Join Our Summer Reading Program!

Imagine Your Story

Collaborative Summer Library Program™
Virtually, or in person, we’re here for you!

Speaking for myself and every staff member, we wish to say “Welcome back to your Library!”

As eager as you are to return, we’re eager to get back to the business of serving you, fully, in the library branches, at the drive-through windows, the Mobile Library and Library Express West kiosk.

We all know, however, that getting back to “full service” will take some time, as we continue to follow health and city/county officials’ recommendations for a gradual, careful restart in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

Because of that, you may not have access to some of the library services you’re accustomed to in the coming weeks and, perhaps, months. Even our quarterly Bookends calendar of events that you’re holding has a different look right now, and the usually robust number of in-person summer programs is canceled, replaced with virtual programs.

Library staff members have found creative ways to help you have a great Library summer, anyway.

The Summer Reading Program returns with the theme Imagine Your Story, for babies through adults. Readers can win free books and a chance to win gift cards and gifts from local businesses.

You’ll see invitations to virtual programs and performances that you can watch from home.

Our children’s librarians will continue to encourage kids to gather ‘round at home for their Facebook Live Storytimes & More.

And you can always access the Library’s digital collections anytime — e-books, audiobooks, music, movies and magazines. The Local History page has a robust collection of searchable photo and document archives for the researcher. The Kids and Teen pages have book and activity ideas, and librarian blogs on topics to help parents grow good readers.

Above all, please know that we sincerely thank you for your patience during this period. The entire staff and I are committed to restoring everything you enjoy and need at your Library. Again, welcome back!

Regina Greer Cooper
Executive Director
Things You Need to Know

Life around the Library is different this summer as we welcome you back. Your favorite books, movies, music and other materials are still available to browse in person, but you also may feel more comfortable in this time of COVID-19 to use drive-through windows, or stream and download the collection, instead. Here are helpful things to know this summer.

We’re Open for Business!

As services reopen, we ask you to share our observance of mandated health precautions around each other such as limiting the number of visitors, social distancing and handwashing.

Most library branches are open to the public beginning Tuesday, May 26, during these temporary hours: 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Monday–Saturday through August 31, (closed Sundays). The Fair Grove and Park Central branches offer only walk-up service while they are temporarily closed.

All drive-through service windows are open 7:30 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday–Saturday, (closed Sundays) at the Library Center, Library Station, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch, Republic Branch and Willard Branch. All outdoor book returns are open 24 hours, daily.

The Library Express West, the 24-hour library kiosk at 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway, is open.

Mobile Library services are temporarily being delivered by library vans.

Walking Books services have resumed for eligible patrons.

Got a question? Staff is available to answer telephones at all branches during business hours.

Sweet Reprieve! We’re Extending Due Dates

Due dates on all currently checked-out items are extended to July, and will be posted on your account. You will not be fined when you return materials by their July due date.

Library card expiration dates are extended through June 30.

Temporary library cards are valid through June 30. You may still apply online for a temporary card at thelibrary.org/catalog; click on Get a Library Card under My Account.

We’ve Got Virtual Programs for You

All in-person programs and Edge computer training classes are canceled through August 31 to minimize the spread of COVID-19. So we’re sending programs to you — virtually — through live events and pre-recorded presentations.

Visit the program listings in this Bookends issue, or online at thelibrary.org/programs to learn how to access the virtual presentation or make reservations where required.

Call the Edge for Virtual Tech Help

Edge Community Technology Center staff is available to patrons for telephone tech help from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday at 837-5011. Get answers to questions about email, Facebook, Windows 10, job searching, résumés, and more.

Restricted Access to Meeting Rooms

To prevent spreading the virus, the Library has canceled use of all meeting rooms, conference and study rooms through August 31. The SPACES meeting room reservation system has been temporarily suspended.

We realize meeting rooms are a valuable resource for library users and the community. As conditions change, we may re-evaluate this decision. Please call 882-0714, or visit thelibrary.org for updates.

We’re Taking Steps to Protect You and Staff

Here are some safety procedures we put in place for you and the staff:

Staff members follow procedures to disinfect surfaces and materials, keep social distance and monitor their personal health status. Some may wear masks and gloves for certain tasks.

All returned materials are quarantined for at least 24 hours and cleaned by staff before being reshelved for checkout.

