

Own the Mic: Public Speaking Essentials

Featured Speaker: Chad Chenowith

APRIL 30 AT 5:30 PM

DOORS OPEN: 5:00 PM
FOOD PROVIDED!

Main Branch, Allen County Public Library / 900 Library Plaza
Room: Meeting Room A



Neighborhoods



Join us for "Own the Mic: Public Speaking Essentials," part of the Neighborhood Power Lab Workshop series! Whether you're a neighborhood association leader or a passionate advocate, this session will not only help you prepare formal presentations, but also help you turn everyday speaking moments into powerful opportunities to connect and inspire.

We're excited to have award-winning educator, Chad Chenowith bring his experience as a speech coach and instructor to this workshop!

Speaker Bio:

With twenty years of experience as a High School Latin Teacher and Speech Coach, **Chad Chenowith** is an award-winning educator with a distinguished background in public speaking. He has presented for numerous organizations across Indiana; but his greatest passion lies in empowering individuals to become more confident and effective communicators. As a Speech Coach, Chad has led his team to multiple state championships in competitive public speaking, qualified dozens of students for national competitions through the National Speech and Debate Association, and was inducted into the Indiana Schools Speech & Debate Association Hall of Fame in 2022. In addition to coaching competitive teams, Chad has supported speakers through TEDx Fort Wayne and enjoys working with individuals of all ages who are committed to strengthening their speaking abilities.

Workshop Description:

Many neighborhood leaders and advocates speak in front of others regularly—whether at meetings, events, or informal gatherings—yet may not see themselves as public speakers. This session is designed to change that perspective by equipping you with practical tools to communicate with confidence and clarity.

Over the course of 90 minutes, you'll explore how to craft messages that resonate, establish credibility, and tailor your content to different audiences. We'll discuss the power of tone and body language, share techniques to ease nerves, and provide strategies for speaking with impact in any setting. This interactive session will include real-world examples and hands-on practice, so you leave feeling prepared and empowered to speak up with confidence—whether at a neighborhood meeting, community event, or informal gathering.

Together, let's amplify your voice and strengthen our communities!

**Dinner will be provided*

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