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## *Musings from the Executive Director Ed Walton*

SINCE JOINING the Springfield-Greene County Library District in July 2023, I have been drinking out of a firehose as I learn all the complexities of the amazing work your Library does day in and day out. I have also learned that we have tremendous community support. When I applied and interviewed for this position, I was already aware of the district's outstanding reputation in the library community. My admiration only grew once I got a peek behind the scenes at all the hard work our team puts in every day to make everything we do noteworthy. A few examples:

- **Did you know that it takes all year to put together the Summer Reading Program?** The Youth Services team starts planning in September for the launch the following June. They spend hours reviewing program attendance, survey results and evaluating book inventories. Their goal is for children to earn a book they want, not just any book. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, who fund the Summer Reading Program, we are able to host Fantastic Friday events, educational and entertaining performers, and buy thousands of books.
- **Did you know that our Community Relations Department spends three months preparing each issue of Bookends?** The staff enters programs; our copywriter spends hours editing and proofing before the design team begins to work their magic and turn our publication into a community treasure. We print 8,000–10,000 issues, and they are usually gone before the next issue hits the stands.
- **Did you know that the Collections Services team processes approximately 4,000 titles a month?** In an effort to offer you a balanced collection of materials, as well as the bestsellers that everyone wants to check out, two staff members balance the digital content. They purchase licenses for the e-books and e-audiobooks that people download from Libby and Hoopla. These materials are more expensive than print books, so we balance supply and demand while staying within our budget. This year's collections budget is \$2,843,749.
- **Did you know we have ten facilities?** The upkeep and maintenance of our facilities is an incredible task. We welcomed 1,191,365 patrons to our libraries last year and with that amount of traffic, we have a team that works tirelessly to make sure the temperature is just right, the plumbing is working and the lights are on. We also have approximately 400 computers throughout the system and the IT department wants to make sure you have a good experience when using our public computers and also when checking out materials.

I have only touched the surface of the many roles located throughout the district. Our team is incredibly dedicated to our vision of being a thriving library that is an integral part of the lives of the community. After all, we are THE Library and YOUR Library.

— Ed Walton, Executive Director

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## Libraries Closings

The 10 branches and drive-up windows will be closed and the Mobile Library will not make its scheduled stops on:

- **Sunday, April 20**
- **Monday, May 26**

Return your books and materials to the book drops located at each branch, the

Library Express West at 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway, Library Express East at 3263 E. Chestnut Expressway, and Price Cutter Plus Book Stop at 3260 E. Battlefield Road.

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



Spring into great deals at the Friends of the Library

# SPRING BOOK SALE

April 30–May 4, 2025 @ the E\*Plex, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds  
3001 N. Grant Ave. • Admission and parking are free.

**FIND THE PERFECT BOOK to read at the lake this summer or in the air conditioning on a hot day. Adult, young adult, children’s books and most audiovisuals are \$1 or less. Better books start at \$2.**



A few notable items in this spring’s sale include:

- Large collection of paper dolls and related materials
- A wide selection of young adult fantasy books
- Many vintage science fiction books
- A large quantity of jigsaw puzzles
- An assortment of genealogy books and materials

Come early; these items will go quickly.

### Friends Night Preview Sale Tuesday, April 29, 4–8 p.m.

Get a first look at everything! Friends members get in free; non-members can join that night for only \$5 per person. Come prepared and bring a shopping bag. Avoid the wait at the door by joining now with the form below or visit [thelibrary.org/friends](http://thelibrary.org/friends). For questions, contact Sarah Hitesman, membership chairman, at 417-888-3077.

Admission is free for the rest of the sale:

- **Wednesday–Friday, April 30–May 2, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.**
- **Saturday, May 3, Half-Price Day, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.**
- **Sunday, May 4, Bag Day, 1–5 p.m.**

Friends accept cash or checks only. There is no tax.

Proceeds from the Friends’ spring and fall book sales benefit the Springfield-Greene County Library District. For more sale information, call Bill Kastler at 417-850-1999 or email [friends@thelibrary.org](mailto:friends@thelibrary.org).



## JOIN FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TODAY! Renewal New Member

### Membership Category

- Junior \$2 (up to 18 years old)
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## “The House in the Cerulean Sea”: A Conversation with TJ Klune

**Thursday, April 24, 7–9 p.m. at the University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center,  
333 S. John Q Hammons Parkway  
Books will be available for purchase and signing.**

ENCHANTING, WHIMSICAL and thoughtfully tender, TJ Klune’s “The House in the Cerulean Sea” follows a by-the-book government worker who is sent to evaluate an orphanage for magical children.

Written through the lives of these extraordinary children and their caretaker, “The House in the Cerulean Sea” offers a moving reminder that love, acceptance and found family can open the door to a future full of hope and new beginnings. Come together in this annual community read event to hear the author discuss his acclaimed novel — a story of belonging, transformation and the power of embracing differences.

**About “The House in the Cerulean Sea”:** At forty, Linus Baker leads a quiet and solitary life. As a Case Worker for the Department of Magical Youth, he dedicates his days to ensuring the welfare of children living in government-run orphanages.

When Linus is summoned by Extremely Upper Management, he’s given an unusual mission: visit the Marsyas Island Orphanage, home to six extraordinary and potentially dangerous children. Linus must set aside his fears and determine whether or not they’re likely to bring about the end of days.

But the children aren’t the only secret the island keeps. Their caretaker, Arthur Parnassus, is an enigmatic figure who will do anything to keep his wards safe. As Arthur and Linus grow closer, long-held secrets are exposed, and Linus must make a choice: destroy a home or watch the world burn.

*TJ Klune is the New York Times and USA Today bestselling, Lambda Literary Award-winning author of “The House in the Cerulean Sea,” “The Extraordinaries” and more. Being queer himself, Klune believes it’s important to have accurate, positive queer representation in stories.*

## Explore these programs inspired by “The House in the Cerulean Sea.”

### Book Discussions for “The House in the Cerulean Sea” by TJ Klune

- Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
- Wednesday, March 12, 1 p.m. at the Fair Grove Branch Library
- Thursday, March 13, 2 p.m. at the Republic Branch Library
- Thursday, March 27, 1:30 p.m. in the Library Station Santa Fe Room
- Monday, March 31, 7 p.m. in the Library Center meeting room A
- Thursday, April 3, 7 p.m. in the Library Center meeting room A
- Thursday, April 10, 6–7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Springfield Association, 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120
- Thursday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Mother’s Brewing Company — The Cufflink Room, 215 S. Grant Ave.
- Friday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. for age 55 and older at the Northview Center, 305 E. Talmage St.
- Tuesday, April 15, 1:30 p.m. at the Ash Grove Branch Library

### Vinyl Record Swap

Saturday, March 29, 3–5 p.m. in the Library Station Frisco Room. Embrace the joy of collecting and discovering hidden treasures! Learn vinyl care tips from library staffer Jason Loftin, then trade or find a new favorite for your collection.

### First Friday Art Walk

Friday, April 4, 6:30–9 p.m. at the Park Central Branch Library. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit. View *Between the Lines: “The House in the Cerulean Sea,”* featuring works of art by Springfield Regional Arts Council members and submissions from the public. Artist reception and award ceremony at 7:30 p.m.

### Enchanted Book Nooks

Saturday, April 5, 2–4 p.m. in the Library Station Frisco Room. Create your own magical book nook inspired by the whimsical world of “The House in the Cerulean Sea.” Materials will be provided. *Registration starts March 22; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0683.*

### Dance with Me Beyond the Sea

Monday, April 7, 1–3 p.m. at the Savoy Ballroom, 224 E. Commercial St. Feeling the urge to slow dance to classic tunes? Step into a dance lesson from the 40s–60s, where connection and joy take center stage. Professional instructors from Dance With Me studio will guide you through the basics, encouraging self-expression and new rhythms. Whether you’re brushing up on old moves or learning something new, all skill levels are welcome to discover a

sense of belonging and freedom on the dance floor. *Registration starts March 24; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-759-2637.*

### Friendship Fest: Beads and Besties

Tuesday, April 8, 1–3 p.m. at the Fair Grove Branch Library. Get creative with beaded jewelry making! An array of beads and materials in different colors, sizes and textures will be provided to craft something unique to keep or share. *Registration starts March 18; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-759-2637.*

### Misunderstood Monsters in Literature Panel

Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Explore the complexities of iconic monsters in literature as local professors delve into how these characters challenge our ideas of monstrosity and humanity in storytelling.

### “Ghost World” at the Moxie

Sunday, April 13, 7–9 p.m. at the Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Two offbeat teens struggle to find their place in the world after high school, embarking on quirky adventures that challenge their views on identity and belonging. “Ghost World,” rated R, captures their journey as one of them befriends an eccentric record collector, leading them to confront ideas of acceptance and unexpected connections.

### Found Family Community Forum

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30–8 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Join local organizations like Empower: Abilities and PFLAG who will share inspiring stories of found family within our community. Engage in meaningful conversations, connect with others, and discover the power of belonging as you share and listen to stories.

### Wild Bob’s Musical Book Club Presents: “The House in the Cerulean Sea”

Friday, April 18, 7–9 p.m. at Lindberg’s Tavern, 318 W. Commercial St. Local musicians and poets from Wild Bob’s Musical Book Club host an evening of live music and laughs, sharing songs and poems inspired by TJ Klune’s “The House in the Cerulean Sea.”

### Paint a Brick Book

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.–noon at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Transform a brick into a masterpiece inspired by the magical world of “The House in the Cerulean Sea.” Materials will be provided. *Registration starts March 31; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-1974.*

Find “The House in the Cerulean Sea” read-alikes, a discussion guide and the One Read events schedule at [thelibrary.org/oneread](http://thelibrary.org/oneread).

# PRESERVING THE OZARKS

PRESERVING THE HISTORY and culture of the Ozarks is the charge of the Library's Local History & Genealogy Department. Experience stories of people, places and events that shaped the region and discover how those stories are being preserved and shared.

## The Arthur Duncan Jazz Trio in Concert

**Thursday, May 1, 7 p.m.**  
**Library Center auditorium**

The jazz stylings of the Arthur Duncan Jazz Trio, which began decades ago in the Central High School cafeteria, continue a rich tradition of Black musicians shaping the Ozarks' musical history. Bandmates Arthur Duncan, Ernie Bedell and Richard Allen will perform and reflect on the Black Ozarks musicians who paved the way while sharing their efforts to leave a lasting musical legacy for future generations.



**Like this series? Love the Ozarks?** Consider making a donation to the Library Foundation's Preserving Ozarks History Endowment. Gifts to the fund make it possible for the Local History & Genealogy Department to continue preserving the rich history and culture of the Ozarks. Visit [foundation.thelibrary.org](http://foundation.thelibrary.org) for more information.

