

SEPTEMBER~NOVEMBER 2024



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Bookends

Library News & Calendar of Events

JOIN US for author visits,
film showings, book
discussions, craft and
genealogy programs,
storytimes and more
fall fun for kids,
teens and adults.



SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT



OUR MISSION:
BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY BY ENABLING LIFELONG LEARNING AND ENRICHMENT.

OUR VISION:
A THRIVING LIBRARY THAT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LIVES OF THE COMMUNITY.

Library Musings

LET'S PLAY A GAME. How well do you know your Library?

First up, how is the Springfield-Greene County Library District funded? I took an informal poll while walking through the stacks at the Library Center. Several people said sales tax, others thought state money and a few didn't know. Our library district is 90% funded by Greene County personal and real property taxes. Other revenues come from state aid, various taxes, library fines, copy machines and, unique to our district, income as a passport acceptance facility.

Next, what are some of the challenges that libraries are facing? Several items top the list, including book banning, funding challenges and increased usage by individuals experiencing homelessness. Libraries are for everyone, and we take pride in our vast and diverse collection, which reflects our commitment to inclusivity. In 2023, our district saw only nine reconsideration requests. We are fortunate since our peer institutions are facing higher numbers of requests. We firmly believe that parents/guardians should decide what their children read.

Funding challenges include maintaining our ten branches and expanding in markets where increased demand exists. Our facilities need refurbishment and upkeep due to age and use. We also monitor the rising cost of electronic resources daily. We know of another library facing potential branch closures because of publisher-set pricing on e-books and digital downloads. They are currently considering a tax levy increase to contend with the increasing demand and higher expenses. Your library is frugal, and we have not sought a tax levy increase in over 20 years. We also have limits on electronic resources that have allowed us to stay within our budget. Lastly, minimum wage increases are needed but also affect our budget greatly as over half of our staff are working part-time.

Lastly, libraries are experiencing an increasing number of individuals facing homelessness and mental health challenges in our role as a safe haven facility. Sometimes, individuals seeking refuge from the weather or facing homelessness may bring existing challenges into the library. We offer social worker services and enhanced security measures to assist people experiencing mental health challenges and/or substance use issues. Our staff often connects individuals to various service agencies in our community in addition to their library duties.

As you can see, there are challenges, but your Library team is working hard to provide the quality service you have come to expect. Libraries are essential to our community's future.

— Vickie Hicks, Community Relations Director

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Libraries Closings

The 9 branches and drive-up windows will be closed and the Mobile Library will not make its scheduled stops on:

- **Monday, September 2**
- **Monday, October 14**
- **Monday, November 11**
- **Thursday, November 28**

Return your books and materials to the book drops located at each branch, the Library Express West at 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway, Library Express East at 3263 E. Chestnut Expressway, and Price Cutter Plus Book Stop at 3260 E. Battlefield Road.

Library branches, drive-up windows and the Mobile Library will reopen for normal business hours on the day following the closure.



Cozy Up with New Reads from the Friends of the Library

FALL BOOK SALE

September 11–15, 2024 @ the E*Plex, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds
3001 N. Grant Ave. • Admission and Parking are Free

STOCK UP ON winter boredom busters by finding the perfect book this fall and winter. Own some of your favorite movies, CDs and classic vinyl records. Add some new games and puzzles for family night.

The Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale is September 11-15, 2024 at the E*Plex, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N. Grant Ave. Admission and parking are free.

Friends Night Preview Sale

Shop the sale early! Tuesday, September 10, 4–8 p.m. Friends members get in free; non-members can join that night for \$5 at the door to shop the special sale hours.

Avoid the wait at the door, and join the Friends now by sending in the form below, visiting thelibrary.org/friends or calling Sarah Hitesman, membership chairman at 417-888-3077.

Regular Sale & Special Events

- Hours: Wednesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
- Saturday, Half Price Day, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Sunday, Bag Day, 1–5 p.m.

Adults, young adults and children’s books and most audiovisuals are \$1 or less. Better books are priced \$2 and up.

Friends accept cash or check only, and there is no tax. Bring a bag to take your treasures home.

Proceeds from the Friends’ spring and fall book sales benefit the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

For more sale information, call Bill Kastler at 417-850-1999 or email friends@thelibrary.org.



JOIN FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TODAY! Renewal New Member

Membership Category

- Junior \$2 (up to 18 years old)
- Individual \$5
- Family \$8 (includes parents & children less than 18 years old)
- Contributor \$25
- Special Friend \$50
- Donor \$100
- Supporter \$250
- Sustainer \$500

I am willing to help at the book sales:

- Yes No

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ADDRESS _____

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PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Your email address is very important. It is how we will communicate with you about our book sales, Friends Night, opportunities to volunteer, etc. We will never share your email address with any other organization or business. For more information call Membership Chair Sarah Hitesman, 417-888-3077.

Mail this coupon with your personal check or money order to:

Friends of the Library Membership • Springfield-Greene County Library District
4653 S. Campbell Ave. • Springfield, MO 65810

“Check Out the Stars” This Fall at the Library

THIS FALL, WE ARE THRILLED to offer a unique opportunity to our patrons with a library card in good standing. Check out the stars with a telescope from one of four library branch locations: the Library Center, the Library Station, the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library and the Republic Branch Library. Telescopes will be checked out for two weeks and come with an instruction manual, a headlamp and a constellation guide. They will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be placed on hold.

Check Out the Stars is presented in partnership with the Springfield Astronomical Society (SAS), which has met monthly at the Library Center since 1999. The mission of the Springfield Astronomical Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of astronomy among amateurs. The SAS supports this project by modifying the telescopes to prepare them for checkout, contributing content to the user manual, curating resources and assisting with long-term telescope maintenance and repair.

Planning and Development Librarian Katie Hopkins wrote the grant and started the program in memory of her grandmother, Jean Back, who bought her a telescope at a young age and taught her about the constellations. “Everyone should have an opportunity to get outside and experience the magic of the night sky,” said Hopkins.

A grant from Bass Pro Shops provided funding for Check Out the Stars because, in addition to getting people outdoors, it has a major conservation education component—light pollution. Using a telescope makes you keenly aware of the impact of light pollution on our ability to enjoy the night sky. Language in the telescope user manuals explains how light pollution has devastating consequences for area wildlife by disrupting predictable day and night schedules.



Check Out the Symphony

THE SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY and the Springfield-Greene County Library have partnered to offer patrons a limited number of free symphony tickets. Tickets are for the Musgrave Community Balcony at Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts on a first-come, first-serve basis. No reservations are allowed. Tickets are limited to four per household per season.

Tickets become available on the 15th of the month before the performance. They may only be checked out on a valid adult library card. All performances start at 7:30 p.m.

- September 14: **Puttin’ on the Ritz**
- October 5: **Got Rhythm**
- November 16: **Lullaby of Broadway**
- December 7: **In the Mood**
- January 11: **Summertime**
- February 8: **And the Angels Sing**
- March 1: **Stormy Weather**
- April 5: **My Reverie**
- May 3: **’S Wonderful**





Meet the Library's New Executive Director



**Tuesday, October 1, 4–6 p.m.
Library Center auditorium**

Meet Ed Walton, the newly appointed Springfield-Greene County Library District Executive Director. Ed will be available to answer questions and share information and graphics on the current construction projects at the Library Center, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library and Republic Branch Library.

What's New in Local History and Genealogy



THOUSANDS GATHERED at the Springfield National Cemetery on May 30, 1924 for Springfield's annual Decoration Day ceremony. The Springfield Boy Scout Band, directed by R. Ritchie Robertson, led veterans of the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and the World War through the cemetery towards a speaker's stand where an invocation was given and patriotic songs were sung. Attorney Perry T. Allen provided a "stirring tribute" to the veterans and those who gave the last full measure of devotion to their country.

The above photograph documents this historic moment in Springfield's history. It shows the veterans of three wars, the Springfield Boy Scout Band, R. Richie Robertson, Lt. Col. Paul Frey, and countless other individuals. This photograph is the most recent addition to Local History's archival collection, which contains thousands of historic images from the Ozarks.

Visit Local History & Genealogy at the Library Center to see the collection, or access the digitized images online at thelibrary.org/locbist/digitalarchive.

Catalog Changes Coming Soon

WE ARE EXCITED to introduce our new catalog interface, Vega Discover, starting late summer/early fall 2024! One of its standout features is the ability to combine multiple formats related to the same title or work in one search result, allowing users to locate and select the desired format more easily. More features are being added regularly, and we are happy to bring a more modern, robust browsing experience to our users.

The Library's overall website will also be spruced up a bit while maintaining the overall look and feel of the current website.

Take a Break from Scrolling and Dive into a Good Book!



OR LISTEN TO a digital audiobook. Watch a movie. Or read a magazine.

Using your cell phone or any other portable device or computer, anyone can borrow and read thousands of e-books and more with Libby and Hoopla, two free apps available through the Springfield-Greene County Libraries.

You can stream titles with Wi-Fi or mobile data, or download them for offline use and read, watch or listen anytime, anywhere.

All you need is a library card (and that's simple to get at your neighborhood library branch or online at thelibrary.org/librarycard).

Get started at thelibrary.org/digital. There's information for Libby or Hoopla, with simple directions for downloading either app, entering your library card number, browsing and borrowing what you want.

Checkouts are for three weeks; items will disappear after that — so no late fees!

Discover the Convenience of Learning American Sign Language at Home

DO YOU KNOW American Sign Language (ASL) is the most popular language studied in the U.S.? Mango Languages has partnered with ASL Inside, one of the leading ASL learning platforms. As a library card holder, you have free access to ASL courses. Lessons are practical and will quickly allow individuals to carry on basic ASL conversations.

Visit thelibrary.org/research to learn more today.



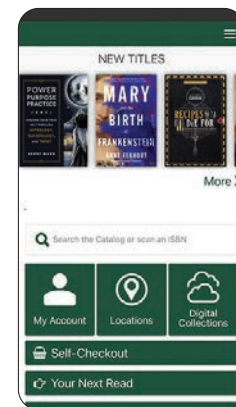
Use the Library's Mobile App for Your Favorite Library Services!



ON THE GO? You can access library services from anywhere with the Library's Mobile App on your portable device. Simply download it from the App store or Google Play store under Springfield-Greene County Library.

Using the app, you can browse the new titles bookshelf, scan the catalog and place an item on hold by typing in your library card number, or check your library account. Browse the digital collections and borrow e-books and more from Libby and Hoopla.

Here's what else you can do: Check the list of upcoming library programs, reserve a meeting room, research the databases, send a question through Ask a Librarian, scan the ISBN of any book to see if it's available to borrow from the library, suggest a purchase, read the latest Library news, visit The Library on social media sites — Facebook, YouTube and Instagram, or visit the website, thelibrary.org.



At the Library, use the app for a quick self-checkout. On the app, tap My Account, enter your card number and name, and your digital library card is automatically installed. Tap Show Card, and scan the library item barcode to check out an item to your account.

Maker Space

The Maker Space is Taking a Break

WHILE RENOVATIONS HAPPEN at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, the Maker Space will be closed. But don't worry! 3D printing and digitization services for VHS, 8mm and slides are relocating temporarily to Local History and Genealogy at the Library Center. Call 417-837-5011 for more information or to make an appointment.

Indigenous Stories of the Sky



DISCOVER THE IMPORTANCE the night sky has to different Indigenous cultures. Sponsored by the Library Foundation.

Cherokee Stories of Animals and the Moon

Sunday, September 29, 2 p.m. for ages 4 and older in the Library Center auditorium. Kituwah Cherokee Storyteller Choogie Kingfisher will share the childhood stories of the Cherokee people. Sponsored by the Library Foundation.

Powwow with the American Indian Center of Springfield

Friday, October 11, 6 p.m. for all ages in the Library Center auditorium. Celebrate Native American culture by learning about the powwow. The American Indian Center of Springfield will present traditional dances that may be found at powwows and how Native American children participate in their heritage. Kids will have the chance to learn some dance steps from Powwow Princess Nizhoni Falcon while honoring the strong traditions of Native People.

