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Live Animals Come to Story Time at the Illinois State Museum Nov. 12

Monthly program will feature animals from the Henson Robinson Zoo

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – The Illinois State Museum will welcome a few furry and feathered critters to its monthly Story Time program on November 12. The program, beginning at 10:00 a.m., will focus on "Creatures of the Night" and will feature stories about nocturnal animals. Following the stories, a few nocturnal animal ambassadors from the Henson Robinson Zoo in Springfield will be presented. Animals may include an opossum and an owl, but are subject to change.

"This program will be a great opportunity for preschool children and their parents to learn about and experience animals that are most active while we are sleeping," said Illinois State Museum Interim Director of Education Elizabeth Bazan.

Story Time activities are recommended for children ages 3 and up and their caregivers. Story Time at the Museum is sponsored by Bank of Springfield.

For more information please contact Sarah Davis at <u>events@illinoisstatemuseum.org</u> or 217-782-6044.

The Illinois State Museum is located at 502 S. Spring Street in Springfield. It is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults ages 19-64.