THE LIBRARY CENTER

4653 S. Campbell Ave. • 417-882-0714

ASH GROVE BRANCH LIBRARY

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

FAIR GROVE BRANCH LIBRARY

81 S. Orchard Ave. Fair Grove, MO • 417-759-2637

THE LIBRARY STATION

2535 N. Kansas Expressway • 417-865-1340

MIDTOWN CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY

397 E. Central St. • 417-862-0135 The Edge Community Technology Center/Maker Space 417-837-5011

OUTREACH SERVICES

4653 S. Campbell Ave. **Mobile Library/Walking Books**417-883-5366

PARK CENTRAL BRANCH LIBRARY

128 Park Central Square • 417-831-1342

REPUBLIC BRANCH LIBRARY

912 N. Lindsey Ave. Republic, MO • 417-732-7284

SCHWEITZER BRENTWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

2214 Brentwood Blvd. • 417-883-1974

STRAFFORD BRANCH LIBRARY

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

WILLARD BRANCH LIBRARY

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

DRIVE-UP WINDOWS:

LIBRARY CENTER, LIBRARY STATION & SCHWEITZER BRENTWOOD BRANCH

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

REPUBLIC BRANCH

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

WILLARD BRANCH

Monday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

SATELLITE LOCATIONS:

PRICE CUTTER PLUS BOOK STOP

Pick up and return only 3260 E. Battlefield St.

LIBRARY EXPRESS WEST

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

LIBRARY EXPRESS EAST

24-hour kiosk Frisco Building parking lot, 3263 E. Chestnut Expressway



Chronological Listing for March-May 2024

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

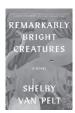
ONE BOOK — ONE COMMUNITY

ONE READ

"Remarkably Bright Creatures" A Conversation with Shelby Van Pelt

Thursday, March 28 • Library Center main floor, 7 p.m.





Charming, witty and deceptively sensitive, Shelby Van Pelt's "Remarkably Bright Creatures" follows an unlikely connection between a widow and a Giant Pacific Octopus residing at the local aquarium.

Come together in this annual community read event to hear the author discuss her acclaimed novel — a story of friendship, reckoning and hope. Books will

be available for purchase and signing.

The book is available at The Library for checkout in book, digital audiobook and e-book formats at thelibrary.org/catalog.

See a schedule of all the One Read programs and book discussions at **thelibrary.org/oneread.**

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

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

Springfield-Greene County Library District

thelibrary.org

March Displays

Library Center

- Outdoor and Travel: Images by Sony Hocklander, reading room
- Dala Horses Collection, courtesy of Patricia Mann, concourse
- Read All About It: Headlines from Springfield's Past, Local History
- Inside the Pressroom: Meet the People Behind the Newspaper, Local History
- From the Darkroom: Springfield's Historical Newspaper Photographs, Local History Magic Box

Library Station

- All Colors Are My Favorite Colors: Paintings by Penny Gordon-Chumbley
- Archives in Bloom: Photographs from the State Historical Society of Missouri

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

 Words and Pictures, presented by Arvest Bank, Randy Bacon and Ozarks Literacy Council

Park Central Branch Library

 3rd Annual Between The Lines: "Remarkably Bright Creatures" featuring works by Springfield Regional Arts Council Members and public submissions

Republic Branch Library

 Get Outside and Explore the Ozarks: Photography by Southwest Missouri Camera Club

Friday, March 1

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime 10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the

Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Center - Not a Box!

11 a.m. for ages 2-6 in the Story Hour Room. Explore the wonder and imaginative play of cardboard boxes, based on the book "Not a Box" by Antoinette Portis. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Ash Grove Branch Library - Local History Roundtable

4:30 p.m. for adults. Join guest speakers and fellow history lovers in a roundtable discussion of Ash Grove's history. Holly Welch, historic site specialist at the Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead State Historic Site,

will look into the lives of several famous, infamous and forgotten women who made a difference in Ash Grove's history. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Station - Teen Night!

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

Park Central Branch Library - First Friday Art Walk

6:30-9 p.m. for adults. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit. Between The Lines: "Remarkably Bright Creatures," featuring works of art by Springfield Regional Arts Council members and submissions from the public. Artist reception and award ceremony at 7:30 p.m. A One Read event. *Call 417-831-1342*.

Saturday, March 2

Library Station - Escape Room: Aquarium Exhibit

9 a.m.-7 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. You've broken into the aquarium with one task in mind – rescue the octopus and release them into the ocean. But the automatic lock has you trapped! Escape with the octopus before the aquarium opens. Call to register a group of 6 or less for a time slot. A One Read event. Registration starts February 17; call 417-616-0683.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Craft & Tell

10:30 a.m. for adults. Work on a craft project of your own while chatting with

fellow crafters. If you enjoy fiber arts, needlework, drawing or crafts that are portable, quiet and don't make a mess, this group is for you! *Call 417-883-1974*.

Willard Branch Library - Family LEGO Brick Day

10:30 a.m. for all ages. Bring the whole family to our LEGO brick free-for-all and challenge yourself to build something together. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Gamemaker Boxitect

10:30 a.m. for grades 2-6 in the Story Hour Room. Do you like games and often think outside of the box? Use cardboard to create carnival, arcade or board games to take home and share with your friends and family. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Nourishing Herbal Teas

1-3 p.m. for adults in the upstairs meeting room. Springfield Area Herb Society Program Coordinator Jana Belk will discuss different herbal tea blends and how to make the perfect cup of tea to brighten your day or tuck you in at night. *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 February 15; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-862-0135.

Sunday, March 3

Library Station - Escape Room: Aquarium Exhibit

10 a.m.-6 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. You've broken into the aquarium with one task in mind – rescue the octopus and release them into the ocean. But the automatic lock has you trapped! Escape with the octopus before the aquarium opens. Call to register a group of 6 or less for a time slot. A One Read event. Registration starts February 17; call 417-616-0683.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Super Salad Sunday

2 p.m. for grades K-5. Get your hands dirty planting seeds to grow your own salad at home. Learn about growing vegetables and making a salad with delicious homemade dressing. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Monday, March 4

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Cricut Octopus Tunnel Book

10 a.m.-5 p.m. for adults in the Maker Space. Use the Cricut Design Space to cut and assemble an octopus book tunnel out of vibrant cardstock, inspired by Courtney Cerruti at Creativebug. Materials will be provided. A One Read event. *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 February 20; call 417-837-5011*.

Library Center - Pajama Storytime 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Call 417-882-0714.

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy

7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Genealogy Problem Solving. Certified Genealogist® Patti Lee Hobbs will help to further your comprehension of genealogical research through a problem-solving activity of identifying a distant ancestor with limited information. Attendees will work together to analyze the available information and brainstorm next steps in a research plan. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Tuesday, March 5

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Cricut Octopus Tunnel Book

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Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and

activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-736-9233*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

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Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-742-4258*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Strafford Branch Library - Bookmark Artist

3-5 p.m. for all ages. It's not too late to enter the Library's Design-a-Bookmark Contest! Stop by, be creative and leave a bookmark entry. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Library Station - Spooky Friends Book Club

6 p.m. for adults in the Santa Fe Room. Ghosts, goblins, gore and so much more to read about in our horror book club. "Nestlings" by Nat Cassidy. *Call* 417-865-1340.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Propagation Party

6 p.m. for adults. Growing native plants from seed can seem like a big task. Learn tips for germinating your seed and getting your native garden going with minimal effort. Provided in partnership with Watershed Committee of the Ozarks. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Wednesday, March 6

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Cricut Octopus Tunnel Book

10 a.m.-5 p.m. for adults in the Maker Space. Use the Cricut Design Space to cut and assemble an octopus book tunnel out of vibrant cardstock, inspired by Courtney Cerruti at Creativebug. Materials will be provided. A One Read event. *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 February 20; call 417-837-5011.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their

children need to learn to read. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - What's Up Wednesday

3:15-5 p.m. for grades 6-12. You never know what might happen in the Teen Room. We'll surprise you with crafts, board games, karaoke or maybe a trip to the Maker Space. *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*.

Strafford Branch Library - Gear Up for Spring Break Movie Party

3:30-5:30 p.m. for grades 6-12. Get psyched for Spring Break by watching "Teen Beach Movie," rated PG, while crafting beach-themed jewelry to gear up for your own break. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-736-9233*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Voice Your Writing

6 p.m. for adults. Want to write a memoir or have an idea for a novel? Now's your chance to join a casual group of writers. Bring a one-page sample of your work to share with other like-minded people, with no criticism or grammar check — we just want to hear your voice. No expertise or prior writing experience necessary. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Thursday, March 7

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Cricut Octopus Tunnel Book

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Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library -Storytime Community Connect with Parents as Teachers

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Parents as Teachers is a wonderful free resource

for parents of young children in our community. Meet Parent Educators from Springfield Public Schools during storytime to learn how they can help your child thrive! *Call 417-862-0135*.

Library Center - Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors

10:30 a.m. for adults in the auditorium. Aggression, repetition, wandering – these and other dementia-related behaviors can be frightening to caregivers, and knowing what to do in these situations can help keep your loved one safe. Learn how to respond when someone you care for is struggling with dementia-related behaviors. Provided in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Craft Along with Creativebug: Watercolor Silhouette

1 p.m. for adults. Follow along with a beginner course on Creativebug and learn a new crafting skill. Materials will be provided. Registration starts February 22; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.

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

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Movie Afternoon

3:15-5:15 p.m. for age 13-grade 12 in the Teen Room. Your Pick! Vote between three movies, rated PG-13 or lower, and we'll watch the winner. Snacks 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*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - The YA Book Crew

4 p.m. for age 15 and older. If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join this group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly-released titles. "The Cruel Prince" by Holly Black. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Republic Branch Library - Reading Pals

4:30 p.m. for grades K-5. Our friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks need your help – they love a good story but can't read. Practice your reading skills with these furry, loveable friends. Registration starts February 22; call 417-732-7284.

Library Center - Bricks and Books Club

6:30 p.m. for grades 3-6 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. "Allergic" by Megan Wagner Lloyd. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Feel Good Fiction

7 p.m. for adults in meeting room A. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion. "How to Be Remembered" by Michael Thompson. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Friday, March 8

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities.

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Northview Center - Northview Center Book Discussion

10:30 a.m. for adults age 55 and older at the Northview Center, 305 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults. "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. A One Read event. *Call 417-865-1340*.

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Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar - Downtown Game Night

6-8 p.m. for adults at Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar, 431 S. Jefferson Ave. Drop in to play 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*.

Saturday, March 9

Fair Grove Branch Library - Craft & Chat

10 a.m.-noon for grades 6-12. Meetup with fellow crafters, work on a new project and trade ideas. Pressed Flowers. Materials will be provided. Registration starts February 15; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Cricut Octopus Tunnel Book

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Library Station - Tween City Shout

11 a.m.-3 p.m. for grades 4-8 in the Santa Fe Room. Join us for a day of creative expression with Queen City Shout! Local creatives will host workshops in various art mediums and dance styles. Some workshops require registration; find details at thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-865-1340.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library -Heirloom Seed Garden: How to Start Garden Plants from Seed

1-3 p.m. for adults in the upstairs meeting room. Learn how to start and grow garden plants from seed with Springfield Community Garden

coordinators Stephanie Handy and Shanna Borthwick. Provided in partnership with Springfield Community Garden. *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 February 15; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-862-0135.