Drive-up service windows and branch public service desks have acrylic shields and cordless card scanners. Patrons may also read off their library card number.

All visitors should comply with health officials’ recommendations for occupancy and time limits in the branches, social distancing and hand washing. Guidelines will be posted in each branch.

Sign Up for our eNewsletter and Get the Latest Updates

Sign up for our email newsletter at thelibrary.org/newsletter for the latest about library news about services, collections and special events. When you sign up, you can also choose to receive occasional emails about programs along your particular interests, from music, to travel, author events to kids’ and family events.
It Will Be Different This Year...

Summertime — and our annual Summer Reading Program — is shaping up to be very different this year in the shadow of the coronavirus pandemic.

You will see that we don’t have a Youth Summer Passport offering free food and admission to area attractions. In taking precautions to protect the health of our youngest to oldest avid readers, we have canceled in-person events at the library branches and community sites.

The most valuable rewards kids earn from summer reading are enhanced reading skills and a deeper love for learning. We are committed to support that by connecting them with great books and reading challenges.

We are excited to feature some of our popular summer stars in virtual performances that you can watch on Facebook at home. And our children’s librarians will continue to provide Facebook Live Storytimes & More and other virtual programs to keep you learning and entertained.

Be sure to log on to thelibrary.org/imagineyourstory beginning June 1 and register for the Summer Reading Program, and watch the listings and social media for summer fun the safe way.

Join us for a Summer Reading Program filled with reading challenges and boredom-busting activities for everyone!

Pre-readers Birth–Age 5 • Kids & Teens Grades K–12

Enroll beginning June 1. Log on to the Library’s summer reading page, thelibrary.org/imagineyourstory, and follow the links to register for the reading program that fits you, and start logging reading minutes and complete activities to earn great prizes. Game boards can help motivate kids to keep reading; you can download one on the Summer Reading Program page, or pick up one at the library.

The Summer Reading Program builds reading skills for all kids! Babies and pre-readers learn skills that help them become strong readers; young readers strengthen and advance their skills. When siblings read to each other, they both win!

Prizes! Earn a FREE BOOK and a Fine Waiver Card upon completing the program. Pick up your prizes at any library branch or Mobile Library between June 8 and August 29. Keep reading to earn Star Reader entries for the end-of-summer drawings. Prizes include reading totes, coupons for free books and gift cards from Amazon and local businesses.

Adults!

Imagine Your Story and earn prizes, too!

Register beginning June 1 at thelibrary.org/imagineyourstory, log books, write book reviews and complete activities. Or, log your registration, books, and activities on forms available on the website or at the checkout desk of any library branch and the Mobile Library when they reopen. As you log books, write reviews and complete activities, you earn entries into our September 5 drawings for gift sets featuring products from local businesses. Keep reading and earning entries all summer long for the September drawings.

Thanks to our Summer Reading promotion partners: Andy B’s, Itty Bitty City, Kids Directory, KOLR Channel 10, KY3, Moxie Cinema, Springfield Art Museum, Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, Springfield Park Board.
21st Annual Design-A-Bookmark Contest

And the winners are...

Kids and teens have a creative way of showing their love for reading and the Library — they enter the annual Design-A-Bookmark Contest. This year's contest was open to kids in grades K–12 and drew 539 entries.

These six 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/kids/bookmarks and thelibrary.org/teens/bookmarks.

Next year's contest, open to grades K–12, will be held February 1–March 15.

ABOVE:
Grades K–2: Reading is #1 by Esther Phillips
Grades 3–4: Will You Read to Me? by Adelina Corcoi
Grades 5–6: Books are Meow-gical by Bella Russell

BELOW:
Grades 7–8: Nothing Says Excitement Like a Good Book by Derbe Keene
Grades 9–10: The Universe May Be Ever Expanding, But My Brain Is Expanding Faster by Elijah Turney
Grades 11–12: Books Bring Color by Klaire Turney
Programs for Adults

Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the scheduled program for details on accessing the virtual event.

Exploring Genealogy
Monday, June 1, 7 p.m. Online Presentation. Tim Ritter will provide a lively look at the Civil War battle on January 8, 1863, including animated troop movements overlaying a modern map of the area, to show where the battle took place where modern structures are today. Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.