## “The Weight of Blood” Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Unravel a generational mystery in Laura McHugh’s “The Weight of Blood,” winner of the 2016 Missouri Literary Award for Fiction. Set in the rural Ozarks, the novel blends local flavor with suspense as 16-year-old Lucy Dane investigates the disappearance of her disabled friend.



## The Ozarks in Imagination: Creating a Region with Fiction

Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. The dominant images of the Ozarks, from backward hillbillies to charming countrysides, were shaped largely by literature like Harold Bell Wright’s “The Shepherd of the Hills.” Dr. Brooks Blevins, author and Noel Boyd Professor of Ozarks Studies at Missouri State University, will explore early works of fiction that defined the Ozarks’ image and offer insights into depictions of class, race and religion in the region. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



## Missouri Gothic & Ozarks Noir

Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. The secluded hollers and small towns of Missouri offer a rich literary landscape for exploring family secrets, unsolved crimes and shady dealings. Dr. Katherine Gilbert, director of Drury’s Humanities and Ethics Center, will examine works of fiction that layer a rugged Ozarks over a gothic or noir underbelly, offering cultural context for how these tales merge classic tropes with modern themes to create successful new genres.



## Police Matrons of the Ozarks: Revealing Unknown Literature

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. at the Republic Branch Library. Much of women’s history, including in the Ozarks, is hidden in obscure records, brief newspaper accounts and family mementos. Connie Yen, director of the Greene County Archives, will share the untold stories of the Ozarks’ forgotten police matrons, detailing her journey to uncover their lives, impact and the hidden history that shaped this important chapter.

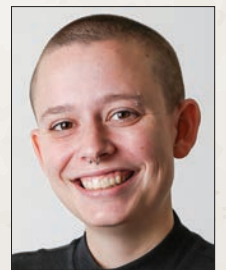


Courtesy of Springfield Police Department



## National Cemetery Civil War Walk

Tuesday, May 20, 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Springfield National Cemetery, 1702 E. Seminole St. Enjoy a stroll through the Springfield National Cemetery and hear true tales of Civil War soldiers, battles, monuments and the cemetery’s evolving landscape, all drawn from historical records. Meet at the front entrance. Each walk is limited to 20 participants. *Registration starts May 6; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-5341.*



## Queer Life in the Ozarks: Preserving the LGBTQIA+ Community

Thursday, May 22, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. The Ozarks Lesbian and Gay Archives (OLGA) at Missouri State University preserves a rich history of queer life in the Ozarks, gathered from scrapbooks, letters, organizational records and more. Archivist Tracie Gieselman France, former GLO Center executive director Lou Hood, and USA TODAY national reporter Greta Cross will discuss the creation of OLGA, the role of written records in connecting the community, and ongoing efforts to capture and share queer history for future generations.

## Women Writing an Ozarks Story

Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. From May Kennedy McCord’s columns and radio broadcasts to Marge Lyon’s famous novels about rural Missouri, Ozarks women have long created a literature of the region and shared its stories. Ozarks Alive’s Kaitlyn McConnell will delve into the impact of these influential women and their contributions to the Ozarks’ collective narrative.



# Helping to Bring the Humanities to the Public Square

JOIN US AT the Park Central Branch Library for the next exhibition and presentation exploring the history and culture of the Ozarks.

## April–May: “Occupations of the Late 19th to Mid-20th Century in the Ozarks.”

This exhibition includes objects associated with different occupations held by people at the turn of the century, from railroad workers to



milliners to physicians. The exhibition opening reception will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2025 during the First Friday Art Walk, and will feature the presentations “Preserving Artifacts of the 20th Century Ozarks” by Missouri State University Alumni Sarah Dotson and Kevin Frey. Children’s activity sheets will be available throughout the exhibition.



Helping to Bring the Humanities to the Public Square is an exhibition and presentation series coordinated by Dr. Billie Follensbee, Museum Studies Program Coordinator at Missouri State University. This exhibition and presentation series is supported by a Missouri Humanities Council Major Grant.



## New Director of Institutional Advancement Joins the District

BRIDGET DIERKS joined the Springfield-Greene County Library District in January 2025 as the new Director of Institutional Advancement. In this role, she will serve as the chief development officer. Her duties will include strategically leading the donor development program and development initiatives, managing the grant writing and Foundation funding process and managing the Foundation budget. Bridget joined the library after working with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks for 18 years.

If you are interested in exploring donation opportunities, naming opportunities and other ways to be engaged in the development work of the Library District, please contact Bridget at [bridgetd@thelibrary.org](mailto:bridgetd@thelibrary.org) or 417-616-0460.

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# A YEAR WITH JANE:

## *Celebrating 250 Years of Austen Legacy*



IT IS A TRUTH universally acknowledged that a birthday must be in want of a celebration. In 2025, we cordially invite you to join us in celebrating the 250th birthday of renowned author Jane Austen. Delight in book discussions, film adaptations, crafts and more, all inspired by the works and world of Miss Austen. Attend a discussion of Jane's novels to collect a specially designed sticker for each title.

### **Crafternoon with Jane**

Saturday, March 15, 3–5 p.m. at the Republic Branch Library. Bring a craft and partake in an afternoon of artistry and film watching. Hot tea and light refreshments will be provided.

### **Regency Reticule Craft**

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Learn how to craft a Regency-style reticule handbag. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts April 1; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-1974.*

### **Jane Austen Scholars**

Tuesday, April 22, 6:30–8 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Gain a deeper understanding of Jane Austen's novels and world with Dr. Roger E. Moore in his presentation, "**Northanger Before the Tilneys: Austen's Abbey and the Religious Past.**" Sponsored by the Central Missouri Region of the Jane Austen Society of North America.

### **Austen on Screen**

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30–9 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Watch our bimonthly Jane Austen film adaptation with other Austen fans in the community. This month's film is "**Sense and Sensibility**," rated PG, 1995.



### **English Garden Tour**

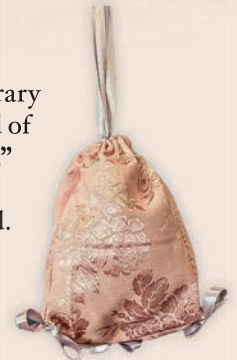
Saturday, May 10, 1–2:30 p.m. at the Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Celebrate National Public Gardens Day (May 9) with a stroll through the English Garden and White Garden at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park. Learn about plant identification, garden design and history in the park with Springfield Botanical Gardens. *Registration starts April 26; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0683.*

### **Bridgerton Tea**

Saturday, May 17, 2–4 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Dearest Gentle Reader, you are cordially invited to join us for tea. Discuss the Bridgerton books and series in the company of other enthusiasts while enjoying tea and paper crafts inspired by the Ton. Regency-era attire is encouraged but not required. Tea and crafting materials will be provided.

### **Sew and Watch**

Saturday, May 24, 2–4:30 p.m. in the Library Station Frisco Room. Step into the world of Jane Austen with a screening of "**Emma**," rated PG, 2020, and sew a Regency-era reticule purse. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts May 10; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0683.*



### **Book Discussions Featuring Jane Austen Titles**

- Thursday, March 13, 6–7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Springfield Association, 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120. "**Pride and Prejudice.**"
- Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m., Austen Admiration Society, at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. 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. "**Pride and Prejudice.**"
- Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m., Jane's Regency Readers, in the Library Center auditorium. Converse about our bimonthly Jane Austen title with other regency readers in the community. "**Sense and Sensibility.**"
- Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m., Austen Admiration Society, at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. 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. "**Mansfield Park.**"

# You Can Make It, Fix It, Preserve It at the **Maker Space**

We're thrilled to welcome you back to the Maker Space, where creativity knows no bounds. With a variety of equipment at your fingertips, the possibilities are endless. Call 417-831-5011 to make an appointment.

THE MAKER SPACE is located in the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St.

Registration is required for individual maker sessions and programs. For more information or to register, visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-831-5011.

## Maker Space Open Studio

Wednesdays, April 16–May 28, 1–5 p.m. for age 12–adults. No reservation required! This drop-in lab time is great for first-time tours, last-minute projects and creatives who already have a little experience using Maker Space equipment. While you won't have a dedicated staff helper, several staff members will be floating around, available to help troubleshoot your project. Equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Maker Space Orientation

Friday, April 18, 10 a.m.–noon and Saturday, May 31, 2–4 p.m. Learn about the equipment available in the Library's Maker Space, watch demonstrations and view sample projects. This equipment tour will cover basic operations, safety, design resources and tips.

## Available Equipment:

- Two Prusa MK3s+ 3D Printers
- Glowforge Pro Laser Engraver
- Cricut Maker and Cricut Explore Air 2
- US Cutter SC2 Series Vinyl Cutter
- Heat Press
- Soldering Station
- Mayku FormBox Vacuum Former
- Sawgrass SG500 Sublimation Printer
- Heat Press Nation 7-in-1 Automated Mug and Tumbler Press
- Heat Press Nation Cap and Hat Heat Press
- American Button Maker (1.25-inch)
- Podcast Kit
- Kodak 8mm and Super 8mm Film Digitizer
- Clearclick HD Video Digitizer (VHS)
- Camcorders for VHS-C and Hi8 Conversion
- Plustek Slide and Negative Scanner
- EinScan Pro HD 3D Scanner and Turntable

## Some recent creations by Maker Space users:



# Creative Aging Workshops for Adults Age 55 and Older

ARE YOU EAGER to learn new skills? These interactive workshops are a fantastic opportunity to unleash your creativity. Spaces are limited and fill up fast, so be sure to note the registration dates for each workshop.

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.



