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STRAFFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
101 S. State Highway 125
Strafford, MO • 417-736-9233

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

DRIVE-UP WINDOWS:

LIBRARY CENTER, LIBRARY STATION & SCHWEITZER BRENTWOOD BRANCH
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.

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

WILLARD BRANCH
Monday–Saturday, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

SATELLITE LOCATIONS:

PRICE CUTTER PLUS BOOK STOP
Pick up and return only
3260 E. Battlefield St.

LIBRARY EXPRESS WEST
24-hour kiosk
Orchard Plaza,
3872 W. Chestnut Expressway

LIBRARY EXPRESS EAST
24-hour kiosk
Frisko Building parking lot,
3263 E. Chestnut Expressway



The Library Calendar of Events

Chronological Listing for
December 2024–February 2025

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**Technology Training • Storytimes • Travelogues
Live Music • Genealogy • Teens and 'Tweens
Book Discussions • Movies • Exhibits**
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TAKE THE 2025 WINTER READING CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS JANUARY 2–FEBRUARY 28



Sponsored by
Friends of the Library

THE WINTER READING CHALLENGE returns for everyone, especially those who love a challenge.

Pick up a Winter Reading Challenge form at the checkout desk of any library branch or Mobile Library, and get ready to mix it up! Or, you can also log your titles on Beanstack by visiting thelibrary.org/readingchallenge.

Librarians have assembled 15 new reading categories this year. Read books that match at least five of the 15 categories, turn in your complete challenge form to your library branch, and receive the 2025 edition mug for being a Winter Reading Master!

Need help finding a book? Just ask us!



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Questions? Call Vickie Hicks, 417-616-0564.

Events in this calendar are listed by location, date, age group and subject at thelibrary.org/programs

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Springfield–Greene County Library District
thelibrary.org

December Displays

Library Center

- Pride, Purpose and Pleasure: Artwork by South Side Senior Center (funded by a Missouri Arts Council grant), Reading Room
- Nutcracker Collection, courtesy of library staff, concourse
- Scouting in the Ozarks, Local History
- R. Ritchie Robertson: Conductor of the Boy Scout Band, Local History
- The David Eslick Photograph Collection, Local History Magic Box

Library Station

- Space: Oil Paintings by Amara Paul, Reading Room
- Route 66 Memorabilia, courtesy of the Route 66 Association of Missouri, concourse

Park Central Branch Library

- Life Is But A Dream: Paintings by Mindy Tillery

Republic Branch Library

- Artwork by Republic Rug Hookers

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- Winter: Artwork by Visual Artist Alliance of Springfield

Sunday, December 1

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Deck the Walls

2-4 p.m. for ages 5 and older. Kick off the Christmas season with fellowship, treats and live holiday tunes. At 2 p.m.,

enjoy crafts and decorate the branch with us. At 3:15 p.m., compete against fellow revelers in Holiday Feud. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Monday, December 2

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy

7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. He's Not My Grandfather. Ozarks Genealogical Society member Bob Shewmake will recount his journey of researching his great-grandfather, John Hill, born in 1869 in Butler County, Missouri. While DNA testing, Bob unraveled his findings to reveal a second John Hill living in the same area. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Tuesday, December 3

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Center - Finding Files

10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Harrison Room. Learn to save, organize, copy, move, rename, delete, find and manage files and folders on your computer or external storage device. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-736-9233.*

The Hive - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 at The Hive, 304 E. Jackson St., Suite 5E, Willard. 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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Lunch & Learn: Attract, Motivate, Incentivize Key Employees

Noon-1:30 p.m. for adults. For a business to succeed, it's essential to surround yourself with top talent. Keeping key employees invested can be challenging, but with the right plan, you'll outshine the competition. Stephanie Staggs, owner of Staggs Financial Services, will discuss how to design key employee programs tailored to your business needs and the risks of a "one size fits all" approach. Properly designed programs help retain valuable employees and attract new talent. Lunch will be provided at this event.

Registration starts November 30; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Library Station - Spooky Friends Book Club

6 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Ghosts, goblins, gore and so much more to read about in our horror book club. "Pyramidia" by Stephanie Sanders-Jacob. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Wednesday, December 4

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Police Chief Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Enjoy a special storytime with the Fair Grove's own Police Chief. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Voice Your Writing

6 p.m. for adults. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Moxie Cinema - FilmStubs

7-9 p.m. for adults at 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. "Carol," rated R. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Call 417-882-0714.

Thursday, December 5

The Fairbanks Community Hub - Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks

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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub. Call 417-883-6112.

Library Center - Learning Windows 11

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. 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. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Center - Bricks and Books Club

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. "The Dragonet Prophecy:

The Graphic Novel (Wings of Fire)" by Tui T. Sutherland. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Center - Feel Good Fiction

7 p.m. for adults in meeting room A. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion. "The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club" by Helen Simonson. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Center - Next Level Book Club

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. "Duel" by Jessixa Bagley. Call 417-882-0714.

Friday, December 6

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Crochet 101

5:30-7:30 p.m. for ages 12 and older. Want to learn how to crochet? Learn basic stitches and how to make a crocheted chicken to chase away the winter blues. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts November 22; call 417-616-0713.*

Library Station - Teen Night!

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for video games, board games, crafts, hangouts and more. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Park Central Branch Library - First Friday Art Walk

6:30-9 p.m. for adults. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit. Artist Mindy Tillery presents her encaustic painting exhibit "Life Is But A Dream." *Call 417-831-1342.*

Park Central Branch Library - Helping to Bring the Humanities to the Public Square

6:30 p.m. for all ages. "What's on Your Wishlist? Toys of the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries" is the December-January interpretive exhibition in the series Helping to Bring the Humanities to the Public Square, coordinated by Dr. Billie Follensbee of Missouri State University. This exhibition includes several Kewpie dolls as well as a variety of other vintage toys. The exhibition

opening reception is during the First Friday Art Walk, and will feature the presentation "Researching and Preserving Vintage Toys" by Missouri State University student Emery Wilcoxon. Children's activity sheets will be available throughout the exhibition. The Missouri State University Museum Studies Program, Department of Art and Design, and the Park Central Branch Library, Springfield-Greene County Library System, are sponsoring this program in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council and with support from the Missouri Humanities Trust Fund. *Call 417-831-1342.*

Saturday, December 7

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Craft & Tell

10:30 a.m. for adults. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Gingerbread Fun

10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 in the Story Hour Room. Read a book about gingerbread, create your own paper gingerbread person and use shapes to make a gingerbread house. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Travellers House Coffee & Tea - Cuppa Comics

10:30 a.m. for adults at Travellers House Coffee & Tea, 824 S. National Ave. Warm up your weekend with a nice cup of coffee and an invigorating conversation about comics and graphic novels. "I Am Stan: A Graphic Biography

of the Legendary Stan Lee” by Tom Scioli. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - “The Polar Express” Pajama Party

11 a.m.-1 p.m. for all ages. All aboard! Bring a blanket or your favorite cuddle buddy to watch the animated movie “The Polar Express,” rated G, while enjoying games, crafts and yummy hot chocolate. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Library Station - TTRPG Exploration

2-4:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 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). *Call 417-865-1340.*

Sunday, December 8

Library Center - Springfield Community Jazz Ensemble Holiday Concert

2 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. The inimitable Bob Holden is back with his amazing ensemble to play your favorite jazz and holiday tunes. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Monday, December 9

Fair Grove Branch Library - Craft & Chat

1-3 p.m. for adults. Meet and connect with fellow crafters while working on a new craft project and trading ideas. This month we’re making greeting cards. Materials will be provided. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.*

