



SPEAKERS BUREAU

GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66

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

THE GREAT DAYTON FLOOD OF 1913

The Greater Dayton Flood was catastrophic. Learn about the events that led up to that day, and the aftermath.

OHIO: CRADLE OF THE PRESIDENTS

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

THE STORY OF THE U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS

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

TAKING A TOUR AROUND OHIO

Travel the byways of our wonderful state! Ohio has many unique destinations to explore.

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.

FUN/HUMOR:

AGING WITH HUMOR

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

FUN WITH BOARD GAMES

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

MAKE 'EM LAUGH

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

To book one of the listed programs, please contact the Outreach Services Coordinator at 937-610-4435 or outreach@wclibrary.info

NEED A SPEAKER FOR YOUR NEXT MEETING?

Consider scheduling a guest presenter from the library. With over 40 presentations that span art, history, culture, and humor, you're sure to find a topic that suits your group.

Programs run between 30-45 minutes and can be scheduled at either of our Library locations. Those with an * asterisk have a 15 minute version available as well.

Community groups are welcome to book off-site if they are within a 10 mile radius of either branch. A minimum of 5 people are required to attend.

ARTS:

ALFRED HITCHCOCK AND HIS FILMS

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

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.

*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!

THE LOUVRE AND ITS ART

Explore the history of this national art museum in Paris and the extensive collections of art it holds.

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.

CULTURE:

AGATHA CHRISTIE: THE QUEEN OF THE MYSTERY NOVEL

Perhaps the world's most famous mystery writer and one of the best-selling novelists of all time.

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.

THE CURIOUS CASE OF OSCAR SLATER

In 1909, Oscar Slater was sent to prison for murder. There was only one problem: he didn't do it. Can YOU solve The Curious Case of Oscar Slater?

***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.

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.

***THE ESTHER PRICE STORY**

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

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.

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.

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!

***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.

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.

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A CAGED BIRD

Explore the life and work of one of Dayton's most influential poets.

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.

A SENSE OF THE WORLD

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

WALT DISNEY: THE MAN AND HIS VISION

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

THE WRIGHT BROTHERS

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

HISTORY:

AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS

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

THE BILTMORE: AMERICA'S LARGEST HOME

Come along with us and discover the Biltmore: George Vanderbilt's estate with its French Renaissance Chateau, colorful gardens, and award winning winery.

DAYTON: GEM OF THE MIDWEST

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

FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS

Learn about the six men who rose the flag during the battle of Iwo Jima.