

Events

Spring 2009

Open Forum on Terkel's *Working*

Jan. 26 11 a.m.-Noon, library lounge

Students, faculty and staff are invited to sit down to discuss this year's One Book, Studs Terkel's *Working*. We hope you will join us to share your views on the book and the world of work.

"The Union Movement Today," featuring Chicago Federation of Labor Secretary/Treasurer, Jorge Ramirez

[Listen to the Podcast from this event here](#)

Feb. 16, 12:30-1:45 p.m., library lounge

Our special guest, Chicago Federation of Labor Secretary/Treasurer, Jorge Ramirez, will discuss the current status of the union movement (organized labor) in the United States and around the world. How have globalization and shifts in our economy impacted the organization of unions? What is the future of organized labor?

Readings from Terkel's *Working* featuring MVCC Speech and Theater Students

March 9, 12:30-1:30 p.m., library lounge

Moraine Valley speech and theater students will bring the many voices in *Working* to life. Join us for this entertaining and engaging reading of Terkel's classic text.

The Future of Work Panel Discussion

March 31, 1-2 p.m., library lounge

How will work change in the future? How will existing jobs be different, and what new jobs will exist that do not exist now? A panel of Moraine Valley faculty and administrators will tackle these questions.

Work and Food in the Future: Perspectives of an Economist

Date & time will be announced when finalized.

Please join us in welcoming Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Economist David Oppedahl in exploring the links between food, employment and our lives.

Previous Events Held in Fall 2009

Working: How Studs Terkel Inspired a Generation of Journalists

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Sept. 16, 2009, Noon-1 p.m., library lounge, Building L

Thom Clark, president of the Community Media Workshop at Columbia College Chicago, will present a lecture about the life and influence of Chicago icon Studs Terkel.

Ourselves & Our Work: How Our Jobs Make Us Who We Are

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Oct. 22, 2009, 1-2:15 p.m., library lounge

How does our work shape us? How do people around us view us based on the type of work that we do? How do training and education in order to get work help to shape us? What motivates us to work? Just money? Or, are there other reasons we work? You are invited to join us for this timely discussion.

Panel Members Include:

Krista Appelquist (moderator)

Mitch Baker, psychology

Jim Bilder, business

Maryan Jatczak, nursing

Richard Wolf, philosophy

A Visit with Mrs. Potts

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Nov. 10, 11a.m.-Noon, library lounge

Take a trip with us back to the 1800s as we explore working from the perspective of a 19th century inventor.

"At the Philadelphia Exposition in 1876, Mary Florence Potts' cold-handled sad iron was the toast of the fair. She spent the next two decades touring the country with a promotional lecture. Mrs. Potts will visit your group as a stop on her tour to promote her invention. She will discuss domestic life in the 19th Century, the science and technology behind the development of her invention, and what it means for a woman to hold a US Patent and manage her own affairs."