


2017 Illinois World War One Commemoration Events/Activities (Sept.-Dec.)

SEPTEMBER	<p>2 - 4 The Nineteenth Annual Prairieland Chautauqua presents "America and the Great War"</p> <p>2 4 p.m.: Chris McDonald "Birth of the Modern War: WWI in 45 Minutes"</p> <p>5 p.m.: Justin Rexrode "Sergeant York and the Great War"</p> <p>7 p.m.: Dane Coffman "Pershing: To Build an Army"</p> <p>8 p.m.: Sherri Mitchell "Ellen La Motte, the Backwash of War"</p> <p>3 4 p.m.: Amy McDonald "Look for the Silver Lining: Songs of the Era"</p> <p>5 p.m.: Kess Roberson "Jim Europe and the Hellfighters" (CONT.)</p> <p>7 p.m.: Chris Vallillo "Carl Sandburg and the New Century"</p> <p>8 p.m.: Judd Bankert "Woodrow Wilson: The War to End All Wars"</p> <p>4 4 p.m.: Walter Metz "Not So Quiet on the Western Front"</p> <p>5 p.m.: Barry Cloyd "Over There in Story and Song"</p> <p>7 p.m.: Paul Asaro "From Ragtime to Jazz"</p> <p>8 p.m.: Adam Lundquist "Teddy Roosevelt: Embrace the American Spirit"</p>	<p>First Christian Church (2106 S. Main St. Jacksonville)</p>
	<p>9 University Club Discussion Hour: The War to End All Wars: Poetry and Painting from the Front</p> <p>Dr. JoAnna Stephens Mink, Professor Emerita of English, Minnesota State University, will present a talk entitled, "The War to End All Wars: Poetry and Painting from the Front." "The Poetry is in the pity [of War], wrote Wilfred Owen, one of Britain's foremost poets during World War I. Dr. Mink's presentation traces the change in attitude towards the war through the words and paintings of poets and artists who served at The Front from 1914 through 1918. Their words and images transcend the horror of this event and resonate with today's audience.</p>	<p>Illinois State University (Normal) Bone Student Center (University Club – Founders Suite) 4:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>11 The History of Evergreen Cemetery & Annual Cemetery Walk</p> <p>Presented by Candace Summers, this program will provide an introduction to the people being featured during the 2017 Walk. These people all played a part in the World War I war effort, whether at home or abroad.</p>	<p>Bloomington Public Library (Bloomington) 7:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>16 In the Outdoors: 100 Years in the Trenches</p>	<p>Atwood Park (Rockford) 1:00 – 3:00</p>
	<p>16 From the Home Front to the Battle Front Exhibition (Grand Opening)</p> <p>Commemorating the centennial of the United States entering the First World War, this exhibit looks at the stories of service, sacrifice, and</p>	<p>Oak Park River Forest History Museum</p>

