

Lincoln Library's 2016 Speakers List

A list of speakers for any occasion or event.



LINCOLN LIBRARY'S 2016 SPEAKERS LIST

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ANIMALS

Animal Protective League

Contact: Deana Corbin, 544-7387; admin@apl-shelter.org

Available to speak with groups about the league's activities, including its work with rescuing injured animals, humane education, pet therapy and spay/neuter assistance.

Bats, Bat Houses & Attracting Bats to your Neighborhood

Contact: Dr Todd W. Austin, 965-3100; draustin@royell.net

Bat slide presentations for all ages. Member of Bat Conservation International since 1990. Fee.

ARTS, RECREATION & HOBBIES

Art Association (Springfield)

Contact: Betsy Dollar, 523-2631; director@springfieldart.org

Presentation on Art, Art Education, Edwards Place and Springfield/19th Century History, installation art, printmaking and papermaking.

Arts Council (Springfield Area)

Contact Jon Austin, Executive Director, 753-3519; director@springfieldartsco.org. Topics including an overview of the Springfield Area Arts Council; vital role of the arts in a community; and effective management for non-profit organizations. Also, 19th century funeral and mourning practices; Civil War era field embalming techniques; and Abraham Lincoln's death and funeral.

Ballet Company (Springfield)

Contact: Julie Ratz, 544-1967; info@springfieldballetco.org

Presentation on the Springfield Ballet Company and its works.

Central IL Mustangers, Mustang Club of America, National Mustang Shows

Contact: Carroll Sutton, 529-9222, cjsutton.1@comcast.net

Available to talk about the local club, the national club, national shows, the fun of playing with cars, and the 50th birthday of an American icon.

Hoogland Center For the Arts

Contact: Gus Gordon, 523-2787; gordon@hcfta.org

Available to talk about the Center and provide on-site tours of the Center.

COMMUNICATION

Capitol Radio Group (WTAX-WDBR-WYMG-WQQL, WABZ (Abe-Fm))

Contact: Krystal Mizeur, Director of Marketing and Promotions, 753-5400

kmizeur@capitolradiogroup.com

www.wymg.com, www.wdbr.com, www.cool1019.com, www.abefm.com, www.wtax.com

Computer Banc

Contact: David Fowler, Executive Director, 217-528-9506; director@computerbanc.org
Available to present on how affordable technology impacts At Risk populations in Illinois: k-12 schools, college students, veterans, seniors, workforce development. Also, Computer Banc programs on how refurbished computers are donated, volunteers and distributed statewide.

State Journal-Register

Contact: Angie Muhs, 788-1505; angie.muhs@sj-r.com
Executive editor available to speak to groups about Illinois' oldest newspaper and how it's changing in the new media landscape. Enjoys taking questions from readers and giving background into what goes into a media company. Also, if a group has a specific topic request, could send out another speaker from the SJ-R.

WICS Channel 20 TV

Contact: 753-5620 (news room); news@wics.com

WSEC/ PBS Springfield (Network Knowledge)

Contact: Dr. Jerold Gruebel, 483-7887; jgruebel@wsec.tv
Presentations on public television station WSEC/ PBS Springfield, Network Knowledge and an overview of public television; its accomplishments and its challenges.

EDUCATION

Alternative Teaching

Contact: James Kling, 847-289-8699; contact@alternativeteaching.org;
www.alternativeteaching.org
Workshops for parents or professionals dealing with children who have moderate to severe problematic behaviors. Provides concrete, practical information for caretakers, teachers, therapists, residential staff and others that work with children and adolescents with behavioral issues. Sliding fee scale.

Benedictine University at Springfield

Contact: Dr. Janet Kirby, Associate Dean, Graduate and Adult Programs, 217-717-3519;
jkirby@ben.edu

Capitol Area Career Center

Contact: Jodi Ferriell, 529-5431; jferriell@caccschool.org
Verbal presentation or pre-arranged tours.

Effective Advocacy Techniques for Citizens and Groups

Contact: Len Lieberman, 553-7926 len.lieberman@comcast.net
Former lobbyist shares how best to approach public officials at all levels and what techniques are surprisingly ineffective as well.