## Creative Aging Hand-Turned Tales, a Crankie Exploration

Wednesdays, beginning March 5, 1–3 p.m. at Arrow Art Annex, 1342 E. St. Louis St. Crankie artist Sandi Green Baker will lead an 8-week workshop exploring the history, creative processes, artistic techniques and construction of a moving panoramic storytelling machine. Participants will work through a series of exercises using storytelling, illustration, theater lighting, music and shadow puppetry. The finished works will be performed at the first annual Midwest Crankie Festival on June 7. *Registration starts February 3; call 417-837-5011.*

## Creative Aging Painting and Mixed Media

Wednesdays, beginning March 5, 6–8 p.m. in the Library Center Story Hour Room. Artist and illustrator Cory Leick will lead an 8-week workshop exploring creativity through mixed media art. Participants will enhance their painting, print, collage and drawing skills in an intuitive and from-the-heart manner. The finished art will be displayed at a final art show on April 30. *Registration starts February 17; call 417-883-5341.*

## Creative Aging Mixed Media Art Journals

Tuesdays, beginning April 1, 3–5 p.m. at the Fair Grove Senior Center, 122 S. Orchard Blvd. Artist and illustrator Cory Leick will lead an 8-week workshop on developing an art journaling practice for personal and creative exploration. Participants will experiment with various mixed media techniques, including drawing, painting, printing and collage, and will learn how to create their own simple handmade sketchbook journals. The finished art will be displayed at a final art show on May 27. *Registration starts March 18; call 417-759-2637.*

## Creative Aging Nature and Landscape Drawing

Thursdays, beginning April 24, 10 a.m.–noon in the Midtown Carnegie Branch



upstairs meeting room. Artist Ashley Laren will lead an 8-week workshop exploring the world of nature and landscape drawing. Participants will explore drawing fundamentals using graphite, charcoal and ink to depict natural elements, from rocks to landforms. The finished art will be displayed at a final art show on June 13. *Registration starts April 3; call 417-837-5011.*

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

# BUSINESS CONNECT

LIBRARY SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS

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

## Bagels with the Better Business Bureau

Tuesday, March 25, 8 a.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Safe and Savvy Social Media. Join us for bagels and coffee as Pamela Hernandez, regional director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau, shares tips on becoming a confident social media user. Learn how to secure your accounts with strong passwords, use two-factor authentication, spot scams and take action if you get scammed.



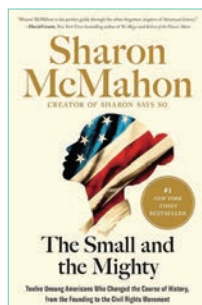
## Effective Strategic Planning: Building & Tracking Goals

Tuesday, March 25, 4 p.m. at the Republic Branch Library. Whether you're shaping your company's future or navigating your personal journey, discover frameworks to turn big dreams into actionable steps. Paige Oxendine, director of consulting services for Habitat Communication & Culture, will guide participants in setting ambitious goals, creating action plans and measuring progress. You'll leave with practical strategies to turn vision into reality, whether planning your next business quarter or life chapter.



## Rosie Book Club

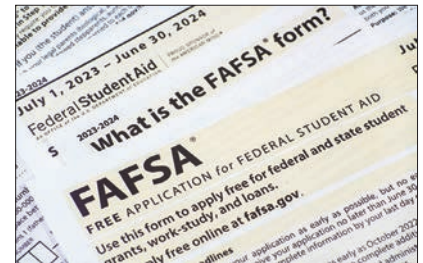
Wednesday, April 16, 4 p.m. at Hold Fast Brewing, 235 N. Kimbrough Ave. Meet at woman-owned businesses to chat about titles that spark conversation with other women in business. This month's title is "The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of



History, from the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement" by Sharon McMahon. Presented in partnership with Leadership Springfield's Rosie project. *Registration required; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](https://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-1974.*

## Financial Aid Updates for College

Tuesday, April 22, 4 p.m. at the Republic Branch Library. Whether returning to school or going for the first time, students can apply for financial aid to help pay for their tuition. Learn about important changes, how to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and other funding opportunities. Provided in partnership with Drury GO.



## Government Contracting and Small Business Certification

Tuesday, April 29, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Is your business interested in government contracting? Small businesses that are woman-owned, service-disabled veteran-owned or minority-owned may qualify for federal preferences, along with those in Historically Underutilized Business Zones. Allen Waldo, Missouri APEX Accelerator counselor, will guide you through the certification process and contracting opportunities at no cost, funded by the United States Department of Defense and University of Missouri Extension. Lunch will be provided at this event. *Registration required; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](https://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-1974.*





### Made Here: C-Street City Market

Thursday, May 22, 1–3 p.m. in the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library upstairs meeting room. Ever wondered how C-Street City Market vendors got their start? A panel of small businesses, including MyHairFriend, The Breaditarian, Annie’s Earrings Plus and Yo Seasonings, will share marketing tips on scaling operations and leveraging local resources for success.



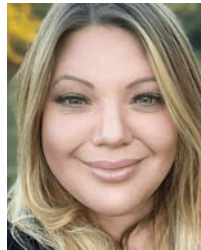
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- Explore global industry reports, investment reports, and market share data
- Review sample business plans
- Read magazines, industry publications, and books to inform and inspire

Visit [thelibrary.org/business](http://thelibrary.org/business) to access online tools and databases provided by the library.

### Chaos to Clarity: Mastering Content Pillars, Plans and Posts

Tuesday, May 27, 4 p.m. at the Republic Branch Library. Feeling overwhelmed by social media planning? Maryanne Ellison, director of business development and marketing team leader at Smart Blondes Marketing, will guide you through building effective content pillars, creating a solid calendar and using scheduling tools to save time and reduce stress. Whether you’re new to social media or refining your strategy, learn to streamline your efforts, stay consistent and engage your audience without burnout.



## Company Library Cards

THE BRANCHES OF the Springfield-Greene County Library District are repositories of a wide range of resources that can be useful in the operation of your Greene County business.

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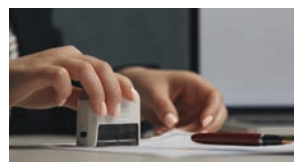
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Appointments are required. For more details or for an appointment, call

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

# programs for adults

## In the Community



### FilmStubs

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

Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

- March 12: “The Station Agent,” rated R.
- April 9: “Fantastic Planet,” rated PG.
- May 14: “Benny & Joon,” rated PG.



### Spring Book Buzz

Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m. at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite A. The Library has all of your spring 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.



### Books and Boards

Fridays, 6:30–8 p.m. at Village Meeple Board Game Cafe, 1570 E. Battlefield Road, Suite F. Board games and books make the perfect pairing! Play a board game, hear about

books that match the game’s theme and chat about your favorite games and books. Admission is free to participants.

- March 14: River Valley Glassworks.
- April 11: Flamecraft.
- May 9: Tiny Laser Heist.

### Dance with Me Beyond the Sea

Monday, April 7, 1–3 p.m. at the Savoy Ballroom, 224 E. Commercial St. *See details about this and other One Read events on pages 4–5.*

### “Ghost World” at the Moxie

Sunday, April 13, 7–9 p.m. at the Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. *See details about this and other One Read events on pages 4–5.*

### Wild Bob’s Musical Book Club Presents: “The House in the Cerulean Sea”

Friday, April 18, 7–9 p.m. at Lindberg’s Tavern, 318 W. Commercial St. *See details about this and other One Read events on pages 4–5.*

### A Conversation with TJ Klune: “The House in the Cerulean Sea”

Thursday, April 24, 7–9 p.m. at the University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, 333 S. John Q Hammons Parkway. *See details about this and other One Read events on pages 4–5.*

### English Garden Tour

Saturday, May 10, 1–2:30 p.m. at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 9.*

### National Cemetery Civil War Walk

Tuesday, May 20, 6 and 6:30 p.m. at Springfield National Cemetery, 1702 E. Seminole St. *See details about this and other Preserving the Ozarks events on page 6–7.*

### Creative Aging Mixed Media Art Journals Showcase

Tuesday, May 27, 3–5 p.m. at the Fair Grove Senior Center, 122 S. Orchard Blvd. Celebrate the mixed media art journal creations made by participants of our 8-week workshop, Creative Aging Mixed Media Art Journals, highlighting their skills and fostering a sense of community among artists and spectators. Provided in partnership with the Advancing Creative Aging Through State Library Leadership Initiative.

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## Ash Grove Branch Library

### Flying Needles

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8 and May 13, 1:30 p.m. Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Work on your current projects, share patterns and ideas, and check out our knitting and crochet resources. All levels of experience are welcome.

### Dabbling in Art

Thursdays, March 13, April 10 and May 8, 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.



### Local History Roundtable

Fridays, March 14, April 4 and May 2, 4:30 p.m. Join fellow history lovers in a roundtable discussion of Ash Grove's history and the Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead.



### Silver Screen Surfers

Fridays, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Step back in time with classic films that bring the magic of the silver screen to life.

- March 21: “Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House,” rated TV-G.
- April 18: “The Ghost and Mrs. Muir,” rated TV-G.
- May 16: “Road to Morocco,” rated TV-G.

## Mastering Modern Technology

Tuesdays, 1:30–3 p.m. Explore the basics of today's technology and build the confidence to use it with ease, perfect for beginners.

- March 25: **Computer Basics.**
- April 29: **Internet Basics.**
- May 27: **Google Tools and Mobile Printing.**

## Fair Grove Branch Library

### Craft & Chat: Greeting Cards

Mondays, March 3, April 7 and May 5, 1–3 p.m. Meet and connect with fellow crafters while working on a new craft project and trading ideas. Materials will be provided. *Registration required; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-759-2637.*

### Friendship Fest: Beads and Besties

Tuesday, April 8, 1–3 p.m. *See details about this and other One Read events on pages 4–5.*

## Library Center



### Exploring Genealogy

Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society.

- Monday, March 3, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. **Photo Metadata 101: Telling Your Photo's Story Like a Pro.** Are you overwhelmed by the task of organizing and preserving your family's digital photos? Learn how photo metadata — the hidden details stored within an image — can turn digital chaos into a lasting family legacy. Taneya Y. Koonce, knowledge management information scientist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, will offer tips to preserve your photo stories for future generations.
- Wednesday, March 19, 10 a.m. in meeting room B. **Finding Your Ancestors.** The Missouri Historical Society Library & Research Center in St. Louis offers a wealth of resources to uncover the stories of your Missouri ancestors. Dennis Northcott, associate archivist, will explore how city directories, military records, school yearbooks, historic photographs and newspapers can shed light on your family history.
- Wednesday, May 21, 10 a.m. in meeting room B. **DNA Painter: A Valuable Asset for DNA Analysis.** DNA Painter, created by Jonny Perl, has become an essential tool for genetic genealogists, offering visualizations of DNA matches and a variety of helpful features. Certified Genealogist® Patti Hobbs will demonstrate how to maximize its potential for your research.

## Library Center continued

### “An Environmental Journey” by Loring Bullard

Friday, March 7, 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Retired Springfield biologist Loring Bullard’s memoir, “An Environmental Journey: Tales of Tragedy and Hope from the Heartland,” published by the Ozarks Studies Institute, chronicles his life from a 1950s and ’60s childhood to his career and retirement. Combining personal reflections with historical moments such as the Cuban missile crisis, Earth Day and Missouri’s environmental challenges, Bullard will offer insights, practical ideas and resources for protecting the natural world we all share. Books will be available for purchase.