Stories of the Stars

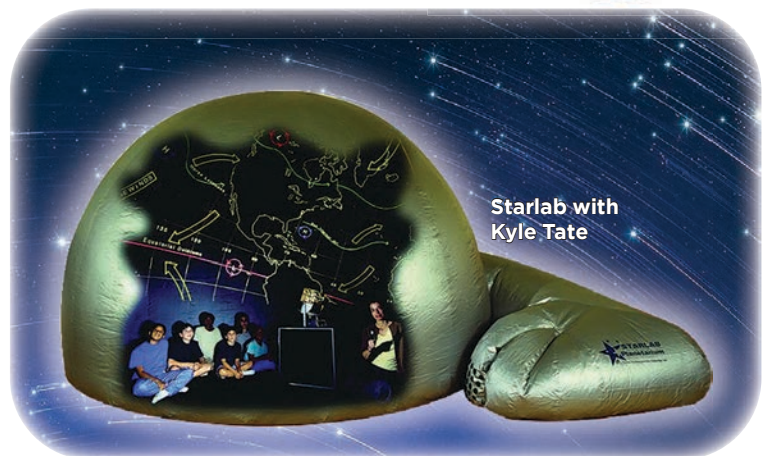
Sunday, November 24, 1 p.m., for ages 8–12 in the Library Center auditorium. Generations of people all over the world have honored the night sky. Cherokee Tribal member Kyle Tate will share stories of the stars and how deeply they connect to Native American tribes under the night sky of the StarLab. Registration starts November 10; call 417-616-0526.



Choogie Kingfisher



Nizhoni Falcon



Starlab with Kyle Tate

Helping to Bring the Humanities to the Public Square



FROM OCTOBER 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 2025, the Missouri Humanities Council Major Grant Project will present a series of six exhibits and presentations exploring the history and culture of the Ozarks at the Park

Central Branch Library.

Uncover the stories of the Ozarks at the launch of our first interpretive exhibit, “Celebrating Native American Cultures of the Ozarks Region,” at 6:30 p.m. Friday, October 4, at the Park Central Branch Library. The exhibit will include a variety of Native American artifacts, including stone projectile points, basketry and beadwork. The exhibit opening reception is during the First Friday Art Walk and will feature the presentation “Researching and Preserving Native American Artifacts” by Jessica

Winslow and Kylei Giles. Children’s activity sheets will be available throughout the exhibit. After the opening reception, the exhibit will be available at the Park Central Branch Library until November 29.

The Missouri State University Museum Studies Program, Department of Art and Design, and the Park Central Branch Library, Springfield-Greene County Library District, are sponsoring this program in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council and with support from the Missouri Humanities Trust Fund.





OH, THE HORROR!

Sponsored by Friends of the Library



Oh, how we love to frighten ourselves with tales of holiday horrors! Embrace the eerie atmosphere and join us this October and November as we unveil chilling tales of Halloween hauntings and sinister Yuletide spirits.

SPOOKY OZARKS STORIES, LORE AND MORE

Thursday, October 10, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. From full-fledged tales to snippets of wisdom and lore, the Ozarks is full of unexpected and unusual stories that provide a sense of the region. Ozarks Alive's Kaitlyn McConnell will explore some of these stories, such as madstones, water witching and famed names like Mountain



Maid of Roaring River and The Wizard of Oto, as well as other tales that have captivated locals and those beyond the region's confines for generations.

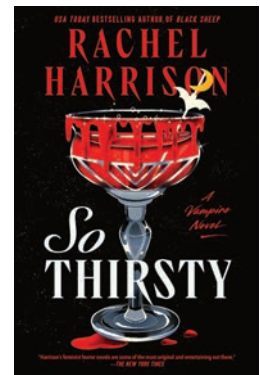
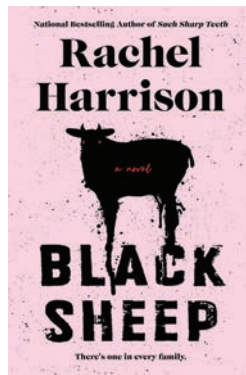
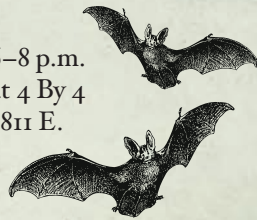
FLIGHTS & FRIGHTS TRIVIA NIGHT



Friday, October 11, 6-8 p.m. for age 21 and older at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite

A. Recruit and register a team of six

for a pop culture horror trivia night with our friends at 4 By 4 Brewing Company. Individual tickets are \$40 and include a flight of beer, food and prizes. Proceeds from this event benefit the Library Foundation's Cultural Arts Fund. Register online and check out sponsorship opportunities at foundation.thelibrary.org. For details, call 417-616-0554.



TWISTED TROPES: THE FEMINIST HORROR OF RACHEL HARRISON

Thursday, October 24, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. National bestselling author Rachel Harrison's darkly humorous but utterly frightening tales twist classic horror tropes and view them through a modern feminist lens. Harrison will discuss how horror can explore everything from women's autonomy and female rage to the benefits of embracing the monster within and taking life by the throat. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

"TRICK 'R TREAT" AT THE MOXIE

Friday, October 25, 8–10 p.m. at the Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Halloween night in Warren Valley, Ohio, is a time for terror in Michael Dougherty's "Trick 'r Treat," rated R, as Sam, a mysterious trick-or-treater, ensures that the traditions of Halloween are observed and those who break them are punished. Experience the modern Halloween classic on the big screen during this special free presentation.

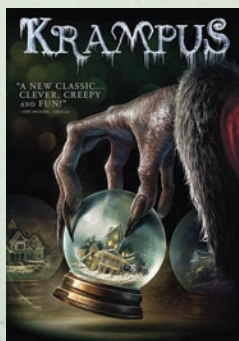


OZARKS WINTERTIME TALES AND YULETIDE TERRORS

Tuesday, October 29, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. The chill change of air in the Ozarks each winter brings with it songs and tales of restless spirits, strange shapes seen in weird weather and the mischief of Yuletide creatures from folklore. Join local artists, including Sandi Green-Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Krampus, for a multi-media evening featuring ghostly tales, folk ballads and crankies — a century-old storytelling tradition using music, theatrics and art.

"KRAMPUS" AT THE MOXIE

Friday, November 1, 8–10 p.m. at the Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Holiday horror abounds in Michael Dougherty's "Krampus," rated PG-13, as the folkloric yuletide demon wreaks havoc on the Engel family when their son loses his holiday spirit. Their dysfunctional family must band together if any of them are going to make it to Christmas morning alive. Experience the modern Christmas classic on the big screen during this special free presentation.



MOTHERS & YULETIDE MONSTERS: CHATTING WITH JENNIFER MCMAHON

Thursday, November 7, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. New York Times bestselling author Jennifer McMahon will discuss her new novel, "My Darling Girl," described as a blend of "The Exorcist" and a Hallmark Christmas movie. It tells the story of how one woman's holiday festivities turn into a horrific nightmare when she realizes her visiting mother is possessed. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



"THE FRIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" WITH JEFF BELANGER

Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Remember the famous Christmas song, "There'll be scary ghost stories and tales of the glories of Christmases long, long ago..."? Emmy-nominated host, writer and producer Jeff Belanger brings spooky back to the Yuletide time of year with this eerie holiday show. From its origins to the ghosts that lurk in its shadows, experience a multi-media journey of this haunting holiday! Based on his PBS Special, "Creepy Christmas," and bestselling book, "The Fright Before Christmas," this night may save the holidays from ruin! This program is NOT for young children. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

BUSINESS CONNECT

LIBRARY
SOLUTIONS
FOR YOUR
BUSINESS
NEEDS

Whether you're starting a new business or working to grow an existing business, The Library offers resources to meet your needs and expert staff who can connect you to library tools and community resources. Visit thelibrary.org/business to access all of our Business Connect services, including tools for business research and training opportunities.

Networking 101: How to Build Relationships in Business

Friday, September 6, 8:30 a.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Networking is a crucial aspect of professional growth and business success. Whether you're a seasoned professional or just starting out, explore the foundational principles and strategies for building and nurturing meaningful business relationships. Presented in partnership with the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*

Workforce Credentials

Tuesday, September 24, 4 p.m. at the Republic Branch Library. Are you seeking a new profession or interested in adding to your current credentials?



Employees with Drury GO will discuss the many affordable workplace training options that can be completed in six months or less. Provided in partnership with Drury GO.



Lunch & Learn: Women in Business Leveraging Social Media

Thursday, October 3, noon-1:30 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Learn from women in business using innovative social media strategies to drive success, build brands and create community. From telling your business' story to connecting with clients, learn how to leverage your digital platforms with Christine Morton,

MADE HERE: SPOT PLUS

Tuesday, September 10, 5:30-7 p.m. at Spot Plus, 450 S. Union Ave. Suite E. Learn everything you didn't know about running a professional carpet cleaning and maintenance business during a behind-the-scenes tour of Spot Plus, a family-owned local company. This tour will require walking and standing and is handicap accessible. Light snacks will be graciously provided by Spot Plus. *Registration starts August 27; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0683.*



CEO of Morton Marketing 417; Lori Robertson, keynote speaker and SpeakHer coach; Sandy Higgins, CEO of The Crackerjack Shack; and Cassie Potts, business coach and founder of FEMastermind. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by a panel discussion at 12:30 p.m. Presented in partnership with SCORE Southwest Missouri. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*

Foundation Directory for Nonprofits

Monday, October 21, 2-4 p.m. in the Library Center Harrison Room. As part of Candid's Funding Information Network, the Springfield-Greene County community has access to the Foundation Directory, with information on over 100,000 foundations and over 2.5 million recently awarded grants. Learn how to use this resource to find grants for your nonprofit organization. *Registration starts October 7; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Growing Your Business in Southwest Missouri

Tuesday, October 22, 4 p.m. at the Republic Branch Library. Starting and growing a small business can be a difficult challenge but can often be very rewarding. Outreach and Marketing Specialist at the U.S. Small Business Administration Krishin Thadani will discuss various types of no-cost or low-cost assistance available to help you start and succeed as a small business owner in Missouri. Presented in partnership with APEX Accelerators, SCORE Southwest Missouri, Missouri Small Business Development Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Small Business Administration. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-732-7284.*



Boots to Business Reboot

Wednesday, November 6, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Have you ever dreamed of owning and operating your own business? Learn what it takes to be an entrepreneur along with highly decorated guest presenters who will discuss how to develop business concepts and planning, market research, financing and more. This workshop is open to veterans and non-service members. Lunch will be provided. Presented in partnership with Simmons Bank, U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE Southwest Missouri and the Veterans Business Outreach Center. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341.*

Blueprint for Social Media Mastery

Tuesday, November 26, 4 p.m. at the Republic Branch Library. From understanding your target audience to content planning, every successful social media presence starts with a solid strategy. Maryanne Ellison, Director of Business Development and Team Leader of Marketing for Smart Blondes Marketing, will guide you through creating a comprehensive social media strategy tailored to your business goals.



Book Your Next Meeting with Us!



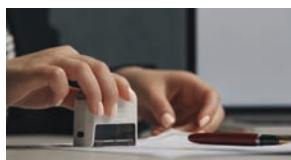
RESERVE YOUR meeting space using Reserve a Room, at rooms.thelibrary.org.

No account or password is required. Select a date and the

library branch you prefer, and check for available rooms. The site includes photos of each room, seating capacity, amenities and equipment. Enter a valid email address to make a reservation. A staff member will send an email confirmation.

No access to email, or need immediate booking assistance? Call any library branch for help. Not sure which type of room you need? Ask a librarian for details.

Notary Service For All Your Needs



YOU CAN GET important documents notarized at three libraries.

