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WILD THINGS are coming this Spring!
And Max cried, “Let the wild rumpus start!”

50 Years of Maurice Sendak: Where the Wild Things Are
April 25–May 31 at the Library Center

The Maurice Sendak Exhibit is a collection of original works by the beloved children’s book illustrator and author of “Where the Wild Things Are.”

The exhibit includes 50 of Sendak’s imaginative sketches, illustrations and works on paper. We encourage visitors of all ages to enter the WILD world of Maurice Sendak this spring during regular library hours and enjoy his art and his books at the Library. Hands-on activities and crafts for children will be available during your visit.

ABOUT MAURICE SENDAK
Maurice Sendak is the author of more than 20 books and illustrated over 80 books by other writers. His most critically acclaimed work includes “Where the Wild Things Are.”

Sendak grew up in Brooklyn, New York. The son of a dressmaker, he was a sickly child who started drawing to pass the time. His artistic talent blossomed and later led to jobs working on window displays for New York’s famed toy store F.A.O. Schwarz, then to illustrating and writing children’s books.

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

You don’t have to be a member of the Springfield-Greene County Library District to visit the exhibit, but we invite you to sign up for a library card during your visit. Librarians have created hands-on activities to maximize the exhibit experience for kids. Parents, share some of Sendak’s books and talk about the art in the exhibition to your children. Asking simple questions and listening is a great way to get your child thinking more deeply about a book! Teachers may arrange visits with student groups for the self-guided exhibit. To arrange a visit time and receive a teachers’ guide, call 616-0526.

PROGRAMS

Let your wild side run free at these programs in the Library Center auditorium for children and families. For details call 882-0714.

Let the Wild Rumpus Start!
Saturday, April 25, 3 p.m. for all ages. Celebrate the opening of The Maurice Sendak Memorial Exhibition with a Wild Rumpus. Meet a wild thing, dance in a wild rumpus, and share a classic story.

Teen Art Night
Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Library Center Story Hour Room. Get creative and make your own art while library staffer and local artist Joey Borovicka walks you through the unique styles found in the book “Where The Wild Things Are” by Maurice Sendak. Materials will be provided.

Move to a Wild Beat!
Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m., for grades K–2 and 11 a.m. for grades 3–6; and Friday, May 15, 10 a.m. for ages 2–6. Tell the story of “Where the Wild Things Are” through movement and dance as we create a wild rumpus of our own.

Wild Things of Missouri
Saturday, May 23, 10:30 a.m. for all ages. Celebrate “Where the Wild Things Are” by Maurice Sendak with our friends from Dickerson Park Zoo as we learn about some wild things found in Missouri.

Mini Drive-In
Friday, May 29, 6:30 p.m. for ages 2–8. Make a box car or boat for our mini drive-in movie night and watch classic Maurice Sendak stories come to life on the big screen in “Where the Wild Things Are...and Other Maurice Sendak Stories,” not rated. Materials will be provided.

“Where the Wild Things Are” Storytimes
Celebrate the classic book “Where the Wild Things Are” with a special storytime for infants–age 6 in the Library Center Story Hour Room. For details call 882-0714
• Monday, April 20, 7 p.m.
• Tuesday, April 21, 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
• Wednesday, April 22, 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
• Friday, April 24, 10:15 a.m.

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The Maurice Sendak exhibit was underwritten by the Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Libraries. Special thanks to the lenders of the exhibition and to AFANYC for their support.
This year the Library’s One Read is devoted to humor — because we all need some — and features international best-selling author and storyteller David Sedaris. Don’t miss the full lineup of other One Read programs and book discussions.

“An Evening with David Sedaris”

Humor author of “Calypso,” “When You Are Engulfed in Flames” is coming to Springfield

Friday, May 1, 7 p.m. at the Historic Gillioz Theatre, 325 Park Central East

Admission is free, but all seats are reserved. Reserve your tickets beginning 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, by going to the Gillioz reservation site at gillioztheatre.com/event/david-sedaris, or call 863-9491. Limit 2 tickets per person.

Print your e-ticket receipt to show at door. A $2 handling fee charged for pick up at will call window.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., David will sign books from 6–6:45 p.m. before the presentation, and after the show.

David will read from new and unpublished material, and entertain a 20- to 30-minute Q&A with the audience. His books will be available for sale, and he will sign books before and after the event.

Sedaris rocketed to fame in 1992 when National Public Radio aired his reading of the “Santaland Diaries,” developed from diaries he kept while working as an elf in Santaland, the Christmas village at Macy’s.

Among his best-selling compilations of personal essays are “Theft by Finding,” “Naked,” “Me Talk Pretty One Day,” and “Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim.”

This one-night-only Springfield event is underwritten by the Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Library, and hosted by the Gillioz Theatre and the Library. David’s visit is part of the Library’s annual celebration of reading, The One Read.
How to Talk Ozark in Seven Easy Steps
Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Join Dr. Brooks Blevins, Noel Boyd Professor of Ozarks Studies at Missouri State University and author of “A History of the Ozarks,” for a lighthearted look at the Ozarkian vernacular, including frequent audience participation and a “Talking Ozark” quiz. Natives and longtime residents of the Ozarks will enjoy revisiting forgotten styles and words, and gain an appreciation for cultural diffusion and regional distinctiveness in Missouri. Learn about the forces that constantly chip away at that distinctiveness. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Presented in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council.

First Friday Art Walk: Bad Art Night
Friday, April 3, 6–9 p.m., Park Central Branch Library, for all ages. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit. Take part in Bad Art Night and laugh yourself silly while seeing if your terrible creation can win the title of “Worst in Show.” Materials will be provided. On Display: Between the Lines: Art Made in Conjunction with the One Read.

Wild Bob’s Musical Book Club Presents: “Me Talk Pretty One Day”
Friday, April 10, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Lindberg’s Tavern, 318 W. Commercial St., for adults age 21 and older. Join local musicians from Wild Bob’s Musical Book Club for a night of live music and laughs as they share songs inspired by David Sedaris’ “Me Talk Pretty One Day.”

Healing Through Humor
Tuesday, April 14, 7–9 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium, for teens and adults. Learn about the benefits of humor in our lives and its social, emotional and healing power during this thought-provoking panel discussion with Missouri State University psychology professor Christie Cathey, Giggleboxes founder Susan Dempsey and comedian Sarah Jenkins.

Let’s Explore Taxidermy with Stuffed Animals
Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m. in the Midtown Carnegie Branch basement meeting room. Enjoy an audio sample of David Sedaris’ humor writing and create a toy stuffed animal craft keepsake. We’ll listen to “Getting Stuffed: A Tale of Love and Taxidermy,” aka “Understanding Understanding Owls,” from “Let’s Explore Diabetes with Owls.” Materials will be provided.

Culture Connection: Humor Around the World
Sunday, April 26, 2–4 p.m. in the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch community room. Missouri State University international students will immerse you in a discussion of comedy in other cultures and languages. Prepare to learn all about what’s funny, what’s not and how to make someone in other parts of the world laugh. Topics include stand-up comedy, popular comedy shows and common joke ideas.

With your $40 ticket, you’ll enjoy live jazz, heavy appetizers and a cocktail created just for the One Big Jazzy Party.
You’ll also learn a little bit about mixology with a demonstration by a pro.
Only 40 tickets are available, so get yours now by going to the Library Foundation website, foundation.thelibrary.org or call 417-616-0586.
The Library Foundation raises money to support the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

See all the One Read events at thelibrary.org/oneread
Every star you see likely plays host to at least one planet. Those worlds orbiting other stars are called “exoplanets.”

DISCOVER

SEE THE EXHIBIT!

Begin your search here! This interactive, all-ages exhibit includes kiosks for “Seeing the Unseen,” “Stranger than Fiction,” testing your science knowledge and learning how exoplanets are being discovered. For all ages.

EXPLORE THE PROGRAMS!

The series of programs at the Library Station explores the fascinating world of space and astronomy. Learn about the search for habitable worlds beyond our solar system, how NASA scientists are searching for these worlds, and how they may be like our own.

Visit thelibrary.org/exoplanet. For library program details, call 865-1340.

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Discovering Strange New Worlds: A “Star Trek”-Themed Exhibit Opening
Saturday, May 9, 2–8 p.m. for all ages. The TV series “Star Trek” introduced us to the idea of exploring space and discovering strange new worlds. Since then, we’ve learned it’s not just science fiction! At the opening of Discover Exoplanets: The Search for Alien Earths, explore what’s already been discovered with our hands-on, interactive exhibit provided by NASA’s Universe of Learning and the Space Science Institute’s National Center for Interactive Learning. Enjoy “Star Trek”-themed activities to help you imagine what has yet to be discovered in “the final frontier.” Don’t miss a special photo opportunity with the crew of the Starship USS Missouri at the exhibit from 4–5:30 p.m. Costumes welcome!

“Star Trek” Inventions with Jean-Luc Picard
Saturday, May 9, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room. “Star Trek” introduced viewers to a lot of new “space-age” technology. Longtime Trekkie Paul Brock, portraying Capt. Jean-Luc Picard, will talk about what “Star Trek” tech exists now and how much technology has advanced since the original series first aired. A Q&A will follow the presentation.

