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2019 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

• FOR ALL AGES
• MAY 17-AUGUST 3

FILM SERIES • LIVE MUSIC • TRAVELOGUES • TECHNOLOGY TRAINING
BOOK DISCUSSIONS • TEENS & ‘TWEENS • GENEALOGY • STORYTIMES
20th Annual Design-A-Bookmark Contest

And the winners are...

Since 1999, kids and teens have shown their love for reading and the Library by entering the Library’s annual Design-A-Bookmark Contest. In celebration of our 20th year, this year’s contest was open to kids in grades K–12 and adults, and drew more than 750 entries. These seven winning designs have been printed on bookmarks available at all library branches, the Mobile Library, and at community events throughout the year. See the winning entries and runners-up online at thelibrary.org/bookmarks.

Grades K–2: Books Make Me Feel Powerful by Joe Wieland

Grades 3–4: Bookman by Aurianna Dalton

Grades 5–6: What Did the Dragon Feel... by Hannah Rico

Grades 7–8: Books are Full of Wonder by Cecilia Villegas

Grades 9–10: Let Reading Inspire You by Jada Liverpool

Grades 11–12: Read to Succeed by Logan Gannon

Adult: Untitled by Stephanie Greene

Next year’s contest, open to grades K–12, will be held February 1–March 16.
BEGINNING MAY 17, pick up a game board at the Library or log on to thelibrary.org/universe and follow the links to register for the reading program that fits you. Start logging reading minutes and complete activities to earn great prizes. Game boards help motivate kids to keep reading!

• **Tiny Tots, Preschoolers, Kids and Teens!** Parents and young participants can pick up a game board at any library branch or the Mobile Library, or register online to record your reading minutes and activities. Tiny Tots and Preschoolers benefit from being read to even if they can’t read — it builds pre-reading skills. And listening to others read to them counts toward their reading time. Teens can post reviews online, too, at thelibrary.org/universe.

• **Prizes!** Tots, Preschoolers, Kids and Teens can earn a free book and a Summer Youth Passport offering treats from Andy B’s, Andy’s Frozen Custard, Chick-fil-A, Fazoli’s, Firehouse Pottery, Little Caesar’s Pizza, the Mudhouse and Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt & Treats. Upon completing the program, they also get a Fresh Start Fine Waiver Card. Prizes can be picked up at any library branch or the Mobile Library from May 25 through August 3.

• **Keep reading!** Prizes for Star Readers include reading totes, coupons for free books and gift cards from Itty Bitty City, Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, 1984, Willard Aquatics, Dark Stone Coffee, Barnes & Noble, Amazon and more!

• **Adults!** Register at thelibrary.org/universe, log books and complete activities. Or log your registration, books, and activities on forms available at the checkout desk of any library branch and the Mobile Library. As you log books and complete activities, you earn entries into our August 10 drawings for gift sets themed for book lovers, coffee lovers, movie fans and more! Keep reading and earning entries all summer long for the August drawings.

2019 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**A UNIVERSE OF STORIES**

**MAY 17–AUGUST 3**

**FOR TOTS, PRESCHOOLERS, KIDS, TEENS & ADULTS**

Join us for a Summer Reading Program filled with reading challenges and boredom-busting activities for kids from birth to age 18. Attend fun activities, enhance reading skills and earn a free book. Star Readers earn entries into the end-of-summer drawings for Amazon and Barnes & Noble gift cards and more.

**Tiny Tots** — for children birth through age 2

**Preschoolers** — for children age 3 through 5

**Kids’ Program** — for children ages 6 through 11

**Teen Program** — for youth in grades 6 through 12

THANKS TO OUR SUMMER YOUTH PASSPORT SPONSORS:

**BOOKENDS**
OMG Josh and Totally Normal Bob in the Dewey Dimension!
If you’ve seen *Oh My Gosh Josh*, you’ve probably met his best friend Totally-Normal-Bob Definitely-Not-An-Alien. Did you know Bob can travel through space and time? OMG Josh and Bob will lead you through the Dewey Dimensions where silly space adventures abound! You’ll meet a mind reading reptilian alien, a Martian with a dire warning about Earth’s future and the Evil Count Schmoopy, who wants to put a stop to the fun. Don’t worry — Universal Information will save the day when we find the answer at your library! This program has been made possible with the support of funding from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency. For preschool-grade 4.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch:** Monday, June 3, 10 a.m.

**Republic Branch:** Monday, June 3, 3:30 p.m.

**Ash Grove City Park:** Tuesday, June 4, 10 a.m.

**Library Station:** Tuesday, June 4, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room

**Library Center:** Tuesday, June 4, 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium

**Fair Grove Elementary School:** Wednesday, June 5, 10 a.m.

**Strafford Elementary School:** Wednesday, June 5, 3:30 p.m.

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Magic...Out of This World!
Join Marty Hahne, “The Reading Magician,” for astronomical mysteries and surprises that include rabbit astronauts, Chico the Chimp’s experimental space ride and objects that become weightless while still on Earth! Hilarity and magic combine to become a sure-fire giggle-fest filled with spell-binding tricks and enchantment. For preschool-grade 4.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch:**
Sunday, June 9, 2 p.m.

**Ash Grove City Park:** Tuesday, June 11, 10 a.m.

**Republic Branch:** Monday, June 17, 3:30 p.m.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch:** Monday, July 15, 10 a.m.

**Library Station:** Tuesday, July 23, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room

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Unearthing Nature’s Mysteries
The universe is filled with wonder, and the animal kingdom is no exception! There’s lots to learn about animals, but what can we learn from animals? Join our friends from Dickerson Park Zoo as we explore how animals live, learn about their special adaptations, and meet some animal friends who are sure to spark new curiosities. How can we use these lessons in everyday life? You won’t want to miss this fascinating program! For preschool-grade 4.

**Republic Branch:** Monday, June 10, 3:30 p.m.

**Fair Grove Elementary School:** Wednesday, June 12, 10 a.m.

**Willard Branch:** Thursday, June 13, 10 a.m.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch:** Monday, June 17, 10 a.m.

**Library Station:** Tuesday, June 18, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room
LunaPalooza
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with games, activities and crafts! Train like an astronaut, hopscotch across the solar system, build a rocket and more. Materials will be provided.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch:** Monday, June 24, 10 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room for preschool-grade 4

**Republic Branch:** Monday, July 8, 3:30 p.m. for preschool-grade 5

**Ash Grove Branch:** Tuesday, July 9, 9:30–11:30 a.m. for grades K-5

**Fair Grove Branch:** Wednesday, July 17, 1–3 p.m. for grades K-12

StoneLion Puppet Theatre is back with three fantastic tales!
These programs are made possible with the support of funding from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

**The Ogre’s Tail**
This retelling of “Three Billy Goats Gruff” demonstrates that there are two sides to every story. Learn the truth about the misunderstood troll with a toothache and a trio of confused, fibbing goats. Will the Princess learn not to judge by appearances? For preschool-grade 4.

**Republic Branch:** Monday, June 24, 3:30 p.m.

**Space Magic**
Tommy Terrific uses magic tricks to represent space exploration, from celestial objects like planets and stars to the equipment scientists use to explore it, such as rockets and the space shuttle. Celebrate the history of space exploration and the fascinating facts we’ve learned about our universe at Tommy Terrific’s Wacky Magic Show! For preschool-grade 4.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch:** Monday, July 29, 10 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room

**Republic Branch:** Monday, July 29, 3:30 p.m.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch:** Tuesday, July 30, 10 a.m.

**Library Station:** Tuesday, July 30, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room

**Library Center:** Tuesday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium

**Starry, Starry Night**
Wacky Professor Van Gogo uses music and a touch of madcap mayhem to share his stories about constellations and astronomy. Discover what a star is, explore our sun and learn about the constellations of Cygnus the Swan and Draco the Dragon in this original puppet show. For preschool-grade 4.

**Ash Grove City Park:** Tuesday, June 25, 10 a.m.

**Library Station:** Tuesday, June 25, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room

**Moonlight Madness**
Friday, July 12, 5–9 p.m. for all ages at Sequiota Park, 3500 S. Lone Pine Ave. While the night sky is full of wonders, few celestial bodies have held our gaze and fueled our imagination quite like the moon. Join us at Sequiota Park for an evening of lunar crafts, a moon-themed storytime for children and more! Get a close-up view of the moon with telescopes provided by the Springfield Astronomical Society, and strike a pose in our crescent moon photo booth. Don’t forget your camera! We’ll cap off our celestial evening with a moonlight bat flight hosted by the Outdoor Initiatives Department of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

**Library Center:** Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium
Join us for Fantastic Fridays this summer!

For kids in grades K–5 and their families. Bring your library card — the Mobile Library will be parked nearby for all of these events.

**Fantastic Friday at the Republic Steam Engine Grounds**
Friday, June 7, 10 a.m.–noon at the Steam Engine Grounds, U.S. 60. Heat water and what do you get? Steam power! Our friends from the Ozark Steam Engine Association and the Southwest Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association are dedicated to restoring the steam-powered engines used in farming and industry in the mid-19th century. Members of the associations will open the Steam-O-Rama event grounds to summer readers for a magnificent visit to the past, including storytimes, music from musicians/storytellers EznDil and fun activities. Located on the south side of U.S. 60. Enter the grounds from Farm Road 170. Call 732-7284.

**Fantastic Friday at Springfield Conservation Nature Center: Astronauts of Conservation**
Friday, June 14, 9 a.m.–noon at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 S. Nature Center Way. Early explorers were like astronauts with their new discoveries. Bring your family and enjoy indoor/outdoor activities, stories, crafts and more as you become a conservation astronaut and make your own discoveries in nature. Drop by anytime and plan on spending at least an hour. Call 883-1974.