Sunday, March 10

Library Center - Second Sunday Concert

2 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. The Bold Deniers are here to help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Featuring Jane Caldwell, Turner Collins and Jesse Owsley, these singers and multi-instrumentalists unite in performing Irish dance tunes, traditional and contemporary songs. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Cookbook Book Club

3 p.m. for adults. Whatcha got cookin'? Try a dip recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone's recipes turned out. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged! *Call 417-883-1974*.

Monday, March 11

Library Center - March Mermaid Movie Madness

10-11:30 a.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Celebrate mermaids with the tale of Ariel from the beginning. "The

Little Mermaid: Ariel's Beginning," rated G. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Minecraft Week

2-4 p.m. for grades K-5 in the Frisco Room. Stop by during spring break to explore the world of Minecraft with a different craft, game or fun challenge each day! Build life-sized Minecraft creations to decorate your room or the library using cardboard boxes. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Willard Branch Library - Homeschool STEAM Days

2 p.m. for grades K-6. Add some pizazz to your curriculum with the Library's STEM Kits, featuring a different kit each month. *Call* 417-742-4258.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Board Game Academy

6-8 p.m. for adults. Learn to play Garden Dice. Our experienced instructor and library staff member Adam Slemp will guide you through the complicated world of new and classic games. Play the game you just learned or bring one of your own to enjoy! *Call 417-883-1974*.

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Tuesday, March 12

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-736-9233*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

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

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Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Mystery Book Club

1:30 p.m. for adults. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone. "Murder by Degrees" by Ritu Mukerji. *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.

Library Station - Minecraft Week

2-4 p.m. for grades K-5 in the Frisco Room. Stop by during spring break to explore the world of Minecraft with a different craft, game or fun challenge each day! Paint a rock with your favorite Minecraft character, animal, or item to hide, trade or keep. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - LEGO Brick Club

4-6 p.m. for grades K-5. Cultivate friendships through learning, engineering and creativity at our LEGO Brick Club. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Evening Book Discussion 6:30 p.m. for adults. "Remarkably Bright

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Wednesday, March 13

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

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Library Center - March Mermaid Movie Madness

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Celebrate mermaids with the tale of Ariel from the beginning. "The Little Mermaid," rated G, 1989. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m.-noon for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call* 417-751-2933.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and

activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

Library Center - Book Discussion

1-2:30 p.m. for adults in meeting room B. "The Underworld: Journeys to the Depths of the Ocean" by Susan Casey. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Book Discussion

1 p.m. for adults. "How I Became a Human: A Disabled Man's Quest for Independence" by Mark O'Brien. *Call* 417-759-2637.

Library Station - Minecraft Week

2-4 p.m. for grades K-5 in the Frisco Room. Stop by during spring break to explore the world of Minecraft with a different craft, game or fun challenge each day! Try your hand at building your favorite Minecraft characters, animals and items with LEGO blocks. *Call 417-865-1340*.

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. "True Stories," rated PG.

Sponsored by Friends of the Library. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Thursday, March 14

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors

10 a.m.-noon for adults. If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a sixpart series that covers different topics at each session. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each session. This series continues March 28, April 11 and 25 and May 9 and 23. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Library Center - March Mermaid Movie Madness

10-11:30 a.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Celebrate mermaids with the tale of Ariel from the beginning. "The Little Mermaid II: Return to the Sea," rated G. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call* 417-862-0135.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Green is for Spring and More

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Spring and St. Patrick's Day are nearly here! Celebrate all things green with books, songs and activities. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Republic Branch Library - Book Discussion

2 p.m. for adults. "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. A One Read event. *Call 417-732-7284.*

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

Library Station - Minecraft Week

2-4 p.m. for grades K-5 in the Frisco Room. Stop by during spring break to explore the world of Minecraft with a different craft, game or fun challenge each day! Play Minecraft Bingo to earn cool Minecraft stickers for your water bottle or notebook. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Bluey Bash

3-5 p.m. for infants-age 10. Grab your family and drop in for a fun afternoon filled with Bluey-themed music, food and activities. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Strafford Branch Library - Book Discussion

4 p.m. for adults. "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. A One Read event. *Call 417-736-9233*.

Downtown Springfield Association - Downtown Book Club

6-7:30 p.m. for adults at Downtown Springfield Association, 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120. Join us to chat about our monthly title while enjoying the urban skyline at this library-sponsored book group. "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association. A One Read event. *Call 417-831-1342*.

Village Meeple Board Game Cafe - Books and Boards

6:30-8 p.m. for grade 6-adults at Village Meeple Board Game Cafe, 1570 E. Battlefield Road. Board games and books make the perfect pairing! Chat about our monthly title while learning to play a board game related to the book. Read "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt and play Reef. A One Read event. *Call 417-882-0714.*

4 By 4 Brewing Company - Galloway - Spring Book Buzz

7 p.m. for adults at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St. The Library has all of your spring reading list needs covered! Join your local librarians as they share the buzz about new and upcoming titles, and snag some swag and Advance Reader Copies to add to your TBR (to be read) pile. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Friday, March 15

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early

literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Center - March Mermaid Movie Madness

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Celebrate mermaids with the tale of Ariel from the beginning. "The Little Mermaid," rated PG, 2023. *Call* 417-882-0714.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness

10 a.m. for adults. The Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter will discuss Alzheimer's and dementia signs to watch for in you or your loved ones. 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's. Explore the most common warning signs of Alzheimer's to inform you about what is normal aging and what is not. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Library Station - Minecraft Week

2-4 p.m. for grades K-5 in the Frisco Room. Stop by during spring break to explore the world of Minecraft with a different craft, game or fun challenge each day! Make fun Minecraft keychains or backpack decorations using Perler beads. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Willard Branch Library - Movie Day!

3-5 p.m. for age 13-grade 12. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with a PG-13 or lower-rated movie and a bowl of popcorn to munch on. Popcorn provided. *Call 417-742-4258*.

Library Station - Teen Night!

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

Saturday, March 16

Library Center - Morning Mermaid Magic

10 a.m. for age 2-grade 6 in the Story Hour Room. Experience under the sea mermaid fun with singing, dancing, crafts, ocean sensory activities, hair tinsel and a special guest! Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Republic Branch Library "Crosspatch: Cranky Musings on Gardening in Rocky Ground"

10:30 a.m. for adults. Veteran journalist Marideth Sisco's well-known gardening column, Crosspatch, delighted readers of the West Plains Quill for years, and her radio show, These Ozarks Hills, entertains listeners with tales of the Ozark region's culture, history and

folklore. Sisco will share some of her "cranky musings on gardening in rocky ground" from her time studying and documenting the unique landscape of the Ozarks. Books will be available for purchase and signing. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Park Central Branch Library - Foreign Film Discussion

10:30 a.m.-noon for adults. Watch our monthly foreign film selection in advance then meet to discuss with other cinephiles. Search the catalog for "Burning," not rated. *Call 417-831-1342*.

Library Station - Kusudama Bouquet

2-3:30 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Celebrate the arrival of spring by learning how to make a Kusudama flower bouquet. Materials will be provided. Registration starts March 2; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0683.

Sunday, March 17

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Check Mates and Board Game Buddies

2-4 p.m. for grades K and older. Play against your friends or meet a new match with our selection of chess sets and board games. Stop by for a game or three, have a snack and make a new buddy. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Monday, March 18

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Tuesday, March 19

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early

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Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-736-9233*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

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

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-742-4258*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Ash Grove Branch Library - Ash Grove Bibliophiles

1:30 p.m. for adults. "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. A One Read event. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Game On - Machi Koro

3:15-5 p.m. for grades 6-12. Learn the board game Machi Koro or pick up an old favorite in the Teen Room. Staff will be there to help you. Snacks 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*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Mindful Doodles

3:30 p.m. for grades 3-5 in the Children's Department. Relax your body and calm your mind. Explore new doodle techniques and learn about some of our collection's most popular graphic novels. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Library Center - Mindful Moves: Chess & Checkers Club

5 p.m. for grades 4-12 in the Story Hour Room. Love chess and checkers but only play online? Here's your chance to flex and improve your skills by facing live opponents. Drop in, play some games, have snacks and make new friends. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - Storytime Community Connect with Parents as Teachers

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6. Parents as Teachers is a wonderful free resource for parents of young children in our community. Meet Parent Educators from Springfield Public Schools during storytime to learn how they can help your child thrive! *Call 417-865-1340*.

Wire Road Brewing Company - Books on Tap

7 p.m. for adults at Wire Road Brewing Company, 4453 S. Timbercreek Ave., Battlefield. Brewing off-beat discussions about books that aren't in the mainstream. "Whalefall" by Daniel Kraus. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - "Not My Child" Documentary & Discussion

7-8:30 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. View "Not My Child," a local documentary about parents who've lived through the devastation of watching a child succumb to the disease of addiction. Learn what they wish they could have done sooner, the warning signs, conversations they should have had and the early steps that can make a difference, with a discussion to follow. Provided in partnership with Better Life in Recovery. This program is part of a series on Addiction & Recovery. *Call* 417-865-1340.

Wednesday, March 20

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy

10 a.m. for adults in the auditorium. Preparing a Sons of the American Revolution Application. The Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution are the two leading lineage societies in the United States and share a mutual mission of education and preservation of the historical significance of the Declaration of Independence, the War of the Revolution, and the consequent United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. Steve Perkins, chapter genealogist for the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, will discuss the application process, required documents and point to sources where a prospective applicant can search for a possible patriot. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society. Call 417-882-0714.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

White River Brewing Company - Rosie Book Club

4 p.m. for adults at White River Brewing Company, 505 W. Commercial St. Chat about titles that spark conversation with other women in business at this bimonthly book group, where we meet at a different women-owned business each session. "A Room of One's Own" by Virginia Woolf. Presented in partnership with Leadership Springfield's Rosie project. Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Thursday, March 21

Ash Grove Branch Library - Native American Genealogy

10 a.m. for adults. Learn how to research your Native American ancestors using printed and online resources available through the Library, with help from Local History Associate Renee Glass. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - The Library, But On Your Phone!

10 a.m.-noon for adults. Bring your phone or tablet for this hands-on class that will teach you to use apps offered by the Library, including the Springfield-Greene County Library app, Libby and Hoopla. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-862-0135.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Travelogue

2 p.m. for adults. Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month. A Food Tour From Oslo to Bergen. Patricia Mann and her friends joined cookbook author Nevada Berg on a food tour from Oslo to Bergen for a fun-filled, educational tour packed with history, traditions and food at every stop! From award-winning cheese factories to a town with more goats than people, follow their food journey where they ate around Norway

with reindeer brats, Michelin-awarded restaurants and things in between. *Call* 417-883-1974.

