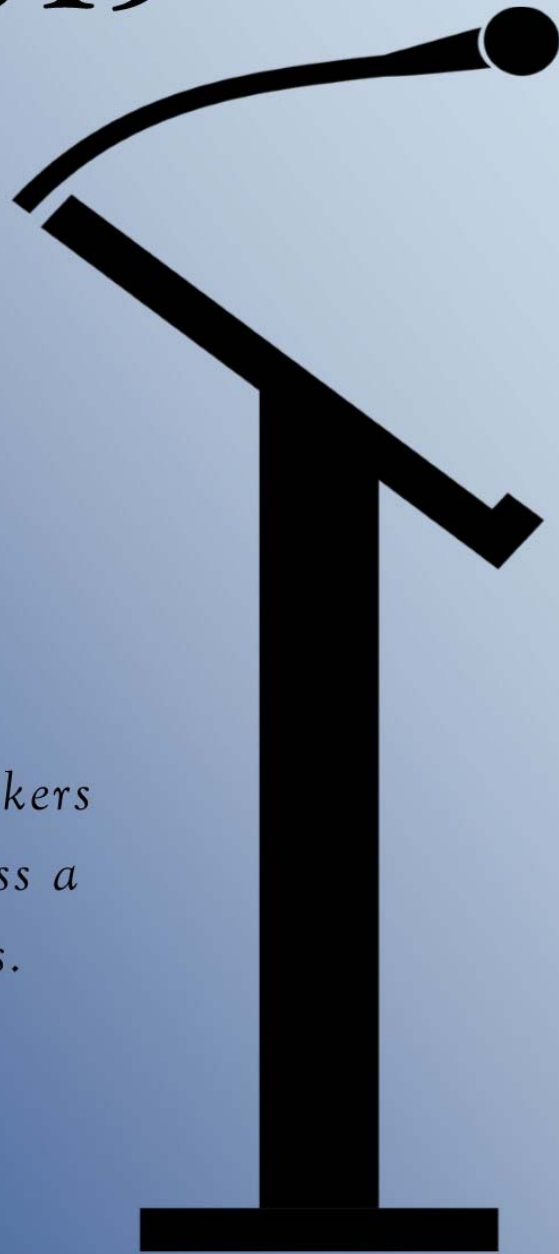


Speakers List 2019



*A list of area speakers
available to discuss a
variety of topics.*

Lincoln Library's 2019 Speakers List

This list is provided as a public service. Lincoln library does not endorse speakers or organizations listed.

List Users: If you have any questions, or if you find any information that appears to be incorrect (disconnected telephone number, person no longer available for presentations), please contact Ann Hobbs at 753-4900, ext. 5627 or ann.hobbs@lincolnlibrary.info.

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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.

Bright Star Equestrian Centre

Contact: Jen McCormick, or Will Dean at 217-652-9543; jen@brightstarequestriancentre.com

Available to share how horses are being used as an integrated therapeutic tool for people with disabilities including autism, cerebral palsy, ADHD, PTSD and more.

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.

UIS Performing Arts Center

Contact: Bryan Rives, Director of UIS Performing Arts Services, (217) 206-6150, brive4@uis.edu

Available to speak with groups about then UIS Performing Arts Center (Sangamon Auditorium), upcoming events, the process on how shows are scheduled, behind-the-scenes facility tours for your group, etc.

Volunteering at UIS Performing Arts Center

Contact: Dwight Vaught, House Manager, (217) 206-8289, dvaug5@uis.edu

Available to speak with groups about opportunities to volunteer at the Performing Arts Center (Sangamon Auditorium) as part of the 200+ person usher team. Note that volunteer opportunities require in-site training and year-long commitments to work multiple events.

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; jim@alternativeteaching.org; www.alternativeteaching.org

Workshops for parents or professionals working with children who have moderate to severe disruptive behaviors. Provides concrete, practical interventions for parents, teachers, therapists, residential staff and others that work with children and adolescents with behavioral issues. Sliding fee scale.

Capitol Area Career Center

Contact: 529-5431, info@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.

A Working Theory on Souls and the Afterlife

Contact: Len Lieberman 217/553-7926, len.lieberman@comcast.net

Merging science and religion is a personal hobby. A few years ago a theory emerged about what souls are and where heaven is, functioning as a repository until the end of days. Agree or disagree, the presentation will get you thinking.

Kidzeum of Health and Science

Contact: Rachael Thomson, (217) 971-4435, info@kidzeum.org or the_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: Laurel Bretz, Director of Community Education, Lincoln Land Community College, 786-2432; laurel.bretz@llcc.edu

Community Education: Academy of Lifelong Learning, Community Learning, Culinary Institute, College For Kids, and Elderhostel/Road Scholar.

Lincoln Land Community College

Contact: Rose Raikes, 786.2218; llccnews@llcc.edu

Presentations on various topics by expert faculty and professionals are available.

