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April 11 at the Library Center

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One Book — One Community

One Read

FAMILY RIVALRY. PALACE INTRIGUE. LOVE. LOSS. VENGEANCE. HOPE.
IT’S ALL THERE IN THE 2019 ONE READ TITLE, “CIRCE,” BY MADELINE MILLER.

About the book …

In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child — not powerful like her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Turning to the world of mortals for companionship, Circe discovers she does possess power — the power of witchcraft — which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods, themselves. “Gods and monsters aside,” Miller says, “they are intensely human.”

See why “Circe” is called “a triumph of storytelling” and “a celebration of indomitable female strength in a man’s world.” Read it now! Pick up a copy of the book or audiobook at the Library, or get the e-book from OverDrive at thelibrary.org/digital.

Learn more at thelibrary.org/oneread.

Madeline Miller

Madeline Miller grew up in New York City and Philadelphia, near where she lives now. At Brown University she earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Classics. She has taught and tutored Latin, Greek and Shakespeare to high school students for the past 20 years.

Miller has also studied at the University of Chicago’s Committee on Social Thought, and in the Dramaturgy Department at Yale School of Drama, where she focused on the adaptation of classical texts to modern forms.


Meet Madeline Miller on Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m. in the Library Center during Gods and Monsters: An Evening with Madeline Miller.

Books will be available for purchase and signing after the event.

“Circe” author Madeline Miller says the characters of Greek mythology speak to us today because they are just like us — with the same joys and struggles — and dysfunctional families. Read why she was inspired to tackle mythology in her interview with the Library at thelibrary.org/oneread/interview.cfm

Photo: Nina Subin

“Circe” book jacket design by Will Staehle
You're invited to celebrate the One Read book, “Circe” with a **Greek Wine Tasting**

Enjoy regional Greek wines, dancing and capture your inner god — or goddess — at our photo booth!

**Saturday, March 2, 7-9 p.m. • The Annex By Arris’ Pizza**

1332 E. Republic Road, Springfield

For guests 21 and older • $50 per person.

Buy tickets online at yourlibraryfoundation.org, or call 616-0586.

Thank you to the St. Thomas the Apostle Greek Festival Dancers.

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**ENJOY THE FANTASY OF “CIRCE” IN THESE ONE READ PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & TEENS.**

**Myths and Muses: Transforming Classic Tales Through Art, Reception and Exhibit**

Friday, March 1, 5–8 p.m. at the Creamery Arts Center, 411 N. Sherman Parkway. A reception opening the exhibit of works by local artists using a variety of media to transform classic tales and muses into something new and modern. Exhibition continues Monday, March 4–Friday, March 29, at the Creamery; and through April at the Park Central Branch Library.

**Brown Bag Travelogue**

Wednesday, March 20, 12:30 p.m.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Sit back, relax and explore Crete, Birthplace of the Gods. Just beneath the surface of modern-day Crete, the ancient Minoan civilization waits to be discovered. Join Gloria Galanes, professor emerita and former dean, College of Arts and Letters at Missouri State University, as she shares her travels throughout her second home in Crete. You’re welcome to bring a sack lunch.

**The Truth Ain’t in Us: Mythology and the Mythological Ozarks**

Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m.

Library Center auditorium. Terrible animals and Paul Bunyan-type men of incredible strength make up the mythology of the Ozarks, but there are also myths about the Ozarks regarding race and backwardness. Dr. Brooks Blevins, author of “A History of the Ozarks” and the Noel Boyd Professor of Ozarks Studies at Missouri State University, will flesh out the tall tales and time-worn notions about our area and peoples. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the event.

**“Clash of the Titans” at the Moxie**

Friday, March 22, 8:30 p.m. Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Perseus battles Medusa and the Kraken to save the Princess Andromeda in this campy 1981 cinema classic, rated PG. Be sure to get there early and “dress like an Ancient Greek” for our photo booth! Admission is free.

**Pushing Back: From Circe to #MeToo**

Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m. Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. The stories of Circe, Captain Marvel and the #MeToo movement all revolve around women speaking up and fighting back. Join Missouri State University professors Dr. Erin Kenny, Michael Frizzell and Dr. Holly Holland as they connect centuries-old powerful female deities, modern American-made superheroines and current movements in the media for a stirring discussion of female power and where we go from here.

**Modern Day Odysseus**

Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m., Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. For three months in 2017, Drury University’s Jalen Price lived on the island of Aegina in Greece, studying architecture and traveling to Athens, Thessaloniki, Meteora and Nafplio. Jalen will discuss his experiences there and how he’s grown from his personal “Greek Odyssey.”
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Friday, March 29, 7–9 p.m. for adults age 21 and older at Missouri Spirits, 507 W. Walnut St. Greek mythology has woven its way in and out of books, movies and music for decades. Recruit and register a team of 3–6, then prove your pop culture trivia prowess in six rounds of trivia. Rounds will be scored and prizes will be awarded to the top team! Registration starts March 14; call 883-5341.

Blockbusters at the Library
Saturdays, 3–5:30 p.m. at the Fair Grove Branch Library, for age 13 and older. We’re celebrating the One Read with movies, rated PG-13, based on Greek mythology, popcorn provided.
• April 13, “O Brother, Where Art Thou?”
• April 27, “Hercules,” 2014.

Get Lost in Mythology
Wednesday, April 3, 3–5 p.m., Fair Grove Branch Library, for grades 5–12. Get lost in Ancient Greek mythology with “Saint Seiya: The Lost Canvas,” not rated. This anime film follows three childhood friends who become locked in a battle to save the world.

First Friday Art Walk
Friday, April 5, 6 p.m. Park Central Branch Library. Join us for First Friday Art Walk featuring all things Greek! Watch or join in a round of Greek dancing! Traditional Greek coffee and kouloudia (crispy Greek vanilla cookies) will be available for purchase from our next-door friends at The Coffee Ethic. On Display: Myths and Muses, artwork inspired by the One Read.

Gods and Monsters: An Evening with Madeline Miller
Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m. Library Center. New York Times best-selling author Madeline Miller sits down for a discussion about her writing, her fascination with Circe and her interest in bringing Ancient Greek mythology to a modern-day audience. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the event.

Explore “Circe” with others at a book discussion
• Friday, March 8, 10:30 a.m. Northview Book Discussion, for senior adults in the Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St.
• Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
• Wednesday, March 13, 1–2:30 p.m. Library Center meeting room B
• Thursday, March 28, 1:30 p.m. Library Station Santa Fe Room
• Thursday, March 28, 4 p.m. Strafford Branch Library
• Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 p.m. Midtown Carnegie Branch Library upstairs meeting room
• Wednesday, April 10, 1:30 p.m., Fair Grove Branch Library
• Tuesday, April 16, 1:30 p.m. Ash Grove Branch Library

The One Read is funded by the Friends of the Library, with additional funds provided by Drury University’s F.W. Olin Library.
The Friends of the Library
Spring Book Sale is May 1–5!

Get ready to load up on bargain-priced books, DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks, vinyl records, games and puzzles.

The Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale is May 1–5 at the E*Plex, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N. Grant Ave. Don’t miss the Friends Night Preview Sale April 30.

Adult, young adult and children’s books and most audio-visuals are $1 or less. Better books are $2 and up. Cash or check accepted, and parking is always free.

Friends Night Preview Sale

Get a first look at everything! Tuesday, April 30, 5–8 p.m. Friends members get in free, non-members can pay $5 at the door to shop the special sale hours.

Avoid the wait at the door! Join the Friends now. Visit thelibrary.org/friends, or call Pat Woodward, membership chairman, 831-6446.

Regular Sale & Special Events

• Hours: Wednesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
• Saturday, Half-Price Day, (please note adjusted hours) 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
• Sunday, Bag Day, 1–5 p.m.

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

Get in on the Silent Auction

Shipwreck! Own a piece of history. The 2019 Spring Book Sale silent auction features a framed collection of authenticated artifacts recovered from the 1956 wreck of the Andrea Doria ocean liner. Artifacts include preserved U.S. and Italian currency. For details about the item or bidding process, call Bill at 850-1999.

Proceeds benefit the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

Follow the Friends on Facebook: Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

Donating items?

The Friends accept donated books and media in good condition at all 10 library branches during library hours. To learn what items they accept, visit thelibrary.org/friends, scroll down and click on Donate.

Sample the Arts — Families Matter

What’s Art & Music Doing in My STEAM Program?

Kids and parents love our ongoing series that teaches STEAM skills to children and teens. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

Many of our most popular programs already focus on science, engineering and technology, so we’re using a new grant to create Sample the Arts — STEAM programs with a focus on art and music.

What does art and music have to do with STEAM skills? A lot!

• Artists who create mobiles have to understand the principles of kinetic energy.
• Musicians rely on symbols and patterns to create symphonies, while mathematicians look for patterns to explain the unknown.
• Many of the skills we learn and use while playing with art and music reinforce engineering, science and math knowledge.

Check out the Sample the Arts programs we’re offering through May for families and teens. Families play a strong role in helping their children develop the STEAM skills they will need to be competitive and successful in the workforce of the future. While we encourage parents and caregivers to join their kids in the play and learning, it isn’t always required.

All Sample the Arts programs will include conversation starters that children and teens can take away so you can continue the learning at home.

Look for this symbol for all the Sample the Arts programs in the Kids and Families programs listings.
Statistics and comments are from the 2018 Summer Reading Program.

PERCENT AGREED ...

Child’s reading ability improved … 68%  
“We read WAY more than normal! My kids loved having an incentive. The increase in reading time helped them to realize how fun recreational reading can be.”

Child learned something new … 96%  
“My youngest is 6 and learning how to read. His sight words improved SO much over the summer.”

Child is confident about what they learned … 96%  
“They read a lot more and even became more interested in more various subjects to help them continue to keep researching and reading to learn more things.”

