The Library
Calendar of Events
Chronological Listing for
December 2022–February 2023

Technology Training • Storytimes • Travelogues
Live Music • Genealogy • Teens and ‘Tweens
Book Discussions • Movies • Exhibits

TAKE THE 2023
WINTER READING CHALLENGE
FOR ADULTS

The Winter Reading Challenge returns for everyone, especially those who love a challenge. The Library’s fourth cold-weather reading event for adults runs January 2–February 28.

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

Librarians have assembled 15 new reading categories this year. Need help finding a book? Just ask us!

Read books that match at least five of the 15 categories, turn in your completed challenge form to your library branch, and receive the 2023 edition mug for being a Winter Reading Master!

Questions? Call Kathleen O’Dell, 616-0564
Events in this calendar are listed by location, date, age group and subject at thelibrary.org/programs

Springfield–Greene County Library District
thelibrary.org
December Displays

Library Center
- Wilson's Creek National Battlefield and the Civil War in the Ozarks, Local History Magic Box
- Returning to Wilson's Creek: Soldiers and Veterans Visit the Historic Battlefield, Local History
- Nutcracker Collection, courtesy of Emily Hedden, concourse
- Photographs by Southwest Missouri Camera Club, Reading Room
- Preserving an Ozarks Landmark: The Development of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Local History Display Case

Library Station
- Celebrating the National Women in Media Collection: Southwest Missouri Edition by the State Historical Society of Missouri
- Gifts for Giving, Seasons for Celebrating: Paintings by Studio 55
- Little Golden Books Collection, courtesy of Kim Flores
- "Spiderman" Comic Book Collection, courtesy of Nicholas Robinson

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
- Artwork by Sophie Bryan
- Maker Space Creations

Park Central Branch Library
- A Journey: Work of the Stars, a collaborative exhibit by Misty Lane and Andrew Mann

Republic Branch Library
- Art by Republic High School Students

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
- Photographs by Don Emler

Thursday, December 1

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-862-0135.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - The Great Storybook Adventure
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Our favorite storybook characters are running loose in the library! We'll share a fun book at the first storytime of each month, then join us anytime that month in the Children's Department to search for those beloved characters. Catch me if you can! "Gingerbread Baby" by Jan Brett. Call 417-862-0135.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Finding Files
2-4 p.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn to save, organize, copy, move, rename, delete, find and manage files and folders on your computer or external storage device. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two
weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Stupendous Games n' Reads
3:30-5 p.m. for grades 3-6 in the Children's Department. Stop by and have a blast playing new-to-you or familiar board and card games while meeting friends and getting great tips on the most popular graphic novels, comics and award books in our collection. Call 417-862-0135.

Library Center - Feel Good Fiction
7 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion. "The Sweeney Sisters" by Lian Dolan. Call 417-882-0714.

Friday, December 2

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Open Lab
1-5 p.m. for adults. Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Library Station - Teen Night: Gaming Night
6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Get your game on with board and video games on the first Friday of each month. Call 417-865-1340.

Park Central Branch Library - First Friday Art Walk
6:30-9 p.m. for adults. Join us for First Friday Art Walk, including the opening of a new exhibit. Missouri State University art history graduate Hannah Herron presents "The Reconstruction of Alexander the Great in the Shahnama Illustrations." On Display: A Journey: Work of the Stars, a collaborative art exhibit by Misty Lane and Andrew Mann. Call 417-831-1342.

Saturday, December 3

Library Center - Holiday Store for Kids
9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. for infants-age 18 in the auditorium. It's a Library tradition, where kids can afford to shop! Kids will love to see how their shopping dollars
stretch at the Holiday Store, where they can buy gifts for friends and every member of the family – even the four-legged ones – at kid-friendly prices. Most items are priced from 25 cents to $10, and we'll provide a checklist so they can keep track (and maybe practice a little math!) while they shop. The Between Friends Gift Shop staffers select fun and useful items all year, and arrange the "stores" in the libraries. Children of all ages up to 18 are welcome to shop the wide variety of jewelry, plush toys, ornaments, pet gifts, décor and more! For more information, call the Between Friends Gift Shop, 417-883-6936.

Library Station - Holiday Store for Kids
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for infants-age 18 in the Frisco & Santa Fe Rooms. It's a Library tradition, where kids can afford to shop! Kids will love to see how their shopping dollars stretch at the Holiday Store, where they can buy gifts for friends and every member of the family – even the four-legged ones – at kid-friendly prices. Most items are priced from 25 cents to $10, and we'll provide a checklist so they can keep track (and maybe practice a little math!) while they shop. The Between Friends Gift Shop staffers select fun and useful items all year, and arrange the "stores" in the libraries. Children of all ages up to 18 are welcome to shop the wide variety of jewelry, plush toys, ornaments, pet gifts, décor and more! For more information, call the Between Friends Gift Shop, 417-883-6936.

Willard Branch Library - "All My Love, George... Letters From a WWII Hero"
10 a.m. for adults. Meet local author Darla Noble and learn about one of our state's true heroes, George Burks. This interactive presentation includes a hands-on display of WWII memorabilia, including George's original letters and war medals, a brief reading from the book and time for questions and discussion. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Call 417-742-4258.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Craft & Tell
10:30 a.m. for adults. Spend an hour working on a craft project you're in the middle of or begin something new while chatting with fellow crafters. If you enjoy fiber arts, needlework, drawing or any other craft that is portable, quiet and doesn't make a mess, this group is for you! Call 417-883-1974.

Sunday, December 4

Library Center - Holiday Store for Kids
1-4 p.m. for infants-age 18 in the auditorium. It's a Library tradition, where kids can afford to shop! Kids will love to see how their shopping dollars stretch at the Holiday Store, where they can buy gifts for friends and every member of the family – even the four-legged ones – at kid-friendly prices. Most items are priced from 25 cents to $10, and we'll provide a checklist so they can keep track (and maybe practice a little math!) while they shop. The Between Friends Gift Shop staffers select fun and useful items all year, and arrange the "stores" in the libraries. Children of all ages up to 18 are welcome to shop the wide variety of jewelry, plush toys, ornaments, pet gifts, décor and more! For more information, call the Between Friends Gift Shop, 417-883-6936.
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**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Deck the Walls**
2-4 p.m. for all ages. Be a part of the holiday season kickoff at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch during this open house event. Help us make decorations to deck the walls, trim the library tree and join in an old-fashioned holiday sing-along. We’ll also have tasty treats and a wrapping paper swap so bring your appetite and any leftover holiday wrapping paper rolls you have lying around. 2-3 p.m. Trimming the tree and decorating the branch with holiday decor; 3-4 p.m. Seasonal treats, wrapping paper swap & holiday sing-along led by musician Brett Johnston. Call 417-883-1974.

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**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Learning Windows 10 and 11**
10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn about the Windows 10 and 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.*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.*
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**Library Center - Holiday Store for Kids**
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**Library Center - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime**
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

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**Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime**
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their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-736-2933.

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime
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Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-742-4258.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Center - Holiday Store for Kids
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Library Station - Donuts & Death
6 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Horror has never tasted so sweet. Join our horror book club and sink your teeth into a good book while enjoying donuts. "The Only Good Indians" by Stephen Graham Jones. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Wednesday, December 7

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-883-1974.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-751-2933.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-759-2637.

Library Center - Holiday Store for Kids
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Ash Grove Branch Library - Animals of Harry Potter
4-6 p.m. for grades K-5. Join our friends from Dickerson Park Zoo to meet and talk about animals that can be found in
the magical realm of Harry Potter, then get creative with magical crafts and activities for families throughout the library. Materials will be provided. Call 417-751-2933.

Thursday, December 8

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-862-0135.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors
10 a.m.-noon for adults. If you're an older adult who would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. Registration not required. Call 417-883-1974.

Library Station - STEAM Explorers: Homeschool 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 and teens ages 13-17 are welcome to come and learn alongside their younger siblings. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. Explore biomechanics, the study of how living things move, and create a vertical jumping machine. Registration starts December 1; call 417-616-0673.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Internet Basics
2-4 p.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn how to navigate the internet using your browser's menus and toolbars. Access websites by typing in a web address or using search engines. Learn how to change your home page and add a website to your favorites. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

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Republic Branch Library - Book Discussion
2 p.m. for adults. "Violeta" by Isabel Allende. Call 417-732-7284.
Willard Branch Library - STEAM Explorers
2:30-4:30 p.m. for grades 6-12. Explore and create with a variety of hands-on STEAM activities. Call 417-742-4258.

