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CHARLESTON — A program focusing on the creation of the Soil and Water Conservation District will be held at 4:30 p.m. Monday on the Eastern Illinois University campus.

R.J. Alier, resource conservationist with the Coles County SWCD, will present the program, "Dust Bowl Lessons: Soil Conservation Then and Now," in Witters Conference Room 4440 at Booth Library. The program is presented in conjunction with the exhibit, "Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry," which is on display at the library through Feb. 26.

The Coles County SWCD was created on Dec. 23, 1949, as a direct result of the disastrous effects of the Dust Bowl. Since its inception, the mission has been to educate landowners, farmers and the general public on sound conservation practices that help prevent soil erosion and improve water quality.

The public is invited to attend this free program and view the exhibit any time the library is open. More information about the Dust Bowl exhibit and a complete schedule of events are available at <http://library.eiu.edu/exhibits/dustbowl/>.