Summer is a time for learning and growing at the Library, and the annual Summer Reading Program is dedicated to supporting young learners and their families. The Library hosts the summer program for children from birth to age 18, and awards a free book for completing the program.

Summer Counts  
At the Springfield-Greene County Libraries!

12,714  
Number of youth who participated in the Library’s Summer Reading Program

15,047  
New books awarded to participants (Funding provided by Friends of the Library.)

128,844  
Hours spent reading

“[My son] likes to pick out his books now and read them to me instead of me reading to him. Before, he didn’t like to sit and read.”

111,796  
Literacy-building activities completed

“The activities provided new ideas of things to do. The book suggestions gave new ideas on books they would otherwise never have given a second thought.”

The 302 parents responding to our program survey told us the program added value to their children’s literacy and their love of learning and reading!

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Join Us for the Library’s Third Annual How-To Festival Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m.–2:15 p.m. at The Library Center

1 day, 25 presentations and 100 percent free!
The Library Center will be a one-stop how-to extravaganza with local experts joining Library staff in a lively series of lessons and hands-on experiences. The How-To Festival will offer sessions on a wide variety of topics including...

- How to Design Characters for Comics, Games and Film, a hands-on session with artist Gary Bedell
- How to Customize Your Personal Care Routine with Oils, Clays and Cleansers with Anne Dezort, owner of SOAP Refill Station
- How to Cook Under Pressure Using Instant Pots and Pressure Cookers with Library staff member Vanessa Scudder
- How to Choose the Right Pet for Your Family with Rob Hardy from C.A.R.E.

A full schedule of topics and presenters will be available March 1. Pick up a copy at any branch or the Mobile Library or visit thelibrary.org/howtofestival.

Learn About Ozarks Ecology, Leave No Trace and Other Ways to Celebrate Earth Day

Whether you’re looking to reduce your carbon footprint, improve water quality or other ways to protect the environment, there are many ways to celebrate Earth Day, April 22, with the Library.

Make plans to Leave No Trace and minimize your ecological footprint when you’re floating and camping in the Ozarks and elsewhere during Leave No Trace: Big Adventure, Tiny Impact at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 22, in the Library Center auditorium.

A panel of authors and experts will explore issues surrounding water quality, land use and natural resources of the Ozarks during Living Ozarks: Our History and Legacy to Future Generations from 7–9 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, in the Library Center auditorium.

And that’s not all. Go underground with Watershed Committee of the Ozarks and see how our actions impact our waterways, make crafts with recycled materials and more. Look for the Earth icon in the program listings for details about these programs and other Earth Day events.
Now you can satisfy your midnight movie cravings, or check out a best-seller after hours!

The Library Express West is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That means you can use your library card to browse titles, check out books, DVDs and music CDs at your convenience.

The Library Express West is the Library’s only outdoor, full-service kiosk. It’s located on Springfield’s west side in Orchard Plaza at 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway, under the red roof. The vending unit is under a lighted, protective canopy, so you can use it any time of the day or night, and in any weather.

Here’s all you can do at the Library Express West:

• Browse through the unit’s window at up to 340 items for children, teens and adults.

• Scan your library card or key in your card number to check out items.

• Place items on hold from the touch screen catalog or remotely online with your library card number through tbelibrary.org/catalog and have them delivered to the Library Express West or any other library location or Mobile Library.

• Return items checked out from there or any library location or Mobile Library.

• Learn about new Library services and upcoming events.

• Access Wi-Fi daily from 5:30 a.m.–11 p.m.

The new kiosk is within walking distance of several west-side neighborhoods, businesses and restaurants, the Max and Una Lilley Park, and it’s next to a Springfield City Utilities bus stop. On your way to the Springfield Regional Airport, pick up a book for your travels!

New Series: How to Prevent Opioid Addiction in Your Family

Greene County has one of Missouri’s highest rates of hospital emergency room visits due to opioid misuse and overdose, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The average age of first use/misuse of prescription drugs for Greene County students is 11.61 years. Make plans to attend this series presented by students from the UMKC School of Pharmacy at MSU, working with Community Partnership of the Ozarks to promote a preventive approach to opioid addiction in southwest Missouri.

Medication Safety for Parents
Tuesday, April 16, 6 p.m., in the Midtown Carnegie Branch upstairs meeting room. When curious kids and teens get access to prescription medications, the results can be disastrous. Learn about medication misuse and abuse among older kids and teens, and how to manage your prescription medications safely in this presentation just for parents.

Medication Safety for Older Adults and Caregivers
Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. in the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch community room. Many older adults struggle with medication safety and management. Learn how you or someone you care for can better manage their medicine cabinet.

Medication Safety for Adults
Tuesday, April 23, 6 p.m. in the Library Station Santa Fe Room. Prescription medications help us live longer and healthier lives. They can also produce harmful effects when not used properly. Learn about the dangers of medication misuse and abuse and how to safely manage your prescription medications.
Enjoy these Library programs planned at other locations.

**One Big Party: A Greek Wine Tasting to Celebrate “Circe”**
Saturday, March 2, 7–9 p.m. for adults age 21 and older at The Annex By Arris’ Pizza, 1332 E. Republic Road. Take part in Greek dancing and a photo booth where you can dress like a Greek. Opa! This Library Foundation event is $20 per person; purchase tickets at yourlibraryfoundation.org. *A One Read event.*

**Notable & Notorious Women of Hazelwood Cemetery**
At 6 p.m. at the Hazelwood Cemetery, 1642 E. Seminole St. From Civil War nurses and governors’ wives to fortune tellers and jilted lovers, hear the stirring (and sordid) stories of some of Hazelwood’s most interesting female inhabitants from Local History Associate Konrad Stump and Ozarks Alive founder Kaitlyn McConnell. Each walk is limited to 20 participants. *Registration starts March 4; call 616-0534.*
- Wednesday, March 20
- Monday, March 25

**Northview Book Discussion**
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. for senior adults at the Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St. Join us at the Northview Center in Doling Park for this library-sponsored book group just for seniors.
- March 8: “Circe” by Madeline Miller. *A One Read event.*
- April 12: “The Last Ballad” by Wiley Cash.
- May 10: “Before We Were Yours” by Lisa Wingate.

**My Favorite Crime Book Club**
Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. for age 21 and older at Tie & Timber Beer Co., 1451 E. Cherry St. Do you have a “favorite” serial killer? Are you fascinated by forensics? This true crime book discussion is for you.
- March 20: “Truevine: Two Brothers, a Kidnapping, and a Mother’s Quest: A True Story of the Jim Crow South” by Beth Macy.

**Donuts & Death**
Tuesdays, 6 p.m. at Hurts Donut Company, 320 Park Central West. Horror has never tasted so sweet. Join our horror book club and sink your teeth into a good book while enjoying Hurts donuts.
- April 9: “The Halloween Tree” by Ray Bradbury.

**South Side Senior Center Book Discussion**
Thursdays, 1 p.m. at the South Side Senior Center, 2215 S. Fremont Ave.
- April 18: “The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane” by Lisa See.
Libraries Close for Holidays

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

- Sunday, April 21
- Monday, May 27

Return your books and materials to the book drops located at each branch, at the Price Cutter Plus Book Stop at 3260 E. Battlefield Road, and the book drop in the driveway at the east entrance of the C.H. “Chub” O’Reilly Cancer Center, 2055 S. Fremont Ave., or in the drop slot just inside the building’s entrance.

Library branches, drive-up windows and the Mobile Library will reopen for regular business hours on the days following the closures.

Enjoy these Library programs planned at other locations.

**Books & Brew**

Thursdays, 6 p.m. at Mother’s Brewing Company, 215 S. Grant Ave. Enjoy a cold glass of beer and discuss aspects of American culture.

- March 21: “American Witches: A Broomstick Tour through Four Centuries” by Susan Fair.
- May 16: “Paperback Crush: The Totally Radical History of 80s and 90s Teen Fiction” by Gabrielle Moss.

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**Jordan Creek Underground Tour**

Friday, April 19, for adults age 18 and older only. Discover the history of Jordan Creek, a graffiti-covered, urban stream that runs below downtown Springfield. This guided tour, led by the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, will explore the history of waterways within Springfield and reflect on how our actions impact their future. Tours meet at the west end of the parking lot at 319 N. Main Ave. and require the ability to climb in and out of the creek using a stepladder. You will also be underground and wading in shallow water (6–12 inches), so bring a flashlight and close-toed shoes (preferably waterproof). Each tour limited to 20 participants. *Registration starts March 29; call 883-5341.*

- 2–3:30 p.m.
- 5:30–7 p.m.

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Library Weather and Emergency Closing Policy

Springfield-Greene County Library District facilities will open at 10 a.m. if the corresponding public school district in your community closes due to inclement weather.

If weather or other emergency conditions necessitate, any early closing or all-day closing of a branch or the entire Library District will be announced through the media, on the Library’s website, thelibrary.org, and on the district Facebook page, facebook.com/thelibrary.org.

You can also call the Library’s emergency hotline to learn about closings or service delays at 616-0620.

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Ash Grove Branch Library

**Flying Needles**
Tuesdays, March 12, April 9 and May 14, 1:30 p.m. Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Work on your current projects, share patterns and ideas, and check out our knitting and crochet resources. All levels of experience are welcome.

**Ash Grove Bibliophiles**
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- April 16: “Circe” by Madeline Miller. A One Read event.

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Fair Grove Branch Library

**Crafts and Cappuccino**
Saturday, March 2, 1–4 p.m. for grade 3–adult. Have a crafting project you can’t seem to finish? Want to try something new? Relax with a warm beverage and uninterrupted crafting time. Bring your own projects or loot the library’s supplies to create one! Refreshments, some materials and a small craft will be provided.

