



Institute for Continued Learning Digest

Welcome to the 40th Edition of the ICL Senioritis

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ICL Update:

The [Spring 2021 Schedule](#) is posted online!

The first day of classes is January 12, 2021 at 10 AM via Zoom.

Enjoy the break and Happy Holidays! (pandemic-style)

Willamette University Update:

Enduring traditions like the annual lighting of the Star Trees signify the special bond shared by members of the Willamette family. - message from WU President, Steve Thorsett.

[Happy Holidays Video](#)

[OHA launches COVID-19 vaccine dashboard, updates testing data](#)

Oregon's COVID-19 vaccination effort continues with the state's first long-term care facility residents and staff receiving vaccinations. Oregon, like other states, does not currently have enough vaccine to immunize everyone against COVID-19. The first people getting the vaccine are health care workers and people who live or work in long-term care facilities, such as skilled nursing facilities. OHA's data dashboard shows the total number of vaccines given to date in Oregon, based on these populations.



Hey Salem! Want to spice up your winter with some reading and activity challenges from Salem Public Library? We're ready with two challenges for you!

Missing ICL Friends?

Join us for...

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

The Spring 2021 Schedule is posted online:

- on the [Google Calendar](#)
- the [full online version](#)
- and the [Schedule Reports](#),

[Recorded Presentations!](#)

Link to [ZOOM](#) classes.

[The 13 numbers that defined 2020](#)

The data to measure the pandemic, the environment, and American politics.

[The Backstories Behind Your Favorite Christmas Songs](#)

7 Classic Christmas Sayings and Where They Came From

There are so many opportunities to greet people with joy and happiness during the Christmas season. If someone celebrates the same holiday as you, you can honor them with sentiments of that holiday. And if they don't celebrate Christmas, you can still embrace the generosity of the season.

Here are seven classic Christmas sayings and their origin stories.

From January 1 to 31, Salem Public Library will participate in “Books Like Us,” a Winter Reading Challenge sponsored by Simon and Schuster and powered by Beanstack. We challenge our patrons to read and track up to 10 books during the month and complete the activities to learn more about highlighted “Books Like Us” authors. Keep track on Beanstack and earn tickets for chances to win gift certificates from local bookstores.

You can also get a head start on our second Winter Challenge - the Salem Reads: At Home and On the Go Challenge that will take place from February 1-28 as part of Salem Reads 2021, the annual One Community, One Book program sponsored by the Salem Public Library Foundation. You will be able to earn badges and chances at prizes for reading and activities related to the themes of this year’s book, “Walking with Peety” by Eric O’Grey.

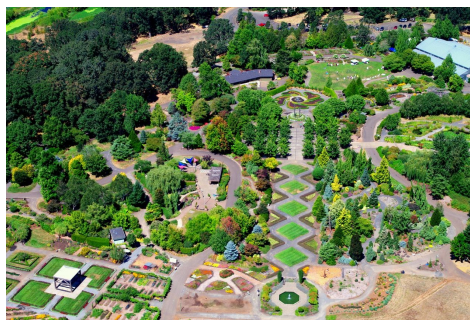
[Visit Salem Public Library’s Beanstack to get started.](#)

You will use your Beanstack account from Summer Reading or creating an account if you are new to Beanstack!

[The 80-acre Oregon Garden is open, with Covid-19 safety changes](#)

By Janet Eastman | The Oregonian/OregonLive

There’s plenty of space to spread out safely outdoors at the 80-acre Oregon Garden in Silverton. Wander through the American Conifer Society reference garden, study the beds of culinary and medicinal herbs, and meet the clay pot “family” at the children’s garden. Don’t forget to stop and smell the exotic roses.



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Documentary on Amazon Prime:

[Rumble - The Indians Who Rocked The World](#)

A documentary about the role of Native Americans in popular music history.

[OPB’s music staff’s favorite songs](#) released by Oregon musicians in 2020.

I told my suitcases that there will be no vacation this year. Now I’m dealing with emotional baggage.

Book Recommendation from Kasia Quillan:

[The Character of Cats: The Origins, Intelligence, Behavior and Stratagems of Felissilvestris catus](#) by Stephen Budiansky

#SongsOfComfortAndHope (YouTube):

- [Yo-Yo Ma, Kathryn Stott - O! Man River \(Official Video\)](#)
- [Yo-Yo Ma, Kathryn Stott - Over the Rainbow \(Official Video\)](#)
- [Yo-Yo Ma, Kathryn Stott - Ave Maria \(J.S. Bach/ Gounod\)](#)
- [Yo-Yo Ma, Kathryn Stott - Lullaby \(Brahms\)](#)

Check out [the oldest building](#) in each State.



[Christmas With The Tabernacle Choir, 2020 Full Concert](#)

PBS: 55m 32s | Video has closed captioning.

Tony Award®-winning star Kelli O’Hara and renowned actor Richard Thomas join The Tabernacle Choir, Orchestra at Temple Square, and Bells at Temple Square to create a truly unforgettable night of celebration. Filmed in 2019, the full concert is a visual and musical spectacle with vocalists, instrumentalists, bell ringers, dancers, the Gabriel Trumpet Ensemble, and the Cold Creek bluegrass band.

Aired: 12/14/20 | Expires: 01/11/21

[China’s Chang’e 5 lunar sample-return capsule has arrived safely on Earth](#)

After a whirlwind journey to the Moon and back, China’s Chang’e 5 sample return mission entered Earth’s atmosphere, deployed its parachutes, and came to rest in the Dorbod (Siziwang) Banner region of Inner Mongolia. Inside, its precious cargo: several kilograms of lunar material collected from the top two meters of the Moon’s surface.

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Fresh Snow absorbs sound, lowering ambient noise over a landscape because the trapped air between snowflakes attenuates vibration. That’s why it gets so quiet when it snows.

[20 Good Things That Happened in 2020 and 20 Heart-warming things that happened in 2020.](#)

Irish proverb: *You’ll never plow a field by turning it over in your mind.*

The cradle rocks above an abyss, and common sense tells us that our existence is but a brief crack of light between two eternities of darkness.
- Vladimir Nabokov

A Word to Know:

synecdoche (sĭ-nĕk’dĕ-kĕ)

Latin from Greek; noun

A figure of speech in which the name of a part is used to stand for the whole (as hand for sailor), the whole for a part (as the law for police officer), the specific for the general (as cutthroat for assassin), the general for the specific (as thief for pickpocket), or the material for the thing made from it (as steel for sword).



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