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, 217-317-0669; sixteentons@yahoo.com

Talks on the history of coal mining in Illinois, the development of collective bargaining, and the writing of his three epic historical novels *Sundown Town*, *Sixteen Tons* and its sequel *Throw Out the Water*..

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Financial Planning

Contact: Steven Koch, CFP, Private Wealth Advisor, 787-

2435; steven.r.koch@ampf.com; www.stevenrkoach.com, or Jennifer Sylvia,

CRPC, jennifer.j.sylvia@ampf.com, Financial Advisor, Ameriprise Financial, 2621 Montega, Suite A, Springfield, 62704. Presentation topics include financial planning, securing a confident

retirement, investments, estate planning, tax savings, saving for college and financial concerns for women. 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

With growing concerns about climate change and food safety, farmers continuously improve how they raise food and protect the environment. This presentation, using pig farming as a case study, demonstrates how a commitment to doing things better has achieved one the most significant evolutions in food safety, nutrition and environmental stewardship in the last 55 years. The presentation demonstrates that farmers are among our country's original environmentalists.

Alzheimer's Association

Contact: 726-.5184, klane@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.

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.

HCI Alternatives, a medical cannabis dispensary

Contact: Christine Karhliker, Community Outreach Coordinator; 217-679-3283x

130 springfield@hcillinois.com

Available to speak with groups regarding the Illinois Medical Cannabis Pilot Program (MCP) and the Opioid Alternative Pilot Program (OAPP). Offering education on the programs, the law, the products and the patient experience. We have an outreach center in Springfield and can host up to 50 people or can come to you.

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, Office of Marketing and Communications

Contact: Steve Sandstrom, 545-5616; ssandstrom@siumed.edu, pr@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.

HISTORY/TRAVEL/POLITICS

What's New at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum?

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

New things are always happening at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Join Dr. Samuel Wheeler, the State Historian of Illinois, to hear about the newest additions to the collection, the new exhibits that have opened and the ones in the works, as well as upcoming programs.

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 900 interviews on a wide variety of topics. The program's top priorities include Illinois politics, agriculture, veterans, religious leaders, 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 or politicians 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 in Popular Culture

Contact: Christian McWhirter, 217-785-9132; christian.mcwhirter@illinois.gov.

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.

History; Sangamon County

Contact: Mike Kienzler, 217-303-9379, mkienzler@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 1000 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, and "Domestic Servants in 19th Century Springfield." Fee for evenings and weekends.

Judaism & Jewish History

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

Lincoln and his Generals

Contact: Christian McWhirter, 217-785-9132, christian.mcwhirter@illinois.gov

The path to Union victory was a rocky one and Lincoln played a critical role as command-in-chief of all Union forces. A lawyer by trade with little military experience of his own, Lincoln faced his new role with enough humility to know his limitations but also with the authority required to carry his position. Nowhere was this more evident than in Lincoln's relationship with his generals, as he worked with them (and sometimes against them) to shape the Union war effort, both in terms of strategy but also the political elements of war, especially the role of slavery. In this way, Lincoln grew into the role and became an integral part of the command structure that eventually defeated the Confederacy.

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.

Music in the Life of Lincoln

Contact: Christian McWhirter, 217-785-9132, christian.mcwhirter@illinois.gov

We know Lincoln was an avid reader and theatergoer, but it is less well known that Lincoln loved music. Furthermore, Lincoln's life coincided with the rise of the American music industry and he was an avid consumer of music. Indeed, Lincoln loved music of all kinds, having little regard for whether or not it was deemed "high" or "low" culture, although he certainly had favorite genres and songs. Once he became president, he became not only a consumer of music, but also one of its subjects and remains so to this day.

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

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

Presentation includes: Ten principles on how to build trust between police and communities of color, ten rules and strategies for citizens to follow to successfully manage a traffic encounter if stopped by the police, and history of black U.S. Marshals and their role in the civil rights movement.

Sangamon County Historical Society

Contact: Vicky Whitaker, 217-525-1961, schsoffice@gmail.com. Provides speakers and PowerPoint presentations on a variety of subjects such as the history of communications in Sangamon County, the history of transportation in Sangamon County, and the Sangamon Ordnance plant as well as programs on the people, issues and events culled from our on-line and searchable encyclopedia of county history, SangamonLink.org.

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.

St. John's Hospital Home Health Department

Contact: Linda.Leinberger@hshs.org, 217/525-5641, www.st-johns.org/homehealth

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

Springfield Clinic

Contact: Zach Kerker, 217-528-7541, ext. 15102; zkerker@springfieldclinic.com

Speakers available on a variety of health care subjects.

LAW

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: 753-4900

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

Take Me Out to the Ballgame.

Contact Stuart Shiffman 546 3710 or msshiffman74@sbcglobal.net

A presentation on books about baseball both fact and fiction. No fee.

