



Group to host clinic to help phone users save money

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Illinois consumers who are concerned they are paying too much for phone service can attend a free “phone bill clinic” hosted by the Citizens Utility Board today at the Rock Island Public Library.

“If you’re paying more than \$25 a month for phone service, you probably can save money by changing your plan,” Dave Kolata, CUB executive director, said Wednesday.

Kolata and Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn stopped at the Rock Island Public Library a day before the event in order to promote it.

“The bottom line is we want to save people money on their phone bill,” Quinn said. “We want people to save as much money as possible.”

Each person who brings in their bill will get an individual analysis of their bill. Today’s clinic is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library.

“We want to reach out to residents in surrounding counties and invite them to come down to the Rock Island library,” Quinn said.

Kolata said 85 percent of the consumers that CUB counselors work with save about \$200 per year. Doing simple things like getting rid of line maintenance plans or getting rid of certain phone service packages can save money.

“People are paying for more than they need to for phone service,” Kolata said.

More economical plans can often be found with smaller phone companies, while larger companies don’t advertise the less expensive phone plans that are available.

“It is our job to point these out,” Kolata said.

Phone bill clinic

What: Citizens Utility Board offers individual analysis of consumer phone bills to save them money

Where: Community room, Rock Island Public Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island

When: 11 am. to 2 p.m. today

Information: citizensutilityboard.org.

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