Avid Readers’ Trivia Night
Thursday, June 25, 6:30 p.m. Online Presentation. Enjoy a night of bookish competition from the comfort of your own home. Compete alone or with your housemates to test your literary knowledge through six rounds of questions based on various genres, authors, and topics from classic to modern best-sellers. No registration required.

Hunted and Haunted: A Conversation with Stephen Graham Jones
Thursday, August 6, 7 p.m. Online Presentation. Join us for a virtual conversation with Stephen Graham Jones, called “The Jordan Peele of horror literature.” He will talk about his newest novel, “The Only Good Indians,” a terrifying tale of revenge, cultural identity and how the past refuses to die.

Join a Book Discussion Group on Goodreads
Missing book discussions? We’ve taken some of our most popular book discussion groups and made them virtual so you can still engage with exciting books with some of your favorite librarians throughout the summer.

Find these groups and join the discussion on goodreads.com. All titles listed are available on Hoopla; many are available in print/audio formats as well.

• Feel Good Fiction
  — June: “Summer Hours at the Robbers Library” by Sue Halpern
  — August: “The Fifteen Wonders of Daniel Green” by Erica Boyce

• My Favorite Crime Book Club
  — June: “Molly’s Game” by Molly Bloom
  — July: “Chase Darkness With Me: How One True-Crime Writer Started Solving Murders” by Billy Jensen
  — August: “The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper” by Hallie Rubenhold

• Donuts and Death
  — June: “In the Valley of the Sun” by Andy Davidson
  — July: “Daughters Unto Devils” by Amy Lukavics
  — August: “Hoodoo” by Ronald L. Smith

• Stories and Science
  — July: “Seven Modern Plagues: And How We Are Causing Them” by Mark Jerome Walters

• Cookbook Book Club
Try at least one recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone’s recipes turned out and review the books. We’ll also talk food news, cooking techniques and publishing trends.

Programs for Teens

National Camera Day Photo Challenge: Teen Edition
Saturday and Sunday, June 27–28, for grades 6–12. Grab your phone or digital camera and get snapping for our National Camera Day Photo Challenge! Visit thelibrary.org/photochallenge on Saturday, June 27, to see the photo challenge prompts and guidelines. Then visit thelibrary.org/photochallenge again by 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, to submit your entry form and photos electronically. Winning photos will be displayed at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch in July.

Programs for Kids and Families

Take part in an interactive virtual event this summer!
To protect your family’s privacy, our interactive virtual programs require registration with a valid library card. By registering for a program, parents and caregivers are consenting to their child participating in the virtual program and agree to be present while their child is participating in the program.

Parents must email imagine@thelibrary.org to register for the program and provide the parent’s library card number at time of registration. The staff reply email will include the statement of consent and being present while the child participates, along with a link and password for the virtual event and a list of required supplies, if needed. Call 616-0563 for information about registration.
Homemade Magic Show
For grades K–5. Online Presentation. Create your own magic show with Oh My Gosh Josh and props you have around the house! Learn the Jumping Rubberbands, Invisible Ball, Vanishing Money and other tricks! This program is made possible with the support of funding from the Missouri Arts Council, a State agency.
• Thursday, June 4, 3 p.m. Registrations accepted May 21–June 2.
• Tuesday, June 16, 3 p.m. Registrations accepted June 2–14.

At Home Big Top Workshop
For grades K–5. Online Presentation. Oh My Gosh Josh will lead a virtual circus workshop where you’ll learn to twirl, toss, balance, juggle and spin all manner of homemade circus props! Plus learn a clown act or two! This program is made possible with the support of funding from the Missouri Arts Council, a State agency.
• Tuesday, June 9, 3 p.m. Registrations accepted May 26–June 7.
• Thursday, June 18, 3 p.m. Registrations accepted June 4–June 16.

Behind the Scenes with StoneLion Puppet Theatre
Thursday, June 11, 4 p.m. for grades K–5. Online Presentation. Master Puppeteer and Founding Artistic Director Heather Loewenstein takes you behind the curtain to explore the world of her puppet-creations. Audience members can talk to Heather, too. This program is made possible with the support of funding from the Missouri Arts Council, a State agency. Registrations accepted May 28–June 9.