**Book Discussion**
Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- April 10: “Circe” by Madeline Miller. A One Read event.
- May 8: “All Creatures Great and Small” by James Herriot.

**Shamrock Shenanigans**
Saturday, March 16, 2–4 p.m. for grade K–adult. Try your luck with a St. Patrick’s Day craft and watch the Disney classic “Darby O’Gill and the Little People,” rated G. Materials will be provided.

**Blockbusters at the Library**
Saturdays, 3–5:30 p.m. for age 13 and older. We’re celebrating the One Read with movies based on Greek mythology, popcorn provided. A One Read event.

**Bluegrass in the Park**
Saturday, May 18, 1–3 p.m. for all ages. Kick off the Summer Reading Program with an afternoon of live music by Red Bridge
Travel Plans? Apply for a Passport at Two Libraries

Planning a winter trip? Thinking of spring travels abroad?

Make it easy on yourself and apply for a passport at one of two libraries — the Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave., or the Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expressway.

Both branches accept passport applications during convenient hours and days — perfect for busy people and families. Passport photos are also available for $10.

The Library cannot renew passports.

The service is available 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday–Saturday, and 1–4 p.m. on Sunday. No appointment is necessary.

Before going to the library, get complete information about required documents and fees by visiting the U.S. State Department website at travel.state.gov, or call 1-877-487-2778 or 1-888-874-7793 (TDD/TTY).

programs for adults

Fair Grove Branch continued

Bluegrass in the park behind the library. We’ll have space-themed activities made with recycled household products for kids. Bring a picnic for the family; no alcohol allowed. The concert will move indoors in the case of bad weather. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

A Universe of Stories: “Big Fish”
Saturday, May 25, 3–5:30 p.m. for age 13 and older. Kick off your summer reading with popcorn and “Big Fish,” rated PG-13, a film about fact, fiction and “an adventure as big as life itself.”

Library Center

Exploring Genealogy
Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.
• Monday, March 4, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Searching for Superman. Local History and Genealogy Manager Brian Grubbs will discuss how to analyze historical letters and use them to piece together your family history. Using your new skills and excerpts from Superman comics, you will trace the Kent family genealogy and analyze Civil War letters.
• Wednesday, March 20, 10 a.m. at the Midtown Carnegie Branch. Like Family: The Ozarks Genealogical Society and the Springfield-Greene County Library. See page 20 for details about this event.
• Monday, April 1, 7 p.m. in meeting rooms A and B. Was Your Family Affected by the Influenza Pandemic (1918–1920)? Learn how the influenza pandemic affected the Ozarks and beyond, and discover some unusual sources that might reveal how the pandemic affected your family. Guest speaker is genealogy researcher Michelle L. Spencer, who has written extensively on the military and spoken about the Spanish Influenza and WWI at the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City. Her recent work was included in the TV show “Who Do You Think You Are?”
• Wednesday, April 17, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. Sifting Through the Ashes. Writing about a tragic house fire that occurred 60 years ago can be challenging when none of the survivors is still alive. Author Tim Ritter will give a multimedia presentation about encountering brick walls in research, sifting through family legends and taking chances that lead to incredible discoveries and connections to the past.

Harry Potter Wand Making
Wednesday, March 6, 7–9 p.m. for adults only in the Story Hour Room. Ever wonder what wand would choose you? Learn more about wands and craft your very own with other Harry Potter fans. Materials will be provided. Registration starts February 20; call 883-5341.

Simple Steps for Starting Your Business
Thursdays, 6–8 p.m. in meeting room B. Is starting a business right for you? Attend this comprehensive workshop series to help you test your new business idea and get started on the right path. These five, free two-hour sessions cover:

- Identifying your business
- Creating a business plan
- Financing your business
- Testing your idea
- Understanding your customer

SCORE Southwest Missouri
For the life of your business.
sessions will help you understand the basics of assessing a business idea, marketing your product or service, business financials and how they work, and how to fund and finance your business. Free, one-on-one mentoring will also be available. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri SCORE. Call 417-986-4730 to register.

• March 14: Session 2 — Business Concept. Get step-by-step guidance in researching your idea, your market and your competition. You will learn to identify your target markets, describe your products and services and collect key competitive information to support your feasibility plan. Registration starts February 21.

• March 21: Session 3 — Marketing Plan. This workshop will introduce you to marketing communication methods and tools to maximize your customer reach. Topics include pricing strategies, positioning, the difference between features and benefits and different marketing strategies. You’ll learn to outline your marketing strategy, test your marketing message, choose the right sales channel and exercise your marketing strategy. Registration starts March 21.

• March 28: Session 4 — Financial Projections. This session includes hands-on exercises to help you better understand financial concepts, how to use the SCORE financial model to forecast sales revenue and build solid pro-forma financial forecasts. Topics include sales and prices, financial risks and rewards, true start-up costs, ongoing operating expenses, setting benchmarks for tracking progress and organizing your financial information. Registration starts March 14.

• April 4: Session 5 — Funding Sources. Learn how to finance your small business with information on funding sources, accounting, the six C’s of credit, banking relations, ratio analysis and monthly preparation and review of financial statements. A bank loan officer will give an inside view of how a banker assesses the merits of business plans and loan applications. Registration starts March 21.

“Bushwhacker Belles: The Sisters, Wives, and Girlfriends of the Missouri Guerrillas”

Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Often overlooked in Civil War history, women played a crucial part, including the “Bushwhacker Belles,” who risked their lives and freedom to protect and comfort the guerrilla soldiers who were their brothers, husbands and friends. Author and historian Larry Wood will discuss the brave women who acted as spies, go-betweens and guides, their clashes with federal authorities and what conclusions we can draw about why they fought like demons for those they loved. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Borrow...Grow...Share. Heirloom Seed Library Opens March 1

It’s a sure sign of spring — the Heirloom Seed Library reopens March 1 at the Library Station and Midtown Carnegie Branch Library. The collection includes more than 50 varieties of vegetables from beans to zucchini, herbs and flowers. Check out up to four packets for a home or community garden. You don’t have to return the seeds, but gardeners are invited to harvest and save the seeds, label and return them at the end of the season.

The seeds in the Heirloom Seed Library were funded by Farmers Gastropub; other seeds and related programs were funded or donated by Central High School Botanical Society, Walmart, Wickman Gardens; and volunteer seed savers Jeff Miller, Janet Trimmel and John Greenler.

Learn more by visiting thelibrary.org/seedlibrary, or ask a librarian.
Save the Date: LibraryCon August 17

Celebrate your fandoms and geekiness at LibraryCon 2019!

Our 5th annual family-friendly, all-ages event takes place on Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Library Center.

LibraryCon 2019 features:

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• Author and illustrator panels
• Draw-Alongs
• Tabletop Gaming Demos
• Vendor tables
• Photo ops

And more!

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Genealogy Symposium: Finding Female Ancestors
Saturday, March 9, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
• 9:30–10:30 a.m. Dower Rights in Missouri. Christina Miller, senior reference archivist with the Missouri State Archives, will look at the laws and records related to dower and land ownership for women in Missouri.
• 11 a.m.–noon. DNA Illuminates a Woman Hidden in the Shadows of Her Father and Husbands. Certified Genealogist Patti Hobbs will discuss the process used to identify a nameless female ancestor using DNA and traditional evidence.
• 1–2 p.m. Women’s Social Resources. In attics and basements, repositories and museums are postcards, photo albums, autograph books and scrapbooks of newspaper clippings — all resources generally kept by women and telling the stories of women’s lives. Local History Associate Konrad Stump will discuss what these sources can tell and where to find them.
• 2:30–3:30 p.m. Grandma Wasn’t a Cherokee Princess: Exploring Cherokee Genealogy. Tracing Cherokee roots is easier than you think. Jami Lewis, archivist with the State Historical Society of Missouri, will discuss the unique aspects of researching Cherokee genealogy. Topics will include Cherokee census rolls and how to find and use them, enrollment criteria for the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes and the myths associated with Cherokee heritage.

Sunday Concert Series
Sundays, 2 p.m. in the auditorium. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

• March 10: Enjoy bluegrass, country and comedy by the SouthWynns, a family band featuring three generations of performers.
• April 14: The Bob Holden Jazz Ensemble will perform big band arrangements from the 40s–90s. The band features players ages 15–77, allowing young musicians the chance to learn jazz styles and perform with professionals and other experienced musicians.

Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 1–2:30 p.m. in meeting room B.
• March 13: “Circe” by Madeline Miller. A One Read event.
• April 10: “The Woman in Black” by Susan Hill.
• May 8: “Dodge City: Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, and the Wickedest Town in the American West” by Tom Clavin.

Parent Café: Special Needs Edition
Friday, March 15, 6-8 p.m. in the auditorium.
Being a special needs parent is tough but it isn’t hopeless. Meet new people, share ideas and learn about community resources in this special Parent Café. Dinner and child care will be provided. Presented in partnership with Include Ozarks and Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Registration starts March 1; call 883-5341.

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**Conscious Parenting: From Chaos to Calm**
Saturday, March 16, 10–11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Conscious Discipline is a program that supports children’s healthy social and emotional learning. Parents learn life-changing skills that decrease problem behavior, power struggles and aggression, while increasing resilience, emotional health and achievement. Conscious Discipline meets families where they are and empowers them to experience success. Child care will be provided. Presented in partnership with Early Childhood One Stop. **Registration starts March 1; call 616-0563.**

**“Sinner and Savior: Emma Molloy and the Graham Murder”**
Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. When the body of George Graham’s wife was found on the Brookline farm of internationally known temperance advocate Emma Molloy in the winter of 1886, Molloy was placed in the center of a scandal known as “The Graham Tragedy.” Connie Yen, director of the Greene County Archives and author of “Sinner and Savior,” will use letters, court documents and newspaper accounts to trace the tragedy and ensuing scandal that all but ruined Molloy’s reputation and career. Books will be available for sale and signing.