### Succulent Swap

Saturday, March 22, 2–4 p.m. in the auditorium. Learn about succulent propagation and exchange your starts with fellow plant lovers. Remember to bring a container to safely transport your new succulents home.



### Cardstock Cafe

Saturdays, 3–5 p.m. in the auditorium. Bring your scrapbooking, journaling or card-making projects, and we’ll supply the workspace and crafting tools. Create freely, or follow along with this month’s guided paper craft. *Registration required; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-5341.*

- March 29: *Registration starts March 15.*
- April 26: *Registration starts April 12.*
- May 24: *Registration starts May 10.*

### Misunderstood Monsters in Literature Panel

Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other One Read events on pages 4–5.*

### Found Family Community Forum

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30–8 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other One Read events on pages 4–5.*

Let us help you find  
**your next read**

Complete a short survey at [thelibrary.org/yournextread](http://thelibrary.org/yournextread) to receive a personalized reading list sent to your email, or a printed list to pick up at your Library branch.



### Home Orchid Growing

Saturday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Curious about caring for orchids? The Springfield Orchid Society will show you how to create the perfect environment for growing and flowering orchids at home, no greenhouse needed. Learn what sets orchids apart, along with their evolution and growth patterns.

### Austen on Screen

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30–9 p.m. in the auditorium. This month’s film is “Sense and Sensibility,” rated PG. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 9.*

### Creative Aging Painting and Mixed Media Showcase

Wednesday, April 30, 6–7:30 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate the mixed media creations made by participants of our 8-week workshop, Creative Aging Painting and Mixed Media, highlighting their skills and fostering a sense of community among artists and spectators. Provided in partnership with the Advancing Creative Aging Through State Library Leadership Initiative.

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### The Arthur Duncan Jazz Trio in Concert

Thursday, May 1, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Preserving the Ozarks events on pages 6–7.*

### The Ozarks in Imagination: Creating a Region with Fiction

Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Preserving the Ozarks events on pages 6–7.*

### Missouri Gothic & Ozarks Noir

Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Preserving the Ozarks events on pages 6–7.*



## Bridgerton Tea

Saturday, May 17, 2–4 p.m. in the auditorium.

*See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 9.*

## Queer Life in the Ozarks: Preserving the LGBTQIA+ Community

Thursday, May 22, 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

*See details about this and other Preserving the Ozarks events on pages 6–7.*

## Women Writing an Ozarks Story

Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

*See details about this and other Preserving the Ozarks events on pages 6–7.*

## Library Station

### Follow Along: Pop-Up Flower Greeting Card

Saturday, March 15,  
2–4 p.m. in the Frisco  
Room. Take a begin-  
ner course in pop-up  
card making as we

follow a course on Creativebug. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts March 1; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0683.*



### Vinyl Record Swap

Saturday, March 29, 3–5 p.m. in the Frisco Room. *See details about this and other One Read events on pages 4–5.*

### Enchanted Book Nooks

Saturday, April 5, 2–4 p.m. in the Frisco Room. *See details about this and other One Read events on pages 4–5.*

### Sew and Watch

Saturday, May 24, 2–4:30 p.m. in the Frisco Room. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 9.*

## Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

### Food As Medicine

Saturday, April 5,  
1–3 p.m. in the  
upstairs meeting  
room. Explore the health  
benefits of a  
plant-focused  
whole foods diet  
with Dr. Kristin



Crymes, family medicine physician at CoxHealth, who will discuss how nutritious food can transform your health. A local dietitian will share healthy eating tips and simple recipes and Maile Auterson, executive director of Springfield Community Gardens, will highlight how local farmers and gardens increase access to fresh produce. *Registration starts March 22; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-862-0135.*

### Fix-It Fair

Saturday, April 12, noon–4 p.m. in the Maker Space. Give your household appliances, mechanical items and even clothes a new lease on life and reduce waste. Volunteer fixers will help repair your fixable items. No oversized, gas-powered items or safety hazards. Presented with Community Partnership of the Ozarks.



### Plant Swap

Saturday, May 10, 2–4 p.m. in the reading room. Grow your jungle! Bring one or more of your own houseplants, succulents, cactus plants, cuttings or garden seedlings to swap with your neighbors. Remember to bring small containers or jars to carry your new plant pups home.

### Healthy Cooking for One

Saturday, May 24, 1–3 p.m. in the Maker Space. Learn how to plan and cook healthy, delicious meals for one. Discover tips for meal planning, preparation, and preserving wholesome breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Food Allergy Notice: Please be advised that food prepared here may contain these ingredients: milk, eggs, wheat, soybean, peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish and sesame. Please notify staff if you have a food allergy. *Registration starts May 10; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-862-0135.*



## Park Central Branch Library

### First Friday Art Walk

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

- March 7: Painter Amara Paul presents “Journey.” At 7 p.m., Earlene Elliot-Lee will present an art talk on “Eva Hesse’s Contribution to the Art World: Her Soul.”
- April 4: View Between the Lines: “The House in the Cerulean Sea,” featuring works of art by Springfield Regional Arts Council members and submissions from the public. Artist reception and award ceremony at 7:30 p.m. *A One Read event.*
- May 2: Visual Artist Alliance of Springfield presents “35 Years in the Making.”

## Republic Branch Library

### Southwest Missouri Camera Club Gallery Opening

Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m. The Southwest Missouri Camera Club will unveil their “Abstract Photography” gallery, inviting guests to mingle with members and explore their work. At 10:30 a.m., Jane Ballard will discuss how to create compelling abstract images and the techniques behind them.

### Springfield During the Civil War

Saturday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. Historian Larry Wood will chronicle the epic struggle between the Union and Confederacy for control of Springfield, Missouri, during the Civil War.



### Crafternoon with Jane

Saturday, March 15, 3–5 p.m. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 9.*

### Beginning Genealogy

Saturday, March 22, 10:30 a.m. Learn how to begin researching your family tree using printed and online resources available through the Library, with help from Library Assistant Dean Barker.

### Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

Thursday, March 27, 10:30 a.m. Science can provide insight into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Learn about research in diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools



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

### Money Life Hacks

Monday, March 31, 5:30 p.m. Learn tips for budgeting and managing your finances with Social Worker Amanda Todd as she shares her effective money hacks that have benefited her clients for years.

### Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions

Mondays, April 14, 21 and 28 and May 5, 12 and 19, 9–11:30 a.m. The Chronic Disease Self-Management Program is a 6-week, evidence-based class for individuals with chronic health conditions and their caregivers. Led by Amber Allen, field specialist in human development and family science at the University of Missouri Extension, participants create action plans, share experiences and support each other in overcoming self-management challenges. This class covers health issues and self-management strategies for chronic illnesses like arthritis, fibromyalgia, depression, heart disease, diabetes and more.



### The Tornado Outbreak of April 18, 1880

Saturday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. Most people in the Ozarks associate April 18, 1880, with the Marshfield Tornado, a devastating F-4 storm that claimed many lives and nearly destroyed the town. However, less known is that a major tornado outbreak across six states began that day, with southwest and central Missouri enduring at least 11 deadly twisters. Author and storyteller Tim Ritter will explore each storm, its path and the destruction it left behind.



### Introduction to Alzheimer’s

Thursday, April 24, 10:30 a.m. Learn the differences between Alzheimer’s and dementia, including stages, risk factors, research and FDA-approved treatments with the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Missouri Chapter.

## Exploring Death Records

Saturday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. Death certificates and obituaries offer valuable genealogical insights. Library Assistant Dean Barker will discuss available death records, focusing on Missouri.

## Police Matrons of the Ozarks: Revealing Unknown Literature

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. *See details about this and other Preserving the Ozarks events on pages 6–7.*

## Exploring the U.S. Census

Saturday, May 24, 10:30 a.m. Library assistant Dean Barker will examine the differences in census years from 1790 to 1950, explaining what information can be obtained and how to find people who may not be indexed properly.

## Writing to Tell Your Story

Saturday, May 24, 1–3 p.m. Explore different writing forms, including essays, memoirs, short stories, poetry, novels and family histories, with writer and publisher Bon Tindle and poet Robert Stephens. *Registration starts May 10; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-732-7284.*



## Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

### Craft & Tell

Saturdays, March 1, April 5 and May 3, 10:30 a.m. Work on a craft while chatting with fellow crafters. We welcome any craft that is quiet and doesn't make a mess. Whether starting a project or struggling to finish one, this group is for you.



### Voice Your Writing

Wednesdays, March 5, April 2 and May 7, 6–8 p.m. Want to write a memoir or have an idea for a novel? Now's your chance to join a casual group of writers. Bring a one-page sample of your work to share with other like-minded people, with no criticism or grammar check — we just

want to hear your voice. No expertise or prior writing experience necessary.

## Free Verse Poetry Workshop

Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m.–noon. Everyone has a story to tell, and free verse poetry captures it through the natural rhythms of everyday language. Former Springfield Mayor and poet Robert Stephens will help you break free from traditional rules to craft authentic, personal poems. With simple templates and guided questions, you'll turn memories into original free verse works. *Registration starts February 22; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-1974.*

## iPhone Class for Seniors

Thursdays, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24 and May 8 and 22, 10 a.m.–noon. If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each session.



## Creative Aging Drawing, Painting and Mixed Media Showcase

Friday, March 14, 4–6 p.m. Drop by and celebrate the mixed media art creations made by participants of our 8-week workshop, Creative Aging Drawing, Painting and Mixed Media, highlighting their skills and fostering a sense of community among artists and spectators. Provided in partnership with the Advancing Creative Aging Through State Library Leadership Initiative.

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## Free Hearing Screening

Tuesday, March 18, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. If you or a loved one might have hearing loss, stop in for a free assessment from the experts at Springfield's HearingLife. Call 417-616-0706 to schedule a 30-minute appointment.

## Travelogue

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

- **March 20: Windjammer Cruising Along the Maine Coast.** Experience the beauty of windjamming past Maine's homes and lighthouses, just like the old sailors. Lane and Cindy Pierce will share their adventures aboard the tall ship Grace Bailey, cruising through Camden's islands and inlets, with stories of stars, sunsets, lobster fests and more.
- **April 17: Two Weeks in Japan.** Library staff member Laura Loffler will take you on a journey from Tokyo to Hiroshima, sharing photos and memories from her trip to Japan.

## Schweitzer Brentwood Branch *continued*

- May 15: **Motorcycling Through Central and South America.** World traveler and former firefighter Michael Strozewski will recount his trek across Ecuador, Colombia and the Mayan countries of Central America, sharing his experiences with the wonderful people and beautiful places he encountered.