**Fantastic Friday at the Railroad Historical Museum**
Friday, June 21, 10 a.m.–noon at the Grant Beach Park, 1300 N. Grant Ave. Tracks, switches, signals — there’s a lot going on to get trains moving. Chug along with us to Grant Beach Park, where Railroad Historical Museum volunteers will explain how it all works and provide tours of the train engine and cars, the steam engine, caboose and depot! Join library staff for train stories, activities and fun. KY3’s Steve Grant will provide a Story-break at 10:30 a.m. Co-sponsored by the Railroad Historical Museum. Call 865-1340.

**Fantastic Friday at Springfield Art Museum**
Friday, June 28, 10 a.m.–noon for grades K–5 at the Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Drive. Get starry-eyed at the Springfield Art Museum! Families are invited to check out Nick Cave’s out-of-this world soundsuits and explore the galleries through art-making, storytelling and other activities. Call 882-1974.
Celebrate Your Fandoms at LibraryCon 08-17-19!

Join the geeky fun during our 5th Annual LibraryCon for all ages from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. on Saturday, August 17, at the Library Center. Meet the creators of amazing comics, books, games and more.

FEATURED GUESTS

Eric Shanower, award-winning and New York Times best-selling cartoonist, author and illustrator. His work has been widely published, from Marvel Comics to BBC television. Eric’s current comic project, Age of Bronze, tells the story of the Trojan War, and has garnered two Eisner Awards, a Gran Guinigi Award and a slew of nominations.

Cullen Bunn, award-winning writer for Image, Oni Press, Marvel Comics, Dark Horse, and DC Comics. Known for his work on Harrow County, Asgardians of the Galaxy, Captain America, Wolverine and more, he is also a writer of short stories, nonfiction, founder of Undaunted Press and an editor of the horror magazine Whispers from the Shattered Forum.

Maia and Luna Cooper, creators of Champions of Erendil, are artists, writers and twins who operate Champion Comics, an independent publishing company. Luna is also an animator and the artist for Ruined my Rhythm.

Gary Bedell is an artist with more than 15 years of experience in the gaming, film/TV and design industries. Gary’s art is featured in the ’80s horror anthology “Graveyard Slaughter,” to be released in October by Lunchbox Press.

Check thelibrary.org/librarycon and the LibraryCon event page on Facebook for updates, a complete list of special guests, events and vendors.

Get ready for LibraryCon with and the Harry Potters

Get a head start on LibraryCon at 7 p.m. Friday, August 16, with a concert featuring the band that spawned the genre of wizard-rock — Harry & The Potters! This multi-generational, high-energy show will appeal to Harry Potter fans from 4 to 104! In the Library Center auditorium. Sponsored by the Library Foundation.

Take your summer reading to the next level...of horror with SUMMER SCARES!

Get to know a new generation of horror authors, rediscover some established veteran writers, and check out a summer series that explores the mystique of the stories that make our skin crawl.

Whether you love horror or rarely read it, embrace all things ghastly and frightful at these events for adults, teens and middle grade readers (unless designated otherwise.)

Slasher Films and Final Girls
Thursday, July 11, 7 p.m. for adults in the Library Center auditorium. The slasher film has been one of horror's most reviled but beloved subgenres. From Hitchcock to “Halloween,” these films have left a long list of “final girls” such as Laurie Strode and Sidney Prescott, and developed a cult following. Missouri State University professors Michael Frizell and Tim White will discuss famous slasher flicks and final girls.

The Shape of Terror:
A Sit-Down with Daniel Kraus
Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m. for adults and teens in grades 9–12 in the Library Center auditorium. Join New York Times best-selling author Daniel Kraus for a discussion of his teen and adult titles, his take on the horror genre and why he thinks horror appeals to so many readers. Kraus is the author of “Rotters.” He co-authored “Trollhunters” and “The Shape of Water” with Guillermo del Toro. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Ozarkian Campfire Tales
Thursday, July 25, 7:30 p.m. at Ritter Springs Park, 3683 W. Farm Road 92. Cozy up to a crackling campfire, enjoy some s’mores and get spooked by the weird tales of authors from “Feral: A Journal of Ozarkian Gothic.” S’mores will be provided. Meet at the Ritter Springs pavilion. Registration starts July 1; call 883-5341.

Family Movie Night at the Library
Friday, July 26, 6:30–8 p.m. for families with kids of all ages in the Library Center auditorium. Watch “Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween,” rated PG, on our big screen and do an activity. Materials will be provided.

Horror Board Game Night
Thursday, August 1, 6-8 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Library Center Story Hour Room. Enjoy a night of thrills and chills with horror-themed board games One Night Ultimate Werewolf and Betrayal at House on the Hill.

Teen Friday Nights
Friday, August 2, 6-8 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Library Station Frisco Room. Join us for Scary Stories Under the Stars. Tell your best scary stories and enjoy s’mores around the “campfire.” Snacks will be provided.

Book Discussions
Visit with others about horror titles at these book discussions:

- Donuts & Death: Tuesdays, 6 p.m. at the Hurts Donut Company, 320 Park Central West.
  - July 9: “Rotters” by Daniel Kraus.

- Center City Book Club: Tuesdays, June 11, 1:30 p.m. in the Midtown Carnegie Branch upstairs meeting room.
  - “My Soul to Keep” by Tananarive Due.

- Book Discussion: Thursday, June 27, 1:30 p.m. in the Library Station Santa Fe Room. “Rotters” by Daniel Kraus.


“Horror is one of those genres that is incredibly popular. But people look at you funny when you say you like reading horror. We want to use this opportunity to showcase the best of what’s out there today. These stories won’t just scare readers, but they’ll make them laugh, make them cry, and make them cringe. There’s more to horror than just saying ‘boo.’”
— Horror author Grady Hendrix
Daniel Kraus is the coauthor, with Guillermo del Toro, of the New York Times best-selling novel, “The Shape of Water,” and the award-winning author of “Rotters,” “The Death and Life of Zebulon Finch,” and “Scowler.” Read a portion of our interview with him here, and catch him in person for The Shape of Terror: A Sit-Down with Daniel Kraus, at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 18, in the Library Center auditorium. See the full interview online at https://thelibrary.org/press/article.cfm?aid=5616

You’ve written numerous books for a young adult audience, including your Stoker-nominated novel “Rotters.” What’s the importance of engaging younger readers with horror?

Younger people tend to be sensation junkies — whether it’s excitement, lust, fear, whatever. So I think scary things can really sink their hooks into young readers in a way they can’t for adults. You remember things from childhood so vividly because everything makes brand-new wounds, in a way. When you read a scary book, it makes a little wound. Maybe you retreat from that wound, but you never forget it, and so maybe you edge back toward it after a while. Horror is a great way of testing your limits, and testing your limits is a great way of broadening your mind — your heart too.

How did you come up with the premise in “Rotters” of a boy finding out his father is a grave robber and getting wrapped up in that world himself?

When I was a TV news photographer in North Carolina, I was driving a news van in a hurricane and passed a flooded cemetery, and had this vision of two men wading through the muck to gather some valuable buried thing. It was the right idea for me, because I’ve always been fascinated with burial rituals — mostly how little sense burial makes!

“The Shape of Water,” which you developed with Guillermo del Toro and later novelized, was nominated for 13 Academy Awards and won four, including best picture. Do you think attitudes toward horror are changing in mainstream media and critical circles, and if so, why have those attitudes changed?

Not really, but that’s a good thing. I think horror — as well as its genre sister, eroticism — need to stay on the fringe to remain healthy. Right now, institutions happen to be making some money off horror, so they’ll ride that train until it sputters. Which it will. We’ll have another lousy cycle soon. I think the number of really strong pieces of horror art per year never changes much. It’s just a matter of how easy the good art is to find. An acceptable course of action for horror creators is to get a little uncomfortable when the genre gets too popular. Horror, by its definition, should repel a good deal of the populace. Otherwise, it’s not horror.

Share This with Someone Who Yearns to Learn to Read

If you know someone struggling with their reading skills, tell them about the new, free Learning Upgrade app available in the Android Play Store on their phone, or by visiting https://abc.xprize.org/lu4455.

It’s a mobile “literacy app” that teens and young adults can use by themselves, on their own schedules. You can help improve adult literacy in our communities by sharing the app with them. The app is being made available to the community through the $1 million Adult Literacy XPRIZE Communities Competition.

Chances are you know someone struggling with low-literacy. By spreading the word about the Learning Upgrade app and the Communities Competition, you can put a free, private and convenient tool in the hands of those who need it most!

Want to help?

Show the individual how to download the app on an Android phone, and enter referral code 4455.

Ask them to use the app at least three times. They’ll learn more, and it will help the Library compete for the most app use in the Adult Literacy XPRIZE Communities Competition. Winning means the Library and the Ozarks Literacy Council would share a $50,000 prize to purchase meaningful books for adult learners in Springfield and Greene County.

Be sure to tell them about the Ozarks Literacy Council services, too! It provides free one-on-one tutoring to all ages. Call 616-0505 for an appointment or visit the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library office.
Celebrate World Refugee Day at the Library

“Every minute, 20 people around the globe leave everything behind to escape war, persecution or terror,” according to the United Nations. The UN designated June 20 as World Refugee Day to commemorate the perseverance of refugees and demonstrate public support.

The Library invites you and your family to celebrate World Refugee Day and welcome new Americans living in Springfield and Greene County with documentary viewings, crafts and other activities at the Library Station.

During the celebration, stop in the lobby and watch the Library’s Welcome Videos in Arabic, Chin, Russian, Spanish and Swahili for limited- or non-English speaking residents. The videos star local residents and were made possible by an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant and Friends of the Library.