A certified Notary is on staff at the branches listed below.

Notary service is \$5 per visit. Certified copies are \$3-\$5 per visit.

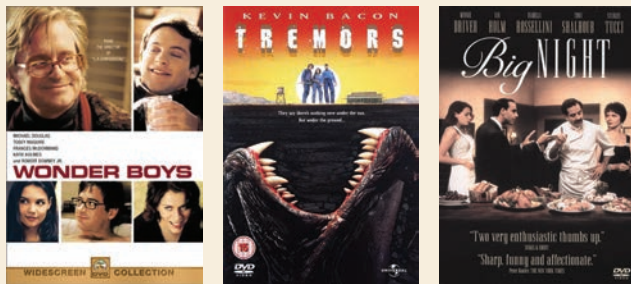
Maximum Notary fees are specified in the Revised Statutes of Missouri, Chapter 486, Sections 685, 960 and 1160.

Appointments are required. For more details or for an appointment, call

- Library Center, 417-883-5341
- Library Station, 417-865-1340
- Schweitzer Brentwood Branch, 417-883-1974

programs for adults

In the Community



FilmStubs

Wednesdays, 7–9 p.m. at the Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Both novice and seasoned cinephiles are welcome to join our free viewings of classic and cult films at The Moxie, with discussion after the films. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

- September 11: “Wonder Boys,” rated R.
- October 9: “Tremors,” rated PG-13.
- November 13: “Big Night,” rated R.



Fall Book Buzz

Thursday, September 12, 7 p.m. at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St. Suite A. The Library has all of your fall reading list needs covered! Join your local librarians as they share the buzz about new and upcoming titles, and snag some swag and Advance Reader Copies to add to your TBR (to be read) pile.

Downtown Game Night

Fridays, September 13, October 11 and November 8, 6–8 p.m. at The Coffee Ethic, 124 Park Central Square. Drop in to play board and card games, and treat yourself to a coffee or tea. Choose from our selection of games or bring your own.



Books and Boards

Fridays, 6:30–8 p.m. at Village Meeple Board Game Cafe, 1570 E. Battlefield Road Suite F. Board games and books make the perfect pairing! Play a board game, hear about books that match the game’s theme and chat about your favorite games and books. Admission is free to participants.

- September 13: **Catan**.
- October 11: **Boop**.
- November 8: **Trekking the National Parks**.



Heirloom Seed Saving Basics

Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m.–noon at the Midtown Community Garden, 1471 N. Benton Ave. Learn how to harvest and save pea, bean and tomato seeds from your garden in this hands-on seed saving demonstration. Space is limited. Provided in partnership with the Springfield Community Gardens. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-862-0135.*

Creative Aging Mosaic Course

Wednesday, October 2, 1–2:30 p.m. for adults age 55 and older at The Fairbanks Community Hub, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Christine Schilling of MosaicaRose Studio will lead an 8-week workshop in basic mosaic techniques. Participants will create 2–3 individual works and a collaborative mural using colorful china, ceramic tile, stained glass and mirror. The finished works will be displayed at a final art show on December 4 at the Fairbanks Community Hub. Provided in partnership with the Advancing Creative Aging Through State Library Leadership

Initiative. Registration for the entire 8-week workshop is required. *Registration starts September 18; call 417-837-5011.*

Advancing Creative Aging Through State Library Leadership Initiative is a joint initiative of Califa Group, Wyoming State Library, Missouri State Library and Lifetime Arts. It was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant.

Flights & Frights Trivia Night

Friday, October 11, 6–8 p.m. at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St. Suite A. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 8–9.*

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Ash Grove Branch Library

Local History Roundtable

Fridays, September 6, October 4 and November 1, 4:30 p.m. Join guest speakers and fellow history lovers in a roundtable discussion of Ash Grove’s history and share projects you’ve been working on.

Flying Needles

Tuesdays, September 10, October 8 and November 12, 1:30 p.m. Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Work on your current projects, share patterns and ideas, and check out our knitting and crochet resources. All levels of experience are welcome.

Dabbling in Art

Thursdays, September 12, October 10 and November 14, 4 p.m. for age 15–adult. Join us for an evening of sketching, painting or crafting! Whatever your skill level, try your hand at something new, learn from others and have a creative time. Materials will be provided.



Silver Screen Surfers

Fridays, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Delve into the intrigue as we watch these silver screen gems full of mystery.

- September 20: “Hold That Ghost,” not rated.
- October 18: “The Ghost Breakers,” not rated.
- November 15: “Arsenic and Old Lace,” rated TV-G.

Fair Grove Branch Library

Craft & Chat

Thursdays, 1–3 p.m. Meet and connect with fellow crafters while working on a new craft project and trading ideas. Materials will be provided. Visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637 to register.

- September 12: **Greeting Cards.** *Registration starts August 29.*
- October 10: **Spooky Wooden Spoons.** *Registration starts September 26.*
- November 14: **Foam Trees.** *Registration starts October 31.*

Library Center

Invasive Plant Swap Out

Sunday, September 1, noon in the auditorium. Take an important step to benefit ecological diversity and water quality.

Master Naturalist Barbara Kipfer

will teach you how to identify and remove problematic plant species in our area. Then, pick out a native shrub, tree or plant combo to take home. Natives are provided by the Missouri Prairie Foundation and the Missouri Invasive Plants Council. Remember to bring your own container to travel home with your new plants. *Registration starts August 18; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341.*



“The Flower Sisters”

Tuesday, September 10, 6–8 p.m. in the auditorium. The West Plains Bond Dance Hall Explosion in 1928 was a tragedy that continues to haunt the community it devastated decades before. Local author Michelle Collins Anderson will share the story of the explosion while discussing her book, “The Flower Sisters,” a fictional retelling of the events told through twin storylines fifty years apart. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Library Center continued

Exploring Genealogy

Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society.

- Wednesday, September 18, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. **Sparking Interest in Genealogy by Shamele Jordon.** Gather ideas on the kindling of interest in genealogy with Shamele Jordon, known for her role as the television producer and host of “Genealogy Quick Start” and her work for Visualizing the Past.
- Monday, October 7, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. **Navigating the Online Genealogy Database Ancestry.** Certified Genealogist® Patti Lee Hobbs will discuss the treasures Ancestry holds, from methodologies, search strategies and limitations to the differences between the available subscription levels.
- Wednesday, October 16, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. **A Case Study Using Geographic Information Systems.** Geographic Information Systems store, organize and display geographic data and can be useful for genealogists. Learn how to answer research questions by leveraging its power to conceptualize genealogy data that contains geographic characteristics.
- Monday, November 4, 7 p.m. in meeting room B. **Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor.** Researching an ancestor from the War of 1812 can involve a set of interesting records. Nationally renowned presenter and Certified Genealogist® Craig Scott will discuss how to examine compiled military service records, pension applications, and settled accounts and explore where to find other records.



Creative Aging Mixed Media Journey

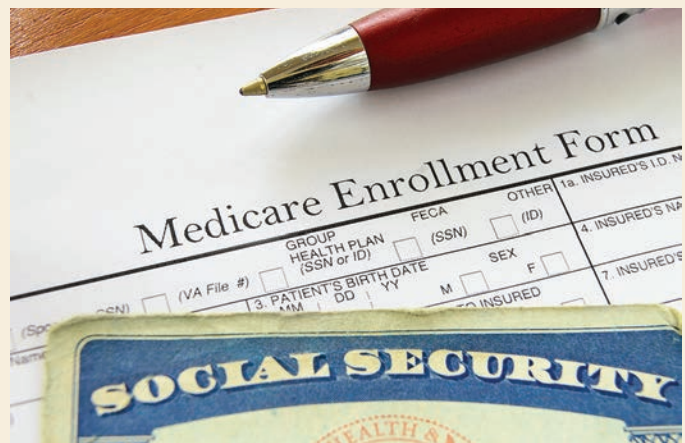
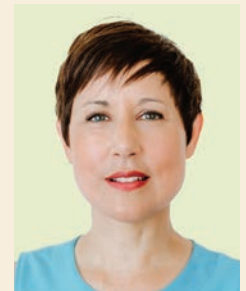
Wednesday, September 18, 6–8 p.m. for adults age 55 and older in the Story Hour Room. Artist and illustrator Cory Leick will lead an 8-week workshop exploring various painting techniques and the process of developing a finished composition. Participants will work through a series of artful exercises while exploring color, shape, texture, line, stamping and collage. The finished works will be displayed at a final art show on November 13 at the Library Center. Materials will be provided, and all levels of

experience are welcomed. Provided in partnership with the Advancing Creative Aging Through State Library Leadership Initiative. Registration for the entire 8-week workshop is required. *Registration starts September 4; call 417-883-5341.*

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What Social Media Scammers Don't Want You To Know

Thursday, September 19, 10 a.m. in meeting room B. From social selling to online dating, scammers use social media to steal from you. Regional Director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau, Pamela Hernandez, will share the latest social media scams and how to protect yourself from getting scammed online.



Medicare: Where Do I Begin?

Saturday, September 21, 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium. There are many ways you can protect yourself from medical care costs during retirement. Learn about each component of Medicare, how to navigate the process and understand what options best fit your needs with Stephanie Hohenshell, founder of Hohenshell Financial.

Meet the Library's New Executive Director

Tuesday, October 1, 4–6 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Meet Ed Walton, the newly appointed Springfield-Greene County Library District Executive Director. Ed will be available to answer questions and share information and graphics on the current construction projects at the Library Center, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library and Republic Branch Library.



Haunted House Makeover

Saturday, October 5, 4–6 p.m. in meeting room B. Get in the spooky spirit of the season by transforming a small dollhouse into a haunted house luminary.

Registration starts September 21; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341.

This Oh, the Horror! event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Spooky Ozarks Stories, Lore and More

Thursday, October 10, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 8–9.*

Library of Nightmares Escape Room

Saturday, October 12, 11:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. in meeting room B. Join forces to unravel clues, take down ghouls, escape the Library of Nightmares and test your puzzle-solving skills in this spine-chilling escape room. Call to register a group of 2–6 for a time slot. Registration starts September 28; call 417-883-5341. This Oh, the Horror! event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Medicare: Open Enrollment Best Practices

Saturday, October 12, 2 p.m. and Friday, November 8, 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Understanding your options during Medicare Open Enrollment can help you get the most out of your Medicare Supplement, Medicare Advantage and prescription plan coverage. Stephanie Hohenshell, founder of Hohenshell Financial, will equip you with the tips you need for the upcoming enrollment.



Twisted Tropes: The Feminist Horror of Rachel Harrison

Thursday, October 24, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 8–9.*

Ozarks Wintertime Tales and Yuletide Terrors

Tuesday, October 29, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 8–9.*

Mothers & Yuletide Monsters: Chatting with Jennifer McMahon

Thursday, November 7, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 8–9.*



"Voices from Vietnam"

Saturday, November 9, 4–5:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Watch the award-winning film "Voices from Vietnam," not rated, featuring an original narrative by Vietnam War veteran Larry Rottmann and directed by Mark Biggs that includes dozens of first-hand photographs and film footage of Vietnam. A Q&A with Rottmann and Biggs will follow the screening.



Gothic Ornaments

Sunday, November 10, 3–5 p.m. in the auditorium. Create a hanging decoration perfect for adding some spooky flair to your holiday home décor. Registration starts October 27; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341. This Oh, the Horror! event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Creative Aging Mixed Media Showcase

Wednesday, November 13, 6–8 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate the mixed media creations made by participants of our 8-week workshop, Creative Aging Mixed Media Journey, highlighting their skills and fostering a sense of community among artists and spectators. Provided in partnership with the Advancing Creative Aging Through State Library Leadership Initiative.

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Community Volunteer Fair

Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m.–noon in the auditorium. Browse dozens of local volunteer opportunities, grab some great swag and connect with organizations who would be grateful to find a volunteer just like you to help them meet their goals.