Young Trekkies Stories and Crafts
Saturday, May 9, 2–4 p.m. for families with children age 4 and older in the Story Hour Room. Listen to “Star Trek”-themed stories along with games, crafts and other activities! Our friends from the Geek Foundation will lead us in a special project; storytime begins at 3 p.m.

Exoplanetpalooza
Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room. During the past decade, we’ve learned that nearly every star has planets and planets likely outnumber stars. But we still have not found solar systems that match our own. Dr. Mike Reed, physics professor at Missouri State University, will review the types of planets that are mostly commonly detected, current limitations of our detection methods and describe some of the more interesting exoplanets and systems detected.

Our Neighbors Next Door: Alien Life on Europa
Sunday, May 31, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Since the time humans first realized the stars in the sky could harbor other worlds, people have wondered if life could exist somewhere beyond the Earth. David Jarkins of the Springfield Astronomical Society will explore the history of the search for life, what we have learned from previous missions and where we have the best chance of finding life in our solar system.

The Exoplanet exploration continues this summer with special events for teens and adults in June and July! Watch for these and other programs in the summer edition of Bookends: the return of StarLab; and Searching for ET: The Myth and Reality of Finding Home, with Missouri State University emeritus physics instructor Becky Baker.

Volunteer To Be a “Discover Exoplanets” Teen Docent
For grades 10–12. Do you dream of working for NASA? Apply to be a docent for our Discover Exoplanets Exhibit! Docsents will be on hand during designated times to help patrons use the exhibit, assist with virtual reality experiences and exhibit-related library programs. Volunteer docsents earn volunteer hours and a certificate of participation. Applications will be available at the Library Station service desks beginning Sunday, March 1, and are due by closing on Friday, April 10. Volunteers will be required to attend a docent training session planned in May. For details, call the Library Station Youth Services Department, 865-1340.
Join us for the Library’s Fourth Annual How-To Festival: Earth Day Edition!

1 day, 25 presentations and 100 percent free!

The Library Center will be a one-stop how-to extravaganza from 10 a.m.–2:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 28. Local experts will join Library staff in a lively series of lessons and hands-on experiences focused on sustainability, waste reduction and environmentalism in honor of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Sessions include:

• How to Raise Chickens in Your Backyard with Library staff member Ashley Fillmer
• How to Grow Plants Native to Missouri with Paul Armstrong, owner of Smiling Sun Gardens
• How to Make Bags Out of Recycled Newspaper with hobbyist Lisa Arvidson
• How to Compost Your Food Waste with the Springfield Compost Collective

A full schedule of topics and presenters will be available March 2. Pick up a copy at any branch or the Mobile Library, or visit the library.org/howtofestival.

Plan for Future Health Care Decisions at Advance Care Planning Workshops

April 16 is National Healthcare Decisions Day, which exists to inspire, educate and empower the public and health care providers about the importance of advance care planning. If you’d like help getting started with your own advance care planning, join us for a one-hour workshop hosted by Respecting Choices of the Ozarks. These free workshops will help you reflect on your values, choose a health care agent, take the first steps toward completing your advance directive and make your wishes known.

• Tuesday, April 14, 6 p.m. in the Midtown Carnegie Branch upstairs meeting room
• Friday, April 17, 10 a.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch

The Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale is April 29–May 3!

Mark your calendar for the return of the Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale, where bargains are blooming! The big sale returns to the E*Plex on the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N. Grant Ave. Parking is free. The Friends accept cash or check only.

Get a jump on the regular sale and come to the Friends Night Preview Sale on Tuesday, April 28, from 5–8 p.m. Friends members are admitted free; non-members can pay $5 at the door to shop and join that night.

Admission is free the rest of the week. Hours are:

• Wednesday–Friday, April 29–May 1, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
• Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
• Sunday, May 3, 1–5 p.m.

Adult, young adult and children’s books and most audiovisuals are $1 or less. Better books are priced $2 and up.

Every sale brings new treasures, and there are plenty. The sale will also feature unique finds during a silent auction; a large selection of the Great Courses (sold out in fall 2018!) and a display of books by David Sedaris, humor author the Friends are sponsoring May 1 at the Gillioz Theatre.

The Friends welcome your donated used books, DVDs, CDs, audiovisuals and games as they get ready for the spring sale. Drop off donations at any library branch during operating hours.

Proceeds from the spring and fall book sales help pay for author talks, Summer Reading Program performers, the Library Express West, Mobile Library, concerts, and library branch upgrades you enjoy.

Questions? Call Bill at 887-9524, or email friends@thelibrary.org.

Join the Friends before the spring sale or anytime! Visit thelibrary.org/friends, or call Pat Woodward, membership chairman, 831-6446.

Follow us on Facebook, Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Library District.
Simple Steps for Starting Your Business

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, two-hour 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.

All programs are from 6–8 p.m. in Library Center meeting room A. To register call 883-1974.

**Session 1: Start-up Basics.** Thursday, March 5. This introductory workshop focuses on the basics of testing your business idea and identifying the key factors that influence start-up success, and provides you with an overview of the skills and tools you need when deciding to start a business. You’ll learn about the advantages and disadvantages of owning a business, the most profitable form for your business and the fundamentals of formation, organization, marketing, cash flow and funding sources. **Registration starts February 19.**

**Session 2: Business Concept.** Thursday, March 12. 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 26.**

**Session 3: Marketing Plan.** Thursday, March 19. This workshop will introduce you to marketing communication methods and tools to maximize your customer reach. Topics include pricing strategies, positioning and features and benefits of differing 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 5.**

**Session 4: Financial Projections.** Thursday, March 26. 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 12.**

**Session 5: Funding Sources.** Thursday, April 2. Learn how to finance your small business with information on funding sources, accounting, the six Cs 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 12.**

**Bonus session! Cybersecurity and Malware in Business.** Thursday, May 14. Malware is a threat to all businesses, regardless of size. With over 15 years in the industry, Dustin Smith, certified information systems security professional, will explain how cyber security impacts all facets of business. Learn best practices and how to protect yourself and your business, followed by Q&A. **Registration starts April 16.**

Theater Brings Roald Dahl Magic to the Library!

**The Springfield Little Theatre and the Library are bringing the magic of storyteller and author Roald Dahl to life with art, live performances and more!**

The theater cast will give us a sneak peek of their two spring education series productions at these imagination-filled Roald Dahl events for all ages at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch. For details call 883-1974.

In March, show off your creativity by redesigning the book cover of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.” Pick out an entry form at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch, put your own spin on the classic story, and we’ll display your ideas at the branch in April.

**March Magic with Matilda.** Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.—1 p.m. in the community room. Celebrate your favorite bookworm with the Springfield Little Theatre! Read a story with Miss Honey and then see the Roald Dahl classic come to life with a special sneak-peek performance with the cast of the upcoming “Matilda the Musical,” followed by a showing of the 1996 movie “Matilda,” rated PG.

**Pure Imagination Party.** Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.—noon in the community room. Satisfy your sweet tooth with a preview performance of Roald Dahl’s Willy Wonka TYA (Theatre for Young Audiences) with the cast from Springfield Little Theater and learn how they bring our favorite stories to life on the stage. Stick around afterwards for a family Candyland tournament.
Attending a Program at the Library?

Some programs require registration. We accept registrations only by phone.

If you register for a program and cannot attend, please cancel your reservation so others may attend.

Ages listed for programs are guidelines. Consider a young child’s attention span if attending a program for older children. An adult must accompany children age 5 and under.

Child care centers must make special arrangements to bring a large number of children to a program.

We may take photos/video at events for the Library’s social media sites, website and/or printed marketing materials. Participants may request in writing that their image may not be used by the Library.

To request special accommodations for a Library program or tour, call the Community Relations Department at least two weeks in advance at 616-0564.

Enjoy these Library programs planned at other locations.

Seedbed Prep: Lawn and Garden Show Seminar
Sunday, March 1, 1 p.m. at the Lawn and Garden Show in the E*Plex at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N. Grant Ave. Library staff will discuss the Heirloom Seed Library and present gardener Cheri Hamilton, who will discuss soil preparation. 

Walk and Talk Book Club
Tuesdays, March 3, 17 and 31, April 14 and 28 and May 12 and 26, 10 a.m. at Sequiota Park, 3500 S. Lone Pine Ave. Let’s book it! Meet at the pavilion for a 45-minute walk along the Galloway Creek Greenway. Talk about what you’re reading and hear from others. In case of inclement weather, call 883-1974 for alternate indoor meeting location.

Donuts & Death
Tuesdays, 6 p.m. at the 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.

• March 10: “Ring” by Koji Suzuki.
• April 14: “Black Ambrosia” by Elizabeth Engstrom.
• May 12: “The Reddening” by Adam Nevill.

Northview Book Discussion
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. at the Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St. Join us for this library-sponsored book group just for seniors.

• March 13: “Girl Waits With Gun” by Amy Stewart.

My Favorite Crime Book Club
Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. for adults 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 18: “Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI” by David Grann.