**The Truth Ain’t in Us: Mythology and the Mythological Ozarks**
Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Terrible animals and Paul Bunyan-type men of incredible strength make up the mythology of the Ozarks, but there are also myths about the Ozarks regarding race and backwardness. Dr. Brooks Blevins, author of “A History of the Ozarks” and the Noel Boyd Professor of Ozarks Studies at Missouri State University, will flesh out the tall tales and time-worn notions about our area and peoples. Books will be available for sales and signing after the event. **A One Read event.**

**Civil War Book Discussion Group**
Mondays, 7 p.m. in meeting room A.

**Becoming an Illustrator: A Visit with AG Ford**
Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. New York Times best-selling illustrator AG Ford will discuss his work, the process of making a picture book and becoming an illustrator. AG Ford has published more than 30 books for children, including “My Daddy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” and “Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Would Grow Up To Become Malcolm X,” both featured titles in the traveling exhibit Telling A People’s Story: African-American Children’s Illustrated Literature, on display at the Library Center until March 31. Books will be available for purchase and signing. **An African American Read-In event.**

Looking for Tax Forms?
The Library no longer receives paper forms from the Missouri Department of Revenue. Missouri income tax forms are available online at dor.mo.gov/forms or the DOR Office, 149 Park Central Square, Room 328 B.

Preprinted federal forms from the IRS are available free at the Library during tax season. Federal forms, including income tax return forms, are available online at irs.gov/forms (or the IRS Office, 2937 S. Claremont Ave., Bldg. A.)

Library staff can help you find paper copies and printable forms and publications. They can direct you to information that will help you decide what you need, and to local groups that provide tax assistance with filling out your forms. Library staff cannot help you prepare your taxes or tell you which forms you need.

Find additional tax resources and information online at thelibrary.org/taxes.
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How-To Festival
Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. 1 day, 30 presentations and 100 percent free! The Library Center will be a one-stop, how-to extravaganza with local experts joining Library staff in a lively series of lessons and hands-on experiences. The How-To Festival will include sessions on a wide variety of topics including pressure cooking, character design, personal care, pets and more. Visit thelibrary.org/howtofestival for a schedule of topics and presenters.

Movies For Grown-ups
Tuesday, April 9, 6:30–9 p.m. in the auditorium. Join AARP for standout films with unique appeal to movie lovers with a grown-up state of mind. Enjoy “The Joy Luck Club,” rated R, with light refreshments provided.

Gods and Monsters: An Evening with Madeline Miller
Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m. New York Times best-selling author Madeline Miller sits down for an introspective discussion about her writing, her fascination with Circe and her interest in bringing Ancient Greek mythology to a modern-day audience. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the event. A One Read event.

Poetry Writing Workshop
Mondays and Wednesdays, April 15 and 17, April 22 and 24, 6–8 p.m. in the Harrison Room. Join local poets Karen Craigo and Amber Culbertson-Faegre for a multi-day poetry workshop. Whether you’ve always wanted to write poetry or you’re a published poet, you’ll get a better understanding of craft, technique and ideas for publishing. We’ll cap off the series with a public poetry reading on April 27. Registration starts April 1; call 883-5341.

History Explorers Presents: Jefferson’s Parlor
Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Thomas Jefferson’s parlor at Monticello was the sight of weddings, dances and christenings, not to mention a meeting place for some of the greatest minds of early U.S. history. Learn about the past life of one of America’s most memorable rooms, including the numerous portraits, busts, fine furniture and musical instruments that entertained its guests. Presented in partnership with the Sons of the American Revolution.

Recycled Seed Paper
Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Learn how to make your own seed paper from recycled materials, then take it home to write on or plant in your garden. Materials will be provided. Registration starts April 6; call 883-5341.

Leave No Trace: Big Adventure, Tiny Impact
Monday, April 22, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Make plans to Leave No Trace during your summer outdoor adventures with helpful tips from Justin Smith with the Springfield-Greene County Outdoor Initiative Department and Clarissa Hatley of the City of Springfield’s Department of Environmental Services. They’ll tell you how to minimize your ecological footprint while floating in the Ozarks. Get information about water quality, responsible riverbank camping and more.

Life is a River: A Bend Beyond
Tuesday, April 23, 7–8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Author and activist Todd Parnell relates his personal experiences on the Buffalo River and shares his urgent message about the dangers of industrial farming to the Buffalo River and our Ozarks waterways. Copies of his book “Pig Farm” will be available for purchase and signing.

Get Free Help at VITA Tax Clinics

The Community Partnership of the Ozarks coordinates with several organizations to provide the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Community volunteers, Missouri State University and Drury University students prepare free basic federal and state tax returns with electronic filing for qualified individuals. The VITA program is generally for taxpayers of low-to-moderate income ($55,000 or less).

VITA clinics will operate February 1 to the end of tax season and most require appointments. The Midtown Carnegie Branch Library will host a VITA clinic by appointment only from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. on Saturdays, February 2–April 13. Free parking is available. Call 2-1-1 or 417-720-2000 for further information and to make an appointment for any VITA clinic. Do not call the library directly.
Make and Take Terrariums
Wednesday, April 24, 6–8 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Bring a little more green into your world with terrariums. Library staff will lead you through the science and design of the perfect terrarium, then you’ll create your own mini ecosystem to take home. Materials will be provided. Registration starts April 11; call 883-5341.

Living Ozarks: Our History and Legacy to Future Generations
Thursday, April 25, 7–9 p.m. in the auditorium. Join us for an evening exploring the issues surrounding water quality, land use and natural resources of the Ozarks. At 7 p.m., contributing authors will read excerpts from the anthology “Living Ozarks: The Ecology and Culture of a Natural Place,” interspersed with traditional Ozarks music performed by area musicians. At 7:45 p.m. a panel of local environmental experts and Ozarks historians discuss the changes in Ozarks ecology over the past century and what they mean as we move into the future. Panelists include Watershed Committee of the Ozarks Executive Director Mike Kromrey, former Chairman of the Missouri Clean Water Commission Todd Parnell, History Museum on the Square Executive Director John Sellars and Ozarks Watch Magazine Managing Editor Susan Croce Kelly.

Poetry Workshop Reading
Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m. in meeting room B. Poetry Writing Workshop participants will read from their works.

GeezerFest: Spring Shakedown
Saturday, May 4, 7–9 p.m. Geezer returns to help you shimmy and shake to some of your favorite songs from the ’60s–’90s. Join Richard Struckhoff, Mark Ellman, Jana Henderson, Rusty Swift, Duane Lewis and Dave Sharon on the patio. Event will take place in the auditorium in the case of bad weather. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

BBB Car Care Day for All
Saturday, May 11, 9–11 a.m. for grade 9–adult in the auditorium. Whether your travels take you across town or across the country, learn how to take care of your car and be prepared in an emergency with hands-on demonstrations and presentations from local leaders in the automotive industry and the Better Business Bureau.

Life With the “Mountain Feds”; The 1st Arkansas Cavalry and the Civil War in the Ozarks
Thursday, May 23, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Although Arkansas joined the Confederacy in 1861, 10,000 men from the state served in the Union Army. The state’s best-known Union regiment was the 1st Arkansas Cavalry, which battled guerrillas throughout southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas. Local History Associate Michael Price will discuss this unique regiment and explain the challenges it faced.

Get Free Help at TCE Tax Clinics
The SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program provides free tax preparation and assistance to adults age 60 and older. IRS-certified volunteers specialize in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors. They will prepare federal and state tax returns and Missouri Property Tax Credit (and rent rebate) forms.

TCE sites will operate February 1 to the end of tax season and all require appointments. Contact your nearest SeniorAge senior center or call 417-862-0762 for more information or to make an appointment.

More Free Help
Individuals and families with a household income of $66,000 or less in 2018 may prepare and file a free federal and state tax return online at myfreetaxes.com. For assistance, visit myfreetaxes.com/faq or email partners@myfreetaxes.com.
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Senior Social
Thursdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. for adults age 60 and older in the Frisco Room. Enjoy social time and refreshments during this come-and-go event. From 11 a.m.–1 p.m., browse materials, enjoy board games and breakout activities, get book recommendations and computer help. From noon–1 p.m., a Healthy Living for Seniors lunch program will be provided by SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging’s Choice Presenters. A $3.50 lunch donation to SeniorAge is encouraged. Materials will be provided for Choice and craft activities. Offered in cooperation with SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging and the Library’s Stories for Life program. Call 616-0683 to register.

- March 7: Bocce Ball. We’ve adapted outdoor bocce ball to be a team game played indoors. Suitable for all ages and flexibility levels, and adaptable to individuals with disabilities. Registration starts February 21.
- April 4: Garden Time! Learn how to make a raised-bed garden and indoor herb garden. Registration starts March 21.
- May 2: Safety and Self-Defense. Learn how to keep yourself safe wherever you are with tips on safety and self-defense. Registration starts April 18.

Gardener’s Guide to Heirlooms, Hybrids and GMO
Sunday, March 17, 2–4 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. What does heirloom mean when we say “this is an heirloom tomato?” How do hybrid vegetables and fruits compare with heirlooms? What are the concerns about genetically modified organisms (GMOs)? Master Gardener Ken Chamberlain will discuss the distinction between heirloom, hybrid and GMO plants so you can decide what’s right for your garden.

Booktalk
Tuesdays, March 19, April 16, and May 21, 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Have you read a good book lately? Want to learn about new titles, authors or genres? Share your latest reads with others and learn about upcoming titles.

Saturday Movie Night
Saturdays, 6 p.m. for age 13 and older in the Santa Fe Room. Watch popular movies on the big screen at the library, popcorn provided.