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - A Winter Romp Through The Stars

7 p.m. for adults. Some of the most beautiful star clusters, nebulae and galaxies are visible this time of year. Lane Pierce and members of the Springfield Astronomical Society will provide sky maps, teach you how to use binoculars to look around the winter sky and demonstrate several phone applications for stargazing. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Tuesday, December 10

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Center - Internet Basics

10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Harrison Room. Learn how to safely 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, add a website to your favorites and create secure passwords. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-736-9233.*

The Hive - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 at The Hive, 304 E. Jackson St., Suite 5E, Willard. 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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Building a Better Bankable Borrower

11 a.m.-1 p.m. for adults in person or via virtual presentation. Learn how to access capital for your existing or new small business. Krishin Thadani, outreach and marketing specialist at the U.S. Small Business Administration, will share his commercial lending knowledge and experience with small business owners and entrepreneurs. In his current role, Thadani maintains relationships with local lending institutions by providing technical information and expertise to commercial lenders. This workshop is part of SCORE Southwest Missouri's "Access to Money" workshop series. Sponsored by Simmons Bank and SCORE Southwest Missouri. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*

**Library Station - Racing to Read
Storytime**

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

**Fair Grove Branch Library - Craft
Along with Creativebug: Paper Clay
Winter Ornaments**

1-3 p.m. for adults. Follow along with a beginner course on Creativebug and learn how to work with paper clay to make gorgeous, personalized ornaments. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts November 26; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.*

**Hidden Grounds Coffee House -
Mystery Book Club**

1:30 p.m. for adults at Hidden Grounds Coffee House, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone. "Happiness Falls" by Angie Kim. *Call 417-883-6112.*

**Ash Grove Branch Library - Flying
Needles**

1:30 p.m. for adults. 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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Evening Book Discussion**

6:30 p.m. for adults. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "A Redbird Christmas" by Fannie Flagg. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Wednesday, December 11

Library Center - Baby Book Club

9:30 a.m. for infants-12 months in the Story Hour Room. Read, sing and play at our special babies-only playtime. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Republic Branch Library - Racing to
Read Storytime**

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Tiny Tots Storytime**

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Library Center - Book Discussion

1-2:30 p.m. for adults in meeting room B. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "Only the Beautiful" by Susan Meissner. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Book Discussion

1 p.m. for adults. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "The Flower Sisters" by Michelle Collins Anderson. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Thursday, December 12

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors

10 a.m.-noon for adults. 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. This series continues December 26, January 9 and 23 and February 13 and 27. *Call 417-883-1974.*

The Fairbanks Community Hub - Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks

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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub. *Call 417-883-6112.*

Republic Branch Library - Book Discussion

2 p.m. for adults. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Station - STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday

2 p.m. for ages 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Rube Goldberg Machines! Use engineering and art to make chain reaction machines to solve simple problems. 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. *Registration starts November 28; call 417-616-0673.*

Library Center - Gmail Basics

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. Learn how to create an email account using Gmail, create contacts and signatures, compose and reply to emails, organize your inbox and more. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Christmas Cookie Decorating

4 p.m. for ages 6-12. Stop in for some delicious fun for holiday sugar cooking decorating with frosting and sprinkles. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Dabbling in Art

4-5:30 p.m. for ages 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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Station - Teen Silent Reading Café

6-8 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Reading Journal How To

6 p.m. for ages 8-12 in the Story Hour Room. Come along for a guide on setting up your 2025 reading journal! Bring your own journal and learn tips and tricks on making different journal spreads come to life. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Downtown Springfield Association - Downtown Book Club

6-7:30 p.m. for adults at 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. "Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association. *Call 417-831-1342.*

Library Center - Reading Journal How To

7 p.m. for ages 13-18 in the Story Hour Room. Come along for a guide on setting up your 2025 reading journal! Bring your own journal and learn tips and tricks on making different journal spreads come to life. *Call 417-882-0714.*

4 By 4 Brewing Company - Winter Book Buzz

7 p.m. for adults at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite A. The Library has all of your winter 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Friday, December 13

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Northview Center - Northview Center Book Discussion

10:30 a.m. for age 55 and older at Northview Center, 305 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults. "Wandering Stars" by Tommy Orange. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Crochet 101

5:30-7:30 p.m. for ages 12 and older. Want to learn how to crochet? Learn basic stitches and how to make a

crocheted chicken to chase away the winter blues. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts November 22; call 417-616-0713.*

Library Station - Teen Night!

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for video games, board games, crafts, hangouts and more. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Village Meeple Board Game Cafe - Books and Boards

6:30-8 p.m. for adults 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. This month's game is Abduktion. Admission is free to participants. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Saturday, December 14

Strafford Branch Library - Reading Pals

10 a.m.-noon for ages 5-12. Practice your reading skills with Evie, our friend from Alliance of Therapy Pets. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Park Central Branch Library - Parade Playtime

Noon-2 p.m. for all ages. Head downtown before the Springfield Christmas Parade to design your own ornament, enjoy our LEGO block floor and grab a take-home holiday craft. *Call 417-831-1342.*

Library Station - STEAM Explorers

2 p.m. for ages 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Rube Goldberg Machines! Use engineering and art to make chain reaction machines to solve simple problems. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Dungeons & Dragons

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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Monday, December 16

Library Center - We Love Comics

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. "Friends Do Not Eat Friends" by Jill Esbaum. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Teen Art Studio

6-8 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. Calling all art lovers! Come to the Station to practice your art, try a new

technique and meet fellow teen artists. No prior skill is required. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Tuesday, December 17

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Center - Google Tools

10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Harrison Room. 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. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Ash Grove Bibliophiles

1:30 p.m. for adults. Bring your favorite cozy mystery for snacks and bookish fun with other literary lovers in the community. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Center - Banned Book Club

2 p.m. for adults 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. "Slaughterhouse-Five" by Kurt Vonnegut. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

4 By 4 Brewing Company - Books on Tap

7 p.m. for adults at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite A. Brewing off-beat discussions about books that aren't in the mainstream. "Eileen" by Ottessa Moshfegh. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Ghost Stories for Christmas with Matt Godfrey

7 p.m. for ages 18 and older in the auditorium. Join award-winning voice actor and audiobook narrator Matt Godfrey around the glow of the

proverbial fireplace and take part in the Victorian tradition of sharing ghost stories at Christmastime, when some believed the veil between the living and spirit world was thinnest. Settle in with tea, cocoa and treats from Tea Bar & Bites as Godfrey performs two chilling modern ghost stories to keep this tradition alive. This Oh, the Horror! event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. *Registration starts December 3; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341.*

Wednesday, December 18

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy

10 a.m. for adults in the auditorium. Year-In-Review: What Did We Learn? Ozarks Genealogical Society members will share their discoveries by using methodologies or resources discussed through the previous year. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Crafternoons

3-5 p.m. for ages 8-18. Feeling crafty? Come together for a mystery craft on the third Wednesday of the month. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Winter Reading Pals

3:30 p.m. for ages 5-12. Cozy up and practice your reading skills with one of our favorite dog friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. *Registration starts December 4; call 417-616-0713.*

**Hidden Grounds Coffee House -
Rosie Book Club**

4 p.m. for adults at Hidden Grounds Coffee House, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Meet at woman-owned businesses to chat about titles that spark conversation with other women in business. "Educated" by Tara Westover. Presented in partnership with Leadership Springfield's Rosie project. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*