South Side Senior Center Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1 p.m. at the South Side Senior Center, 2215 S. Fremont Ave.

• April 16: “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr.

Wild Bob’s Musical Book Club Presents: “Me Talk Pretty One Day” Friday, April 10, 6:30–8:30 p.m. for adults age 21 and older at Lindberg’s Tavern, 318
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 12
- Monday, May 25

Return your books and materials to the book drops located at each branch, the Library Express West at 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway, Price Cutter Plus Book Stop at 3260 E. Battlefield Road, and the book drop by 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 east entrance.

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

One Big Jazzy Party
Thursday, April 16, 6 p.m. for adults age 21 and older only at The Hepcat, 220 S. Campbell Ave. Let’s celebrate David Sedaris coming to Springfield! With your $40 ticket, you’ll enjoy live jazz, heavy appetizers and a cocktail created just for the One Big Jazzy Party. You’ll also learn a little bit about mixology with a demonstration by a pro. Only 50 tickets are available, get yours by going to the Library Foundation website, foundation.thelibrary.org. The Library Foundation raises money to support the Springfield-Greene County Library District. A One Read event.

Urban Roots Farm Tour
Friday, April 17, 6–7:30 p.m. at Urban Roots Farm, 823 W. State St. Urban Roots Farm Manager Alyssa Hughes will walk us through the garden and talk about what it takes to run an urban farm and be a local food producer. Tour limited to 50. Registration starts April 6; call 862-0135.

Silent Reading Party
Saturdays, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Take a breath of fresh air and some time to relax in good company! This silent book club will meet in the park for an hour of reading with 15 minutes to socialize before and after. Bring a chair or a blanket and a copy of anything you’d like to read; books will be provided if you come without.

- May 16: Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Meet at the Hosta Garden south of the Botanical Center.

Jordan Creek Underground Tour
Friday, April 24, 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 please bring a flashlight and close-toed shoes (preferably waterproof). Each tour limited to 20 participants. Registration starts April 10; call 883-5341.

Lawn Care and Maintenance
Monday, April 27, 6–7:30 p.m. at Hammons Field, 955 E. Trafficway St. Wish your lawn looked as good as a major league baseball field? Springfield’s Hammons Field is the envy of many and the Springfield Cardinals grounds crew will tell you how to achieve that award-winning look at your own home field. Registration starts April 13; call 862-0135.

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Support the Library You Love, Today!

The Library Foundation has many ways to show your love. Honor or remember someone special with a new book and personalized bookplate; pick a library branch, project or fund that’s close to your heart; set up an endowment or make a planned gift to create your own legacy.

Take advantage of one or more of these opportunities to contribute to the growth and success of the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

Visit foundation.thelibrary.org

Melanie Wright swinging on a swing set in front of the old Wommack Feed Mill in Fair Grove, Missouri, 1982.

Programs for Adults

Ash Grove Branch Library

Flying Needles
Tuesdays, March 10, April 14 and May 12, 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.
- March 17: “Enchantress of Numbers” by Jennifer Chiaverini.
- April 21: “Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker” by Jennifer Chiaverini.
- May 19: “Resistance Women” by Jennifer Chiaverini.

Fair Grove Branch Library

Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- March 11: “Me Talk Pretty One Day” by David Sedaris. A One Read event.
- April 8: “Oliver Twist” by Charles Dickens.

Crafts and Cappuccino
Saturday, March 28, 1–4 p.m. for grades 3–adult. Relax with a warm beverage and some uninterrupted crafting time. Bring your own projects or loot the library’s supplies to create one! Refreshments, materials and a craft will be provided.

Your Town: Fair Grove Through History
Friday, April 3, 4 p.m. From pioneer residents and longtime businesses like the Wommack Mill, to fires, burglaries and notorious characters, Fair Grove’s history is vast and rich. Join Local History Associate Konrad Stump as he shares stories and images from Fair Grove’s history, and learn how you can help preserve its past.

Happy 20th Anniversary Fair Grove Branch Library!
Monday, April 6, 1–3 p.m. for all ages. Celebrate the Fair Grove Branch Library’s 20th anniversary with cake and activities. Bring your memories to share and we’ll bring the fun!
Blockbusters at the Library

Mondays, 4–6:30 p.m. for age 13 and older. Prepare for the upcoming Panem prequel with all four “Hunger Games” movies and free popcorn!


Library Center

Exploring Genealogy

In the auditorium. Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.

- Monday, March 2, 7 p.m. The Answer Man. “Pokin Around” columnist Steve Pokin has been with the Springfield News-Leader for eight years. Steve will share tidbits of Springfield history and some of the bizarre and interesting stories from his 40 years as a journalist.
- Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m. A Guide to Writing Your Memoir or Life Story: Tools, Tips, Methods and Examples. Author and personal historian Wayne E. Groner helps people write their memoirs and biographies. After the presentation he will sign copies of his book, “A Guide to Writing Your Memoir or Life Story.”
- Monday, April 6, 7 p.m. The Battle of Springfield. Local author and speaker Tim Ritter will provide a lively look at the Civil War battle on January 8, 1863, including animated troop movements overlaying a modern map of the area, to show where the battle took place where modern structures are today.
- Wednesday, April 15, 10 a.m. Find A Grave. Findagrave.com is a great resource for burial information, tombstone photos and genealogy research leads. Carmen Boyd, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will cover how to use the site and tips for contributing and citing information.

- Monday, May 4, 7 p.m. “Savior and Sinner: Emma Molloy and the Graham Murder.” Hear author and historian Connie Yen discuss her latest book, “Savior and Sinner: Emma Molloy and the Graham Murder,” about the “Graham Tragedy” that took place on the Molloy farm in 1885. Books will be available for purchase and signing.
- Wednesday, May 20, 10 a.m. Land, Horses, Neat Cattle, Polls and More: Tax Lists and Your Genealogy. Bill Eddleman, associate director at the State Historical Society of Missouri, will discuss using tax lists for genealogy research, including legal basis for taxation, the types of information collected on tax lists and the genealogical information they provide.

Simple Steps for Starting Your Business

Thursdays, 6–8 p.m. in meeting room A. Attend these five, two-hour sessions to help you test your new business idea and get started on the right path. Free, one-on-one mentoring will also be available. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri SCORE. Call 883-1974 to register.

- March 5: Session 1 — Start-up Basics. This introductory workshop focuses on the basics of testing your business idea and identifying the key factors that influence start-up success. Registration starts February 19.
- March 19: Session 3 — Marketing Plan. Learn the marketing communication methods and tools to maximize your customer reach. Registration starts March 5.
- March 26: Session 4 — Financial Projections. This session includes hands-on exercises to help you better understand financial concepts. Registration starts March 12.
- April 2: Session 5 — Funding Sources. Learn how to finance your small business. A bank loan officer will discuss how a banker assesses the merits of business plans and loan applications. Registration starts March 19.

Workshops Aimed at Job Seekers and Nonprofits

Free workshops are planned to focus on teaching digital skills essential for job seekers and the nonprofit world. Light refreshments, Google and Library materials provided.

Tuesday, March 31, 1–4 p.m. Schweitzer Brentwood Branch. Nonprofit Google Tools Workshop. Registration begins March 2; call 837-5011.

Tuesday, April 28, 1–3 p.m., Edge Lab, Midtown Carnegie Branch lower level. Jobseekers’ Workshop. Registration begins April 1; call 837-5011.

Thursday, May 21, 1–4 p.m., Library Center auditorium, Nonprofit Google Tools Workshop. Registration begins May 1; call 837-5011.

Workshops provided through a Spotlight Award from Libraries Lead with Digital Skills. It is an initiative of the American Library Association and Public Library Association, sponsored by Grow with Google.
The Library has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to support the 2020 Census from March 12 – July 24. Why? Because the census is everyone’s chance to make sure the hard-earned tax dollars we send to Washington, D.C., make their way back to Missouri.

Beginning in March, Missourians will receive their invitation to respond to the 2020 Census. They can fill out the confidential document via phone, mail or online using a passcode provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. The Library can help. If you or someone you know needs an internet computer to respond to the census, you’re welcome to use the Library’s public computers anytime during branch hours.

Not a card holder or Greene County resident? Just bring in the passcode on your census notice and we’ll waive the visitor pass fee so you can fill out the census form and be counted — so all of us win!

**Library Center continued**

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

- March 8: The Alders play traditional country, along with ‘50s and ‘60s pop.
- May 10: Shuyler Valley Band will perform gospel and bluegrass tunes.

**Living with Memory Loss**
Tuesdays, March 10–March 31, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in meeting room A. This four-part series will discuss how to plan for the future and where to get the help you need. This interactive class is open to people with mild/early-stage memory loss, Alzheimer’s disease or dementia of any type. Family and friends are strongly encouraged to attend with the person who has memory loss. Register once for the entire series. Registration starts February 25; call 883-5341.

**Book Discussion**
Wednesdays, 1–2:30 p.m. in meeting room B.
- March 11: “The Only Woman in the Room” by Marie Benedict.

**Civil War Book Discussion Group**
Mondays, 7 p.m.
- March 16: “Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Keckly: The Remarkable Story of the Friendship Between a First Lady and a Former Slave” by Jennifer Fleischner.