Fair Grove Branch Library - STEAM After School
3-5 p.m. for grades K-4. Stop by for science, technology, engineering, art and math-themed activities and exploration. Call 417-759-2637.

Downtown Springfield Association - Downtown Book Club
6-7:30 p.m. for adults at the Downtown Springfield Association, 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120. Join us every second Thursday of the month to chat about our monthly title while enjoying the urban skyline at this library-sponsored book group. "The Reading List" by Sasha Nisha Adams. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association. Call 417-831-1342.

Library Center - Bricks and Books Club
6:30 p.m. for grades 3-5 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. Talk about your favorite book of the year and build creation to go with it. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Winter Preparedness
6:30 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. From winter weather alerts and preparing your home to power outages and other risks, the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) presents the hazards of winter and how to prepare for them. Call 417-865-1340.

Friday, December 9

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Northview Center - Northview Center Book Discussion
10:30 a.m. for adults age 55 and older at the Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults. "The ABC Murders" by Agatha Christie. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
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Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Open Lab
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**Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar - Downtown Game Night**
5-7 p.m. for adults at the Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar, 431 S. Jefferson Ave. Suite 172. Drop in to play various board and card games, and treat yourself to a coffee or affogato. Choose from our selection of games or bring your own. Call 417-831-1342.

**Library Station - Teen Night: Art Studio**
6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Calling all artists! Make, practice or try new techniques using library materials on the second Friday of each month. No art experience required to attend. Call 417-865-1340.

**Saturday, December 10**

**Library Center - Holiday Store for Kids**
9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. for infants-age 18 in the auditorium. It's a Library tradition, where kids can afford to shop! Kids will love to see how their shopping dollars stretch at the Holiday Store, where they can buy gifts for friends and every member of the family – even the four-legged ones – at kid-friendly prices. Most items are priced from 25 cents to $10, and we'll provide a checklist so they can keep track (and maybe practice a little math!) while they shop. The Between Friends Gift Shop staffers select fun and useful items all year, and arrange the "stores" in the libraries. Children of all ages up to 18 are welcome to shop the wide variety of jewelry, plush toys, ornaments, pet gifts, décor and more! For more information, call the Between Friends Gift Shop, 417-883-6936.

**Library Center - Building Block Voting Party**
10 a.m.-noon for ages 2-6 in the Story Hour Room. Stop by and celebrate picture books, read the Building Block Nominees and explore activities to go along with each book. Then help your children vote for their favorite to win the
Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award. Call 417-882-0714.

**Park Central Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**  
10:30 a.m. for ages 3-6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-831-1342.

**Willard Branch Library - Never Too Old for YA**  
10:30 a.m. for adults. If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join the Never Too Old book group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly-released titles. "The Grace Year" by Kim Liggett. Call 417-742-4258.

**Park Central Branch Library - Pre-Parade Holiday Storytime**  
1-5:30 p.m. for all ages. Stop by for a special interactive holiday storytime before the Downtown Springfield Christmas Parade! We'll have holiday crafts for families to make before or during the parade. Provided in a partnership with Springfield Regional Arts Council. Call 417-831-1342.

**Library Station - STEAM Explorers**  
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 and teens ages 13-17 are welcome to come and learn alongside their younger siblings. Materials will be provided; no registration required. Explore biomechanics, the study of how living things move, and create a vertical jumping machine. Call 417-865-1340.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Introduction to Laser Engraving: Gift Tags and Ornaments**  
2-4 p.m. for adults in the Maker Space. Decorate your holiday gifts or tree with a custom wood tag or ornament. Library staff will teach you how to design and print using the Glowforge Laser Engraver. Materials will be provided.  
*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration starts November 26; call 417-837-5011.*

**Sunday, December 11**

**Library Center - Holiday Store for Kids**  
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Monday, December 12

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Internet Safety
10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn what to do to protect yourself and your computer when you are connected to the internet. Learn about anti-virus programs, internet privacy, how to keep your personal information safe and create secure passwords. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Jingle and Mingle
1-3 p.m. for grades 7-12. Let's get together for some holiday cheer! Whether you've been naughty or nice, don't think twice, jingle and mingle with us at our holiday arts and crafts party. Materials will be provided. Call 417-759-2637.

Library Center - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Tuesday, December 13

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Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-736-2933.

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Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Courthouse Chorale
12:30 p.m. for adults. Enjoy light refreshments on the first floor while this vocal ensemble of Greene County officials and employees performs holiday favorites on the balcony. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Call 417-862-0135.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Flying Needles
1:30 p.m. for adults. Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Work on your current projects, share patterns and ideas, and check out our knitting and crochet resources. All levels of experience are welcome. Call 417-751-2933.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Mystery Book Club
1:30 p.m. for adults in upstairs meeting room. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to contemporary, cozy to thriller, series and standalone. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. "The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocumb. Call 417-862-0135.

Virtual - SCORE Tuesdays @ Two
2 p.m. for adults, virtual. Is Federal Contracting Right for Your Business? Allen Waldo, of Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Center, will offer an overview of federal government contracting and eligibility requirements for becoming certified so you can learn if federal contracting might be right for your business. Allen will also discuss various certification programs (Minority, Woman, Service Disabled Veteran) through the State of Missouri. Presented in partnership with Southwest Missouri SCORE. Register starting December 1 by calling 417-883-1974 or visiting thelibrary.org/programs; a link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Family Pajama & Movie Night
4-6 p.m. for grades K-5. Wear your coziest pajamas and bring your favorite blanket and stuffed animal for holiday movie night featuring "Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas," rated PG,
starring Jim Carrey. Hot chocolate and cookies provided. Call 417-751-2933.

**Library Center - Teen Tea**
6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the teen area. Hang out at the library, meet new people and help plan upcoming teen programs. Enjoy coffee, tea and hot chocolate while we sit and chat; coloring pages, games and activities will also be available. Call 417-882-0714.

**Library Station - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime**
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

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

**Wednesday, December 14**

**Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-883-1974.

**Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-751-2933.

**Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-759-2637.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-883-1974.

**Fair Grove Branch Library - Book Discussion**
1 p.m. for adults. "Recitatif" by Toni Morrison. Call 417-759-2637.

**Library Center - Book Discussion**
1-2:30 p.m. for adults in meeting room B. "Piranesi" by Susanna Clarke. Call 417-882-0714.

**Willard Branch Library - Willard Page Turners**
2:30 p.m. for adults. "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood. Call 417-742-4258.

**Moxie Cinema - FilmStubs**
7-9 p.m. for adults at Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Both novice and seasoned cinephiles are welcome to join our free viewings of classic and cult films at The Moxie, with discussion

Thursday, December 15

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-862-0135.

Strafford Branch Library - Library Playdate
10 a.m.-noon for infants-age 4. Come to the library for a playdate! We'll have fun activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Drop in for fun and get to know other families. Call 417-736-9233.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Google Tools
2-4 p.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn to use Google tools including Gmail, Google Meet, 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.
*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Travelogue
2 p.m. for adults. Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month. Riviera Maya, Mexico. Adrienne Poulson will share photos and stories from her week-long, all-inclusive trip to Iberostar Selection Paraiso Lindo, including an off-resort excursion. Call 417-883-1974.

Library Station - Coloring Club
6-8 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Relax after work with coloring pages and a movie. Our film will be audience choice from a selection of movies rated PG-13 or under in the listed genre. Materials will be provided. Drama. Call 417-865-1340.

Friday, December 16

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Open Lab
1-5 p.m. for adults. Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday
afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Strafford Branch Library - Merry Grinchmas
2-5 p.m. for all ages. Celebrate the holidays with Grinch-inspired crafts, activities and snacks while you watch "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," rated PG. Call 417-736-9233.

Library Station - Teen Night: RPG Night
6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Whether you're a seasoned role-playing gamer or totally new to the activity, join us for special library tabletop campaigns and LARPing nights on the third Friday of each month. Newcomers are welcome each week. Attend our first RPG Night for a special Zombie LARPing session and discover the possibilities of RPGing at your library. Call 417-865-1340.