World Refugee Day: “Warehoused” Documentary & Discussion

Thursday, June 20, 6:30–9 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Explore the plight of long-term refugees through the lives of those living in Dadaab, Kenya, one of the world’s largest refugee camps. Stay for a panel discussion of new Americans sharing their refugee resettlement experience in Springfield.

Little Voices

Sunday, June 23, 3 p.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 celebrating A Land of Opportunity.

Enjoy Stories with Your Legislators

Your state legislators will read your favorite stories at a storytime near you! For all ages.

Friday, June 7, 10 a.m. at the Midtown Carnegie Branch with Rep. Crystal Quade
Tuesdays, June 11 and July 30, 11:15 a.m. at the Library Station with Rep. Sonya Anderson
Thursday, June 20, 11 a.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch with Rep. Steve Helms
Thursday, June 27, 11 a.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch with Sen. Lincoln Hough
Thursday, July 25, 9:30 a.m. at the Ash Grove Branch with Rep. Mike Moon
Wednesday, July 31, 10 a.m. at the Republic Branch with Sen. Eric Burlison
Enjoy these Library programs planned at other locations.

**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.
- **June 11:** “Mongrels” by Stephen Graham Jones. *A Summer Scares event.*
- **July 9:** “Rotters” by Daniel Kraus. *A Summer Scares event.*
- **August 13:** “The Sundial” by Shirley Jackson.

**Northview Book Discussion**
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. for senior adults at the Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St. Join us for this library-sponsored book group just for seniors.
- **June 14:** “Americanah” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.
- **July 12:** “The Dry” by Jane Harper.
- **August 9:** “The Woman in the Window” by A.J. Finn.

**South Side Senior Center Book Discussion**
Thursdays, 1 p.m. at the South Side Senior Center, 2215 S. Fremont Ave.
- **June 20:** “The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah.
- **July 18:** “The Wangs vs. the World” by Jade Chang.
- **August 15:** “The Story of Arthur Truluv” by Elizabeth Berg.

**My Favorite Crime Book Club**
Wednesday, July 10, 7:30 p.m. for age 21 and older at Tie & Timber Beer Co., 1451 E. Cherry St. Do you have a “favorite” serial killer? Are you fascinated by forensics? This true crime book discussion is for you. This month: “The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century” by Kirk Wallace Johnson.

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**Books & Brew**
6 p.m. for age 21 and older at Mother’s Brewing Company, 215 S. Grant Ave. Enjoy a cold glass of beer and discuss aspects of American culture.
- **Tuesday, July 16:** “The Teenage Slasher Movie Book” by J.A. Kerswell. *A Summer Scares event.*
- **Thursday, August 15:** “Dead Girls: Essays on Surviving and American Obsession” by Alice Bolin.

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Libraries Close for Holiday
The 10 branches and drive-up windows will be closed and the Mobile Library will not make its scheduled stops on Thursday, July 4.

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.

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Ash Grove Branch Library

Flying Needles
Tuesdays, June 11, July 9 and August 13, 1:30 p.m. Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Work on your current projects, share patterns and ideas, and check out our knitting and crochet resources. All levels of experience are welcome.

Ash Grove Bibliophiles
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
• June 18: “Next Year in Havana” by Chanel Cleeton.
• July 16: “Cat’s Eye” by Margaret Atwood.
• August 20: “White Dog Fell From the Sky” by Eleanor Morse.

Fair Grove Branch Library

Blockbusters at the Library
Mondays, 4–6:30 p.m. for adults and teens age 13 and older. Celebrate your summer with popcorn and a free screening of these blockbuster titles!
• June 17: “Mary Poppins Returns,” rated PG.
• July 29: “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse,” rated PG.

Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
• July 10: “Before We Were Yours” by Lisa Wingate.
• August 14: “Educated: A Memoir” by Tara Westover.

Crafts and Cappuccino
Saturday, June 22, 1–4 p.m. for grade 3–adult. Have a crafting project you can’t seem to finish? Relax with a warm beverage and uninterrupted crafting time. Bring your own projects or loot the library’s supplies to create one! Refreshments, some supplies and a small craft will be provided.

Exploring Genealogy
Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.
• Monday, June 3, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Missouri Bicentennial. Michael Sweeney, Missouri Bicentennial coordinator for the State Historical Society of Missouri, will discuss the plans for celebrating Missouri’s 200th birthday on Aug. 10, 2021, and how you can join the celebration.
• Wednesday, June 19, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. Researching by Lineage Society Standards. Leslie Wyman, managing director of the White River Valley Historical Society, will discuss locating records from the Revolutionary War period, 1774–1783; documents required to prove lineage; applying for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution; and free online information to assist with genealogical research.
• Wednesday, July 17, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. DNA and Adoption. Hear from Heather Dodd, founder of the Missouri Adoptee Rights Movement, Missouri representative for G’s Adoption Registry and owner of Genected, about the 13-year search for her mother’s family and how it

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Saturday, June 22, 1–4 p.m. for grade 3–adult. Have a crafting project you can’t seem to finish? Relax with a warm beverage and uninterrupted crafting time. Bring your own projects or loot the library’s supplies to create one! Refreshments, some supplies and a small craft will be provided.

Exploring Genealogy
Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.
• Monday, June 3, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Missouri Bicentennial. Michael Sweeney, Missouri Bicentennial coordinator for the State Historical Society of Missouri, will discuss the plans for celebrating Missouri’s 200th birthday on Aug. 10, 2021, and how you can join the celebration.
• Wednesday, June 19, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. Researching by Lineage Society Standards. Leslie Wyman, managing director of the White River Valley Historical Society, will discuss locating records from the Revolutionary War period, 1774–1783; documents required to prove lineage; applying for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution; and free online information to assist with genealogical research.
• Wednesday, July 17, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. DNA and Adoption. Hear from Heather Dodd, founder of the Missouri Adoptee Rights Movement, Missouri representative for G’s Adoption Registry and owner of Genected, about the 13-year search for her mother’s family and how it
inspired Heather to volunteer as a search angel and her work in support of the Missouri Adoptee Rights Act.

- Monday, August 5, 7 p.m. in meeting rooms A and B. **Ozarks Music Thru the Years.** Wayne Glenn, the Old Record Collector and fixture on KTXR-FM since 1977, will talk about Ozarks music with emphasis on local music figures in the ’60s and ’70s.
- Wednesday, August 21, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. **Available at the OGS Library.** OGS members will provide an overview of genealogy resources, including OGS published materials, pedigree charts and Ozarkin.

**Second Sunday Concert Series**
Sundays, 2–3:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.
- June 9: **The Shandies,** Natalie Wlodarczyk and Shannon Stine, play an eclectic mix of original and cover tunes that incorporate folk, country, rock and pop marked by tight vocal harmonies and creative guitar blends.
- July 14: Local musician **Melinda Mullins** will perform songs and poems by her father, Grammy-nominated Johnny Mullins, most famous for “Blue Kentucky Girl.”
- August 11: Folk gospel singer Mary Alexander joins folk singer and storyteller Marideth Sisco for **“Front Porch Songs: What We Did Before Television,”** a performance of songs and stories people once shared for evening entertainment in the Ozarks.

**AARP Movies for Grown-ups**
Tuesdays, 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.
- June 11: **“The King’s Speech,”** rated R.
- August 13: **“Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again,”** rated PG-13.

**Book Discussion**
Wednesdays, 1–2:30 p.m. in meeting room B.
- June 12: **“The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper”** by Phaedra Patrick.
- July 10: **“Astrophysics for People in a Hurry”** by Neil deGrasse Tyson.
- August 14: **“Where the Crawdads Sing”** by Delia Owens.

**Learning to See:**
**The Art of Amy-Beth Rice**
Saturday, June 15, 5–7 p.m. in the auditorium. Memphis-based artist, muralist and educator Amy-Beth Rice will discuss her personal work, which centers on themes of identity, truth, and perceiving yourself and your reality accurately. Her exhibit at the Library Center consists of portraiture, imaginative scenes and animals in the pop surrealism style, with a unifying color palette and lots of movement in the brushstrokes and composition. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

**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).
Library Center continued

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors
Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m. in meeting room B. Aggression, repetition, wandering — these and other dementia-related behaviors can be frightening and challenging to caregivers. Knowing what to do in these situations can help keep your loved one safe. Learn how to respond when someone you care for is struggling with dementia-related behaviors from Alzheimer’s Association Community Educator Julia Schreiber. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association.

Parent Café
Friday, June 21, 6–8 p.m. in the auditorium. Being a special needs parent is tough but it isn’t hopeless. Meet new people, share ideas and learn about community resources in this special Parent Café. Dinner and child care will be provided. Presented in partnership with Include Ozarks and Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Registration starts June 1; call 883-5341.

Senior Social
Thursdays, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. for age 60 and older in meeting rooms A and B. 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 883-5341 to register.


• July 25: Declutter and Organize Your Life. Learn how to declutter, including what to keep and how to organize, to make your space more livable and appealing. Registration starts July 11.

• August 22: Don’t Buy It — Make It! Get ideas for DIY soaps, cleaners, food, clothing and décor. Registration starts August 8.

Your Most Important Skill in Business — Communication
Thursday, June 27, 6–8 p.m. in meeting room A. Tim Bartholomew, founder and owner of The Growth Coach, will discuss the two main types of communication and provide tips for using the Platinum Rule to make your communication even better and allow your company to thrive. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for networking before the presentation. Sponsored by SCORE. Registration starts June 6; call 417-986-4730.

Movies and Memories: Take Me Out to the Ball Game
Sunday, June 30, 2–4 p.m. in the auditorium. Join us for an intergenerational movie screening for individuals with Alzheimer’s and dementia and their families and friends. Munch on Cracker Jacks while enjoying a series of short baseball film clips. Have some “pregame” fun at 1:30 p.m. with
baseball-themed activities and sing the national anthem. Representatives from the Alzheimer's Association will share community resources if needed. This program is funded by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks Senior Mental Health Grant and is presented in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association. Registration starts June 1; call 883-5341.

