

STCC Announces Special Events Series;  
Public Is Invited to Attend

The greater Springfield community is invited to attend performances and presentations in Springfield Technical Community College's annual cultural and educational special events series. Since 1995, Ovarions has brought locally- and nationally-acclaimed writers, artists, musicians, dancers, theater groups, historians, and experts in the fields of science and health to the college, for the benefit of the college community and the community at large. The events are open to the public free of charge.

The Ovarions series is made possible by the Chicopee Savings Bank Endowment for Academic Excellence, the STCC Office of Academic Affairs and the Honors Program. For more information contact Professor Linda Harrington at 755-4254. Events for the fall semester at Springfield Technical Community College include the following.

On Thursday morning, October 29, Jane Marks Hart, author of *The Hidden Children: Secret Survivors of the Holocaust*, will present a reading, and discuss these survivors and their powerful message of healing. Abraham Fox, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, in the foreword to the book, says "One of the great untold stories of the Holocaust was that of the thousands of children who, like me, survived by hiding or being hidden from the Nazis." Hart said, "I wanted to write a book to leave a lasting record of how these children lived in hiding; to make the world aware of the exceptional courage and goodness that emerged in the midst of unspeakable tragedy and destruction; and to show how healing can truly begin – even 50 years later."

*The Hidden Children*, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, has also been published in England, Canada, Australia, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Italy and Turkey. Hart is an artist and art therapist who has worked extensively with people, often children, with cancer. Her previous books have provided guidance for parents, self-help for teens, relationship advice, and a guide to counseling and therapy. The presentation will be held at 9:30 a.m. and again at 11:00 a.m. in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor conference center of Scibelli Hall at STCC.

On Monday, November 2, Professor Dennison Rice, founding director of the college's drama society will again direct the STCC Faculty Reading Group. Each semester the group selects a theme around which literary selections are chosen. Faculty and staff choose works by well-known literary giants as well as lesser-known avant-garde artists. They may also read selections from their own writings. The readings will be held at 9:05, 10:00, and 11:15 a.m. in the Scibelli Hall Theater.

On Thursday, November 19, Jim Trelease, author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook*, will show how the gift of reading aloud to children is a legacy that spans generations. Trelease will speak at 9:30 and again at 11:30 a.m., in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor conference area of Scibelli Hall.