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

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Teen Writer's Guild

3:30-5 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the upstairs meeting room. Get inspiration and support from fellow writers as you create, share and publish your works. *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 Center - The Giant Pacific Octopus

7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Dive into the unique adaptations of the Giant Pacific Octopus and gain insight into the natural lives of creatures like Marcellus in this INKredible program. Through artifacts, video footage and demonstrations, you'll see how essential, beautiful and remarkable

these creatures are. Presented in partnership with Wonders of Wildlife. A One Read event. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - Exploring the Solar Eclipse

7 p.m. for adults in the Santa Fe Room. Astronomy expert Dr. Sarah Morrison will help us prepare for the upcoming eclipse with eclipse facts, what to expect and her personal experience with the 2017 solar eclipse. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Friday, March 22

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn

to read. Call 417-882-0714.

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

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Library Station - Teen Anime Night 6-7:30 p.m. for 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, March 23

Library Center - Paper Fairy Houses 10 a.m. for ages 2-6 in the Story Hour Room. Spring and fairies are in the air! Drop by to make a fairy and its fairy house using paper goods and coloring utensils. Materials will be provided. *Call* 417-882-0714.

Republic Branch Library - Spring Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Celebrate the beginning of spring with a special Saturday storytime! *Call 417-732-7284*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library -The Art of Meal Planning for Kid Chefs

1-3 p.m. for grades 3-7 in the Maker Space. Cooking helps build confidence, encourages an adventurous palate and teaches many functional life skills. Join us for this cooking series where young chefs work together with their adult caregivers to learn the art of making a meal. Come together to learn how to plan healthy meals and set the table for a tasty dining experience. Provided in partnership with the University of Missouri Extension Greene County and Springfield Community Gardens. 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 March 9; call 417-862-0135.

Library Center - Fairy Gardens

1 p.m. for grades 1-6 in the Story Hour Room. Spring fairies signal winter's end. Create your own fairy garden by painting a pot, planting a flower in the dirt and making a fairy to live in it. Dress for a mess! Materials will be provided. Registration starts March 9; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0526.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Instrument Meet & Greet with the Springfield Symphony

2 p.m. for grades K-5. Members from the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will perform and show kids how their instruments work. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Library Center - Dungeons & Dragons 4 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Story Hour Room. Want to get started with D&D but need help figuring it out? Bring your character and try out a campaign. *Call* 417-882-0714.

Sunday, March 24

Moxie Cinema - "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou" at the Moxie

7-9 p.m. for adults at Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. A group of explorers embark on a journey to hunt down the "jaguar shark" that ate one of their crew. "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou," rated R, follows their adventure into dangerous waters, as the group finds magic both in their bonds to each other and in the colorful world around them. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. A One Read event. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Monday, March 25

Library Center - We Love Comics

4:30 p.m. for grades 1-3 in the Story Hour Room. Explore how art and story work together in graphic novels perfect for emerging readers. We'll have snacks and a related activity for each monthly book selection. "Simon and Chester: Super Detectives!" by Cale Atkinson. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Center - Octopus Crochet

6-8 p.m. for adults in meeting room B. Get hooked on a new hobby! Learn the basics of crochet and make a remarkable octopus keychain. Materials will be provided. A One Read event. Registration starts March 9: visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341.

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Center - TikTok Made Me Read It

7 p.m. for adults in the Grafton Room. Discuss trending books made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers. "Divine Rivals" by Rebecca Ross. Call 417-882-0714.

Tuesday, March 26

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Bagels with the Better Business Bureau

8 a.m. for adults. Join us for bagels, coffee and a little business education with the Regional Director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau Pamela Hernandez. Financial Scams, Predatory Debt Assistance and Credit Repair. Whether searching for a small business loan or trying to consolidate debt, looking out for scams and predatory business practices is important. Pamela Hernandez will share tips on avoiding financial scams and red flags for predatory credit repair and debit assistance companies. Registration starts March 12; visit thelibrary.org/programs 417-883-1974.

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-882-0714.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-736-9233.

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

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. Call 417-732-7284.

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

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Republic Branch Library - Beginning Genealogy

1-3 p.m. for adults. Learn how to begin researching your family tree using printed and online resources available through The Library, with help from Local History Associate Renee Glass. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Marbled Eggs

3:30-5:15 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the upstairs meeting room. Make marbled eggs for spring as we follow along with a class on Creativebug. 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 March 12; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-862-0135.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Dabbling in Art

4-6 p.m. for age 15-adult. Join us for an evening of diamond painting, a unique method of painting without a paintbrush. Try something new, learn from others and have a creative time. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-751-2933*.

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Wednesday, March 27

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and

language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Spring Reading PALS

3:30 p.m. for ages 3 and older. Practice your reading skills with one of our favorite furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. *Registration starts March* 13; call 417-616-0713.

Thursday, March 28

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors

10 a.m.-noon for adults. If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a sixpart series that covers different topics at each session. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each session. This series continues April 11 and 25 and May 9 and 23. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities.

Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Republic Branch Library -Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors

10:30 a.m. for adults. Aggression, repetition, wandering – these and other dementia-related behaviors can be frightening to caregivers, and knowing what to do in these situations can help keep your loved one safe. Learn how to respond when someone you care for is struggling with dementia-related behaviors. Provided in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Station - Afternoon Book Discussion

1:30 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Discuss a wide range of books in various genres, including both fiction and non-fiction titles. "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. A One Read event. *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. Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Teen Manga and Comics Club

3:30-5:15 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the upstairs meeting room. Join us to discuss teen manga and comics, so bring your best recommendations. We'll also vote on future reads for the club. *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 March 14; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-862-0135.

BookMarx - Banned Book Club

5:30 p.m. for adults at BookMarx, 325 E. Walnut St. Read books that have recently been in the news for being banned or challenged. We'll discuss the book, the reasons it was banned or challenged and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom. "Red, White & Royal Blue" by Casey McQuiston. Teens age 15 and older are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian. *Call* 417-862-0135.

Library Center - Cosplay Crash Course

6-8 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Story Hour Room. Can't afford expensive cosplays but still want to dress as your favorite characters? We'll teach you methods to make your own, focusing on a specific fandom or theme each month. This month we're doing a brainstorming session. Learn how to make your ideas come to life. Get creative with household items, meet other cosplay enthusiasts, and enjoy snacks and music while you craft! Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Center – A Conversation with Shelby Van Pelt: "Remarkably Bright Creatures

7-9 p.m. for adults. Charming, witty and deceptively sensitive, Shelby Van Pelt's "Remarkably Bright Creatures" follows an unlikely connection between a widow and a Giant Pacific Octopus residing at the local aquarium. Written through the lives of this unexpected pair,

"Remarkably Bright Creatures" offers a gentle reminder that sometimes, taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible. Come together in this annual community read event to hear the author discuss her acclaimed novel — a story of friendship, reckoning and hope. Books will be available for purchase and signing. A One Read event. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Friday, March 29

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

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Library Center - Itty Bitty Science: Shadows, Eclipses and the Moon, Oh My!

11 a.m. for ages 3-6 in the Story Hour Room. Learn about shadows with "Moonbear's Shadow" by Frank Asch and experiment with making your own. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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Ash Grove Branch Library - "Kung Fu Panda" Movie Party

3-6 p.m. for all ages. Celebrate the Dragon Warrior and watch "Kung Fu Panda," rated PG, while enjoying instant ramen and crafts. Materials and snacks will be provided. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Station - Teen Night!

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

Saturday, March 30

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Sweet Potato Love

10 a.m.-noon for adults in the upstairs meeting room. Stephanie Handy, Springfield Community Garden community development coordinator, will share how to grow and prepare beautiful sweet potatoes. Provided in

Partnership with Springfield Community Garden. *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 March 16; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-862-0135.

Republic Branch Library Photography Basics for an Ozark Adventure

10:30 a.m. for adults. Discover essential techniques to capture the allure of the Ozarks and preserve unforgettable moments with amateur photographer and library staffer Stephanie Davenport. Whether using a professional camera or a mobile phone, you'll learn how to frame stunning landscapes, capture vibrant wildlife and immortalize your outdoor escapades in captivating images. *Call 417-732-7284*.

April Displays

Library Center

- Artwork by Amara Paul, reading room
- Ozark Portraits: The Cartoons of Art Omans, concourse
- Read All About It: Headlines from Springfield's Past, Local History
- Inside the Pressroom: Meet the People Behind the Newspaper, Local History
- From the Darkroom: Springfield's Historical Newspaper Photographs, Local History Magic Box

Library Station

- All Colors Are My Favorite Colors: Paintings by Penny Gordon-Chumbley
- Archives in Bloom: Photographs from the State Historical Society of Missouri

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

 Words and Pictures, presented by Arvest Bank, Randy Bacon and Ozarks Literacy Council

Park Central Branch Library

 Flowers: Photography by Southwest Missouri Camera Club

Republic Branch Library

 Get Outside and Explore the Ozarks: Photography by Southwest Missouri Camera Club

Monday, April 1

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Tuesday, April 2

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Plant & Seed Swap

10 a.m. for adults. Flex your green thumb and grow your plant collection. Bring a plant or seeds of any kind to swap with fellow plant lovers. Remember to bring your own container to travel home with your new plants. *Call* 417-751-2933.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-736-9233*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Meet the Computer

10 a.m.-noon 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; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.

J. R. Martin Park - Stories in the Park 10 a.m. for infants-age 6 at J. R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Join your favorite children's librarians for a weekly, outdoor storytime featuring stories, songs and activities. Meet at

The Amp, we'll move to the pavilion if it rains. Provided in partnership with the Republic Parks & Recreation Department. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

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. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-742-4258*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Library Station - Spooky Friends Book Club

6 p.m. for adults in the Santa Fe Room. Ghosts, goblins, gore and so much more to read about in our horror book club. "A Haunting on the Hill" by Elizabeth Hand. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Wednesday, April 3

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to

build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-751-2933*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Voice Your Writing

6 p.m. for adults. Want to write a memoir or have an idea for a novel? Now's your chance to join a casual group of writers. Bring a one-page sample of your work to share with other like-minded people, with no criticism or grammar check — we just want to hear your voice. No expertise or prior writing experience necessary. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Thursday, April 4

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Zoom, Zoom, Zoom: We're Going to the Moon!

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Celebrate the sun and moon lining up for an eclipse with a space-themed storytime. *Call* 417-862-0135.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Craft Along with Creativebug: Watercolor Cards

1 p.m. for adults. Follow along with a beginner course on Creativebug and learn a new crafting skill. Materials will be provided. Registration starts March 21; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.

Library Station - STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday

2 p.m. for ages 6-12 in the Frisco Room. Use science, technology, engineering, art and math to solve exciting challenges! Get ready for the 2024 solar eclipse with themed experiments, crafts and other fun activities. Play activities will be available in the room for siblings age 5 and under. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. *Registration starts March 21; call 417-616-0673.*

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

Strafford Branch Library - Pre-Eclipse Party

3-5 p.m. for grades K-9. Get ready for the upcoming solar eclipse with fun and games, and learn about solar eclipses. Participants will receive a pin-hole projector to view the special event safely. *Call 417-736-9233*.