Fun with Mouth Puppets
Wednesday, June 24, 11 a.m. for grades K–5. Online Presentation. Join StoneLion Puppet Theatre to create paper mouth puppets in this interactive virtual workshop. Learn about creating more puppets with items you have around the house. This program is made possible with the support of funding from the Missouri Arts Council, a State agency. Registrations accepted June 10–22.

Bright Star Children’s Theatre Presents: Once Upon a Time
Tuesday, July 21, 3 p.m. for grades K–5. Online Presentation. Join Lenny and Mabel, “The Greatest Actors in the World,” as they bring two classic fairy tales to life: “Cinderella” and “Jack & the Beanstalk.” Registration is required to attend. Participation is limited to 100. Registrations accepted July 7–19.

Visit thelibrary.org/programs before these programs for details on accessing these virtual events. No registration is required.

STEAM Challenge
New content will be posted on Mondays at 11 a.m. for grades 1–6. Online Presentation. Mrs. Davis from the Library Station challenges you to a summer of STEAM — science, technology, engineering, art and math! Stop by thelibrary.org/kids each Monday to discover a new video challenge using materials you have at home and the Library’s online resources. Complete the challenge and ask a grown-up to share a short video or photo with us by email: imagine@thelibrary.org, Facebook: @thelibrary.org or Instagram: springfieldgreeneountylibrary. We can’t wait to see how you do!
• June 1: Flying Machine Challenge. Learn to make a classic glider to experiment with the physics of flight.
• June 8: Trick Your Eyes Challenge. Discover how your eyes work and design a thaumatrope to trick them.
• June 15: Tessellation Challenge. Use math and your creativity to create a unique work of art.
• June 22: Topsy Turvy Challenge. Learn about balance and create a wacky asymmetrical spinning top to amaze your family.
• June 29: Music Maker Challenge. Explore the science of sound and learn how to make an instrument from stuff at home.
• July 6: CSI Challenge. Examine your fingerprints and discover how they are alike or different from your family’s.
• July 13: Making Waves Challenge. Build a tsunami in a bottle to observe how underwater earthquakes affect waves.
• July 20: What’s the Matter Challenge. Learn a cool “magic” trick and explore states of matter.
• July 27: That’s How The Ball Bounces Challenge. Use chemistry to make your own bouncy ball.
**Jazzercise Junior Dance Party**  
Sunday, June 14, 2 p.m.  

**The Great Race**  
Tuesday, June 23, 3 p.m.  
for grades K–5. Online Presentation. This fast-paced adventure from StoneLion Puppet Theatre based on “The Tortoise and The Hare” will leave you breathless — from laughing so hard! Our rabbit is so full of himself after winning the race of the Great Plains that our sweet-natured turtle decides to teach him a lesson: If you work for what you want, eat right, and exercise, the sky’s the limit. This program is made possible with the support of funding from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

**National Camera Day Photo Challenge: Family Edition**  
Saturday and Sunday, June 27–28, for families with kids of all ages. Grab your phone or digital camera and get snapping for our National Camera Day Photo Challenge! Visit thelibrary.org/photochallenge on Saturday, June 27, to see the photo challenge prompts and guidelines. Then visit thelibrary.org/photochallenge again by 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, to submit your entry form and photos electronically. Winning photos will be displayed at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch in July.

**StoneLion Puppet Theatre Presents: The Ogre’s Tail**  
Wednesday, June 3, 3 p.m. for grades K–5. Online Presentation. This retelling of “Three Billy Goats Gruff” shows there are two sides to every story. Learn the truth about the poor misunderstood troll with a toothache and a trio of confused, fibbing goats. This program is made possible with the support of funding from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

**Imagine Your Song**  
Saturday, June 6, 10:30 a.m. for grades K–3. Online Presentation. Mr. Joe from the Library Center will share tips to inspire your songwriting! Learn simple techniques to help you create your own lyrics and music. Look for a new challenge on our Parents blog at thelibrary.org/kids each week through June 27, for fun suggestions for your own songwriting.

**I’d Rather Be a Hummingbird**  
Thursday, June 11, 3 p.m. for grades K–5. Online Presentation. Little Nigel the beaver is learning the work of big beavers when a forest fire causes all the forest creatures to panic. As they wait for someone else to solve the problem, only the little hummingbird dares to help. This original fable from StoneLion Puppet Theatre underscores the importance of doing our best, no matter the size of the problem. This program is made possible with the support of funding from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

**Jazzercise Junior Dance Party**  
Sunday, June 14, 2 p.m.  

**How I Became A Troll!**  
For grades K–5. Online Presentation. Hear the true story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff and how they turned Oh My Gosh Josh into a troll and other stories! The audience is in for hilarious adventures, circus tricks, goofy puppets and naughty goats. This program is made possible with the support of funding from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.  
- Tuesday, June 2, 3 p.m.  
- Thursday, June 25, 3 p.m.

