



OLLI Munch & Learn

Thursdays, 12:30-1:45pm during OLLI sessions



Munch & Learn:

Alien Earths: What Hubble & Webb Reveal

Thurs, 1/29 • 12:30pm-1:45pm • Free
H) Verde Campus Bldg. M-137 • OV-408-W26
I) Zoom • OVZ-407-W26

Facilitator: *Shri Srikanth*

“Are we alone in the universe”? is a question that humans have pondered for a long time. We will review these discoveries, how scientists hope to identify if there are signs of life on any other Alien Earths and where we are in answering the question are we alone.

Munch & Learn:

Sedona International Film Festival 2026

Thurs, 2/05 • 12:30pm-1:45pm • Free
J) Sedona Center 34 • OV-410-W26
K) Zoom • OVZ-409-W26

Facilitator: *Shri Srikanth, Patrick Schweiss*

Patrick Schweiss, executive director of Sedona International Film Festival (SIFF) will discuss the SIFF 2026 highlights and key events. The talk will include clips from interesting films and reviews of major stars who will perform at the festival. Come and see what exciting things are planned for this year's event.

Munch & Learn: Creating Community with Sedona Parks & Rec Department

Thurs, 02/12 • 12:30pm-1:45pm • Free
L) Sedona Center 34 • OV-412-W26
M) Zoom • OVZ-411-W26

Facilitator: *Shri Srikanth, Jason Vargo*

Jason Vargo, Sedona Special Events Coordinator, will lead an engaging discussion about public events fostering meaningful connection among the community. Discover how vision, adaptability, and public input shape event programming. Jason will share stories from the field and describe how ideas become events through partnerships with organizations, schools, businesses, and volunteers.

Munch & Learn: Echoes of Revolution: How America's War Changed the World.

Thurs, 2/19 • 12:30pm-1:45pm • Free
R) Prescott Campus 3-119 • OP-416-W26
S) Online • OPZ-417-W26

Facilitator: *Rudy Arena, Richard Bell*

We picture our revolt as breaking away from the king of England when it is only half the story. Historian and author Richard Bell invites us to rediscover the Revolution as a world war that unleashed chaos, opportunity, and transformation across five continents. From the sugar fields of the Caribbean to the court of the king of Mysore, to political uprisings in Peru and Sierra Leone-he traces the far-flung reverberations of our war through the lives of people it displaced empowered or destroyed.

Munch & Learn: The Power of Local News

Thurs, 02/26 • 12:30pm-1:45pm • Zoom Only • Free
P) Online • OPZ-415-W26

Facilitator: *Rudy Arena*

Each week in the US two local newspapers close. Without the probing, publishing and prodding of local reporters, small problems are unseen until they become large and costly. Join CEO/Publisher Megan Smith in exploring the power of local news.

Munch & Learn:

Education Through the Generations

Thurs, 03/05 • 12:30pm-1:45pm • Free
N) Prescott Campus 3-119 • OP-414-W26
O) Online • OPZ-413-W26

Facilitator: *Rudy Arena*

Education, over the years, has played a pivotal role in the development and influence of the Prescott area. The changes and stories of education from 1860 to present will be told by Kelly Cordes, a fourth-generation member of the Cordes Family in Prescott.

OLLI Munch & Learn programs are held at the locations specified within the descriptions above.

If online, the Zoom link to the presentation will be found in your registration receipt. Prescott Campus is at 1100 E Sheldon St. / Sedona Center is at 4215 Arts Village Dr. / Verde Valley Campus is at 601 W Black Hills Drive.