Thursday, December 19

**The Fairbanks Community Hub -
Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks**

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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub. *Call 417-883-6112.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Travelogue**

2 p.m. for adults. Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month. Motorcycling Through Peru. World traveler and former firefighter Michael Strozewski will recount his trek across Peru via motorcycle, discussing his experiences with the wonderful people and the beautiful places in this South American country. *Call 417-883-1974.*

**Library Center - Microsoft Excel
Basics**

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. Learn how to create and use

spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Add data to a spreadsheet, perform calculations and set up spreadsheets for printing. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

**Stafford Branch Library - Book
Discussion**

4 p.m. for adults. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson. *Call 417-736-9233.*

**Library Center - So You Want to
Learn to Crochet**

6 p.m. for ages 12 and older in the Story Hour Room. Come and learn crochet basics. We'll cover new terms, techniques and stitches and start projects together. No previous experience necessary. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Friday, December 20

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Alzheimer's and Dementia
Awareness**

10 a.m. for adults. Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia. The Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter will discuss Alzheimer's and dementia signs to watch for in you or your loved ones. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Silver Screen Surfers

1:30-3:30 p.m. for adults. Cozy up this winter and enjoy showings of these silver screen gems. "The Shop Around the Corner," rated TV-G. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Crochet 101

5:30-7:30 p.m. for ages 12 and older. Want to learn how to crochet? Learn basic stitches and how to make a crocheted chicken to chase away the winter blues. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts November 22; call 417-616-0713.*

Library Station - Teen Night!

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for video games, board games, crafts, hangouts and more. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Saturday, December 21

Library Center - DIY Card and Bookmark Making

10 a.m.-2 p.m. for ages 5-12 in the Story Hour Room. Stop by to make your cards and bookmarks for you to keep or share with friends. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - Pinecone Owl

1-3 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Make a whimsical owl figure to decorate your house this winter season. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts December 6; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0683.*

Sunday, December 22

Library Center - DIY Card and Bookmark Making

10 a.m.-2 p.m. for ages 5-12 in the Story Hour Room. Stop by to make your cards and bookmarks for you to keep or share with friends. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Cookbook Book Club

3 p.m. for adults. Whatcha got cookin'? Try a holiday dessert 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!
Call 417-883-1974.

Monday, December 23

Willard Branch Library - Family Crafternoon

3 p.m. for all ages. Need a break from the holidays? Grab your family and release some stress by crafting together. Materials will be provided. Call 417-742-4258.

Thursday, December 26

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors

10 a.m.-noon for adults. 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. This series continues January 9 and 23 and February 13 and 27. Call 417-883-1974.

Friday, December 27

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Center - Winter Movie Marathon

10:30 a.m.-noon for all ages in the auditorium. Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen. "How to Train Your Dragon," rated PG. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Center - Winter Movie Marathon

1-3 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen. "How to Train Your Dragon 2," rated PG. Call 417-882-0714.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Pokémon Play

3 p.m. for ages 8-12. Calling all Pokémon trainers! Bring your cards to trade or show off as you make themed crafts and chat with fellow fans. Materials will be provided. Call 417-883-1974.

Library Station - Teen Anime Night

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 14-18 in the Frisco Room. Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided. Call 417-865-1340.

Saturday, December 28

Library Center - Winter Movie Marathon

10 a.m.-noon for all ages in the auditorium. Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen. "The Incredibles," rated PG. Call 417-882-0714.

**Library Station - Racing to Read
Storytime**

11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

**Library Center - Winter Movie
Marathon**

1-3 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen. "Incredibles 2," rated PG. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Monday, December 30

**Library Center - Winter Movie
Marathon**

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen. "Inside Out," rated PG. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Library Center - Winter Movie
Marathon**

1-3 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen. "Inside Out 2," rated PG. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Willard Branch Library - Family
Crafternoon**

3 p.m. for all ages. Need a break from the holidays? Grab your family and release some stress by crafting together. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-742-4258.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Exploring the Docuverse**

6-9 p.m. for adults. 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. "The Million Dollar Duck," rated PG. *Call 417-883-1974.*

**Library Center - TikTok Made Me
Read It**

7 p.m. for adults in meeting room A. Discuss trending books made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers. "Icebreaker" by Hannah Grace. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Tuesday, December 31

**Republic Branch Library - Racing to
Read Storytime**

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

**Republic Branch Library - Noon
Year's Eve Storytime**

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Who says you have to stay up late to ring in the new year? Not us! Celebrate the start of 2025 with a special New Year's Eve storytime. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

**Willard Branch Library - Racing to
Read Storytime**

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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

January Displays

Library Center

- Star Wars Chronology: Movie Posters, courtesy of Tod Jackson, Reading Room
- History's Walk Through the Campaigns: Presidential Memorabilia by Keith Garrison, concourse
- Scouting in the Ozarks, Local History
- R. Ritchie Robertson: Conductor of the Boy Scout Band, Local History
- The David Eslick Photograph Collection, Local History Magic Box

Library Station

- Space: Oil Paintings by Amara Paul, Reading Room
- Route 66 Memorabilia, courtesy of the Route 66 Association of Missouri, concourse

Republic Branch Library

- Artwork by Republic Rug Hookers

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch

- Winter: Artwork by Visual Artist Alliance of Springfield

Thursday, January 2

Library Station - Crafternoon

2-4 p.m. for ages 5-17 in the Frisco Room. Come as a family for a variety of fun winter arts and crafts for everyone to enjoy. Toys will be available for kids under the age of five. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Bricks and Books Club

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. "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Feel Good Fiction

7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion. "Joe Nuthin's Guide to Life" by Helen Fisher. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Next Level Book Club

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. "Spy School" by Stuart Gibbs. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Friday, January 3

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - The Pretenders: A Preschool Playgroup

10 a.m. for ages 3-6. Play is one of your child's best teachers. We'll provide a variety of play stations designed to promote imagination, spark creativity and promote social-emotional development. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - The Lord of the Rings Movie Marathon

11 a.m.-5 p.m. for ages 13-18. Celebrate J.R.R. Tolkien Day with a movie marathon and snacks! Drop in anytime to watch one or more of The Lord of the Rings film trilogy, all rated PG-13. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - Teen Night!

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for video

games, board games, crafts, hangouts and more. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Saturday, January 4

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Craft & Tell

10:30 a.m. for adults. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Travellers House Coffee & Tea - Cuppa Comics

10:30 a.m. for adults at Travellers House Coffee & Tea, 824 S. National Ave. Warm up your weekend with a nice cup of coffee and an invigorating conversation about comics and graphic novels. "Tokyo These Days, Vol. 1" by Taiyo Matsumoto. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - STEAM Time

11 a.m. for ages 5-12 in the Story Hour Room. Dive into hands-on fun with Bee-Bots, building blocks, art, and more. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - TTRPG Exploration

2-4:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 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). *Call 417-865-1340.*

Sunday, January 5

Library Station - Twain Tweens

2 p.m. for ages 8-12 in the Story Hour Room. Gather by our 'fireplace' to hear a selection from the Mark Twain Award nominees while enjoying a craft or simple activities. Finish the book on Hoopla or check out a copy for a chance to vote for your favorite this spring. This month's title is "A Rover's Story" by Jasmine Warga. Bring a craft or enjoy one of our NASA-related activities. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Monday, January 6

Fair Grove Branch Library - Craft & Chat

1-3 p.m. for adults. Meet and connect with fellow crafters while working on a new craft project and trading ideas. This month we're making greeting cards. Materials will be provided. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.*

