

CENTRAL VERMONT OLLI

SEPTEMBER 23–DECEMBER 9

Wednesdays, 1:30–3 pm

**The Chapel in College Hall,
36 College Street, Montpelier, VT 05602**

NOTE: The Rick Winston Film Series will be shown at:
THE SAVOY THEATER: 26 Main Street, Montpelier, VT, 1:30–3:30 pm

The Life of a Working Musician and Songwriter

with Dave Keller, Soul/Blues Musician

Wednesday, September 23, 1:30–3:00 pm

Hear firsthand what it's like to be a working musician as Keller shares stories from life on the road and in the studio. Experience a live performance of original songs and gain insight into his songwriting process. Ask questions and join an open discussion that offers an honest, behind-the-scenes look at the realities of a career in music.

Cults and Culture— How Understanding Promotes Strong Communities

with Gerette Marie Buglion, Author, Educator,
Writing Coach

Wednesday, September 30, 1:30–3:00 pm

Engage in a timely exploration of cults and culture. Learn to identify the traits of cultic organizations and relationships and understand why this knowledge matters in a society that values the dignity of each individual. This session introduces the mechanisms of control used in cultic groups, examines their impact on individuals and society, and offers practical tools to help participants “cult-proof” their lives.

Gleaning—Maximizing the Benefits of the Local Food System

with Alison Levin, Founder & Executive Director,
Community Harvest of Central Vermont

Wednesday, October 7, 1:30–3:00 pm

Learn how gleaning strengthens community connections across Central Vermont and beyond. Discover how this practice links for-profit farms with charitable food systems to create a more resilient, locally rooted network that helps everyone eat local. Explore the role each of us can play in reducing food waste and addressing food insecurity. Gain insight into the environmental benefits, farmer support, and meaningful community impact of gleaning.

Owls Around Us

with Ash Levin, Staff Naturalist,
North Branch Nature Center, Montpelier

Wednesday, October 14, 1:30–3:00 pm

Discover the fascinating world of owls, from giants with six-foot wingspans to species smaller than a chicken egg. Join North Branch Nature Center staff naturalist Ash Kerby-Miller to learn about the unique adaptations, migrations, and conservation stories of these remarkable predators that live right in our backyards.

Echoes of a Long-gone Border: What Remains of Germany's Cold War Division?

with Kerstin Lange, Author

Wednesday, October 21, 1:30–3:00 pm

Trace the story of the former East/West German border through the lens of Vermont author Kerstin Lange. After the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, the once-deadly Iron Curtain quickly became obsolete, sparking global optimism about the possibility of peaceful change. Thirty years later, Lange cycled the length of this border, exploring its impact on the land and the people who lived alongside it. Learn how over a thousand rare and threatened plant and animal species found refuge in the militarized border zone, and consider how reunified Germany is faring today.

The Origins of Public Media in Vermont

with Betty Smith, On-air Broadcaster
and a Founder of VPR

Wednesday, October 28, 1:30–3:00 pm

Explore the origins and evolution of Vermont Public Radio, now Vermont Public, through the lens of one of its founding visionaries. Gain insight into how a bold idea became a lasting institution, the challenges of navigating a rapidly changing media landscape, and the enduring importance of storytelling, the human voice, and regional identity. Examine the changing role of media over time and discover how one creative initiative helped transform the delivery of information and entertainment throughout the region.



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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU...

...to our dedicated **Central Vermont OLLI Program Committee** for their time, energy, and vision:
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Defending the Freedom to Read

with Catherine Veronica Delneo, Commissioner & State Librarian, Vermont Department of Libraries; Carolyn Marie Picazio, Director, Waterbury Public Library; and Megan Boisseau Allison, Teacher Librarian, U-32 Middle and High School

Wednesday, November 4, 1:30–3:00 pm

Join a panel of prominent local librarians to explore the ongoing battle against book banning in the United States and around Vermont, highlighting the courageous efforts of librarians who stand up for free access to information.

500 Generations of Continuity and Resilience: Vermont's Indigenous People Through the Eyes of An Archaeologist

with Giovanna Peebles,
Retired Vermont State Archaeologist

Wednesday, November 11, 1:30–3:00 pm

Journey through 12,600 years of human history in Vermont through the lens of archaeological discovery. Follow Peebles as she shares the complex stories of the region's Native peoples and their remarkable ability to adapt to changing climates and environments. Discover deep connections to the land, its plants, and animals across generations. Examine how European arrival brought profound upheaval and how Native communities endured despite these challenges.

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Full Series Membership: (after September 9): \$55

Individual Program(s) \$12 each

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Members and individual program participants: Please register at least 24 hours before the start of a series or individual program for a smooth check-in process for you. Walk-ins and payment at the door cannot be accepted on the day of the program.



SEPTEMBER 23

The Life of a Working Musician & Songwriter
Dave Keller

Photo: Dave Keller

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Spanning seven locations across the state of Vermont, OLLI members are a part of a vibrant and dynamic community of lifelong learners who enjoy exploring new ideas, enhancing their creativity, and sharing a passion with others through in-person & online programs.

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RICK WINSTON FILM SERIES



Parables of McCarthyism on Film

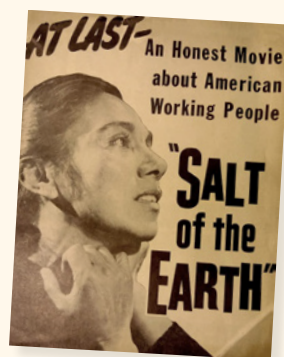
**WITH RICK WINSTON, AUTHOR;
CO-FOUNDER OF THE SAVOY THEATER**

Explore Hollywood during the late 1940s and early 1950s—a flashpoint of anti-communist hysteria in America—through three landmark films created by filmmakers navigating fear, principle, and political pressure.

High Noon (1952)

November 18, 1:30–3:30 pm

Written by Carl Foreman during the height of Hollywood's anti-communist fear, this western follows a lone marshal, played by Gary Cooper, who must confront danger with moral courage as his town abandons him in a moment of crisis.



On the Waterfront (1954)

December 2, 1:30–3:30 pm

Created by Elia Kazan and Budd Schulberg amid the pressures of the blacklist, this film stars Marlon Brando as a dockworker torn between loyalty and truth while challenging corruption on the New York waterfront.

Salt of the Earth (1954)

December 9, 1:30–3:30 pm

Produced by three blacklisted filmmakers, this story depicts a New Mexico mining community that unites in a labor strike, reflecting their commitment to principle, solidarity, and justice despite political repression.

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