Kidzeum of Health and Science

Contact: Rachael Thomson, (217) 971-4435, info@kidzeum.org or thomsons@comcast.net
Presentation regarding the economic, social and educational impact a state-of-the art children's museum will have on Springfield, IL and surrounding communities. Presentation includes a visual project description including exhibit and building renderings for the future Kidzeum that is scheduled to open on 412 E. Adams in late 2016/early2017.

Lifelong Learning at Lincoln Land Community College

Contact: Jamie Stout, Director of Community Education, Lincoln Land Community College, 786-2432; jamie.stout@llcc.edu
Community Education: Academy of Lifelong Learning, Community Learning, Culinary Institute, College For Kids, and Elderhostel/Road Scholars.

Lincoln Land Community College

Contact: Rose Raikes, 786.2218; llccnews@llcc.edu
Presentations on various topics by expert faculty and professionals are available.

Literacy Project (Springfield)

Contact: Barbara Rochelle, 529-3333; flom1946bonrob@ameritech.net
Springfield Literacy Project offers free volunteer tutoring in reading, writing, math, and English as a Second Language. Volunteers are matched with adult learner and tutor 1-2 hours each week.

iMagicNation

Contact Donna Treadwell, 220-6272, dtreadwell1129@gmail.com.
iMagicNation was formed in Aug. 2013 by a group of educators and literacy volunteers in Springfield. The group is dedicated to helping improve literacy in our City and works with schools and community groups by providing volunteers who tutor students 1:1. The organization's long-term goal is to construct a children's reading house on Springfield's east side. The house will function as a reading room/library and will allow children to check out books. The organization will also offer tutoring for adults who want to improve their reading skills.

Regional Office of Education

Contact: Emily Wetherell, (217)753-6620; ewetherell@roe51.k12.il.us
Homeless children and teens have problems getting to school and staying in school. There are increasingly more homeless students in our community. Learn who these children and teens are and what their educational rights are under state and federal law.

University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS)

Contact: Derek Schnapp, Office of Public Relations, 206-6716; dschn3@uis.edu

University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) Department of Athletics

Contact: Amanda Murphy, Assistant Athletic Director of Media/Communications, 206-6752; amurp5@uis.edu

Coaches and administration staff are available to speak with groups about working with student-athletes, training in their respective sports, daily operations of an athletic department and the NCAA Division II philosophy.

ENERGY

Ameren Illinois

Contact Speaker's Bureau, Paula Heinkel, 217-413-2685; pheinkel@ameren.com
Ameren Illinois speakers deliver important messages to communities on various topics, including energy efficiency, energy assistance, storm preparation, electric supply choice and safety. Presentations are available to community and civic organizations - free of charge.

City Water, Light & Power (CWLP) Energy Services

Contact: Gary Hurley, Energy Services Office Manager, 789-2070 ext.2087;
gary.hurley@cwlp.com

Talks on energy, conservation, environmental subjects, electrical operation and planning, water operation and planning, utilities and the law, safety, utility finance and consumer/community relations. Three weeks advanced notice needed.

Coal Mining and Unions in Illinois from 1898 through 1930s

Contact: Kevin Corley, 217-685-0259; sixteentons@yahoo.com

Talks on the history of coal mining in Illinois, the development of collective bargaining, and the writing of his epic historical novel *Sixteen Tons*.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Financial Planning

Contact: Steven Koch, CFP, Private Wealth Advisor, 787-2435; steven.r.koch@ampf.com; www.stevenrkoch.com, or Jennifer Sylvia, CRPC, jennifer.j.sylvia@ampf.com, Financial Advisor, Ameriprise Financial, 2621 Montega, Suite A, Springfield, 62704. Presentation on financial planning, securing a confident retirement, investments, retirement and estate planning, tax savings, and employee benefit plans. No fee.

HEALTH & NUTRITION

Acupuncture

Contact: Dr. Todd W. Austin, 965-3100; draustin@royell.net
Introduction to the wonderful world of Acupuncture and traditional Chinese medical theory.