### Empowered Caregiver

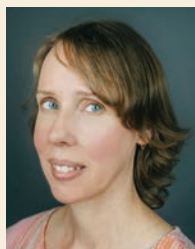
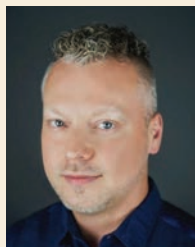
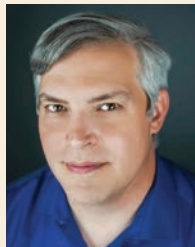
Fridays, 10 a.m. The Alzheimer's Association will share insights and strategies to support and empower caregivers of those with Alzheimer's or dementia.

- March 21: **Building Foundations of Caregiving.**
- April 18: **Supporting Independence.**
- May 16: **Communicating Effectively.**

### Collection Connection with the Springfield Art Museum

Saturdays, 2 p.m. Delve into pieces from the Springfield Art Museum's Permanent Collection.

- March 22: **Not Made By Hands.** Springfield Art Museum Director Nick Nelson will explore the history and significance of a Russian icon from the museum's collection, known as "The Holy Mandylion" or "Image Not Made by Hands." Examine the personal and historical context of Russian icons, the role of art in lifelong learning, and the power of objects to connect people to one another and the larger world.
- April 26: **Flowers, Fine Art and Fashion.** Springfield Art Museum Educator Joshua Best will explore the history of the Museum's Art In Bloom event, showcasing how it has transformed the museum's permanent collection into a source of inspiration for local designers and audiences alike. Former Best in Show and People's Choice Award winner Raleigh Jones will demonstrate his creative process for crafting floral designs inspired by art.
- May 10: **Oddities and Curiosities.** Springfield Art Museum Curator of Art Sarah Buhr will share stories and details about the oddities in the Springfield Art Museum's collection. With nearly 100 years of history, the museum houses many unusual items, including hair wreaths, forks and spoons, dolls and spectacles. Buhr will explore how these objects came to be part of the collection and invite an open discussion about their significance to the community.



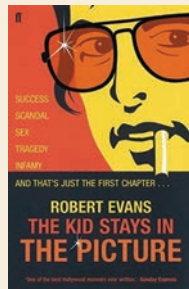
### Sunday Concert

Sunday, March 23, 2 p.m. **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.



### Exploring the Pros and Cons of Homeownership in 2025

Monday, March 24, 6 p.m. Realtor Niki Carter of Niki Carter Realty Brokered by LPT Realty, mortgage broker Jeff Johnson of UMortgage Springfield and insurance agent Andre Pascoe of COUNTRY Financial will discuss the pros and cons of homeownership in an informational panel, helping renters and potential buyers decide if now is the right time to enter the market and what steps to take to prepare.



### Exploring the Docuverse

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

- March 31: **"The Kid Stays in the Picture,"** rated R.
- April 28: **"Origami in the Garden Film,"** not rated.
- May 19: **"The Sparks Brothers,"** rated R.

### From Pen to Publication

Fridays, 1:30 p.m. Step into the world of writing and publishing as local authors share their journeys. Each speaker will reveal their unique path, discussing the craft, process and challenges of self-publishing versus traditional publishing. Whether you're an aspiring author or simply curious, you'll gain valuable insights from those who've lived it.

- April 4: Jan Cameron Bloch, author of **"Following Christ: God's Word: Basic Truths and Guiding Principles,"** will discuss how her book evolved from letters to her teenage children into a guide for living Christian faith. A retired educator with a Bachelor of Arts from Missouri State University and a Master of Arts from Drury, Bloch is also a vocalist and instrumentalist in a gospel music band.



- April 11: Darla Noble, author of “**All My Love, George...Letters From a WWII Hero**” and other titles, will discuss nonfiction writing, its misconceptions and her inspiration. A Missouri native, Noble has spent more than 30 years writing inspirational and historical nonfiction, memoirs, Bible studies and more.
- April 18: Michelle Underwood is the author of “**Ten,**” “**A Lion’s Roar in a Can,**” “**Claire (the Awesome, Amazing Adventurer) Goes on Safari**” and “**Laura Ingalls Wilder’s Rocky Ridge Farm.**” She grew up in Mansfield, Missouri, and now works at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum, giving tours of Wilder’s homes and property.
- April 25: Connie Yen, author of “**Springfield: A Postcard History,**” “**Sinner and Savior**” and “**Springfield: Past and Present,**” is an archivist with a passion for history and storytelling. She will discuss her books, the differences between traditional and self-publishing and how each method worked for her.



### Exploring Genealogy

Mondays, 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society.

- April 7: **Untangling Family Folklore.** Explore the mysterious origins of Ozarks Genealogical Society member Barbara White’s grandmother. Believed to be an orphan train rider to Kansas, DNA evidence revealed Italian parentage and documentary records uncovered the truth.
- May 5: **There’s More to Immigration Than Ellis Island.** Ellis Island may come to mind when thinking of immigration, but many ancestors arrived through other ports. Professional genealogist Diana Crisman Smith will explore alternative entry points, the immigration process and evolving laws.

### Crafting Cards and Stationary

Saturday, April 12, 2 p.m. Celebrate National Card and Letter Writing Month by crafting unique notecards and letters. We’ll provide the materials — just bring your creativity. *Registration starts March 29; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-1974.*

### Regency Reticule Craft

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 9.*

### Paint a Brick Book

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.–noon. *See details about this and other One Read events on pages 4–5.*

### Jane Austen Scholars

Tuesday, April 22, 6:30–8 p.m. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 9.*

### History Explorers: The Battles of Lexington and Concord

Tuesday, April 29, 3 p.m. The Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will explore the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first significant military engagements of the American Revolutionary War.

### LEGO Brick Show & Tell

Sunday, May 4, 2–4 p.m. for ages 8 and older. The Springfield LEGO Users Group will display their amazing builds while sharing helpful hints for enthusiasts. Bring your favorite creation and get inspiration for your next masterpiece.

### “The Weight of Blood” Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m. *See details about this and other Preserving the Ozarks events on pages 6–7.*

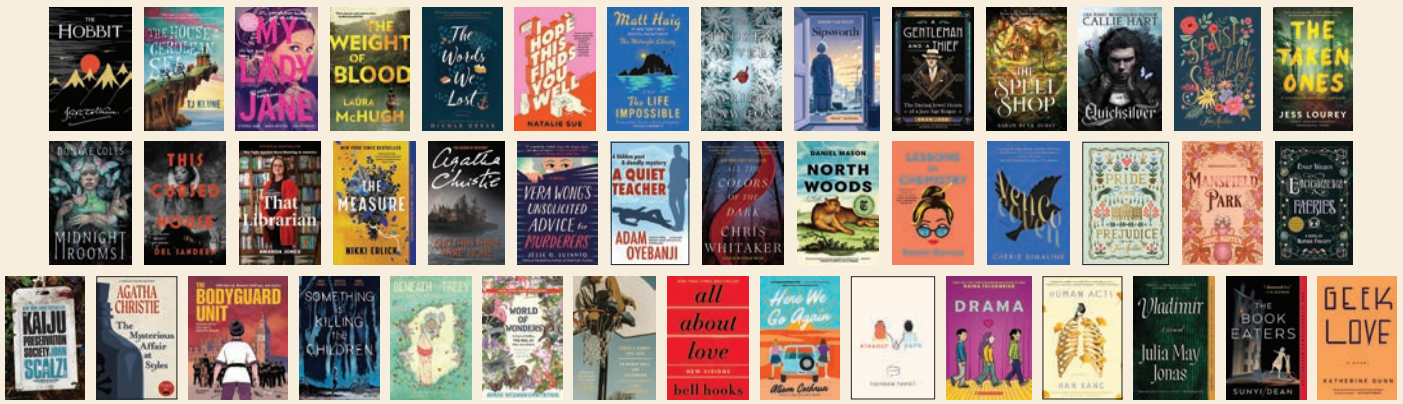


### The Shandies in Concert

Sunday, May 11, 2 p.m. Hear The Shandies perform original folk music, featuring two acoustic guitars and harmonious female vocals. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

### What Scammers Don’t Want You to Know

Thursday, May 15, 10 a.m. New technology, changes in consumer behavior and world events are changing the way scams occur in the marketplace. Pamela Hernandez, regional director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau, will share how to spot and avoid common scams and what scams are popping up in our community.



## book discussion groups

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

### Ash Grove Branch Library

#### Ash Grove Bibliophiles

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

- March 18: “The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien.
- April 15: “The House in the Cerulean Sea” by TJ Klune. *A One Read event.*
- May 20: “My Lady Jane” by Cynthia Hand.

### Fair Grove Branch Library

#### Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

- March 12: “The House in the Cerulean Sea” by TJ Klune. *A One Read event.*
- April 9: “The Weight of Blood” by Laura McHugh.
- May 14: “The Words We Lost” by Nicole Deese.

### Library Center

#### Feel Good Fiction

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

- March 6: “I Hope This Finds You Well” by Natalie Sue.
- April 3: “The House in the Cerulean Sea” by TJ Klune. *A One Read event.*
- May 1: “The Life Impossible” by Matt Haig.

#### Book Discussion

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

- March 12: “The Frozen River” by Ariel Lawhon.
- April 9: “Sipsworth” by Simon Van Booy.
- May 14: “A Gentleman and a Thief: The Daring Jewel Heists of a Jazz Age Rogue” by Dean Jobb.

### TikTok Made Me Read It

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

- March 31: “The House in the Cerulean Sea” by TJ Klune. *A One Read event.*
- April 28: “The Spellshop” by Sarah Beth Durst.
- May 19: “Quicksilver” by Callie Hart.

### Jane’s Regency Readers

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. This month’s title is “Sense and Sensibility” by Jane Austen.

*See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 9.*

### Library Station

#### Spooky Friends Book Club

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

- March 4: “The Taken Ones” by Jess Lourey.
- April 1: “Midnight Rooms” by Donyae Cole.
- May 6: “This Cursed House” by Del Sandeen.

#### Afternoon Book Discussion

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

- March 27: “The House in the Cerulean Sea” by TJ Klune. *A One Read event.*
- April 24: “That Librarian: The Fight Against Book Banning in America” by Amanda Jones.
- May 22: “The Measure” by Nikki Erlick.

### Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

#### Mystery Book Club

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone.

- April 8: “Vera Wong’s Unsolicited Advice for Murderers” by Jesse Q. Sutanto.
- May 13: “A Quiet Teacher” by Adam Oyeabanji.

## Republic Branch Library

### Book Discussion

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

- March 13: “**The House in the Cerulean Sea**” by TJ Klune. *A One Read event.*
- April 10: “**All the Colors of the Dark**” by Chris Whitaker.
- May 8: “**North Woods**” by Daniel Mason.

## Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

### Evening Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

- March 11: “**The House in the Cerulean Sea**” by TJ Klune. *A One Read event.*
- April 8: “**Lessons in Chemistry**” by Bonnie Garmus.
- May 13: “**VenCo**” by Cherie Dimaline.

### Austen Admiration Society

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 9.*

- March 18. “**Pride and Prejudice**” by Jane Austen.
- May 20: “**Mansfield Park**” by Jane Austen.

### Cookbook Book Club

Sundays, March 30, April 27 and May 25, 3 p.m. Whatcha got cookin’? Try a recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone’s recipes turned out. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged!

## Stafford Branch Library

### Book Discussion

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

- March 20: “**Emily Wilde’s Encyclopaedia of Faeries**” by Heather Fawcett.
- April 17: “**The Kaiju Preservation Society**” by John Scalzi.
- May 22: “**The Mysterious Affair at Styles**” by Agatha Christie.

## In the Community

### Cuppa Comics

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. 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.

- March 1: “**The Bodyguard Unit: Edith Garrud, Women’s Suffrage, and Jujitsu**” by Clément Xavier.
- April 5: “**Something is Killing the Children**” Vol. 1–3 by James Tynion IV.
- May 3: “**Beneath the Trees Where Nobody Sees**” by Patrick Horvath.

## Nonfic Book Club

Saturdays, 3–4:30 p.m. at Big Momma’s Coffee & Espresso Bar, 217 E. Commercial St. Enjoy lively discussions on thought-provoking nonfiction books over a cup of coffee.

- March 8: “**World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments**” by Aimee Nezhukumatathil.
- April 12: “**There’s Always This Year: On Basketball and Ascension**” by Hanif Abdurraqib.
- May 10: “**All About Love: New Visions**” by bell hooks.

## Downtown Book Club

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

- March 13: “**Pride and Prejudice**” by Jane Austen. *A Year With Jane Austen event.*
- April 10: “**The House in the Cerulean Sea**” by TJ Klune. *A One Read event.*
- May 8: “**Here We Go Again**” by Alison Cochrun.

## Banned Book Club

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. at Mother’s Brewing Company, The Cufflink Room, 215 S. Grant Ave. 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.

- March 13: “**Eleanor & Park**” by Rainbow Rowell.
- April 10: “**The House in the Cerulean Sea**” by TJ Klune. *A One Read event.*
- May 15: “**Drama**” by Raina Telgemeier.

## Northview Center Book Discussion

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

- March 14: “**Human Acts**” by Han Kang.
- April 11: “**The House in the Cerulean Sea**” by TJ Klune. *A One Read event.*
- May 9: “**All the Colors of the Dark**” by Chris Whitaker.

## Books on Tap

Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Gallo-way St., Suite A. Brewing off-beat discussions about books that aren’t in the mainstream.

- March 18: “**Vladimir**” by Julia May Jonas.
- April 15: “**The Book Eaters**” by Sunyi Dean.
- May 20: “**Geek Love**” by Katherine Dunn.



## computer training

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

Classes take place in the Computer Training Center at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library. **Registration is required to attend. For information or to register, call 417-837-5011.**

### Meet the Computer

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

- Tuesday, April 1, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, May 1, 2–4 p.m.

### Finding Files

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

- Thursday, April 3, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 6, 10 a.m.–noon

### Learning Windows 11

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

- Tuesday, April 8, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, May 8, 2–4 p.m.

### Internet Basics

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.

- Thursday, April 10, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 13, 10 a.m.–noon

### Gmail Basics

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

- Tuesday, April 15, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, May 15, 2–4 p.m.

### Google Tools

Learn to use Google tools including Google Drive, Calendar, Docs and Sheets, and how to access your files across devices. Understand what the “cloud” is and how to



use it for sharing your files and storing them online.

- Thursday, April 17, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 20, 10 a.m.–noon

### Microsoft Excel Basics

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

- Tuesday, April 22, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, May 22, 2–4 p.m.

### Microsoft Word Basics

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

- Thursday, April 24, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 27, 10 a.m.–noon

### AI and You

Tuesday, April 29, 10 a.m.–noon. Discover commonly used artificial intelligence (AI) programs, including when you might encounter them, their benefits and drawbacks, and tips for identifying AI-generated images and text.

### One-on-One Help — And More

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



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# programs for 'tweens & teens

## Ash Grove Branch Library

### Adventures with Sock Monkeys

Friday, March 7, 1–4 p.m. for ages 13 and older. Have you ever wanted to create your own sock monkey? Craft a new friend using ribbons, buttons, yarn and more while enjoying “Disneynature: Monkey Kingdom,” rated G.



### Velociraptor Awareness Day

Friday, April 18, 10 a.m.–noon for ages 13 and older. Awareness of velociraptors and how to handle encounters is key, even if they only exist in fiction. Watch “Jurassic Park,” rated PG-13, and enjoy some animal crackers, especially the goat-shaped ones.



### Talk Like Yoda Day

Wednesday, May 21, 1–5 p.m. for ages 13 and older. An afternoon of the original Star Wars trilogy and a special Yoda-themed snack, join us you will. Watch “A New Hope,” “The Empire Strikes Back” and “Return of the Jedi,” all rated PG.

## Library Center



### Next Level Book Club

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

- March 6: “Table Titans Club” by Scott Kurtz.
- April 3: “A First Time for Everything” by Dan Santat.
- May 1: “Gamerville” by Johnnie Christmas.



### Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, March 8 and 22, April 5 and 19 and May 3, 17 and 31, 3 p.m. and 4:15 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. *Registration starts February 22; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0526.*

### Teen Café

Thursdays, March 13 and 27, April 10 and May 8 and 22, 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. We’ll chat about all things books, hobbies, fandoms and crafts.

- March 27: **Trivia Night.** Show off your epic knowledge about the action-packed world of the Marvel Cinematic Universe at a special trivia night.
- April 10: **Life-Sized Perfection.** Try your hand at a giant version of the game Perfection and race against the timer to match all the shapes.
- May 8: **2000s Flashback Party.** Relive your childhood and take it back to the 2000s with crafts and games.

### Cosplay Crash Course

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

- March 20: “Avatar: The Last Airbender.”
- April 17: **Bendy and the Ink Machine.**
- May 15: “Adventure Time.”

### Crochet Circle

Wednesdays, May 7, 14 and 21, 6 p.m. for ages 12 and older in the Story Hour Room. Crochet a cute bee in this 3-week workshop with guidance from an instructor. Basic crochet skills (single crochet, double crochet, slip stitch and magic circle) are needed. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts February 18; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0526.*

## Library Station

### TTRPG Exploration

Saturdays, March 1 and April 5, 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.

### Teen Night!

Fridays, March 7, 14 and 21, April 4, 11 and 18 and May 2, 9, 16 and 30, 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 games, crafts, hangouts and more.

### Teen Art Studio

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



- March 17: **Pennant Flags.** The Springfield Art Museum's Art is Everywhere program celebrates art with monthly pop-up sessions. Join Museum Educator Lori Gipson to create a pennant flag for the Pennant Banner project on display at the Library Station.
- April 21: **Stamp Carving.** A signed permission slip from a guardian is required upon entry.
- May 19: **Cottagecore Terrariums.**

### Teen Anime Night

Fridays, March 28, April 25 and May 23, 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.

### Goblin Get-Together

Saturday, April 19, 2–4 p.m. for ages 10 and older in the Frisco Room. Party like a goblin and celebrate the cozy fantasy genre with themed crafts, games and snacks. Explore books and graphic novels while making treasure-filled slime. Materials will be provided.



### Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. for families with children ages 5–18. Stop by the Children's Department to celebrate Comic Book Day in this annual event with themed activities and free comic books courtesy of Comic Force.



## Midtown Carnegie Branch Library



### Music Mondays

Mondays, April 7–May 19, 3–4:30 p.m. for ages 14–18 in the upstairs meeting room. Vibe to awesome tunes, from oldies to the latest tracks, or grab your instrument and join the open mic.

### Art Studio

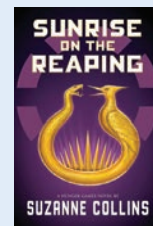
Tuesdays, April 1–May 20, 3–4:30 p.m. for ages 12–18. Unleash your creativity every Tuesday in the Teen Room, and we'll showcase your masterpiece on our walls for everyone to admire. Materials will be provided.

### Game Day

Thursdays, April 3–May 22, 3–4:30 p.m. for ages 12–18 in the upstairs meeting room. Show off your skills and join us every Thursday for board games, video games or role-playing games with friends.

### Return of The Hunger Games

Wednesday, April 9, 3–4:30 p.m. for ages 12–18 in the Teen Room. Celebrate the release of Suzanne Collins's "**Sunrise on the Reaping**" by creating your own 3D arena. Materials will be provided.



## Willard Branch Library

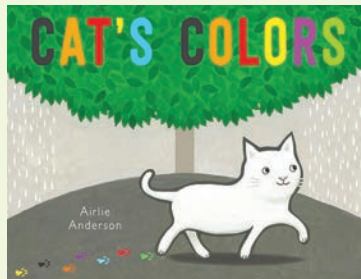
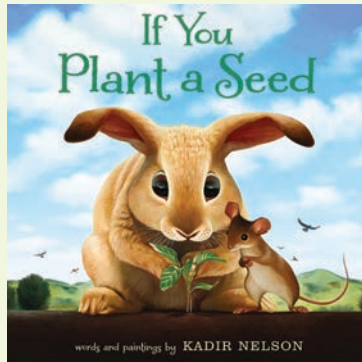


### Superhero Afternoon

Mondays, March 3, April 7 and May 5, 3–5 p.m. for ages 13–18. Munch on snacks while watching some of our favorite superhero movies, rated PG-13.

# programs for kids & families

## In the Community



For infants to age 9. Spring StoryWalks® are wonderful opportunities to enjoy the warming weather!

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

- April StoryWalk® April 2–15 at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. “If You Plant a Seed” by Kadir Nelson.
- April StoryWalk® April 16–29 at Howard Smith Park, 408 E. Bumgarner Blvd., Strafford. “Weeds Find a Way” by Cindy Jensen-Elliott.
- May StoryWalk® April 30–May 13 at Owen Park, 440 N. Bailey Ave., Republic. “Look and Listen” by Dianne White.
- May StoryWalk® May 14–27 at Ash Grove City Park, 300 E. Parkway St., Ash Grove. “Cat’s Colors” by Airlie Anderson.