**Satchel Paige and Negro League Baseball**  
Tuesday, July 7, 3 p.m. for grades K–5. Online Presentation. Tommy Terrific’s Wacky Magic will focus on Satchel Paige and Negro League Baseball in this virtual baseball-themed magic show.

**Jay & Leslie Present: Fairly Mixed-Up Tales**  
Tuesday, July 14, 3 p.m. for grades K–5. Online Presentation. Jay & Leslie explore wacky takes on traditional and original fairy tales along with juggling and other hijinks. Audience favorite Darrin the Dragon will join the festivities.
Watch Your Favorite Librarian in Storytimes & More — Virtually!

Are you missing your favorite storytime librarians this summer? You don’t have to! Storytime is coming to you every week on Facebook, and we have content for young children and families on the Library’s YouTube page for you to watch whenever you wish.

Catch Storytime & More with the Library on facebook.com/thelibrary.org at 10 a.m. every Tuesday. Your favorite children’s librarians read stories, sing songs you can follow along at home, and sometimes share an activity you can do at home.

Visit our YouTube channel, SpringfieldGreene, or youtube.com/springfieldgreene, anytime for more great videos for kids. Mr. Joe plays his guitar and sings “I Wish I Was a Mole in the Ground.” Miss Phyllis tells a story and makes bees rise from their hive!

The activities are geared towards children from toddlers through age 8, but all ages are welcome to follow along. Visit the Library’s Racing to Read page for more playful ideas that help your young one get ready to learn to read. New ideas are posted weekly.

Families can also visit thelibrary.org/kids for weekly activity and reading suggestions in the Library’s Parents Blog, along with booklists and other resources. They can also check out the Library’s Facebook page for additional videos and websites for kids and families.

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale is September 16–20

The Friends’ Spring Book Sale was canceled due to health precautions over the coronavirus, but you can stock up on the same great bargain finds at the Friends Fall Book Sale — at NEW sale dates: September 16–20, with a super Friends Night Preview Sale on September 15. Same great selection, same low prices, same location — the E*Plex at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds.

The sale features new and slightly used books, movies, music CDs, audiobooks, games and puzzles for all ages. Most adult, young adult and children’s books and audiovisual items are $1; better books are $2 and up.

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 summer topics are:
• June: Fantasy
• July: Summer Scares
• August: Translated Books

Send Us a Photo of Life During the Coronavirus Pandemic

The Library invites you to share what you see and what you’re doing during the coronavirus pandemic, and help us create a historical archive called Enduring COVID-19 in the Ozarks.

We’re looking for all ages to document scenes of life in the Ozarks as we practice self-distancing and staying at home during the pandemic. Go to thelibrary.org/enduringcovid19, fill out the form and submit the photo. You can see what your neighbors have submitted so far at digitalarchive.thelibrary.org/digital/collection/covid19. The collection will be archived for everyone to enjoy on the Library District’s Digital Archive.

Through a broader partnership, photos are also being collected by Missouri State University’s Special Collections and Archives, the History Museum on the Square and the State Historical Society of Missouri. Many of the submissions may be shared and added later to the Library District’s digital archive.

Thanks to promotional sponsors KY3, KOLR, Springfield News-Leader, Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau and Unite News Online.

Try the Library That’s Open 24 Hours!

The Library Express West is the 24-hour library kiosk at 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway.

Any hour of any day, use your library card to browse and check out books, DVDs, music CDs and audiobooks. See what’s available in the machine, or use the touch-screen catalog.

You can also place a hold from there or anywhere, and pick up your items there. Return items easily there, too. Wi-Fi is available 5:30 a.m.–11 p.m.

The Library Express West was funded by the Friends of the Library and a Library Services and Technology Act grant through the State Library of Missouri.

See more details at thelibrary.org/libraryexpresswest.
Try Online Service, and We’ll Find Your Next Read

Your Next Read is the library’s updated, personal service at thelibrary.org/yournextread. The link is also on the Library’s home page.