Agriculture/Livestock Industry

Contact: Marilyn Lynch, National Pork Board Speakers Bureau Coordinator, 800-711-0747 ext. 227; Fax: 816-474-4226, marilyn@eidsonandpartners.com
Available to talk about agriculture, specifically Pork Industry, and its impact on the local community with regard to the economy, environment and the nutritional value of food.

Alzheimer's Association

Contact: Sara McGady, 801-9356, smcgady@alz.org
Educational programs on Alzheimer's Disease – understand and recognize the disease; how to obtain assistance; how to help the Alzheimer's Association.

American Lung Association

Contact: 787-5864; Michael.mark@lungil.org

Free health programs about smoking, asthma, cystic fibrosis and bronchitis. Also, air pollution, occupational lung and dust diseases. Some film and/or slide presentations.

Most programs 20-30 minutes. Two weeks advanced notice needed.

Blood Center (Central Illinois Community)

Contact Tara Matheson, 241-7542; tmatheson@cicbc.org,

Libby Bair, 241-7534 or 685-5055; lbair@mvrbc.org

Talks concerning the world of the Blood Center and the continuing need for donors.

Chiropractic

Contact: Dr. Paul R. Venturini, D.C. or Dr. Peter Curtis, 787-8200; PainRehabCenter@aol.com

Various chiropractic topics including low back pain, arthritis, and sports related injuries. No fee

Chiropractic – Upper Cervial

Contact: Dr. Schurger, 698-7900 or uchca-springfield@att.net

“Get Your Head on Straight: Advice from Mom that can Have a Profound Impact on your health.

In addition, can address general health and chiropractic topics for children and adults.

Coffee and Coffee Making

Contact: David Lee, Special events coordinator, 217-391-7587 ext. 139; David.Lee@llgi.org

Lee, a Coffee Master, opened Goodwill Industry's “Edgar’s Coffee House.” He has visited many countries to source coffee directly from growers and can talk about all aspects of coffee.

Community Cancer Education / Cancer Center at Memorial Medical Center

Contact Celeste Wiley, RN, OCN; wiley.celeste@mhsil.com; 217-757-7684. Make contact 4-6 weeks prior to date needed.

Can discuss early detection and prevention on specific cancers, like breast and testicular cancer, cancer screenings like lung and colon cancer and cancer services available at Memorial.

County Market / Niemann Foods

Contact: Hope Danielson, Health and Wellness Advisor, 815-520-5258,

hdanielson@niemannfoods.com

Available to speak with groups about: Healthy Eating Through the Aisles, Surviving the Holidays, Healthy Eating on the Run, Cooking Tips for Busy Week Nights, Meals in 30 Minutes or Less & many more!

Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donation Network

Contact: 630-758- 2740; dschmitz@giftofhope.org

Information addressing organ and tissue donation and transplantation from the perspective of donor families and recipients. Information highlighting religious considerations, the registry and facts can be covered.

Mental Health Center of Central Illinois

Contact: Lorel Joseph, 588-7764; mentalhealth@mhsil.com

General overview of mental health services, stress, depression, suicide, schizophrenia, crisis intervention, children’s behavioral health issues, attention deficit hyper activity disorders, parenting and family dynamics.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Springfield

Contact: Lora Thomas, 522-1403; namiil@sbcglobal.net

NAMI Springfield offers support groups and education programs for persons living with mental illness and their families and friends. Available to speak on NAMI Springfield's services. In Our Own Voice (IOOV) is a unique 90 minute program in which two individuals living with mental illness share compelling personal stories about living with mental illness and achieving recovery.

Pain Relief at the Speed of Light with Cold Laser Therapy

Contact: Dr Todd W. Austin, 965-3100; draustin@royell.net

Dr. Todd runs a Full Service Cold Laser Therapy Clinic. Cold Lasers have been used for healing all kinds of human health ailments since the 1960's. In this presentation Todd explains how state-of-the-art cold laser therapy works to aid in rapid pain relief. No fee.