Sunday, December 18

Library Center - Christmas Concert with The Wings of Swing
4:30 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Local jazz legends The Wings of Swing will play the jazziest Christmas tunes to get your holiday season swinging! Call 417-882-0714.
Skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-736-2933.

Willard Branch Library - Christmas Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Celebrate the season with a Christmas storytime filled with stories, songs and a craft, and our special guest – Santa! Call 417-742-4258.

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-742-4258.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Ash Grove Bibliophiles
1:30 p.m. for adults. "The Sisters Sweet" by Elizabeth Weiss. Call 417-751-2933.

Library Station - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Wednesday, December 21

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy
10 a.m. for adults in the auditorium. Holiday Food Traditions from Around the World. Which country's ancestors had the best holiday recipes? Find out which are still popular today as we explore the origins of holiday foods from various countries with discussion led by member Mitzie Zerr. Bring copies and samples of family favorite recipes to share during our annual holiday program. Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society. Call 417-882-0714.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.
Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-883-1974.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-751-2933.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Special Holiday Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. We'll ring in the holidays with festive stories, crafts and activities. Materials will be provided. Call 417-751-2933.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-759-2637.

Thursday, December 22

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - iPhone Class for Seniors
10 a.m.-noon for adults. If you're an older adult who would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. Registration not required. Call 417-883-1974.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Microsoft Excel Basics
2-4 p.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn how to create and use spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Add data to a spreadsheet, perform calculations and set up spreadsheets for printing. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

Willard Branch Library - STEAM Explorers
3-5 p.m. for grades 3-6. Explore and create with a variety of hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and math activities. Call 417-742-4258.

BookMarx - Communities Reading Together Book Club
5:30 p.m. for adults at BookMarx Book Store, 325 E. Walnut St. Meet with your neighbors to read books that have recently been in the news. We'll discuss the book, reasons for the item being banned or challenged and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom. Teens age 15 and older are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian. "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky. Call 417-862-0135.

Friday, December 23

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive
storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-865-1340.**

**Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime**
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-865-1340.**

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Open Lab**
1-5 p.m. for adults. Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.*

**Library Station - Teen Night: Anime Night**
6-7:30 p.m. for age 14-grade 12 in the Frisco Room. Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided. **Call 417-865-1340.**

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**Tuesday, December 27**

**Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-865-1340.**

**Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-732-7284.**

**Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-736-2933.**

**Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-742-4258.**
Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Wednesday, December 28

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-883-1974.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-751-2933.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-759-2637.

Friday, December 30

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.
Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Open Lab
1-5 p.m. for adults. Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Library Station - Teen Night: Mystery Night
6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Frisco Room. In months with a fifth Friday, join us for a mystery program! Bonus: if you attend the other programs throughout the month you can help us plan our mystery program. Call 417-865-1340.

Saturday, December 31
Library Station - Noon Year's Eve Party
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Help us count down to the New Year at this special Racing to Read Storytime featuring stories, songs, crafts and more! Older siblings are welcome to attend. Call 417-865-1340.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Cookbook Book Club
3 p.m. for adults. Whatcha got cookin'? Try at least one recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone’s recipes turned out and review the books. We'll also talk food news, cooking techniques, kitchen gadgets and all things delicious. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged! Call 417-883-1974.

January Displays

Library Center

- Returning to Wilson's Creek: Soldiers and Veterans Visit the Historic Battlefield, Local History
- Preserving an Ozarks Landmark: The Development of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Local History Display Case
- Wilson's Creek National Battlefield and the Civil War in the Ozarks, Local History Magic Box
- 3D Artwork by Cherokee Middle School Students

Library Station

- "Spiderman" Comic Book Collection, courtesy of Nicholas Robinson
- Celebrating the National Women in Media Collection: Southwest Missouri Edition by the State Historical Society of Missouri
- Gifts for Giving, Seasons for Celebrating: Paintings by Studio 55
- Little Golden Books Collection, courtesy of Kim Flores

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

- Maker Space Creations
- Artwork by Sophie Bryan

Republic Branch Library

- Art by Republic High School Students
Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

- Photographs by Don Emler

**Tuesday, January 3**

**Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

**Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

**Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-736-2933.

**Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-742-4258.

**Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime**
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

**Library Station - Donuts & Death**
6 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Horror has never tasted so sweet. Join our horror book club and sink your teeth into a good book while enjoying donuts. "You Should Have Left" by Daniel Kehlmann. Call 417-865-1340.

**Library Station - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime**
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

**Wednesday, January 4**

**Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.
Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-883-1974.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-751-2933.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-759-2637.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Teen Board Game Night
4-6 p.m. for grades 6-12. Like board games? Play some of your favorites at the library. Bring your own game to share or play some of ours. Call 417-751-2933.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - The Great Storybook Adventure
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Our favorite storybook characters are running loose in the library! We'll share a fun book at the first storytime of each month, then join us anytime that month in the Children's Department to search for those beloved characters. Where's Peter now? "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats. Call 417-862-0135.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-862-0135.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Meet the Computer
2-4 p.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. 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. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

Willard Branch Library - Board Game Boredom Buster
2:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 6-12. We'll provide the snacks and games for an afternoon of board game-fun! Call 417-742-4258.
Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Stupendous Games n’ Reads
3:30-5 p.m. for grades 3-6 in the Children's Department. Stop by and have a blast playing new-to-you or familiar board and card games while meeting friends and getting great tips on the most popular graphic novels, comics and award books in our collection. Call 417-862-0135.

Library Center - Feel Good Fiction
7 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion. "The Love Story of Missy Carmichael" by Beth Morrey. Call 417-882-0714.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Open Lab
1-5 p.m. for adults. Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Teen Night: Gaming Night
6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Get your game on with board and video games on the first Friday of each month. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Teen Night: Gaming Night
6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Get your game on with board and video games on the first Friday of each month. Call 417-865-1340.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Craft & Tell
10:30 a.m. for adults. Spend an hour working on a craft project you're in the middle of or begin something new while chatting with fellow crafters. If you enjoy fiber arts, needlework, drawing or any other craft that is portable, quiet and doesn't make a mess, this group is for you! Call 417-883-1974.
Sunday, January 8

Library Center - Second Sunday Concerts
2 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Blue Train, a contemporary bluegrass band with members from Springfield, Marshfield, Forsyth and Branson, blends vocal and instrumental talents with a unique selection of material for your entertainment. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Call 417-882-0714.

Monday, January 9

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Finding Files
10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn to save, organize, copy, move, rename, delete, find and manage files and folders on your computer or external storage device. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

Library Station - Stories Together
6 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Join your favorite library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers for songs, stories and playtime. We will have lots of fun and families will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their children's development. Come play with us! Call 417-865-1340.

Library Center - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Tuesday, January 10

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime
9:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Backpack Tags or Keychains
10 a.m.-noon for grades 6-12 in the Maker Space. Customize a keychain or backpack tag with your name, school mascot or favorite image. Library staff will teach you how to design and print using the Glowforge Laser Engraver. Materials will be provided. Registration starts December 27; call 417-837-5011.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive
storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

**Straftord Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-736-2933.

**Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

**Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-742-4258.

**Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime**
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

**Ash Grove Branch Library - Flying Needles**
1:30 p.m. for adults. Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Work on your current projects, share patterns and ideas, and check out our knitting and crochet resources. All levels of experience are welcome. Call 417-751-2933.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Mystery Book Club**
1:30 p.m. for adults in upstairs meeting room. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to contemporary, cozy to thriller, series and standalone. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. "The Devil and the Dark Water" by Stuart Turton. Call 417-862-0135.

**Library Center - Unwind Your Mind: Teen Stress Relief Crafts**
6:30-8 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the teen area. Hang out with our teen librarian and talk about books, learn mindfulness techniques and enjoy a relaxing craft to take home and relieve stress. Materials will be provided. Call 417-882-0714.

**Library Station - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime**
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun
ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Evening Book Discussion

Wednesday, January 11

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-883-1974.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-751-2933.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-862-0135.

Library Center - Book Discussion
1 p.m. for adults. "Alice Adams" by Booth Tarkington. Call 417-759-2637.