Library Station - STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday

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Ash Grove Branch Library - The YA Book Crew

4 p.m. for age 15 and older. If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join this group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly-released titles. "Impostors" by Scott Westerfeld. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Republic Branch Library - Reading Pals

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

Registration starts March 21; call 417-732-7284.

Library Center - Bricks and Books Club

6:30 p.m. for grades 3-6 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. "Invisible" by Christina Diaz Gonzalez. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Center - Get Ready for the Eclipse

6:30 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. David Jarkins, NASA Solar System Ambassador and member of the Springfield Astronomical Society, will discuss the facts and features of the upcoming Eclipse. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Center - Feel Good Fiction

7 p.m. for adults in meeting room A. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion. "Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers" by Jesse Q. Sutanto. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Friday, April 5

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Center - Storytime Community Connect with Parents as Teachers

9:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Parents as Teachers is a wonderful free resource

for parents of young children in our community. Meet Parent Educators from Springfield Public Schools during storytime to learn how they can help your child thrive! There will be a playtime immediately after storytime. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

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Ash Grove Branch Library - Local History Roundtable

4:30 p.m. for adults. Join guest speakers and fellow history lovers in a roundtable discussion of Ash Grove's history. What makes Ash Grove unique, and why did early settlers choose Ash Grove? James River Basin Partnership Project Manager Todd Wilkinson will explore Ash Grove's unique location on the Missouri frontier. *Call* 417-751-2933.

Library Station - Teen Night!

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

crafts, live action role-playing and more. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Park Central Branch Library - First Friday Art Walk

6:30-9 p.m. for adults. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit. Members of the Southwest Missouri Camera Club present "Flowers." At 7 p.m., the members will present an art talk on nature macro photography. *Call 417-831-1342*.

Virtual - First Contact Day: Chat with Star Trek Writer Lisa Klink

7 p.m. for all ages in a virtual presentation. Writer and story editor of "Star Trek: Voyager," "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine," "1-800-Missing" and "Roswell," Lisa Klink, will discuss her start in Hollywood, how she crafts her stories and share adventures from her time with Star Trek. Registration starts February 15; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-

Saturday, April 6

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Craft & Tell

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10:30 a.m. for adults. Work on a craft project of your own while chatting with fellow crafters. If you enjoy fiber arts, needlework, drawing or crafts that are portable, quiet and don't make a mess, this group is for you! *Call 417-883-1974*.

Willard Branch Library - Family LEGO Brick Day

10:30 a.m. for all ages. Bring the whole family to our LEGO brick free-for-all and challenge yourself to build something together. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - First Contact Day: Chat with Comic Artist Megan Levens

10:30 a.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Featured in IDW Publishing's "Star Trek" series and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," as well as "Spell on Wheels" from Dark Horse Comics, Visual Artist Megan Levens has made a name for herself in the world of comic books. Celebrate First Contact Day with Megan as she shares examples of her work and answers questions about starting in the industry and working on her favorite fandoms. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Eclipse Party

11 a.m. for grades K-5. Get ready for the eclipse with a special celebration full of stories, crafts and more. *Call 417-759-2637.*

Library Center - Teen Art Review with Megan Levens

1:30-3 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Story Hour Room. Do you love art and are interested in direction and tips? Bring your artwork and chat with visual artist Megan Levens as she shares tools and resources to launch your art career. Registration starts March 23; call 417-616-0526.

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! Get ready for the 2024 solar eclipse with themed experiments, crafts and other fun activities. Play activities will be available in the room for siblings age 5 and under. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. *Registration starts March 21; call 417-616-0673.*

Library Center - "Star Trek: First Contact"

2-4 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. We're 39 years away from first contact with the Vulcans, but in the meantime, watch "Star Trek: First Contact," rated PG-13, on our big screen. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Monday, April 8

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Financial Literacy Month with ProsperU

8 a.m. for adults. Building and Repairing Your Credit. Understanding and protecting your credit is key to your financial success. Learn the tools you need to build and repair your credit with Rebecca Greene, director of ProsperU at Central Bank. Registration starts March 25; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Park Central Square - Solar Eclipse Viewing on the Square

Noon-3 p.m. for all ages. Stop by Park Central Square and view the solar eclipse through our oversized pinhole projector. Weather permitting. *Call 417-831-1342*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Itsy Bitsy Science Club: Eclipse Party

1 p.m. for ages 3-7. Celebrate the wonders of the solar system through hands-on STEAM activities for young learners. Participants will also get to participate in a group viewing of the solar eclipse on the front lawn. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Library Station - 2024 Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

1-2:30 p.m. for all ages in the Frisco Room. Stop in before the eclipse for enjoyable and educational activities, including experiments designed by NASA, out-of-this-world crafts and homemade viewing devices, and patrons age 13 and older can explore space using our virtual reality goggles! Then, watch the eclipse together in front of the library. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Willard Branch Library - Homeschool STEAM Days

2 p.m. for grades K-6. Add some pizazz to your curriculum with the Library's STEM Kits, featuring a different kit each month. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Board Game Academy

6-8 p.m. for adults. Learn to play Bunny Kingdom. Our experienced instructor and library staff member Adam Slemp will guide you through the complicated world of new and classic games. Play the game you just learned or bring one of your own to enjoy! *Call 417-883-1974*.

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Center - Intro to Autism Awareness: When You Are Concerned

6:30 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Development, behavioral and learning

disabilities are on the rise, yet there is much delay in accessing information, receiving a diagnosis and getting support. Crystal Allen, ABA Director at The Pediatric Place and providers from Burrell Behavioral Health, will share autism screening options beginning as young as 12 months, the importance of early intervention, and how various "symptoms" of autism may look different from one individual diagnosed to another. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Tuesday, April 9

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

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Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

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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

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J. R. Martin Park - Stories in the Park 10 a.m. for infants-age 6 at J. R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Join your favorite children's librarians for a weekly, outdoor storytime featuring stories, songs and activities. Meet at The Amp, we'll move to the pavilion if it rains. Provided in partnership with the Republic Parks & Recreation Department. *Call 417-732-7284*.

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Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Mystery Book Club

1:30 p.m. for adults. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone. "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone" by Benjamin Stevenson. *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.

Republic Branch Library - Unlocking the Power of Social Media: A Beginner's Guide for Small Business Success

4 p.m. for adults. Social Media Strategist and CEO of Morton Marketing 417 Christine Morton will explore the fundamentals of social media marketing specifically tailored to small businesses. From understanding key platforms to crafting compelling content, explore actionable strategies to book your online

presence and learn how to navigate the ever-evolving landscape of social media to drive brand awareness, cultivate a loyal community and propel your business forward. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - LEGO Brick Club

4-6 p.m. for grades K-5. Cultivate friendships through learning, engineering and creativity at our LEGO Brick Club. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Center - Unicorn Day

4:30 p.m. for age 3-grade 6 in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate National Unicorn Day with themed games, crafts and activities. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Evening Book Discussion

6:30 p.m. for adults. "What You Are Looking For Is in the Library" by Michiko Aoyama. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Station - Opioid 101

7 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Executive Director and founder of Better Life in Recovery David Stoecker will talk about opioids, how overdose happens, risk factors and how to respond to an overdose emergency. Provided in partnership with Better Life in Recovery. This program is part of a series on Addiction & Recovery. Call 417-865-1340.

Wednesday, April 10

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

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Ash Grove Community Garden - Special Butterfly Storytime

10:30 a.m.-noon for infants-age 6 at Ash Grove Community Garden, 703 W. Industrial Drive. Immerse yourself in the beauty of nature with butterfly stories, songs and crafts, and explore the butterfly garden exhibit at the Ash Grove Community Garden for a special storytime. *Call 417-751-2933*.

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Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

Library Center - Book Discussion

1-2:30 p.m. for adults in meeting room B. "One Puzzling Afternoon" by Emily Critchley. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Book Discussion

1 p.m. for adults. "The Kiss Quotient" by Helen Hoang. *Call 417-759-2637.*

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 Host," rated R, 2006. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Thursday, April 11

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors

10 a.m.-noon for adults. If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a sixpart series that covers different topics at each session. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each session. This series continues April 25 and May 9 and 23. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Republic Branch Library - Book Discussion

2 p.m. for adults. "We Begin at the End" by Chris Whitaker. *Call 417-732-7284*.

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

Strafford Branch Library - Book Discussion

4 p.m. for adults. "Northanger Abbey" by Jane Austen. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Downtown Springfield Association - Downtown Book Club

6-7:30 p.m. for adults at Downtown Springfield Association, 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120. Join us to chat about our monthly title while enjoying the urban skyline at this librarysponsored book group. "Where You See Yourself" by Claire Forrest. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association. *Call 417-831-1342*.

Village Meeple Board Game Cafe - Books and Boards: Family Edition

6:30-8 p.m. for grade K-adults at Village Meeple Board Game Cafe, 1570 E. Battlefield Road. Board games and books make the perfect pairing! Chat about our monthly title while learning to play a board game related to the book. Read "Detective Duck: The Case of the Strange Splash" by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver and play Deduckto. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Friday, April 12

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Northview Center - Northview Center Book Discussion

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

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Library Station - Teen Night!

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

Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar - Downtown Game Night

6-8 p.m. for adults at Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar, 431 S. Jefferson Ave. Drop in to play 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 Center - The Story of BTS: K-Pop's Biggest Stars

6 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Calling BTS ARMY! Join us in a roundtable discussion about the world-famous K-pop group BTS, diving into their past accomplishments, their series of solo debut albums, and predicting what the future may hold when all seven members are back together. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Saturday, April 13

Library Center - "Mary Poppins": Feed the Birds

9:30 a.m. for age 3-6 in the Story Hour Room. Show the birds you care with homemade bird feeders. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - "Mary Poppins": Carousel Horse Race

11 a.m. for grades 2-5 in the Story Hour Room. Join the race by making your own supercalifragilistic expialidocious carousel horse. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - Spring Play Day

11 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Children and their caregivers are invited to socialize while enjoying unstructured science, art and play-based activities. Dress to get messy! *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Center - "Mary Poppins": Let's Go Fly a Kite

1 p.m. for grades 6-8 in the Story Hour Room. Make your own kite to send soaring up through the atmosphere! Materials will be provided. *Registration starts March 29; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-*0526.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library -People's Garden: How to Grow a Pizza Garden and Cook Pizza

1-3 p.m. for grades 2 and older in the upstairs meeting room. Learn how to cultivate a pizza garden with Springfield Community Gardens. Then, Sherri Hull, nutrition educator with the Greene County MU Extension Office, will show

young chefs and their caregivers the art of making personal pizzas using fresh produce from the garden. Provided in partnership with Springfield Community Gardens and University of Missouri Extension of Greene County. *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 March 30; call 417-862-0135.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Card Making

2 p.m. for adults. Celebrate National Card and Letter Writing Month by learning how to make creative cards to send to friends and family. Registration starts March 30; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Library Center - "Mary Poppins" Sing-Along

4-6:30 p.m. for all ages in the Story Hour Room. Sing along with Mary and Bert and become a screever chalk artist by decorating a chalkboard tile to add to a future library mosaic while watching "Mary Poppins," rated G. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Sunday, April 14

Library Center - Instrument Meet & Greet with the Springfield Symphony

2 p.m. for grades K-5 in the Story Hour Room. Members from the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will perform and show kids how their instruments work. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Center - Second Sunday Concert

2 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. April is National Jazz Appreciation Month, and who better to lead the celebration than the Springfield Community Jazz Ensemble? The 20-member band, under the direction of Bob Holden, will perform music made famous by well-known Broadway, pop and jazz artists. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Cookbook Book Club

3 p.m. for adults. Whatcha got cookin'? Try a chocolate recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone's recipes turned out. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged! *Call 417-883-1974*.