Willard Branch Library - Superhero Afternoon

3-5 p.m. for ages 13-18. Munch on snacks while watching some of our favorite superhero movies, rated PG-13. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - From the Ballot Box to the Capitol

6 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Local history collector Keith Garrison will explore election campaigns, sharing historical facts and discussing that most majestic day of pageantry: The Presidential Inauguration. In January, an exhibit in the concourse will highlight a selection of campaign buttons and Inaugural artifacts from 1896 to 2021. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy

7 p.m. for adults in meeting room A. Researching at FamilySearch, Part 1. Certified Genealogist® Patti Lee Hobbs will give an overview of FamilySearch, explaining different components and its collection of indexed records. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Tuesday, January 7

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Center - Meet the Computer

10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Harrison Room. 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. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Austen-Inspired Art

1-3 p.m. for adults. Create your own elegant, historical keepsake during our Jane Austen-themed craft session. This session we're making English paper piecing. Materials will be provided. A Year With Jane Austen event. *Registration starts December 17; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.*

Willard Branch Library - LEGO Brick Builders

4 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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Station - Spooky Friends Book Club

6 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Ghosts, goblins, gore and so much more to read about in our horror book

club. "Incidents Around the House" by Josh Malerman. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Jane Austen 101

6:30 p.m. for adults. Start our year with Jane right by exploring the life of the author behind some of the best novels ever written. Learn about her world, her writing and her legacy. A Year With Jane Austen event. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Wednesday, January 8

Library Center - Baby Book Club

9:30 a.m. for infants-12 months in the Story Hour Room. Read, sing and play at our special babies-only playtime. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Library Center - Book Discussion

1-2:30 p.m. for adults in meeting room B. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "The Exiles" by Christina Baker Kline. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Book Discussion

1 p.m. for adults. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "100 Poems That

Matter” by The Academy of American Poets; editor, Patty Rice. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Voice Your Writing

6 p.m. for adults. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Moxie Cinema - FilmStubs

7-9 p.m. for adults at 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. “Misery,” rated R. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Thursday, January 9

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors

10 a.m.-noon for adults. 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. This series continues January 23 and February 13 and 27. *Call 417-883-1974.*

The Fairbanks Community Hub - Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks

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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub. *Call 417-883-6112.*

Republic Branch Library - Book Discussion

2 p.m. for adults. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. “The Women” by Kristin Hannah. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Station - STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday

2 p.m. for ages 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Electricity & Circuits! Learn how electricity and circuits work through hands-on activities. 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. *Registration starts December 26; call 417-616-0673.*

Library Center - Finding Files

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. Learn to save, organize, copy, move, rename, delete, find and manage files and folders on your computer or external storage device. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - LEGO Block Hour

4 p.m. for ages 6-12. If you love building with LEGO bricks, stop in to play and let your imagination run wild. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Dabbling in Art

4-5:30 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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Station - Teen Silent Reading Café

6-8 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Downtown Springfield Association - Downtown Book Club

6-7:30 p.m. for adults at 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. "Yellowface" by R. F. Kuang. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association. *Call 417-831-1342.*

Library Center - Teen Café

6:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy coffee or tea and meet other teens at our Teen Café twice a month! We'll chat about all things books, hobbies, fandoms and crafts. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Friday, January 10

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Northview Center - Northview Center Book Discussion

10:30 a.m. for age 55 and older at Northview Center, 305 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults. "Northanger Abbey" by Jane Austen. A Year With Jane Austen event. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Adventure Into Art

10:30 a.m. for ages 3-6 in the Story Hour Room. Craft unique creations with paint and a variety of supplies. Dress for a mess. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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.
Call 417-865-1340.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Creative Aging Drawing,
Painting and Mixed Media**

2-4 p.m. for adults age 55 and older. Artist and illustrator Cory Leick will lead an 8-week workshop focused on enhancing your drawing skills through imagination and observation. Participants will then paint the drawings in watercolor and employ collage and mixed media techniques in a collaborative mural. The finished art will be displayed at a final art show on March 14 at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch. 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 December 20; Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Teen Night!

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for video games, board games, crafts, hangouts and more. *Call 417-865-1340.*

**Village Meeple Board Game Cafe -
Books and Boards**

6:30-8 p.m. for adults 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. This month's

game is CULTivate. Admission is free to participants. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Saturday, January 11

Library Center - Beach Read

10 a.m.-2 p.m. for ages 2-12 in the Story Hour Room. Kick back and relax on our artificial beach with a book and a towel. Create beachy decorations and soak up the (pretend) sun. Materials and books will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Library Station - Racing to Read
Storytime**

11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

**Strafford Branch Library - Reading
Pals**

11 a.m.-1 p.m. for ages 5-12. Hachi the Goldendoodle is coming to the library to listen as kids practice their reading. *Registration starts December 28; call 417-736-9233.*

Library Station - STEAM Explorers

2 p.m. for ages 6-12 in the Santa Fe Room. Electricity & Circuits! Learn how electricity and circuits work through hands-on activities. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - New Year, New Notebook**

2-3:30 p.m. for ages 13 and older.
Decorate a notebook to use as a journal, or learn how to create a personalized planner to organize 2025. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts December 21; visit thelibrary.org/programs or 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Dungeons & Dragons

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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Sunday, January 12

Library Center - Beach Read

10 a.m.-2 p.m. for ages 2-12 in the Story Hour Room. Kick back and relax on our artificial beach with a book and a towel. Create beachy decorations and soak up the (pretend) sun. Materials and books will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Second Sunday Concert**

2 p.m. for adults. The Lacewings. Liz Carney and Molly Healey form a haunting duo, performing dark folk music laced with rich harmonies. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Monday, January 13

**Willard Branch Library - Science
Time with STEM Kits**

2 p.m. for ages 5-12. Come explore science with the Library's STEM Kits,

featuring a different kit each month. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - We Love Comics

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. "The Pancake Problem (Weenie Featuring Frank and Beans)" by Maureen Fergus. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Tuesday, January 14

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Republic Branch Library - Racing to
Read Storytime**

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Center - Learning Windows 11

10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Harrison Room. 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. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Hidden Grounds Coffee House - Mystery Book Club

1:30 p.m. for adults at Hidden Grounds Coffee House, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone. "Maude Horton's Glorious Revenge" by Lizzie Pook. *Call 417-883-6112.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Flying Needles

1:30 p.m. for adults. 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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Center - Boost Business Success with Exceptional Customer Experiences

6 p.m. for adults in meeting room A. Learn actionable strategies to create WOW-worthy experiences that set your brand apart with renowned author and client retention expert Tammy Fink.

Discover how to turn every touchpoint into an opportunity to elevate your business, transform client interactions into unforgettable moments, and drive loyalty and growth. Presented in partnership with SCORE Southwest Missouri. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Evening Book Discussion

6:30 p.m. for adults. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "Family Meal" by Bryan Washington. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Wednesday, January 15

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy

10 a.m. for adults in the auditorium. Emerson History & Genealogy Center. Learn about the new Emerson History & Genealogy Center at the St. Louis County Library with manager Brent Trout. The new center offers access to helpful staff, genealogy databases, a memory lab and houses over 100,000 print items. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Ducks! Ducks! Ducks!

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Celebrate National Rubber Ducky Day with a special storytime full of books, songs, crafts and plenty of duckies. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Crafternoons

3-5 p.m. for ages 8-18. Feeling crafty? Come together for a mystery craft on the third Wednesday of the month. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Winter Reading Pals

3:30 p.m. for ages 5-12. Cozy up and practice your reading skills with one of our favorite dog friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. *Registration starts January 2; call 417-616-0713.*

Thursday, January 16

The Fairbanks Community Hub - Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks

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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub. *Call 417-883-6112.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Introduction to Contract Bridge

Noon-2 p.m. for adults. Exercise your brain and have fun making new friends as you learn to play Contract Bridge.

