



# Institute for Continued Learning Digest

## Welcome to the 30th Edition of the ICL Senioritis

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### ICL Update:

**The Coffee Social:** Dee Ittis hosted our first ICL Social via Zoom on Thursday morning. There were more than 30 members in attendance who learned to use the Chat function and the Breakout Rooms. These Zoom functions will be used in future ICL programs.

Poet Laureates Vernelle Judy and Betty Lee shared poems inspired by the change of season and autumn.

Feedback about the Social should be sent to [Dee Ittis](#) or [Priscilla Hibbard](#). If you did not attend, feel free to let them know why. A survey will be coming out soon.

**Curriculum Committee Meeting News:** The Curriculum Committee met on Thursday morning to look ahead to Spring Semester. It is anticipated that we will continue to meet via Zoom through Spring 2021. There was some discussion about whether to offer programs on Thursday morning as well as our current Tuesday mornings. After considering several issues, including Zoom fatigue and meetings planned for Thursdays, it was decided to maintain the Tuesday schedule and add a few special events on a few Thursdays.

With that, the Committee reviewed speaker ideas leftover from last spring and some that have been added since. The Committee members have been assigned to follow up with specific speakers. If you have ideas for speakers, please share them with Judy Gram or Dru Johnson. Please include their name, contact information, a brief summary of their presentation and whether you have seen the person present.

### [Willamette U. Theatre: Welcome to The Next Stage of Theatre!](#)

Willamette Theatre moves online for its [2020-21 Season](#), including Livestream and recorded broadcast. We also will conduct highly-limited live audience performances.

A host of options and safety protocols have been put in place to help our performances continue, and to provide students with an optimal experience in live and broadcast theatre. We hope the following will excite and comfort our audience members as we explore THE NEXT STAGE of theatre!

*Tickets are now on sale for our first 2020-21 production!*

**The Memo** by Václav Havel: October 29 – November 15, 2020  
Translation by Paul Wilson | Directed by Susan Coromel

### Missing ICL Friends?

Join us for...

- Virtual **Happy Hour** on Fridays at 4:30PM. [Zoom in here](#)
- [Zoom Help](#) - Find tips, FAQ, and other resources available on the ICL Website.

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### The Fall 2020 Schedule is posted online:

- on the [Google Calendar](#)
- the [full online version](#)
- and the [Schedule Reports](#), also found online.
- [Links to Recorded Presentations!](#)

*These presentations will all be online via [ZOOM](#) (click to join)*

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### Don't forget to VOTE!

- **Oct. 14:** Ballots will be mailed
- **Oct. 27:** Deadline to mail completed ballots
- **Post marks do not count for Oregon ballots**
- **Nov. 3:** Ballots can be delivered to an Elections Office or Official Oregon Ballot Drop Site by 8:00 PM

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### [PHOTOS: Take a look inside Salem's new police station](#)

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### Read Any Good Books Lately?

How many of these [once banned books](#) have you read?

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...read more, including [ticket information](#), and [how to watch](#)

**Box office hours:**

Monday - Friday, 12:00 - 5:00 pm • 503-370-6221

[thtr-tix@willamette.edu](mailto:thtr-tix@willamette.edu)



**Exploring Together: A Focus on Homelessness  
Begins 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, October 27 | On Zoom  
A three-part community conversation**

**[ Sign Up ]**

Talking about homelessness is often uncomfortable, sometimes confusing, and almost always difficult. Salem Public Library invites you to get uncomfortable with us as we provide an opportunity for community members to do the important work of exploring homelessness in America. In this series of community conversations, staff will act as facilitators and work to establish a respectful and supportive space for everyone to contribute their thoughts, share questions, and explore the ideas from the readings and videos. Each of the three discussions will have its own focus:

- **Session 1:** Misconceptions of Homelessness (October 27)
- **Session 2:** History of Poverty (November 17)
- **Session 3:** Social Resources and Help (December 15)

We ask that you prepare for these discussions by reading or watching at least one entry from the suggested resources list. Here is the resources list for Session 1:

**Books:**

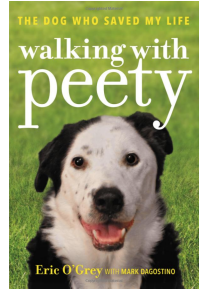
- [This Is All I Got : A New Mother's Search For Home](#) by Lauren Sandler
- [\\$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America](#) by Kathryn J. Edin
- [Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, And A Mother's Will To Survive](#) by Stephanie Land

