

BUDGET APPROVED FOR FISCAL YEAR TO JUNE 2021 FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

The Advisory Council approved the fiscal year 2021 budget with revenues of \$267,000 and expenses of \$290,000. The resulting deficit of \$23,000 is being financed from the reserves we built up in previous years. Currently, that reserve stands at \$165,000 and is available to support our ongoing operations and preserve the marvelous asset we have developed in OLLI. The surplus lets us maintain current course and membership fees without any increase. Additionally, it has enabled OLLI to extend memberships by five months in the face of the shutdown of classes from March through July.

Courses are expected to resume in August, with 20 classes to be offered online using the WebEx computer program. The OLLI staff is in the process of training instructors and members in the use of WebEx, which is a relatively straightforward computer program enabling members to view classes in the comfort and safety of their homes and to participate in the classes. WebEx may be used on desktop computers, laptops and tablets, such as the iPad.

Future plans are to offer 30 courses in the September to December period and 50 classes in the January to May time frame.

Of course, if URI reopens in September, we will offer a limited number of additional in person classes for OLLI members who are comfortable attending.

We are all looking forward to getting back to the intellectual stimulation of OLLI classes. Fortunately, our finances support this.

Bill Cole
Chairman, Advisory Council

Paul Gricus
Chairman, Finance Committee

Beth Leconte
OLLI Executive Director

COMPLETE THE OLLI SURVEY

Earlier this week we emailed all members a survey so we can learn from you how safe you feel returning to campus and your comfort level and interest in participating in online classes.

If you haven't already, please take the time to answer this short, anonymous survey.

[CLICK HERE TO START THE SURVEY](#)

Managing Your Blood Pressure Presented by the URI Pharmacy Outreach Program. Monday, June 15, at 9:30am. [Register by clicking here.](#) First 20 registrations will be accepted and a Webex invitation sent separately via email.

Cyber Seniors Have technology questions? Sign up for a one-on-one session with a URI student. Appointments are available by Webex, Facetime or a phone call. [Click here](#) to schedule an appointment.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK:

This Week's photo is submitted by OLLI member and Brad Goff. He tells us he purchased this Sharp-Lobed Hepatica from the RI Wild Plant Society and it now thrives in his yard. You can also share a photo! [Click here to join our photo album.](#)



FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS LECTURE SERIES

Pulitzer Prize winners Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn headline upcoming virtual lecture series. Join this important lecture series honoring the memory of veteran Rhode Island journalist Jim Taricani. [Read the details by clicking here](#) or [click here to register.](#)



Social Science Perspectives: COVID-19 Webinar Series

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URI social scientists are weighing in on the current effects and future implications of the Covid-19 pandemic. View the series of webinars by [clicking here.](#)



As part of the National Constitution Center's yearlong Women and the Constitution initiative in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, join former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright—America's first female secretary of state—as she reflects on her career in public service, women's leadership, and her new book, *Hell and Other Destinations*. Jeffrey Rosen, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates.

A Conversation with Secretary Madeleine Albright

Tuesday, June 16 | 12:30 p.m. EDT

Register by clicking the link below:

https://constitutioncenter.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YJoGdiNfSJWqNg0gg24aTA

OLLI BOOK CLUB

You're invited to join other members for a **Virtual Book Group**. Our first book will be **[A Long Petal of the Sea](#)**. We will meet on July 16, at 11am. If you'd like to join the group, email OLLI@etal.uri.edu

OLLI WRITER'S GROUP

will meet via Webex on Friday, June 26, at 1pm. If you're interested in attending, please contact Susan Berman at susanb99@yahoo.com.