Ah, romance!
The Library and the Ozarks Romance Authors will treat you to an entire day devoted to the genre at Romancing the Station on Saturday, September 28, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Library Station.

Readers and writers of romance will learn about romance authors, hear author talks and be treated to activities for romance enthusiasts. Throughout the day, library staff will also feature romance books, booklists and offer book pairing recommendations.

This free event is sponsored, with love, by the Friends of the Library.

Library Express West customers say it best:

• A neighborhood resident said he walks in the Max and Una Lilley Park and stops by the kiosk daily to place holds and check out items.

• A woman said her church is down the street, and the 24/7 is perfect for stopping on her way home.

• “This is great,” one neighbor said. “I can go for a walk and come over here and get a book to read.”

Library Express West was funded by a grant from the Friends of the Library, with an additional Library Services and Technology Act grant through the State Library.
Leaves will be falling soon and so will the prices for books, CDs, DVDs and more — it’s time for the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale October 16–20!

The big sale returns to the E*Plex on the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N. Grant Ave.

As always, parking is free and the Friends accept cash or check only.

Get a jump on the sale and come to the Friends Night Preview Sale on Tuesday, October 15, from 5–8 p.m.

Friends members are admitted free; non-members can pay $5 at the door to shop, and turn that into a membership that night.

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

• Wednesday–Friday, October 16–18, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
• Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
• Sunday, October 20, 1–5 p.m.

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

The Friends Fall Book Sale is the perfect time to pick up early readers for children, or like-new cookbooks, coffee table books and rare collectibles to give as holiday gifts. And who doesn’t need a new collection of books, movies and music to keep us company in those dark winter months?

Weeding your book, movie, music or game collection now? 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.

Questions? Call Bill at 417-887-9524, or email friends@thelibrary.org.

Join the Friends before the fall sale or anytime! Visit thelibrary.org/friends, or call Pat Woodward, membership chairman, 417-831-6446.

Follow us on Facebook, Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Library District.
FLIGHTS AND FRIGHTS TRIVIA NIGHT

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FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

Friday, October 4, 6 p.m., at the Park Central Branch Library. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit, Monsters in Nice Places: Art by Chad Woody.

GHOSTS OF THE GILLIOZ

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CLASSIC HORROR MOVIE FEST

Saturdays, 5–6:30 p.m. in the Park Central Branch Library. Watch an essential classic horror movie each Saturday in October.

THE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE BOOK CLUB: HAUNTED HIKE AT LOST HILL PARK

Thursday, October 10, 5:30–7 p.m. at Lost Hill Park, 4705 N. Farm Road 151, for adults age 18 and older only. This month’s outdoor adventure-themed book discussion, where we pair a book with a related activity, goes to Lost Hill Park with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.
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**THE ART OF HORROR**
Thursday, October 17, 7–9 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Indelible images of horror from film and classic literature have inspired artists and illustrators for generations. Join artists D.A. Frizell, illustrator for “Bender: The Complete Saga,” and Gary Bedell and Adam McLaughlin, illustrators for the upcoming “Graveyard Slaughter,” as they discuss classic horror artists and illustrations, and how they inspire their artwork.

**HAUNTED LIBRARIES OF THE MIDWEST**
Tuesday, October 22, 6–7:30 p.m. in the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch. From “The Grey Lady” of Evansville, Indiana, to the Victorian ghost girls of Nevada, Missouri, ghostly specters are said to lurk between the shelves of many Midwest libraries. Library staffers Marily Weddell and Tod Jackson will share webcam images, newspaper stories and firsthand accounts by librarians during this tour of five of the Midwest’s most haunted libraries.

**HAUNTED PLACES AND HAUNTED PEOPLE: AN EVENING WITH JENNIFER McMATHON**
Thursday, October 24, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. New York Times best-selling author Jennifer McMahon’s novels connect deeply to history and how it seeps into a place, whether she’s writing about houses haunted by ghosts, towns haunted by the past, or people haunted by regret. Join Jennifer for a discussion about her writing, her love of the horror genre and what it means to be haunted. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

**BOOK DISCUSSIONS**
Chat with others about these fiction tales before author Jennifer McMahon visits on Thursday, October 24.

"The Invited" by Jennifer McMahon
- NXT Chapter: A Book Group for 20/30-Somethings, Thursday, October 3, 7:30 p.m. for ages 20–39 at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library.
- Donuts & Death, Tuesday, October 8, 6 p.m. at Hurts Donut Company, 320 Park Central West.
- Book Discussion, Wednesday, October 9, 1:30 p.m., at the Fair Grove Branch Library.
- Book Discussion, Thursday, October 24, 1:30 p.m. in the Library Station Santa Fe Room.

"The Winter People" by Jennifer McMahon
Northview Book Discussion, Friday, October 11, 10:30 a.m. at the Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St., for senior adults.

**DISPLAYS**
- Little Monsters: The Creature Creations of Scott Sauer, Library Center concourse
- Under the Bed and Dreaming: The Art of D.A. Frizell, Library Station
- Monsters in Nice Places: Art by Chad Woody, Park Central Branch Library

Read our interview with Jennifer McMahon on page 34.
Death & Dying:
Conversations on End-of-Life Matters

November 1–10 at the Library Center

Join us to discuss the curious, practical and emotional aspects of death and dying with gentle and sometimes humorous conversations.

From pet death, grief and estate planning to forensics and obituary writing, we’ll have open and honest discussions that can help alleviate our fears and remind us to live life to the fullest. Don’t miss a special all-ages event on loss and comfort with children’s author/illustrator Cori Doerrfeld.

