

**Lakes Area Unlimited Learning speaker: Briana Smith -
Monday, March 9, 1:30PM.**

Briana Smith is a historian and author who explores the social, cultural, and political landscape of divided Berlin. She is a program manager with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota and holds a PhD in history from the University of Iowa.

In Berlin, the years from 1949 to 1961 were marked by intense geopolitical standoffs, including the 1948–49 airlift, the 1958 ultimatum, and the 1961 construction of the Berlin Wall, which solidified the city's division. Smith will discuss the everyday, often unconventional experiences of Berliners rather than just the official diplomatic history of the time.

The program starts at 1:30PM at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby, MN. It's free for members and \$10.00 for non-members.