Monday, April 15

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Financial Literacy Month with ProsperU

Noon-1 p.m. for adults. Lunch & Learn: Why I Should Contribute to My Retirement Plan. 401K, 403B, Roth or Traditional IRA... what does it all mean, and why do I need to understand it? Rebecca Greene, director of ProsperU at Central Bank, will discuss the different types of retirement accounts and how to best save for retirement. Lunch will be provided. Registration starts April 1; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Tuesday, April 16

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities.

Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-736-9233.*

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

J. R. Martin Park - Stories in the Park 10 a.m. for infants-age 6 at J. R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Join your favorite children's librarians for a weekly, outdoor storytime featuring stories, songs and activities. Meet at The Amp, we'll move to the pavilion if it rains. Provided in partnership with the Republic Parks & Recreation Department. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-742-4258*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with

stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Ash Grove Bibliophiles

1:30 p.m. for adults. BYOB (Bring Your Own Book). Whatever we want? Yes! Bring any title you enjoy to discuss with others in the community. *Call 417-751-2933*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Mindful Doodles

3:30 p.m. for grades 3-5 in the Children's Department. Relax your body and calm your mind. Explore new doodle techniques and learn about some of our collection's most popular graphic novels. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Dabbling in Art

4-6 p.m. for age 15-adults. Join us for an evening of diamond painting, a unique method of painting without a paintbrush. Try something new, learn from others and have a creative time. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-751-2933*.

Library Center - Mindful Moves: Chess & Checkers Club

5 p.m. for grades 4-12 in the Story Hour Room. Love chess and checkers but only play online? Here's your chance to flex and improve your skills by facing live opponents. Drop in, play some games, have snacks and make new friends. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Wire Road Brewing Company - Books on Tap

7 p.m. for adults at Wire Road Brewing Company, 4453 S. Timbercreek Ave., Battlefield. Brewing off-beat discussions about books that aren't in the mainstream. "Wellness" by Nathan Hill. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Better Life in Recovery - Book Discussion

7 p.m. for adults at Better Life in Recovery, 1925 E. Bennett, Suite J. Discuss the "Hope Dealer: A Raw, Real-Life Journey From Addiction To A Better Life In Recovery" with local author David Stoecker. This program is part of a series on Addiction & Recovery. *Call* 417-865-1340.

Wednesday, April 17

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and

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language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy

10 a.m. for adults in the auditorium. Researching at the Greene County Archives. The Greene County Archives offers a wealth of information, including deeds, probate, court cases, coroner reports, and books and files for surrounding counties. Connie Yen, director of the Greene County Archives and Records Center, will provide an overview of what is available online and indexed at the Archives. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society. *Call* 417-882-0714.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and

language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

Thursday, April 18

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Scam Awareness for Older Adults

10 a.m. for adults. Basic personal information is at risk of being stolen every day, and the technology and tactics scammers use continue to change. Springfield Better Business Bureau Regional Director Pamela Hernandez will share tips to help you identify and avoid scams that target older adults. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Travelogue

2 p.m. for adults. Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month. History and Architecture in Spain. David Gray will share his travels through western Spain, including the ancient city of Cadiz, Roman amphitheaters of Merida, the cultural sites of Salamanca, the ancient art of sword making in Toledo, and the cities of Malaga, Ronda, Avila and Madrid. *Call 417-883-1974*.

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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Strafford Branch Library - Writing with Friends

3:30-5 p.m. for grades 6-12. Do you like to write? Meet with others who do, too! Share your current project and ideas, or grab a new prompt and start fresh. *Call* 417-736-9233.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Financial Aid Updates for College

6:30 p.m. for adults. Whether returning to school or going for the first time, students can apply for financial aid to help pay for their tuition. Learn about important changes, how to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, and other funding opportunities. Provided in partnership with Drury GO. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Library Center - "Up South in the Ozarks"

7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. From southern gospel singing schools and ballad collectors to migratory cotton

pickers and backroad country storekeepers, Dr. Brooks Blevins, Noel Boyd Professor of Ozarks Studies at Missouri State University and author of "Up South in the Ozarks: Dispatches from the Margins," will combine humor, history and storytelling to explore mostly unseen lives from the Ozarks past and present. Books will be available for purchase and signing. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Friday, April 19

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness

10 a.m. for adults. The Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter will discuss Alzheimer's and dementia signs to watch for in you or your loved ones. Introduction to Alzheimer's and Dementia. Listen to videos from experts, get your questions answered and learn about community resources that can help. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Willard Branch Library - Movie Day! 3-5 p.m. for age 13-grade 12. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with a PG-13 or lower-rated movie and a bowl of

popcorn to munch on. Popcorn provided. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Ash Grove Branch Library - Family Art Night

4-5:30 p.m. for grades K-12. You're never too old or young to make art! Grab your family and spend quality time together exploring your artistic side. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Station - Teen Night!

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

Findlay Student Center - Poetry Workshop with Sha'Diya Tomlin and Dre Hill

6-8:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 at Findlay Student Center, 900 N. Benton Ave., Drury University. Join poet Sha'Diya Tomlin and storyteller Dre Hill for a spoken word poetry workshop. Participants will learn about composition and performance, then perform their pieces for the public at the African

American Read-In Poetry Slam on April 20. An African American Read-In event. Registration starts April 5; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-862-0135.

Saturday, April 20

Fair Grove Branch Library - Craft & Chat

10 a.m.-noon for grades 6-12. Meetup with fellow crafters, work on a new project and trade ideas. Recycled CD Art. Materials will be provided. Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.

Library Center - Money Mind: Empowering Young Women Through Finance and Education

10 a.m. for adults in the auditorium. Research shows that money is a leading source of stress for Gen Z and Millennial women, and the financial choices made today can impact your ability to reach your dreams. Join us for a deep dive into how young women think about money and learn how to create a healthy mindset around finances. *Call* 417-882-0714.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Poetry Workshop

10 a.m.-noon for adults. Celebrate National Poetry Month with poet Robert Stephens and an easy-to-understand workshop on writing free verse poetry that will lead you through the process of having several completed poems. Registration starts April 8; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Republic Branch Library - Wild Bill Hickok and Davis Tutt: A Big Bucket of Ugly

10:30 a.m. for adults. Author and storyteller Tim Ritter will explore the background of J.B. "Wild Bill" Hickok and Davis Tutt, their families and their path to Springfield. Straight out of the Wild West days, learn how their lives twisted and turned until they found themselves facing each other with pistols on Springfield's public square in 1865, a confrontation that quickly became legend. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Park Central Branch Library - Foreign Film Discussion

10:30 a.m.-noon for adults. Watch our monthly foreign film selection in advance then meet to discuss with other cinephiles. Search the catalog for "The Country Doctor," not rated. *Call 417-831-1342*.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield - Guided Nature Walk

10:30 a.m.-noon for families with kids in grades K-5 at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, 5242 S. State Highway ZZ, Republic. Enjoy a walk through Wilson's Creek National Battlefield with library staff and staff from the reserve. Along the way, we'll learn and discover new things and relax afterward with stories from library staff. Meet at the Gibson Mill Trail (Stop 1 on the tour). Provided in partnership with Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Fix-It Fair

Noon-4 p.m. for adults in the reading room. Give your household appliances, mechanical items and even clothes a

new lease on life and reduce waste. Volunteer fixers will help repair your fixable items. No oversized, gaspowered items or safety hazards. Presented with Community Partnership of the Ozarks. *Call 417-862-0135.*

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Supermarket Smarts for Kid Chefs

1-3 p.m. for grades 3-7 in the Maker Space. Cooking helps build confidence, encourages an adventurous palate and teaches many functional life skills. Join us for this cooking series where young chefs work together with their adult caregivers to learn the art of making a meal. Learn the importance of healthy grocery shopping choices to prepare delicious and nutritious recipes. Provided in partnership with the University of Missouri Extension Greene County and Springfield Community Gardens. *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 April 6; call 417-862-0135.

Library Center - Workforce Credentials

2 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Are you seeking a new profession or interested in adding to your current credentials? Employees with Drury GO will discuss the many affordable workplace training options that can be completed in six months or less. Provided in partnership with Drury GO. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Drury University Diversity Center -African American Read-In Poetry Slam

2 p.m. for all ages at Drury University Diversity Center, 803 Drury Lane. Enjoy light refreshments and hear original poetry performed by the teen participants of the 2024 Poetry Workshop with Sha'Diya Tomlin and Dre Hill. *Call 417-862-0135.*

Sunday, April 21

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Check Mates and Board Game Buddies

2-4 p.m. for grades K and older. Play against your friends or meet a new match with our selection of chess sets and board games. Stop by for a game or three, have a snack and make a new buddy. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Monday, April 22

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Financial Literacy Month with ProsperU

10 a.m. for adults. Budgeting on a Fixed Income. Budgeting is important, especially with a fixed income. Learn the pros and cons of common budgeting methods and see which strategy is right for you with Rebecca Greene, director of ProsperU at Central Bank. Registration starts April 8; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Library Center - We Love Comics

4:30 p.m. for grades 1-3 in the Story Hour Room. Explore how art and story work together in graphic novels perfect for emerging readers. We'll have snacks and a related activity for each monthly book selection. "Bunbun & Bonbon: Hoppy Go Lucky" by Jess Keating. *Call* 417-882-0714.

Library Center - Miniature Tin Box Libraries

6-8 p.m. for adults in meeting room B. Transform an empty mint tin into your fantasy tiny library, accessorized with little books and decorations. Materials will be provided. Registration starts April 8; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341.

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Tuesday, April 23

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Bagels with the Better Business Bureau

8 a.m. for adults. Join us for bagels, coffee and a little business education with the Regional Director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau Pamela Hernandez. Level Up Your LinkedIn Skills. LinkedIn is a great platform to showcase your professional persona, and taking the time to create and maintain an updated profile is essential when building a network or finding a new job. Library Community Relations Director Vickie Hicks will share tips for making your LinkedIn profile shine, and Pamela Hernandez will discuss how to stay safe on the platform and avoid employment scams. Registration starts April 9: visit

thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-736-9233*.