Phoenix Center

Contact: Jonna Cooley PhD, 528-5253; jcool.phoenix@comcast.net

Available to discuss HIV/AIDS prevention, LGBTQ issues and bullying.

Public Health (Sangamon County)

Contact: Joan Stevens-Thome, 535-3100, ext 3709; joans@co.sangamon.il.us

Health education programs for all age groups.

For children: dental health, nutrition, hand washing and personal hygiene

For elementary and high school students: nutrition, hand washing and personal hygiene, and comprehensive sex education.

For adults: nutrition, general health, aging issues, family life, talking with teens, and smoking cessation.

For all ages: AIDs and sexually transmitted diseases.

Other topics as requested.

Public Health - Food Safety (Sangamon County)

Contact: Allen Alexander, 535-3100, ext. 3738; allena@co.sangamon.il.us

Hand washing and food safety.

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Public Affairs

Contact: Sheila Jessen, 545-2155; sjessen@siumed.edu

Speakers and presentations available on a wide variety of medical, health care and scientific research topics. Schedule in advance.

SPARC

Contact: Denise Schainker, 793-2100, ext. 145; dschainker@spfldsparc.org;

www.spfldsparc.org

Presentation includes a 7 minute video describing the work Sparc does in the community, to help enrich the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities enabling them to live, learn work and socialize in the community. Plus a question and answer period. Tour may be arranged at SPARC facility.

Vision Care Associates

Contact: Dr. Scott Blomberg, 528-3233; spblomberg@gmail.com

Topics include eye disease and treatment, eye safety, and vision correction.

HISTORY/TRAVEL/POLITICS

Abraham Lincoln (The Life of)

Contact: Samuel Wheeler, 217-557-8336; samuel.wheeler@illinois.gov;
www.presidentlincoln.illinois.gov;

A talk on nearly any aspect of Abraham Lincoln's life and his era by a Research Historian employed by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

Abraham Lincoln Candidacy: Speaking Truth To Power

Contact: AJ Segneri 815-200-4729 AJ.Segneri@gmail.com

Lincoln During the German Enlightenment, Lincoln: The Best Third Party Candidate

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's Oral History Program

Contact: Mark DePue, 217-558-8949; mark.depue@illinois.gov; www.oralhistory.illinois.gov.

Presentations on the ALPL's Oral History Program, established in 2006, and has since collected over 600 interviews on a wide variety of topics. The program's top priorities include Illinois politics, agriculture, veterans and immigrants. The program's webpage makes all of these interviews available to the general public, and often includes photos to help illustrate the narrators' stories. Willing to give talks that give an overview of the program, on specific aspects of the program (for example, highlighting our veterans interviews), or help an organization develop its own oral history project.

African American History Museum (Springfield & Central Illinois)

Contact: Jerrie Blakely, bjlblakely42@aol.com; Doug King, dougoutdoug1947@att.net;
Archie Lawrence, chiestine1@att.net or siaahf@yahoo.com; 217-528-2725

Talks on the history of the museum and the contributions and legacies of African Americans in Springfield and Central Illinois and in general. Talks geared toward age and interest of group.

Airports and Aviation History (Springfield)

Contact: Job Conger, 544-6122; writer@eosinc.com

Presentation about aviation in the Capital City since 1857 with photos and memorabilia

Civil War Music

Contact: Christian McWhirter, 217-785-9132; cmcwhirter@papersofabrahamlincoln.org

A talk on the power and popularity of music in the Civil War, based on my book *Battle Hymns*. The talk can be more specific, if necessary, with topics such as Confederate music, African Americans and Civil War music, music and Civil War memory, soldier music, Abraham Lincoln and music, etc.

Civil War in Popular Culture

Contact: Christian McWhirter, 217-785-9132; cmcwhirter@papersofabrahamlincoln.org

A talk covering any aspect of how the Civil War has been represented in popular culture, namely music, books, TV, and film. The subject could be a more focused exploration of popular culture *from* the Civil War or how it was represented later. Even a talk on a single particularly prominent piece of culture, such as *Gone With the Wind* or *Lincoln*, would be a possibility.