**Slasher Films and Final Girls**

Thursday, July 11, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. The slasher film has been one of horror’s most reviled but beloved subgenres. From Hitchcock to Halloween, these films have left a long list of “final girls” such as Laurie Strode and Sidney Prescott, and developed a cult following. Missouri State University professors Michael Frizell and Tim White will discuss famous slasher flicks and final girls. A Summer Scares event.

**Conscious Parenting: From Chaos to Calm**

Saturday, July 13, 10–11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. The Conscious Discipline model provides parents with life-changing skills that decrease problem behavior, power struggles and aggression, while increasing resilience, emotional health and achievement. The topic for this session is Encouragement: Noticing, Accepting and Connecting with Children. Child care will be provided. Presented in partnership with One Stop for Early Childhood and Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Registration starts June 28; call 616-0563.

**History Explorers Presents: Capturing Ozarks History**

Tuesday, July 16, 7:30 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Dale Moore and Jim Baker have captured a trove of stories about Ozarks heritage, people, customs and folklore during the past 20 years for “OzarksWatch Video Magazine,” on Ozarks Public Television, channel 21. They’ll discuss where their stories come from, their research, the production process and what next season might hold. Presented in partnership with the Sons of the American Revolution.

**Caring for Your Business, Yourself and Your Life**

Thursday, July 18, 6–8 p.m. in meeting room A. Jessica Long, business professor and Activate Consulting & Training owner, will show you how creating better balance in life can help you and your business. Jessica’s concrete action steps will help you manage your time with balance in mind, set better goals to achieve balance and recognize the time wasters that you may be able to eliminate. Learn stress-relieving techniques. If you’ve said to yourself, “I’m too busy to [insert thing you love]” then this is the class for you. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for networking before the presentation. Sponsored by SCORE. Registration starts June 27; call 417-986-4730.

We’ll Make It Your Newsletter

Did you know you can get Library news delivered to your email box in the free, monthly Library Newsletter?

Now you can also manage your newsletter account to receive occasional emails about upcoming programs specific to your personal interests!

If you already get the Library Newsletter, just scroll to the bottom and click “update my preferences.” It will provide a list of preferred topics that you can click. That’s all!

You’ll receive occasional emails about upcoming programs, library services or collections in line with your preferences. You can cancel, change or update your topic interests at any time from the bottom of the emails.

New to the Library Newsletter? Sign up for it at thelibrary.org/newsletter, and you’ll be offered the same list of preferred topics. Click on the topics you don’t want to miss, and we’ll do the rest.
Too Busy for a Book Club? Join Readups Online

Want to talk about books but short on time? Forget the meet ups and join our virtual book club, ReadUps!

Find ReadUps on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/ReadUps and on the Springfield-Greene County Library District page on Goodreads under Groups.

Each month we choose a topic or theme and suggest related titles, post polls and articles. Near the month’s end, we find out what books you’re reading and talk about them.

Our spring topics are June: Outer Space, July: Summer Scares and August: Manga.

Prefer to chat about books in person? Pick up a book discussion brochure at any branch or visit thelibrary.org/bookdiscussions to see the current schedule and titles up for discussion.

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The Shape of Terror: A Sit-Down
with Daniel Kraus

Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m.

for adults and teens in grades 9–12 in the auditorium. Join New York Times best-selling author Daniel Kraus for a discussion of his teen and adult titles, his take on the horror genre and why he thinks horror appeals to so many readers. Kraus is the author of “Rotters.” He co-authored “Trollhunters” and “The Shape of Water” with Guillermo del Toro. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

A Summer Scares event.

Civil War Book Discussion Group

Mondays.

• July 22, 6 p.m. in the auditorium: “The Long Riders,” rated R.
• August 26, 7 p.m. in meeting room A: Bring your favorite Civil War book.

Overcoming the Fear of Writing a Business Plan with Business Model Canvas

Thursday, August 1, 6–8 p.m. in meeting room A. SCORE mentor John Fleming will explain the Business Model Canvas (BMC), a one-page document that allows you to test and validate the key parts of your business in a manageable format. BMC helps you find problems early, organize your enterprise and ensure that you are delivering value to your customer. Learn tips on how to use the BMC to develop a full business plan. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for networking before the presentation. Sponsored by SCORE. Registration starts July 5; call 417-986-4730.

LibraryCon

Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Join the fun at our 5th Annual LibraryCon! Meet amazing authors, illustrators and your favorite characters during our family-friendly celebration of comics, reading and fandom. Visit thelibrary.org/librarycon for a complete schedule of events and special guests you won’t want to miss! Kick off the fun with an all-ages concert with Harry & The Potters at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 16!

Library Station

Senior Social

Thursdays, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. for adults age 60 and older in the Frisco Room. 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 616-0683 to register.

• June 6: Family Tree and Photo Memories. Bring old family photos or fun stories to share with others in the group while we reminisce. You can also record a special video message for your family that will be given to you on a flash drive to take home. Registration starts May 23.
• August 1: Time in a Bottle. Have fun boxing up memories for a future generation. Bring photos and special items such as books, newspaper clippings, letters, coins and other favorite objects that will surprise and delight those who open this treasure chest of your history. Registration starts July 18.

Space Film Friday

Fridays, 2 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Watch popular movies on the big screen at the library, popcorn provided.

• August 2: “Apollo 13,” rated PG.
Booktalk
Tuesdays, June 18, July 16 and August 20, 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Have you read a good book lately? Want to learn about new titles, authors or genres? Share your latest reads with others and learn about upcoming titles.

World Refugee Day: “Warehoused” Documentary & Discussion
Thursday, June 20, 6:30–9 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Explore the plight of long-term refugees through the lives of those living in Dadaab, Kenya, one of the world’s largest refugee camps. Stay for a panel discussion of new Americans sharing their refugee resettlement experience in Springfield. In the lobby, watch the Library’s Welcome Videos for residents who speak Arabic, Chin, Russian, Spanish and Swahili. Sponsored by the International Institute of Southwest Missouri, Life is My Movie and Friends of the Library.

World Refugee Day Celebration
Saturday, June 22, 1–9 p.m. for all ages. The United Nations designated June 20 as World Refugee Day. Join us for a day filled with activities, food and fun for all ages.
• 1–9 p.m. Create a community welcome banner that will hang in the lobby until September. Visit the Children’s Department for special activities. You can also view the Library’s Welcome videos for limited- or non-English speaking residents. The videos star local residents and were made possible by an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant and Friends of the Library.
• 1 p.m. in the lobby: Korean Drumming Performance. Enjoy a live performance of Korean drumming and singing by new Americans.
• 2–4 p.m. in the Frisco Room: DIY Welcome Sign. Registration starts June 10; call 616-0683. Details below.
• 6–8 p.m. in the Frisco Room. “Salam Neighbor” Documentary. Immerse yourself into the life of a Syrian refugee through the journey of Chris and Zach as the first filmmakers allowed to be registered and given a tent inside of a refugee camp. World Refugee Day Celebration events are sponsored by Friends of the Library.

World Refugee Day: DIY Welcome Signs
Saturday, June 22, 2–4 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Create a pallet welcome sign for your home to make your neighbors feel welcome. Materials will be provided. Registration starts June 10; call 616-0683.

Memory Café: Space Race
Sunday, June 23, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Reminisce with Library staff member Tysha Shay about the space race that led to the first moon landing. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association, this program is an informal social gathering for those living with early-stage memory loss and their care partners. Registration starts June 9; call 616-0683.

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.
programs for adults

Library Station continued

Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room.
• June 27: “Rotters” by Daniel Kraus. *A Summer Scares event.*
• August 22: “Finding Dorothy” by Elizabeth Letts.

Citizen Science: Invasive Plants
Thursday, June 27, 7–9 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Learn about common invasive plants and which native plants you can replace them with from Greater Ozarks Audubon Society member Myra Scroggs.

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

“Universe of Stories” Creative Writing Workshop
Saturday, July 20, 2–4 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Want to add your own voice to the “Universe of Stories”? Attend this crash course in storytelling taught by Derek Cowsert, Library staff member and Ozarks Technical Community College English instructor, with a focus on short- and long-form fiction, highlighting the differences between the two. *Registration starts July 8; call 616-0683.*

Sifting Through the Ashes
Sunday, July 21, 2–4 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Writing about a tragic house fire that occurred 60 years ago can be a challenge, especially when all of the survivors are deceased. During this multimedia presentation, author Tim Ritter will discuss brick walls in research, learning to sift through family legends in search of the truth and taking chances that lead to connections to the past.

Gallery Talk: “The Japanese Salaryman”
Sunday, August 18, 2 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Andrea and Sarah-Marie Land, contemporary Missouri artists, will discuss their series of photographs entitled “The Japanese Salaryman,” exploring the norms and customs of this Japanese subculture.

“The Wizard of Oz” Trivia Night
Saturday, August 24, 6–8 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Are you the ultimate “Wizard of Oz” fan? Put your knowledge of the cinematic classic to test as teams of four compete in a trivia contest. *Registration starts August 12; call 616-0683.* See our “Wizard of Oz” event for kids on page 30.
Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

Center City Book Club
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.
• June 11: “My Soul to Keep” by Tananarive Due. A Summer Scares event.
• July 9: “Holy Lands” by Amanda Sthers.
• August 13: “How to Walk Away” by Katherine Center.

Craft & Dine
Wednesdays, June 19, July 17 and August 21, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. for adults age 60 and older in the basement meeting room. Enjoy lunch and fun conversation while working on your favorite craft. Bring a project from home or let us provide one. A $3.50 lunch donation to SeniorAge is encouraged. Offered in cooperation with SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging. Registration starts June 1; call 862-0135.

