

C.S. Lewis at the library!

Happy Easter/Resurrection Sunday and what a great time to let you know of an upcoming speaker at your library – C.S. Lewis is coming!

To be more precise Professor Kevin Radaker from Anderson University will present *A Visit from C.S. Lewis* on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Red Room as part of the Distinguished Speakers Series sponsored by the Bartholomew County Library Associates.

Clive Staples Lewis, 1898-1963, wrote both fiction and non-fiction, was a professor at Oxford University and to some is best known for *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Until his conversion to Christianity Lewis was a staunch atheist. He was a friend of J.R.R. Tolkien and Lewis wrote, "My conversion happened largely because of Tolkien."

Professor Radaker's program will be a dramatic portrayal of Lewis. It consists of a closely knit, thematically arranged collection of Lewis' most thought-provoking and eloquent passages from a variety of his works, including *The Screwtape Letters*, *Mere Christianity*, *The Four Loves*, *The Problem of Pain*, and *Miracles*. The presentation is interspersed with reflections concerning his own life's journey, most of them taken from his highly engaging autobiographical works, *Surprised by Joy* and *A Grief Observed*.

The performance emphasizes Lewis' very public role as a Christian apologist, contains no references to *The Chronicles of Narnia* and presents Lewis' story of his conversion to Christianity as well as his reflections upon the Christian faith and its challenges.

Your library has a nice collection of works by Clive Staples Lewis with the latest addition being *The Latin letters of C.S. Lewis*. You can also check out *That Hideous Strength: A Modern Fairy-Tale For Grown-Ups*; *C.S. Lewis on Love* or *Poems*.

If you are a *Chronicles of Narnia* fan please do not be disappointed that Professor Radaker excludes these writings from his presentation. Your library has you covered! You can read the books, listen to them on CD or cassette, watch the movie version or read them in Spanish. We even have *The Narnia Cookbook: Foods from C.S. Lewis's The Chronicles of Narnia*.

We hope to see many of you in attendance on Tuesday night and a huge thanks to the Library Associates for bringing in such great speakers! And after you enjoy Easter with family and friends hop online and go to barth.lib.in.us. You can read about all of our activities, check out the online catalog and become a library Facebook fan.

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