**Articles:**

- [How Health and Homelessness are Connected Medically](#) by Seiji Hayashi (The Atlantic)
- [Trouble Paying Medical Bills Can Lead to Longer Episodes of Homelessness](#) by Kim Eckart (University of Washington - UW News)

**Salem Reads - 2021**

The Salem community selected **Walking with Peety** by Eric O'Grey for the fifth season of Salem



Reads: One Book, One Community. Salem Reads is a community-wide reading project that invites the people of Salem to come together in person or virtually through reading, discussion, and programs based on the themes of a common book. This year the Salem Reads program will be presented virtually. It will include favorite activities like the book give away, documentary movie, panel discussions, art exhibit, and other programs including a talk with the author in February 2021. ...[read more](#)

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**Netflix Recommendation:**

[My Octopus Teacher](#) (Documentary) - A filmmaker forges an unusual friendship with an octopus living in a South African kelp forest, learning as the animal shares the mysteries of her world.

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When [Carver sent a Baby Yoda](#) doll to support firefighters in Oregon, he created a mascot sensation.

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[VIDEO: Mountain top video captures ferocity of Beachie Creek Fire](#)

The Oregon Department of Transportation released video from one of its communications

- [Five Myths About America's Homeless](#) by Dennis Culhane (The Washington Post)

**Visual Media:**

- [So You Think You Know About Homeless](#) by Marisa A Zapata (Tedx Salem on YouTube) (Strongly recommend)
- [A Street Cat Named Bob](#) (Kanopy)
- [Growing Up Poor in America](#) (Frontline on YouTube)

**Salem Pioneer Cemetery Chinese Shrine Project**

Did you know that Salem had a Chinatown? In the mid- to late-1800s, Chinese immigrants came to the Willamette Valley. Records show they had businesses, homes, and a school. By 1903, Salem's Chinatown was a half block of rundown buildings, and the Salem City Council ordered the entire area burned to the ground.

A Chinese Shrine in [Salem Pioneer Cemetery](#) may be the last remnant of Chinese American's presence in Salem. Identifying and interpreting this historic place is an important part of preserving Salem's history. A Chinese Shrine Advisory Committee composed of stakeholders and others interested in this project has been established.

**City Archaeologist Speaks on Chinese Shrine**

The Museum of Natural and Cultural History celebrates Oregon Archaeology Month with our annual **Archaeology Talks**, held virtually this year. **Kimberly Fitzgerald**, archaeologist and Salem historic preservation officer, will speak on "**Uncovering and Interpreting Salem's Chinese Shrine.**"

Join Fitzgerald to learn about the public archaeology project that uncovered the shrine and how public archaeology can help amplify the stories of Oregon's historically marginalized communities.

[Register](#) to attend on Zoom. You can also watch the talks on Facebook [@oregonnaturalhistory](#). Live from our Facebook page, The Museum of Natural and Cultural History, when they air.

**Tech Tip: Where to find Zoom recordings of presentations (older, CCTV/CC:M/YouTube ones too!)**

Missed a presentation? Want to rewatch one? They are available online:

- Go to the [ICL Website](#) and select "[More about ICL](#)".
- Under **Technical Services**, click on [Member and Program Reports](#).
- Finally, click on [ICL Recordings](#)

The most recent presentations are at the top. You can enter a text string in cell D1 (the Green Box) at the top to search several fields for matching text. Clear the D1 search cell (right-click on the cell and select "Clear" or click on the cell and hit Delete) to get a list of all the presentations that we have recordings of to share.

towers above Detroit from Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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**Vocabulary: pareidolia**

(păɹī-dō'lē-ə) n. The perception of a recognizable image or meaningful pattern where none exists or is intended, as the perception of a face in the surface features of the moon. (Wikipedia) (Photo: Basket Slough, OR - Oct. 4th)

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The healthy grapefruit is also [one of the weirdest fruits on the planet](#). From its unknown origins to drug interactions, there is a lot going on underneath the skin of the common citrus.



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View the year's best ['way too close' photography](#) winners.

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Nowadays I know the true reason I read is to feel less alone, to make a connection with a consciousness other than my own.  
- Zadie Smith

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**Questions?**  
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