Midtown Workshop Series
Thursdays, in the upstairs meeting room. Learn useful life skills on a variety of topics from area experts.
• June 20, 6 p.m. Preserving: Sweet Spreads. Learn how to extend the sweetness of ripe fruits and produce though the seasons. Kelsa Ferguson, with University of Missouri Extension, will share tried-and-true methods for making sweet spreads at home.
• July 25, 4–5:30 p.m. Alien Costume Makeup Tutorial. Watch a professional makeup artist from Associated Theatrical Contractors transform their model into an alien right before your eyes. Ask questions and get advice on how to achieve different looks and utilize techniques — just in time for your August 17 LibraryCon cosplay.
• August 22, 6 p.m. Cupcake Decorating. Whether you’re just getting started or looking to perfect your piping skills, explore the tricks of the trade with a cupcake decorating expert from The Urban Cup.

Fix-it Fair
Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m.—2 p.m. for all ages in 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.

Ask the Experts: Payday Loan Alternatives
Saturday, July 27, 10–11:30 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room. A payday or title loan may seem like a quick fix to your financial problem, but in the end it could end up costing you even more. A panel of experts will explore other solutions for your short-term cash woes. Ask the Experts is an instructional series from the Making Sense of Money Financial Literacy Initiative, a program of Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Each quarter, financial experts will provide guidance on a different money topic.

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.
• June 7: Beginners and masters alike are invited to drop by the All-Levels Chess Tournament, hosted by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board Chess Club. On Display: Small Worlds by Hannah Sheehan.
programs for adults

Park Central Branch continued

- July 5: Beginners and masters alike are invited to drop by the All-Levels Chess Tournament, hosted by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board Chess Club. On Display: Works by Rachel Johnson.
- August 2: Conservatory of the Ozarks music students of all ages will present a summer recital with solo and group performances on a variety of musical instruments and vocals. On Display: Ozarks Avenues, Pathways and Corridors: Paintings by Dana Neuenschwander.

Second Saturday Community Crafts
Saturdays, noon–5 p.m. for all ages. Stop by during Second Saturday Art Walk and contribute to the month’s collaborative community craft, which will be displayed through the month. Materials will be provided.
- June 8: Community Collage.
- August 10: String Art.

Solar System Walk
Saturday, June 15, 10:30 a.m.–noon for all ages. Take a to-scale walking tour of the solar system with Becky Baker, instructor from Missouri State University’s Physics, Astronomy and Materials Science Department. Start at the Sun (Park Central Branch Library, 128 Park Central Square) and work your way across the solar system, learning about the planets, their moons, and other celestial bodies and spacecraft as you go. The walk concludes with activities and crafts at everyone’s favorite dwarf planet, Pluto (The Discovery Center, 438 E. St. Louis Street). The stations will be up through August 3, so stop by the Park Central Branch to pick up a travel guide and take a self-guided tour throughout the summer. Check out a Discovery Center pass from any library branch and enjoy the museum after the program for free.

Republic Branch Library

Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.
- July 11: “Then She Was Gone” by Lisa Jewell.

Organizing and How-To Tips from the Pros
Saturday, June 15, 2:30 p.m. Learn practical tips from the experts at Scenic Home & Office Organizers to make your home a stress-free sanctuary where you can function efficiently and effectively.

Acrylics and Canvases
Saturday, July 20, 2–3:30 p.m. for adults only. Create a one-of-a-kind canvas through a guided painting experience with library staff members. Materials will be provided. Registration starts July 1; call 732-7284.

“Interstellar”
Saturday, August 3, 1–4 p.m. Celebrate the end of summer reading with a screening of “Interstellar,” rated PG-13.

Shop Bargains
Up to 75% Off at Between Friends Sidewalk Sale June 7–8
Stock up on gifts for family, friends or yourself at the 4th annual Between Friends Gift Shop Sidewalk Sale from 10 a.m.–7 p.m. on Friday, June 7, and 9 a.m.–noon on Saturday, June 8, in Library Center meeting rooms A&B, 4653 S. Campbell Ave.

Think early Christmas shopping! Upcoming birthdays and showers! The gift shop staff is clearing everything out to do inventory, and they’re selling jewelry, scarves, cards, frames, plush toys, stationery and more at 50% and 75% off original prices. Some tables will have items marked down to 50 cents, $1, $2 and $5.
Cash, check and credit cards are accepted, and there’s never any tax.
Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

NXT Chapter: A Book Group for 20/30-Somethings
Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. for ages 20–39. BYOB (Bring Your Own Book).
Bring a title from the month’s featured theme to share with the group.
• June 6: Classics.
• July 11: Made You Laugh.
• August 1: Missouri Author or Set in Missouri.

Senior Social
Mondays, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. for adults age 60 and older in the community room. 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.
• June 10: Alzheimer’s Workshop. Learn how to identify the early signs of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, and manage life with memory concerns with coping mechanisms, activities and guidance. Hands-on activities will simulate real-life situations of people with memory loss. Registration starts May 27.
• July 8: Smart Home, Smart Life. Learn about Alexa, Google Home, safety pendants and other smart home technology that can add sophistication, safety and fun to your life. Registration starts June 24.
• August 12: Hip and Knee Replacements. Contemplating hip or knee replacement surgery? Learn about the signs and symptoms of conditions that may require a replacement, surgery and recovery, and hear personal stories from those who have had successful replacement surgeries. Registration starts July 29.

Chess Club
Mondays, June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, and August 5 and 19, 6–8 p.m. for all ages. Whether you’re just getting started or an experienced player, you’ll have fun and improve your skills playing with other chess enthusiasts. Members of the Springfield Greene County Park Board Chess Club will share their expertise.

iPhone Class for Seniors
Tuesdays, June 11, 25, July 9, 23, and August 13, 27, 1–3 p.m. Bring your own iOS device (iPhone or iPad) for free classes hosted by Mercy Seniors. If you are an older adult and want to be more familiar with mobile technology or stay connected with kids and grandkids, this beginner class is for you. We’ll cover touch screen basics, navigating your device, helpful and popular apps, taking photos and more. Classes are held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Evening Book Discussion
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
• June 11: “Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine” by Gail Honeyman.
• July 9: “There There” by Tommy Orange.

Seed Savers Sought for Library Collection
The Heirloom Seed Library is looking for a small group of volunteers to save varieties from the Library’s seed collection in bulk.
This group will help replenish and maintain the Heirloom Seed Library collection, allowing us to continue to educate and inspire community members in the agriculture practice of plant seed saving.
For more information on how you can become a seed saver for The Library, contact Gina Marie Walden at 417-616-0508 or email ginamariew@thelibrary.org.


An Afternoon with the Layton Hollow Gals
Sunday, June 16, 2 p.m. Melinda Mullins, Emily Higgins and Betsy Beymer are the Layton Hollow Gals, named after the birthplace of Melinda’s father, Ozarks’ Grammy-nominated songwriter Johnny Mullins, who penned hit songs for Loretta Lynn, Porter Wagoner and others. The Layton Hollow Gals will share songs from Johnny’s body of work including “the shoebox collection” of previously undiscovered songs. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Brown Bag Travelogue
Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m. Sit back, relax and explore a new place. You’re welcome to bring a sack lunch.

- June 19: Tulips & Windmills. Discover the charm and history of the Low Countries as Anjanette Nowell and Debbie Letterman share stories and photos from their 10-day river cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium.
- July 17: Behind the Scenes at Space Camp. Learn what it takes to be an astronaut as Library staff member Sarah Bradshaw shares some of her hands-on, interactive experiences from Space Camp.
- August 21: Piranhas to Penguins. Bill & Maggie’s Excellent Adventure. Bill and Maggie Crowe will share adventures from their 68-day cruise around South America and the Antarctic aboard Holland America’s Prinsendam.

Out-of-this-World Movie Night
Thursday, June 20, 6–8 p.m. Grab your multipass and journey to the library to watch the cult classic “The Fifth Element,” rated PG-13. We’ll have the snacks covered with popcorn and mini cupcakes; bring a blanket if you want to spread out in front.

Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s
Thursday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. Does someone you care for frequently misplace things, forget names or get confused about where they are? Join Alzheimer’s Association Community Educator Julia Schreiber to learn the 10 common warning signs of Alzheimer’s and dementia and explore the next steps in seeking out help for yourself or a loved one. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association.
**Mobile Library Stops for June–August 2019**

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

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

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

**Wednesdays**
- McClernon Villa, 1320 E. McClernon St., 2:15–2:45 p.m.
- Glenwood Manor, 2540 N. Delaware Ave., 3–3:30 p.m.
- Weller neighborhood, 1600 block E. Blaine St., 3:45–4:35 p.m.
- Robberson neighborhood, 2350 N. Taylor Ave., 4:25–5 p.m.
- Cedarbrook Apts., 811 N. Cedarbrook Ave., 5:35–6:30 p.m.
- Country Club Apts., Wldn & Cinderella, 6–6:30 p.m.
- S. Dollison Ave. & E. Downing St., 6:45–7:15 p.m.

**Thursdays**
- Beacon Village Apts., 639 N. Eldon Ave., 2–2:30 p.m.
- Westport Park Apts., 250 N. Hilton Ave., 2:45–3:15 p.m.
- Nu Elm Apts., 440 S. New Ave., 3:30–4 p.m.
- Hattiesburg Hills, 4665 W. Portland St., 4:15–4:45 p.m.
- S. Lulwood Ave. & W. La Siesta St., 5–5:30 p.m.
- The Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway Ave., 5:50–6:30 p.m.
- Craigmont Place, 740 S. Lafontaine Ave., 6:45–7:15 p.m.