Whether you're a beginner or want to update your bidding and play, this class is for you. Members of the Bridge Center will give an introductory course over four consecutive Thursday evenings. This series continues January 23 and 30 and February 6. *Registration starts January 2; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Travelogue

2 p.m. for adults. Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month. A Weekend in Nashville. Library staff member Maia Hackett will share photos and memories from a trip to Nashville, Tennessee, and explore some of the food, music and museums Music City has to offer. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Internet Basics

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. Learn how to safely 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, add a website to your favorites and create secure passwords. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Strafford Branch Library - Teen Book Club

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. "Splinters of Scarlet" by Emily Bain Murphy. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Library Center - Cosplay Crash Course: “The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes”

7 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 and explore special FX makeup. Get creative with household items and meet other cosplay enthusiasts. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Friday, January 17

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness

10 a.m. for adults. Managing Money. The Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter will discuss Alzheimer's and dementia signs to watch for in you or your loved ones. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Little Artists

10:30 a.m. for ages 1-3 in the Story Hour Room. Explore art activities perfect for a growing artist. Dress for a mess. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Silver Screen Surfers

1:30-3:30 p.m. for adults. Cozy up this winter and enjoy showings of these silver screen gems. “Too Many Girls,” not rated. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Station - Teen Night!

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for video games, board games, crafts, hangouts and more. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Wings of Anticipation: A “Fourth Wing” Gathering

6-7:30 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Return to the kingdom of Navarre and connect with fellow fans as we prepare for the release of “Onyx Storm” by Rebecca Yarros with crafts, discussion and trivia to celebrate the third book in the Empyrean series. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Saturday, January 18

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - Cinema Saturday

11 a.m.-1 p.m. for ages 5-12. Get cozy with a movie, crafts and snacks. "Happy Feet," rated PG. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Library Station - Follow Along: Wrapped Rainbow

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Take a beginner course in wrapped art as we follow a tutorial on Creativebug. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts January 3; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0683.*

Sunday, January 19

Library Station - Winter Play Day

10:30 a.m.-noon for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Drop in for a Winter-themed playdate filled with unstructured and developmentally appropriate activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Check Mates and Board Game Buddies

2-4 p.m. for ages 5-12. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Twain Tweens

2 p.m. for ages 8-12 in the Story Hour Room. Gather by our 'fireplace' to hear a selection from the Mark Twain Award nominees while enjoying a craft or simple activities. Finish the book on Hoopla or check out a copy for a chance to vote for your favorite this spring. This month's title is "Egypt's Fire" by Tom Phillips. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Tuesday, January 21

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Center - Gmail Basics

10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Harrison Room. Learn how to create an email account using Gmail, create contacts and signatures, compose and reply to emails, organize your inbox and more. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Ash Grove Bibliophiles

1:30 p.m. for adults. Bring your favorite cozy mystery for snacks and bookish fun with other literary lovers in the community. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Austen Admiration Society

6:30 p.m. for adults. Whether you have read all of Jane Austen's works, only watched the movies or you're new to the English novelist, join us as we read and discuss all of Miss Austen's novels in order of publication. "Sense and Sensibility" by Jane Austen. A Year With Jane Austen event. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

4 By 4 Brewing Company - Books on Tap

7 p.m. for adults at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite A. Brewing off-beat discussions about books that aren't in the mainstream. "Misery" by Stephen King. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Wednesday, January 22

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Library Center - “Becoming Jane”
6:30-9 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Kick off our year with Jane by learning about Austen’s early life with this speculative biopic, “Becoming Jane,” rated PG. A Year With Jane Austen event. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Thursday, January 23

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors

10 a.m.-noon for adults. 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. This series continues February 13 and 27. *Call 417-883-1974.*

The Fairbanks Community Hub - Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks

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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub. *Call 417-883-6112.*

Republic Branch Library - 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s

10:30 a.m. for adults. 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 by the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Missouri Chapter. *Call 417-732-7284.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Introduction to Contract
Bridge**

Noon-2 p.m. for adults. Exercise your brain and have fun making new friends as you learn to play Contract Bridge. Whether you're a beginner or want to update your bidding and play, this class is for you. Members of the Bridge Center will give an introductory course over four consecutive Thursday evenings. This series continues January 30 and February 6. *Registration starts January 2; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*

**Library Station - Afternoon Book
Discussion**

1:30 p.m. for adults in the Santa Fe Room. Discuss a wide range of books in various genres, including both fiction and non-fiction titles. "Mansfield Park" by Jane Austen. A Year With Jane Austen event. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Google Tools

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. 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. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

**Strafford Branch Library - Book
Discussion**

4 p.m. for adults. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "Piranesi" by Susanna Clarke. *Call 417-736-9233.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Teen Volunteer Council
Recruitment Event**

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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Literary Blooms

6-8 p.m. for adults in meeting room A. Create your own paper bouquet of never-wilting flowers using old book pages to give as a gift or to keep as a memento. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts January 9; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341.*

Library Center - Teen Café

6:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy coffee or tea and meet other teens at our Teen Café twice a month! We'll chat about all things books, hobbies, fandoms and crafts. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Friday, January 24

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - Teen Anime Night

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 14-18 in the Frisco Room. Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Dog Man Celebration

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 6-12 in the auditorium. Calling all Dog Man fans for a themed celebration with fun games and crafts for all Supa Buddies to enjoy. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Saturday, January 25

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Dungeons & Dragons

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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Sunday, January 26

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Cookbook Book Club

3 p.m. for adults. Whatcha got cookin'? Try a comfort food 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! *Call 417-883-1974.*

Monday, January 27

Library Center - Learn to Play Magic: The Gathering for Tweens

5:30 p.m. for ages 10-12 in meeting room B. Explore the world of Magic: The Gathering, a popular tabletop card game. Tweens will enjoy basic gameplay, intended for beginners, led by experts from the local game store, Haven Games LLC. Note: Recommended age for play ranges from 10-13+, depending on the card set. Parents or Guardians are welcome to attend with their tween. *Registration starts January 13; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0526.*

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Exploring the Docuverse**

6-9 p.m. for adults. 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. "Exporting Raymond," rated PG. *Call 417-883-1974.*

**Library Center - Learn to Play Magic:
The Gathering for Teens**

6:30 p.m. for ages 13-18 in meeting room B. Explore the world of Magic: The Gathering, a popular tabletop card game. Teens will enjoy basic gameplay, from beginner to intermediate, led by experts from the local game store, Haven Games LLC. *Registration starts January 13; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0526.*

**Library Center - TikTok Made Me
Read It**

7 p.m. for adults in meeting room A. Discuss trending books made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers. "One Dark Window" by Rachel Gillig. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Tuesday, January 28

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Bagels with the Better
Business Bureau**

8 a.m. for adults. Join us for bagels, coffee and a little business education with the Regional Director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau Pamela Hernandez. Protecting Your Workplace from Common Scams. Pamela Hernandez will shed light on the increasing prevalence of workplace scams and provide actionable steps to safeguard your employees and

business. Learn how to identify common scams and educate your staff on red flags to help protect your organization's sensitive information. *Registration starts January 14; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Republic Branch Library - Racing to
Read Storytime**