**Ozarks Roadtrips**
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**Feel-Good Fiction**
Tuesdays, 7 p.m. in the Harrison Room. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion.
- April 14: “The Trouble with Goats and Sheep” by Joanne Cannon.
Libby Simplifies Downloading E-books & More

Downloading e-books and audiobooks is easier than ever with Libby.

Libby is the simple reading app you can download, free, using your Springfield-Greene County Library card. Libby is provided by OverDrive, the service that lets you borrow digital content from the library.

Here’s how to borrow your next favorite read:

- Download the Libby app from your app store or by going to springfield.overdrive.com or overdrive.thelibrary.org.

Missouri and Baseball’s Best

Tuesday, March 24, 7 p.m. in the auditorium.
What bat model did Yogi Berra use for most of his major league career? Local History Associate John Rutherford will delight you with baseball trivia and profiles of Baseball Hall of Famers with Springfield or Missouri connections.

How-To Festival: Earth Day Edition

Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.–2:15 p.m. Local experts will join Library staff in a lively series of lessons and hands-on experiences focused on sustainability, waste reduction and environmentalism in honor of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Visit the library.org/howtofestival for a full list of topics and presenters.

Sock Bunnies Craft Night

Wednesday, April 1, 7–9 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Hop on by for an evening of sock bunny crafting. Bring your unused long socks and make adorable sock bunnies for your spring decorating or Easter baskets. Materials will be provided except socks. Registration starts March 18; call 883-5341.

Ozarks Noir:
An Evening with Author Jake Hinkson

Thursday, April 2, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Award-winning author Jake Hinkson's novels and short stories of Ozarks noir have been described as “heartbreakingly tragic and bizarrely funny.” His latest novel, “Dry Country,” is a tale of blackmail and murder set in the Arkansas Ozarks. Hinkson will sit down with Tom Peters, dean of Missouri State University Libraries, to discuss Ozarks noir fiction and how the region inspires his work. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Presented in partnership with Missouri State University.

Conscious Parenting:
From Chaos to Calm

Saturday, April 4, 10–11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. The Conscious Discipline model provides parents with life-changing skills that decrease problem behavior. The topic for this session is “Empathy: Teaching Children to Manage Their Emotions.” Child care will be provided. Presented in partnership with One Stop for Early Childhood and Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Registration starts March 20; call 616-0563.

Succulent Savvy

Saturday, April 4, 2–3:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Let the pros from Good Vibes Greenhouse help with tips on succulent care. Participants will plant their own mini succulent to take home. Materials will be provided. Registration starts March 16; call 883-5341.

Effective Communication For Caregivers

Thursday, April 9, 6 p.m. in meeting room A. Explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer’s, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages, and identify strategies to connect and communicate. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association.

National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

Springfieldian Bill Virdon was a gold glove center fielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He wore number 18 from 1956–1965.

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Have You Tried The 24-hour Library?

The Library Express West turned 1 year old on February 6, and it’s been busy! Have you tried it?

The outdoor library kiosk is on the parking lot of Orchard Plaza, 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway. It’s available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

It’s completely automated. With just the swipe of a valid Springfield-Greene County Library card, check out any of the 340 books, DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks and a free Discovery Center pass.

Or, use the touch-screen catalog there, or from anywhere, to search for an item to be placed on hold and delivered there or to another branch. You can return items there from any branch, too.

Wi-Fi is accessible near the kiosk from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Library Express West was funded by a generous grant from the Friends of the Library, with an additional Library Services and Technology Act grant through the State Library.

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Investing for Beginners
Thursday, April 9, 6 p.m. in the Harrison Room. Presenters Gene Toner, Billie Nelson and Kathy McGovern of the nonprofit Better Investing will explain investment terminology and provide resources to help you decide where and how to start investing your money in the stock market. Registration starts March 26; call 883-5341.

Mysteries in Family Histories
Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m. in meeting room B. Have a family story that you want to investigate but aren’t sure how to start? Local History Associate Renee Glass will talk about the tools that can help you research the mysteries in your family history.

Healing Through Humor
Tuesday, April 14, 7–9 p.m. in the auditorium. Learn about the benefits of humor in our lives and its social, emotional and healing power during this panel discussion with Missouri State University psychology professor Christie Cathey, Giggleboxes founder Susan Dempsey and comedian Sarah Jenkins. A One Read event.

Poetry from the Pitcher’s Mound: Loren Broaddus’s Baseball Poems
Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Combining a love of history and baseball, author Loren Broaddus’ poetry explores themes of family, traditions and nostalgia to portray 20th century America against the backdrop of a baseball diamond. Join Broaddus for a discussion about his latest book, “Joe DiMaggio Moves Like Liquid Light.” Books will be available for purchase and signing.

AARP Movies for Grown-ups
Tuesday, April 21, 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 Bucket List,” rated PG-13, with light refreshments provided.

An Earth Day Evening with Pat Stith
Wednesday, April 22, 6–8 p.m. in the auditorium. Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter Pat Stith will discuss his reporting career and his interpretation of the role of the media in raising and defining local and statewide environmental issues. Presented in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council.

Mighty Men of War: The Soldiers of Carthage in World War I
Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. In 1918, a company of soldiers from Jasper County, Missouri, took part in one of the bloodiest battles of the “Great War.” Discussing his book, “A Machine Gunner in France,” Jeff Patrick will examine the experiences of Capt. Ward Schrantz and his men from their training camp in Oklahoma to France’s Argonne Forest. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

How to Talk Ozark in Seven Easy Steps
Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Join Dr. Brooks Blevins, Noel Boyd Professor of Ozarks Studies at Missouri State University and author of “A History of the Ozarks,” for a lighthearted look at the Ozarkian vernacular, including audience participation and a “Talking Ozark” quiz. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Presented in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council. A One Read event.

A Region Transformed: The Ozarks and Modern Technology
Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. From tin cans to dams, radio and television, modern technologies have transformed the Ozarks Region. Our panel of native
and non-native Ozarkers will discuss the impact and importance of various technologies on Ozarks history and culture. Panelists include Rachel Anderson, director of the efactory; Brooks Blevins, Noel Boyd Professor of Ozarks History at Missouri State University; Shannon Mawhiney, digital archivist and coordinator of the Digitization Lab of the MSU Library; and Tom Peters, Dean of Library Services at MSU. They contributed to “TechnOzarks,” a new book published by the Ozarks Studies Institute, an initiative of the MSU Libraries. Books will be available for purchase. Presented in partnership with Missouri State University.

Exploring Alzheimer’s
Tuesday, May 12, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Learn the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia, research and treatments to address some symptoms. This event includes a panel of experts from the Alzheimer’s Association and health professionals in the field of Alzheimer’s and dementia. Light refreshments will be served.

History Explorers Presents:
The Spanish-American War
Wednesday, May 13, 7 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. The United States declared war against Spain in 1898. U.S. troops fought on land and sea to secure the islands of Cuba and Puerto Rico in the Caribbean, and the Philippines, Wake and Guam in the Pacific. Learn about the wartime experiences of American troops, and touch actual artifacts and uniforms from the war. Presented in partnership with the Sons of the American Revolution.

Cybersecurity and Malware in Business
Thursday, May 14, 5:30–8 p.m. in meeting room A. Malware is a threat to all businesses, regardless of size. With over 15 years in the industry, Dustin Smith, certified information systems security professional, will explain how cybersecurity impacts all facets of business. Learn best practices and how to protect yourself and your business, followed by Q&A. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for networking. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri SCORE. Registration starts April 16; call 883-1974.

Geezer Spring Fling!
Friday, May 15, 6–9 p.m. for all ages on the patio. Kids from 4 to 94 will enjoy the rockin’ tunes of the band Geezer at this free, outdoor concert sponsored by Friends of the Library. Event will take place in the auditorium in the case of bad weather.

Love in a Time of War: A World War II Sailor in Great Britain
Monday, May 18, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Months after America entered World War II, Vernon Richardson traveled to Great Britain to join the crew of a U.S. Navy cruiser. He experienced the people of Northern Ireland and Scotland and found romance. Local historian and author Jeff Patrick will use Richardson’s personal diary to discuss his journey and love affair.
Library Station

The Hangout
Thursdays, March 5–May 28, 4–6 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Adults with or without developmental disabilities are welcome to stop by for games, crafts and special events.
• March 19: The First Day of Spring. Celebrate spring’s arrival with “Babe,” rated G.
• April 2: Masquerade Party. Enjoy a masquerade-style party with games, crafts and the Disney classic, “The Hunchback of Notre Dame,” rated G.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Resource Fair
Saturday, March 7, 1–4 p.m. Are you a grandparent raising grandchildren? You’re not alone. See what being a “grand” family is all about as you visit with representatives from area organizations and gather information on community resources. Sponsored by the Library and Be a Jewel. Registration starts February 17; call 616-0683.

Raised Bed Gardening
Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Want to maximize your investment of time and energy and minimize the bending and weeding? Master Gardener Ken Bass will help you get started and guide you through the season to a bountiful harvest.