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**Memory Café: Space Race**
Sunday, July 14, 2 p.m. Reminisce with Library staff member Tysha Shay about the space race that led to the first moon landing. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association, this program is an informal social gathering for those living with early-stage memory loss and their care partners. **Registration starts July 1; call 883-1974.**

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**Strafford Branch Library**

**Senior Social**
Thursdays, 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 736-9233 to register.

- **June 20:** **Save Money with DIY Products.** From organization and cooking to making your own soaps and cleaners, learn how to have fun making it yourself. **Registration starts June 6.**
  - **July 18:** **Budgeting 101.** Get advice from the experts on creating budgets to get out of debt, cut back on expenses and keep more money in your pocket. **Registration starts July 3.**
- **August 15:** **Getting Your Affairs in Order.** If someone had to make sense of your financial matters without your help, would they know what you own, where your important documents are or your wishes for end of life? Learn what to do, when to do it and who can help get your affairs in order. **Registration starts August 1.**

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**Mark Your Calendars for Fall Book Sale**

Fall will be here before we know it and with it comes the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale!

Mark your calendars for the Fall Book Sale October 16–20 at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex. The Friends Night Preview takes place on Tuesday, October 15.

Weeding your book, movie, music or game collection this summer? The Friends welcome your donations as they get ready for the fall sale. Drop off donations at any library branch during operating hours.

Proceeds from the spring and fall book sales benefit the Library in the form of capital improvements, equipment, Summer Reading Program performers, free concerts, author talks and free books for preschoolers.
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Library Center

Film Workshop Series
Saturdays, 2–4 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Story Hour Room. Are you an aspiring filmmaker? Learn what it takes to write a script, prepare for a video shoot and record from Library staff member Taryn Westphale.

• June 8: Part I: Visual Storytelling and Screenwriting 101. Learn the importance of storytelling and what makes an engaging video as you view and discuss examples. Bring your ideas or inspiration for your own stories.

• June 15: Part II: Pre-Production. Learn what it takes to go from script to screen, and how to prepare for a fun and effective video shoot. Share your progress from the previous session with other participants.

• June 22: Part III: Film Production. Lights, camera, action! Learn basic video techniques and film set protocol while working with other participants, film portions of your own story and learn about library resources that can help with future projects.

Stomp Rocket Challenge
Sunday, June 9, 2 p.m. for grades 4–8 in the Story Hour Room. The sky’s the limit as we design and launch our own stomp rockets and learn what it takes to propel, target and track them. Materials will be provided.

Programming and Robotics
Tuesday, June 18, 6–8 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Story Hour Room. Interested in programming, robot building or interactive game design? Work with our STEAM toys to build and program space-themed projects using Quirk-bots, Micro:bits and more!

Mural Workshop with Amy-Beth Rice
Friday, July 5, 6 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the auditorium. Memphis-based artist, muralist and educator Amy-Beth Rice will guide participants in the creation of a small mural with a community-focused theme to be displayed at the Library Center. Materials will be provided. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Registration starts June 17; call 616-0526.

Galactic Spray Paint Art
Sunday, July 14, 2–4 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Story Hour Room. Artist Taylor Hopkins will demonstrate how to use spray paint to create works of art, then create your own galactic art. Materials will be provided. Registration starts July 1; call 882-0714.

DIY Cosplay Workshop
Saturday, July 20, in the auditorium. Want to dress up as your favorite character? This interactive workshop will cover the basics of cosplay, creating an ensemble from household items and thrift store finds and more. You’re

SCORE Points for Your Business

The Library and SCORE are teaming up this summer to offer expert guidance to help you in business.

Presentations begin at 6 p.m. in Library Center meeting room A. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for networking. Registration is required, call 417-986-4730.


Thursday, July 18: Caring for Your Business, Yourself and Your Life, with Jessica Long, business professor and Activate Consulting & Training owner. Registration starts June 27.

Thursday, August 1: Overcoming the Fear of Writing a Business Plan with Business Model Canvas, with SCORE mentor John Fleming. Registration starts July 5.

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Welcome to bring a project to work on and start prepping for LibraryCon on August 17!
- 2–4 p.m. for grades 4–8
- 6–8 p.m. for grades 9–12

Horror Board Game Night
Thursday, August 1, 6–8 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy a night of thrills and chills with horror-themed board games One Night Ultimate Werewolf and Betrayal at House on the Hill. A Summer Scares event.

Build a Mars Rover
Friday, August 2, 6 p.m. for grades 4–6 in the Story Hour Room. Using our STEAM toys, work together to build a Mars Rover fit to explore the red planet! Each team will have a chance to show off their creation while learning to think and solve problems like NASA scientists. Registration starts July 15; call 882-0714.

Library Station
Teen Friday Nights
Fridays, June 7–August 30, 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.


- July 5: Rockin’ Stomp Rockets. Stomp your way to the stars with a homemade stomp rocket! Materials will be provided.

- July 19: “Space Jam” Night. Enjoy the hit ’90s film “Space Jam,” rated PG. Snacks will be provided.

- August 2: Scary Stories Under the Stars. Tell your best scary stories and enjoy s’mores around the “campfire.” Snacks will be provided. A Summer Scares event.

- August 16: 6–8 p.m. Slime Night. Make out-of-this world slime creations.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
Galaxies and Games
Wednesdays, June 5–June 26, 2:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. You never know what we’ll be doing this summer in the Teen Room: building a LEGO brick space station, solving out-of-this-world puzzles or playing giant “Tetris.”

Writer’s Café
Tuesday, June 11, 2:30 p.m. and July 9, 2:30–4 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. Whether you’re an accomplished writer or just starting out, bring a story, idea or poem you’ve been thinking about and get inspiration and support from fellow writers. Snacks will be provided.

“Guardians of the Galaxy”
Monday, June 17, 2:30–5:30 p.m. for age 13–grade 12 in the Teen Room. Watch “Guardians of the Galaxy,” rated PG-13, test your memory with a trivia quiz, guide the Milano through a maze of asteroids and space debris and join our dance-off to the “Awesome Mix” movie soundtrack.

Experts Explore Options to Payday Loans
July 27
A payday or title loan may seem like a quick fix to your financial problem, but in the end it could end up costing you even more.

As Springfield’s City Council considers options for regulating payday loan providers, the Community Partnership of the Ozarks has pulled together a panel of local experts to help you explore other solutions to your short-term cash woes.

Learn about alternatives to those high-interest loans during Ask the Experts: Payday Loan Alternatives from 10–11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 27, in the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library upstairs meeting room.

Ask the Experts is an instructional series from the Making Sense of Money Financial Literacy Initiative, a program of Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Each quarter, financial experts provide guidance on a different money topic.

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**Back to School Bash!**

Tuesday, August 13, 3:15 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. Celebrate your first day of school as we sing, dance and snack to welcome you back! Learn more about the Teen Room and The Library, and make plans to join us after school.

**Republic Branch Library**

**Teen Thursday**

Thursdays, June 27, July 25, and August 29, 3:30-5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the teen area. Join us on the last Thursday of the month at the Republic Branch for games and special activities just for teens.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library**

**ACT Strategies Workshop**

Tuesday, June 18, 2–4 p.m. for students entering grades 10–11. A Missouri State University instructor will provide a succinct and informative introduction to the ACT with emphasis on techniques you can use to succeed on this test and maximize your score. Space is limited. Registration starts June 3; call 883-1974.

**Songwriting Workshop**

Sunday, June 23, 2–3:30 p.m. for grades 6–12. Whether you’re an accomplished songwriter or a fan of music, learn about songwriting with Library staff member Joe Misterovich. Feel free to bring an instrument, a song of your own or a poem and get ready to be creative. We’ll look at some first steps to songwriting and write our own songs together!

**National Camera Day Photo Challenge: Teen Edition**

Saturday, June 29, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. for grades 8–12. Celebrate National Camera Day with a photo challenge! Stop by the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch anytime on Saturday, June 29, to pick up the photo challenge prompts and guidelines. Have fun taking photos, then submit your photos electronically or in print by 5 p.m. Sunday, June 30. Winning photos will be displayed at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch in July.

**Epic Painting Day**

Tuesday, July 23, 5–7 p.m. for grades 7–12. Get creative with acrylic pouring, trough painting and a group mural. Wear your paint clothes because we are going to get messy!

**Strafford Branch Library**

**Paint by Sticker**

Monday, June 10, 4–6 p.m. for grades 5–12. Drop in and paint without the mess! Bring your creativity for no-hassle painting. Materials will be provided.

**Marvel Mayhem**

Monday, July 8, 1–3 p.m. for grades 5–12. Celebrate the release of “Spider-Man: Far From Home” with Spider-Man and other Marvel superhero-themed activities.

**Teen Night**

Monday, August 19, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 5–12. Stop in for games and crafts just for teens, and let us know what other teen activities you’d like to attend in the future. Snacks and materials will be provided.
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Parents or caregivers must accompany their children, ages 5 and younger, to programs.

Ash Grove Branch Library

Racing to Read Storytime
Thursdays, June 6, 13 and 27, July 11 and 25 and August 1, 8, 22 and 29, 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, June 28 and July 19, 9:30–11 a.m. for grades K–5. Join us as we explore history, science and nature through books and activities. Registration starts May 31; call 751-2933.

Stories with Your Legislators
Thursday, July 25, 9:30 a.m. for all ages. Rep. Mike Moon will read your favorite stories at storytime!

Galaxy Quiz
Tuesday, July 30, 9:30–11 a.m. for grades K–5. Think you know all there is to know about space? Gather up to four friends and prove that your crew has the “right stuff.” Prizes will be awarded.

Fair Grove Branch Library

Eric Vaughn’s Summer Reading Magic & Comedy
Wednesday, June 19, 10 a.m. for preschool–grade 4 at Fair Grove Elementary School, 132 N. Main St. Magician Eric Vaughn and his furry sidekick “Mr. Tinkles” have been working on a very special magic show for summer readers; one that will astound, maybe confound, but surely delight you. Get set for enchantment and laughs!