Visit the website and take a short survey to give us an idea of what you like to read.

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

Let Us Entertain You with the Library’s Digital Resources

Your favorite library programs may be canceled, or you’re staying indoors to avoid COVID-19, but you can do a lot at the 24-hour library — thelibrary.org!

• Use your library card to search thelibrary.org/digital for e-books, magazines, movies, music, audiobooks and children’s entertainment.

• Download e-books and audiobooks the easy way with Libby. Get the app from the App Store or Google Play for your smartphone or tablet.

• Download e-books and audiobooks and stream video through OverDrive.

• Access e-books for children with the TumbleBookLibrary. Sample over 1,100 titles including 350 animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books and non-fiction books.

• Visit Hoopla for e-books, videos, music, comics and audiobooks. No holds needed, content is always available.

• Read your favorite magazines or listen to audiobooks through RB Digital.

We Never Close the Online Branch!

The Library can serve you in ways you might not have considered.

Did you know that, from thelibrary.org/research, you can:

• Study for and take practice driver’s license tests at Driving-Tests.org

• Search and print legal forms for the state of Missouri from Gale Legal Forms

• Find repair information for all types of vehicles from 1974 to present at Auto Repair Source

Those are just three examples of things you might not have expected on the Library’s website. Some include tutorials to help you get started, and all require a library card number. We can’t list them all, but here are more examples:

**Genealogy and historical research**

**Fold3 History & Genealogy Archives.** Census records, state records, city directories and historical primary source documents from pre-U.S. Revolutionary War through the Vietnam War.

**Newspapers.com — World Collection.** Historical newspapers archive from the 1700s-2000s; 3,000-plus news titles from the U.S. and around the world.

**General news and information**

**America’s News.** Search current and archived coverage of issues, events, people, government, sports and more with the largest collection of full-text U.S. newspapers. Includes staff-written articles, obituaries, editorials, announcements, real estate and other sections.

**Consumer Health**

**Consumer Health Complete.** Searchable full-text for journals, reference books and encyclopedias, as well as images, videos, and diagrams covering areas of health and wellness.

**Professional and personal development, and fun**

**Lynda.com.** Learn software, technical, creative and business skills through more than 3,000 courses and 150,000 high-quality video tutorials taught by recognized industry experts.

**Mango Languages.** An online language learning system that teaches real conversation skills for practical communication. Mango makes learning a new language fast, easy and incredibly effective. Over 70 languages, including Pirate!

**Creativebug.** More than 1,000 art and craft classes for all ages taught by expert instructors. Enjoy videos on drawing, sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, baking and more. Downloadable patterns, templates and recipes.

**LearningExpress Library.** An online resource for academic and employment test preparation. Includes the HiSET, ACT, SAT, Postal Worker, and Civil Service tests.

**Business and entrepreneur resources**

**Reference USA.** U.S. and Canadian business and residential information, including phone numbers, addresses, sales volume, and historical company information. Helpful for finding jobs or healthcare providers, learning industry trends, and conducting in-depth market research.

**Business Insights: Global.** Provides company, industry and investment reports as well as hundreds of business periodical articles, market share data and company histories.

**Business Leans on Lynda.com.** If you’re considering how your business needs to adapt to serve a new market,
employ new technology to provide or market your products
or services, or communicate better virtually, Lynda.com
offers self-paced online classes on hundreds of topics.

Classes of particular relevance to business responding to the
COVID-19 pandemic include “Start a Business Online,”
“Ecommerce Fundamentals,” “Learning Zoom” and a wide
variety of courses on digital marketing and related software.

Check Out These Summer Research Sites and Activities

Even if you can’t visit one of our branches, the Library is the
reliable source for student research, book and activity
recommendations for kids and teens, podcasts by and for
kids, and ways to help your youngest children get ready to
read.

This is just a sample of what you can find on thelibrary.org/
kids and thelibrary.org/teens sites.

Study Resources. Visit thelibrary.org/kids and visit the
Homework Help tab to find resources aimed at helping
elementary students keep discovering and learning.

Credo Reference. An easy-to-use tool for research
projects and homework.

Biography In Context. More than 600,000 biographies
integrating material from reference works, magazines and
multimedia sources.

