Play readings help provide playwrights with a valuable chance to hear their characters come to life. Dr. Sarah Blackstone will lead back-to-back readings of the plays selected for the 2018 OLLI Play Festival, giving directors, actors, and other viewers a preview of the comedies to be featured in the April festival.

Each of the short plays will be read through at least once in a 30-minute window. You can help with the process by volunteering as a reader, or simply take advantage of the chance to hear the plays and think about what role(s) you might want to play.

Dr. Blackstone joins a growing list of theater professionals who are lending their expertise to OLLI in support of the annual play festival. As a new member of the festival team, she draws on her 30+ years of theater experience to enhance both the creative and technical processes of the entire production.

Play submissions are due December 15 and final selections will be announced January 3. We hope you'll support the entire festival team by attending our play readings!

Play readings involve the writers themselves in the earliest stages of the production. In so doing, we engage the full community of creative artists in a dialogue on how best to move forward together.

~ Sarah Blackstone