Library Center continued

“The Fright Before Christmas” with Jeff Belanger

Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 8–9.*

Library Station

Creative Aging Needle Felt Showcase

Tuesday, September 3, 6:30–8 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Celebrate the needle felting creations made by participants of our 8-week workshop, Creative Aging Needle Felting Course, highlighting their skills and fostering a sense of community among artists and spectators. Provided in partnership with the Advancing Creative Aging Through State Library Leadership Initiative.

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Mushroom Garland

Saturday, September 21, 2–3:30 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Create a charming mushroom garland to bring some whimsy to your home. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts September 7; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0683.*

Haunted House Pop-up Book

Saturday, October 19, 2–4 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Add some boo to your bookshelf by creating and decorating a haunted house pop-up book. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts October 5; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0683.*

Good Vibrations at the Station

Sunday, November 3, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Juanita Lee and Kenny Key sing duets of their favorite country, folk and pop songs, featuring guitar and rich, harmonious vocals. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.



Follow Along: Watercolor Silhouette

Saturday, November 16, 2–3:30 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Take a beginner course in watercolor as we follow a course on Creativebug. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts November 2; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0683.*

Escape Room: Yule GhouL Lodge

Saturday, November 23, 12:30–6 p.m. and Sunday, November 24, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. in the Frisco and Santa Fe Room. After starting a job as an off-season lodge caretaker, you realize the holiday season won't be as lonely as you thought. Can you escape before the horrors find you? Call to register a group of 2–6 for a time slot. *Registration starts November 12; call 417-616-0683.* This Oh, the Horror! event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Park Central Branch Library

First Friday Art Walk

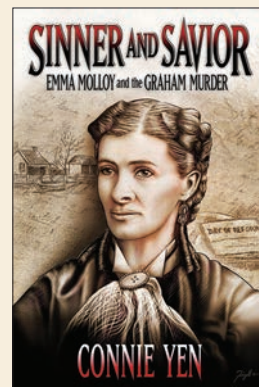
Fridays, 6:30–9 p.m. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit.

- September 6: Painter Alicia Mau presents “Let’s Feast” and will do a live painting throughout the evening. At 7 p.m., Malena Hemenway will present an art talk on “Mark Maggiori: Visual Culture of the American West.”
- October 4: Photographer Debra McCamish presents “Muses in the Gloaming.”
- November 1: Artist Andi Dean Snethern presents “Starting Over.” At 7 p.m., Emery Wilcoxon will present an art talk on “Randy’s Chitto’s Pottery: A Fusion of the Choctaw and American Southwest Cultures.”

Republic Branch Library

Boost Your Brain

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18 and 25 and October 2 and 9, 12:30 p.m. Learn a whole-person approach that helps boost your brain by forming new habits to live a healthier lifestyle, remember things better, be more organized, pay closer attention and regulate emotions in this 6-week series. Provided in partnership with the Greene County MU Extension Office. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-732-7284.*



“Sinner and Savior: Emma Molloy and the Graham Murder”

Saturday, September 21, 10:30 a.m. In the winter of 1886, George Graham’s wife was found dead on the Brookline farm of famed temperance advocate Emma Molloy, igniting a scandal known as “The Graham Tragedy.” Using

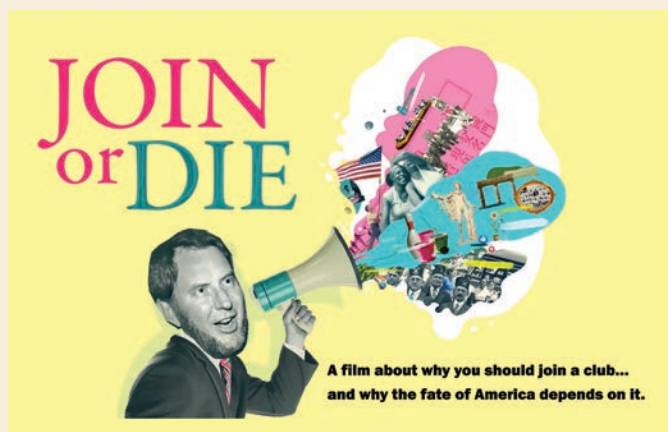
letters, court documents and newspaper accounts, Connie Yen, director of the Greene County Archives and Records Center and author of “Sinner and Savior: Emma Molloy and the Graham Murder,” will trace the events that nearly destroyed Molloy’s reputation and career. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s

Thursday, September 26, 10:30 a.m. Does someone you care for frequently misplace things, forget names or get confused about where they are? Learn the 10 common warning signs of Alzheimer’s and dementia and explore the next steps in seeking out help for yourself or a loved one. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Missouri Chapter.

Beginning Genealogy

Saturday, September 28, 10:30 a.m. Learn how to begin researching your family tree using printed and online resources available through the Library, with help from Library Assistant Dean Barker.

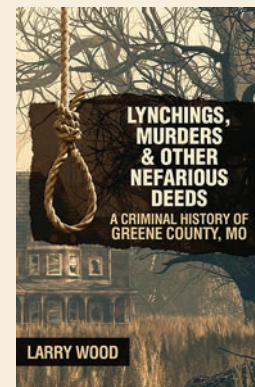


“Join or Die” Documentary

Saturday, September 28, noon–2 p.m. and 3–5 p.m. Celebrate the start of Missouri Good Neighbor Week with a special screening of “Join or Die.” Follow the story of America’s civic unraveling through the journey of scientist Robert Putnam, author of the groundbreaking book “Bowling Alone.” While inspiring community building in neighborhoods, Bob explores urgent civic questions regarding our democracy’s present crisis. A discussion will follow the film, including opportunities to “join” in our community. Provided in partnership with University of Missouri Extension of Greene County.

Money Life Hacks

Monday, September 30, 5:30 p.m. Learn tips for budgeting and managing your finances with Social Worker Amanda Todd as she shares her effective money hacks that have benefited her clients for years.



Notorious Incidents in Greene County History

Saturday, October 19, 10:30 a.m. Historical author Larry Wood will discuss infamous people and incidents throughout the history of Greene County and the Ozarks. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Healthy Living for the Brain & Body

Thursday, October 24, 10:30

a.m. Science can provide insight into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Learn about research in diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you



incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Missouri Chapter.

Exploring the U.S. Census Records

Saturday, October 26, 10:30 a.m. Library assistant Dean Barker will examine the differences in census years from 1790 to 1950, explaining what information can be obtained and how to find people who may not be indexed properly.

The Coffeyville Bank Robbery: Last Ride of the Dalton Gang

Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m. The Dalton Gang knew about the failure of the Northfield Bank Robbery and how it destroyed the James-Younger Gang, but they thought they could do better. When they tried to knock off two banks at once in broad daylight, it didn’t go well and left only one member alive. Using photographs and animated maps, author and storyteller Tim Ritter will recount what happened and where.



Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library



Voice Your Writing

Wednesdays, September 4, October 2 and November 6, 6 p.m. Want to write a memoir or have an idea for a novel? Now's your chance to join a casual group of writers. Bring a one-page sample of your work to share with other like-minded people, with no criticism or grammar check — we just want to hear your voice. No expertise or prior writing experience necessary.

Craft & Tell

Saturdays, September 7, October 5 and November 2, 10:30 a.m. Work on a craft while chatting with fellow crafters. We welcome any craft that is quiet and doesn't make a mess. Whether starting a project or struggling to finish one, this group is for you!

iPhone Class for Seniors

Thursdays, September 12 and 26, October 10 and 24 and November 14 and 21, 10 a.m.–noon. If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each session.

Poetry Workshop

Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m. Intimidated by the thought of writing? Have an idea for a poem? Former Springfield mayor and poet Robert Stephens will guide you through easy-to-understand steps to having several completed poems by the end of the workshop and receive templates for future poems. *Registration starts August 31; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*



Getting the Most From Your iPad

Monday, September 16, 10 a.m.–noon. Veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey will lead you through a hands-on class, focusing on features only an iPad can do.



Board Game Academy

Mondays, 6–8 p.m. Learn to play a new board game. Our experienced instructor and library staff member Adam Slemp will guide you through the complicated world of new and classic games. Play the game you just learned or bring one of your own to enjoy.

- September 16: **Cascadia.**
- October 21: **Fury of Dracula.**
- November 18: **Black Fleet.**

Travelogue

Thursdays, 2 p.m. Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month.

- September 19: **Glorious Canyons and Towns in the Southwest.** Embark on a three-week journey through canyons and towns in northern Arizona, southern Utah and southwestern Colorado. Using photographs from their trip, Lane and Cindy Pierce will explore iconic canyons and hidden roads, even seeing people tied to mules and running a 10K through the mountains.
- October 17: **Malaysia's Multicultural Kaleidoscope.** Malays, Chinese, Indians and several native tribes contribute their food, culture and language to Malaysia, a multicultural, multiethnic and multireligious country. Becky Marck and David Hathaway will share their experiences living there, using personal stories and colorful slides to highlight festivals, the food culture and the unique tapestry of Malaysia.



- November 21: **A Journey Through the Canadian Rockies.** Travel on the Rocky Mountaineer, from Vancouver to Jasper, then down to Lake Louise and Banff with library staffer Vickie Hicks as she shares her trip, including a stay at the gorgeous Chateau Lake Louise.



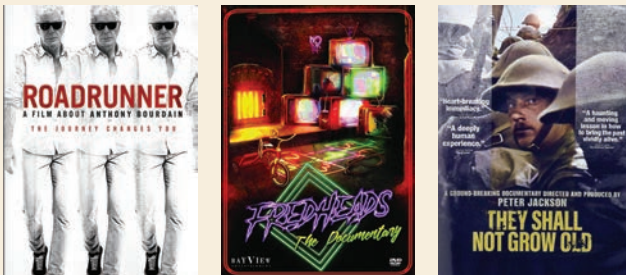
Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness

Fridays, 10 a.m. The Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter will discuss Alzheimer's and dementia signs to watch for in you or your loved ones.

- September 20: **Effective Communication Strategies for Dementia.**
- October 18: **Finding Joy in the Holidays.**
- November 15: **Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia for Caregivers.**

Show Me Trivia Night

Fridays, September 27, October 25 and November 29, 6–7:30 p.m. Gather your smartest friends and have fun with five rounds of trivia goodness hosted by Show Me Trivia. Feel free to bring a snack.



Exploring the Docuverse

Mondays, 6–9 p.m. Journey through the vast cosmos of documentary films with us. Each month, we'll explore new real-life stories that shed light on diverse topics, including history, science, culture and society.

- September 30: **"Roadrunner: A Film About Anthony Bourdain,"** rated R.
- October 28: **"FredHeads: The Documentary,"** not rated.
- November 25: **"They Shall Not Grow Old,"** rated R.

Deathly Hallows Wreath

Saturday, October 12, 2 p.m. Calling all crafty witches and wizards to make a Harry Potter-themed Deathly Hallows wreath for the autumn season. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts September 28; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*



Collection Connection with the Springfield Art Museum

Saturdays, 2 p.m. Artist Shauna Le Ann Smith will present a Collection Connection workshop, delving into the Springfield Art Museum's Permanent Collection.

- October 19: **Roots and Reflections: Exploring Midwest Artworks.** Explore Midwest artwork from the 1930s to 2000s, featuring regional paintings, abstract sculptures and contemporary photography. Reflect on pieces by Julie Blackmon, Thomas Hart Benton, Grant Wood, Trevor Doell, Beverly Hopkins and more as we connect personal experiences with these artistic expressions.
- November 16: **Meaning in Materiality: Exploring Found Objects in Art.** Dive into artworks that incorporate found objects and depict everyday items by Nick Cave, Glyneisha Johnson, Blake Willis Tiggemann and more, exploring the profound truth behind these assemblages. Discover how each object carries history, emotion and context, encouraging participants to explore their own narratives.