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	<p>23 Here Come the Doughboys! Tracing Your WWI Military Ancestors Workshop</p> <p>Learn strategies and resources for researching your WWI military ancestors with sessions on service records, nursing and alien naturalization files.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reconstructing Your Soldier's WWI Experience</i> with Tina Beaird 9:30 am – 11 am • <i>I Have My Ancestor's WWI Record – Now What?</i> With Debra Dudek 11:30 am – 12:30 pm • <i>The Spirit of St. Louis: WWI Records at the NPRC</i> with Tina Beaird 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm • <i>Allied with the Allies & Aliens in the Army</i> with Debra Dudek 2:45 – 3:45 pm • <i>Pandemic 1918: Combating the Spanish Influenza During the Great War</i> with Tina Beaird 4 pm – 5 pm <p>-----</p> <p>This program will be available as a free streaming webinar on YouTube! Visit fountaindale.org/youtube. A recording of each session will be available for free for three years on YouTube.</p> <p>This program is part of World War I and America, a two-year national initiative of The Library of America presented in partnership with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from The National Endowment for the Humanities.</p>	<p>Fountaindale Public Library (Bolingbrook) Meeting Room A 9:30 am – 5 pm</p>
	27 Upper Midwest Region Meeting	<p>Pritzker Military Museum and Library (Chicago) 10:00 a.m.</p>
	<p>30 The Evergreen Cemetery Walk (Fee-Based)</p> <p>The theme of this year's Walk is WWI. The Walk will feature the stories of eight McLean County individuals (2 duets, 4 solo performances) who were in some way impacted by the U.S. involvement in WWI. The list of characters may include: Carl and Julia Vrooman; Edward and Lincoln Bynum (both served in the 370th Infantry known as the Black Devils), and Carolyn Schertz Geneva.</p>	<p>McLean County Museum of History, Illinois Voices Theater, Evergreen Memorial Cemetery (Bloomington)</p>
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	 <p>3 Pritzker Military Presents “Steven Rabalais, General Fox Conner, Pershing’s Chief of Operations and Eisenhower’s Mentor” A 2016 Finalist for the Army Historical Society Distinguished Writing Award, <i>General Fox Conner</i> presents the portrait of the quintessential man behind the scenes in U. S. military history.</p>	Pritzker Military Museum and Library (Chicago) 6:00 pm
	<p>21 Eugene V. Debs and Constitutional Liberties, 1895 and 1919, with Ernest Freeberg Ernest Freeberg of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, will be talking about Eugene V. Debs and the two United States Supreme Court cases concerning his constitutional freedoms decided in 1895 and 1919. The first Supreme Court decision, <i>In re Debs</i>, sent him to the McHenry County Jail. The second decision, <i>Debs v. United States</i>, upheld Debs’ ten-year sentence in federal prison, spent in Moundsville, West Virginia, and Atlanta, Georgia.</p> <p>Debs became a socialist in McHenry County Jail in 1895 partly because of the federal government’s support of the railroads and Pullman Company and disregard for the American Railway Union’s freedom of association. As a socialist, Debs, in 1918, opposed the participation of the United States in World War One in a speech for which he was prosecuted by the federal government. This prosecution denied his freedom of speech.</p> <p>Freeberg’s compelling presentation will be based on his book <i>Democracy’s Prisoner: Eugene V. Debs, the Great War, and the Right to Dissent</i> (Harvard University Press). This event is hosted by Woodstock Celebrates, Inc.</p>	Woodstock Public Library (Woodstock) 2:00 – 3:30 pm
	<p>23 Pritzker Military Presents “Colonel John House: Wolfhounds and Polar Bears: The American Expeditionary Force in Siberia 1918-1920.” Colonel John House, USA (Ret.) visits the PMML to discuss his book about the role the United States played in Siberia during WWI. Sponsored by the United States World War One Centennial Commission.</p>	
	<p>World War I and America Wednesday, October 4 – Saturday, November 11</p> <p>Explore America’s entry into World War I in 1917 through music, author events, lectures, book discussions, film screenings, and more this October and November.</p> <p>FILM SERIES (Wednesdays, 1:30 – 4:30 – Main Library – Veterans Room)</p>	