KY3 for Kids Storybreak
Wednesday, July 3, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Hear your favorite stories read by KY3 anchor Paul Adler.

Racing to Read Storytime
Wednesdays, July 3–August 28, 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.

Keep Calm and Go Back to School
Friday, August 2, 2–5 p.m. for all ages. Get ready for sharpened pencils and fresh crayons with a night of family games, and make a “calm-down jar” to help you transition out of summer and back to school. Snacks and materials will be provided.

Library Center

Meet a Firefighter!
Saturday, June 1, 10:30 a.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Ever wonder what it’s like to be a firefighter? Find out from our friends with the Springfield Fire Department as they talk about their job, show us their gear and a fire truck!
**Library Center continued**

**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, June 3–August 19, 9:30 a.m.
- Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, June 4–August 21, 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
- For infants–age 6: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, June 4–August 21, 11:15 a.m.
- Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6: Mondays, June 3–August 19, 7 p.m.

**Board Game Thursdays**
Thursdays, June 6–27 and July 11–25, 10 a.m.–8 p.m. for preschool–grade 6 in the Story Hour Room. Our board games are out and waiting. Stop by throughout the day to play an old favorite or learn something new.

**Fandom Fridays**
Fridays, 10 a.m.–8 p.m. for ages 2–grade 3 in the Story Hour Room. Drop in anytime on Fridays and celebrate your favorite stories and characters! Fandom starts early at the Library with games, activities and crafts. Materials will be provided.
- June 7: **Paw Patrol**.
- June 14: **Transformers and Rescue Bots**.
- June 21: **Doc McStuffins**.
- June 28: **Jurassic World**.
- July 5: **PJ Masks**.
- July 12: **Doctor Who**.
- July 19: **Peppa Pig**.
- July 26: **Star Wars**.

**STEAM Book Club**
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. for grades 3–6 in the Story Hour Room. Read Eliot Sappingfield’s middle grade book, “A Problematic Paradox,” then meet with other readers.
- June 13: Talk about “A Problematic Paradox” and create a STEAM project based on the book. Materials will be provided.
- July 11: **Meet the Author.** Local author Eliot Sappingfield will talk about science fiction, writing as a hobby or a job and the world of publishing.

**Family Graphic Novel Book Club**
Saturdays, 10 a.m. for grades 2–3 in the Story Hour Room. Kids and their favorite adults are invited to read and discuss comics and graphic novels, exploring how art and story work together. A related short activity and/or snack will be included.
- June 15: **“CatStronauts: Mission Moon”** by Drew Brockington.
- July 20: **“Bird & Squirrel on the Run!”** by James Burks.

**Family Movie Night at the Library**
Fridays, 6:30–8 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Watch a movie on our big screen and do an activity. Materials will be provided.
- June 28: **“Space Jam,”** rated PG.
- July 26: **“Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween,”** rated PG. *A Summer Scares event.*

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**What is The Missouri Arts Council?**
Many of the entertainers and productions at the libraries this summer, such as Oh My Gosh Josh and The Ogre’s Tail, carry the credit line, “Financial assistance for this project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.”

The council, or MAC, is the state agency dedicated to broadening the growth, availability, and appreciation of the arts in Missouri, and fostering the diversity, vitality, and excellence of Missouri’s communities, economy, and cultural heritage.

MAC gave $3,000 to the Library for this summer’s programs. Since 2009, MAC has provided $13,359 in grant funds that provided 58 Library programs. The Missouri Arts Council is funded through the Missouri General Assembly, Missouri Cultural Trust, and National Endowment for the Arts.

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**Christian the Magician**
Saturday, July 13, 2 p.m. for grades K–5 in the auditorium. Join Christian the Magician for a show full of audience participation and magical surprises. Don’t miss this chance to see a kid from the audience float in midair and other tricks from the resident magician of the St. Louis City Museum.

**Songs, Stories and the Boingy Boingy Thing**
Saturday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. for preschool–grade 4 in the auditorium. Enjoy captivating stories, songs and sing-alongs featuring an array of instruments played by nationally renowned musician and storyteller Mike Anderson.

**Build a Mars Rover**
Friday, August 2, 4 p.m. for grades 1–3 in the Story Hour Room. Using our STEAM toys, work together to build a Mars Rover fit to explore the red planet! Each team will have a chance to show off their creation while learning to think and solve problems like NASA scientists. Registration starts July 15; call 882-0714.

**In Concert: Harry & the Potters**
Friday, August 16, 7 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. What would happen if Harry Potter quit the quidditch team, stole a time turner, and started a punk rock band with himself from an earlier point in the space-time continuum? The answer is Harry and the Potters! Kick off LibraryCon (Saturday, August 17) with a concert featuring the band that spawned the genre of wizard-rock. This multi-generational, high-energy show will appeal to Harry Potter fans from 4 to 104! Sponsored by the Library Foundation.

**Library Station**
**Racing to Read Storytime**
In the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.
- Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months: Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, June 3–August 30, 10 a.m.
- For infants–age 6: Tuesdays and Fridays, June 4–August 30, 11:15 a.m.
- Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6: Tuesdays, June 4–August 27, 7 p.m.

**Maker Camp**
Wednesdays, June 5–July 31, 2–4 p.m. for grades 1–6 in the Frisco Room. Calling all makers: It’s time to build, hack and create! Make cool stuff with new surprise projects and challenges to choose from each week. A parent or legal guardian-signed waiver is required for participation in some projects.

**Stories with Your Legislators**
Tuesdays, June 11 and July 30, 11:15 a.m. for all ages in the Story Hour Room. Rep. Sonya Anderson will read your favorite stories at storytime!
programs for kids and families
Parents or caregivers must accompany their children, ages 5 and younger, to programs.

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**LEGO Bricks and Locomotives**
Tuesday, June 11, 2–4 p.m. for families with children age 5 and older in the Story Hour Room. Help our Chief Engineer Mr. Bill by creating LEGO brick buildings, tunnels and more for a special model train setup that will be displayed at our Pajama Storytime that evening.

**Little Voices**
Sundays, 3 p.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.
- July 21: *Save The Earth*.
- August 18: *Be Yourself*.

**Discover the Stars**
Tuesday, July 9, 2–4 p.m. for grades K–5 in the Frisco Room. Explore constellations, the solar system and galaxies with a trip inside the StarLab, where you’ll learn about the stars in the night sky and stories that surround them. Our presenter will lead groups into the StarLab every 25 minutes. Enjoy LunaPalooza games and activities while you wait. This program is most appropriate for children in kindergarten and older. Children ages 3–5 must be accompanied by an adult in the StarLab.

**Imagination Playground**
Tuesday, July 16, 2–4 p.m. for families with children age 5 and older in the Story Hour Room. Build something as big as your imagination using these giant blocks!

**“The Wizard of Oz” Sing-Along Spectacular**
Saturday, August 24, 2–4 p.m. for all ages in the Frisco Room. “The Wizard of Oz,” rated G, was originally released in 1939. Sing along with Dorothy and friends, dress as your favorite character for a costume contest and more as we celebrate 80 years in the Land of Oz!

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**Better Together: Family Storytime**
Thursdays, 4 p.m. for all ages in the Children’s Department. Bring your whole family for stories, book talks and activities. When families read together, kids learn important life lessons like kindness, empathy and caring for others, and strengthen their bonds with parents and siblings. Materials will be provided.
- July 11: *In the Garden*. Read a great book and get your hands dirty in the garden.
- August 1: *In the Fairy Garden*. Share a fairy tale and create your own fairy door.
Racing to Read Storytime
Fridays, June 7–August 30, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department.
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Stories with Your Legislators
Friday, June 7, 10 a.m. for all ages in the Children’s Department. Rep. Crystal Quade will read your favorite stories at storytime!

Instrument Petting Zoo
Monday, June 10, 10 a.m. for preschool–grade 4 in the upstairs meeting room. Local musicians will share their musical talents and knowledge as children experience and explore a variety of musical instruments.

“Good Night Moon” Storytime
Friday, June 14, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. We’ll share Mac Barnett’s new picture book biography, “The Important Thing About Margaret Wise Brown,” and read the classic books by one of our favorite authors.

Space Escape Room
Saturday, June 22, 2–4 p.m. for grades 2–6 in the upstairs meeting room. It’s been a long year of research on Mars, but now it’s time to pack up the crew and head home. The journey is anything but smooth, and you must rely on your quick thinking to make lifesaving decisions. Do you have what it takes to bring everyone safely back to Earth? Registration starts June 1; call 862-0135.

Cowbell in Concert
Monday, July 8, 10 a.m. for preschool–grade 4 in the upstairs meeting room. Join local musicians Katie Carter and Hannah Sheehan for a twistin’ and twirlin’ concert where the whole family can enjoy laughing, singing and dancing together!

Caterpillars and Butterflies Storytime
Friday, July 26, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. See live caterpillars on their way to becoming beautiful butterflies as we share stories, songs and activities about these delicate creatures.

Republic Branch Library
Racing to Read Storytime
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, June 4–August 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.

Reading Pals
Thursdays, June 6, July 11 and August 1, 4:30 p.m. for grades K–5. Our friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks need your help — they love a good story but can’t read. Practice your reading skills with these furry, loveable friends.
programs for kids and families

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

Republic Branch continued

Pajama Storytime
Mondays, June 10, July 15 and August 12, 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.

Build-It Saturday
Saturdays, June 22, July 27 and August 24, 11 a.m. for grades K–8. See what you can construct using your imagination and LEGO bricks, blocks and other building materials.

Elementary Storytime
Wednesdays, June 26, July 24 and August 28, 4 p.m. for grades K–5. Stop by the library after school to listen to stories, sing and dance to your favorite songs and other activities.

