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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Effingham Public Library Hosts Disguised Disaster**

The Suzette Brumleve Memorial Effingham Public Library is partnering with Heartland Human Services, Effingham County Health Department and HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital to bring a "Disguised Disaster" Monday, December 2 at 3 p.m. in the Workman Room.

"Disguised Disaster" is an interactive display and program that offers adults insight into current trends of youth substance abuse through what would at first glance seem a typical teen bedroom complete with messy clothes and magazines strung across the floor.

However, with a closer look attendees will begin to see how teens often disguise their supply of alcohol or drugs. Even common items like a computer mouse can be used to hide drugs from parents.

Aside from alcohol and drug use, parents and caregivers also have to be aware that "an estimated 3.6 million U.S. teens are now using e-cigarettes, representing 1 in 5 high school students and 1 in 20 middle schoolers, according to the latest federal figures" Jeannetta Workman, Substance Abuse Counselor at Heartland Human Services shared.

Doors will open to "Disguised Disaster" at 3 p.m. while a full explanation of the room and all its disguises will follow at 4 p.m.

No registration is required for this free event. Call (217) 342 2464 x. 1 or go online to [effinghamlibrary.org](http://effinghamlibrary.org)

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