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Author Presentations

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| 9:30 a.m. | The Urbana Free Library
210 W. Green Street, Urbana, IL | Deborah Hopkinson |
| 10:30 a.m. | Champaign Public Library
200 W. Green Street, Champaign, IL | Kadir Nelson |
| 1:30 p.m. | The Urbana Free Library
210 W. Green Street, Urbana, IL | Kadir Nelson |

Noted children's author **Deborah Hopkinson** and author/illustrator **Kadir Nelson** will present on October 17 at The Urbana Free Library and the Champaign Public Library as part of the Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration sponsored by the University of Illinois Office of the Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement and the College of Education.

Deborah Hopkinson is the author of picture books, short fiction, and nonfiction. Her award-winning works include *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt*, winner of the 1994 International Reading Association Award; *A Band of Angels*, an ALA Notable book which also won the Golden Kite Award and was a Jane Addams award honor book; *Under the Quilt of Night*, winner of the Washington State Book Award, *Bluebird Summer*, a Golden Kite Award Honor Book, and *Girl Wonder*, winner of the Great Lakes Book Award and a 2004 Jane Addams Award honor book.

In 1999, Nelson began to collaborate with several notable authors on a series of picture books. Presently, almost twenty illustrated books are in print, including Debbie Allen's *Dancing in the Wings*, Ntozake Shange's Coretta Scott King Award-winning book, *Ellington Was Not a Street*, Deloris and Roslyn Jordan's best-seller *Salt in His Shoes*, Spike and Tonya Lee's *Please, Baby, Please*, and Carol Boston Weatherford's *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led her People to Freedom*, for which Nelson won a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award, a Caldecott Honor and an NAACP Image Award.

Most recently, Nelson released his authorial debut, *We Are The Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* (Jump at the Sun/Disney), a New York Times best-selling tribute to the Negro Baseball Leagues, which Nelson crafted over a period of almost eight years.