

Rock Island Library Events for Adults Mix Learning, Culture, Illinois History

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Rock Island, IL- Whatever your interest, there's probably an adult program for it this fall at the Rock Island Public Library. The list of free programs for late September and October ranges from genealogy education to the history of African-American miners in Illinois.

Researching Your Family Tree: Thursday, Sept. 26, 2:30 to 3:30 pm, Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th

Street Curious to research your family history but not sure where to start? The Rock Island County Genealogical Society can help! The hour-long session will help participants get their research started. The event repeats on

Oct. 8

from 6:00 to 7:00 pm,
also at the Main Library.

Irena Sendler: Angel of the Warsaw Ghetto. Tuesday, Oct. 1st, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th

Street. As a Polish Catholic social worker during WWII, Irena Sendler risked her life to save others. With ingenuity, calmness and courage, she was responsible for rescuing 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto. Irena never thought of herself as hero, and said she simply did what needed to be done, and followed her heart. In this 60-minute performance and question and answer session, Actress Judy Winnick will portray this extraordinary woman. Event presented in partnership with the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities.

Getting Started with Computers, Monday, Oct. 7, 11:00 am to noon, Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th Street. If you've never

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used a computer before or just not comfortable with one, this is the class for you! This one-hour class starts with the very basic lessons on computers and how to start using them. Registration is required – space is limited. Call the Rock Island Library's Reference Desk, 732-7341, to sign up. No computer skills are required.

Uprisings: Illinois Miners Revolt! Wednesday, Oct. 9th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th Street. Illinois Road Scholar Rosemary Feurer will discuss the role of miners throughout the state, incorporating the lost history of African-American miners, and the first successful miners uprising in 1897-1898. Also, learn how downstate miners during 1894-1935 created an oppositional culture that led to an uprising against their union, mining corporations, and state and federal officials. This program is made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily reflect those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Library How-To: Download Music, Thursday, Oct. 10th, 2:00 to 3:00 pm, Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th Street. Learn how to use the Library's music service, to download music to your computer and personal devices. Participants must have a Rock Island, Bettendorf, Davenport, or Sherrard District Library card to use Freegal.

Getting Started with the Internet, Tuesday, Oct. 15th, 11:00 am to noon, Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th Street. This class will help you to use the Internet more effectively. Learn about some of the Library's databases, search engines, and how to move around online. Reservation is required – space is limited. Call the Rock Island Library's Reference Desk, [309-732-7341](tel:309-732-7341), to register. Keyboarding and mouse skills required.

All of the above events are free and open to the public.

For more events at Rock Island Library, visit the library website at www.rockislandlibrary.org, follow the library on Facebook or Twitter, or call [309-732-7323](tel:309-732-7323) (READ).

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