Historic Archaeologist

Contact: Annie Rieken; recnsidr@htc.net, 618/977-8194 (no text please).

Explore historic preservation from the unabashed viewpoint of a historic archaeologist who will share such diverse projects as the Keystone KXL pipeline over three years as one of the Phase I Field Directors to local historical sites and trails. Beyond structural conservation, cultural preservation is, and should be, an economic and social benefit to a community. Surmounting the politics and defeats—sometimes threats—can make enforcing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act a challenging venture. Many intriguing projects such as; the Santa Fe Trail, The Mormon Trail, Trail of Tears; historic structures; farmsteads, and exclusive Keystone pipeline documentary photographs to review. This presentation may be customized per audience request with PowerPoint, visual and material culture display and question and answer.

Historical Society (Sangamon County)

Contact: Samuel Wheeler, 217-525-1961; swheeler.schs@gmail.com;

www.sangamonhistory.org

Provide talks on the past, present, and future of the Sangamon County Historical Society, including details on current initiatives and volunteer opportunities. We can also offer programs on specific figures and events in Sangamon County History in general.

History; Sangamon County

Contact: Mike Kienzler, 217-303-9379, mkienzer@msn.com or schsoffice@gmail.com;

www.SangamonLink.org

Available to speak to groups about Sangamon County history topics. The website, sponsored by the Sangamon County Historical Society, features more than 800 articles about local 19th- and 20th-century history.

History: Springfield and Lincoln

Contact: Erika Holst, 871-5065; erikaholst@yahoo.com

Presentations available: "Wicked Springfield: Crime, Corruption, and Scandal During the Lincoln Era," "Lincoln's Springfield Kinship Network," "Courtship and Weddings in Abraham Lincoln's Springfield," "Entertainment in Antebellum Springfield", "Fee for evenings and weekends", and "Domestic Servants in 19th Century Springfield."

International Visitors Commission (Springfield)

Contact: Terri Hempstead, 971-3078; terri512@netzero.net or Jeff Berg, 789-2360;

jeff.berg@springfield.il.us

Presentation describes the many services and resources the commission provides foreign visitors in hope of increasing mutual understanding between people of the United States and people of other countries, thereby strengthening the ties which unite us with other nations.

Judaism & Jewish History

Contact: Rabbi Barry Marks, 546-2841 rabbimarks@sbcglobal.net

Judaism, Jewish History, Israel, and the Middle East

Contact: Rabbi Michael Datz, 525-1360; rabbidatz@gmail.com

Lincoln History (Lincoln Home National Historic Site)

Contact: Tim Townsend 217-391-3241, tim_townsend@nps.gov

Presentations available: For a vast future also: Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War

Sesquicentennial; Known by me to be a freeman of colour: Telling the Jameson Jenkins Story at Lincoln Home National Historic Site; Here I Have Lived: The History of the Lincoln Home and Neighborhood; We will give you a larger house on the fourth of next March: Abraham Lincoln's Election and Departure for Washington; Hold on with a Bulldog Grip: Lincoln, Grant, and the 1864 Election; A blind man can see where the President's heart is: The Compassion of Lincoln.

Robert Moore, United States Marshall (ret), and author, *The President's Men*

Contact: Robert Moore, 891-7806; rma.moore@yahoo.com.

Presentations include a history of Black U.S. Marshals and the Presidents who appointed them, role of the Marshals Service during the Civil Rights Era, my leadership Journey across America, diversity and the Illinois State Police, and my trip to Vietnam and Cambodia in 2005.

HOSPITALS/CLINICS/NURSING HOMES

Ansar Shrine, Shriner's International, Shriner's Hospital for Children - St. Louis

Contact: Carroll Sutton, 529-9222, cjsutton.1@comcast.net

Shriner's International, 340,000 members strong in seven countries, support the care given children in 22 orthopedic and burn hospitals in North America.

Hope Institute

Contact: Mark Schmidt, 588-7660; mschmidt@thehopeinstitute.us

The Hope Institute is a private, not-for-profit residential school serving children with severe, multiple disabilities and their families. Talks include the history of the school, philosophy of care, and current programs. The institute also is the lead agency for *The Autism Program for Illinois*, Talks on autism also can be arranged.

