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Favorable reaction to his 1982 book on early Illinois writers has resulted in an increased schedule of speaking engagements and literary activities for Dr. Robert Bray, head of the English department at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Bray will go to Chicago Friday (Oct. 28) to read a paper in a panel discussion that is part of the month-long Write On, Chicago festival that is co-sponsored by the Chicago Public Library and the Illinois Humanities Council.

Bray will read a paper, "Architecture, the World's Fair and the Chicago Novel," on a panel, "Chicago Realities and Chicago Fictions." The panel moderator, Bernard Rogers of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, invited Bray after reading Bray's book, Rediscoveries: Literature and Place in Illinois.

Bray's paper will explore the shared visions of novelist Robert Herrick and architect-author Louis Sullivan in furthering the democratic process in America. The World's Fair referred to by Bray is the Columbian Exposition of 1893. Sullivan criticized the architecture of the Exposition buildings as a negative influence on American architecture.

Earlier in the festival, Bray was interviewed on WBEZ Radio, Chicago, as part of a series on the Chicago literary traditions. He discussed his book which made the case for the existence of an "Illinois literature" in the 19th century.