Willard Branch Library - Willard Page Turners
2:30 p.m. for adults. "1984" by George Orwell. Call 417-742-4258.

Moxie Cinema - FilmStubs
7-9 p.m. for adults at Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Both novice and seasoned cinephiles are welcome to join our free viewings of classic and cult films at The Moxie, with discussion after the films. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. "Fargo," rated R, 1996. Call 417-882-0714.

Thursday, January 12

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-862-0135.
Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors
10 a.m.-noon for adults. If you're an older adult who would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. Registration not required. Call 417-883-1974.

Strafford Branch Library - Library Playdate
10 a.m.-noon for infants-age 4. Come to the library for a playdate! We'll have fun activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Drop in for fun and get to know other families. Call 417-736-9233.

Library Station - STEAM Explorers: Homeschool 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 and teens ages 13-17 are welcome to come and learn alongside their younger siblings. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. Explore sculptor Alexander Calder's mobiles and create one of your own. Registration starts January 5; call 417-616-0673.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Learning Windows 10 and 11
2-4 p.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn about the Windows 10 and 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. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

Republic Branch Library - Book Discussion

Fair Grove Branch Library - STEAM After School
3-5 p.m. for grades K-4. Stop by for science, technology, engineering, art and math-themed activities and exploration. Call 417-759-2637.

Downtown Springfield Association - Downtown Book Club
6-7:30 p.m. for adults at the Downtown Springfield Association, 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120. Join us every second Thursday of the month to chat about our monthly title while enjoying the urban skyline at this library-sponsored book group. "Firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Boulley. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association. Call 417-831-1342.

Library Center - Bricks and Books Club
6:30 p.m. for grades 3-5 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. Chat about "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate and create a secret zoo. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Center - An Introduction to Contract Bridge
6:30-8:30 p.m. for adults in meeting
rooms A and B. Exercise your brain and have fun making new friends as you learn to play Contract Bridge. Whether you're a beginner or want to update your bidding and play, this class is for you. Members of the Bridge Center will give an introductory course over four consecutive Thursday evenings. The series continues January 19, 26 and February 2; register once for the entire series. Registration starts December 29; call 417-883-5341.

Library Center - David Harrison: There Once Was A Boy
7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Beloved children's book author and Springfield native David Harrison sits down with Rachel Elaina Kersey, managing editor of Missouri State University Libraries, to discuss his autobiography, "There Once Was A Boy," and how he became the writer he is today. Call 417-882-0714.

Friday, January 13

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Northview Center - Northview Center Book Discussion
10:30 a.m. for adults age 55 and older at the Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults. "The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet" by John Green. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Open Lab
1-5 p.m. for adults. Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Strafford Branch Library - Cozy Cuppa
4-6 p.m. for adults. January is National Tea Month. Stop in the Strafford Branch every Friday of the month for a cuppa along with coloring pages and puzzles for adults. Call 417-736-9233.

Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar - Downtown Game Night
5-7 p.m. for adults at the Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar, 431 S. Jefferson Ave. Suite 172. Drop in to play various
board and card games, and treat yourself to a coffee or affogato. Choose from our selection of games or bring your own. Call 417-831-1342.

Library Station - Teen Night: Art Studio
6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Calling all artists! Make, practice or try new techniques using library materials on the second Friday of each month. No art experience required to attend. Call 417-865-1340.

Saturday, January 14

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Itsy Bitsy Science Saturday
10 a.m. for ages 3-7. Explore, build, calculate, and create with activities designed to build science, technology, engineering, art and math skills. Dress for a mess! Call 417-883-1974.

Park Central Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for ages 3-6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-831-1342.

Willard Branch Library - Never Too Old for YA
10:30 a.m. for adults. If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join the Never Too Old book group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly-released titles. "Our Crooked Hearts" by Melissa Albert. Call 417-742-4258.

Library Station - Winter Playdate
11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Kids and their adults can have fun and socialize at our winter-themed playdate filled with unstructured science, art and play-based activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers! Call 417-865-1340.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Seeding A Healthy Life: Indoor Gardening, Tower Gardens and Microgreens
1-3 p.m. for adults in upstairs meeting room. Planting Seeds founder Dr. Nicole McCauley and Brenda Bauer from Juice Plus will talk about growing your own food with a tower garden and the positive impact tower gardens have on our community. Participants will also learn how to grow nutrient-dense microgreens in a short period of time. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. A Seeding a Healthy Life event. Registration starts January 3; call 417-862-0135.

Library Station - STEAM Explorers
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 and teens ages 13-17 are welcome to come and learn alongside their younger siblings. Materials will be provided; no registration required. Explore sculptor Alexander Calder's mobiles, and create one of your own. Call 417-865-1340.
Tuesday, January 17

**Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime**
9:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-882-0714.**

**Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-865-1340.**

**Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-732-7284.**

**Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-736-2933.**

**Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-882-0714.**

**Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-742-4258.**

**Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime**
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. **Call 417-865-1340.**

**Ash Grove Branch Library - Indoor Snow Day!**
Noon-2 p.m. for infants-age 6. Have a flurry of fun as you participate in a variety of snow-themed crafts and activities including ice painting, snowball toss and more. **Call 417-751-2933.**

**Ash Grove Branch Library - Ash Grove Bibliophiles**
1:30 p.m. for adults. "The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb" by Melanie Benjamin. **Call 417-751-2933.**
Virtual - SCORE Tuesdays @ Two
2 p.m. for adults, virtual. Intercultural Communication for Business. Have you faced challenges communicating with your team members or business partners from different nationalities, age groups, races, gender, and other cultural groups? Jinzi Fan from Missouri State University's International Leadership and Training Center will help you understand cultural differences and provide simple practices for smoother and more effective communication at your workplace. Presented in partnership with Southwest Missouri SCORE. Register starting December 27 by calling 417-883-1974 or visiting thelibrary.org/programs; a link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Staying Relevant with Existing Clients
6 p.m. for adults. You've worked hard to bring a new client into your business. You branded your business, built a website, and mastered social media. Now it's time to build a relationship with the client to keep them coming back to you instead of searching for a new provider. As a retail and service-based business owner, having automated touchpoints in place allows you to deepen your relationship with clients. Windy Linde of Linde Esthetics will share her customer relations strategy and resources that can be customized to your unique business. Presented in partnership with Southwest Missouri SCORE. Register starting December 27 by calling 417-883-1974 or visiting thelibrary.org/programs.

Library Station - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Wednesday, January 18

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy
10 a.m. for adults in the auditorium. The Future of History. Retired Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist Chuck Sherrill will describe the creation and evolution of historical documents and their preservation from the ancient past to modern day, and explain how modern technology can reverse document damage and provide methods for more efficient research. Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society. Call 417-882-0714.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Foundation Directory for Nonprofits
10 a.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. Looking for grants for your nonprofit organization? As part of Candid's Funding Information Network, the Springfield-Greene County community has access to the Foundation Directory Online, with information on over 100,000 foundations and over 2.5 million recently awarded grants. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration starts January 4; call 417-862-0135.
Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-883-1974.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-751-2933.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-759-2637.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Teen Board Game Night
4-6 p.m. for grades 6-12. Like board games? Play some of your favorites at the library. Bring your own game to share or play some of ours. Call 417-751-2933.