Memorial Home Services: Home Health, Hospice, and Medical Equipment

Contact: Alexis Walch, Becky Gabany or Ronda Dudley 788-4663;

MemorialHomeServices@mhsil.com

Memorial Home Services offers home health, home hospice and home medical equipment services in Central Illinois. Presentations on specific topics such as: fall prevention, end-of-life planning, myths/misconceptions of hospice care, medical equipment options, available. Please feel free to call with additional presentation topics and requests.

Memorial Medical Center

Contact: Sue Friedman, 788-3333; friedman.sue@mhsil.com

Speakers and audio-visual programs available on most health care subjects.

St. John's Hospital Home Health Department

Contact: Katie Tipton, 525-5641; Katie.tipton@hshs.org

Registered nurses provide services and therapy under doctor's orders to home patients.

Springfield Clinic

Contact: Patricia Kuhn, 528-7541, ext. 15102; pkuhn@springfieldclinic.com

Speakers available on a variety of health care subjects.

LAW

Law

Contact: Judge Stuart Shiffman, 546-3710; msshiffman74@sbcglobal.net

“Sex, Scandal, Rape & Money: Looking at Courts and the Law in an Untraditional Fashion.”
Free.

UIS Illinois Innocence Project

Contact: Larry Golden 553-7171; lgold1@uis.edu

Available to talk about the Project; our exonerations; problems with the criminal justice system; DNA, etc.

LIBRARIES & LITERATURE

Fiction in the Courtroom

Contact: Judge Stuart Shiffman, 546-3710; msshiffman74@sbcglobal.net

“Courtroom Fiction: Why We Love Books About the Law.” No fee.

Lincoln Library

Contact: Director, Nancy Huntley, 753-4900, ext. 219

Lincoln Library staff members are available to speak about various library services. No fee.

Vachel Lindsay

Contact: Job Conger, 544-6122; jobconger@eosinc.com, writer@eosinc.com

Strange Gold: The Life and Poems of Native Son Vachel Lindsay

Born 1879, his house is an Illinois historic landmark. Many of his poems are recited as the narrative story is shared via voice and acoustic guitar. Presentation includes a description of Vachel Lindsay’s life and many of his poems.

MOTIVATIONAL

Motivational

Contact: Chandan Unchageri, 217-220-0603; chandan@incrediblepublicspeakers.com

Available for motivational speaking, keynotes, humorous speaking and business speaking. He is a recipient of the Distinguished Toastmaster award by Toastmasters International and a lifetime professional member of the National Speakers’ Association and Global Speakers Network.

Recharging our Outlook and Patriotism

Contact: Kevin Pippan, 741-5069; kevinp1387@aol.com

RELIGION

Jews, Judaism & Israel

Contact: Josephine Gon, Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois, (217) 787-7223; sjf@shalomspringfield.org, or jgon@shalomspringfield.org

SAFETY

American Red Cross

Contact: Jamie Davis, 309-222-5838 jamie.davis@redcross.org

Talks for adult groups on disaster preparedness, tornado/flood/fire safety, first aid, domestic and international humanitarian services, services to military families, volunteer programs and how your donation is used. Talks for schools & youth groups on basic first aid, personal hygiene, safety while home alone, and Be Red Cross Ready.

Child Safety Seats (SIU School of Medicine)

Contact: Nancy Kyroutac, 545-9112; nkyrouac@siumed.edu, thinkfirst@siumed.edu

Speaks about the importance of child safety-seats and instructs on proper installation in vehicles.

Crimestoppers (Springfield)

Contact: Michael Badger, 788-8324 or 788-8424; Michael.badger@cwlp.com, cash4tips@warpnet.net.

Information on Crimestoppers and citizen involvement.

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Contact: Community Outreach Specialist, 522-9675; springfield@ic.fbi.gov; Website www.fbi.gov/springfield

Programs on law enforcement include film and speaker. Book at least a month in advance.