Listening in the Lobby
Saturdays, 3 p.m. Hear local musicians fill the lobby with their melodic sounds. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.
• March 21: Matt Harp, guitarist.
• April 18: Ozark Mountain Dulcimers.
• May 16: Mother Road Ukulele Ensemble.

Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room.
• March 26: “The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane” by Lisa See.
• April 23: “Me Talk Pretty One Day” by David Sedaris. A One Read event.
• May 28: “The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America’s Shining Women” by Kate Moore.

Ozarks Roadtrips
Sunday, March 29, 3 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Ozarks Alive’s Kaitlyn McConnell talks about unique places including historical stops, unique restaurants and quirky shops. Kaitlyn will sell and sign copies of her recent publication, “Passport to the Ozarks,” with 61 places to visit in the region.

Container Gardening
Monday, April 20, 6:30 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Interested in gardening but don’t have the space? Join a Master Gardener to learn how to plant a successful and rewarding garden that you can put almost anywhere without worrying about weeding.

Vinyl Collecting 101 & Record Swap
Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Learn how to identify, grade and care for your vinyl record collection with experienced collector Jason Loftin. Stick around after the presentation for a record swap. Bring up to 10 records and swap them for new-to-you music.
Discovering Strange New Worlds: A “Star Trek”-Themed Exhibit Opening
Saturday, May 9, 2–8 p.m. for all ages. On opening day of the exhibit, Discover Exoplanets: The Search for Alien Earths, explore what’s been discovered with our hands-on, interactive exhibit provided by NASA’s Universe of Learning and the Space Science Institute’s National Center for Interactive Learning. A Discover Exoplanets event.

“Star Trek” Inventions with Jean-Luc Picard
Saturday, May 9, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room. “Star Trek” introduced viewers to a lot of new space-age technology. Longtime Trekkie Paul Brock portrays Capt. Jean-Luc Picard, and will talk about what “Star Trek” tech exists now and how much technology has advanced since the original series first aired. A Q&A will follow. A Discover Exoplanets event.

“Star Trek” Double Feature
Saturday, May 9, 3–7 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Enjoy two popular “Star Trek” movies on the big screen. Rated PG; popcorn provided. A Discover Exoplanets event.
• 3–5 p.m. “Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan.”
• 5–7 p.m. “Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country.”

“Star Trek” Trivia with Starship USS Missouri Crew
Saturday, May 9, 6–8 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Our friends from the Starship USS Missouri will put your “Star Trek” knowledge to the test. Recruit and register a crew of four to compete in eight rounds of team trivia. Registration starts April 27; call 616-0683. A Discover Exoplanets event.

Exoplanetpalooza
Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room. We’ve learned that nearly every star has planets, and planets likely outnumber stars. But we still have not found solar systems that match our own. Dr. Mike Reed, physics professor at Missouri State University, will describe some of the more interesting exoplanets and systems detected. A Discover Exoplanets event.

Our Neighbors Next Door: Alien Life on Europa
Sunday, May 31, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room. People long have wondered if life could exist somewhere beyond the Earth. David Jarkins of the Springfield Astronomical Society will explore the history of the search for life, and where we have the best chance of finding life in our solar system. A Discover Exoplanets event.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
Ozarks Barns, Backroads & Byways: An Artist Talk with LaDonna Greiner
Saturday, March 7, 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Photographer LaDonna Greiner will share the stories behind “Barns, Backroads & Byways,” her collection of outdoor photos on display in March–May, that pay homage to areas of the Ozarks that are rapidly changing or disappearing.

Center City Book Club
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.
• March 10: “Beloved” by Toni Morrison.
• April 14: “Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim” by David Sedaris. A One Read event.
• May 12: “Educated” by Tara Westover.

News
Gardening Series Spans Through Fall
The Midtown Carnegie Branch Library is home base for a series of free, expert-led gardening programs through fall 2020, and you’re invited. Most programs begin at the Midtown Carnegie Branch with a talk by partners from Springfield Community Gardens Market and the MU Extension’s Patrick Byers. After some of the talks, attendees are invited to provide their own transportation to an offsite garden to continue the presentation.

For a complete schedule, visit or contact the Midtown Carnegie branch at 862-0135, or Springfield Community Gardens Market at 468-8275.

The first session is about Blackberry Production with Patrick Byers on Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.–noon at both the library and Springfield Community Gardens Market Garden.
Midtown Carnegie Branch continued

Midtown Workshop Series
Thursdays, 6 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Learn useful life skills on a variety of topics from area experts.

- March 26: Baking Bread. The expert bakers at Neighbor’s Mill Bakery & Café will share their tips for making amazing breads without fail.
- April 23: Plan Your Own Vacation. Whether you want to go on a family road trip, a couple’s getaway or a singles adventure, learn trip planning basics to help you reach your destination from the 417 Travel experts.
- May 21: Smoked Meats. Get tips from BBQ aficionado Steve Koehler about the art of smoking meats and enjoy the flavor for years to come.

Fix-it Fair
Thursday, April 9, 4:30–7 p.m. for all ages in the basement meeting room. Give your small appliances, computers, bicycles or even clothes a new lease on life. Volunteer experts will help you repair your fixable items. Bikes OK; no oversized, gas-powered or safety hazards. For other guidelines, please call 862-0135. Presented with the Community Partnership of the Ozarks Tool Library.

Advance Care Planning Workshop
Tuesday, April 14, 6 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. If a sudden illness or injury left you unable to speak for yourself, would you want to speak for you? Join Respecting Choices of the Ozarks facilitators for a conversation about advance care planning that will help you reflect on your values, choose a health care agent, take the first steps toward completing an advance directive and make your wishes known.

Grandfamilies’ Road to Guardianship and Adoption
Saturday, April 18, 1–4 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Gail L. Fredrick, attorney with Fredrick & Rogers, P.C., will discuss how to obtain legal guardianship and adoption of grandchildren being raised by their grandparents. A Q&A will follow. Free child care will be provided in the lower level meeting room by Be a Jewel. Registration starts April 7; call 862-0135.

Ask the Experts: Building & Repairing Credit
Saturday, April 25, 10–11:30 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room. A poor credit history can stand between you and your dreams. Get the skills you need to rebuild your credit with the answers and advice from our panel of experts. Ask the Experts is an instructional series from the Community Partnership of the Ozarks’ Financial Stability program, Making Sense of Money.

Let’s Explore Taxidermy with Stuffed Animals
Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m. in the basement meeting room. Enjoy an audio sample of David Sedaris’ humor writing and create a toy stuffed animal craft keepsake. We’ll listen to “Getting Stuffed: A Tale of Love and Taxidermy,” aka “Understanding Understanding Owls,” from “Let’s Explore Diabetes with Owls.” Materials will be provided. A One Read event.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library History Tour
Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Meet at the checkout desk to take a tour of Springfield’s oldest public library and learn the history of this 1905 building, from the winding basement to the stained-glass windows. Registration starts April 18; call 862-0135.
Your Next Read — that’s the name of the Library’s updated, personal service. It’s online at thelibrary.org/yournextread. The link is also on the Library’s homepage.

In three to five days you’ll receive a personalized reading list sent to your email, or a printed list to pick up at your library branch.

You can request a booklist for readers age 13 and older, or for a child age 12 and under. We ask your name and email or telephone so we can alert you with your personalized list.

Click submit, and a personalized booklist will soon be yours.

**Tech-Healthy Grandfamilies**
Saturday, May 16, 1–3 p.m. Dr. Stephanie Huffman, head of the Reading, Foundations and Technology Department at Missouri State University, Library Early Literacy Specialist Stephanie Smallwood and Edge Community Technology Center Training Coordinator Krissy Sinor will teach grandfamilies tech-healthy habits. Free child care will be provided in the lower level meeting room by Be a Jewel. Registration starts May 5; call 862-0135.

**Depolarizing Within**
Saturday, May 30, 1:30–4:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Clinical Psychologist Dr. Elizabeth Weiner will help participants explore their inner political biases and teach them how to be critical without demonizing, dismissing or stereotyping fellow citizens who hold opposing viewpoints. She’ll also offer strategies for keeping conversations constructive when speaking with like-minded peers about those who hold opposing political views.

**Park Central Branch Library**

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

- March 6: Brianna Shatto, illustration and art history major at Missouri State University, will present “Berthe Morisot: Female Impressionist.” On Display: Encaustic Landscapes by Jodie Sutton.
- April 3: Take part in Bad Art Night and laugh at yourself while seeing if your terrible creation can win the title of “Worst in Show.” Materials will be provided. On Display: Between the Lines: Art Made in Conjunction with the One Read. A One Read event.
- May 1: Stop by for Game Night. Games will be provided, or bring your favorite from home to share. On Display: Art by Heidi Herrman.

**Anime Club!**
Fridays, 5–7 p.m. Calling all fans of anime! Join us for viewing some classic and not-so-classic films from the anime genre.


**Second Saturday Crafts**
Saturdays, noon for all ages. Stop in for a craft session. Materials will be provided.

- March 14: Beautiful Butterflies.
- April 11: Fabulous Flowers.
- May 9: Mother’s Day Craft.