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



For all ages. The Springfield Art Museum’s Art is Everywhere program celebrates art in monthly pop-up sessions throughout the city. In March, come to the Library to join the fun by creating a pennant flag to add to a display at each branch. Supplies will be provided. Come by, design your pennant and add it to the banner!

## Stories in the Park

Tuesdays, April 1–May 27, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 at J.R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Join your favorite children’s librarians for a weekly, outdoor storytime featuring stories, songs and activities. Meet at The Amp; we’ll move to the pavilion if it rains. Provided in partnership with the Republic Parks & Recreation Department.



## Guided Nature Walk

Saturday, April 12, 10:30 a.m. for families with kids ages 5–12 at Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield, 5242 S. State Highway ZZ, Republic. Enjoy a walk through Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield with library staff and staff from the reserve. Along the way, we’ll learn and discover new things and relax afterward with stories from library staff. Meet at Stop 7 on the tour trail. Provided in partnership with Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield.

## Strafford Stories in the Park

Thursdays, April 10 and May 15, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 at the Howard Smith Community Park, 408 E. Bumgarner Blvd., Strafford. Join your favorite children’s librarians for an outdoor storytime featuring stories, songs and activities. Provided in partnership with Strafford City Hall.

## Ash Grove Branch Library



### Racing to Read Storytime

Wednesdays, March 5–May 28, 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.

### Let's Laugh Day

Wednesday, March 19, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Celebrate National Let's Laugh Day with a storytime full of silly books and laughter.

### Mother Goose Storytime

Wednesday, April 30, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Mother Goose is visiting Ash Grove for a storytime brimming with beloved rhymes, captivating tales and crafts.

### Dance Like a Chicken Day

Wednesday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Get ready to flap your wings with chicken stories, feather painting and plenty of dancing fun to celebrate National Dance Like a Chicken Day.



## Fair Grove Branch Library



### Racing to Read Storytime

Wednesdays, March 5–May 28, 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.

### DIY Friendship Bracelets

Monday, March 10, 4 p.m. for ages 6–12. Design your own unique friendship bracelets to wear or share! We'll provide all the beads and string you'll need to get creative.



### Spring Terrarium in a Jar

Monday, April 21, 4 p.m. for ages 6–10. Bring your creativity to craft a kid-friendly mini spring terrarium. Materials will be provided.



### STEAM: Exploring Balance

Monday, May 12, 4 p.m. for ages 5–10. Discover the art of balance through stories, challenges and crafts.

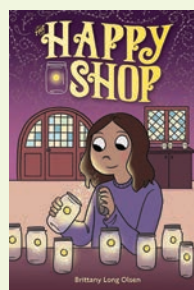
## The Library Center



### Racing to Read Storytime

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.

- **Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6:** Mondays, March 3–May 19, 6 p.m.
- **Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months:** Tuesdays and Fridays, March 4–May 23, 9:30 a.m.
- **For infants–age 6:** Tuesdays, March 4–May 20, 10:30 a.m.



### Bricks and Books Club

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

- March 6: **"The Happy Shop"** by Brittany Long Olsen.
- April 3: **"Uprooted: A Memoir About What Happens When Your Family Moves Back"** by Ruth Chan.
- May 1: **"Bodega Cats: Picture Purrfect"** by Hilda Eunice Burgos.

## Thinking Money for Kids: Adopt a Pet Homeschool Edition

Friday, March 7, 2 p.m. for ages 5–12 in the Story Hour Room. Learn how to budget for pet expenses through our imaginary pet adoption program. Families will work together to allocate funds for pretend toys, food and more, while discovering the financial responsibilities of pet ownership. Plus, meet our dog friend from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. *Registration starts February 21; call 417-616-0526.*

Thinking Money for Kids is an initiative of the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.



## Thinking Money for Kids: Adopt a Pet

Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m.–noon for ages 5–12 in the Story Hour Room. Learn how to budget for pet expenses through our imaginary pet adoption program. Families will work together to allocate funds for pretend toys, food and more, while discovering the financial responsibilities of pet ownership. Plus, meet our dog friend from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. *Registration starts February 21; call 417-616-0526.*

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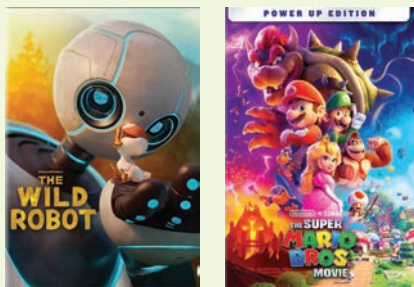
## Baby Book Club

Wednesdays, March 12, April 9 and May 14, 9:30 a.m. for infants–12 months in the Story Hour Room. Read, sing and play at our special babies-only playtime.

## Spring Break Movie Escape

1–2:30 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Color and craft your own paper robot while you watch Roz and friends on our big screen.

- Monday, March 17: “The Wild Robot,” rated PG.
- Friday, March 21: “The Super Mario Bros. Movie,” rated PG.



## Giant Games

Wednesday, March 19, 1–3 p.m. for ages 5–12 in the Story Hour Room. Play giant versions of games like chess, Connect Four and more.

## Very Hungry Caterpillar Day

Thursday, March 20, 10:30 a.m. for ages 1–6 in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate Very Hungry Caterpillar Day with crafts and activities based on the fan-favorite book by Eric Carle. Materials will be provided.



## We Love Comics

Mondays, 4:30 p.m. for ages 6–10 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.

- March 24: “Tiny Tales: A Feast for Friends” by Steph Waldo.
- April 21: “Blue, Barry & Pancakes: Escape from Balloonia” by Dan Abdo.
- May 19: “Friendbots: Blink and Block Build a Fort” by Vicky Fang.

## Minecraft IRL

Friday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. for ages 5–12 in the Story Hour Room. Build, create and explore with Minecraft-themed crafts and activities. Materials will be provided.



## Library Center continued



### Tall Tales

Saturday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. for ages 5–10 in the auditorium. Discover the tales of three legendary American folk heroes. Race the steam machine like John Henry, split logs like Paul Bunyan and lasso a horse like Pecos Bill, while having fun with creative play.

### Dirt Play Day

Friday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. for ages 2–6 in the Story Hour Room. Learn about the importance of soil through exploratory play like digging, scooping and other hands-on activities. Dress for a mess.

### Superhero Day

Monday, April 28, in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate National Superhero Day with crafts and activities. Materials will be provided.

- 10:30 a.m. for ages 2–5.
- 4 p.m. for ages 6–10.

### Decorate a Cactus

Saturday, May 10, 2 p.m. for ages 5–12 in the Story Hour Room. It's National Cactus Day! Paint and decorate rocks to make a not-so-prickly cactus. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts April 26; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0526.*



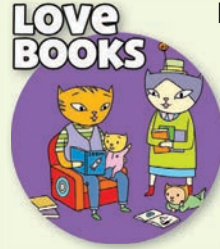
### Baby Prom

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.–noon for infants–36 months in the auditorium. Dance on our sensory floor, enjoy scarves and bubbles, ride in the library “limo” and snap a photo at our sparkly photo op. Fancy dress is encouraged but not required.

### “Alice in Wonderland” Tea Party Games

Saturday, May 31, 1:30 p.m. for ages 7–12 in the Story Hour Room. Alice invites curious children to her tea party for games and puzzles inspired by Wonderland characters.

## Library Station



### Racing to Read Storytime

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.

- **For infants–age 6:** Tuesdays and Fridays, March 4–May 30, 11:15 a.m. and Saturdays, March 1–May 31, 11 a.m.
- **Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months:** Tuesdays and Fridays, March 4–May 30, 10 a.m.
- **Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6:** Tuesdays, March 4–May 27, 6:30 p.m.

### STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday

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

- **March 6: Data Gems!** Use data and art to track goals and habits by creating wearable data trackers (jewelry) or journals for dreaming and documenting. *Registration starts February 20.*
- **April 10: Earth Day Celebration!** Learn about climate, recycling and ways to help the Earth through themed science and art activities. *Registration starts March 27.*
- **May 8: Star Wars Science!** Celebrate Star Wars Day (May 4) by exploring the science behind the series and with themed science and art activities. *Registration starts April 24.*



### STEAM Explorers

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

- March 8: **Data Gems!** Use data and art to track goals and habits by creating wearable data trackers (jewelry) or journals for dreaming and documenting.
- April 12: **Earth Day Celebration!** Learn about climate, recycling and ways to help the Earth through themed science and art activities.
- May 10: **Star Wars Science!** Celebrate Star Wars Day (May 4) by exploring the science behind the series and with themed science and art activities.

### Mario Week

2–4 p.m. for families with children ages 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Stop by during spring break for Mario-themed fun with a new craft, challenge or activity each day. Materials will be provided.

- Monday, March 17: **Craft Day.**
- Tuesday, March 18: **LEGO Block Challenge.**
- Thursday, March 20: **Bingo!**
- Friday, March 21: **Movie Mania.** Stop by during spring break for Mario-themed fun with a new craft, challenge or activity each day. Materials will be provided. Join us to watch “The Super Mario Bros. Movie,” rated PG.



### Art Is Everywhere Pennant Banner Workshop

Wednesday, March 19, 2–4 p.m. for families with children ages 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Join Museum Educator Lori Gipson for a special drop-in workshop to create a pennant flag for the Pennant Banner project on display at the Library Station. Materials will be provided.



### Potty Party Storytime

Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Take part in a special potty-themed storytime to interest your child in learning to use the potty or to celebrate new skills.

### Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. for families with children ages 5–18. Stop by the Children’s Department to celebrate Comic Book Day in this annual event with themed activities and free comic books courtesy of Comic Force.



**A Virtual Chat with Greg Foley**  
 Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. for ages 6–12 in the Santa Fe Room. Greg Foley will host a virtual event featuring a reading from his debut graphic novel “Dex Dingo: World’s Best Greatest Ever Inventor” and a demonstration of how he turned a doodle into a published series followed by a viewer Q&A. Like Dex, Foley has always strived to be “the best” at something, leading him to explore roles like author, illustrator, designer and even Guinness World Record holder. With numerous accolades and his work featured in iconic institutions like the Museum of Modern Art and the New York Public Library, Foley now lives in Austin, Texas, with his family.

### Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

#### Racing to Read Storytime



Thursdays, April 3–May 29, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. 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.

#### Hitting the Road with Racing to Read

Thursdays, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Explore the Library’s Roads to Reading through books, songs and fun activities.



- April 3: **Love Books.** Have fun reading books you enjoy.
- April 17: **Sing & Rhyme.** Play with rhythms, tunes and playful word patterns.
- May 1: **Tell Stories.** Create stories, play make-believe and be a storyteller.
- May 15: **Talk & Read.** Discover a world of words.
- May 29: **Play With Letters.** Find print everywhere.