<p>OCTOBER / NOVEMBER (Oak Public Library) Page 1/5</p>	<p>Film historian Doug Deuchler screens and discusses films in a six-week series.</p> <p>10/4 <i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i> (1930) See <i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>, based on the 1928 book by Erich Maria Remarque. Here, in the first major anti-war film made in 1930, a young soldier faces profound disillusionment in the soul-destroying horror of World War I. 133 minutes</p> <p>10/11 <i>Sergeant York</i> (1941) See <i>Sergeant York</i>, a 1941 film in which Gary Cooper, a southern sharpshooter, is drafted into World War I, despite his claims of being a pacifist, and ends up becoming a war hero. 134 minutes.</p> <p>10/18 <i>Wings</i> (1927) See <i>Wings</i>, a 1927 silent film with music that won the first Academy Award for Best Picture, in which two men from different social classes fall in love with the same woman and become fighter pilots in World War I. 144 minutes.</p> <p>10/25 <i>The Dawn Patrol</i> (1938) See <i>The Dawn Patrol</i>, a 1938 silent film starring Errol Flynn and David Niven as British flying aces who must contend with the harsh realities of war. 103 minutes.</p> <p>11/1 <i>Paths of Glory</i> (1957) See <i>Paths of Glory</i>, an anti-war film in which fiery French colonel Kirk Douglas goes head-to-head with the army's top brass when his men are accused of cowardice. 88 minutes.</p> <p>8 <i>Joyeux Noel (Merry Christmas)</i> (2005) See <i>Joyeux Noel</i>, in which an unofficial "Christmas Eve Truce" on the Western Front allows soldiers from opposing sides of the war to gain insights into each other's way of life. 116 minutes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EVENTS</p> <p>10/6 <i>World War I and America: Essay Discussion, Part 1</i> Main Library - Second Floor – Small Meeting Room (1:30 – 3:00 PM) Join former Marine Corps officer Ed White, who served in Vietnam in 1968-69, to read and discuss a series of essays drawn from World War I and America: Told by the Americans Who Lived It. Pick up packets of essays at any Oak Park Public Library location. U.S. veterans as well as interested readers are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>This is the first in a series of three discussions, with readings from:</p>	<p>Oak Park Public Library (Oak Park)</p> <p><i>This program is part of the World War I and America program at the library this October and November. This program is part of World War I and America, a two-year national initiative of Library of America presented in partnership with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from The National Endowment for the Humanities.</i></p> <p>Oak Park Public Library (Oak Park)</p> <p><i>Each of these events is part of the World War I and America program</i></p>
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10/7 Johnnies, Tommies, and Sammies: Music and the World War I Alliance

Main Library – Second Floor – Veterans Room (2:00-4:00)

Explore the contributions of popular songs from the U.S., Canada, and Britain to the Allies of World War I. This program, presented by musicologists and musical performers, includes slides, films, period recordings, and live performances of sheet music. Six university faculty from Chicago, Urbana-Champaign, Bloomington, and University of York, England, created this program in association with the American Musicological Society and the Library of Congress exhibition *World War I: American Artists View the Great War*.

10/11 World War I and America for Kids: Pickle Preservation

Main Library – First Floor – Storytime Room (1:30-3:30)

With Cheryl Munoz from [Sugar Beet Schoolhouse](#), learn about the history and propaganda around food during the war, and learn how to make your own World War I-style pickles. **Best for ages 4+.**

10/12 World War I and America Book Discussion: *All Quiet on the Western Front*

Maze Branch – Meeting Room – Maze Branch (1:30-3:30)

A book discussion of *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque will be led by Donna Ioppolo. This 1928 book sold 3.5 million copies in the German original and additional 25 translations. Multiple copies of the book will be available in advance at Maze Branch Library.

10/15 Author Joe Gustaitis: *Chicago Transformed: World War I & the Windy City*

Main Library – Second Floor – Veterans Room (4:00-6:00)

Learn how World War I changed Chicago and how the city helped shape the history of World War I when author Joseph Gustaitis shares photos and stories from his book, *Chicago Transformed: World War I and the Windy City*.

10/17 World War I and America Book Discussion: *The Summer Before the War*

Dole Branch – Meeting Room – Dole Branch (7:00-8:00 PM)

It's the summer of 1914, and life in the sleepy village of Rye, England, is about to take an interesting turn as the shadow of the Great War looms ever closer to home. Enjoy a discussion of best-selling author Helen Simonson's historical novel, *The Summer Before the War*, led by Linda Ivy Miller. This book is full of the same wit, romance, and insight into the manners and morals of small-town British life as the author's beloved *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*.

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10/18 Words on Wednesday: *A Farewell to Arms*
Main Library – Second Floor – Book Discussion Room (1:00-2:30)

Refresh your knowledge of the classic title

[*A Farewell to Arms*](#) by Ernest Hemingway, a first-person account of American Frederic Henry, serving as a lieutenant in the ambulance corps of the Italian Army during World War I.