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

**Library Center - Microsoft Word
Basics**

10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Harrison Room. 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. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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Library Center - Banned Book Club

2 p.m. for adults 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. "Watchmen" by Alan Moore. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

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Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - History Explorers

6:30 p.m. for adults. Members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will explore a fascinating topic from the Revolutionary War. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Wednesday, January 29

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Thursday, January 30

The Fairbanks Community Hub - Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks

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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub. *Call 417-883-6112.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Introduction to Contract Bridge

Noon-2 p.m. for adults. Exercise your brain and have fun making new friends as you learn to play Contract Bridge. Whether you're a beginner or want to update your bidding and play, this class is for you. Members of the Bridge Center will give an introductory course over four consecutive Thursday evenings. This series continues February 6. *Registration starts January 2; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Microsoft Excel Basics

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. Learn how to create and use spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Add data to a spreadsheet, perform calculations and set up spreadsheets for printing. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Center - Talking With Children About Safety From Sexual Abuse

6 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Having age-appropriate conversations about our bodies and boundaries is an important part of protecting children from abuse. Learn how to productively talk and listen to your kids about their personal safety with the Child Advocacy Center. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - So You Want to Learn to Crochet

6 p.m. for ages 12 and older in the Story Hour Room. Come and learn crochet basics. We'll cover new terms,

techniques and stitches and start projects together. No previous experience necessary. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Friday, January 31

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

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Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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Library Station - Teen Night!

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for video games, board games, crafts, hangouts and more. *Call 417-865-1340.*

February Displays

Library Center

- Artwork by Students of Springfield Public Schools, Reading Room and concourse
- Scouting in the Ozarks, Local History
- R. Ritchie Robertson: Conductor of the Boy Scout Band, Local History
- The David Eslick Photograph Collection, Local History Magic Box

Library Station

- Space: Oil Paintings by Amara Paul, Reading Room
- Route 66 Memorabilia, courtesy of the Route 66 Association of Missouri, concourse

Park Central Branch Library

- Art in Nature - A Textural Journey: Paintings by Andrew Jones

Republic Branch Library

- Artwork by Republic Rug Hookers

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch

- Winter: Artwork by Visual Artist Alliance of Springfield

Saturday, February 1

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Craft & Tell

10:30 a.m. for adults. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

**Travellers House Coffee & Tea -
Cuppa Comics**

10:30 a.m. for adults at Travellers House Coffee & Tea, 824 S. National Ave. Warm up your weekend with a nice cup of coffee and an invigorating conversation about comics and graphic novels. "Hitomi" by H. S. Tak. *Call 417-883-1974.*

**Fair Grove Branch Library -
Introduction to American Mah Jongg**

11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for adults. American Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy and luck, developed from the original Chinese Mahjong in the 1920s. Instructor David Hudson will give an introductory course over four consecutive Saturdays, with time at the end to play and practice the game. This series continues February 8, 15 and 22. *Registration starts January 17; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.*

**Library Station - Racing to Read
Storytime**

11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - TTRPG Exploration

2-4:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 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). *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Gross Science

2 p.m. for ages 7-12 in the Story Hour Room. Are you a curious kid with a strong stomach? Observe and complete experiments that include disgusting topics such as bodily functions, rotting food, slime and more. *Registration starts January 17; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0526.*

Sunday, February 2

Library Station - Twain Tweens

2 p.m. for ages 8-12 in the Story Hour Room. Gather by our 'fireplace' to hear a selection from the Mark Twain Award nominees while enjoying a craft or simple activities. Finish the book on Hoopla or check out a copy for a chance to vote for your favorite this spring. This month's title is "Serwa Boateng's Guide to Vampire Hunting" by Roseanne A. Brown. Bring a craft or make a special bookmark featuring Ghanaian Adinkra symbols, just like in the book. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Monday, February 3

Ash Grove Branch Library - Back to the Future!

11 a.m.-5 p.m. for ages 13-18. School is out so it's a great day to munch on snacks and drop in to watch one or all of the Back to the Future film trilogy, all rated PG. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Willard Branch Library - Superhero Afternoon

3-5 p.m. for ages 13-18. Munch on snacks while watching some of our favorite superhero movies, rated PG-13. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy

7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Periodicals and PERSI. The Periodical Source Index (PERSI), from the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center, is the world's largest index for genealogical and historical society publications. Robin McDonough from the Emerson History & Genealogy Center will discuss periodicals and how to use the index to uncover articles about your ancestors. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Tuesday, February 4

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Republic Branch Library - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Center - Meet the Computer

10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Harrison Room. 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. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Stafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-736-9233.*

**Library Station - Tiny Tots
Celebrating Black Brilliance
Storytime**

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. *Call 417-865-1340.*

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Storytime**

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Read Storytime**

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Brilliance Storytime**

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**Willard Branch Library - LEGO Brick
Builders**

4 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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

**Library Station - Spooky Friends
Book Club**

6 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Ghosts, goblins, gore and so much more to read about in our horror book club. "Horror Movie" by Paul Tremblay. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

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Wednesday, February 5

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Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

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Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Voice Your Writing

6 p.m. for adults. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Thursday, February 6

The Fairbanks Community Hub - Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 at The Fairbanks Community Hub, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. The Midtown Carnegie

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Library Station - STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday

2 p.m. for ages 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Mars Rover Celebration! Celebrate the fifth anniversary of the launch of the 2020 Mars Mission with hands-on activities. 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. *Registration starts January 23; call 417-616-0673.*

Library Center - Finding Files

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. Learn to save, organize, copy, move, rename, delete, find and manage files and folders on your computer or external storage device. *Registration*

required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.

Library Center - Bricks and Books Club

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. "The Tryout" by Christina Soontornvat. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Feel Good Fiction

7 p.m. for adults in meeting room A. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion. "How to Read a Book" by Monica Wood. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Next Level Book Club

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. "We Are Big Time" by Hena Khan. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Friday, February 7

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - The Pretenders: A
Preschool Playgroup**

10 a.m. for ages 3-6. Play is one of your child's best teachers. We'll provide a variety of play stations designed to promote imagination, spark creativity and promote social-emotional development. *Call 417-883-1974.*

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Library Center - Adventure Into Art

10:30 a.m. for ages 3-6 in the Story Hour Room. Craft unique creations with paint and a variety of supplies. Dress for a mess. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

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**Park Central Branch Library - First
Friday Art Walk**

6:30-9 p.m. for adults. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit. Artist Andrew Jones presents his oil painting exhibit "Art in Nature: A Textural Journey." *Call 417-831-1342.*

**Park Central Branch Library - Helping
to Bring the Humanities to the Public
Square**

6:30 p.m. for all ages. "Keeping Warm in the Ozarks: Cast Iron Stoves in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries" is the February-March interpretive exhibition in the series Helping to Bring the Humanities to the Public Square, coordinated by Dr. Billie Follensbee of Missouri State University. This exhibition includes cast-iron stove parts excavated at the Bonniebrook Homestead, which illustrates features of different late 19th and early 20th century stoves for cooking and heating. The exhibition opening reception is during the First Friday Art Walk, and will feature the presentation "Researching and

Preserving Iron Artifacts” by Missouri State University alumna Madelyn Pohl. Children’s activity sheets will be available throughout the exhibition. *Call 417-831-1342.*

Saturday, February 8

Library Center - Meet and Greet: Freedom Classroom 101 Speakers

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Join us for a visit with Dr. Zachary Scott Clark, who will share his experiences as an actor, producer and director, including a special premiere screening of MyOzarks, episode 12, and he will autograph posters. Also, hear author Vivian Gibson discuss her memoir, “The Last Children of Mill Creek,” offering insights into her childhood in a St. Louis neighborhood displaced in 1959. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, Timmons Hall and Missouri State University. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Republic Branch Library - Identifying Missouri Birds