Fire Department (Springfield)

Contact: James Price, 788-8492; james.price@cwlp.com, Deputy Chief JC Richmond, 789-2170; JC.Richmond@cwlp.com, City Fire Marshall and Chief of our Fire Safety Division.

Emergency preparedness, tornadoes, hazardous materials, fire safety at home and work.

Law Enforcement, General Safety, Safety for Women, Safety for Seniors.

Contact: Public Information and Safety Education Officer, District 9, Springfield, Trooper Sean Ramsey, 786-7105; sean_ramsey@isp.state.il.us, or darrin_clark@isp.state.il.us.

Talks of safety pertaining to Personal, Home, Mail/email, and Internet issues. Will also entertain and answer a wide variety of law enforcement related topics.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Illinois Capital Region

Contact: Lisa Rakey, Executive Director 753-1216; Fax 753-8449; lrakey@bbbsicr.org; www.bbbscapitalregion.org

Speakers available, with or without video presentation, to discuss various aspects of the process of referring children, becoming a volunteer, matching procedures and the follow-up.

Brother James Court

Bill Kienzle, Development Director, 747-5905; development@brotherjamescourt.com

Speak about the facility and the services provided. Other topics include: Educational Advocacy, What to do when my child is failing in school, Accessing special education services in the public school, and Parental rights provided through IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).

Butler Funeral Homes & Cremation Tribute Center & Roselawn Memorial

Park Contact: 544-4646, Dan Parriott (Advance Planning Specialists/Family Service Director), dbparriott@butlerfuneralhomes.com, or Chris Butler (President), cbutler@butlerfuneralhomes.com

Presentations: Peace of Mind (Advance Planning), Living Legacy (WWII Veterans), Veterans Benefits, Lest They Be Forgotten–Vietnam, WWII, D-Day, Korean War, Guidelines for Catholic Funerals and Open Door Session (The Value of Ceremony), Celebration of Life. Honoring Our Hero's (WWII, Korean War, Vietnam & Memorials in Washington, DC), Let Us Have Peace (Final Resting Places of our Presidents), Old Glory (History of the U.S. Flag)

Central Illinois Foodbank Inc.

Krista Lisser, 522-4022; klisser@centralilfoodbank.org; www.centralilfoodbank.org

A member of Feeding America and United Way, with a mission to feed families within its 21-county service area by collecting food and other products from food processors, grocery stores and individual donors. These items are then distributed to member non-profit organizations (food pantries, churches, homeless shelters, etc.) who in turn see that they go to those in need.

Child Advocacy Center (Sangamon County)

Contact: Christine Lindsey, 522-2241; ChristnL@co.sangamon.il.us

Talks on the mission and purpose of the agency, an overview of the dynamics of child sexual abuse and how we as adults in the community can help make a difference.

Community Child Care Connection Inc.

Contact: phone: 1-800-676-2805; website: www.cccconnect.org; email: info@cccconnect.org

Executive Director: Tiffany Simmons, 1-800-676-2805, ext. 8225; tsimmons@cccconnect.org

Available to speak on child care options for parents, employer child care options for employees, child development issues, discipline, continuous quality improvement, resources for early educators, quality curriculum, observation, assessment, and screening, accreditation and credentialing, community collaboration, kindergarten readiness, professionalism in the workplace, the Child Care Assistance Program, behavioral issues in young children, managing stress, professional development, business practices for the early childhood field, organizational leadership, developing your strengths, supporting families, and the Child Care Resource & Referral System in Illinois.

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

Contact: Jamie Davis, 523-8159, Jamie.Davis@redcross.org, info@girlscouts-gsci.org;

www.getyourgirlpower.org

Building girls' self-esteem, summer opportunities for girls, outdoor education, and girl leadership.

Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry

Contact: Velma Lawson, 971-5467; sangamo51@gmail.com

She is available to talk about the food pantry.