Thursday, January 19

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children’s Department. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-862-0135.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Internet Safety
2-4 p.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn what to do to protect yourself and your computer when you are connected to the internet. Learn about anti-virus programs, internet privacy, how to keep your personal information safe and create secure passwords. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Travelogue
2 p.m. for adults. Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month. Crystallofolia in America’s Heartland. Join Dr. Michelle Olsen from Missouri State University as she describes her travels throughout the Ozarks and beyond to photograph crystallofolia, ice sculptures that extrude from the stems of a select group of plants during the winter. Dr. Olsen has captured thousands of these beautiful

**Library Center - STEAM Explorers**
3 p.m. for grades K-5 in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy scientific exploration, exciting challenges and educational play with science, technology, engineering, art and math! *Registration starts January 9; call 417-616-0526.*

**Willard Branch Library - LEGO Brick Building**
3-5 p.m. for grades 3-6. Take part in our LEGO brick free-for-all as you challenge yourself to build a creation from one of our patterns or your imagination. *Call 417-742-4258.*

**Library Station - Coloring Club**
6-8 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Relax after work with coloring pages and a movie. Our film will be audience choice from a selection of movies rated PG-13 or under in the listed genre. Materials will be provided. Science Fiction. *Call 417-865-1340.*

**Library Center - An Introduction to Contract Bridge**
6:30-8:30 p.m. for adults in meeting rooms A and B. Exercise your brain and have fun making new friends as you learn to play Contract Bridge. Whether you're a beginner or want to update your bidding and play, this class is for you. Members of the Bridge Center will give an introductory course over four consecutive Thursday evenings. The series continues January 26 and February 2; register once for the entire series. *Registration starts December 29; call 417-883-5341.*

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**Friday, January 20**

**Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340.*

**Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime**
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340.*

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Open Lab**
1-5 p.m. for adults. Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.*

**Strafford Branch Library - Cozy Cuppa**
4-6 p.m. for adults. January is National Tea Month. Stop in the Strafford Branch
every Friday of the month for a cuppa along with coloring pages and puzzles for adults. Call 417-736-9233.

**Library Station - Teen Night: RPG Night**
6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Whether you're a seasoned role-playing gamer or totally new to the activity, join us for special library tabletop campaigns and LARPing nights on the third Friday of each month. Newcomers are welcome each week. Call 417-865-1340.

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**Saturday, January 21**

**Park Central Branch Library - Foreign Film Discussion**

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Librarykins Playgroup**
11 a.m. for all ages. Kids and their caregivers can make new friends at the library! We’ll provide lots of toys, books and activities to encourage socialization and cooperative play. Coffee and tea will be provided and attendees are welcome to bring a snack or lunch. Call 417-883-1974.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Fix-It Fair**
Noon-4 p.m. for adults in upstairs meeting room. Give your household appliances, bikes and even clothes a new lease on life and reduce waste. Volunteer fixers will help you repair your fixable items. No oversized, gas-powered items or safety hazards. Presented with Community Partnership of the Ozarks. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Call 417-862-0135.

**Sunday, January 22**

**Library Center - STEAM Explorers**
1:30 p.m. for grades K-2 in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy scientific exploration, exciting challenges and educational play with science, technology, engineering, art and math! Registration starts January 9; call 417-616-0526.

**Library Center - STEAM Explorers**
3 p.m. for grades 3-5 in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy scientific exploration, exciting challenges and educational play with science, technology, engineering, art and math! Registration starts January 9; call 417-616-0526.

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**Monday, January 23**

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Custom Stickers**
9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for grade K-adults in the Maker Space. Use the Cricut Maker to create a sheet of custom stickers. You can choose from our designs or bring your favorite image on a flash drive. Materials will be provided. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration starts January 9; call 417-837-5011.
**Strafford Branch Library - Imagination Playground**
9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for all ages. We're bringing the playground inside! See what you can create with the Imagination Playground, a set of giant foam building blocks. Will you make a castle, a fort or maybe a reading cave? The Imagination Playground is provided in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department. Call 417-736-9233.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Stories Together**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Join your favorite library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers for songs, stories and playtime. We will have lots of fun and families will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their children's development. Come play with us! Call 417-862-0135.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Google Tools**
10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn to use Google tools including Gmail, Google Meet, 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.
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**Fair Grove Branch Library - Pinterest Inspiration: Faux Stained Glass**
1-3 p.m. for grades 7-12. Will it be a Pinterest win or fail? Find out as you create a faux stained glass wintery scene. Materials will be provided. Registration starts January 9; call 417-759-2637.

**Library Center - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime**
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

**Library Center - TikTok Made Me Read It**
7 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. Discuss books that have been trending and made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers. "A Court of Thorns and Roses" by Sarah J. Maas. Call 417-882-0714.

**Tuesday, January 24**

**Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime**
9:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

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**Stratford Branch Library - Imagination Playground**
9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for all ages. We're bringing the playground inside! See what you can create with the Imagination Playground, a set of giant foam building blocks. Will you make a castle, a fort or maybe a reading cave? The Imagination Playground is provided in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department. Call 417-736-9233.

**Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

**Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's**
10 a.m. for adults. Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior changes that interfere with daily living. Learn about common warning signs of Alzheimer's and what symptoms to look for in yourself and others, as well as tips to approach someone who is experiencing changes in their memory, the benefit of early detection and diagnosis, and more from Amber Allen, field specialist in human development and family science with the University of Missouri Extension. Call 417-883-1974.

**Stratford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-736-2933.

**Ash Grove Branch Library - Sensory Playdate**
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for infants-age 6. Enjoy learning through sensory play! Children and families can interact with different types of sensory activities and toys, ranging from playdough and finger painting to the Library's sensory tubs. Call 417-751-2933.

**Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes
introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-742-4258.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Center - Conversation Circles
6 p.m. for adults and teens in grades 6-12 in meeting room A. Is English your second language? Practice your English-speaking skills and meet new people while we talk, listen and learn in conversation circles. Circles will be led by Missouri State University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Suneeta Thomas. Adult and student speakers of all languages are welcome. Each session will begin with a different theme. Meetings and Introductions. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime
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Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Starlight Storytime
6:30 p.m. for ages 2-6. Wind down the day with stories, songs and friends at the library. Pajamas, stuffies and cuddles welcome. Call 417-883-1974.

Wednesday, January 25

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Custom Stickers
9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for grade K-adults in the Maker Space. Use the Cricut Maker to create a sheet of custom stickers. You can choose from our designs or bring your favorite image on a flash drive. Materials will be provided. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration starts January 9; call 417-837-5011.

Strafford Branch Library - Imagination Playground
9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for all ages. We’re bringing the playground inside! See what you can create with the Imagination Playground, a set of giant foam building blocks. Will you make a castle, a fort or maybe a reading cave? The Imagination Playground is provided
Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-883-1974.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-751-2933.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-759-2637.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Winter Reading Pals
3:30 p.m. for age 3 and older. Practice your reading skills with one of our favorite furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Registration starts January 2; call 417-883-1974.

Thursday, January 26

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Custom Stickers
9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for grade K-adults in the Maker Space. Use the Cricut Maker to create a sheet of custom stickers. You can choose from our designs or bring your favorite image on a flash drive. Materials will be provided. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration starts January 9; call 417-837-5011.

Strafford Branch Library - Imagination Playground
9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for all ages. We’re bringing the playground inside! See what you can create with the Imagination Playground, a set of giant foam building blocks. Will you make a castle, a fort or maybe a reading cave? The Imagination Playground is provided in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department. Call 417-736-9233.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
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stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-862-0135.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors**
10 a.m.-noon for adults. If you're an older adult who would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. Registration not required. Call 417-883-1974.

**Library Station - Afternoon Book Discussion**
1:30 p.m. for adults in the Santa Fe Room. "The Kissing Bug: A True Story of a Family, an Insect, and a Nation's Neglect of a Deadly Disease" by Daisy Hernández. Call 417-865-1340.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Microsoft Word Basics**
2-4 p.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. 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. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

**BookMarx - Communities Reading Together Book Club**
5:30 p.m. for adults at BookMarx Book Store, 325 E. Walnut St. Meet with your neighbors to read books that have recently been in the news. We'll discuss the book, reasons for the item being banned or challenged and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom. Teens age 15 and older are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian. "Blankets" by Craig Thompson. Call 417-862-0135.

**Library Station - Winter Sowing for the Itchy Green Thumb**
6 p.m. for adults in the Santa Fe Room. One way to start gardening in mid-winter is browsing seed catalogs, but you can also start planting seeds! Learn about the winter sowing method and collect supplies to start winter sowing at home. A Seeding a Healthy Life event. Registration starts January 9; call 417-616-0683 or email mandih@thelibrary.org.

**Library Center - An Introduction to Contract Bridge**
6:30-8:30 p.m. for adults in meeting rooms A and B. Exercise your brain and have fun making new friends as you learn to play Contract Bridge. Whether you're a beginner or want to update your bidding and play, this class is for you. Members of the Bridge Center will give an introductory course over four consecutive Thursday evenings. The series continues February 2; register once for the entire series. Registration starts December 29; call 417-883-5341.

