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{mosimage} **Rock Island Public Library Hosts 75th Anniversary Celebration of Talking Books: An Intergenerational Event** **Roc k Island, Illinois**

– Childhood memories last a lifetime. A program at the Rock Island Public Library in downtown Rock Island is designed to help the memories last longer.

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Dr. Sandra Harmon, guest curator of the McLean County Museum of History exhibit, *Journey through the Great Depression*

, will present a program entitled “Children of the Great Depression.” She will discuss the favorite

toys, games, and pastimes of seniors who were children in the 1930’s, as related in oral histories collected by the museum.

The traveling event celebrates the 75

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anniversary of the Library of Congress National Service Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, created in 1931 by an act of Congress. A video, using sounds and images from the 1930s, commemorates the anniversary and sets the mood of the 1930's era prior to Dr. Harmon's presentation.

Following Harmon's presentation and the video, children of today and children of the 1930's who are in the audience will compete for prizes playing "Thirties Trivia."

The competition will encourage sharing of childhood memories and promote inter-generational learning.

Refreshments will be served by the Rock Island Public Library. The program is free of charge and open to the public.

The traveling event is sponsored jointly by Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center, McLean County Museum of History, Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service, Alliance Library System, Bloomington Public Library, and Normal Public Library.

The Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center is part of a state and national network of libraries serving the print-disabled.

Anyone who is not comfortable reading regular-size print is eligible to receive free reading material

, in recorded, downloadable, or Braille format, from the Talking Book program. Applications are available via the Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center's website:

www.mitbc.org

or by calling 1-800-426-0709.

Websites:

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