11 a.m. for adults. Have you always wanted to know the names of birds that visit your yard or bird feeders? Local History Associate Renee Glass will explore the basics of identifying Missouri birds, discussing the importance of shapes, eye stripes, flight patterns, songs and other helpful tips. *Call 417-732-7284.*

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Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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Library Station - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - Cinema Saturday

11 a.m.-1 p.m. for ages 5-12. Get cozy with a movie, crafts and snacks. “Elemental,” rated PG. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Library Station - STEAM Explorers

2 p.m. for ages 6-12 in the Santa Fe Room. Mars Rover Celebration! Celebrate the fifth anniversary of the launch of the 2020 Mars Mission with hands-on activities. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Dungeons & Dragons

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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Sunday, February 9

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch

Library - Second Sunday Concert

2 p.m. for adults. The Paper Moons. Let the Paper Moons captivate you with timeless tunes, sultry swoons and midnight croons. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Monday, February 10

Willard Branch Library - Science Time with STEM Kits

2 p.m. for ages 5-12. Come explore science with the Library's STEM Kits, featuring a different kit each month. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Learn to Play Magic: The Gathering for Tweens

5:30 p.m. for ages 10-12 in meeting room B. Explore the world of Magic: The Gathering, a popular tabletop card game. Tweens will enjoy basic gameplay, intended for beginners, led by experts from the local game store, Haven Games LLC. Note: Recommended age for play ranges from 10-13+, depending on the card set. Parents or Guardians are welcome to attend with their tween. *Registration starts January 13; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0526.*

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime

6 p.m. for infants-age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Learn to Play Magic: The Gathering for Teens

6:30 p.m. for ages 13-18 in meeting room B. Explore the world of Magic: The Gathering, a popular tabletop card game. Teens will enjoy basic gameplay, from beginner to intermediate, led by experts from the local game store, Haven Games LLC. *Registration starts January 13; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0526.*

Tuesday, February 11

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Tiny Tots Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime

focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Center - Learning Windows 11

10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Harrison Room. 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. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime

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Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Austen-Inspired Art

1-3 p.m. for adults. Create your own elegant, historical keepsake during our Jane Austen-themed craft session. Paint a Brick Book. Materials will be provided. A Year With Jane Austen event.

Registration starts January 23; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.

**Hidden Grounds Coffee House -
Mystery Book Club**

1:30 p.m. for adults at Hidden Grounds Coffee House, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone. "We Begin at the End" by Chris Whitaker. *Call 417-883-6112.*

**Ash Grove Branch Library - Flying
Needles**

1:30 p.m. for adults. 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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

**Fair Grove Branch Library - DIY
Valentines**

4 p.m. for ages 6-12. Unleash your creativity and craft a heartfelt Valentine's card for someone you love. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-759-2637.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Evening Book Discussion**

6:30 p.m. for adults. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Wednesday, February 12

Library Center - Baby Book Club

9:30 a.m. for infants-12 months in the Story Hour Room. Read, sing and play at our special babies-only playtime. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Republic Branch Library - Racing to
Read Storytime**

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Tiny Tots Storytime**

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

**Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to
Read Storytime**

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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Racing to Read Storytime**

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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Library Center - Book Discussion

1-2:30 p.m. for adults in meeting room B. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "The Turtle House" by Amanda Churchill. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Book Discussion

1 p.m. for adults. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "Lady Susan/The Watsons/Sanditon" by Jane Austen. A Year With Jane Austen event. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Library Center - Palentine's Day with Barbie

6:30-9 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Celebrate Palentine's Day with

everyone's best friend, Barbie! Bring your bestie or come solo to make friendship bracelets while watching "Barbie," rated PG-13. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts January 29; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341.*

Moxie Cinema - FilmStubs

7-9 p.m. for adults at 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. "Lars and the Real Girl," rated PG-13. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Thursday, February 13

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors

10 a.m.-noon for adults. 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. This series continues February 27. *Call 417-883-1974.*

The Fairbanks Community Hub - Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks

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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub. *Call 417-883-6112.*

Republic Branch Library - Book Discussion

2 p.m. for adults. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden" by Camille Dungy. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Center - Internet Basics

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. Learn how to safely 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, add a website to your favorites and create secure passwords. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Dabbling in Art

4-5:30 p.m. for age 15-adults. 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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Be My Boba

4-5:30 p.m. for ages 12-18. Show your love for delicious boba tea, learn to make the popular drink and taste-test variations. Ingredients will be provided. *Registration starts January 30; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.*

Library Station - Teen Silent Reading Café

6-8 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Downtown Springfield Association - Downtown Book Club

6-7:30 p.m. for adults at 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. "Legendborn" by Tracy Deonn. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association. *Call 417-831-1342.*

Library Center - Teen Café

6:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy coffee or tea and meet other teens at our Teen Café twice a month! We'll chat about all things books, hobbies, fandoms and crafts. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Friday, February 14

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Tiny Tots Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months. Honor Black History Month with your little ones

at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Northview Center - Northview Center Book Discussion

10:30 a.m. for age 55 and older at Northview Center, 305 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults. "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Little Artists

10:30 a.m. for ages 1-3 in the Story Hour Room. Explore art activities perfect for a growing artist. Dress for a mess. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - Teen Night!

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for video

games, board games, crafts, hangouts and more. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Village Meeple Board Game Cafe - Books and Boards

6:30-8 p.m. for adults 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. This month's game is Love Letter. Admission is free to participants. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Saturday, February 15

Library Center - Feed our Feathered Friends

10 a.m.-noon for ages 2-12 in the Story Hour Room. Stop by to create a bird feeder and learn about the Great Backyard Bird Count. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Introduction to American Mah Jongg

11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for adults. American Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy and luck, developed from the original Chinese Mahjong in the 1920s. Instructor David Hudson will give an introductory course over four consecutive Saturdays, with time at the end to play and practice the game. This series continues February 22. *Registration starts January 17; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - An Introduction to Whist

1-3 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Have you ever read an Austen book and wondered, "What is Whist?" Now is the time to find out! Learn how to play the card game Whist while having a nice cup of tea. A Year With Jane Austen event. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Sunday, February 16

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Check Mates and Board Game Buddies

2-4 p.m. for ages 5-12. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Twain Tweens

2 p.m. for ages 8-12 in the Story Hour Room. Gather by our 'fireplace' to hear a selection from the Mark Twain Award nominees while enjoying a craft or simple activities. Finish the book on Hoopla or check out a copy for a chance to vote for your favorite this spring. This month's title is "Hummingbird" by Natalie Lloyd. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Tuesday, February 18

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Center - Gmail Basics

10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Harrison Room. Learn how to create an email account using Gmail, create contacts and signatures, compose and reply to emails, organize your inbox and more. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Willard Branch Library - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Ash Grove Bibliophiles

1:30 p.m. for adults. Bring your favorite cozy mystery for snacks and bookish fun with other literary lovers in the community. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Adapting Austen

6:30 p.m. for adults. Every generation reinvents Austen, from stage to film, prequels to sequels, regency to modern and even zombies. Dive into adaptation theory with Dr. Lanya Lamouria from Missouri State University and gush over your favorite Austen adaptations with fellow fans. A Year With Jane Austen event. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