Navigating the Apple Watch

Monday, October 21, 10 a.m.–noon. Explore the health-tracking capabilities of the Apple Watch in a hands-on class with veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey.

History Explorers

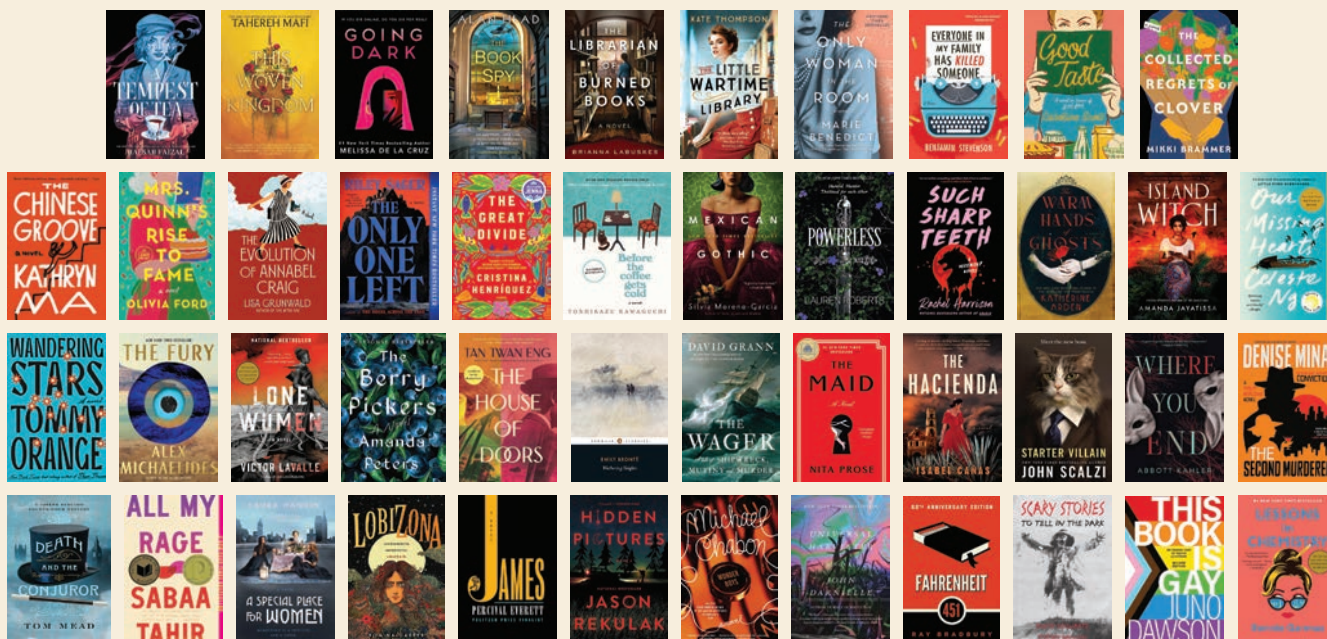
Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 p.m. Members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will explore a fascinating topic from the Revolutionary War.

What Scammers Don't Want You to Know

Thursday, October 31, 10 a.m. New technology, changes in consumer behavior and world events are changing the way scams occur in the marketplace. Pamela Hernandez, regional director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau, will share how to spot and avoid common scams and what scams are popping up in our community.

Advanced iPhone iOS Features

Monday, November 18, 10 a.m.–noon. This hands-on class, taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey, will focus on the Apple iCloud Keychain password management system.



book discussion groups

Talk about your latest read with others in these book discussions at library branches and in the community.

Ash Grove Branch Library

The YA Book Crew

Thursdays, 4 p.m. If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join the group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly-released titles.

- September 5: “A Tempest of Tea” by Hafsa Faizal.
- October 3: “This Woven Kingdom” by Tahereh Mafi.
- November 7: “Going Dark” by Melissa de la Cruz.

Ash Grove Bibliophiles

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

- September 17: “The Book Spy” by Alan Hlad.
- October 15: “The Librarian of Burned Books” by Brianna Labuskes.
- November 19: “The Little Wartime Library” by Kate Thompson.

Fair Grove Branch Library

Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

- September 11: “The Only Woman in the Room” by Marie Benedict.
- October 9: “Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone” by Benjamin Stevenson.
- November 13: “Good Taste: A Novel in Search of Great Food” by Caroline Scott.

Library Center

Feel Good Fiction

Thursdays, 7 p.m. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion.

- September 5: “The Collected Regrets of Clover” by Mikki Brammer.
- October 3: “The Chinese Groove” by Kathryn Ma.
- November 7: “Mrs. Quinn’s Rise to Fame” by Olivia Ford.

Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 1–2:30 p.m. in meeting room B.

- September 11: “The Evolution of Annabel Craig” by Lisa Grunwald.
- October 9: “The Only One Left” by Riley Sager.
- November 13: “The Great Divide” by Cristina Henríquez.

Banned Book Club

Tuesdays, 2–3 p.m. in meeting room A. Read books that have recently been in the news for being banned or challenged. We’ll discuss the book, the reasons it was banned or challenged and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom. Teens age 15 and older are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian.

- September 17: “Fahrenheit 451” by Ray Bradbury.
- October 22: “Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark” by Alvin Schwartz.
- November 19: “This Book Is Gay” by Juno Dawson.

TikTok Made Me Read It

Mondays, 7 p.m. in meeting room A. Discuss trending books made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers.

- September 30: “Before the Coffee Gets Cold” by Toshikazu Kawaguchi.
- October 28: “Mexican Gothic” by Silvia Moreno-Garcia.
- November 25: “Powerless” by Lauren Roberts.

Library Station

Spooky Friends Book Club

Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Ghosts, goblins, gore and so much more to read about in our horror book club.

- September 10: “**Such Sharp Teeth**” by Rachel Harrison.
- October 1: “**The Warm Hands of Ghosts**” by Katherine Arden.
- November 5: “**Island Witch**” by Amanda Jayatissa.

Afternoon Book Discussion

Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Discuss a wide range of books in various genres, including both fiction and nonfiction titles.

- September 26: “**Our Missing Hearts**” by Celeste Ng.
- October 24: “**The Great Divide**” by Cristina Henríquez.
- November 21: “**Wandering Stars**” by Tommy Orange.

Republic Branch Library

Book Discussion

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

- September 12: “**The Fury**” by Alex Michaelides.
- October 10: “**Lone Women**” by Victor LaValle.
- November 14: “**The Berry Pickers**” by Amanda Peters.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

Cookbook Book Club

Sundays, 3 p.m. Whatcha got cookin'? Try a recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone's recipes turned out. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged!

- September 8: **Breakfast and Brunch.**
- October 13: **Sandwiches.**
- November 10: **Beverages.**

Evening Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

- September 10: “**The House of Doors**” by Tan Twan Eng.
- October 8: “**Wuthering Heights**” by Emily Brontë.
- November 12: “**The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder**” by David Grann.

Stafford Branch Library

Book Discussion

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

- September 19: “**The Maid**” by Nita Prose.
- October 17: “**The Hacienda**” by Isabel Cañas.
- November 14: “**Starter Villain**” by John Scalzi.

Willard Branch Library

Willard Bibliotaphs

Wednesdays, September 11, October 9 and November 13, 1:30 p.m. BYOB (Bring Your Own Book). Whatever we want? Yes! Bring any title from your favorite adult fiction author to discuss with other bibliotaphs in the community.

In the Community

Mystery Book Club

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at Hidden Grounds Coffee House, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone.

- September 10: “**Where You End**” by Abbott Kahler.
- October 8: “**The Second Murderer**” by Denise Mina.
- November 12: “**Death and the Conjuror**” by Tom Mead.

Downtown Book Club

Thursdays, 6–7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Springfield Association, 134 Park Central Square Suite 120. Join us to chat about our monthly title while enjoying the urban skyline at this library-sponsored book group. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association.

- September 12: “**All My Rage**” by Sabaa Tahir.
- October 10: “**A Special Place for Women**” by Laura Hankin.
- November 14: “**Lobizona**” by Romina Garber.

Northview Center Book Discussion

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. for adults age 55 and older at the Northview Center, 305 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults.

- September 13: “**The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder**” by David Grann.
- October 11: “**James**” by Percival Everett.

Books on Tap

Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St. Brewing off-beat discussions about books that aren't in the mainstream.

- September 17: “**Wonder Boys**” by Michael Chabon.
- October 15: “**Hidden Pictures**” by Jason Rekulak.
- November 19: “**Universal Harvester**” by John Darnielle.

Rosie Book Club

Wednesday, October 16, 4 p.m. at J.O.B. Public House, 319 E. Walnut St. Chat about titles that spark conversation with other women in business at this bimonthly book group, where we meet at a different women-owned business each session. This month's title is “**Lessons in Chemistry**” by Bonnie Garmus. Presented in partnership with Leadership Springfield's Rosie project. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*

computer training

INVEST IN YOURSELF with free computer skills classes at the Library.

Classes take place in the Library Center Harrison Room while the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library undergoes renovations. **Registration is required to attend. For information or to register, call 417-837-5011.**

Meet the Computer

Learn the basics of computers including using a mouse and a keyboard. Understand the difference between left clicking and right clicking. Learn to open programs and files. Use the mouse to double-click, scroll and click and drag. This class is for beginners.

- Tuesday, September 3, 10 a.m.–noon
- Tuesday, October 8, 10 a.m.–noon

Finding Files

Learn to save, organize, copy, move, rename, delete, find and manage files and folders on your computer or external storage device.

- Thursday, September 5, 2–4 p.m.
- Thursday, October 10, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 5, 10 a.m.–noon

Learning Windows 11

Learn about the Windows 11 operating system. Explore the Start Menu and Settings menu, and learn how to customize your computer. Use tiles to launch apps and to access other programs on the computer.

- Tuesday, September 10, 10 a.m.–noon
- Tuesday, October 15, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, November 7, 2–4 p.m.

Internet Basics

Learn how to navigate the internet using your browser's menus and toolbars. Access websites by typing in a web address or using search engines. Learn how to change your home page and add a website to your favorites.

- Thursday, September 12, 2–4 p.m.
- Thursday, October 17, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 12, 10 a.m.–noon

Gmail Basics

Learn how to create an email account using Gmail, create contacts and signatures, compose and reply to emails, organize your inbox and more.

- Tuesday, September 17, 10 a.m.–noon
- Tuesday, October 22, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, November 14, 2–4 p.m.

Google Tools

Learn to use Google tools including Google Drive, Calendar, Docs and Sheets, and how to access your files



across devices. Understand what the “cloud” is and how to use it for sharing your files and storing them online.

- Thursday, September 19, 2–4 p.m.
- Thursday, October 24, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 19, 10 a.m.–noon

Microsoft Word Basics

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word: create, edit and save documents, change font size, style and color, create lists and use spell-check to edit documents.

- Tuesday, September 24, 10 a.m.–noon
- Tuesday, October 29, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, November 21, 2–4 p.m.

Microsoft Excel Basics

Learn how to create and use spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Add data to a spreadsheet, perform calculations and set up spreadsheets for printing.

- Tuesday, October 1, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, October 31, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 26, 10 a.m.–noon

Library Apps

Thursday, October 3, 2–4 p.m. Bring your phone or tablet for this hands-on class that will teach you to use apps offered by the Library, including the Springfield-Greene County Library app, Libby and Hoopla.

One-on-One Help — And More

By appointment. Call 417-837-5011 to reserve an hour with a staff member for answers to your technology questions. We can help with specific questions about using your tablet or smartphone, creating and using an email account, getting started with Microsoft Office products and more. Please have your specific questions in mind when you make your appointment. It will help us prepare to work with you when you arrive.