**Republic Branch Library**

**Book Discussion**
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.

- May 14: “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens.
Travel Plans?
Apply for a Passport at Two Libraries

Planning an international voyage soon?
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 $15.

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

The library cannot process passport renewals.

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).

iPhone Class for Seniors
*Tuesdays, 1–3 p.m. for older adults. If you’re an older adult who would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This four-part series covers different topics at each session. One-on-one help will be available for the first half hour, with the presentation beginning at 1:30 p.m. Classes are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

• March 24: Phone Calls and Text Messages.
• April 14: Calendar App and Settings.
• April 28: Camera and Photos.
• May 12: Maps and Find My iPhone.
• May 26: App Store, iTunes and Books.

Evening Book Discussion
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

• March 10: “The Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah.
• April 14: “Calypso” by David Sedaris. A One Read event.
• May 12: “The Golem and Jinni” by Helene Wecker.

programs for adults

Republic Branch continued

“Mark Well The Spot Where They Meet”: A History of Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield
Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m. Local History Associate Michael Price will trace the development of Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield. Learn how community leaders preserved this local landmark and see the changes that have taken place over the years.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

Senior Social
Mondays, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. for adults age 60 and older. From 11 a.m.–noon, enjoy social time, refreshments, board games and puzzles. From noon–1:30 p.m., a Making Aging More Engaging lunch program will be provided by SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging. A $3.50 lunch donation to SeniorAge is encouraged. Call 883-1974 to register.
• March 9: Cost Savings Around the House. Chris Thompson, director of field operations at SeniorAge will discuss saving money with cleaning supplies made from products at home, and meals you can make at a savings. Registration starts February 24.
• April 13: SeniorAge Wellness Programs: Design a Healthy Lifestyle. Director of Wellness Cassi Locke will explain all of the evidence-based wellness programs for seniors available in SeniorAge territory. She’ll discuss the farmers market vouchers available to qualifying seniors. Registration starts March 30.
• May 11: Aromatherapy by Beth. Aromatherapy uses aromatic essential oils to improve the health of the body, mind and spirit. Beth Schulz of The Third Day will provide a relaxing and informative hands-on class including samples. Registration starts April 27.
Book Your Meeting Online with Spaces

Reserve a room anywhere in the Library District using the online reservation system, Spaces.

Visit thelibrary.org/spaces to request a reservation.

After you complete the online request, Library staff will review it and send an email confirmation.

Before requesting a reservation you must create a Spaces account, which requires you to have an email address.

If you don’t have access to email or if you need immediate booking assistance, please call the specific library branch.

Reservations must comply with the Library’s approved meeting room uses. For details, visit thelibrary.org/meetingrooms.

You may have up to six active reservations at any time. Rooms may be booked up to three months in advance.

Springfield Shorts
Thursday, March 12, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of short films made by local filmmakers and students, including “Posers” written and directed by Sean Thiessen, “Liven” written and directed by Kong Thao and “Roberto and the Robot” written and directed by Jonathan Stratman. We’ll chat with the casts and crews after the films.

Cookbook Book Club
Tuesdays, March 31, April 28 and May 26, 6:30 p.m. Try at least one recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone’s recipes turned out and review the books. We’ll also talk food news, cooking techniques and publishing trends. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged!

Garden Label Craft
Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m. Use paint, buttons and other materials to make DIY labels to help keep your garden neat and looking good. Materials will be provided. Registration starts March 16; call 883-1974.

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 18: Scotland Bed & Breakfast Tour. Michael Frizell, director of Student Learning Services at Missouri State University and freelance writer, learned that his family members are descendants of the Fraser Clan, famous for its appearance in the “Outlander” series and the original “Highlander” film. Michael will share the journey he took with his wife to explore Scotland, with highlights including Edinburgh, Loch Ness, Inverness and more.

• April 15: Iceland. One of the fastest-growing spots for tourism in the world, Iceland is home to breathtaking scenery and rich culture. Enjoy photos, tales and highlights from Library staffer Cady Ramlow’s 2018 travels around Reykjavik, Reykjanesbaer, Vik and in between.

• May 20: High Points. Join Ben Lesue, a local English teacher, in his quest to climb the highest point in each state. His adventures include mysterious creatures in Wisconsin, lighting bolts in Colorado and mosquitoes everywhere.

Investing for Beginners
Wednesday, April 8, 6 p.m. Presenters Gene Toner, Billie Nelson and Kathy McGovern of the nonprofit Better Investing will explain investment terminology and provide resources you can use to decide where and how to start investing your money in the stock market. Registration starts March 24; call 883-1974.

Advance Care Planning Workshop
Friday, April 17, 10 a.m. If a sudden illness or injury left you unable to speak for yourself, who would you want to speak for you? Join Respecting Choices of the Ozarks facilitators for a conversation about advance care planning that will help you reflect on your values, choose a health care agent, take the first steps toward completing an advance directive and make your wishes known.
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Culture Connection: Humor Around the World
Sunday, April 26, 2–4 p.m. Missouri State University international students will discuss comedy in other cultures and languages. Learn all about what’s funny, what’s not and how to make someone laugh in other parts of the world. A One Read event.

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors
Thursday, May 7, 2 p.m. Aggression, repetition, wandering — these and other dementia-related behaviors can be frightening and challenging to caregivers. Learn how to respond when someone you care for is struggling with dementia-related behaviors. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association.

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors
Thursday, March 12, 4 p.m. Aggression, repetition, wandering — these and other dementia-related behaviors can be frightening and challenging to caregivers. Learn how to respond when someone you care for is struggling with dementia-related behaviors. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association.

Movie Matinee
Saturday, March 14, 1–3 p.m. for all ages. Watch the original 1933 “King Kong,” not rated. Popcorn will be provided.

“Me Talk Pretty One Day” Discussion
Thursday, April 16, 4 p.m. Discuss a few of David Sedaris’ funniest short stories from “Me Talk Pretty One Day,” including the title story and “I’ll Eat What He’s Wearing.” A One Read event.

Strafford Branch Library
D&D: Campaign
Fridays, March 6 and 20, April 10 and 24 and May 1 and 15, 3:30–5 p.m. Join us for the beginning of our Dungeons & Dragons adventure. No previous game experience required.
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.

Mobile Library Stops for March–May 2020

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, 1520 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.
- Hattiesburgh Hills, 4663 W. Portland St., 4:15–4:45 p.m.
- S. Luilwood 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.

**Stranger Than Fiction Book Discussion**

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction. Discuss nonfiction books that focus on unusual or interesting aspects of history, science or nature. Attend either the Wednesday or Saturday session.

- **Wednesday, March 11**, 10 a.m. or **Saturday, March 14**, 1 p.m. “The Family that Couldn’t Sleep: A Medical Mystery” by D.T. Max.
- **Wednesday, April 8**, 10 a.m. or **Saturday, April 11**, 1 p.m. “The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness” by Sy Montgomery.
- **Saturday, May 9**, 1 p.m. or **Wednesday, May 13**, 10 a.m. “The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America” by Erik Larson.

**Jigsaw Puzzle Competition**

Wednesday, March 25, 10 a.m. Gather friends, family and neighbors for a fun and fierce competition. Teams of up to four people will race to be the first to finish a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Space is limited; register a team or ask to be placed on a team when you call. Registration starts March 11; call 742-4258.

**Creative Journaling**

Monday, April 20, 5:30 p.m. for age 16 and older. Need help keeping up with your bullet journal or other craft project? Use library supplies to catch up on your creative endeavors and share your bullet journaling or crafting progress.

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Fair Grove Branch Library

CrafterNoon
Mondays, March 2, 9, 23 and 30 and April 13 and 20, 1–3 p.m. for grades 5–12. Learn a new hobby and explore your creative side by making needle, paper and pop-culture crafts using a variety of everyday items in new ways. Materials will be provided.

Relax with a Therapy Dog
Wednesday, March 25, 4–5:30 p.m. for grade 5–12. Feeling stressed? Hang out and relax, read or get some furry hugs with a therapy dog. We’ll also make animal beds or toys using recycled materials to donate to a local shelter. Materials will be provided.

Happy “Hunger Games” Party
Friday, May 1, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 5–12. Are you ready for the next “Hunger Games” book? Bring your friends and celebrate by playing games.

Library Center

Teen Tuesday
Tuesdays, March 3–April 21, 6:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the teen area. If it’s Tuesday night, there’s something going on just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts and special events. Materials will be provided.

Back to the ’80s
Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the teen area. Wear ’80s gear and make it a blast from the past with ’80s-themed crafts and activities.

“Stranger Things” Escape Room
Saturday, March 21, in the Story Hour Room. Something strange is happening in Hawkins, Indiana. Help Sheriff Hopper and the Hawkins Middle School AV Club find their missing friend Will Byers, whose disappearance is more than a little bizarre. Participants will work together in this challenging escape room inspired by the hit TV show “Stranger Things.” Registration starts March 13; call 616-0526.
• 2 p.m. for grades 4–8
• 3:30 p.m. for grades 9–12

 Titanic!
Sunday, April 5, 3:30 p.m. for grades 4–6 in the Story Hour Room. Take part in a program of epic proportions with a scavenger hunt, science experiments and facts all about the RMS Titanic.

