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Find Out If You Have Unclaimed Property . . .

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Rock Island Public Library Hosts the State Treasurer's "Cash Dash" Aug. 18

According to the Illinois State Treasurer's Office, the state of Illinois is holding unclaimed cash or valuables for millions of people, businesses and heirs. To help reunite residents with unclaimed property, the Treasurer's Office will conduct a "Cash Dash" event at the Rock Island Public Library on Monday, August 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Room at 401 19th Street, Rock Island.



The Cash Dash website defines unclaimed property as money or assets that have been separated from their owner for at least five years. Often, the owner doesn't know the property exists. People lose track of their assets when they move homes or loved ones die. Businesses and banks are required by law to turn over the unclaimed accounts to the state so they can be returned to their rightful owners.

Examples of unclaimed property include:

- inactive savings and checking accounts
- unpaid wages or commissions
- stocks, bonds and mutual funds
- money orders and bill overpayments
- paid-up life insurance policies
- safe deposit box contents

Treasurer's office representatives will search the state database for specific names, and once a connection is identified, walk claimants through the paperwork needed to claim the property. If additional evidence is needed, the Treasurer's Office will follow up by mail. In addition to searching its records, the Treasurer's office will also bring a case of unclaimed war medals to attempt to reunite them with their rightful honorees or surviving family members.

No appointment is required for the drop-in event, which is free and open to the public. For questions about library programs, please visit www.ripl.lib.il.us or call 309-732-7323.

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