 2
Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Professor: Shelly Isaacs
Members $90 / Non-members $125 for five sessions
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Join Shelly Isaacs for this 5 part series, where he will host the screening of a film and post-discussion.

Cinema: selection of films to be announced in mid-February.

THE RISE AND FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL (WITH AUTHENTIC GERMAN DESSERT)

Date: Wednesday, March 6
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm
Instructor: Anette Isaacs
Fee: $10
Location: At The Vi Aventura

Delve into this poignant yet almost miraculous chapter of Berlin’s captivating history with historian and OLLI Director Anette Isaacs. Gain a comprehensive understanding of the political and historical forces that shaped this era of remarkable change.

AMERICA’S LEGAL CURIOSITIES: EXPLORING ODD LAWS IN US STATE LEGISLATURES

Date: Wednesday, March 6
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Professor: Melissa Castriota
Members $20 / Non-members $15
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Join FIU’s Melissa Castriota in an entertaining exploration of the enduring peculiarities of the U.S. legal landscape. From obscure statutes to curious regulations, you will delve into the weird and wacky world of extraordinary legislation. Discover how these laws, though unconventional, have left an indelible mark on various states, adding a touch of eccentricity to American tradition.
TRAVEL ADVENTURES AROUND THE WORLD

Date: Thursday, March 7 to March 28
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Professor: Anush Dawidjan
Members $40 / Non-members $50
Location: Brockway Memorial Library in Miami shores

Learn about travel from Anush Dawidjan, one of the few women in the world who has traveled to every country in the world and many exotic islands. She is passionate about travel and learning about every part of the world. She is a storyteller who wants to share her vast travel knowledge and experiences.

STEPHEN SINGER PRESENTS: BOLD WOMEN IN HISTORY’S SHADOWS

Date: Thursday, March 7 to March 28
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Professor: Stephen Singer
Members $60 / Non-members $80
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Stephen Singer leads a captivating four-week seminar delving into intriguing aspects of history, participants will gain insight into the groundbreaking achievements of the first female CIA agent, illuminating the crucial role women played in the world of intelligence and espionage.

THE GERMAN VIRTUOSA - INSIDE THE LIFE AND TIMES OF CLARA SCHUMANN

Date: Friday, March 8
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Professor: Anette Isaacs
Members $10 / Non-members $20
Location: Brockway Memorial Library in Miami shores

In the very male dominated 19th century, German superwoman Clara Schumann did it all while juggling a 61 year concert career that made her internationally famous. This class by OLLI Director and historian Anette Isaacs offers an intimate look at the life of the very exceptional Clara Virtuosa!
FROM DIASPORA TO GLOBAL ADOPTION: THE SURPRISING APPEAL OF JUDAISM

Date: Tuesday, March 12
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Professor: Tudor Parfitt
Members $12 / Non-members $15
Location: Jewish Museum of Florida in Miami Beach

President Yitzhak Navon Professor of Sephardic-Mizrahi Studies and Distinguished Professor at FIU, Tudor Parfitt, delves into the overlooked phenomenon of hundreds of millions of people worldwide adopting Judaism. Explore the potential implications this unprecedented trend may have on Judaism’s evolution and the broader Jewish community.

125 YEARS OF HEMINGWAY: EXPLORING HIS FLORIDA-CUBAN LEGACY (WITH KEY LIME PIE!)

Date: Wednesday, March 13
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm
Instructor: Cesar Becerra
Fee: $10
Location: At The Vi Aventura

Join Cesar Becerra in celebrating Ernest Hemingway’s 125th birthday with a captivating exploration of his profound ties to Florida and Cuba. Cesar, embodying the essence of Hemingway in full costume, will transport you back in time with his living history format.

FOUNDING MOTHERS: THE REMARKABLE WOMEN WHO FOUGHT TO FOUND A NATION

Date: Friday, March 15
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Professor: Rebecca Staton-Reinstein
Members $20 / Non-members $30
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

Most people have heard of Abigail Adams, Dolley Madison, and Martha Washington. These were only three of the women who also worked to create our country. Kept from center stage by the customs of the day, they none-the-less managed to influence the course of history.
BERTHA BENZ AND THE HISTORY OF THE AUTOMOBILE

Date: Monday, March 18  
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
Instructor: Anette Isaacs  
Members $10 / Non-members $20  
Location: Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

It's Women's History Month, so let's pay homage to Great Women in History! Bertha Benz, a young mother of five, became the first human being ever to drive an automobile over a long distance! Join OLLI Director Anette Isaacs as she introduces you to Bertha Benz and her exciting and history making adventure of 1888!