Teen Art Night
Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Story Hour Room. Get creative and make your own art while library staffer and local artist Joey Borovicka walks you through the unique styles found in the book “Where the Wild Things Are” by Maurice Sendak. Materials will be provided. Be sure to check out the Sendak exhibit in the reading room!

Library Station

Teen Night
Fridays, March 6–May 29, 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 20: Have the best day ever with games, silly songs and “The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie,” rated PG.
• May 8: Take a study break and create your own stress relief kit.
• May 22: Watch “The NeverEnding Story,” rated PG.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

Arts and Crafts Afternoons
Thursdays, March 5–May 28, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. We’ll explore a new form of art or create a new craft each week. Materials will be provided.

Volunteer to Be a “Discover Exoplanets” Teen Docent
Do you dream of working for NASA? Apply to be a docent for our Discover Exoplanets exhibit May 9–July 25 at the Library Station.

Docents will be on hand during designated times to assist patrons with using the exhibit, facilitate virtual reality experiences and assist with exhibit-related library programs.

Volunteer docents will earn volunteer hours and a certificate of participation.

Applications will be available at the Library Station beginning Sunday, March 1, and are due by closing on Friday, April 10.

This opportunity is open to teens in grades 10–12. Volunteers will be required to attend a docent training session in May.

Contact the Library Station Youth Services Department at 865-1340 for more information.
You’re busy and constantly on the go, but that doesn’t mean you have to go without something to read, watch or listen to.

E-books, audiobooks, magazines, music and videos are at your fingertips with the Library’s digital resources. All you need is a library card to:

- Stream e-books, audiobooks, music and video on Hoopla
- Download e-books, audiobooks and video on OverDrive
- Download magazines and audiobooks on RBdigital
- Stream e-books and videos for kids with TumbleBooks

Get started at thelibrary.org/digital. Create an account for the platform of your choice and you’ll be ready to go.

Download the available apps for each platform to make accessing your favorites even easier.
There’s Still Time to Enter Bookmark Contest

Kids and teens have until Monday, March 16, to submit entries for the Library’s 21st Annual Design-a-Bookmark Contest.

Pick up an entry form at any branch or the Mobile Library.

First-place winning entries will be selected in six categories: grades K–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8, 9–10 and 11–12.

Winners in each grade category will receive a $20 gift card to Hobby Lobby and 50 copies of their printed bookmarks to share with family and friends.

First-place winning designs will be printed on full-color bookmarks and distributed at the libraries and at community events throughout the year.

Winning entries and runners-up will be featured at thelibrary.org/kids/bookmarks and thelibrary.org/teens/bookmarks.

Ash Grove Branch Library

Racing to Read Storytime

Thursdays, March 5, 12 and 26 and April 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. Join us each month as we explore history, science and nature through books and activities. Call 751-2933 to register.

• March 27: Registration starts February 28.
• April 24: Registration starts March 27.
• May 22: Registration starts April 24.

Game Day

Monday, April 6, 9:30–11:30 a.m. for grades 4–8. Hang out and play board and video games with your friends on your day off from school.

Fair Grove Branch Library

Family Film Night

Mondays, 4–6:30 p.m. for all ages. Shake off the Monday blues with a special feature and popcorn for the whole family!

• March 2: “Abominable,” rated PG.
• March 9: “Pokémon Detective Pikachu,” rated PG.
• March 23: “Dora and the Lost City of Gold,” rated PG.
• March 30: “Toy Story 4,” rated G.

Racing to Read Storytime

Wednesdays, March 4–April 29, 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.

Rainbow Storytime

Wednesday, March 18, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Learn about the colors of the rainbow as we read books and sing songs about colors at this special storytime, then take a colorful tour of the library!

Colors of the Rainbow

Wednesday, March 18, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades K–4. Spring showers bring colorful surprises! Celebrate rainbows with activities and crafts. Materials will be provided.

We Love the Earth!

Wednesday, April 22, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. This special Earth Day storytime features books and songs about the Earth, gardening and cleaning up litter. We’ll also make an Earth Day craft you can take home! Materials will be provided.
Upcycle for Earth Day
Wednesday, April 22, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades K–4. Celebrate Earth Day with activities and crafts using recycled newspapers and magazines, including paper flower collages, and then plant real flowers in newspaper pots. Materials will be provided.

Mo Willems Storytime
Wednesday, May 13, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Celebrate Pigeon, Knuffle Bunny, Elephant, Piggie and your other favorites during this special Mo Willems-themed storytime!

Mo Willems Crafternoon
Wednesday, May 13, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades K–4. We’ll create pigeon hats, paint knuffle bunnies and make cardboard tube elephants and piggies. Materials will be provided.

Summer Reading Program Kickoff
Saturday, May 23, 2–5 p.m. for all ages.
* Celebrate the start of summer reading with a variety of fairytale and mythology-themed activities.

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 2–April 20, 9:30 a.m.
• Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, March 3–April 22, 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
• For infants–age 6: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, March 3–April 22, 11:15 a.m. and Fridays, March 6–April 24, 10:15 a.m.
• Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6: Mondays, March 2–April 20, 7 p.m.

Pi Day
Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m. for age 4–grade 3 in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate National Pi Day with math stories and activities.

Live Action Pac-Man
Thursday, March 19, 2–4 p.m. for grades K–6 in the Story Hour Room. Pretend to be Pac-Man and avoid the ghosts in our live action version of this classic arcade game.

An Evening with David Harrison and His “After Dark” Critters
Tuesday, March 31
7–8:30 p.m.
Library Center auditorium
For families with children in grades K–4. Enjoy hearing author David Harrison and a team of actors read from his new release, “After Dark, Poems about Nocturnal Animals.” Springfield Nature Center staff will talk about Missouri nighttime creatures. Other special guests and surprises will add to the festivities. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Kick Back With A President Tonight!
You can take your pick of more than 45 presidential biographies to explore, thanks to a generous financial gift to the Library Foundation from an anonymous donor.

The gift significantly expands the Library’s collection of presidential biographies.

Here’s a sample of what you’ll find at thelibrary.org/catalog:
Library Center continued

Family Graphic Novel Book Club
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. for grades 2–3 in the Story Hour Room. Kids and their favorite adults are invited to explore how art and story work together in graphic novels. A related activity and snack will be included.
• April 18: “Babymouse” series and “Squish” series by Jennifer L. and Matthew Holm.

Titanic!
Sunday, April 5, 2 p.m. for grades K–3 in the Story Hour Room. Take part in a program of epic proportions with a scavenger hunt, science experiments and facts all about the RMS Titanic.

“Where the Wild Things Are” Storytime
For infants—age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate the classic book “Where the Wild Things Are” with a special storytime.
• Monday, April 20: 7 p.m.
• Tuesday–Wednesday, April 21–22: 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
• Friday, April 24: 10:15 a.m.

Let the Wild Rumpus Start!
Saturday, April 25, 3 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Celebrate the opening of 50 Years of Maurice Sendak: Where the Wild Things Are with a Wild Rumpus. Meet a wild thing, dance in a wild rumpus and share a classic story.

Move to a Wild Beat
In the auditorium. Tell the story of “Where the Wild Things Are” through movement and dance as we create a wild rumpus of our own.
• Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. for grades K–2.
• Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. for grades 3–6.
• Friday, May 15, 10 a.m. for ages 2–6.

Wild Things of Missouri
Saturday, May 23, 10:30 a.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Celebrate “Where the Wild Things Are” by Maurice Sendak with our friends from Dickerson Park Zoo as we learn about some wild things found in Missouri.

Special Preview Performance: “The Neverending Story”
Thursday, May 28, 2 p.m. for grades K–4 in the auditorium. Join Springfield Little Theatre cast members for a preview of their summer production, “The Neverending Story.” Based on the best-selling book by Michael Ende, the play follows young Bastian, who finds a book called, “The Neverending Story.” As he reads, Bastian magically becomes a character in the book and realizes that he has to save the enchanted world from a great danger.

Mini Drive-In
Friday, May 29, 6:30 p.m. for ages 2–8 in the auditorium. Make a box car or boat for our mini drive-in movie night and watch classic
Maurice Sendak stories come to life on the big screen in “Where the Wild Things Are... and Other Maurice Sendak Stories,” not rated. Materials will be provided.

Library Station

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- For infants–age 6: Tuesdays and Fridays, March 3–May 29, 11:15 a.m.
- Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6: Tuesdays, March 3–May 26, 7 p.m.

STEAM Train
Monday–Friday, March 16–20, 2–4 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! Visit each day this week and enjoy a different STEAM activity every afternoon.

Little Voices
Saturdays, 11 a.m. for age 2–grade 2 in the Story Hour Room. The Library is a safe space to explore diversity, learn about empathy and teach tolerance. Join us for stories, songs and other activities designed to inspire and support positive change.
- March 28: Celebrate Women.
- April 25: Save the Earth.

Reading Pals
Saturdays, March 28, April 25 and May 30, 2 p.m. for grades K–5 in the Story Hour Room.

