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Kids and Families Will Enjoy Rocks, Minerals, Fossils and Pumpkins at Illinois State Museum October Programs

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois State Museum in Springfield will host upcoming special events for children and families that feature fossils, minerals, rocks – and pumpkins.

Rock, Mineral, or Fossil?

Saturday, October 6, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

How can you tell the difference between a rock, mineral, or fossil? Come to the Illinois State Museum and find out during the “Super Saturday” special event “Rock, Mineral or Fossil?” on Sat., Oct. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Families can make their own fossil, create a watercolor geode, discover fossils, rocks and minerals found in Illinois, and take home their very own rock or mineral.

Super Saturdays offer thematic activities recommended for children ages 5 and up each month. Activities take 30-40 minutes to complete and are included with Museum admission. Parents and families are encouraged to participate. Super Saturday events are sponsored by Bank of Springfield. For additional information, send an email to events@illinoisstatemuseum.org or phone 217-558-6696.

Pumpkins Story Time

Tuesday, October 9, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Whether for pies or jack-o-lanterns, most pumpkins are grown right here in Illinois. Learn more about these big, orange fruits with stories and a craft at the Illinois State Museum’s October Story Time for children on Tues., Oct. 9 at 10:00 a.m. Story Time is designed for preschool children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. They’re held on the

second Tuesday of each month, with stories, picture books, a craft, and objects from the Museum's collections. For additional information, email the Museum at events@illinoisstatemuseum.org or call 217-558-6696. Story Time is sponsored by Bank of Springfield.

The Illinois State Museum is located at 502 S. Spring St. in Springfield.

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