Copies are available at the Main Library one month before the discussion.

10/20 World War I and America Essay Discussion, Part 2
Main Library – Second Floor – Book Discussion Room (1:30-3:00)

Join former Marine Corps officer Ed White, who served in Vietnam in 1968-69, to read and discuss a series of essays drawn from

[*World War I and America: Told by the Americans Who Lived It*](#). Pick up packets of essays at any Oak Park Public Library location. U.S. veterans as well as interested readers are encouraged to attend.

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10/24 Robert Mueller: American Doughboys and World War I

OFFSITE: Oak Park River Forest History Museum, 129 Lake St., Oak Park (7:30-9:00 PM)

In his multimedia presentation "American Doughboys in the First World War," Robert Mueller reviews America's participation in "the war to end all wars." This historian and author takes listeners on a trip across the battlefields of northern France to describe the events, people, and places of America's contribution to the defeat of the German kaiser. Famous engagements such as Belleau Wood, Cantigny, St-Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne are reviewed with images of what the battlefields look like today. Mueller concludes with the enormous changes that the conflict brought to warfare, society, and populations around the world.

10/26 World War I and America: Kid Inventors
Main Library – First Floor – Storytime Room (4:00 – 5:00 PM)

World War I sparked the creation of an abundance of surprising inventions. With our electronic building blocks littleBits, unleash your innovative spirit and make your own unique inventions that you can enjoy in the here and now. **Best for children in grades 2-4. Register now.**

10/28 Author Kathryn Atwood: *Women Heroes of World*

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	<p><i>WHEATON READS: WORLD WAR I</i> <i>Friday, October 13 – Thursday, November 16</i></p> <p>Wheaton Public Library is proud to bring back our community-wide reading and book discussion program this October and November with Wheaton Reads: World War I. These programs are part of World War I and America, a two-year national initiative of The Library of America presented in partnership with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from The National Endowment for the Humanities.</p>	

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2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the United States entered World War I. Through the generous **World War I and America** grant the library has received, WPL hopes to educate the community and honor those who have served. Wheaton Reads encourages residents to read for pleasure, to create community through reading, and to promote the exploration of ideas and knowledge. The featured book of Wheaton Reads is Ernest Hemingway's A Farewell to Arms.

WPL will be honoring the centennial of the US entering WWI with special events and discussions, as well as prize drawings, film screenings, displays, and more. We especially invite veterans and their families to attend and participate in these programs and discussions and to share their experiences with the community. **WPL is also excited to be hosting the traveling display World War I and America this winter from January 1-23 in our Arts and Culture Center.**

PROGRAMS

Registration required for the following programs:

10/17 Earnest Hemingway in WWI (7:00 PM)

Bob Glass, Historian of Society and Docent of Oak Park Ernest Hemingway Society, presents on Hemingway's time during WWI.

10/19 Living History: General Charles Dawes (7:00 PM)

Actor RJ Lindsey portrays General Charles Dawes of WWI and narrates a slide program with animated battle maps, military strategies, and period photos.

10/24 WWI Heroes of Wheaton (7:00 PM)

Five hundred men from the Wheaton area enlisted to serve their country in WWI, 13 of whom died in service. Join Nancy Flannery of the Wheaton Historic Commission as she presents on Wheaton's local WWI heroes.

10/30 Propaganda Posters: A Painting Workshop for Teens (7:00 PM)

During WWI, governments of many countries designed and distributed posters to both inspire patriotism and foster an aversion to the enemy. In this hands-on workshop for teens, we'll take a look at these fascinating images then either copy one of the designs or create your own using watercolor pencils under the guidance of art teacher Christine Thornton. Beginners welcome!

