

News Release

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Live! @ Your Library Music Series Concludes Sept. 29

The Rock Island Public Library series of free live music concerts concludes Tuesday, September 29 with a presentation of "Songs and Stories of the Railroad" at 6 p.m. in the Rock Island Main Library Community Room, 401 19th Street.

The free family concert features a double bill of Rock Island guitarist/vocalist Chris Dunn and Rock Island storyteller Roald Tweet. The concert features stories of the Rock Island Lines and railroading paired with the songs inspired by railroads. Chris Dunn plays in several bands locally, and often appears at local coffeehouses. His repertoire includes a wide selection of folk, popular and blues tunes. Dr. Roald Tweet is a retired professor of English at Augustana College, and is often heard as the voice of "Rock Island Lines" on WVIK-FM Augustana Public Radio.

The program is free and open to all ages. The Live @ your Library series was funded by a grant from a U.S. recording industry settlement.

Also funded through the grant was the library's recent purchase of a new music database, Smithsonian Global Sound for Libraries. The online collection of music is a virtual encyclopedia of the world's musical and spoken traditions, and includes the published recordings owned by the non-profit Smithsonian Folkways Recordings label, as well as archival audio collections of the legendary Folkways Records.

By logging onto the online collection, users can select playlists by country, genre, cultural group, language, instrument, artist, ensemble, album or label. Choices include American folk, blues, bluegrass, old time country, American Indian, World, Jazz, Classical and Broadway, Spoken Word and Sounds and Children's. According to Smithsonian Global Sound, "The collection provides educators, students, and interested listeners with an unprecedented variety of online resources that support the creation, continuity, and preservation of diverse musical forms. " Music can also be downloaded for purchase.

To use the new online collection, log into the library website at www.ripl.lib.il.us and click the "Music Online" icon on the front page. If used from home, listeners will need a Rock Island card.

Both concerts are free and open to the public. For more details, please call 309-732-732-7315 or visit the library's website at www.rockislandlibrary.org