



SPEAKERS BUREAU

*THE LIFE OF MARY TODD LINCOLN

Was the wife of our 16th President a hellcat or a helpmate? We will hear about her childhood, years in the White House, and insanity trial.

THE STORY OF THE U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS

Discover the real story behind one of the greatest naval disasters in U.S. history.

THE WRIGHT BROTHERS

The brothers who grew from bicycle shop tinkerers to the aviation innovators who made Dayton First in Flight.

UPSTAIRS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

An insider's look behind closed doors of America's First Families from Roosevelt to Nixon.

WALT DISNEY: THE MAN AND HIS VISION

One man's vision became the world's delight.

WINTER HOLIDAYS

From Christmas to Kwanzaa, cozy up and explore the unique history of winter's major (and minor) holidays.

XENIA TORNADO

On April 3, 1974 an F-5 tornado tore through the heart of Xenia. It was part of a 'super outbreak' of 148 twisters that struck the Midwest, leaving Xenia the hardest hit.

TECHNOLOGY

Programs are available on these subjects:
(all run 1 hr.)

INTRODUCTION TO EBAY™

INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY

ONLINE JOB SEARCHING STRATEGIES

eBOOKS MADE EASY

INTRO TO ONLINE SOCIAL NETWORKING

BRAINHQ (runs approx. 40 min.)



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NEED A SPEAKER FOR YOUR NEXT BUSINESS, CIVIC OR COMMUNITY GROUP?

Consider one of these engaging programs presented by staff members from Washington-Centerville Public Library. There are a variety of topics to appeal to everyone.

UNIQUE PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

(All programs run between 35-45 min. Those with an * asterisk also have 15-minute versions.)

A SENSE OF THE WORLD

Hear the incredible story of James Holman, a prolific traveler and world explorer. He was also intermittently crippled and permanently blind.

AGING WITH HUMOR

Laugh along as we present the lighter side of growing older.

ALFRED HITCHCOCK AND HIS FILMS

Take a behind-the-scenes peek at the films from the Master of Suspense!

AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS

America's natural treasures—did you know we have one in our very own state?

AND HE LIVED TO TELL: THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF LOUIS ZAMPERINI

Be inspired by the story of Louis "Louie" Zamperini—juvenile delinquent, Olympic runner, POW, and World War II hero.

ANNIE OAKLEY: LITTLE SURE SHOT

Rising from a hardscrabble life, sharpshooter Annie Oakley is the pride of Darke County.

BEAUTIFUL JIM KEY: THE WORLD'S SMARTEST HORSE

Wonder at the remarkable story of a horse who could debate politics, count, spell, and act the part of a prankster.

*CHARLES M. SCHULZ AND THE PEANUTS GANG

Get to know the cartoonist from early childhood through his formative years, and how he created some of the most beloved characters of our time including Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Woodstock, Lucy, and more!

To book one of the listed programs, please contact the Outreach Services Coordinator at 937-610-4429 or ddockins@wclibrary.info

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***DAYTON'S FIRST FAMILIES OF PIZZA**

Learn the 'secrets' behind thin crust, edge-to-edge toppings, bite-sized squares, and the Daytonians who made our favorite pizzas.

DAYTON: GEM OF THE MIDWEST

Stepping back in time to the people, places, and innovations of the Gem City.

DESTINY OF THE REPUBLIC

Hear the fascinating story of James A. Garfield's meteoric rise from poverty to U.S. Presidency and his tragic end at the hands of deranged assassin Charles Guiteau.

***ERMA BOMBECK: A CELEBRATION OF LAUGHTER**

Prepare to smile as you learn more about our beloved hometown humorist Erma Bombeck.

FIRST MOTHERS

Explore the lives of 13 women who raised their sons to achieve the greatest office in the land—the Presidency of the United States.

FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS

Get to know the six flagraisers in the famous photograph taken at the battle of Iwo Jima.

FUN WITH BOARD GAMES

Learn the origins of many popular board games while taking a trip back to your childhood favorites!

GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66

Take a fun trip on Route 66 and discover historical places, beautiful landscapes, and zany oddities!

HAUNTED AMERICA

America has a haunted past... venture into her spookiest locales.

HAUNTED OHIO

Take a creepy jaunt with us to some of Ohio's haunted spots.

HEROES OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

We pay our respects to four very special heroes from the Miami Valley, two of whom were awarded the Medal of Honor.

KATHARINE, THE WRIGHT SISTER

Katharine, the younger (and only) sister of the Wright Brothers, was a pioneer all on her own!

LINCOLN, THE RAIL SPLITTER YEARS

Hear about Abraham Lincoln, from his youth living in hardscrabble Kentucky and Indiana, to his early years in Illinois before he ran for political office.

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MAKE 'EM LAUGH

A nostalgic profile at some of our favorite, classic comedians including Dick Van Dyke, Tim Conway, Lucille Ball, and Carol Burnett.

MEMORY LANE TRIVIA

is an interactive program available for certain groups. Please phone for more information.

MUSICALS: FROM BROADWAY TO HOLLYWOOD

A portrait of the American musical from Hollywood to Broadway including movie and stage musicals and the people who brought them to life.

NORMAN ROCKWELL'S AMERICA

The beauty of America, as painted by Norman Rockwell, one of America's most beloved artists.

OHIO: CRADLE OF THE PRESIDENTS

Ohio claims eight U.S. Presidents. Hear more about their lives and years in the White House.

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT: THE WEIRD AND WACKY LIFE OF ROBERT RIPLEY

This eccentric cartoonist created Ripley's Believe It or Not and grew it into a multi-million dollar empire that exists today.

TAKING A TOUR AROUND OHIO

Travel the byways of our wonderful state which is so rich in history and full of many wonderful things to see and do!

THE BEATLES: 'CAN'T BUY ME LOVE'

Stroll down memory lane as you follow the band from its beginning stanza to its final note. And enjoy listening to some of The Beatles' greatest songs!

THE BOOK OF KELLS

Learn about "the most beautiful book ever written" from its origins, theft, art, and significance.

***THE ESTHER PRICE STORY**

Discover the sweet backstory of one of Dayton's own hometown favorites!

THE GREAT DAYTON FLOOD OF 1913

The Great Dayton Flood was a catastrophe that hit our area in 1913. Learn about the events that led up to that flood, and the aftermath.

THE HISTORY OF WITCHCRAFT

Delve into European witchcraft and learn more about 16th and 17th century practices and assumptions about this magical part of history.