Tuesday Movie Matinee
Tuesdays, 2 p.m. for age 13 and older in the Santa Fe Room. Watch popular movies on the big screen at the library, popcorn provided.

Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room.
- March 28: “Circe” by Madeline Miller. A One Read event.
- April 25: “My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry” by Fredrik Backman.
Medication Safety for Adults
Tuesday, April 23, 6 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Prescription medications help us live longer and healthier lives. They can also produce harmful effects when not used properly. Learn about the dangers of medication misuse and abuse and how to manage your prescription medications safely in this presentation from Generation Rx.

Culture of the Osage Nation
Sunday, April 28, 2–3:30 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Don Smith, education director for the History Museum on the Square, will provide an in-depth look at the history and culture of the Osage people through multimedia and artifacts. Tracing the history of the Osage from their arrival in the area to present day, the presentation will include authentic clothing, music, language and other cultural items that reflect the unique and fascinating ways of life of early Ozark Native Americans.

Birds Memory Café
Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Sue Schuble, avid birder and Greater Ozarks Audubon Society member, will provide a visual tour of her birding adventures during this informal social gathering for those living with early-stage memory loss and their care partners. Registration starts April 21; call 616-0683. We have Unicorn Day activities for kids, too. See page 31.

Bring Back the Joy: Caregiver Workshop
Tuesday, May 7, 2–3:30 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Caregivers are invited to join nurse Jan Maier for an interactive workshop on the power of music to help people living with dementia, plus ways to incorporate fun music activities into daily life and connect with your loved one. She’ll also share some of the latest research about the many benefits of music, including those for caregivers. Registration starts April 22; call 616-0683.

History of the Springfield Police Department
Sunday, May 19, 2–4 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Lt. Culley Wilson will discuss the history of the Springfield Police Department from its creation to the present day. A combination of fact and photos, Lt. Wilson’s talk is an entertaining, sometimes sobering, and interesting look at the Springfield Police Department by a man who served on the force for more than 21 years.

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Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

British Literature Book Club
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Discuss books written by British authors. Tea and biscuits will be provided.
- May 2: “Murder on the Orient Express” by Agatha Christie.

Center City Book Club
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.
- April 9: “Circe” by Madeline Miller. A One Read event.
- May 14: “Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI” by David Grann.

Like Family: The Ozarks Genealogical Society and the Springfield-Greene County Library
Wednesday, March 20, 10 a.m.–noon in the upstairs meeting room. Local History Associate John Rutherford will discuss the mission of OGS when it was formed in 1969, its Library partnership and how that impacted the growth of genealogical research. At 11:05 a.m., Branch Manager Eva Pelkey will give a tour of the historic Midtown Carnegie Branch. Cookies provided by OGS; coffee available at Big Momma’s kiosk. Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.

Doodle & Dine
Wednesdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. for adults age 60 and older in the basement meeting room. Are you a doodler? Bring your sketchbook or notepad and other doodling supplies, or use some of ours. Share ideas and learn new techniques from others. A salad and sandwich lunch will be provided by SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging. A $3.50 lunch donation to SeniorAge is encouraged. Offered in cooperation with SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging and the Library’s Stories for Life program. Call 862-0135 to register.
- March 20: Registration starts March 1.
- April 17: Registration starts April 1.
- May 15: Registration starts May 1.

Midtown Workshop Series
Thursdays, in upstairs meeting room. Learn useful life skills on a variety of topics from area experts.
- March 28, 6 p.m. Months of Bulbs. With 170 varieties of daffodils in her own gardens, Master Gardener Pat Ware knows bulbs. She’ll share her knowledge about bulb care and how to extend the growing season beyond spring.
- April 11, 6 a.m. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. About 865 tons of trash are deposited in the city’s landfill every day, 75 percent of which could be recycled. Laurie Duncan, Education Outreach Coordinator for the City of Springfield’s Department of Environmental Services, will share her best “trash talking” tips, including what, why and how to recycle, along with two additional Rs to put into practice — refuse and repurpose.
- May 16, 6 p.m. Dog Training. Having problems with your dog? Share your troubles with Misti Fry from Side Kick Dog Training and she’ll provide feedback to help you overcome your canine conundrum. No dogs allowed at the event.
Medication Safety for Parents
Tuesday, April 16, 6 p.m. in upstairs meeting room. When curious kids and teens get access to prescription medications, the results can be disastrous. Learn about medication misuse and abuse among older kids and teens and how to manage your prescription medications safely in this presentation just for parents. Presented by Generation Rx.

Fix-It Fair
Thursday, April 25, 4–7 p.m. for all ages in upstairs meeting room. Throw it away? No way! Give your household appliances, computers, bicycles or even clothes a new lease on life. Volunteer experts will be there to assess your item and help with repairs, allowing participants the opportunity to reduce waste while learning a valuable new repair skill. Presented with the Community Partnership of the Ozarks Tool Library.

Ask the Experts: Credit Repair
Saturday, April 27, 10–11:30 a.m. in upstairs meeting room. A poor credit history can stand between you and your dreams. Luckily, help is available! Get the skills you need to rebuild your credit at this free informational session. A banking expert will share advice and answer questions. Ask the Experts is an instructional series from the Making Sense of Money Financial Literacy Initiative, a program of Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Each quarter, financial experts will provide guidance on a different money topic.

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First Friday Art Walk
Fridays, 6 p.m. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit.
- April 5: Watch or join in a round of Greek dancing! Traditional Greek coffee and koulouria (crispy Greek vanilla cookies) will be available for purchase from our friends at The Coffee Ethic. On Display: Myths and Muses, artwork inspired by One Read.
- May 3: Learn simple weaving techniques and participate in a community weaving project with Library staff member Whitney Gillenwaters. Materials will be provided. On Display: Wyrd Sisters: Fiber Art by Whitney Gillenwaters.

Let’s Letter!
Tuesdays, March 5–May 28, 2–4 p.m. Who says snail mail is a dying art? Each week we’ll provide stamps and everything else you need to keep good old-fashioned correspondence alive.

Second Saturday Community Crafts
Saturdays, noon–5 p.m. Stop by during Second Saturday Art Walk and contribute to the month’s collaborative community craft, which will be displayed through the month. Materials will be provided.
- March 9: Woven Circle Tapestry.
- April 13: Feathered Wing Mural.

All-Levels Chess Tournament
Wednesday, March 27, 5–7 p.m. for all ages. Members of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board Chess Club will lead a chess tournament for players ranging from beginner to advanced.

Improve Your Computer Skills with Edge Classes
Want to master a new software program or learn to stay safe in a digital world? You can do that and more with classes, one-on-one help and self-guided tutorials provided by the Edge Community Technology Center.

Improve your career and personal skills with free hands-on, instructor-led classes offered at several library branches.

You can also reserve an hour with an Edge staff member for answers to your technology questions. We can help with specific questions about using your devices, getting started with Microsoft Office products and more.

You can also use our media lab equipment to create your own video or audio presentations or print your own 3D objects.

Visit thelibrary.org/edge or call 837-5011 to find out more, or pick up a new Edge Class Calendar to see the current class schedule.
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Republic Branch Library

Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.
- April 11: “Every Note Played” by Lisa Genova.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

Chess Club
Mondays, March 4 and 18, April 1, 15 and 29 and May 13, 6–8 p.m. for all ages. Whether you’re just getting started or an experienced player, you’ll have fun and improve your skills playing with other chess enthusiasts. Members of the Springfield Greene County Park Board Chess Club will be there to share their expertise.

NXT Chapter: A Book Group for 20/30-Somethings
Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. for ages 20–40.
- May 2: “Little Fires Everywhere” by Celeste Ng.

Senior Social
Mondays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. for adults age 60 and older. Enjoy social time and refreshments during this come-and-go event. From 11 a.m.–1 p.m., browse materials, enjoy board games and breakout activities, get book recommendations and computer help. From noon–1 p.m., a Healthy Living for Seniors lunch program will be provided by SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging’s Choice Presenters. A $3.50 lunch donation to SeniorAge is encouraged. Materials will be provided for Choice and craft activities. Offered in cooperation with SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging and the Library’s Stories for Life program. Call 616-0706 to register.
- March 11: Spring Makeovers. Ladies, this is for you! Learn about the latest makeup tips and trends, do’s and don’ts, and product advice from local experts. Registration starts February 25.
- April 8: Wellness Checks. Get free health screenings from the experts. Registration starts March 25.
- May 13: Bocce Ball. We’ve adapted outdoor bocce ball to be a team game played indoors. Suitable for all ages and flexibility levels, and adaptable to individuals with disabilities. Registration starts April 29.

Series Covers

Investing for Beginners

If you’ve always wanted to understand investment practices but didn’t know where to start, this series is for you.

Investing for Beginners is a free, two-part series from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, and Thursday, April 4, in the Library Center meeting room A.

Presenters Gene Toner, Billie Nelson, and Kathy McGovern of the non-profit Better Investing will explain the sometimes-confusing terminology of investment and provide resources you can use to decide where and how to start investing your money in the stock market.

You can supplement what you learn with helpful video tutorials offered with two of the Library’s research databases, Morningstar Investment Research and Value Line, both accessed at thelibrary.org/research, then click on Business, and scroll down to the databases.
Evening Book Discussion
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
• March 12: “Circe” by Madeline Miller.  
  *A One Read event.*
• April 9: “The Sympathizer” by Viet Thanh Nguyen.
• May 14: “In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler’s Berlin” by Erik Larson.