Vachel Lindsay

Contact: Job Conger, 544-6122; 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: Nancy Sage, Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois, (217) 787-7223; sjf@shalomspringfield.org, ornsage@shalomspringfield.org

SAFETY

American Red Cross serving south central Illinois

Contact: Jamie Beaver, 309-222-5838 jamie.beaver@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.

Be Smart Presentation

Contact: Martha Plog, 793-2509, marplog@comcast.net

Martha can speak about the Be Smart initiative that was created by *Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America*. The presentation is nonpolitical. It focuses on how to prevent children from gaining access to guns in the home, how to ask others about the presence of guns in their home, describes responsible behavior around guns and how to recognize warning signs for suicide. It is appropriate for all adults who are concerned about kids, guns and safety, regardless if they are gun owners or not.

Child Safety Seats (SIU School of Medicine)

Contact: Nancy Kyrouac, 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: Matthew Goulet, 788-8324 ; matthew.goulet@springfield.il.us, cash4tips@warpsnet.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: Captain Jim Price, 788-8492; james.price@springfield.il.us , Fire Prevention Officer & Senior Public Safety Educator, Contact: Division Chief J Chris Richmond, 789-2170; jc.richmond@springfield.il.us , City Fire Marshal
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 Mark_Gillock@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

Sean Moser , 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).

Advance Planning

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), Acute Loss Period (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.

Ashley Earnest, 522-4022; aearnest@centralilfoodbank.org; www.centralilfoodbank.org

Central Illinois Foodbank, established in 1982, distributes 9 million pounds of food annually to over 160 food pantries, soup kitchens, residential programs and after-school programs in a 21-county region. Central Illinois Foodbank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger relief organization. The mission of the Foodbank is to provide food, and develop awareness of and creative solutions for food insecurity.

Community Connection Point

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

Interim Executive Director: Erica Romines, 1-800-676-2805, ext. 8318; ERomines@ccpoint.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, the Child Care Assistance Program, professional development, business practices for the early childhood field, 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 Available to talk about the food pantry.

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County

Contact: Colleen Stone 217-523-2710 x212; executivedirector@habitatsangamon.com

Informational sessions about how Habitat transforms our community, one house at a time. Discussion includes information about programs available for low income families and how to volunteer.

King's Daughters Organization

Contact: Colleen Stone 217-523-27210 x212; executivedirector@habitatsangamon.com

Learn about the rich history of KDO serving seniors since 1893 in Sangamon County.

ICARE – Project Advocate (long term care ombudsman program)

Contact: Megan Jizmagian, 217-523-8419 ext. 10; admin@icare.ws

Available to speak about the Ombudsman Program who advocates for resident rights, quality care, and dignified lives within Long Term Care Facilities. Long Term Care Facilities include Skilled Nursing Homes, Assisted Livings, Supportive Livings, Shelter Care, and ICF-DD homes for the Developmentally Disabled.

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: Patrick Anderson, VP Marketing & Communications, 217-789-0400 or patrick.anderson@llgi.org

Discussion concerning the Goodwill Mission in central Illinois, including employment opportunities for those with barriers to employment, GoodGuides (mentoring program), Career Centers, VetLink, Vocational Rehabilitation for those with disabilities, Donating and Recycling. In addition, can discuss how the retail and donation segment of Goodwill supports our Mission.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight

Contact: Joan Bortolon, 217/585-1219; 217 652 4719; jmb4604@aol.com or Steve Wheeler, 217-473-2540; smwelr_llhf@aol.com

Provides a free one-day trip to Washington DC to WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans to visit memorials honoring their service and sacrifice.

Oak Ridge Cemetery

Contact: Mike Lelys, 789-2340; mike.lelys@springfield.il.us

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: Allaina Blackwell, Development & Communications Coordinator, 528-3314 x148; ab@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.

The Salvation Army

Contact: Captain Jeff Eddy or Captain Erin Eddy, 217-525-

2196; jeff.eddy@usc.salvationarmy.org, erin.eddy@usc.salvationarmy.org

Available to speak with groups about the Salvation Army's current programs and activities, including its work with homeless issues, sports programs for adults and youth, after-school program, food pantry, Christmas outreach, volunteer opportunities and The Salvation Army Church.

Senior Services of Central Illinois

Contact: Carol Harms, 528-4035; c.harms@ssoci.org

Available to speak with groups about the wide variety of activities, programs, and services offered to individuals ages 50 and better in Sangamon, Logan, Mason, and Menard counties. Some of the services offered include Activities and Programs to help combat social isolation, Daily Bread meal delivery, Elder Assistance Services, Illinois Senior Olympics, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Senior Transport, Springfield Meals on Wheels, Volunteer Money Management, and more.

United Way of Central Illinois

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

Speakers available on community and volunteer work.

Springfield Urban League

Contact: Marlin Hollis, 789-0830, ext. 1105; mhollis@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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