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

J. R. Martin Park - Stories in the Park 10 a.m. for infants-age 6 at J. R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Join your favorite children's librarians for a weekly, outdoor storytime featuring stories, songs and activities. Meet at The Amp, we'll move to the pavilion if it rains. Provided in partnership with the

Republic Parks & Recreation Department. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

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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. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-742-4258*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Republic Branch Library - Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor

1-3 p.m. for adults. Local History Associate Michael Price will discuss the records available for studying Civil War soldiers and how to trace their military experience throughout the war. *Call* 417-732-7284.

Republic Branch Library - Small Business Funding

4 p.m. for adults. Learn about available funding opportunities to start or grow your business with a SBA Loan Officer from the Bank of Missouri. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex - Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

4-8 p.m. for all ages at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex, 3001 N. Grant Ave. It's the perfect time to build up your home library with like-new, bargain-priced books, DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks, vinyl records, games and puzzles. Adult, young adult and children's books and most audiovisuals are \$1 or less. Better books are \$2 and up. Cash or check accepted; parking is free. Proceeds benefit the Springfield-Greene County Library District. Friends Preview Night Sale: Friends members admitted free; non-members can pay \$5 at the door and join the Friends any time that night. Call 417-616-0564.

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Tree Care 101

7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. You've got trees, now what do you do with them? ISA Board Certified Master Arborist Noel Boyer will discuss how to identify problems with your trees and provide tree and plant health care tips that you can use to maintain healthy, thriving trees. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Wednesday, April 24

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Storytime Community Connect with Parents as Teachers

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Parents as Teachers is a wonderful free resource for parents of young children in our community. Meet Parent Educators from Springfield Public Schools during storytime to learn how they can help your child thrive! *Call 417-883-1974*.

Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex - Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

10 a.m.-8 p.m. for all ages at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex, 3001 N. Grant Ave. It's the perfect time to build up your home library with like-new, bargain-priced books, DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks, vinyl records, games and puzzles. Adult, young adult and children's books and most audiovisuals are \$1 or less. Better books are \$2 and up. Cash or check accepted; parking is free. Proceeds benefit the Springfield-Greene County Library District. *Call* 417-616-0564.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-751-2933*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Storytime Community Connect with Parents as Teachers

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Parents as Teachers is a wonderful free resource for parents of young children in our community. Meet Parent Educators from Springfield Public Schools during storytime to learn how they can help your child thrive! *Call 417-883-1974.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Spring Reading PALS

3:30 p.m. for ages 3 and older. Practice your reading skills with one of our favorite furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. *Registration starts April 10; call 417-616-0713.*

Library Center - Learning Opportunities in College

6:30 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Returning to school or going for the first time can be scary. Learn ways to balance your responsibilities while pursuing education with flexible, accessible and affordable options. Provided in partnership with Drury GO. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Thursday, April 25

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors

10 a.m.-noon for adults. If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a sixpart series that covers different topics at each session. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each

session. This series continues May 9 and 23. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex - Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

10 a.m.-8 p.m. for all ages at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex, 3001 N. Grant Ave. It's the perfect time to build up your home library with like-new, bargain-priced books, DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks, vinyl records, games and puzzles. Adult, young adult and children's books and most audiovisuals are \$1 or less. Better books are \$2 and up. Cash or check accepted; parking is free. Proceeds benefit the Springfield-Greene County Library District. *Call* 417-616-0564.

Republic Branch Library - Dementia Conversations

10:30 a.m. for adults. Conversations with family about dementia and changing behaviors can be challenging and uncomfortable. Learn how to break the ice with your family and address common issues that can be difficult to discuss, like doctor visits, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans for future care. Provided in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Station - Afternoon Book Discussion

1:30 p.m. for adults in the Santa Fe Room. Discuss a wide range of books in various genres, including both fiction and non-fiction titles. "No Two Persons" by Erica Bauermeister. *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. Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.

BookMarx - Banned Book Club

5:30 p.m. for adults at BookMarx, 325 E. Walnut St. Read books that have recently been in the news for being banned or challenged. We'll discuss the book, the reasons it was banned or challenged and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom. "Crank" by Ellen Hopkins. Teens age 15 and older are welcome to attend with a parent or quardian. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Library Center - DIY Woodland Moments

6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Story Hour Room. Welcome spring by creating a fairy garden and pinecone fairies. Materials will be provided. Registration starts April 11; visit

thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0526.

Friday, April 26

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

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

Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex - Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

10 a.m.-8 p.m. for all ages at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex, 3001 N. Grant Ave. It's the perfect time to build up your home library with like-new, bargain-priced books, DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks, vinyl records, games and puzzles. Adult, young adult and children's books and most audiovisuals are \$1 or less. Better books are \$2 and up. Cash or check accepted; parking is free. Proceeds benefit the Springfield-Greene County Library District. *Call* 417-616-0564.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with

stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Library Center - Elementary Poetry Café

2 p.m. for grades 3-5 in the Story Hour Room. Explore the fun of poetry through exciting activities, like poetry charades. Feel free to bring your own poems to share and maybe get some snaps! *Call* 417-882-0714.

Library Center - Middle School Poetry Café

4:30 p.m. for grades 6-8 in the Story Hour Room. Experience poetry by engaging in poetry interactives, such as black-out poetry. No writing required, but you can bring poems you've written to share and maybe get some snaps! *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Teen Anime Night 6-7:30 p.m. for age 14-grade 12 in the Frisco Room. Munch on popcorn while

Frisco Room. Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Center - High School Poetry Café

6 p.m. for grades 9-12 in the Story Hour Room. Express yourself through poetry using entertaining methods such as a poetry slam. No writing is required, but you can bring poems you've written to share and maybe get some snaps! *Call* 417-882-0714.

Saturday, April 27

Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex - Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

10 a.m.-5 p.m. for all ages at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex, 3001 N. Grant Ave. It's the perfect time to build up your home library with like-new, bargain-priced books, DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks, vinyl records, games and puzzles. Adult, young adult and children's books and most audiovisuals are \$1 or less. Better books are \$2 and up. Cash or check accepted; parking is free. Proceeds benefit the Springfield-Greene County Library District. Half Price Day. *Call 417-616-0564*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Collard Greens & Cornbread

1-3 p.m. for adults in the Maker Space. Learn how to grow and prepare collard greens with Chris Coker, Weller Community Garden vice president, and taste some delicious cornbread! Provided in partnership with Weller Community Garden. *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 April 13; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-862-0135.

Library Center - Dungeons & Dragons

4 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Story Hour Room. Want to get started with D&D but need help figuring it out? Bring your character and try out a campaign. *Call* 417-882-0714.

Library Center - 25th Anniversary SpongeBob SquarePants Celebration

5-7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Celebrate the one who lives in a pineapple under the sea and put SpongeBob knowledge to the test with trivia, followed by crafts related to all things Bikini Bottom. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Sunday, April 28

Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex - Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

1-5 p.m. for all ages at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex, 3001 N. Grant Ave. It's the perfect time to build up your home library with like-new, bargain-priced books, DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks, vinyl records, games and puzzles. Adult, young adult and children's books and most audiovisuals are \$1 or less. Better books are \$2 and up. Cash or check accepted; parking is free. Proceeds benefit the Springfield-Greene County Library District. \$1 and \$5 Bag Day. *Call 417-616-0564*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Gifts from the Heart: Mother's Day Edition

2 p.m. for grades 4-12. Pamper your mother this Mother's Day with something made by YOU! Create Homemade spa treatments, paper flower arrangements and a hand-crafted card. Materials will be provided. Registration starts April 14; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Monday, April 29

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Financial Literacy Month with ProsperU

10 a.m. for adults. Tackling Your Debt. Credit card debt is at an all-time high and growing. Learn the tools necessary for tackling debt before it gets out of hand with Rebecca Greene, director of ProsperU at Central Bank. Registration starts April 15; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Center - Diagnosed with Autism...Now What?

6:30 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Receiving an autism diagnosis can feel daunting. Hopefully, the diagnostic report includes your child's strengths and struggles and list recommendations, but where do you start? Crystal Allen, ABA Director at The Pediatric Place and providers from Burrell Behavioral Health, will discuss the critical step of "putting on your oxygen mask first," the importance of checking in on your own needs, and next steps, including connecting with your local public school, navigating waitlists and resources you can utilize while waiting on therapy availability. Call 417-882-0714.

Library Center - TikTok Made Me Read It

7 p.m. for adults in the Grafton Room. Discuss trending books made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers. "Cultish: The Language of Fanaticism" by Amanda Montell. *Call* 417-882-0714.

Tuesday, April 30

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-736-9233*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Meet the Computer

10 a.m.-noon 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; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.

J. R. Martin Park - Stories in the Park 10 a.m. for infants-age 6 at 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Join your favorite children's librarians for a weekly, outdoor storytime featuring stories, songs and activities. Meet at The Amp, we'll move to the pavilion if it rains. Provided in partnership with the Republic Parks & Recreation Department. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime 10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities.

Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-742-4258*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - History Explorers

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

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Station - Life in Recovery: A Panel Discussion

7 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Hear from members of the community about their experiences recovering from addiction. Provided in partnership with Better Life in Recovery. This program is part of a series on Addiction & Recovery. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Center - The Creek Rocks in Concert

7 p.m. for adults. The Creek Rocks' debut CD, "Wolf Hunter," is a collection of traditional but newly-interpreted folk songs inspired by the work of two Ozarks folklorists, John Quincy Wolf of Arkansas and Max Hunter of Springfield.

Join The Creek Rocks as they showcase songs from "Wolf Hunter" and share some of their sources, from well-known songwriters like Johnny Mullins to everyday Ozarkers whose voices would otherwise be lost to history. CDs will be available for purchase and signing. A Preserving the Ozarks event. *Call 417-882-0714*.

May Displays

Library Center

- The Gifts of Women: Artwork by Studio 55 Art Guild, reading room
- Collections and Stories of Missouri Military Veterans, courtesy of Steve McMurray, concourse
- Read All About It: Headlines from Springfield's Past, Local History
- Inside the Pressroom: Meet the People Behind the Newspaper, Local History
- From the Darkroom: Springfield's Historical Newspaper Photographs, Local History Magic Box

Library Station

- All Colors Are My Favorite Colors: Paintings by Penny Gordon-Chumbley
- Archives in Bloom: Photographs from the State Historical Society of Missouri

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

 Words and Pictures, presented by Arvest Bank, Randy Bacon and Ozarks Literacy Council

Park Central Branch Library

 Debut, New Series: Artwork by Katie Hopkins

Republic Branch Library

 Get Outside and Explore the Ozarks: Photography by Southwest Missouri Camera Club

Wednesday, May 1

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m.-noon for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call* 417-751-2933.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Mother Goose Tea & Stories

10:30 a.m.-noon for infants-age 6.

Celebrate National Mother Goose Day with tea, crafts, stories and songs.