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Northstar Digital Literacy provides online, self-guided modules to assess and improve your digital ability in areas like essential computer skills, essential software skills and using technology in daily life. Whether you need to master Microsoft Office, navigate social media or learn computer basics, we've got you covered. Access to Northstar Digital Learning is free, 24/7, from your computer, tablet or smartphone. Set up a free account through the Interactive Tutorials page at thelibrary.org/computertraining.

programs for 'tweens & teens

Fair Grove Branch Library

“Beetlejuice” Bash

Thursday, September 5, 3:30–5:30 p.m. for ages 13–18. Enjoy a screening of the original “Beetlejuice,” rated PG, complete with an interactive viewing kit. Come dressed as your favorite character from the film, prizes will be awarded.



Halloween Crafternoon

Tuesday, October 29, 3:30–5 p.m. for ages 12–18. Embrace the Halloween spirit with ghostly fun and spooky creations. Materials will be provided.

Movie Afternoon

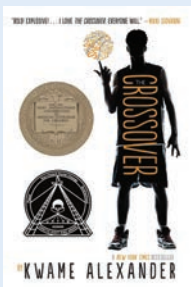
Tuesday, November 26, 3–5 p.m. for ages 13–18. Celebrate Dinovember with a showing of the 1993 classic “Jurassic Park,” rated PG-13.



Library Center

DIY Organization for Back to School

Tuesday, September 3, 6:30 p.m. for ages 12–16 in the Story Hour Room. Struggling to keep track of your pencils, papers and assignments? Create and decorate organization tools, such as pencil holders, corkboards, bookmarks, magnets and more. Materials will be provided.



Next Level Book Club

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. for ages 11–14 in the Story Hour Room. Love books and being creative? Meet other readers and talk about our monthly read while crafting, building with LEGO bricks or playing a game that goes along with the book.

- September 5: “The Crossover” by Kwame Alexander.
- October 3: “Summer Vamp” by Violet Chan Karim.
- November 7: “Mexikid” by Pedro Martin.



Create Your Own Dungeons & Dragons Character

Saturday, September 7, 4 p.m. for ages 12–18 in the Story Hour Room. The Library’s next Dungeons & Dragons campaign is coming soon! Get ready to play and learn how to create your character.

Teen Craft Craze

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. for ages 13–18 in the Story Hour Room. Craft to your heart’s content with us! We will provide the materials and some ideas for you to build, make and create something that goes with our monthly theme.

- September 12: Stained Glass.
- October 10: Spooky Vibes.
- November 14: Dark Academia.

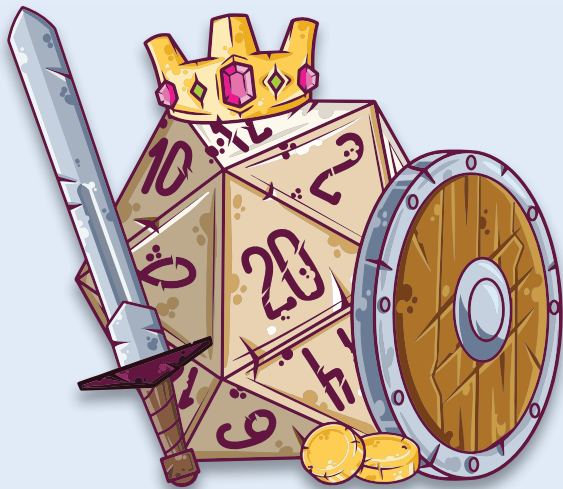


Cosplay Crash Course

Thursdays, 7–8:30 p.m. for ages 13–18 in the Story Hour Room. Can’t afford expensive cosplays but still want to dress as your favorite characters? We’ll teach you methods to make your own, focusing on a specific fandom or theme each month. Get creative with household items and meet other cosplay enthusiasts. Materials will be provided.

- September 12: “Over the Garden Wall.”
- October 10: “Little Nightmares.”
- November 14: “Five Nights at Freddy’s.”

Library Center continued



Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26 and November 9 and 23, 4 p.m. for ages 12–18 in the Story Hour Room. Come along for a fun-filled adventure through the Forgotten Realms. Bring your own character or use one of our premade ones.

So You Want to Learn to Crochet

Thursdays, September 19, October 17 and November 21, 6 p.m. for ages 12–18 in the Story Hour Room. Learn crochet basics on the third Thursday of every month. We'll cover new terms, techniques and stitches and start projects together. No previous experience necessary. Materials will be provided.

“A Series of Unfortunate Events”: Escape Count Olaf

Thursday, September 26, 5:30–7 p.m. for ages 9–14 in the Story Hour Room. From “The Bad Beginning” to “The End,” explore the unfortunate world of the Baudelaire siblings and decipher clues to catch Count Olaf. *Registration starts September 12; call 417-616-0526.*



Short Horror Stories

Wednesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m. for ages 12–18 in meeting room A. Create your own short horror stories; perhaps even a ghost or two will come along to listen to them. Spooky ambiance and prompts will be provided.



Teen Read-In

Friday, November 1, 5:30–7:30 p.m. for ages 12–18 in the Story Hour Room. Spend the evening reading, sharing books and creating a bookmark with your fellow bookworms. Bring an old favorite book or try one that we have. Snacks will be provided.

“National Treasure” Escape Room

Sunday, November 3, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. for ages 13–18 in the auditorium. Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of “National Treasure” with a themed escape room. *Registration starts October 20; call 417-616-0526.*



Virtual Reality Game Party

Saturday, November 23, 3–5 p.m. for ages 13–18 in the auditorium. Step into the world of virtual reality to experience and explore what it's like firsthand. *Registration starts November 1; call 417-616-0526.*



The Library Center

SKELETON FASHION SHOW

Welcome to the Library's first Skeleton Fashion Show! Create a fashionable outfit for a skeleton using whatever materials you have. A skeleton and a skeleton stand will be provided. Starting September 30, call 417-616-0526 to register and pick up your kits. Turn in your fashion creations by October 24; selected skeletons will be on display in the teen department.



Library Station

Teen Night!

Fridays, September 6, 13 and 20, October 4, 11 and 18 and November 1, 8, 15 and 29, 6–7:30 p.m. for ages 12–17 in the Frisco Room. If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts, hangouts and more. On September 13, The GLO Center will join us.

TTRPG Exploration

Saturdays, September 7, October 5 and November 2, 2–4:30 p.m. for ages 12–17 in the Santa Fe Room. Try out tabletop role-playing games, like Dungeons & Dragons and others. Join one-shot campaigns with pre-built characters or librarian-generated ones (there won't be time for character creation).



Teen Silent Reading Cafe

Thursdays, September 12, October 10 and November 14, 6–8 p.m. for ages 12–17. Are you looking for a calm place to read or book recommendations from a librarian? Come to the Station for quiet reading time followed by an optional book discussion with peers. Participants are encouraged to bring their current read, wear their comfiest clothes and bring a blanket and book-related questions. Snacks and books will be provided.



Teen Art Studio

Mondays, September 16, October 21 and November 18, 6–8 p.m. for ages 12–17 in the Frisco Room. Come to the Station on the third Monday of the month to practice your art, try a new technique and meet fellow teen artists. No prior skill is required. Materials will be provided.

Teen Anime Night

Fridays, September 27, October 25 and November 22, 6–7:30 p.m. for ages 14–17 in the Frisco Room. Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library



Teen Volunteer Council Recruitment Event

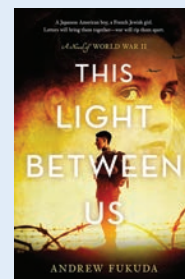
Tuesday, September 17, 6 p.m. for ages 14–18. Drop in to pick up an application and learn how to get involved, give back, meet new friends and log some volunteer hours by joining our Teen Volunteer Council.

Strafford Branch Library

Teen Book Club

Thursdays, 4–5:30 p.m. for ages 13–18. Let's talk about teen books! Snack and chat with us about new and old titles.

- September 26: "The Inheritance Games" by Jennifer Lynn Barnes.
- November 21: "This Light Between Us" by Andrew Fukuda.



Willard Branch Library



Superhero Afternoons

Mondays, September 16, October 7 and November 4, 3–5 p.m. for ages 13–18. Munch on snacks while watching some of our favorite superhero movies, rated PG–13.

programs for kids & families



Celebrate Socktober with Storytimes!

It's Socktober! The Library is partnering with Ambassadors for Children to collect socks for children and teens living with foster families in the area. Visit your favorite branch for a special Socktober Storytime and drop off new packages of socks in the collection bin. All sizes and styles are welcome. Donations accepted anytime October 1–31 at all library branches and the Mobile Library.

For infants–age 6:

- **J.R. Martin Park, Republic:** Tuesday, October 1, 10 a.m.
- **Strafford Branch:** Tuesday, October 1, 10 a.m.
- **Willard Branch:** Tuesday, October 1, 10:30 a.m.
- **Library Station:** Tuesday, October 1, 11:15 a.m.
- **Library Station:** Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m.
- **Republic Branch:** Wednesday, October 2, 10 a.m.
- **Ash Grove Branch:** Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 a.m.
- **Library Station:** Friday, October 4, 11:15 a.m.
- **Library Station:** Saturday, October 5, 11 a.m.
- **Fair Grove Branch:** Wednesday, October 9, 11 a.m.

- **The Fairbanks Community Hub:** Thursday, October 17, 10 a.m.
- **Library Center:** Monday, October 21, 6 p.m.
- **Library Center:** Tuesday, October 22, 10:30 a.m.
- **Schweitzer Brentwood Branch:** Wednesday, October 30, 11 a.m.

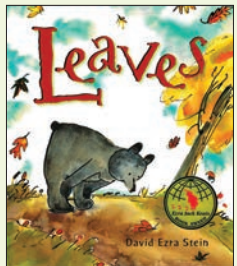
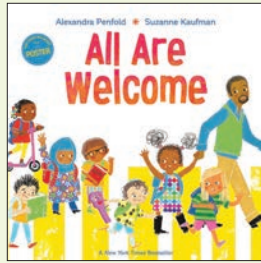
Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months:

- **Library Station:** Tuesday, October 1, 10 a.m.
- **Library Station:** Friday, October 4, 10 a.m.
- **Library Center:** Tuesday, October 22, 9:30 a.m.
- **Library Center:** Friday, October 25, 9:30 a.m.
- **Schweitzer Brentwood Branch:** Wednesday, October 30, 10 a.m.

In the Community

Enjoy a Fall StoryWalk®

For infants to age 9



FALL IS THE PERFECT TIME to explore a StoryWalk®. Get out and enjoy nature, get some exercise and enjoy a special book, all at the same time.

StoryWalks® are accessible during park hours. For details, please contact the host site.

- September StoryWalk® September 3–28 at the Fair Grove Branch Library, 81 S. Orchard Blvd. **“Outside Your Window”** by Nicola Davies. Start this special poetry StoryWalk® in front of the building and enjoy the rest of the poems in the windows inside the branch.
- September StoryWalk® September 11–24 at The Fairbanks Community Hub, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. **“All Are Welcome”** by Alexandra Penfold.
- October StoryWalk® October 9–22 at Owen Park, 440 N. Bailey Ave., Republic. **“Leaves”** by David Ezra Stein.
- October StoryWalk® October 9–29 at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Road 146. **“Outside Your Window”** by Nicola Davies.
- November StoryWalk® November 6–19 at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 S. Nature Center Way. **“Look and Listen: Who’s in the Garden, Meadow, Brook?”** by Dianne White. This StoryWalk® is along an unpaved path.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ferguson.



Stories in the Park

Tuesdays, September 3–October 29, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 at the J.R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Join your favorite children’s librarians for a weekly, outdoor storytime featuring stories, songs and activities. Meet at The Amp, we’ll move to the pavilion if it rains. Provided in partnership with the Republic Parks & Recreation Department.

Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks

Thursdays, September 5–November 21, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 at The Fairbanks Community Hub, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. The Midtown Carnegie Branch might be closed for construction, but our storytimes haven’t missed a beat! Come to The Fairbanks for stories, songs and activities with the Midtown librarians. For more information call 417-883-6112.