Explora. A great starting point for researching homework
topics

Culture Grams Online. Even if you cannot travel this
summer, you can still explore the history, lifestyles and
cultures of over 190 countries with maps, recipes, folklore
and more.

Research in Context. A database for students that
consists of biographies and essays that cover literature,
history, biography, science and social studies.

Ebsco Ebook Collection. A rich collection of fiction and
nonfiction titles that will grab the attention of even the
most reluctant readers. Choose from fiction like the Boxcar
Children to Wimpy Kid and nonfiction from biographies to
science projects.

Especially for Kids

Looking for ideas to keep your baby or preschooler engaged
and learning through play? The Racing to Read page is
filled with ideas for songs, rhymes and activities that focus
on playful learning.

Visit the Kids page at thelibrary.org/kids. You’ll find these
fun sites and more:

• A Parent Blog that highlights titles, activities and play
  recommendations made by our librarians.
• Book recommendations for kids birth to grade 5, based on
  their reading skills and interests.
• Video storytimes and activities by your favorite librarians
  at thelibrary.org/kids/videos.
• Skill Builders to help your beginning readers, and summer
  math practice for kids and teens.
  • How about Kidcasts: Podcasts by and for Kids!

For Teens

Creativebug. Visit creativebug.com/lib/springfieldgreene. With
more than 1,000 classes taught by experts, you’ll be busy all
summer learning new skills and hobbies, like working with
yarn, drawing and painting, baking and more. You’ll find
patterns, templates and recipes to get you started.

• 2020 Teens’ Top Ten Nominees. Get a head start so you
can vote your favorites!
• National and state-sponsored book award lists
• Highlighted online homework and research sites that will
  make homework a breeze
• From Our Tumblr funnies and inspiration

Discover the Story of Us — Local History

The Springfield-Greene County Library District offers
access to many different historical and genealogical
resources and databases from the Library District and our
regional partners. The Ozarks contains a rich history and
culture. We encourage you to dive deep into these records
and discover the Ozarks for yourself, thelibrary.org/lochist.

For history research, see several digitized Greene County
histories, a description of Springfield in 1889, the Turbo
manuscripts, Historical Postcards of Springfield, O’Reilly
Army Hospital, and Historical Markers of Springfield and
Greene County.

Civil War researchers can explore the local and regional
experience through histories, biographies, and images in
Community and Conflict, the Battle of Springfield, Civil
War Archive, Civil War Timeline, and the Trans-Missis-
sippi Theater Virtual Museum.

Experience the Missouri statewide collaborative collection of
World War One histories and images at Missouri Over There.

For research family history through the library’s databases
from anywhere with a current library card on America’s
Obituaries and Death Notices, Fold3, Heritage Quest, and
Newspapers.com.

Visit thelibrary.org/lochist for many other digital archives
that do not require a library card, including Black Families
of the Ozarks; Greene County Records; Ozarks Obituary
Collection; Moser’s Directory of Towns, Villages and
Hamlets; and Regional Periodicals that include Ozarks
Watch, Bittersweet and White River Valley Historical
Quarterly. Some free sites to try are FamilySearch, Find A
Grave, Missouri Death Certificates 1910–1969 and Greene
County Archives and Records Center.

Round out your knowledge of the Ozark experience by
exploring the Max Hunter Collection of Ozark folk songs,
The Frisco Railroad collection, Ethnic Life Stories Project
or the Barnard Family Collection of letters written between
1844 and 1865.
LOCATIONS/HOURS

• Through August 31, all branch hours are 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m., Monday–Saturday.

• Drive-up window hours are 7:30 a.m.–7 p.m., Monday–Saturday.

• The 10 branches and drive-up windows will be closed on Saturday, July 4.

The Library Express West, 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway, remains open for pickups and returns.

Return your books and materials to the book drops at the Library Express West, or at any branch and the Price Cutter Plus Book Stop at 3260 E. Battlefield Road.

Library branches, drive-up windows and the Mobile Library will resume their normally scheduled operations after July 4.

INTERNET

COOLcat Online Catalog: thelibrary.org/catalog

• Search the catalog of the Springfield-Greene County Libraries and members of the Consortium Of Ozarks Libraries.

Library Website: thelibrary.org

• Follow us at facebook.com/thelibrary.org and twitter.com/springfieldlib.

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.

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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.