Heifer International

Barb Oakes, Area Volunteer Coordinator, Girard, IL, 217-341-8448; barb470218@gmail.com
A non-profit, non-governmental, humanitarian organization dedicated to ending world hunger and caring for the earth by providing livestock, trees, training and other related resources to help poor families around the globe become self-reliant. Its purpose is to assist low-income families to enable them to raise their standard of living. Available to speak or do information tables at events. Can focus on women's empowerment issues, sustainable food systems, ecology, a particular country/livestock, or social justice issues. Pictures and project information from several countries from four continents, as well as about Heifer.

Inner-City Mission

Contact: Scott Payne, 525-3940; scott@innercitymission.net
Cause and types of homelessness in Sangamon County and the community response.

Land of Lincoln Goodwill Industries

Contact: David Lee, Special Events Manager, 391-7587, ext. 139; David.Lee@llgi.org
Discussion concerning the Goodwill Mission in central Illinois, including employment opportunities for those with barriers to employment, GoodGuides (mentoring program), Career Centers, Vocational Rehabilitation for those with disabilities, GoodwillClean, Donating and Recycling. In addition, can discuss how the retail and donation segment of Goodwill supports the Mission.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight

Contact: Joan Bortolon, 217/585-1219; jmb4604@aol.com or Ray Wiedle, 314/427-2317; arwiedle@sbcglobal.net; www.landoflincolnhonorflight.org
Provides free flights to WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials honoring their service and sacrifice.

Oak Ridge Cemetery

Contact: Mike Lelys, 789-2340; mike.lelys@cwlp.com
Power point presentation entitled *Oak Ridge Cemetery...the Place that Lincoln Loved* that gives a history of the cemetery and its goals for the future.

Parent Place Inc.

Contact: Allissa Hall, Program Coordinator, 753-8730 ext. 102; theparentplace@comcast.net, or Bridgett Burke, Executive Director, 753-8730 ext. 101; www.tppos.org.
Teaching Positive Parenting by providing parenting classes and support groups offering parents the information they need to respond to stressful or crisis situations; by strengthening and improving parenting skills that lead to happier, healthier families and a safer, more stable community in which children can grow and learn; by equipping parents with skills necessary to nurture and discipline children in a way that fosters positive development of the next generation.

Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault (formerly RICS)

Contact: Shelley Vaughan, 744-2560; development@prairiecasa.org.
Speakers address issues concerning crimes of sexual assault, myths and facts that surround sexual assault, prevention and treatment of child sexual abuse. Two weeks advanced notice needed.

Right to Life (Springfield)

Contact: 217-523-2700, srtl@sbcglobal.net

Presentations on virtually any topic touching the issues of abortion, euthanasia and the respect of all human life.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois

Contact: Johanna Moll, Development & Communications Coordinator, 528-3314 x148; jm@rmhc-centralillinois.org

Talks that features what the charity does, how it makes a difference to the families who stay there, and ways you can help. Find more information on our website.

Rutledge Youth Foundation

Contact: Mollie Buchanan, Shanelle Letcher, or Marty Michelson, 525-7757;

ExDirector@rutledgeyouthfoundation.com

Talks on the agency's history, a description of the kids it serves and current programs geared toward helping young people.

Senior Services of Central Illinois

Contact: Karen Schainker, 528-4035; kschainker@ssoci.org

Talks on senior citizen programs and services, retirement planning and counseling, abuse of older people, nursing home screening and in-home services.

Third Age Living

Contact: Catherine Spannagel, 757-6620; catherine.spannagel@hshs.org

Third Age Living is a program committed to senior citizens and their loved ones. Third Age Living has opportunities for learning through: Health Education, AARP Smart Driver, Senior Health Insurance Program, Caregiver Interfaith Volunteer Services and a Family Caregiver Resource Center for Sangamon and Logan Counties. Presentations available at your location upon request.

United Way of Central Illinois

Contact: Katrina Schroeder, 726-7000; kschroeder@uwcil.org

Speakers available on community and volunteer work.

Urban League (Springfield)

Contact: Angela Harris, 789-0830, ext. 1114; aharris@springfieldul.org

Programs covering health, education, fitness, self protection, and anti-racism issues; directed to low income members of the community.

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