**Friday, January 27**

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**Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime**
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**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Open Lab**
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**Strafford Branch Library - Cozy Cuppa**
4-6 p.m. for adults. January is National Tea Month. Stop in the Strafford Branch every Friday of the month for a cuppa along with coloring pages and puzzles for adults. Call 417-736-9233.

**Library Station - Teen Night: Anime Night**
6-7:30 p.m. for age 14-grade 12 in the Frisco Room. Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided. Call 417-865-1340.

**Saturday, January 28**

**Library Center - Little LEGO Day**
10 a.m.-noon for ages 2-6 in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate National LEGO Day with brick building fun for our littlest builders! Call 417-882-0714.

**Park Central Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for ages 3-6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-831-1342.
Library Center - LEGO Day  

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - National Seed Swap Day  
1-3 p.m. for adults. Bring your seeds of any type to swap with other gardeners in the upstairs meeting room. Don't have seeds to share? You're still welcome to participate in the swap. Kids can make a garden craft; materials will be provided. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Call 417-862-0135.

Library Station - Winter Preparedness  
2 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. From winter weather alerts and preparing your home to power outages and other risks, the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) presents the hazards of winter and how to prepare for them. Call 417-865-1340.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - LEGO Lovers Unite!  
3-5 p.m. for grades K-6 in the Teen Room. Celebrate National LEGO Day at the library! Bring your creative LEGO brick builds for show and tell (all of your creations must fit inside a shoebox). And see amazing builds by the Springfield LEGO Users Group! Test your skills with building challenges and meet other builders like YOU. All builds will be given a special award and displayed at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library in February. Call 417-862-0135.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Cookbook Book Club  
3 p.m. for adults. Whatcha got cookin'? Try at least one recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone's recipes turned out and review the books. We'll also talk food news, cooking techniques, kitchen gadgets and all things delicious. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged! Call 417-883-1974.

Monday, January 30

Library Center - Stories Together  
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the auditorium. Join your favorite library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers for songs, stories and playtime. We will have lots of fun and families will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their children's development. Come play with us! Call 417-882-0714.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Microsoft Excel Basics  
10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn how to create and use spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Add data to a spreadsheet, perform calculations and set up spreadsheets for printing. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.
Library Center - Racing to Read
Pajama Storytime
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Tuesday, January 31

Library Center - Racing to Read
Storytime
9:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Racing to Read
Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read
Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read
Storytime
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Library Station - Racing to Read
Storytime
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Center - Conversation Circles
6 p.m. for adults and teens in grades 6-12 in meeting room A. Is English your
second language? Practice your English-speaking skills and meet new people while we talk, listen and learn in conversation circles. Circles will be led by Missouri State University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Suneeta Thomas. Adult and student speakers of all languages are welcome. Each session will begin with a different theme. Work and School. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

February Displays

Library Center
- Returning to Wilson’s Creek: Soldiers and Veterans Visit the Historic Battlefield, Local History
- Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield and the Civil War in the Ozarks, Local History Magic Box
- Artwork by Students of Springfield Public Schools, concourse
- Preserving an Ozarks Landmark: The Development of Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield, Local History Display Case

Library Station
- Celebrating the National Women in Media Collection: Southwest Missouri Edition by the State Historical Society of Missouri
- Gifts for Giving, Seasons for Celebrating: Paintings by Studio 55
- "Spiderman" Comic Book Collection, courtesy of Nicholas Robinson
- Little Golden Books Collection, courtesy of Kim Flores

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
- Artwork by Sophie Bryan
- Creations by LEGO Lovers Unite!

Park Central Branch Library
- Bits and Pieces: Paintings by Cindy Quayle

Republic Branch Library
- Art by Republic High School Students

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
- Photographs by Steve Kastner

Wednesday, February 1

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
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Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with
stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-883-1974.

**Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-751-2933.

**Ash Grove Branch Library - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event. Call 417-751-2933.

**Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-759-2637.

**Ash Grove Branch Library - Teen Board Game Night**
4-6 p.m. for grades 6-12. Like board games? Play some of your favorites at the library. Bring your own game to share or play some of ours. Call 417-751-2933.

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**Thursday, February 2**

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - The Great Storybook Adventure**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Our favorite storybook characters are running loose in the library! We'll share a fun book at the first storytime of each month, then join us anytime that month in the Children's Department to search for those beloved characters. *Help me find my shoes!* "Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes" by Eric Litwin. Call 417-862-0135.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-862-0135.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Meet the Computer**
2-4 p.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. 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. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011."
Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Stupendous Games n’ Reads
3:30-5 p.m. for grades 3-6 in the Children’s Department. Stop by and have a blast playing new-to-you or familiar board and card games while meeting friends and getting great tips on the most popular graphic novels, comics and award books in our collection. Call 417-862-0135.

Library Center - An Introduction to Contract Bridge
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Library Center - Feel Good Fiction
7 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion. "Florence Adler Swims Forever" by Rachel Beanland. Call 417-882-0714.

Friday, February 3

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Open Lab
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Library Station - Teen Night: Gaming Night
6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Get your game on with board and video games on the first Friday of each month. Call 417-865-1340.

Park Central Branch Library - First Friday Art Walk
6:30-9 p.m. for adults. Join us for First Friday Art Walk, including the opening of a new exhibit. Missouri State University art history and museum studies major Hanna Henroid presents "Across the

Saturday, February 4

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Craft & Tell
10:30 a.m. for adults. Spend an hour working on a craft project you're in the middle of or begin something new while chatting with fellow crafters. If you enjoy fiber arts, needlework, drawing or any other craft that is portable, quiet and doesn't make a mess, this group is for you! Call 417-883-1974.

Library Center - Seed Starting 101
1 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Get an early start on your spring garden with the Heirloom Seed Library and a Master Gardener of Greene County. Learn how to start your seeds indoors to set your garden up for success in spring and summer. A Seeding a Healthy Life event. Call 417-882-0714.

Fairbanks - Bright Star Touring Theatre Presents "African Folk Tales"
4:30 p.m. for ages 4-10 at the Fairbanks, 1126 N Broadway Ave. From the desert lands of the Sahara to the plains of the Serengeti to Mount Kilimanjaro and beyond - join a variety of characters from a wide range of cultures in stories that celebrate the various folk tale traditions of the continent of Africa. African music helps to set the stage for these energetic stories which include Anansi, porquoi tales and many facts and figures about this incredible continent. An African American Read-In program. Sponsored by the Library Foundation. Call 417-882-0714.

Sunday, February 5

Library Center - Candy Land!
2-4 p.m. for age 3-grade 6 in the Children's Department. King Kandy is lost in the library and needs you to help find him! Join the fun in this life-size game of Candy Land, and other life-size games. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Center - "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"
3:30-5:30 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Satisfy your sweet tooth from playing Candy Land with a showing of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," rated G. Call 417-882-0714.

Monday, February 6

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Greeting Cards
9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for adults in the Maker Space. Up your valentine game with shapes and designs created on the Cricut Maker. Print your custom elements to create a one-of-a-kind card for a lucky recipient. Materials will be provided. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration starts January 23; call 417-837-5011.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Finding Files
10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn to save, organize, copy, move, rename, delete, find and manage files and folders on your computer or external storage device. *Note: The elevator from the
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**Library Center - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime**
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event. **Call 417-882-0714.**

**Library Center - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime**
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**Tuesday, February 7**

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Ash Grove Branch Library - Birdie Bed & Breakfast Craft
Noon-2 p.m. for infants-grade 3. Get crafty for our feathered friends as you make a soda bottle or milk carton bird house, a bird feeder and binoculars for bird watching. Check out bird movies and books, fun facts about local birds and bird watching in Missouri while you’re here. Call 417-751-2933.

Library Station - Donuts & Death
6 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Horror has never tasted so sweet. Join

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our horror book club and sink your teeth into a good book while enjoying donuts. "When the Reckoning Comes" by LaTanya McQueen. Call 417-865-1340.

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Wednesday, February 8

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Strafford Branch Library - World Read Aloud Day
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Ash Grove Branch Library - Valentine's Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Celebrate the heart-filled holiday with stories and valentine-themed crafts and activities.
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**Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
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**Fair Grove Branch Library - Book Discussion**

**Library Center - Book Discussion**
1-2:30 p.m. for adults in meeting room B. "Washington Black" by Esi Edugyan. Call 417-882-0714.

