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# ICLRU 2024 Winter Lecture Series

**PLEASE NOTE: All lectures will be on the  
Schaumburg Campus in Alumni Hall (Room 155)  
Friday's - 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM  
There will also be an option to view them on Zoom.**

**ICLRU Members:**

**Please register for a lecture only if you  
plan to attend it.**

**If you register and find you cannot attend, please  
notify the ICLRU Office as soon as possible.**

**Please register by December 22, 2023.**

**Please register online if possible.**

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# ICLRU 2024 Winter Lecture Series

**Date of Lecture: Jan 12, 2024**

**Name of Lecturer: Clarence Goodwin**

**Title: Four Stars, Two Stripes, One Vision: Milestones of Chicago History**

Self-styled musician/historian/artist Clarence Goodman is a Chicago native who has explored every corner of the Windy City and its amazing history. Originally planning on a life as a teacher, college found him dropping out for a while to pursue music as a profession, which led to other paths...and other paths and still other paths. Though his body was elsewhere, his spirit was still in Chicagoland, and his love for his hometown and eventual return to it has proven to be a blessing by way of an “accidental” career. This began quite innocently when the director of a retirement community asked him if he knew of anyone who could come in and speak to the residents about Chicago History. The rest, as they say, is indeed history.



Four Stars, Two Stripes, One Vision: Milestones of Chicago History is a fascinating chronological telling of Our Town’s historic milestones, events, and personalities in accordance with our beautiful flag.

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**Date of Lecture: January 19, 2024**

**Name of Lecturer: John LeGear**

**Title: “Movie Music Romance”**



John LeGear is a retired marketing communications specialist who dedicated 40 years to building and promoting national not-for-profit organizations in the fields of education, healthcare, and athletics. Schooled in Journalism and broadcast communications with a bachelor’s degree from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, John is a regular presenter at libraries throughout northern Illinois.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to experience dozens of the most artfully created movie scenes, love songs, and dance tandems ever seen on the silver screen all in one sitting? Movie Music Romance is just such an experience, a compilation of 23 classic songs and dances from among the finest in film history. It’s a journey through lyrical splendor that is sure to warm your heart and bring back happy memories.

# ICLRU 2024 Winter Lecture Series

**Date of Lecture: Jan 26, 2024**

**Name of Lecturer: Illinois Attorney General Office**

**Title: Don't Be a Scam Artist Victim**



Far too often, scam artists perceive senior citizens as vulnerable and relatively wealthy due to their ability to access retirement accounts and pensions. As a result, seniors are a frequent target of a wide range of consumer fraud scams. While the Illinois Attorney General team works to protect all Illinois seniors by taking legal action against those who prey on seniors, your best defense is awareness and avoidance of scams.



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**Date of Lecture: Feb 2, 2024**

**Name of Lecturer: Debra Ann Miller**

**Title: Mrs. Lincoln's Salon**

Mrs. Lincoln's Salon takes place in her Blue Room on April 4th, 1865. Mr. Lincoln and their youngest son Tad are at City Point. Robert, their eldest, is with General Grant in pursuit of Robert E Lee, and Mary is alone in the Executive Mansion. The audience is invited to reminisce with Mrs. Lincoln about her childhood, her days in Springfield and her children as she celebrates Tad's 12th birthday and the end of the Civil War. Drawing from her own letters to friends, family and political figures of the era, Mrs. Lincoln's Salon paints a picture of Mary Lincoln that is both sympathetic and truthful.

Debra Miller is a professional actress, vocalist and voice-over talent with over 30 years of experience as a performer for live audiences, television, and film. Debra has balanced her career between commercial and educational theater since graduating from Michigan State University's Department of Theater in 1985.

# ICLRU 2024 Winter Lecture Series

**Date of Lecture: Feb 9, 2024**

**Name of Lecturers: Kate Neihoff and Magan Szwerek,  
Schaumburg Township Library**

**Title: Libraries in the 21st Century – Opportunities and  
Challenges**

Kate Neihoff is Schaumburg Library's Director of Community Engagement and Partnerships. Magan Szwerek is Schaumburg Library's Reference Services Director. Both are deeply knowledgeable about public libraries and the issues they face.



Many of us spent lots of time in our youth at our local library, sitting in a quiet place surrounded by shelves of books. Libraries today are attempting to address a much wider range of needs in an environment that is often much more technologically, culturally, and politically diverse. Kate and Magan will discuss how the Schaumburg Library and libraries in general are working to address opportunities and challenges. They will also address the training that today's librarians undergo to prepare for their roles.



**Date of Lecture: Feb 16, 2024**

**Name of Lecturer: Nancy McCully**

**Title: Autumn in the Smoky Mountains**

Nancy McCully holds a bachelor's degree in history from Northwestern University and a master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois. She has worked in numerous academic, corporate, and public libraries, and has served on the Steering Committee of the regional Adult Reading Round Table.

Nancy will share the Smoky Mountains covered in beautiful fall foliage. Discover how the national park developed, explore things to see and do on a visit, and learn about the animals and plants living in the park.

# ICLRU 2024 Winter Lecture Series

**Date of Lecture: Feb 23, 2024**

**Name of Lecturer: Steve Darnall**

**Title: Radio and the Great American Songbook**



Steve Darnall is a writer whose credits include the Chicago Tribune, Marvel Comics and the National Radio Hall of Fame. He currently hosts two radio shows dedicated to the "Golden Age" of radio: Those Were the Days (heard Saturdays on WDCB-FM) and Radio's Golden Age (heard Sundays on KXEL-AM) and is the publisher and editor of the nationally distributed publication Nostalgia Digest (available at [nostalgia digest.com](http://nostalgia digest.com))

Join writer and radio historian Steve Darnall for a look at how radio helped to shape that body of work known as "The Great American Songbook," by giving a generation of composers the chance to share their talents on a nationwide stage. This presentation features rare audio clips of radio performances by Irving Berlin, Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, Cole Porter and many other songwriters!



**Date of Lecture: March 1, 2024**

**Name of Lecturer: Dr. Mitch Pickerill**

**Title: The Political Landscape in 2024**

Mitch Pickerill comes recommended by Artemus Ward, our well regarded political speaker from year's past. He will share his views on the state of the elections in 2024. Hold tight to your seat in this roller coaster ride.

Mitchell J. (Mitch) Pickerill is Department Chair and a professor in the Department of Political Science at Northern Illinois University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, his J.D. from Indiana University (Bloomington) and his B.A. from Purdue University. Prior to coming to NIU, he was assistant and associate professor in the Department of Political Science at Washington State University. His teaching and research interests include American politics, law and courts, and the relationship between the Supreme Court and the other branches of government.

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