Brown Bag Travelogue
Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m. Sit back, relax and explore a new place. You’re welcome to bring a sack lunch.
• March 20: Crete, Birthplace of the Gods.  
  Just beneath the surface of modern-day Crete, the ancient Minoan civilization waits to be discovered! Join Gloria Galanes, professor emerita and former dean, College of Arts and Letters at Missouri State University, as she shares her travels throughout her second home in Crete.  
  *A One Read event.*
• April 17: Tybee Island Trip.  
  Edge Training Coordinator Krissy Sinor will recap her six-day family getaway to the warm, relaxing beaches of Tybee Island, Georgia, including the famous Mermaid Cottages, exploring beach life and the charming historic sites in nearby Savannah.
• May 15: Central European Excursion.  
  Dr. Bob Robertson, associate professor of mathematics at Drury University, will share stories and photos from his 10-day trip across Central Europe including Prague and Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic; Vienna, Austria and Budapest, Hungary.

Eat Well to Stop Diabetes
Thursday, March 21, 6 p.m. Diabetes is one of the leading causes of disability and death in the United States. One in 10 Greene County residents has diagnosed diabetes. Dietitians from Cox College of Nursing will discuss diabetes, including common misconceptions and practical lifestyle changes for prevention.  
*Registration starts March 7; call 616-0706.*

Pushing Back: From Circe to #MeToo
Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m. The stories of Circe, Captain Marvel and the #MeToo movement all revolve around women speaking up and fighting back. Join Missouri State University professors Dr. Erin Kenny, Michael Frizell and Dr. Holly Holladay, as they connect centuries-old powerful female deities, modern American-made superheroes and current movements in the media for a stirring discussion of female power and where we go from here.  
*A One Read event.*

Modern Day Odysseus
Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m. For three months in 2017, Drury University’s Jalen Price lived on the island of Aegina in Greece, studying architecture and traveling to Athens, Thessaloniki, Meteora and Nafplio. Jalen will discuss his perceptions before going to Greece, his experiences there and how he’s grown from his personal “Greek Odyssey.”  
*A One Read event.*

Medication Safety for Older Adults and Caregivers
Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. Many older adults struggle with medication safety and management. Learn how you or someone you care for can better manage their medicine cabinet in this presentation from Generation Rx.

March into Spring with Live Music
Celtic, bluegrass, jazz and rock — enjoy live performances by area musicians sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Multi-instrumentalist Turner Collins will perform All Around the Celtic World during First Friday Art Walk at 6 p.m. on March 1 at the Park Central Branch Library.

The SouthWynns will perform during the Sunday Concert Series at 2 p.m. on April 14 in the Library Center auditorium.

The Bob Holden Jazz Ensemble will perform big band arrangements during the Sunday Concert Series at 2 p.m. on April 14 in the Library Center auditorium.

Geezer returns with some of your favorite songs from the ’60s–’90s at the GeezerFest: Spring Shakedown from 7–9 p.m. on May 4 on the Library Center patio.

Kick off the Summer Reading Program with Red Bridge Bluegrass in the park behind the Fair Grove Branch Library from 1–3 p.m. on May 18.
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Schweitzer Brentwood Branch continued

Ozarks Poets Reading
Tuesday, April 30, 7 p.m. To cap off National Poetry Month, local poets Karen Craigo, Loren Broaddus and Kate Murr will read from their works. Light refreshments will be served.

Networking & Social Media for the Apprehensive
Thursday, May 16, 6–8 p.m. Networking, both in-person and online, can be the key to success as a businessperson. If you’re apprehensive about “putting yourself out there,” this is the session for you. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri SCORE. Registration starts May 2; call 417-986-4730.

Strafford Branch Library

Book Discussion
Thursday, March 28, 4 p.m. Discuss “Circe” by Madeline Miller. A One Read event.

Poetry Recitations on Demand
Thursday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.–7 p.m. for all ages. Stop in anytime throughout the day and ask a staff member for an impromptu poetry performance in honor of National Poetry Month.

“Fiddler on the Roof”
Thursday, May 30, 2–5 p.m. for all ages. Celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month by watching the classic musical “Fiddler on the Roof,” rated G.

Willard Branch Library

Earth Day Crafting
Saturday, April 20, 1:30–3 p.m. for age 16 and older. Celebrate Earth Day by decorating terracotta pots, then take home a plant of your own at the end of the program. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. Registration starts April 1; call 742-4258.

Mobile Library Stops for March–May 2019

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

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

Tuesdays
Battlefield Towers, 1451 E. Woodland St., 1:20–2 p.m.
Jenny Lind Hall Apts., 711 S. Jefferson Ave., 2:20–2:50 p.m.
York Elementary area, 2100 W. Nichols St., 3:10–3:45 p.m.
Forest Park Apts., 1503 W. Loren St., 4–4:45 p.m.
John B. Hughes Apts., 2100 N. Clifton Ave., 5–5:45 p.m.
Walnut Grove, near the high school, 6:15–7:15 p.m.

Wednesdays
McClernon Villa, 1320 E. McClernon St., 2:15–2:45 p.m.
Glenwood Manor, 2540 N. Delaware Ave., 3:–3:30 p.m.
Weller neighborhood, 1600 block E. Blaine St., 3:45–4:15 p.m.
Robberson neighborhood, 2350 N. Taylor Ave., 4:25–5 p.m.
Cedarbrook Apts., 811 N. Cedarbrook Ave., 5:15–5:45 p.m.
Country Club Apts., Wildan & Cinderella, 6–6:30 p.m.
S. Dollison Ave. & E. Downing St., 6:45–7:15 p.m.

Thursdays
Beacon Village Apts., 639 N. Eldon Ave., 2–2:30 p.m.
Westport Park Apts., 250 N. Hilton Ave., 2:45–3:15 p.m.
Nu Elm Apts., 440 S. New Ave., 3:30–4 p.m.
Hattiesburg Hills, 4663 W. Portland St., 4:15–4:45 p.m.
S. Lulwood Ave. & W. La Siesta St., 5–5:30 p.m.
The Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway Ave., 5:50–6:30 p.m.
Craigmont Place, 740 S. Lafontaine Ave., 6:45–7:15 p.m.
programs for ‘tweens and teens

Fair Grove Branch Library

Otaku Club
Wednesdays, March 20 and April 17, 3–5 p.m. for age 14–grade 12. Anime fans unite! Join us each month for anime, rated TV-14 or under, and Asian treats.

Get Lost in Mythology
Wednesday, April 3, 3–5 p.m. for grades 5–12. Get lost in Ancient Greek mythology with “Saint Seiya: The Lost Canvas,” not rated. This anime film follows three childhood friends who become locked in a battle to save the world. A One Read event.

“Godzilla”
Wednesday, May 1, 3–5 p.m. for age 13–grade 12. Celebrate Earth Day by watching “Godzilla” defend our planet, rated PG-13, 2014.

Library Center

Library Squad
Tuesdays, March 5, April 2, and May 7, 6–8 p.m. for grades 6–12. Chat about your favorite books and movies. Play games with friends. Earn volunteer credit by helping plan library events that you want to attend.

Club Awesome:
Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, March 7, 6–8 p.m. for grades 4–8 in the Story Hour Room. Want to create your own graphic novel or just love reading them? Join local graphic novelists Maia and Luna Cooper, authors and illustrators of “Champions of Erendil,” to learn what it takes to create a graphic novel and get answers to your questions about the process.

Open Mic Night
Friday, March 22, 6–8 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the auditorium. Are you a poet, musician or writer? Want to hear the creative talents of other teens? Share and enjoy the work of your peers at our Open Mic Night.

BBB Car Care Day for Teens
Friday, March 29, 12:30–2:30 p.m. for grades 9–12 in the auditorium. Learn basic car maintenance, how to do an oil change and other important skills you need to know through hands-on demonstrations and presentations provided by local leaders in the automotive industry and the Better Business Bureau.

Stress-Free Mini-Gardening
Friday, May 24, 6–8 p.m. for grade 6–12 in the Story Hour Room. Feeling stressed and need a new way to relax? Enjoy gardening but don’t have the space? Create a mini-garden of your own to take home. Materials will be provided. Registration starts May 10; call 616-0526.

Library Station

Teen Friday Nights
Fridays, March 1–May 31, 6–8 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 and special events. Materials will be provided.
• March 15: Disney Karaoke. Pick a favorite Disney song and sing your heart out.
• April 19: Celebrate your Studio Ghibli

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Library Station continued

**favorites** with crafts, games, trivia and snacks based on the films you love such as “Kiki’s Delivery Service” and “My Neighbor Totoro.” Tea will be provided.


### Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

**Writers and Artists Guild**

Tuesdays, March 5–April 30, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. Get inspiration and support from fellow writers and artists each week as you create and share your works.

**Songwriting Workshop**

Tuesday, March 19, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. Whether you’re an accomplished songwriter or just starting, learn about songwriting from Library staff member Joe Misterovich. Bring an instrument along with a song, poem or idea you’ve been thinking about. We’ll share our songs, offer feedback and work together to write a song.

**Economics for Success**

Thursdays, March 21–April 25, 3:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the upstairs meeting room. Explore your skills, interests, values and the world of work to help you make informed education, career and life decisions, and develop your knowledge of personal finance. Presented by Rebecca Saunders from Junior Achievement and Patricia Deck from Community Partnership of the Ozarks.

### Republic Branch Library

**Teen Thursday**

Thursdays, March 28, April 25 and May 30, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the teen area. Join us on the last Thursday of the month at the Republic Branch for games and special activities just for teens.

### Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

**Book & Movie Jam**

Thursdays, 4 p.m. for age 13–grade 12. Bring in a book of the same genre as the advertised movie. We’ll chat about our books and watch a PG-13-rated movie. Snacks will be provided.

- March 14: Anime — “Metropolis.”
• April 11: High School — “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off.”
• May 23: Comedy — “Dumb and Dumber.”

The Council
Wednesdays, March 20, April 17 and May 15, 3:30 p.m. for grades 6–12. We’re looking for new members to join our crew of teens who volunteer, provide input on programming ideas and have fun together! Snacks will be provided.