Imagination Playground Free Play
Monday, July 15, 1–4:30 p.m. for preschool–grade 5. Stop in anytime during the event to build, construct and create with the Imagination Playground! These large, oversized modular building blocks promote cooperation and creativity.

Stories with Your Legislators
Wednesday, July 31, 10 a.m. for all ages. Sen. Eric Burlison will read your favorite stories at a storytime near you!

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Sunday Make ‘n’ Play
Sundays, June 2, July 7 and August 4, 18, 2–4 p.m. for age 3–grade 4. Don’t have time for storytime during the week? Drop in for a hands-on, interactive experience with a maker, play and art focus. We’ll provide multiple activity stations and a short storytime at 3 p.m. Be prepared to make new friends, get messy and have family fun!

LEGO Brick Crew
Tuesdays, June 4–August 13, 2 p.m. for grades 4–8. Bring your own bricks or use ours and create with other master builders.

Baby Jam
Wednesdays, June 5, July 3, and August 7, 10 a.m. for infants–36 months. Wiggle and giggle with singable stories, instruments and a baby dance party.

Racing to Read Storytime
Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.
- Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months: Thursdays, June 6–August 29 (except July 4), 10 a.m.
- For infants–age 6: Thursdays, June 6–August 29 (except July 4), 11 a.m.

Itsy Bitsy Science Club
Wednesdays, June 12, July 10 and August 14, 10 a.m. for ages 2–6. Discover your inner scientist as we learn, explore, build and create with science, technology, engineering, art and math. Dress for mess!
Stories with Your Legislators
Thursdays, 11 a.m. for all ages. Your state legislators will read your favorite stories at storytime!
• June 20: Rep. Steve Helms.
• June 27: Sen. Lincoln Hough.

Space Jamboree
Wednesday, June 26, 2–4 p.m. for grade K–5. Step inside the StarLab planetarium and explore the celestial myths created by the ancient Greeks and Romans. Our presenter will lead groups into the StarLab every 25 minutes. Play games, enjoy crafts and activities and listen to astronauts featured on “Story Time From Space” reading stories while you wait! This program is most appropriate for children in kindergarten and older. Children ages 3–5 must be accompanied by an adult in the StarLab.

Christian the Magician
Saturday, July 13, 10:30 a.m. for grades K–5. Join Christian the Magician for a show full of audience participation and magical surprises. Don’t miss this chance to see a kid from the audience float in midair and other tricks from the resident magician of the St. Louis City Museum.

Sunday Make ‘n Play: Robot Edition
Sunday, July 21, 2–4 p.m. for ages 3–grade 4. Stop by for robot-themed crafts, games, technology and a storytime at 3 p.m.

National Camera Day Photo Challenge: Family Edition
Saturday, June 29, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. for families with kids of all ages. Celebrate National Camera Day with a photo challenge! Stop by the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch anytime on Saturday, June 29, to pick up the photo challenge prompts and guidelines. Have fun taking photos, then submit your photos electronically or in print by 5 p.m. Sunday, June 30. Winning photos will be displayed at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch in July.

Racing to Read Storytime
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Impromptu Inventor-noons
Tuesdays, June 4–August 27, 3:30 p.m. for grades 1–6. Explore science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics in a unique way each week as new challenge is provided.

Congrats to Friends of Library — Best Small Nonprofit
Congratulations, Friends! In April 2019, the Friends of the Library was honored as the small Nonprofit of the Year by the Southwest Missouri Nonprofit Excellence Awards committee.
The army of Friends was described as a “quiet, but vital source of support for one of this region’s important services.”
The Friends have been raising critical funds for the Springfield-Greene County Library District since the 1980s, and had its first successful book sale in 1985, earning $2,500. The fall 2018 sale set a record with $154,300.20 in sales.
The Friends’ support comes in many forms, purchasing the Mobile Library, free community concerts, author events, exhibits and funding most of the Library Express West 24-hour kiosk.
programs for kids and families
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Willard Branch Library

Racing to Read Storytime
Tuesdays, June 4–August 27, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the community 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.

SpaceCrafts
Wednesdays, 2:30–4 p.m. for grades K–12. Drop in anytime to make a space-themed craft! Materials will be provided.

• June 5: Rocket Man.
• June 12: Alien Spacecraft.
• June 19: Straw Rockets.
• June 26: Alien Pom-Poms.

Space Camp
Thursday, June 6, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Have a fun-filled morning with space-themed sensory play and other out-of-this-world activities.

Eric Vaughn’s Summer Reading Magic & Comedy
Thursday, June 20, 10 a.m. for preschool–grade 4. Magician Eric Vaughn and his furry sidekick “Mr. Tinkles” have been working on a very special magic show for summer readers; one that will astound, maybe confound, but surely delight you. Get set for enchantment and laughs!

Masterpiece Art Studio: Space Galaxy Painting
Thursday, June 27, 10 a.m. for grades 4–8. Create your own unique painting of the galaxy using paint and spray bottles. Materials will be provided; space is limited. Registration starts June 13; call 742-4258.

Pajama Storytime and Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Tuesday, July 2, 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for infants–age 6 in the community room. Wear your best PJs and bring a stuffed animal friend for a special sleepover storytime. Enjoy stories and playtime, then leave your stuffed friend for a sleepover at the Library. Return on Wednesday, July 3, to pick up your stuffed friend and hear all about their sleepover adventure, including pictures!

Slime Lab
Thursday, July 11, 10 a.m. for grades 2–6. Become a slime scientist and learn how to make your own slime with an easy-to-follow recipe featuring household items at the Willard Branch Library Slime Lab. Materials will be provided.

LEGO Brick Blastoff Challenge
Thursday, July 18, 10 a.m. for grades K–12. Take part in our LEGO brick free-for-all as you challenge yourself to build a creation from one of our patterns or your imagination!

Masterpiece Art Studio: Galaxy Sensory Bottles
Thursday, July 25, 10 a.m. for grades 4–8. Create your own universe in a bottle. Materials will be provided; space is limited. Registration starts July 11; call 742-4258.

Harry Potter Trivia Night
Wednesday, July 31, 5–7 p.m. for grades 4–12. Put your Harry Potter knowledge to the test as you compete with others for Harry Potter-themed prizes. Recruit and register a team of four to compete in eight rounds of team trivia. Registration starts July 1; call 742-4258.

Storytime Campout
Tuesday, August 13, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Enjoy a special end-of-summer storytime complete with camp songs around the “campfire” and other camping activities.
ON DISPLAY

Introspection, acrylic and gesso on canvas, from the exhibit “Rumination by Olivia Compton,” at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library during the month of June.

Ash Grove Branch Library
• Acrylic Paintings by Dana Neuenschwander, June
• Paintings by Ron Markeesen, July
• Paintings and Mixed Media by Connie Schooley, August

Library Center
• “Show Me” the Stars: Missouri and Space Exploration, June–August
• Building Springfield, LEGO brick activity exhibit, June–August
• Learning to See: Art by Amy Beth Rice, June
• Southwest Missouri Wood Carving Artists, June
• D.A. Frizell’s Monsters, Magic and Mayhem, July
• Works by Springfield Porcelain Artists, July
• Fear, Fantasy and Far Away Worlds: The Art of Gary Bedell, August
• Collecting Kirby, Jason East, August

Library Station
• “The Japanese Salaryman” Photography by Sarah-Marie & Andrea Land, June–August
• What Nature Supplies by Southern Missouri Woodcarving Artists, June–August

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
• A Universe of Stories: Photos by Southwest Missouri Camera Club, June–August
• The Mantels at Midtown: Photography by Gail Attanasio, June–August

Park Central Branch Library
• Small Worlds by Hannah Sheehan, June
• Works by Rachel Johnson, July
• Ozarks Avenues, Pathways and Corridors: Paintings by Dana Neuenschwander, August

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
• Rumination by Olivia Compton, June
• National Camera Day Photo Challenge Winners, July
• Visual Artist Alliance of Springfield, August

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% from any sales made during an exhibit.
**LOCATIONS/HOURS**

**The Library Center**  
4653 S. Campbell Ave. • 882-0714  
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sunday, 1-5 p.m.  
Drive-up window:  
Monday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

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

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

**The Library Station**  
2535 N. Kansas Expressway • 865-1340  
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library**  
397 E. Central St. • 862-0135  
The Edge Community Technology Center: 837-5011  
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Park Central Branch Library**  
126 Park Central Square • 831-1342  
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Republic Branch Library**  
921 N. Lindsey Ave., Republic • 732-7284  
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Drive-up window:  
Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

**Strafford Branch Library**  
101 S. State Highway 125, Strafford 736-9233  
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Willard Branch Library**  
304 E. Jackson St., Willard • 742-4258  
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Satellite Locations**  
Pick up and return only:  
• Library Express West  
  Orchard Plaza, 3872 W. Chestnut Expwy.  
• Ruby By Price Cutter Book Stop  
  3260 E. Battlefield Road  
• Van K. Smith Community Health Library  
  2055 S. Fremont Ave.  
• Book drop, east driveway,  
  C.H. “Chub” O’Reilly Cancer Center,  
  2055 S. Fremont Ave.

**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.

**COOLcat Online Catalog: thelibrary.org/catalog**  
• Search the catalog of the Springfield-Greene County Libraries and members of the Consortium Of Ozarks Libraries.  
• Reserve and renew materials, view your account, suggest titles and pay fees online through our secure server.

**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**

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• The maximum fine is $5 for each returned adult item and $1 for each returned children’s item.  
• Items may be renewed for two additional loan periods if not reserved by someone else, except for High Priority items (such as best-sellers). Renew items in person, by phone or online at thelibrary.org/myaccount.  
• There is a checkout limit of 50 items per card.  
• Report lost or stolen cards promptly. Replacement cards are $1 each.