THE BELLE EPOQUE AND THE EIFFEL TOWER (WITH FRENCH MACAROONS)

Date: Wednesday, March 20  
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm  
Instructor: Batia Cohen  
Members $10 / Non-members $10  
Location: At The Vi Aventura

Join Batia Cohen and immerse yourself in the transformative era at the end of the 19th century. The Industrial Revolution's influence on art and architecture, along with pivotal events like the Belle Époque and the Exposition Universelle in Paris, heralded a new age of creativity centered around the innovative material of wrought iron.

THE WOMAN BEHIND THE TEDDY BEAR: THE AWE-INSPIRING STORY OF MARGARETE STEIFF

Date: Tuesday, March 26  
Time: 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm  
Professor: Anette Isaacs  
Members $0 / Non-members $0  
Location: Hallandale Beach Public Library

Join German historian and Director of OLLI at FIU, Anette Isaacs, as she unveils the remarkable life of Margarete Steiff, a true pioneer in the world of toy-making and business. Explore the remarkable journey of Margarete Steiff, who defied 19th-century norms to create the iconic Teddy Bear.
CURTAIN CALL: A LOCAL THEATRE IMMERSION WITH JOHN A. DALTON

Date: Wednesday, March 27 to April 4
Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Professor: John Dalton
Members $110 / Non-members $130 for three sessions
(Performance ticket AND Bus included!)
Members $85 / Non-members $100 for three sessions
(Does NOT include Transportation!)
Location: FIU Biscayne Bay Campus

“Curtain Call with John A. Dalton” is your backstage pass to learn about the Gablestage Production of THE LEHMAN BROTHERS TRILOGY, which provides a unique perspective of the Drama Desk and 2022 Tony Award Winning Play. This is a three session class including a matinee performance at the Coral Gables theater and an exclusive discussion of the play by its director! A not to missed opportunity!

A CELEBRATION OF AMERICA’S MUSIC: FROM PLYMOUTH ROCK TO ROCK & ROLL (WITH APPLE PIE!)

Date: Wednesday, March 27
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm
Instructor: Matthew Sabatella
Fee: $10
Location: At The Vi Aventura

Matthew Sabatella traces this musical evolution, from traditional folk and spirituals to genres like blues, jazz, and rock & roll, born from encounters among diverse people and the unique American experience itself. As America changed, grew, and pushed its boundaries, so did the music.

A TASTE OF PARADISE: SOUTH FLORIDA’S CULINARY EVOLUTION

Date: Monday, April 1
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Instructor: Sylvia Gurinsky
Members $10 / Non-members $20
Location: Plaza at Park Square, Aventura

Sylvia Gurinsky traces the history of local cuisine, ranging from prehistoric produce to the locally created dining of the 20th century and the diverse choices of today. You’ll hear about the memorable people, places and cuisine that helped create and shape a community.
JIMMY CARTER: FROM PLAINES TO PRESIDENCY (WITH A PEANUT BUTTER DESSERT!)

Date: Wednesday, April 3
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Instructor: Sylvia Gurinsky
Fee: $10
Location: At The Vi Aventura
Explore the remarkable life of Jimmy Carter, who is set to celebrate his 100th birthday, with Sylvia Gurinsky. From a small Georgia town to global travels, and military service to Nobel laureate for peace, Carter's journey is one of transformation. Delve into his presidency, characterized by both triumphs and challenges, and witness his enduring devotion to hard work and his cherished partnership with his late wife, Rosalynn.

NAZI HUNTER FRIZ BAUER - A HEROIC STORY

Date: Tuesday, April 9
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Instructor: Anette Isaacs
Members $12 / Non-members $15
Location: Jewish Museum of Florida in Miami Beach
Join OLLI Director Anette Isaacs as she pays homage to Bauer, this true hero who confronted post-war German society with its guilt - and denial thereof - by almost single-handedly initiating the Auschwitz Trials of the mid 1960s.

PUCCINI'S MELODIC TAPESTRY: A CENTURY OF TIMELESS OPERA (WITH ITALIAN DESSERT!)

Date: Wednesday, April 10
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Instructor: Dr. Alan Mason
Fee: $10
Location: At The Vi Aventura
Dr. Mason will showcase the fusion of Romantic and verismo styles that defines Puccini's work, providing a deep appreciation for his lasting influence on the world of opera, even a century after his departure.

A CENTURY OF DIVAS: MARIA CALLAS AND OPERA'S ICONIC VOICES

Date: Monday, April 15
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Instructor: Dr. Alan Mason
Members $10 / Non-members $20
Location: Plaza at Park Square, Aventura
Maria Callas, with her transcendent voice and unparalleled passion, remains an enduring emblem of operatic artistry. In celebration of her centenary, musicologist Dr. Alan Mason will deliver a captivating lecture on the iconic divas of opera.