Guided Nature Walk

Saturday, September 21, 10:30 a.m.–noon for families with kids ages 5–12 at Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield, 5242 S. State Highway ZZ, Republic. Enjoy a walk through Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield with library staff and staff from the reserve. Along the way, we’ll learn and discover new things and relax afterward with stories from library staff. Meet at Stop 3 on the tour trail. Provided in partnership with Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield.



Not-So-Scary Storytime

Thursday, October 31, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 at The Fairbanks Community Hub, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Enjoy spooky stories, songs and more during our Halloween-themed storytime that won’t keep you up at night. Costumes are encouraged.

Ash Grove Branch Library



Racing to Read Storytime

Wednesdays, September 4–November 27, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6.

Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Fair Grove Branch Library



Racing to Read Storytime

Wednesdays, September 4–November 27, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6.

Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.



“The Wild Robot” Launch Party

Thursday, September 26, 3:30 p.m. for ages 8 and older. Do you love “The Wild Robot” series by Peter Brown? Get ready for the upcoming movie by celebrating all things Roz and friends with challenges, crafts and treats inspired by the series.



Pumpkin Palooza: Mad Science

Wednesday, October 30, 3:30 p.m. for ages 7 and older. Get icky and sticky with pumpkin-themed experiments, crafts and snacks. Materials will be provided.

Library Center



Racing to Read Storytime

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• **Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months:** Tuesdays and Fridays, September 3–November 29, 9:30 a.m.

• **For infants–age 6:** Tuesdays, September 3–November 26, 10:30 a.m.

• **Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6:** Mondays, September 9–November 25 (except October 14 and November 11), 6 p.m.

DIY Organization for Back to School

Tuesday, September 3, 5:30 p.m. for ages 8–12 in the Story Hour Room. Struggling to keep track of your pencils, papers and assignments? Create and decorate organization tools, such as pencil holders, corkboards, bookmarks, magnets and more. Materials will be provided.



Bricks and Books Club

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. for ages 8–12 in the Story Hour Room. Love books and LEGO bricks? We’ve got a club for you! Each month, we’ll read a book, chat about it and build something related to the book of the month.

- September 5: “Lucky Scramble” by Peter Raymundo.
- October 3: “Things in the Basement” by Ben Hatke.
- November 7: “Saving Sunshine” by Saadia Faruqi.

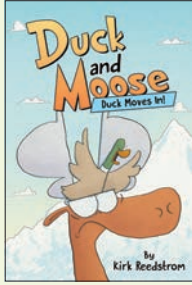
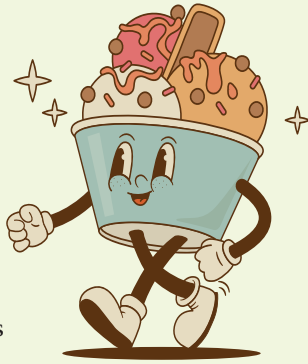
Baby Book Club

Wednesdays, September 11, October 9 and November 13, 9:30 a.m. for infants–12 months in the Story Hour Room. Read, sing and play at our special babies-only playtime.



Ice Cream Fun

Sunday, September 22, 3–4:30 p.m. for ages 4–12 in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate National Ice Cream Cone Day with a very “cool” time making homemade ice cream in a bag and enjoying your treat with yummy toppings! There will also be ice cream-themed crafts and activities. Dairy and nut products will be used during this program.



We Love Comics

Mondays, 4:30 p.m. for ages 6–9 in the Story Hour Room. Explore how art and story work together in graphic novels perfect for emerging readers. We'll have a related activity for each monthly book selection.

- September 23: “Sky & Ty 1: Howdy, Partner!” by Steve Breen.
- October 21: “Duck and Moose: Duck Moves In!” by Kirk Reedstrom.
- November 18: “The Dog and Pony Show: Dog Gets a Pet” by Jeff Mack.

Cherokee Stories of Animals and the Moon

Sunday, September 29, 2 p.m. for ages 4 and older in the auditorium. Kituwah Cherokee Storyteller Choogie Kingfisher will share childhood stories of the Cherokee people. Sponsored by the Library Foundation.

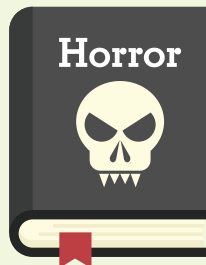


Bluey Bash

Friday, October 4, 5:30–7:30 p.m. for ages 2–8 in the auditorium. Join us for a Bluey-themed beach party with crafts, sensory activities, music and more.

Scary Books Babble and Brew

Tuesday, October 8, 6 p.m. for ages 8–13 in the Story Hour Room. Do you delight in thrills and chills down your spine? Enjoy a children’s horror book tasting, preview and discuss age-appropriate scary books while enjoying a treat that will revive your spirits.



Friday, October 4–Friday, November 8,
for ages 6–18 in the Library Center
Children’s Department

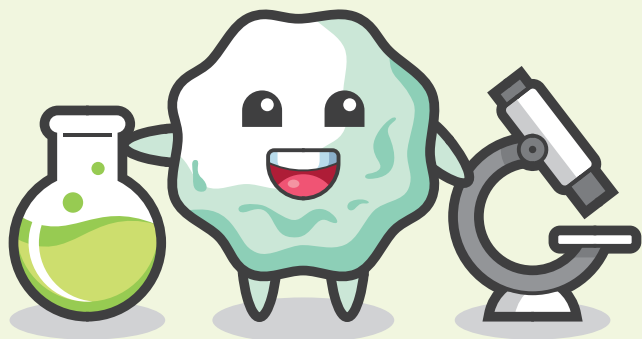
Who will win the most horrifyingly, blood-curling creature in the Monstrosity contest? Beginning the week of Friday, October 4, pick up the first part of the story, puzzle and clues to help you discover the scariest monster winner. Revisit each Friday for the next three weeks to collect the next three parts and their puzzles. You cannot collect them before the scheduled dates. Return your answer sheet during the final week of Friday, November 1, and pick up the story’s end and a special prize. The last day to collect your prize will be Friday, November 8.

Powwow with the American Indian Center of Springfield

Friday, October 11, 6 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Celebrate Native American culture by learning about the powwow. The American Indian Center of Springfield will present traditional dances that may be found at powwows and how Native American children participate in their heritage. Kids will have the chance to learn some dance steps from Powwow Princess Nizhoni Falcon while honoring the strong traditions of Native People.



Library Center continued



Candy & Sweets Science

Saturday, October 19, 10:30 a.m. for ages 6–10 in the Story Hour Room. Conduct science experiments using candy and other sweets, observe their changes, replicate organic systems and engineer structures using confections and other materials. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts October 5; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0526.*



Halloween Horror Pumpkin Extraction

Saturday, October 19, 2 p.m. for ages 10–14 in the Story Hour Room. Want to know what pumpkin DNA looks like and how to find it? Look no further! Explore the fascinating world of pumpkin DNA and learn how to see it for yourself.



Halloween Storytime

Thursday, October 31, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the auditorium. Dress up and enjoy some not-so-spooky stories, songs and a trick-or-treat parade around the Library.

National Family Literacy Day

Friday, November 1, 11 a.m. for caregivers and children ages 2–6 in the Story Hour Room. Together with your child, practice meaningful, hands-on activities that help children build their letter knowledge and phonemic awareness.

National Family Literacy Day Read-In

Saturday, November 2, 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. for families with kids of all ages in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate National Family Literacy Day (November 1) by reading together! Find a new book to read, bring pillows and blankets to get comfy, and create a bookmark for your newly borrowed books.



Teddy Bear Read & Dance Party

Thursday, November 14, 10:30 a.m. for ages 2–6 in the Story Hour Room. Bring your teddy bear to our special read-and-dance party to celebrate National American Teddy Bear Day. Groove along to fun songs and rhymes after we read a book together.

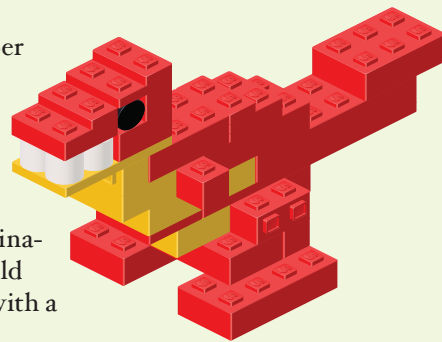


Stories of the Stars

Sunday, November 24, 1 p.m. for ages 8–12 in the auditorium. The night sky has been honored by generations of people all over the world. Cherokee Tribal member Kyle Tate will share stories of the stars and how deeply they connect to Native American tribes under the night sky of the StarLab. *Registration starts November 10; call 417-616-0526.*

Block Party

Wednesday, November 27, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. for ages 5–12 in the Story Hour Room. From wooden blocks to LEGO bricks, use your imagination to create and build something amazing with a variety of blocks.



DIY Gifts for the Holidays

Friday, November 29, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. for ages 5–12 in the Story Hour Room. Drop in and get your festive creativity on. Make and create special handmade gifts for your loved ones for the upcoming holidays. Materials will be provided.

Library Station



Racing to Read Storytime

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- **For infants–age 6:** Tuesdays and Fridays, September 3–November 29, 11:15 a.m. and Saturdays, September 7–November 30, 11 a.m.
- **Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6:** Tuesdays, September 3–November 26, 6:30 p.m.

STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday

Thursdays, 2 p.m. for ages 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Use science, technology, engineering, art and math to solve exciting challenges! Play activities will be available in the room for siblings age 5 and under. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. Call 417-616-0673 to register.

- September 12: **Solve puzzles with math!** Use math and engineering to solve hands-on puzzles and activities. *Registration starts August 29.*
- October 10: **Engineer racetracks and rollercoasters!** Use engineering skills to build tracks for toy cars and race them using the rules of force and motion. *Registration starts September 26.*
- November 7: **Papermaking!** Celebrate National Recycling Month by using art and science to make paper from recycled materials. *Registration starts October 24.*



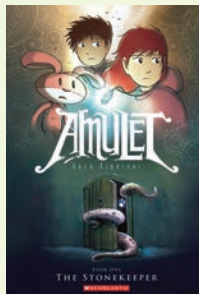
STEAM Explorers

Saturdays, 2 p.m. for ages 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Use science, technology, engineering, art and math to solve exciting challenges! Play activities will be available in the room for siblings age 5 and under. Materials will be provided; no registration required.

- September 14: **Solve puzzles with math!** Use math and

engineering to solve hands-on puzzles and activities.

- October 19: **Engineer racetracks and rollercoasters!** Use engineering skills to build tracks for toy cars and race them using the rules of force and motion.
- November 9: **Papermaking!** Celebrate National Recycling Month by using art and science to make paper from recycled materials.



Graphic Novel Party!

Saturdays, 2 p.m. for ages 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Celebrate these fan-favorite graphic novels with games, crafts, trivia and more.

- September 28: **“Amulet”** by Kazu Kibuishi.
- October 26: **“Phoebe and Her Unicorn”** by Dana Simpson.
- November 30: **“Wings of Fire”** by Tui T. Sutherland, adapted by Barry Deutsch.



People’s Garden: Don’t Throw That Out!

Saturday, October 12, 1–3 p.m. for ages 8–12 in the Frisco Room. Springfield Community Gardens will share how to harvest produce from the garden, and Sherri Hull, nutrition educator with the Greene County MU Extension Office, will show young chefs and their caregivers how to use produce from the garden to make delicious, healthy meals. Provided in partnership with Springfield Community Gardens and University of Missouri Extension of Greene County. *Registration starts September 28; call 417-862-0135.*

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Library Station continued

Mini Tour of the Globe

Friday, October 18, 4–6 p.m. for all ages in the Santa Fe Room. Travel the globe in one afternoon at this come-and-go-event where Missouri State University international students will share art, dance, music and more from a diverse array of cultures.



Monster Mash Costume Parade

Saturday, October 26, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Show off your costume at our annual parade! We'll meet in the Children's Department for not-so-scary stories, then parade through the library and collect treats. Older siblings are welcome.