**Willard Branch Library - Willard Page Turners**
2:30 p.m. for adults. "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury. Call 417-742-4258.

**Moxie Cinema - FilmStubs**
7-9 p.m. for adults at Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Both novice and seasoned cinephiles are welcome to join our free viewings of classic and cult films at The Moxie, with discussion after the films. "The Lobster," rated R, 2015. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Call 417-882-0714.

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**Thursday, February 9**

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**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Love is Kind Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Discover all the ways we can be kind to one another with books, fun activities and crafts made with material from our Maker Space. Call 417-862-0135.

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**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors**
10 a.m.-noon for adults. If you're an older adult who would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. Registration not required. Call 417-883-1974.

**Library Station - STEAM Explorers: Homeschool 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 and teens ages 13-17 are welcome to come and learn alongside their younger siblings. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. Learn about African American inventor Garrett Morgan, creator of the stop light, and create your own out of LED’s, conductive tape and batteries. 

Registration starts February 2; call 417-616-0673.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Learning Windows 10 and 11

2-4 p.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn about the Windows 10 and 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. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. 

Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

Republic Branch Library - Book Discussion

2 p.m. for adults. "All the Lonely People" by Mike Gayle. Call 417-732-7284.

Willard Branch Library - LEGO Brick Afternoon

2:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 6-12. Take part in our LEGO brick free-for-all as you challenge yourself to build a creation from one of our patterns or your imagination. Call 417-742-4258.

Fair Grove Branch Library - STEAM After School

3-5 p.m. for grades K-4. Stop by for science, technology, engineering, art and math-themed activities and exploration. Call 417-759-2637.

Downtown Springfield Association - Downtown Book Club

6-7:30 p.m. for adults at the Downtown Springfield Association, 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120. Join us every second Thursday of the month to chat about our monthly title while enjoying the urban skyline at this library-sponsored book group. "One to Watch" by Kate Stayman-London. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association. Call 417-831-1342.

Library Center - Bricks and Books Club

6:30 p.m. for grades 3-5 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. Discuss "Cookies & Milk" by Shawn Amos and create cookies and milk from LEGO bricks. Call 417-882-0714.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - From Seed to Table: Saving, Canning, and Preserving Your Harvest

6:30 p.m. for adults. As the spring growing season approaches, learn about how you can maximize your gardening efforts through different methods such as seed saving, canning, fermentation, dehydration, storage and organization. Christina Raley, a gardening enthusiast and active member of the Springfield Community Gardens and Victory Mission
Community Garden, will provide lots of information about techniques for minimizing waste and maximizing your gardening game. Learn how your growing efforts can help your family thrive year-round. A Seeding a Healthy Life event. Call 417-883-1974.

Friday, February 10

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Greeting Cards**
9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for adults in the Maker Space. Up your valentine game with shapes and designs created on the Cricut Maker. Print your custom elements to create a one-of-a-kind card for a lucky recipient. Materials will be provided. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration starts January 23; call 417-837-5011.*

**Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

**Northview Center - Northview Center Book Discussion**
10:30 a.m. for adults age 55 and older at the Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults. "The Maidens" by Alex Michaelides. Call 417-865-1340.

**Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime**
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Open Lab**
1-5 p.m. for adults. Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.*

**Strafford Branch Library - Make Your Own Valentine**
1-4 p.m. for grades K-5. Stop by and create your very own paper valentine for someone special. Materials will be provided. Call 417-736-9233.

**Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar - Downtown Game Night**
5-7 p.m. for adults at the Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar, 431 S. Jefferson Ave. Suite 172. Drop in to play various board and card games, and treat yourself to a coffee or affogato. Choose from our selection of games or bring your own. Call 417-831-1342.
Library Station - Teen Night: Art Studio
6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Calling all artists! Make, practice or try new techniques using library materials on the second Friday of each month. No art experience required to attend. Call 417-865-1340.

Saturday, February 11

Library Center - Your Hair is Magic
10 a.m.-noon for ages 2-6 in the Story Hour Room. In honor of Black History Month, celebrate the joy and beauty of Black hair with crafts, activities and books, including some from the Your Hair is Magic series by Jessica Norwood. Call 417-882-0714.

Park Central Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for ages 3-6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-831-1342.

Republic Branch Library - The Great Backyard Bird Count with Dickerson Park Zoo
10:30 a.m. for preschool-grade 5. Join the Library, Dickerson Park Zoo and birders all over the world in participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count! Meet three ambassador birds from Dickerson Park Zoo’s Education Department who will demonstrate avian characteristics in an up-close and hands-on encounter. Then enjoy bird-themed activities and practice bird counting with a bird scavenger hunt in the library. Call 417-732-7284.

Willard Branch Library - Never Too Old for YA
10:30 a.m. for adults. If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join the Never Too Old book group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly-released titles. "Wilder Girls" by Rory Power. Call 417-742-4258.

Library Station - STEAM Explorers
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 and teens ages 13-17 are welcome to come and learn alongside their younger siblings. Materials will be provided; no registration required. Learn about African American inventor Garrett Morgan, creator of the stop light, and create your own out of LED's, conductive tape and batteries. Call 417-865-1340.

Sunday, February 12

Fair Grove Branch Library - Love Stinks
1-3 p.m. for grades 7-12. Who needs sappy love stories? If you think love stinks, then don't miss our traditional anti-Valentine's Day party with arts and crafts. Materials will be provided. Call 417-759-2637.

Library Center - Second Sunday Concerts
2 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Chigger Creek Band, a high-energy, acoustic bluegrass band, performs a wide variety of bluegrass, country, folk and gospel music. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Call 417-882-0714.
Monday, February 13

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Internet Basics
10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn how to navigate the internet using your browser's menus and toolbars. Access websites by typing in a web address or using search engines. Learn how to change your home page and add a website to your favorites. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Stories Together
6 p.m. for infants-age 6. Join your favorite library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers for songs, stories and playtime. We will have lots of fun and families will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their children's development. Come play with us! Call 417-883-1974.

Library Center - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Tuesday, February 14

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime
9:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-736-2933.
Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Willard Branch Library - Valentine’s Day Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Love is in the air at this storytime filled with valentine-themed stories, songs and a Valentine’s Day card craft! Materials will be provided. Call 417-742-4258.

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-742-4258.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
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Ash Grove Branch Library - Flying Needles
1:30 p.m. for adults. Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Work on your current projects, share patterns and ideas, and check out our knitting and crochet resources. All levels of experience are welcome. Call 417-751-2933.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Mystery Book Club
1:30 p.m. for adults in upstairs meeting room. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to contemporary, cozy to thriller, series and standalone. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. "Who is Maud Dixon?" by Alexandra Andrews. Call 417-862-0135.

Library Center - Conversation Circles
6 p.m. for adults and teens in grades 6-12 in meeting room A. Is English your second language? Practice your English-speaking skills and meet new people while we talk, listen and learn in conversation circles. Circles will be led by Missouri State University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Suneeta Thomas. Adult and student speakers of all languages are welcome. Each session will begin with a different theme. Cooking and Family Gatherings. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.
Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Evening Book Discussion
6:30 p.m. for adults. "This is My America" by Kim Johnson. Call 417-883-1974.

Wednesday, February 15

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy
10 a.m. for adults in the auditorium. Does that Even Make Sense? Online family trees - a genealogist's friend or foe? Member Daniel Lilienkamp will share tools for evaluating whether the information in online trees should be added to your own work. Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society. Call 417-882-0714.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Racing to Read Storytime
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Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-862-0135.

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Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-759-2637.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event. Call 417-759-2637.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Teen Board Game Night
4-6 p.m. for grades 6-12. Like board games? Play some of your favorites at the library. Bring your own game to share or play some of ours. Call 417-751-2933.

Thursday, February 16

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children’s Department. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-862-0135.
Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event. Call 417-862-0135.

Strafford Branch Library - Library Playdate
10 a.m.-noon for infants-age 4. Come to the library for a playdate! We'll have fun activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Drop in for fun and get to know other families. Call 417-736-9233.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Google Tools
2-4 p.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn to use Google tools including Gmail, Google Meet, 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.
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Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Travelogue
2 p.m. for adults. Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month. Adventures on the West Coast. Library staffer Heather Cottle-Dillon traveled with her family by train to Los Angeles, California, and then drove up the state into Oregon. Come along to learn about their stops at beaches, museums and national parks along the way. Call 417-883-1974.

