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**The Janet W. Lerner Memorial Speaker Series for Parents**

All of the sessions in the series are **free**

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**Dr. Janet W. Lerner** is considered the mother of specific learning disabilities and wrote the first seminal textbook on the topic, Learning Disabilities and Related Disabilities, which is now in its 13th edition. She was Professor Emeritus at Northeastern Illinois University where she served as Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Special Education. She received the J.E. Wallace Wallin Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award from the Council for Exceptional Children and was awarded the Romaine P. Mackie Award from the Pioneers Division of CEC. Janet was a longtime active member of the Learning Disabilities Association of America and LDA Illinois.

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| **Date** | **Presenter** |
| **Wednesday,**  **June 7, 2023**  **7:00 p.m.** | 1. **There’s NOTHING to Do! Coping with the Summer Lament of Children** 2. Dr. Meg Carroll is a full professor at Saint Xavier University and 3. an expert in specialized instruction.   She is a Past President and currently the newsletter editor for LDA of IL. |
| **Monday,**  **July 17, 2023**  **7:00 p.m.** | **Emotional Intelligence: How Can We Help Our Children Develop It?**  Dr. Cheryl Watkins is a former Chicago Public Schools administrator, author, and keynote speaker |
| **Tuesday,**  **August 15, 2023**  **7:00 p.m.** | **Let’s Get Reasonable: Implementing Accommodations and Modifications**  Bev Johns is the co-author of *Learning Disabilities and Related Disabilities*  13th Edition by Janet Lerner and Bev Johns  *President, Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois* |
| **Tuesday,**  **September 12, 2023**  **7:00 p.m.** | **Everything You Need to Know About Executive Function Skills**  Janice Gont is Assistant Professor of Special Education at Aurora University  and long-time special educator. |

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