4 By 4 Brewing Company - Books on Tap

7 p.m. for adults at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite A. Brewing off-beat discussions about books that aren't in the mainstream. "Piglet" by Lottie Hazell. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Wednesday, February 19

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Tiny Tots Storytime**

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. 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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Tiny Tots Celebrating Black
Brilliance Storytime**

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy

10 a.m. for adults in the auditorium. Researching at FamilySearch, Part 2. Certified Genealogist® Patti Lee Hobbs will discuss the rich treasure trove of unindexed records and how to search for them through FamilySearch. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to
Read Storytime**

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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Racing to Read Storytime**

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. *Call 417-883-1974.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Celebrating Black Brilliance
Storytime**

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. *Call 417-883-1974.*

**Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to
Read Storytime**

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. *Call 417-759-2637.*

**Ash Grove Branch Library -
Crafternoons**

3-5 p.m. for ages 8-18. Feeling crafty? Come together for a mystery craft on the third Wednesday of the month. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-751-2933.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Winter Reading Pals**

3:30 p.m. for ages 5-12. Cozy up and practice your reading skills with one of our favorite dog friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. *Registration starts February 5; call 417-616-0713.*

Gilardi's - Rosie Book Club

4 p.m. for adults at Gilardi's, 820 E. Walnut St., Apt 3. Meet at woman-owned businesses to chat about titles that spark conversation with other women in business. "The God of the Woods" by Liz Moore. Presented in

partnership with Leadership Springfield's Rosie project. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Jane's Regency Readers

6:30 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Converse about our bimonthly Jane Austen title with other regency readers in the community. "Northanger Abbey" by Jane Austen. A Year With Jane Austen event. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Thursday, February 20

The Fairbanks Community Hub - Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks

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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub. *Call 417-883-6112.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Travelogue

2 p.m. for adults. Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month. A Tour of Laura Ingalls Wilder Homesteads. Explore pioneer life, the Ingalls/Wilder family and their movies west across unsettled land with Annette and Annabelle Hollon as they share their time visiting all of the Laura Ingalls Wilder homesteads and museums across the country. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Google Tools

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. 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. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Stafford Branch Library - Book Discussion

4 p.m. for adults. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community. "Slaughterhouse-Five" by Kurt Vonnegut. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Library Center - The Art of Artificial Intelligence

6 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Visual artist Joey Borovicka will share how artificial intelligence is being used in creative ways and provide a basic introduction to Midjourney, a popular AI image-making platform. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - So You Want to Learn to Crochet

6 p.m. for ages 12 and older in the Story Hour Room. Come and learn crochet basics. We'll cover new terms, techniques and stitches and start projects together. No previous experience necessary. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Microwave Tie-Dye

7 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Story Hour Room. Get creative with microwave tie-dye! Bring your own cotton t-shirt(s) for dyeing and we'll provide the rest of the supplies. *Registration starts February 6; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0526.*

Friday, February 21

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Alzheimer's and Dementia
Awareness**

10 a.m. for adults. 10 Ways To Love Your Brain. The Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter will discuss Alzheimer's and dementia signs to watch for in you or your loved ones. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

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**Library Station - Racing to Read
Storytime**

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**Ash Grove Branch Library - Silver
Screen Surfers**

1:30-3:30 p.m. for adults. Cozy up this winter and enjoy showings of these

silver screen gems. "Shall We Dance," rated TV-PG. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Station - Teen Night!

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Frisco Room. If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for video games, board games, crafts, hangouts and more. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Saturday, February 22

**Republic Branch Library - The Great
Backyard Bird Count with Dickerson
Park Zoo**

10:30 a.m. for ages 4-12. Join the Library, Dickerson Park Zoo and birders all over the world in participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count! Meet three ambassador birds from Dickerson Park Zoo's education department who will demonstrate avian characteristics in an up-close and hands-on encounter. Then enjoy bird-themed activities and practice bird counting with a bird scavenger hunt in the library. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. *Call 417-732-7284.*

**Fair Grove Branch Library -
Introduction to American Mah Jongg**

11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for adults. American Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy and luck, developed from the original Chinese Mahjong in the 1920s. Instructor David Hudson will give an introductory course over four consecutive Saturdays, with time at the end to play and practice the game. This is the final session in the series. *Registration starts January 17; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.*

**Library Station - Racing to Read
Storytime**

11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Dungeons & Dragons

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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Sunday, February 23

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Cookbook Book Club**

3 p.m. for adults. Whatcha got cookin'? Try a southern favorites 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! *Call 417-883-1974.*

Monday, February 24

Library Center - We Love Comics

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. "The Unlucky Kid" by Bob Holt. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Exploring the Docuverse**

6-9 p.m. for adults. 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. "Summer of Soul," rated PG-13. *Call 417-883-1974.*

**Library Center - TikTok Made Me
Read It**

7 p.m. for adult in meeting room A. Discuss trending books made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers. "The Maid" by Nita Prose. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Tuesday, February 25

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Bagels with the Better
Business Bureau**

8 a.m. for adults. Join us for bagels, coffee and a little business education with the Regional Director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau Pamela Hernandez. Building Your Brand and Customer Loyalty. Pamela Hernandez and Rafael Vite, founder of Primate Digital Marketing, will explore the impact of online reviews in today's consumer landscape. Discover how to leverage positive reviews to boost your business's reputation and manage negative feedback with professionalism and positivity. *Registration starts February 11; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.*

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Center - Microsoft Excel Basics

10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Harrison Room. Learn how to create and use spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Add data to a spreadsheet, perform calculations and set up spreadsheets for printing. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Banned Book Club

2 p.m. for adults 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. "How It All Blew Up" by Arvin Ahmadi. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Wednesday, February 26

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

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Ash Grove Branch Library - Tell a Fairy Tale

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Share the magic of National Tell a Fairy Tale Day with our favorite fairy tales, songs and an enchanted craft. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Library Center - Austen on Screen

6:30-9 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Watch our bimonthly Jane Austen film adaptation with other Austen fans in the community. "Northanger Abbey," rated PG, 2007. A Year With Jane Austen event. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Thursday, February 27

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors

10 a.m.-noon for adults. 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. This is the final session in the series. *Call 417-883-1974.*

**The Fairbanks Community Hub -
Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks**

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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub. *Call 417-883-6112.*

**The Fairbanks Community Hub -
Celebrating Black Brilliance
Storytime**

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 at The Fairbanks Community Hub, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. *Call 417-883-6112.*

**Republic Branch Library - Effective
Communication Strategies for
Caregivers**

10:30 a.m. for adults. Explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages, and identify strategies to connect and communicate. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter. *Call 417-732-7284.*

**Library Station - Afternoon Book
Discussion**

1:30 p.m. for adults in the Santa Fe Room. Discuss a wide range of books in various genres, including both fiction and non-fiction titles. "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro. *Call 417-865-1340.*

**Library Center - Microsoft Word
Basics**

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. 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. *Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.*

Library Center - Teen Café

6:30 p.m. for ages 12-18 in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy coffee or tea and meet other teens at our Teen Café twice a month! We'll chat about all things books, hobbies, fandoms and crafts. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Friday, February 28

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. 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. *Call 417-882-0714.*

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Itsy Bitsy Science Club:
Winter Olympics Edition**

10 a.m. for ages 3-7. Stick the landing! Explore STEAM through fine and gross motor-themed activity stations. Dress for a mess. *Call 417-883-1974.*

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**Library Station - Racing to Read
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Library Station - Teen Anime Night

6-7:30 p.m. for ages 14-18 in the Frisco Room. Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided. *Call 417-865-1340.*