10/31 WWI and America Panel and Discussion (7:00 PM)

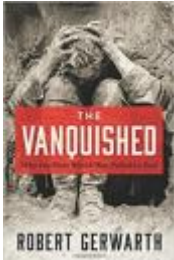
Assistant Professor Josh Fulton of Moraine Valley Community College will lead a discussion of WWI and how Illinois was affected, as well as passages from the WWI and America Reader. Veterans and their families are invited and encouraged to share their experiences. All are welcome to this interactive discussion on WWI, the experience of war, and the importance of service.

11/1 Tween Program: Eating During WWI (4:00 PM)

Grades 3-6: Come experience what it was like to eat while the world was at

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<p>NOVEMBER</p>	<p>7 McLean County Home Front During WWI, with Bill Kemp The “Great War” involved a host of home front activities, including war bond drives, food conservation efforts, shipments of Red Cross supplies, parades, and public gatherings to sing patriotic songs. There was also a dark side to the war, including the suppression of the large local German community.</p>	<p>Normal Public Library (Normal) 7:00 pm</p>
	<p>7 Chicago’s Role in World War One This presentation provides an overview of Chicago and the surrounding area as the First World War began. Join Joshua Fulton as he takes us on a journey on how Illinoisans from all walks of life processed the war, and the experiences they lived from America’s entry in 1917 ‘til the war’s conclusion. From preparedness campaigns and patriotic exhibitions to grappling with an influenza pandemic, the war remade both Chicago’s and American identity. (Outreach Services Program)</p>	<p>Orland Park Public Library (Orland Park) Room 104 – Meeting Room 7:00 – 8:30 pm</p>
	<p>9 Pritzker Military Presents “Robert Gerwarth, <i>The Vanquished: Why the First World War Failed to End</i>”</p> <div data-bbox="381 1329 553 1587">  </div> <p>Historian and author Robert Gerwarth discusses his book on the epic account of the ethnic and state violence that followed the end of World War I – conflicts that would shape the course of the twentieth century. Sponsored by the United States World War One Centennial Commission.</p>	<p>Pritzker Military Museum and Library (Chicago) 6:00 pm</p>
	<p>9 Afternoons at OPPL: Howard Knotts: Ace of the Prairie Award-winning historical researcher Tom Emery details the life of Howard Knotts, one of only five World War I flying aces from Illinois. The second-youngest of America’s sixty-three aces, Knotts shot down six planes in a month before prolonged captivity in a German prison camp. The program cites numerous letters and first-hand accounts of his life during and after the war to create a fascinating, recklessly brave individual whom one journalist called “100 percent hero.” (Outreach Services Program)</p>	<p>Orland Park Public Library (Orland Park) Room 104 – Meeting Room 2:00 – 3:00 pm</p>

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	10 Veterans' Day Ceremony Illinois State University will be hosting its annual Veterans' Day ceremony at noon in the Bone Student Center, with Dr. Ross Kennedy as the guest speaker. This year's theme will be the Great War.	Illinois State University (Normal) Bone Student Center 12:00
	11 Great War Encampment Reenactment of trench warfare/life in the trenches by the Illinois National Guard	Illinois State Military Museum (Springfield)
	15 WWI Monument Preservation Grant Program DEADLINE The Landmarks Illinois WWI Monument Preservation Grant Program provides funding to WWI outdoor monuments and memorials in Illinois in need of restoration to recover their dedication-era quality and appearance. The grant program was launched in March 2017, shortly before the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into WWI on April 6, 2017. This program is made possible with generous support from the Pritzker Military Foundation. For information: http://www.landmarks.org/resources/financial-resources/landmarks-illinois-grants-landmarks-illinois/	

DECEMBER	9 Christmas Truce in the Trenches	Midway Village Museum (Rockford) 10:00 – 11:30 am
	9 Christmas at the Front The National Guard will recognize what soldiers, from the Civil War through World War II, go through at Christmas time while serving their country.	Illinois State Military Museum (Springfield)
	14 -15 Opening of Exhibit: “Lest We Forget – the Great War”	Pritzker Military Museum and Library (Chicago)