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 friends. We’ll also have literacy activities in the Children’s Department.

STEAM Train: A is for Arts!
Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m. for grades 1–6 in the Story Hour Room. Our friends from Springfield Little Theatre will share a preview performance of “Roald Dahl’s Willie Wonka TYA” (Theatre for Young Audiences) and lead us in a theater exercise. Stick around after the performance for candy-themed STEAM activities!

Imagine Your Story: Summer Reading Kickoff
Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. for families with children of all ages 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!

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

Better Together: It’s a Family Thing
Tuesdays, 4 p.m. for all ages in the upstairs meeting room. Bring your family and join us for stories, booktalks and activities. When families read and play together they explore new worlds. Kids also learn important life lessons like kindness, empathy, and caring for others while strengthening bonds with their parents and siblings.
- March 3: Sensory Play for Everyone. Bring the gang to make and play with sensory toys.
- April 7: Planting a Butterfly Garden. Learn what flowers to plant to attract butterflies to your yard, and create a butterfly passport for family nature exploration.

Your 2019–2020 Directory is Now Online

The 2019–2020 edition of The Directory of 800-plus nonprofit clubs, agencies and organizations in the Springfield area is only online this year.

It’s searchable by keyword or subject at thelibrary.org/directory.
You can also purchase the database as an Excel spreadsheet for $10. To place an order or for more information, call Community Relations at 616-0567.

Make checks payable to Springfield-Greene County Library and mail to Attn: Community Relations, 4653 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield, MO 65810.
Midtown Carnegie Branch continued

• May 5: How Do We Get There? Whether you’re making travel plans, going to the grocery store or seeking pirate treasure, map skills are essential for the whole family.

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Spring!
Friday, April 10, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. We’ll celebrate the season with fun stories, songs and activities.

Celebrate Earth Day All Week Long!
Monday–Thursday, April 20–23, 8:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m. and Friday, April 24, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. for all ages in the Children’s Department. Love the Earth? Drop in anytime during the week to learn more about ways we can all love and preserve our precious planet for Earth Day. Crafts and activities will be provided.

Summer Reading Kickoff:
Imagine Your Story!
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Republic Branch Library

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Pajama Storytime
Mondays, March 9 and April 13, 6:30 p.m. for infants–age 6. Wear your pajamas and cuddle up with a stuffed animal as you listen to stories and sing songs perfect for bedtime.

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Summer Reading Kick-off Party!
Saturday, May 16, 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 1 and 15, April 5 and 19 and May 3 and 17, 2–4 p.m. for age 3–grade 4. 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!

**Baby Jam**
Wednesdays, March 4, April 1 and May 6, 10 a.m. for infants–36 months. Wiggle and giggle with music, singing, instruments, and a baby dance party.

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- For infants–age 6: Thursdays, March 5–April 30, 11 a.m.

**Itsy Bitsy Science Club**
Wednesdays, March 11, April 8, and May 13, 10 a.m. for ages 2–6. Discover your inner scientist as we explore, build, and create with science, technology, engineering, art and math. Dress for mess!

**This or That Movie Mornings**
Saturdays, 10 a.m.–noon for all ages. Spend Saturday morning with us as we vote for and watch one of two movies and make a movie-inspired craft. Materials will be provided. Jammies welcome!

**Starlight Storytime**
Wednesdays, March 18, April 15, and May 20, 7 p.m. for age 2 and older. Wind down with stories, songs and a craft. PJs, blankies and stuffed animals welcome!

**March Magic with Matilda**
Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. for all ages. Celebrate your favorite bookworm with the Springfield Little Theatre! Read a story with Miss Honey and then see the Roald Dahl classic come to life with a special sneak-peek performance with the cast of the upcoming “Matilda the Musical,” followed by a showing of the 1996 movie “Matilda,” rated PG.

**Pure Imagination Party**
Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.–noon for all ages. Satisfy your sweet tooth with a preview performance of “Roald Dahl’s Willy Wonka TYA” (Theatre for Young Audiences) with the cast from Springfield Little Theatre and learn about how they bring our favorite stories to life on the stage. Stick around after the performance for a family Candyland tournament.

If It’s Not Here, We Can Find It!

Can’t find what you’re looking for in the Library catalog? If we don’t have it, we can probably get it for you from one of the many partner libraries across the U.S. Go to COOLcat.org, click on the footer “Didn’t find what you need?”

Through MOBIUS: You can access more than 29 million items from 192 institutions in Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa, Kansas and Texas.

With Prospector, the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries, access more than 33 million items including audio-visual materials from over 45 academic, public and special libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. The tab for Prospector is on the MOBIUS site.

You can also request an item from the Interlibrary Loan Department by submitting an online interlibrary loan form, or contacting any library branch reference desk if you don’t find it in Coolcat.org or MOBIUS/Prospector.
Looking for a List Of All Programs?

Sometimes, you may want to see all the library programs planned for three months at a single branch. You can do that online at thelibrary.org. Here are some ways to find the program lists you want.

On the home page, hover over “Programs” in the menu bar and choose “By Branch.” Click the name of your branch for a list of all programs.

You can also choose your branch from the sidebar on any Programs listing page.

Click Programs to find listings of Computer Classes, Book Discussions and By Branch.

The Kids and Teen pages also have links to program listings at thelibrary.org/kids and thelibrary.org/teens.

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

**Strafford Branch Library**

**Racing to Read Storytime**
Tuesdays, March 3–April 28, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

**Impromptu Inventor-noons**
Tuesdays, March 3–April 28, 3:30 p.m. for grades K–6. Explore science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics in a unique way each week as a new, open-ended challenge is provided.

**Unicorns vs. Dragons**
Friday, May 15, 3:30–5 p.m. for all ages. Kick off the Summer Reading Program with crafts and activities centered around unicorns and dragons. Materials will be provided.

**Willard Branch Library**

**Racing to Read Storytime**
Tuesdays, March 3–April 28, 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.

**Racing to Read Parents as Teachers Storytime**
Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. We’ll be joined by staff from Willard Schools Parents as Teachers at this special edition of Racing to Read Storytime.

**Reading Pals Program**
Mondays, March 9 and May 18, 4:30 p.m. for grades K–5 in the community room. 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.

**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.

- April 10: “Wishtree” by Katherine Applegate. Registration starts April 1.

**Big Rig Night in Willard**
Friday, May 8, 5:30–7 p.m. for all ages at Willard Middle School, 204 Miller Road. We’ll have fun for the whole family with big rigs, little rigs and everything in between. Sponsored by The Library and Parents as Teachers.
ON DISPLAY

Library Center
- All Aboard: The Frisco Railroad through Springfield’s History, Local History, March–May
- Photographs by the Southwest Missouri Camera Club, Reading Room, March
- “Show Me Buttons!” by the Springfield Buttoniers, concourse, March
- 50 Years of Maurice Sendak: Where the Wild Things Are, Reading Room and concourse, April 25–May 31
- Wild Things of the Ozarks, Local History, April–July

Library Station
- Model Aircrafts: A Signed History Courtesy of Lance Burrell, March–May
- Photographs by Ruby Reddecliff, March–May
- Hand-Made Gaming Accessories and Fantasy Art by David Mock of Mock Gaming, March–May
- A Display of Dolls Old and New Courtesy of the Springfield Missouri Doll Study Group, March–May
- Discover Exoplanets: The Search for Alien Earths, NASA’s Universe of Learning and the Space Science Institute’s National Center for Interactive Learning, May 9–July 18. The exhibit will run concurrently at the Discovery Center of Springfield, 438 E. St. Louis St. (Regular admission fees may apply.)

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
- Mantels at Midtown: Artwork by Meike Aton, March–May
- Ozarks Barns, Backroads and Byways: Photographs by LaDonna Greiner, March–May

Park Central Branch Library
- Encaustic Landscapes by Jodie Sutton, March
- Between the Lines: Art inspired by the One Read, Springfield Regional Arts Council, April
- Art by Heidi Herrman, May

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

Library Cards
- Library Cards are issued free to Greene County residents or those who pay property tax in Greene County. Complete an application at the checkout desk of any library. Identification and proof of current address are required. Those who pay property tax in Greene County, but do not live there, must bring a copy of their current Greene County property tax receipt.
- Those living outside Greene County may obtain a Non-resident Library Card for an $80 annual fee per household, effective July 1.

Checkout Limits/Fines
- 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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INTERNET

Library Website: thelibrary.org
- Research databases including magazine and newspaper articles, most accessible from home with your library card.
- Lynda.com, featuring 3,000 courses in business, technical and creative skills, and 150,000 online tutorials—all free with your library card.
- Download e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines and video.
- Local history, genealogy and digitized collections.
- Kids’ and teens’ pages, featuring homework help, age-appropriate links, blogs, and recommended reading.
- Library programs, services, jobs, general information and Bookends online.
- Ask A Librarian at thelibrary.org/ask.
- Follow us at facebook.com/thelibrary.org and twitter.com/springfieldlib.
- Free Wi-Fi is available at all locations.
- Check out a hot spot at thelibrary.org/catalog.

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