Materials will be provided. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Voice Your Writing

6 p.m. for adults. Want to write a memoir or have an idea for a novel? Now's your chance to join a casual group of writers. Bring a one-page sample of your work to share with other like-minded people, with no criticism or grammar check — we just want to hear your voice. No expertise or prior writing experience necessary. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Thursday, May 2

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Ash Grove Senior Center - Walking Books

10:30 a.m. for adults at Ash Grove Senior Center, 310 N. Perryman Ave., Ash Grove. Learn about the ins and outs of the Library's Walking Books program and connect with the resources to sign up with library staffer Renee Mallonee. Call 417-751-2933.

Ash Grove Branch Library - The YA Book Crew

4 p.m. for age 15 and older. If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join this group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly-released titles. "Skyward" by Brandon Sanderson. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Center - Bricks and Books Club

6:30 p.m. for grades 3-6 in the Story Hour Room. Love books and LEGO bricks? We've got a club for you! Each month we'll read a book, chat about it and build something related to the book of the month. "The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza" by Mac Barnett. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Center - Feel Good Fiction

7 p.m. for adults in meeting room A. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion. "The Keeper of Stories" by Sally Page. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Center - Hillbilly Music in the 1950s: Si Siman and "Ozark Jubilee"

7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. As executive producer of "Ozark Jubilee," Si Siman had to sell country music to ABC television executives who viewed the Ozarks as a backwoods region and repeatedly tried to change or cancel the show because of its "hillbillyisms." Dr. Kitty Ledbetter, co-author of "Broadcasting the Ozarks: Si Siman and Country Music at the Crossroads," will look inside Siman's efforts to shape the "Ozark Jubilee" to their demands and his role in introducing country music and the Ozarks to viewers across America. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Presented in partnership with the State Historical Society of Missouri. A Preserving the Ozarks event. Call 417-882-0714.

Friday, May 3

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Center - Not a Stick!

11 a.m. for ages 2-6 in the Story Hour Room. Create different forms of art to

take home, inspired by "Not a Stick" by Antoinette Portis. Materials and sticks will be provided, but if your little ones happen to find THE perfect stick, bring it. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Ash Grove Branch Library - Local History Roundtable

4:30 p.m. for adults. Join guest speakers and fellow history lovers in a roundtable discussion of Ash Grove's history. Mike Busekrus, park superintendent at Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead State Historic Site, will examine the original location of Ash Grove, its businesses and the people that lived there. *Call 417-751-2933*.

Library Station - Teen Night!

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

Park Central Branch Library - First Friday Art Walk

6:30-9 p.m. for adults. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit. Artist Katie Hopkins presents "Debut, New Series." *Call 417-831-1342*.

Saturday, May 4

Library Station - Free Comic Book Day

10 a.m.-5 p.m. for families with children in grades K-12. Stop by the Children's or Teen Department to celebrate Comic Book Day in this annual event with themed activities and free comic books courtesy of Comic Force. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Craft & Tell

10:30 a.m. for adults. Work on a craft project of your own while chatting with fellow crafters. If you enjoy fiber arts, needlework, drawing or crafts that are portable, quiet and don't make a mess, this group is for you! *Call 417-883-1974*.

Willard Branch Library - Family LEGO Brick Day

10:30 a.m. for all ages. Bring the whole family to our LEGO brick free-for-all and challenge yourself to build something together. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Center - Nature Explorers

10:30 a.m. for grades K-2 in the Story Hour Room. We'll read "The Nature Journal: A Backyard Adventure" by Savannah Allen and record discoveries in a nature journal as we explore the outdoors, then discuss our observations together. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Plant Swap

2-4 p.m. for all ages in the reading room. Grow your jungle! Bring one or more of your own houseplants, succulents, cactus plants, cuttings or garden seedlings to swap with your neighbors. Remember to bring small

containers or jars to carry your new plant pups home. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Library Station - "May the Fourth Be with You"

2-4 p.m. for grade 6-adults in the Frisco Room. Celebrate May the Fourth at the Library with themed crafts and a virtual reality Beat Saber contest for teens and adults! *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Center - Nature Explorers

2:30 p.m. for grades 3-6 in the Story Hour Room. We'll read "Anywhere Artist" by Nikki Slade Robinson and explore our natural surroundings to inspire art, then come together to sketch ideas using the natural materials we collected. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Sunday, May 5

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

2-5 p.m. for adults. Gather friends, family and neighbors for a fun and fierce competition! Teams of up to four people will race to be the first to finish a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Space is limited, so register a team or ask to be placed on a team now. Registration starts March 30; call 417-883-1974.

Monday, May 6

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy

7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Using MSU's Historical Collection for Family Research. Anne Baker, head of Missouri State University's Special Collections and Archives, will describe the resources available online and in Duane G. Meyer Library to help fill in the stories of your family and give insight into the world they experienced. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society. *Call* 417-882-0714.

Tuesday, May 7

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Plant & Seed Swap

10 a.m. for adults. Flex your green thumb and grow your plant collection. Bring a plant or seeds of any kind to swap with fellow plant lovers. Remember to bring your own container to travel home with your new plants. *Call* 417-751-2933.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-736-9233*.

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

J. R. Martin Park - Stories in the Park

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 at J. R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Join your favorite children's librarians for a weekly, outdoor storytime featuring stories, songs and activities. Meet at The Amp, we'll move to the pavilion if it rains. Provided in partnership with the Republic Parks & Recreation Department. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-742-4258.*

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Library Station - Spooky Friends Book Club

6 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Ghosts, goblins, gore and so much more to read about in our horror book club. "This Wretched Valley" by Jenny Kiefer. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Wednesday, May 8

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to

build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-751-2933*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

Library Center - Book Discussion

1-2:30 p.m. for adults in meeting room B. "The Madstone" by Elizabeth Crook. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Fair Grove Branch Library - Book Discussion

1 p.m. for adults. "Eve: How the Female Body Drove 200 Million Years of Human Evolution" by Cat Bohannon. *Call 417-759-2637.*

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. "Being John Malkovich," rated R. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Thursday, May 9

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors

10 a.m.-noon for adults. If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a sixpart series that covers different topics at each session. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each session. This series continues May 23. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - In the Garden

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Gardens can grow outside in your yard, or they can grow in pots or in a window. Learn how to start your own garden with books, songs, activities and a take-home kit. *Call 417-862-0135.*

Republic Branch Library - Book Discussion

2 p.m. for adults. "The Housemaid" by Freida McFadden. Call 417-732-7284.

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

Strafford Branch Library - Book Discussion

4 p.m. for adults. "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien. *Call 417-736-9233.*

Downtown Springfield Association - Downtown Book Club

6-7:30 p.m. for adults at 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120. Join us to chat about our monthly title while enjoying the urban skyline at this librarysponsored book group. "Next Year in Havana" by Chanel Cleeton. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association. *Call 417-831-1342*.

Village Meeple Board Game Cafe - Books and Boards

6:30-8 p.m. for adults at Village Meeple Board Game Cafe, 1570 E. Battlefield Road, Suite F. Board games and books make the perfect pairing! Chat about our monthly title while learning to play a board game related to the book. Read "A Most Agreeable Murder" by Julia Seales and play Obsession. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Center - Sketches from Springfield: A Cartoon History

7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Cartoons have been shaping the conversation around Ozarks culture and Springfield happenings for generations. From well-known newspaper cartoonist Bob Palmer to "hillbilly" cartoonist Art Omans to photographer Betty Love's years-long stint as a newspaper staff artist, join Local History Associate Konrad Stump as he explores how these remarkable cartoonists captured history and shares how the Library's archives are preserving their work. A Preserving the Ozarks event. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - TBR in a Jar!

7-9 p.m. for adults in the Frisco Room. Make a TBR (to be read) library by creating curated picks into miniature books to keep in a jar for the next time you need a good read. Materials will be provided. Registration starts April 25; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0683.

Friday, May 10

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime 9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Northview Center - Northview Center Book Discussion

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

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Library Station - Teen Night!

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

crafts, live action role-playing and more. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar - Downtown Game Night

6-8 p.m. for adults at Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar, 431 S. Jefferson Ave. Drop in to play 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*.

Sunday, May 12

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Cookbook Book Club

3 p.m. Whatcha got cookin'? Try a Mexican recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone's recipes turned out. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged! *Call 417-883-1974*.

Monday, May 13

Willard Branch Library - Homeschool STEAM Days

2 p.m. for grades K-6. Add some pizazz to your curriculum with the Library's STEM Kits, featuring a different kit each month. *Call 417-742-4258*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Board Game Academy

6-8 p.m. for adults. Learn to play Flamme Rouge. Our experienced instructor and library staff member Adam Slemp will guide you through the complicated world of new and classic games. Play the game you just learned or bring one of your own to enjoy! *Call* 417-883-1974.

Library Center - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Center - Receiving an Autism Diagnosis Later in Life

6:30 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. With one in 36 people diagnosed with autism, there is a significant portion of autistic adults who are undiagnosed until later in life. This community is often referred to as the "lost generation" and reports not fitting in, feeling isolated, overwhelmed and anxious in most social scenarios. Crystal Allen, ABA Director at The Pediatric Place and providers from Burrell Behavioral Health, will provide information on adult autism services, including the importance of mental health supports and tools for one's daily life. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Tuesday, May 14

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their

children need to learn to read. *Call 417-736-9233.*

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

J. R. Martin Park - Stories in the Park 10 a.m. for infants-age 6 at J. R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Join your favorite children's librarians for a weekly, outdoor storytime featuring stories, songs and activities. Meet at The Amp, we'll move to the pavilion if it rains. Provided in partnership with the Republic Parks & Recreation Department. *Call* 417-732-7284.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime 10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the

Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Center - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with

stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714.*

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-742-4258*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Mystery Book Club

1:30 p.m. for adults. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone. "The Overnight Guest" by Heather Gudenkauf. *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.

Strafford Branch Library - Dog (Man) Days of Summer Are Coming!

3-5 p.m. for grades K-6. Join us for a howling good time with fun and games while enjoying a snack worthy of any crime-fighting canine, celebrating the much anticipated first day of summer, Dog Man style. *Call 417-736-9233*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - LEGO Brick Club

4-6 p.m. for grades K-5. Cultivate friendships through learning, engineering and creativity at our LEGO Brick Club. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Library Center - Mindful Moves: Chess & Checkers Club

5 p.m. for grades 4-12 in the Story Hour Room. Love chess and checkers but only play online? Here's your chance to flex and improve your skills by facing live opponents. Drop in, play some games, have snacks and make new friends. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Evening Book Discussion

6:30 p.m. for adults. "Poverty, by America" by Matthew Desmond. *Call* 417-883-1974.

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340.*

Wire Road Brewing Company - Books on Tap

7 p.m. for adults at Wire Road Brewing Company, 4453 S. Timbercreek Ave.,

Battlefield. Brewing off-beat discussions about books that aren't in the mainstream. "A Scanner Darkly" by Philip K. Dick. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Wednesday, May 15

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Center - Exploring Genealogy

10 a.m. for adults in the auditorium. Using the Genealogical Research System to Find Ancestors. Registrar for the Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Leslie Wyman will provide guidance on how to search for family members, including those who served in the Revolutionary War, using the Genealogical Research System. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and

activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-751-2933*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

Thursday, May 16

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-862-0135*.