Illustration Station: Afternoon Artist in Residence Workshop
Sunday, April 28, 1:30–4:30 p.m. for grades 6–12. Love to draw and paint? This workshop is for you! Artist-illustrator Tori Hererra will provide drawing and painting demonstrations with an emphasis on illustration. You’ll get to complete an original piece of art during the workshop. Materials will be provided. Registration starts April 15; call 616-0703.

Strafford Branch Library
Board Game Afternoon
Wednesday, March 6, 3:30 p.m. for grades 5–12. Forget Monopoly, try your hand at some not-so-classic board games such as King of Tokyo or Codenames. Games and snacks will be provided.

“Mario Kart” Wii Tournament
Wednesday, April 10, 3:30 p.m. for grades 5–12. Test your skill against others as you compete in our “Mario Kart” tournament. Prizes will be awarded.

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**Ash Grove Branch Library**

**Racing to Read Playtime**
Friday, March 1, 9–11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Come play with us! Learning begins at birth, and playing is how young children learn. Join us for a playdate filled with unstructured, developmentally appropriate activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Kids and parents can visit, play and socialize. You’ll find fun activities you can recreate at home and enjoy some of our special toys.

**Racing to Read Storytime**
Thursdays, March 7, 14 and 28, April 4, 11 and 25 and May 2, 9, 23 and 30, 9:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

**Explorers in the Grove**
Fridays, 9:30–11 a.m. for grades K–5. Explore history, science and nature each month with books and activities. Call 751-2933 to register.
- March 29: Registration starts February 22.
- April 26: Registration starts March 29.
- May 31: Registration starts April 26.

**Fair Grove Branch Library**

**Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!**
Wednesday, March 6, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. We’ll have a Seuss-tastic storytime with stories from the wonderfully witty Dr. Seuss. Keep the celebration going with games, crafts and a Seuss-inspired photo booth, so bring your camera!

**Racing to Read Storytime**
Wednesday, March 6, 9–11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

**You Are Here**
Wednesday, March 6, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Love to save your place with a fun bookmark? Enter the Library’s bookmark contest for a chance to see your bookmark creation in print! Supplies, how-to’s and lots of scrap paper will be provided.

**Welcome Spring**
Wednesday, April 3, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Shake off the winter chill with warm, bright stories and songs, then plant a flower seed that you can take home and watch grow! Materials will be provided.

**DIY Kinetic Sand**
Wednesday, April 10, 3–5 p.m. for grades K–4. Learn how to make kinetic sand and take some home with you. Materials will be provided.

**Blast Off into a Good Book!**
Wednesday, May 1, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. The sky’s the limit as we explore our amazing universe with stories, silly songs and a cool craft. Materials will be provided.

**We Love the Earth**
Wednesday, May 8, 3–5 p.m. for grades K–4. Celebrate Earth Day and learn how you can
make Earth greener with activities and crafts using recycled household materials. Materials will be provided.

**Library Center**

**Racing to Read Storytime**
In the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

- **Book Babies Storytime** for infants–12 months: Mondays, March 4–April 29, 9:30 a.m.
- **Tiny Tots Storytime** for infants–36 months: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, March 5–May 1, 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
- **For infants–age 6:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays, March 5–May 1, 11:15 a.m.

**Eric Carle Celebration**
Friday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. for children 18 months–age 6 in the auditorium. Celebrate Eric Carle’s most-loved books with stories and STEAM activities.

**Pi Day**
Thursday, March 14, 10:30 a.m. for preschool–grade 2 in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate National Pi Day with math stories and activities.

**Family STEAM Challenge**
Saturdays, 10 a.m. for age 5–grade 6 in the Story Hour Room. Get your family together for fun, engaging activities everyone can enjoy. Materials will be provided. Call 616-0526 to register.

- **March 16:** Use music and movement to make messy art. Registration starts March 9.
- **May 23:** Make music with Boomwhackers and create your own song. Registration starts May 18.

**“Very Hungry Caterpillar” Day Storytime**
Tuesday and Wednesday, March 19–20, in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate one of Eric Carle’s most-loved books at this special storytime.
- **For infants–36 months:** 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
- **For infants–age 6:** 11:15 a.m.

**Mock Coretta Scott King Book Discussion**
Saturday, March 23, 2 p.m. for grade 2–adult in meeting room B. The year 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, given each year by the American Library Association to recognize outstanding books for young adults and children by African-American authors and illustrators that reflect the African-American experience. Former CSK committee members April Roy and Kim Patton will share what makes each book unique, why the illustrations are distinguished and their experiences serving on the awards committee. Ask a librarian for the picture book reading list so you can come prepared to discuss your favorites. Books will also be available at the event. An African American Read-In event.

**Discovery Center: Science Sprouts**
Join a Library storytime librarian at the Discovery Center for Science Sprouts, a monthly program dedicated to early learners.

Children age 6 and under and their parents or caregivers can explore and discover science-related storytimes and hands-on activities that build basic science skills.

Science Sprouts sessions are free with regular Discovery Center admission. No pre-registration is required.

All programs begin at 10 a.m. at the Discovery Center, 438 E. St. Louis St. We’ll have fun exploring a different topic each month.

- **March 29:** Princess and Prince Costume Party
- **April 26:** Garden Sprouts
- **May 17:** Lights, Mirrors, Action!

For more information about the Discovery Center admission fees and programs, please visit www.discoverycenter.org.
programs for kids and families

Parents or caregivers must accompany their children, ages 5 and younger, to programs.

Library Center continued

Family Graphic Novel Book Club

Saturdays, 10 a.m. for grades 2–3 in the Story Hour Room. Kids and their favorite adults are invited to read and discuss comics and graphic novels, exploring how art and story work together. A related short activity and/or snack will be included.


David L. Harrison’s Night of the Frog…A Frog-friendly Family Night!

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. for ages 4–8 and families, in the auditorium. Help us celebrate the release of David Harrison’s newest book. With lyrical prose and brilliant illustrations, “And the Bullfrogs Sing” explores the life cycle of the bullfrog whose bovine sounding “jug-o-rum” can be heard for more than half a mile. Sing frog songs with Judy Domeny Bowen, participate in an interactive frog “chorus” and enjoy a dramatic reading of the book led by Mr. Harrison. Stick around for a jumping contest and coloring activities to learn more about frogs and their role in our environment from our friends with Dickerson Park Zoo. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Library Station

Racing to Read Storytime

In the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

STEAM Train

Saturdays, 2 p.m. for grades 1–6 in the Story Hour Room. All aboard the STEAM train for an afternoon of scientific exploration and educational play. Materials will be provided.

- March 9: Clean Energy. Learn about alternative energy resources and how we use technology to convert solar and wind power into usable energy, then design and build your own wind-powered car to compete in energy-themed STEAM challenges.
- April 6: Bird Brain. Birds are smarter than they are given credit for. Learn about birds while competing in our “Best Nest” and “Eat Like a Bird” challenges.

Art Exploration

Saturdays, 2 p.m. for families with children in grades K–6 in the Story Hour Room. Come and create using your imagination and a range of artistic styles and mediums. Materials will be provided.

- March 16: Learn about kinetic sculptures by making mobiles inspired by Alexander Calder.
- April 27: Learn about radial symmetry by weaving on recycled CDs.
Unicorn Day
Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. for families with children from infants–grade 12 in the Children’s Department. Celebrate these magical creatures through crafts, games and other surprise activities. Enjoy Unicorn Storytimes with stories, songs and unicorn-themed play in the Story Hour Room at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

We’ve got more Unicorn Day programs on page 19.

Potty Time
Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m. for kids 12 months–age 3 in the Story Hour Room. Is your big kid ready to use the potty? We’ll help you celebrate this milestone with stories, songs, crafts and play!

“Star Wars” Day
Saturday, May 4, 1–3 p.m. for families with children from infants–grade 12 in the Children’s Department. May the fourth be with you as you drop in for a galaxy of games, crafts and other “Star Wars” surprises! Don’t miss “Star Wars” Storytime at 1:30 p.m. for age 2–grade 2 with stories, songs and lightsaber practice in the Story Hour Room. Costumes are encouraged.

Summer Reading Kick-off Party
Saturday, May 18, 2–4 p.m. for families with children from infants–grade 12 at Tom Watkins Park, 2800 W. High St. Blast off into summer with the Library and Springfield-Greene County Park Board! Enjoy games, crafts, music, snacks, prizes and “A Frog in the Bog” StoryWalk®, and pick up your game board for the Summer Reading Program.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
Racing to Read Storytime
Fridays, March 1–May 31, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Better Together: Family Storytime
Thursdays, March 7, April 4 and May 2, 4 p.m. for all ages in the Children’s Department. Bring your whole family for stories, book talks and activities. When families read together, kids learn important life lessons like kindness, empathy and caring for others, and strengthen their bonds with parents and siblings.

Midtown Children’s History Tour
Saturday, March 9, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. for families with kids in grades K–12 in the Children’s Department. Bring the family for a tour of Springfield’s oldest library and learn about our 114-year-old building! We’ll discover all five fireplaces, the secret attic, two hidden steps and the many changes the Midtown Carnegie Branch has experienced. Registration starts March 1; call 862-0135.

Get Your Green On!
Friday, March 15, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Celebrate St. Paddy’s Day and all things green with books, activities and crafts. Materials will be provided.
programs for kids and families
Parents or caregivers must accompany their children, ages 5 and younger, to programs.

Midtown Carnegie Branch continued

Egg-straordinary Storytime
Friday, April 19, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. We’ll have an egg-straordinary time with stories, songs and activities.

Mommies & Grammies Storytime
Friday, May 10, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Moms and grandmas, bring your littles to this Mother’s Day-themed storytime that includes books about how we love our mommies and grandmas, and a special craft. Materials will be provided.