Library Center - Throwback Thursday: "Twilight" Movie Bingo
5:30-8 p.m. for age 13-grade 12 in the auditorium. Enjoy a night of laughs, nostalgia and the classic Edward vs. Jacob debate as we watch "Twilight," rated PG-13, 2008, and play movie bingo. Popcorn and bingo cards will be provided. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Coloring Club
6-8 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Relax after work with coloring pages and a movie. Our film will be audience choice from a selection of movies rated PG-13 or under in the listed genre. Materials will be provided. Animated. Call 417-865-1340.

Friday, February 17

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime
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their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Open Lab
1-5 p.m. for adults. Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Strafford Branch Library - Teen Trivia Night
3-5 p.m. for grades 6-12. Play pop culture trivia (movies, music, sports, books, celebrities) with basic questions, word puzzles, name that tune and more! Bring a friend or two, or play solo. Snacks provided. Call 417-736-9233.

Library Station - Teen Night: RPG Night
6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Whether you're a seasoned role-playing gamer or totally new to the activity, join us for special library tabletop campaigns and LARPing nights on the third Friday of each month. Newcomers are welcome each week. Call 417-865-1340.

Saturday, February 18

Park Central Branch Library - Foreign Film Discussion
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for adults. Discuss foreign films with other cinephiles. Find a DVD copy of the monthly selection to watch in advance at thelibrary.org/catalog. "The Grocer's Son," not rated. Call 417-831-1342.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Librarykins Playgroup
11 a.m. for all ages. Kids and their caregivers can make new friends at the library! We’ll provide lots of toys, books and activities to encourage socialization and cooperative play. Coffee and tea will be provided and attendees are welcome to bring a snack or lunch. Call 417-883-1974.

Tuesday, February 21

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime
9:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
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Library Station - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event. Call 417-865-1340.

Republic Branch Library - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event. Call 417-732-7284.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

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Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime
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Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-742-4258.

Willard Branch Library - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
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Ash Grove Branch Library - Ash Grove Bibliophiles
1:30 p.m. for adults. "Circus of Wonders" by Elizabeth Macneal. Call 417-751-2933.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Everything is Awesome!
3-5 p.m. for grades K-6. Build your own awesome LEGO brick creations while watching "The LEGO Movie," rated PG. Call 417-751-2933.

Library Center - Conversation Circles
6 p.m. for adults and teens in grades 6-12 in meeting room A. Is English your second language? Practice your English-speaking skills and meet new people while we talk, listen and learn in conversation circles. Circles will be led by Missouri State University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Suneeta Thomas. Adult and student speakers of all languages are welcome. Each session will begin with a different theme. Animals and the Outdoors. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime
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Wednesday, February 22

Republic Branch Library - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
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Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-883-1974.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-751-2933.
**Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**  
11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-759-2637.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Winter Reading Pals**  
3:30 p.m. for age 3 and older. Practice your reading skills with one of our favorite furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Registration starts January 2; call 417-883-1974.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - High Involvement Planning: Engaging Your Team in an Annual Strategic Planning Rhythm**  
6 p.m. for adults. By creating your organization's strategy with a high-involvement planning process, you consistently involve, inform and educate your entire organization on the realities of the marketplace and the strategic goals of the company. Great Game of Business Certified Coach Tim Dobyns will share the story of how SRC Holdings, one of our most successful Southwest Missouri employers, grew a business culture of business people by taking a look behind their strategic planning process. Learn how they sharpened their strategic focus and aligned their team to win. No matter your current level of strategic planning, this session will jump-start your planning process, engage your team and poise your business for growth. Presented in partnership with Southwest Missouri SCORE. Visit the link below or call to register. Registration starts February 8; call 417-883-1974.

**Thursday, February 23**

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**  
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-862-0135.

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**Library Station - Afternoon Book Discussion**  
1:30 p.m. for adults in the Santa Fe Room. "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Call 417-865-1340.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Microsoft Excel Basics**  
2-4 p.m. for adults in the Computer Training Center. Learn how to create and use spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Add data to a spreadsheet, perform calculations and set up spreadsheets for printing. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.*
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Schweitzer Brentwood Branch
Library - Keep Your Keys
2 p.m. for adults. Amber Allen, field specialist in human development and family science with the University of Missouri Extension, will discuss how to stay medically and physically fit to drive, when and how to prepare for "driving retirement" and other tools and resources to help keep you safe on the road. Call 417-883-1974.

Library Center - STEAM Explorers
3 p.m. for grades K-5 in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy scientific exploration, exciting challenges and educational play with science, technology, engineering, art and math! Registration starts February 13; call 417-616-0526.

Willard Branch Library - Board Game Afternoon
3-5 p.m. for grades 3-6. We'll provide the snacks and games for an afternoon of board game fun! Call 417-742-4258.

BookMarx - Communities Reading Together Book Club
5:30 p.m. for adults at BookMarx Book Store, 325 E. Walnut St. Meet with your neighbors to read books that have recently been in the news. We'll discuss the book, reasons for the item being banned or challenged and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom. Teens age 15 and older are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian. "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi. Call 417-862-0135.

Friday, February 24

Library Station - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event. Call 417-865-1340.

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Library Station - Teen Night: Anime Night
6-7:30 p.m. for age 14-grade 12 in the Frisco Room. Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided. Call 417-865-1340.

Saturday, February 25

Park Central Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10:30 a.m. for ages 3-6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-831-1342.

Library Station - Follow Along: Painting
2-3:30 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Take a beginner’s course in acrylic painting as we follow a class on Creativebug. Materials will be provided. Registration starts February 13; call 417-616-0683.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Zine Making Workshop
3-5 p.m. for teens in grades 6-12 and adults in upstairs meeting room. Create your own tiny zine! Learn how to make a short zine from one sheet of folded paper, filled with your drawing, writing, collage or other creative content. Basic supplies included but feel free to bring your own. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Call 417-862-0135.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Cookbook Book Club
3 p.m. for adults. What’s your favorite dish? Try at least one recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone’s recipes turned out and review the books. We'll also talk food news, cooking techniques, kitchen gadgets and all things delicious. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged! Call 417-883-1974.

Sunday, February 26

Library Center - STEAM Explorers
1:30 p.m. for grades K-2 in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy scientific exploration, exciting challenges and educational play with science, technology, engineering, art and math! Registration starts February 13; call 417-616-0526.

Library Center - STEAM Explorers
3 p.m. for grades 3-5 in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy scientific exploration, exciting challenges and educational play with science, technology, engineering,
art and math! Registration starts February 13; call 417-616-0526.

Monday, February 27

Library Center - Stories Together
10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the auditorium. Join your favorite library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers for songs, stories and playtime. We will have lots of fun and families will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their children's development. Come play with us! Call 417-882-0714.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Microsoft Word Basics
10 a.m.-noon for adults in the Computer Training Center. 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. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration required; call 417-837-5011.

Library Center - TikTok Made Me Read It
7 p.m. for adults in the Harrison Room. Discuss books that have been trending and made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers. "The Love Hypothesis" by Ali Hazelwood. Call 417-882-0714.

Tuesday, February 28

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime
9:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Station - Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.
**Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-736-2933.

**Strafford Branch Library - Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime**
10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event. Call 417-736-9233.

**Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

**Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime**
10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-742-4258.

**Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime**
11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

**Library Center - Conversation Circles**
6 p.m. for adults and teens in grades 6-12 in meeting room A. Is English your second language? Practice your English-speaking skills and meet new people while we talk, listen and learn in conversation circles. Circles will be led by Missouri State University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Suneeta Thomas. Adult and student speakers of all languages are welcome. Each session will begin with a different theme. Activities Around Town. Call 417-882-0714.

**Library Station - Racing to Read Pajama Storytime**
6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-865-1340.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Starlight Storytime**
6:30 p.m. for ages 2-6. Wind down the day with stories, songs and friends at the library. Pajamas, stuffies and cuddles welcome. Call 417-883-1974.