## Midtown Carnegie Branch continued



### Andrew Carnegie Lookalike Contest: Pet Edition

Does your pet possess a flair for portraiture? Grab a complimentary bow tie at the Midtown Carnegie Branch to begin your pet's grand photo session. Submit your pet's Carnegie-inspired portraits to [midys@thelibrary.org](mailto:midys@thelibrary.org)

between April 1–15. Staff will select winners and announce them on May 1, with prizes bestowed. Winning photographs will grace the Midtown Carnegie Branch from May 15–June 15. Keep it safe and delightful for your furry companions!

### Process Art Exploration

Wednesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m. for ages 9–12 in the Children's Department. Explore new materials and techniques, focusing on creativity and self-expression. Experiment, have fun and put the process front and center. Materials will be provided.

### Quick and Easy Snacks for Kids

Saturday, April 26, 1–3 p.m. for ages 8–12 in the upstairs meeting room. Cooking helps build confidence, encourages an adventurous palate and teaches many functional life skills. Kid chefs will explore making snacks that taste good and are good for you. Provided in partnership with the University of Missouri Extension Greene County and Springfield Community Gardens. Food Allergy Notice: Please be advised that food prepared here may contain these ingredients: milk, eggs, wheat, soybean, peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish and sesame. Please notify staff if you have a food allergy. *Registration starts April 12; call 417-862-0135.*



### Grandfamily Luncheon

Saturday, May 3, 1–3 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Grandfamilies are invited to a family luncheon where Kinship Navigator will share tips for taking care of yourself and resources for support. Kids can make crafts in the Children's Department while parents attend the presentations. Lunch will be provided by Be A Jewel, and childcare is available during the event, provided by FosterAdopt Connect. This program is provided in partnership with Be A Jewel and FosterAdopt Connect. *Registration starts April 19; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-862-0135.*

## Republic Branch Library

### Racing to Read Storytime



Tuesdays, March 4–March 25, and Wednesdays, March 5–May 28, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

### Reading Pals

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



*Call 417-732-7284 to register.*

- March 6: *Registration starts February 20.*
- April 3: *Registration starts March 20.*

### Camping Storytime

Saturday, March 29, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Gather 'round the campfire for stories and songs at our special camping-themed Saturday storytime.

## Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library



### Racing to Read Storytime

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.

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

March 5–May 28, 10 a.m.

- **For infants–age 6:** Wednesdays, March 5–May 28, 11 a.m.

### The Pretenders: A Preschool Playgroup

Fridays, March 7, April 4 and May 2, 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.



## Kid Librarian Initiative

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a librarian? Students ages 10–13 can apply to be a kid Librarian for a week at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch. Create your own book display, explore behind-the-scenes library work and ask questions about what we do. Pick up an application at the Youth Services desk beginning March 15.



## Check Mates and Board Game Buddies

Sundays, March 16, April 13 and May 18, 2–4 p.m. for ages 5 and older. 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. Refreshments will be provided.

## Spring Reading Pals

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. for ages 5–12. Hop into reading with one of our favorite furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Call 417-616-0713 to register.

- March 19: Registration starts March 5.
- April 16: Registration starts April 2.
- May 21: Registration starts May 7.



## The STEMusic Concert

Saturday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. for ages 2–7. Get ready for the ultimate STEMusic Concert, a thrilling fusion of music and STEM education, featuring Roy Moye III, The Singing Engineer. Experience mind-blowing experiments, math challenges, coding dances and rocket launches in an unforgettable show where rhythm and science collide.

## LEGO Brick Show & Tell

Sunday, May 4, 2–4 p.m. for ages 8 and older. The Springfield LEGO Users Group will display their amazing builds while sharing helpful hints for enthusiasts. Bring your favorite creation and get inspiration for your next masterpiece.

## Strafford Branch Library

### Racing to Read Storytime



Thursdays, March 6–May 29 (except April 10 and May 15), 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.

### Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

Thursday, March 6, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 2) with our favorite Seuss stories, crafts and games.

### Reading Pals

Saturdays, March 8, April 5 and May 3, 10 a.m.–noon for ages 5–12. Practice your reading skills with Evie, our friend from Alliance of Therapy Pets.

### Spring is in the Air

Thursday, April 3, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Discover the magic of spring as it awakens from a long winter's nap and plant your own flower seed to take home. Materials will be provided.

### Slumber Party Stories

Thursday, May 8, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Wear your favorite pajamas and listen to some of our beloved bedtime stories.



## Willard Branch Library



### Racing to Read Storytime

Tuesdays, March 4–May 27, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

### LEGO Brick Builders

Tuesdays, March 4, April 1 and May 6, 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.

### Science Time with STEM Kits

Mondays, March 17, April 21 and May 19, 2 p.m. for ages 5–12. Come explore science with the Library's STEM Kits, featuring a different kit each month.

Look for Rob and Mary making 25 stops every week this spring with the Mobile Library.



## Mobile Library Stops for March–May 2025

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

### Mondays

- Cobblestone Apts., 2865 S. Ingram Mill Road, 2:30–3 p.m.
- South Tower, 770 South Ave., 3:20–3:50 p.m.
- Madison Tower, 421 W. Madison St., 3:55–4:40 p.m.
- Stillwell Columns, 525 S. Campbell Ave., 4:45–5:30 p.m.
- Turners Station, 6484 E. Farm Road 148, Turners, 6–6:30 p.m.
- Eastview Apts., 2120 S. Ingram Mill Road, 6:45–7:15 p.m.

### Tuesdays

- Battlefield Towers, 1451 E. Woodland St., 1:20–2 p.m.
- Jenny Lind Hall Apts., 711 S. Jefferson Ave., 2:20–2:50 p.m.
- James Place Apts., 2420 W. Grand St., 3:05–3:35 p.m.
- S. Clifton Ave. & W. Delmar St. off W. Grand St., 3:45–4:15 p.m.
- John B. Hughes Apts., 2100 N. Clifton Ave., 4:30–5 p.m.
- Walnut Grove, parked at the school, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

### Wednesdays

- Ebenezer Community Center, 1624 W. Farm Road 56, 2:30–3 p.m.
- Glenwood Manor, 2540 N. Delaware Ave., 3:20–3:50 p.m.
- Cedarwood Terrace area, N. Pickwick Ave. & E. Turner St., 4–4:30 p.m.
- Cedarbrook Apartments, 811 N. Cedarbrook Ave., 4:45–5:15 p.m.
- Woodfield Park Apartments, 2759 E. Pythian St., 5:20–5:50 p.m.
- Country Club Village Apts., Wildan & Cinderella, 6–6:30 p.m.
- Green Way Village Apts., 722 E. Glenwood St., 6:45–7:15 p.m.

### Thursdays

- Nu Elm Apts., 440 S. New Ave., 2:30–3 p.m.
- Westport Park Apts., 250 N. Hilton Ave., 3:15–3:45 p.m.
- Beacon Village Apts., 639 N. Eldon Ave., 4–4:30 p.m.
- Vintage Hills, 4781 Silo Hills Drive, 5–5:30 p.m.
- Bent Tree Subdivision, 1015 Brecklyn Road S., 5:45–6:15 p.m.
- Craigmont Place, 719 S. Wabash Ave., 6:45–7:15 p.m.

# ON EXHIBIT



From **Abstract Photography by the Southwest Missouri Camera Club**, on exhibit at Republic Branch Library, March–May.

An opening for the exhibit will be held Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m. at the Republic Branch Library. At 10:30 a.m., Jane Ballard will discuss how to create compelling abstract images and the techniques behind them.

## Library Center

- **Artwork by Visual Arts Alliance of Springfield**, Reading Room, March
- **Scouting in the Ozarks**, Local History, March–May
- **R. Ritchie Robertson: Conductor of the Boy Scout Band**, Local History, March–May
- **The David Eslick Photograph Collection**, Local History Magic Box, March–May
- **Bird's Eye View: Paintings by Linda Martineau**, Reading Room, April
- **"The House in the Cerulean Sea" I Spy**, courtesy of library staff, concourse, April
- **Authentic Selves: Photography**, East Study Area, April 14–28
- **A Mother's Love: Artwork by Studio 55 Arts Guild**, Reading Room, May
- **Stories and Uniforms of Southwest Missouri Veterans**, courtesy of McMurray Military Archives, concourse, May

## Library Station

- **Simply: Acrylic Paintings by Carol Snyder**, concourse, March–May
- **Kentucky Derby Memorabilia**, courtesy of local collector, concourse, March–May
- **Objects from Room 237: Mixed Media Art by Tim Brown**, concourse, March–May
- **Sal's Tried and True Typewriters: A One Read display**, courtesy of library staff, concourse, March–May

## Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

- **Mixed Media Art by Kevin Richardson**, April–May
- **Nature Photography by Brian and Annette Cormack**, April–May

## Park Central Branch Library

- **Journey: Paintings by Amara Paul**, March
- **4th Annual Between the Lines: "The House in the Cerulean Sea" featuring works by**

## Springfield Regional Arts Council Members and public submissions, April

- **35 Years in the Making: Artwork by Visual Arts Alliance of Springfield**, May

## Republic Branch Library

- **Abstract Photography by the Southwest Missouri Camera Club**, March–May

## Schweitzer Brentwood Branch

- **Explorations in Drawing, Painting in Watercolor and Mixed Media**, March
- **Paintings by Amara Paul**, April–May

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



# Springfield-Greene County Library District

4653 S. Campbell Ave. • Springfield, Missouri 65810  
Administrative Offices/Community Relations: 417-883-5366 • TDD: 417-882-0714

## LOCATIONS/HOURS

### The Library Center

4653 S. Campbell Ave. • 417-882-0714

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

#### Drive-up window:

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

### Ash Grove Branch Library

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

Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Fair Grove Branch Library

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

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

### The Library Station

2535 N. Kansas Expressway • 417-865-1340

Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.  
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### Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

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### Outreach Services

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

## INTERNET

### Library Website: [thelibrary.org](http://thelibrary.org)

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

### Park Central Branch Library

128 Park Central Square • 417-831-1342

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

### Republic Branch Library

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

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

#### Drive-up window:

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

### Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

2214 Brentwood Blvd. • 417-883-1974

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

#### Drive-up window:

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

### Stafford Branch Library

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

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

### Willard Branch Library

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

Monday–Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

#### Drive-up window:

Monday–Saturday, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Pick up and return only:

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

### COOLcat Online Catalog: [thelibrary.org/catalog](http://thelibrary.org/catalog)

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

## BORROWING

### Library Cards

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

### Checkout Limits/Fines

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