Park Central Branch Library

Mayor's Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 23, 6–9 p.m. for all ages. Come downtown and enjoy all the holiday festivities during the Mayor's Tree Lighting Holiday Show. Come in to warm up during the event, and we'll have ornament coloring sheets, a LEGO block floor and a take-home holiday craft. Hot chocolate and candy canes will be available while supplies last.

Republic Branch Library



Racing to Read Storytime

Wednesdays, September 4–November 27, and Tuesdays, November 5–26, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their

children need to learn to read.

Reading Pals

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. for ages 5–12. Our friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks need your help — they love a good story but can't read. Practice your reading skills with these furry, loveable friends. Call 417-732-7284 to register.

- September 5: *Registration starts August 22.*
- October 3: *Registration starts September 19.*
- November 7: *Registration starts October 24.*



Dinosaur Storytime

Saturday, November 2, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Join us for a special dinosaur-themed Saturday storytime full of prehistoric fun!

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library



Racing to Read Storytime

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- **Tiny Tots Storytime for infants-36 months:** Wednesdays,

September 4–November 27, 10 a.m.

- **For infants–age 6:** Wednesdays, September 4–November 27, 11 a.m.



PETS WHO READ PHOTO CONTEST

There's nothing cuter than a book-loving critter! Submit photos featuring your pet with their favorite book to bwdys@thelibrary.org between September 16–30. Photos will be judged based on creativity, humor and a love of reading. Please respect your pet's well-being and safety when taking pictures. Winning photos will be chosen by staff and announced on Friday, October 11. Winners will receive a small prize, and submissions will be displayed in the branch from October 15–November 28.



Check Mates and Board Game Buddies

Sundays, September 15, October 20 and November 17, 2–4 p.m. for ages 5–18. Play against your friends or meet a new match with our selection of chess sets and board games. Stop by for a game or three, have a snack and make a new buddy.

Fall Reading Pals

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. for ages 5–12. Fall for reading this season and practice your reading skills with our furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Call 417-616-0713 to register.

- September 25: *Registration starts September 11.*
- October 30: *Registration starts October 16.*



Itsy Bitsy Science Club: Halloween Edition

Friday, October 25, 10 a.m. for ages 4–7. Explore, build, calculate and create with Halloween-inspired activities designed to support the development of science, technology, engineering, art and math skills. Dress for a mess!

Strafford Branch Library

Racing to Read Storytime



Tuesdays, September 3–November 26, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6.

Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

ARRR Is for Reading!

Tuesday, September 17, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Hear stories of swashbuckling adventures and lost treasures as we celebrate International Talk Like A Pirate Day.



STEAM It Up Saturdays

Saturdays, September 28, October 26 and November 23, 10 a.m.–noon for ages 5–11. Explore electrical circuits, simple machines, gears and more through challenges and activities designed to support the development of science, technology, engineering, art and math skills.

Monster Mash Storytime

Tuesday, October 29, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Join us for a frighteningly fun time with some not-so-scary stories, crafts and activities.

Be a Reader-saurus!

Tuesday, November 19, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Roar, stomp and chomp our way through books about our prehistoric pals! Stay after and try to spot all the hidden dinosaurs around the library.

Willard Branch Library

Racing to Read Storytime



Tuesdays, September 3–November 26, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6.

Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

LEGO Brick Builders

Tuesdays, September 3, October 1 and November 5, 4–5:30 p.m. for families with children of all ages. Bring the whole family to our LEGO brick free-for-all and challenge yourself to build something together.

Science Time with STEM Kits

Mondays, September 16, October 21 and November 18, 2 p.m. for ages 5–12. Come explore science with the Library's STEM Kits, featuring a different kit each month.

Car Seat Check-Up with the Willard Fire Department

Tuesday, September 17, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Enjoy a special storytime with the Willard Fire Department, featuring a check to ensure car seats are properly installed and a fire truck for everyone to see.



Look for Rob and Mary making 24 stops every week this fall with the Mobile Library.



Mobile Library Stops for September–November 2024

We're delivering books, movies and CDs to your neighborhood.

Mondays

- Cobblestone Apts., 2120 S. Ingram Mill Road, 2:30–3 p.m.
- South Tower, 770 South Ave., 3:20–3:50 p.m.
- Madison Tower, 421 W. Madison St., 3:55–4:40 p.m.
- Stillwell Columns, 525 S. Campbell Ave., 4:45–5:30 p.m.
- Turners Station, 6484 E. Farm Road 148, Turners, 6–6:30 p.m.
- Eastgate Apts., 2120 S. Ingram Mill Road, 6:45–7:15 p.m.

Tuesdays

- Battlefield Towers, 1451 E. Woodland St., 1:20–2 p.m.
- Jenny Lind Hall Apts., 711 S. Jefferson Ave., 2:20–2:50 p.m.
- S. Clifton Ave. & W. Delmar St. off W. Grand St., 3:45–4:15 p.m.
- John B. Hughes Apts., 2100 N. Clifton Ave., 4:30–5 p.m.
- Walnut Grove, near the school, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

- Eden Village/Shady Dell Area, 2801 E. Division St., 2:30–3 p.m.
- Glenwood Manor, 2540 N. Delaware Ave., 3:20–3:50 p.m.
- Cedarwood Terrace area, N. Pickwick Ave. & E. Turner St., 4–4:30 p.m.
- Cedarbrook Apartments, 811 N. Cedarbrook Ave., 4:45–5:15 p.m.
- Woodfield Park Apartments, 2759 E. Pythian St., 5:20–5:50 p.m.
- Country Club Apts., Wildan & Cinderella, 6–6:30 p.m.
- Green Way Willage Apts., 722 E. Glenwood St., 6:45–7:15 p.m.

Thursdays

- Nu Elm Apts., 440 S. New Ave., 2:30–3 p.m.
- Westport Park Apts., 250 N. Hilton Ave., 3:15–3:45 p.m.
- Beacon Village Apts., 639 N. Eldon Ave., 4–4:30 p.m.
- Hattiesburg Hills, 4663 W. Portland St., 5–5:30 p.m.
- Bent Tree Subdivision, 1015 Brecklyn Road S., 5:45–6:15 p.m.
- Craigmont Place, 715 Wabash Ave., 6:45–7:15 p.m.

ON EXHIBIT



“Musings in the Gloaming” Photography by Debra McCamish, Park Central Branch Library, October.

Library Center

- **Artwork by Ellen Albauch, Brooke Buehler and Tanner Caruthers (MSU 2024 Alumni)**, Reading Room, September
- **Around the World with Stamps**, courtesy of Jerry Berry, **concourse**, September
- **Read All About It: Headlines from Springfield’s Past, Local History**, September–November
- **Inside the Pressroom: Meet the People Behind the Newspaper**, Local History, September–November
- **From the Darkroom: Springfield’s Historic Newspaper Photographs**, Local History Magic Box, September–November

Library Station

- **Genesis – The Start of Something Beautiful: Paintings by Crystal Cook**, Reading Room, September–November
- **Art and Artifacts: Mini Tour of the Globe**, courtesy of MSU’s English Language Institute, **concourse**, September–November
- **Baseball Memorabilia**, courtesy of a local collector, **concourse**, September–November

Regional artists and collectors are invited to exhibit their works and collections at the library branches listed. Those interested in booking a display may contact the individual branch. Artists may price their work for sale through the Library after first obtaining a City of Springfield business license (if at a city library). The Library recommends a donation to The Library Foundation of 20 percent from any sales made during an exhibit.

- **Graphic Designs and Illustrations by Maria Bido**, Reading Room, October
- **Yonder Doom Larva – Monstrosities: Paintings by Chad Woody**, **concourse**, October
- **Precious Life Moments: Paintings by Weirong Yan-Schaefer**, Reading Room, November
- **Divine Beings: Artwork by Josephine Grace**, **concourse**, November

- **Classic Monster Paraphernalia**, courtesy of a local collector, **concourse**, September–November

Park Central Branch Library

- **Let’s Feast: Paintings by Alicia Mau**, September
- **Muses in the Gloaming: Photography by Debra McCamish**, October
- **Starting Over: Artwork by Andi Dean Snethern**, November

Republic Branch Library

- **Classic Horror Movie Posters**, courtesy of Tod Jackson, September–November

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch

- **National Parks: Photography by the Southwest Missouri Camera Club**, September
- **Paintings by Les Hagemann**, October–November
- **Pet Photo Contest Entries**, October–November



Springfield-Greene County Library District

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Administrative Offices/Community Relations: 417-883-5366 • TDD: 417-882-0714

LOCATIONS/HOURS

The Library Center

4653 S. Campbell Ave. • 417-882-0714

Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Drive-up window:

Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Ash Grove Branch Library

101 E. Main St., Ash Grove • 417-751-2933

Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fair Grove Branch Library

81 S. Orchard Blvd., Fair Grove
417-759-2637

Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

The Library Station

2535 N. Kansas Expressway • 417-865-1340

Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

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Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

**TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR
RENOVATIONS**

Outreach Services

4653 S. Campbell Ave.
Mobile Library/Walking Books:
417-883-6112

INTERNET

Library Website: thelibrary.org

- Download e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines and video.
- Ask A Librarian at thelibrary.org/ask.
- Follow us at [facebook.com/thelibrary.org](https://www.facebook.com/thelibrary.org) and [instagram.com/springfieldgreencountylibrary](https://www.instagram.com/springfieldgreencountylibrary).
- Free Wi-Fi is available at all locations.
- Check out a hot spot at thelibrary.org/catalog.

Park Central Branch Library

128 Park Central Square • 417-831-1342

Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
First Friday open 6:30–9 p.m.

Republic Branch Library

921 N. Lindsey Ave., Republic 417-732-7284

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Drive-up window:

Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

2214 Brentwood Blvd. • 417-883-1974

Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Drive-up window:

Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Stafford Branch Library

101 S. State Highway 125, Stafford
417-736-9233

Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Willard Branch Library

304 E. Jackson St., Willard • 417-742-4258

Monday–Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Drive-up window:

Monday–Saturday, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Pick up and return only:

- **Library Express East**
3263 E. Chestnut Expressway
- **Library Express West**
Orchard Plaza, 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway
- **Ruby's/Price Cutter Book Stop**
3260 E. Battlefield Road

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- Search the catalog of the Springfield-Greene County Libraries and members of the Consortium Of Ozarks Libraries.
- Reserve and renew materials, view your account, suggest titles and pay fees online through our secure server.
- Telephone renewal: 417-882-2087.

BORROWING

Library Cards

- Library Cards are issued free to Greene County residents or those who pay property tax in Greene County. Complete an application at the checkout desk of any library. Identification and proof of current address are required. Those who pay property tax in Greene County, but do not live there, must bring a copy of their current Greene County property tax receipt.
- Those living outside Greene County may obtain a Non-resident Library Card for an \$80 annual fee per household.
- Individuals may apply online for a temporary library card by completing an online registration form at thelibrary.org/temporarycard. Within seven days you must either email a valid form of ID and proof of current address to sgcl.verify@thelibrary.org or bring the required documents to any library branch to complete the registration process. This allows you to place physical materials on hold, access the Library's online databases and e-books, audiobooks, movies, music and magazines. Applications processed online will require cardholders to present a photo ID the first time the card is used to check out materials in person.
- College, vocational or university students living in Greene County in campus housing, but with a permanent residence outside of Greene County, may be issued a Library Card at no charge. Proof of campus address required.

Checkout Limits/Fines

- Library materials check out for three weeks; overdue fine is 10¢ per day, per item.
- The maximum fine is \$5 for each returned adult item and \$1 for each returned children's item.
- Items may be renewed for two additional loan periods if not reserved by someone else. Renew items in person, by phone or online at thelibrary.org/myaccount.
- There is a checkout limit of 50 items per card.
- Report lost or stolen cards promptly. Replacement cards are \$1 each.