A Universe of Stories: Summer Reading Kickoff
Friday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. for infants–grade 5 in the Children’s Department. Check out some books, pick up your game board and celebrate the official start of the Summer Reading Program with fun activities!

Republic Branch Library

Racing to Read Storytime
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, March 5–May 29, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

“Star Wars” Spectacular!
Saturday, April 20, 10–11:30 a.m. for families with children in grades K–5. The Force is strong at the Republic Branch Library! Test your Jedi skills with “Star Wars”-themed crafts, activities and games.

Reading Pals
Thursdays, March 7 and April 4, 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.

Nature Storytime and StoryWalk®
Wednesday, May 1, and Tuesday, May 7, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Join us for a special storytime celebrating nature and spring. We’ll read “Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?” by Rita Gray and Kenard Pak and make bird journals. Then head over to Moore Park, 901 Boston Lane in Republic, to enjoy a StoryWalk®, where you can read...
the story again as you walk along the trail. Storywalks combine three important elements that promote learning: reading, moving and enjoying the outdoors. Don’t forget to take along your bird journal so you can record the birds you see in the park. The StoryWalk will be available through May 30.

**Summer Reading Kick-off Party!**
Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.–noon for all ages. Kick off a summer of reading fun with activities and crafts, then pick up your game board and check out a book to get started.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library**

**Sunday Make ‘n’ Play**
Sundays, March 3, 17, April 7, and May 5, 19, 2–4 p.m. for age 3–grade 4. Don’t have time for storytime during the week? Drop in for a hands-on, interactive experience with a maker, play and art focus. We’ll provide multiple activity stations and fun read-alouds. Be prepared to make new friends, get messy and have family fun!

**Club Van Gogh: Maker Edition**
Tuesdays, 4–5:30 p.m. for grades 3–6. This hands-on STEAM-focused art series will highlight how science, technology, engineering and math are actively involved in artistic creations. Materials will be provided. Funded by a grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. **Registration starts February 25; call 616-0703.**

- March 5: Paper Circuit Art.
- March 12: Papermaking & Collage.
- March 19: DIY Paint.
- March 26: Artotics: Robot-Centric Art.
- April 9: Kinetic Art.
- April 16: Art Showcase Event.

**Baby Jam**
Wednesdays, March 6, April 3 and May 1, 10 a.m. for infants–36 months. Wiggle and giggle with singable stories, instruments and a baby dance party.

**Racing to Read Storytime**
Thursdays, March 7–April 25. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

- Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months: 10 a.m.
- For infants–age 6: 11 a.m.

**Storytime @ Farmers Park**
Saturdays, March 9, April 13, and May 11, 11:30 a.m. for infants–age 6 at the Farmers Park, 2144 E. Republic Road. Take a break from shopping, grab a delicious snack and find your favorite Schweitzer Brentwood Branch librarians under the pavilion for great stories, songs and a craft.

**Itsby Bitsy Science Club**
Wednesdays, March 13, April 10, and May 8, 10 a.m. for ages 2–6. Discover your inner scientist as we learn, explore, build and create with science, technology, engineering, art and math. Dress for a mess!

**Mother & Daughter Bullet Journaling**
Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m.–noon for age 9 and older. Mother’s Day is just around the corner! Treat your mom to a morning of journaling with flair. We’ll supply journals, special pens, markers, washi tape, stickers and real-world ideas to aid you in your pursuit of organization and inspiration, and a mid-morning snack to fuel your creativity. **Registration starts April 15; call 616-0703.**

**See You at Community Wide Play Day April 27**
Join the Library and other community organizations for Community Wide Play Day from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, at Fassnight Park located next to Parkview High School.

Presented by Community Partnership of the Ozarks and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, Community Wide Play Day is filled with fun, free activities for families with children 12 and under.

Participating organizations, including the Library, Parents as Teachers and more, understand that children learn by playing and provide activities that are expressive and developmentally appropriate for all kids, while promoting growth in fine and gross motor skills, literacy, science, dramatic play, construction, expressive arts and more. Every child will receive a free book.

The Mobile Library will be there, so bring your library card, along with food trucks.
programs for kids and families
Parents or caregivers must accompany their children, ages 5 and younger, to programs.

**Strafford Branch Library**

**Racing to Read Storytime**
Tuesdays, March 5–April 30, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6.
Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

**Missouri Birds of Prey**
Tuesday, March 5, 3:30 p.m. for grades 2–6.
Join our friends from Dickerson Park Zoo as we discover fun and fascinating facts about Missouri’s birds of prey. Experience these powerful birds up close while learning their natural behaviors and habits, and enhance your appreciation of the great outdoors by discovering each bird’s unique characteristics.

**Impromptu Inventor-noons**
Tuesdays, March 5–April 30, 3:30 p.m. for grades 1–6. Explore science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics in a unique way each week as a new challenge is provided.

**Summer Reading Blastoff: Rocket Science**
Friday, May 17, 3:30–6 p.m. for all ages. Blast off to a summer of reading with a rocket launch challenge. We’ll provide a variety of materials for amateur engineers to test their rocket building creativity.

**Willard Branch Library**

**Racing to Read Storytime**
Tuesdays, March 5–April 30, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6.
Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

**Book Bites**
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. for grades 4–6. Explore a different middle grade novel each month. Listen along as we read aloud the first few chapters while working on a craft. Materials and snacks will be provided; seating is limited. Call 742-4258 to register.
- May 10: “Chomp” by Carl Hiaasen. Registration starts April 12.

**Reading Pals**
Mondays, March 11 and May 13, 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.

**“Cars and Trucks and Things That Go!”**
Friday, May 10, 5:30–7 p.m. for all ages at Willard Middle School, 205 Miller Road. Join us in the parking lot to see big rigs, little rigs and everything in between. Sponsored by The Library and Parents as Teachers.

**Summer Reading Launch Party!**
Saturday, May 18, 2:30–4:30 p.m. for grades K–12. Build your own space-themed snacks and watch “Wall-E,” rated G, as we kick off summer reading with a “Universe of Stories.”

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_Dedicate a Book to Your Favorite Educator_

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“Remnant” (detail), by Kory Twaddle, part of the Mantels at Midtown display at Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, March–May 2019.

Ash Grove Branch Library
- Mixed Media by Marian Stahl Chamberlain, March
- Paper & Cloth Printing and Math-Themed Paintings by Roxie Castro, April
- Spring in the Ozarks by Susan Neese, May

Library Center
- The Mountain Feds: The 1st Arkansas Cavalry (U.S.), March–May
- Building Springfield, March–May
- Telling a People’s Story: African-American Children’s Illustrated Literature, organized by the Miami University Art Museum through a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, March
- Photos by Southwest Missouri Camera Club, March
- Paintings by Gary Parks, April
- Angels, Madonnas and Mermaid Statues by Josephine Grace, April
- Paintings by Audrey Bottrell, May
- 1833 Tax Assessor’s List for Greene County presented by the Ozarks Genealogical Society, May

Library Station
- Recent Works by the Missouri State University Photographic Society, March
- Music Making a Difference by Music Therapy of the Ozarks, March–May
- Claude Klemme & Other Metal Sculptures by Ken Richardson, March–May
- Funko Pop! Collection courtesy of Derek Cowser, April 15–May 31
- Brownie Camera Collection courtesy of Whitney Gillenwaters, April 15–May 31
- Recent Works by Shaunquell Rogers, May

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
- Paintings and Prints by Doug Erb, March–May
- The Mantels at Midtown: Paintings by Kory Twaddle, March–May

Park Central Branch Library
- New and Old Work by Jonathan Zachary, March
- Myths and Muses, artwork inspired by One Read, April
- Wyrd Sisters: Fiber Art by Whitney Gillenwaters, May

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
- Artwork by Students at Pershing Elementary School, March 15–April 14
- Outdoor and Travel Photo Art by Sony Hocklander, April
- Artwork by Students at Mark Twain and Roundtree Elementary Schools, April 15–May 14
- Artwork by Brady Brown, May

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

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Library Cards are issued free to Greene County residents or those who pay property tax in Greene County. Complete an application at the checkout desk of any library. Identification and proof of current address are required. Those who pay property tax in Greene County, but do not live there, must bring a copy of their current Greene County property tax receipt.

Those living outside Greene County may obtain a Non-resident Library Card for an $80 annual fee per household, effective July 1.

Checkout Limits/Fines

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The maximum fine is $5 for each returned adult item and $1 for each returned children's item.

Items may be renewed for two additional loan periods if not reserved by someone else, except for High Priority items (such as best-sellers). Renew items in person, by phone or online at thelibrary.org/myaccount.

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LOCATIONS/HOURS

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Sunday, 1-5 p.m.
Drive-up window:
Monday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Ash Grove Branch Library
101 E. Main St., Ash Grove • 751-2933
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Fair Grove Branch Library
81 S. Orchard Blvd., Fair Grove • 759-2637
Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Library Station
2535 N. Kansas Expressway • 865-1340
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
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Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
397 E. Central St. • 862-0135
The Edge Community Technology Center: 837-5011
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

Park Central Branch Library
126 Park Central Square • 831-1342
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
First Friday open until 9 p.m.

Republic Branch Library
921 N. Lindsey Ave., Republic • 732-7284
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
2214 Brentwood Blvd. • 883-1974
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Stratford Branch Library
101 S. State Highway 125, Stratford 736-9233
Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Willard Branch Library
304 E. Jackson St., Willard • 742-4258
Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Satellite Locations
Pick up and return only:
Library Express West
Orchard Plaza, 3872 W. Chestnut Expwy.
Ruby By Price Cutter Book Stop
3260 E. Battlefield Road
Van K. Smith Community Health Library
2055 S. Fremont Ave.
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