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. Honor Flight of the Ozarks board members Gary Ellison and Ned Reynolds will share the experiences of 81 veterans and 81

guardians on their day-long trip to visit memorials in Washington D. C., featuring photos from the May 2022 Honor Flight. The trip started at 5 a.m. and ended at 10 p.m. the same day; one veteran remarked, "It was an unforgettable experience." *Call 417-883-1974*.

Contender eSports Springfield - Made Here: Contender eSports Springfield

2 p.m. for adults at Contender eSports Springfield, 3010 S. National Ave. Competitive video gaming is steadily growing, and those involved are developing leadership skills, a teamwork mindset, and a deep understanding of strategy and critical thinking. Contender eSports Springfield aims to see that, as a community, we're ready to pursue and promote this new wave of technological sports. Manager Adrian Frugé is opening the doors to their gaming facility to discuss esports, their ingredients for success and their business model. Q&A will follow the short tour presentation. This tour involves 30-40 minutes of walking and standing. Registration starts May 2; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0683.

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

Library Center - On Tour: Great Concerts in the Ozarks

7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. For decades, artists like Elvis Presley, Willie Nelson, Garth Brooks, Tina Turner and the Eagles have entertained audiences throughout the Ozarks. Local History Associate Michael Price will discuss these and other memorable musical performances from Hammons Student Center to Branson. A Preserving the Ozarks event. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Friday, May 17

Library Center - Tiny Tots Storytime

9:30 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness

10 a.m. for adults. The Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter will discuss Alzheimer's and dementia signs to watch for in you or your loved ones. Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia. Learn about the disease, treatments and ongoing research and hear from dementia experts, individuals living with dementia and caregivers. *Call* 417-883-1974.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime 10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young

children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Willard Branch Library - Movie Day!

3-5 p.m. for age 13-grade 12. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with a PG-13 or lower-rated movie and a bowl of popcorn to munch on. Popcorn provided. *Call 417-742-4258*.

Library Station - Teen Night!

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

Saturday, May 18

Fair Grove Branch Library - Craft & Chat

10 a.m.-noon for grades 6-12. Meetup with fellow crafters, work on a new project and trade ideas. Windchimes. Materials will be provided. Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.

Republic Branch Library - Music & Memories Along Route 66

10:30 a.m. for adults. From Springfield staples like Jewell Theatre and the

Shrine Mosque to more modest venues like dance halls, bars and juke joints, the stretch of Southwest Missouri along Route 66 has made significant and memorable contributions to music history on the "Mother Road." Local historians and archivists — including Tom Peters, Susan Croce Kelly, Sean FitzGibbons and Tracie Gieselman France — will discuss how music on Route 66 grew and thrived, share stories behind famous songs and shows, and explore efforts to preserve photographs, recordings, publicity items and other media. A Preserving the Ozarks event. Call 417-732-7284.

Park Central Branch Library - Foreign Film Discussion

10:30 a.m.-noon for adults. Watch our monthly foreign film selection in advance then meet to discuss with other cinephiles. Search the catalog for "The Quiet Girl," rated PG-13. *Call 417-831-1342*.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Kid Chefs & Family Meals

1-3 p.m. for grades 3-7 in the Maker Space. Cooking helps build confidence, encourages an adventurous palate and teaches many functional life skills. Join us for this cooking series where young chefs work together with their adult caregivers to learn the art of making a meal. Young cooks learn how to save money using leftovers to prepare flavorful meals for the family. Provided in partnership with the University of Missouri Extension Greene County and Springfield Community Gardens. *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 May 4; call 417-862-0135.

Library Center - Succulent Swap

1-3 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Learn about succulent propagation and bring your starts to swap with fellow succulent enthusiasts. Remember to bring your own container to take your new plants home in. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Library Station - Follow Along: Sashiko Sewing

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

Sunday, May 19

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Check Mates and Board Game Buddies

2-4 p.m. for grades K and older. Play against your friends or meet a new match with our selection of chess sets and board games. Stop by for a game or three, have a snack and make a new buddy. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Monday, May 20

Library Center - TikTok Made Me Read It

7 p.m. for adults in the Grafton Room. Discuss trending books made popular on BookTok with fellow readers. "Assistant to the Villain" by Hannah Nichole Maehrer. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Tuesday, May 21

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-736-9233.*

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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J. R. Martin Park - Stories in the Park 10 a.m. for adults at J. R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Join your favorite children's librarians for a weekly, outdoor storytime featuring stories, songs and activities. Meet at The Amp, we'll move to the pavilion if it rains. Provided in partnership with the Republic Parks & Recreation Department. *Call 417-732-7284.*

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime 10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language

with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-742-4258*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Ash Grove Branch Library - Ash Grove Bibliophiles

1:30 p.m. for adults. BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Whatever we want? Yes! Bring any title you enjoy to discuss with others in the community. *Call 417-751-2933.*

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Mindful Doodles

3:30 p.m. for grades 3-5 in the Children's Department. Relax your body and calm your mind. Explore new doodle techniques and learn about some of our collection's most popular graphic novels. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Dabbling in Art

4-6 p.m. for age 15-adult. Join us for an evening of diamond painting, a unique method of painting without a paintbrush. Try something new, learn from others and have a creative time. Materials will be provided. *Call 417-751-2933*.

Library Station - Pajama Storytime

6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Wednesday, May 22

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and

activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-751-2933*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

Garbo's Pizzeria - Rosie Book Club

4 p.m. for adults at Garbo's Pizzeria, 2101 W. Chesterfield St. Chat about titles that spark conversation with other women in business at this bimonthly book group, where we meet at a different women-owned business each session. "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng. Presented in partnership with Leadership Springfield's Rosie project. Registration required; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Thursday, May 23

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Bagels with the Better Business Bureau

8 a.m. for adults. Join us for bagels,

coffee and a little business education with the Regional Director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau Pamela Hernandez. Social Media Safety. Social media can be a powerful element in a small business marketing plan, so don't let the scammers lurking on social platforms derail your efforts. Pamela Hernandez will share basic social media safety tips and red flags to watch for to avoid scams. Registration starts May 9; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - iPhone Class for Seniors

10 a.m.-noon for adults. If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a sixpart series that covers different topics at each session. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each session. This is the final session in the series. *Call 417-883-1974.*

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-862-0135*.

Republic Branch Library - Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

10:30 a.m. for adults. Scientific research can provide insight into how lifestyle choices impact your brain and body as you age. Learn about diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social

engagement research, and use handson tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Provided in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Station - Afternoon Book Discussion

1:30 p.m. for adults in the Santa Fe Room. Discuss a wide range of books in various genres, including both fiction and non-fiction titles. "The River We Remember" by William Kent Krueger. *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; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.

BookMarx - Banned Book Club

5:30 p.m. for adults at BookMarx, 325 E. Walnut St. Read books that have recently been in the news for being banned or challenged. We'll discuss the book, the reasons it was banned or challenged and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom. "Parable of the Sower: A Graphic Novel Adaptation" by Damian Duffy and John Jennings; based on the work of Octavia Butler. Teens age 15 and older are welcome to

attend with a parent or guardian. *Call* 417-862-0135.

Library Center - Cosplay Crash Course

6-8 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Story Hour Room. Can't afford expensive cosplays but still want to dress as your favorite characters? We'll teach you methods to make your own, focusing on a specific fandom or theme each month. Get creative with household items, meet other cosplay enthusiasts, and enjoy snacks and music while you craft! Ani-MAY: Anime Weapons & Armor. Materials will be provided. Registration starts May 9; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0526.

Library Center - Stories from the Scene

7 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Recent Springfield history is full of significant events, fascinating characters and indelible moments. Veteran Springfield journalists Mike O'Brien, Sony Hocklander and Kathleen O'Dell will share images, memories, and behind-the-scenes anecdotes from some of their most unforgettable stories, as well as insights into the changing landscape and future of journalism in the Ozarks. A Preserving the Ozarks event. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Friday, May 24

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Library Station - Teen Anime Night

6-7:30 p.m. for 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*.

Library Center - Ani-MAY!

6-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the auditorium. Share your love of anime with other enthusiasts through drawing, making candy sushi and chatting about your favorite anime. *Call 417-882-0714*.

Saturday, May 25

Library Center - Dungeons & Dragons 4 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Story Hour Room. Want to get started with D&D but need help figuring it out? Bring your character and try out a campaign. *Call* 417-882-0714.

Tuesday, May 28

Strafford Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their

children need to learn to read. *Call 417-736-9233.*

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

J. R. Martin Park - Stories in the Park 10 a.m. for infants-age 6 at J. R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Join your favorite children's librarians for a weekly, outdoor storytime featuring stories, songs and activities. Meet at The Amp, we'll move to the pavilion if it rains. Provided in partnership with the Republic Parks & Recreation Department. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime 10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the

Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Willard Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to

build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-742-4258*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Republic Branch Library - Native American Genealogy

1-3 p.m. for adults. Learn how to research your Native American ancestors using printed and online resources available through the Library, with help from Local History Associate Renee Glass. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Republic Branch Library - Leveraging Library Data to Start or Scale Your Business

4 p.m. for adults. Whether you need to do market research, identify potential consumers, or pinpoint your target market for a new business, we provide some powerful tools to help. Librarians Kim Flores and Katy Pattison will demonstrate how to find the data you need to start or scale a business with three library resources: Reference Solutions, Gale: Demographics Now and Business Insights: Global. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Library Center - Dementia Conversations

6:30 p.m. for adults in the auditorium. Conversations with family about dementia and changing behaviors can be challenging and uncomfortable.

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Learn how to break the ice with your family and address common issues that can be difficult to discuss, like doctor visits, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans for future care. Provided in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter. *Call 417-882-0714*.

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

Wednesday, May 29

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Republic Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-732-7284*.

Ash Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and

activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-751-2933*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-883-1974*.

Fair Grove Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

11 a.m. for infants-age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-759-2637*.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Spring Reading PALS

3:30 p.m. for ages 3 and older. Practice your reading skills with one of our favorite furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. *Registration starts May 15; call 417-616-0713.*

Thursday, May 30

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Racing to Read Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *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; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-837-5011.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Ozarks Women in Media

7 p.m. for adults. The history of the Ozarks — its stories, culture and characters — has long been preserved through the efforts of women in media. whether in writing, radio or filmmaking. Joy Robertson, former news anchor and lifestyle host, will speak with Stella Blackmon, filmmaker, producer and editor; Greta Cross, trending topics reporter at the Springfield News-Leader; Michele Skalicky, news director at KSMU Radio; and Sha'Diya Tomlin, KOLR/KRBK reporter, about their work telling the region's stories, navigating the media industry, and approaching news reporting and storytelling in an ever-changing landscape. Presented in partnership with the State Historical Society of Missouri. A Preserving the Ozarks event. Call 417-883-1974.

Friday, May 31

Library Station - Tiny Tots Storytime

10 a.m. for infants-36 months in the Story Hour Room. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read. *Call 417-865-1340*.

Library Station - Racing to Read Storytime

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

Library Station - Teen Night!

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