Talking About Grief and Loss with Author & Illustrator Cori Doerrfeld

Saturday, November 9, 6-7:30 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium.

No matter our age, there are times when we all struggle with loss and grief — whether it’s the death of loved one, a friend moving away or a bad day. Children’s author and illustrator Cori Doerrfeld finds that often what a person needs is someone who will just listen. It’s a message she conveys in “The Rabbit Listened,” a 2019 Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award nominee. Cori will read and talk about her books, including the recently released “Goodbye, Friend! Hello, Friend!” and the ways we can help ourselves and others when life gets difficult and our emotions become awkward and uncomfortable. Select titles will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments courtesy of Crave Cookie Dough. Funding for this program is provided by the Library Foundation.
Date Night with a Medical Examiner
Friday, November 1, 7 p.m. in meeting rooms A and B. Curious about forensics? Forget "CSI." Spend your Friday evening with Chief Forensic Investigator Tom Van De Berg as he shares a behind-the-scenes look at the work of the Greene County Medical Examiner’s Office. Q&A will follow his presentation.

The Dollars & Sense of Estate Planning
Saturday, November 2, noon–2 p.m. in the auditorium. Don’t let your financial plans go awry when you die. If you have property, retirement accounts or other assets, you may need to create an estate plan. Catherine E. Moore, estate planning attorney and mediator, Kirkland Woods & Martinsen, LLP; Krystal Creach, a CPA with BKD; and Library Foundation Development Director Melissa Adler will talk briefly about estate planning, trusts and how organizations use trusts to support their missions. They will also take audience questions. Don’t miss this free opportunity to learn strategies for lowering taxes and leaving more for your family or a favorite charity.

How To Write Your Own Obituary
Saturday, November 2, 3-5 p.m. in the auditorium. How do you want to be remembered? What do you want others to know about you? Writing your own obituary can be an integral part of end-of-life planning and a thought-provoking exercise at any stage of life. Library staff members Krissy Sinor and Ingrid Bohnenkamp will discuss obituary writing and help you create your own sample obituary, a lasting memory for your family and friends. Materials will be provided.

The Realities of Death
Saturday, November 2, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. When asked how we want to die, most of us wish to die peacefully in our sleep. But life doesn’t always end the way we’d like. Dr. Albert Leonardo, medical director of Mercy Supportive and Palliative Care, will discuss end-of-life processes and medical care. He will provide a realistic picture of how we die even as medical advancements offer to prolong our lives at any cost; the differences between hospice and palliative care; and the importance of advance care planning.

Is This Normal?
Understanding Themes of Loss
Monday, November 4, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Are you grieving the death of a loved one or know someone who is? Staff from Lost & Found Grief Center will talk about what you can expect to feel and experience when grieving the death of family, friends or co-workers, and provide tips to help you cope.

Judaism & Death
Wednesday, November 6, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Jewish ideas about death and the customs that have developed from those ideas are different from the ideas and customs associated with mainstream American funerals. Rabbi Barbara Block from Temple Israel will talk about Jewish ideas about death and will share some customs, including kaddish, a prayer said in memory of those who have died; and yizkor, a service of remembrance traditionally held as part of four Jewish holidays. Q&A will follow the presentation.

Caring for Our Pets at Life’s End
Saturday, November 9, 2 p.m. in the auditorium. When our animal companions get sick and grow old, it can be difficult to know how best to care for them at life’s end. Dr. Meda McClure from Greener Pastures Pet Hospice will discuss end-of-life care, including pet hospice and euthanasia, aftercare options and resources that can help as you grieve the loss of a beloved pet.

Death Café of the Ozarks
Sunday, November 10, 3–5 p.m. in meeting rooms A and B. Having open, honest discussions about death and dying can help alleviate our fears, make educated decisions and remind us to live life to the fullest. Join us for casual conversations where you are welcome to share your curiosities, hopes, fears and experiences in a safe, judgment-free environment. Refreshments will be provided.

thelibrary.org/death
Attending a Program at the Library?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Enjoy these Library programs planned at other locations.

Walk and Talk Book Club
Tuesdays, September 3 and 17, October 1, 15 and 29 and November 12 and 26, 10 a.m. at Sequoia Park, 3500 S. Lone Pine Ave. Let’s book it! Meet at the pavilion for a 45-minute walk along the Galloway Creek Greenway. Talk about what you’re reading and hear from others.

Donuts & Death
Tuesdays, 6 p.m. at Hurts Donut Company, 320 Park Central West. Horror has never tasted so sweet. Join our horror book club and sink your teeth into a good book while enjoying Hurts donuts.

- November 12: “The Silent Companions” by Laura Purcell.

My Favorite Crime Book Club
Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. for adults age 21 and older at Tie & Timber Beer Co., 1451 E. Cherry St. Do you have a “favorite” serial killer? Are you fascinated by forensics? This true crime book discussion is for you.


The Outdoor Adventure Book Club
Thursdays, 5:30–7 p.m. for adults age 18 and older only. The Library is heading into the great outdoors! Join us for this series of outdoor adventure-themed book discussions held at parks in Springfield. Each discussion is paired with a related outdoor activity led by Springfield-Greene County Park Board Outdoor Initiatives staff. Call 883-3341 to register.

- September 12 at Doling Park, 301 E. Talmage St. Cave Tour at Giboney Cave. Gather at Giboney Cave to discuss “Missouri Caves in History and Legend” by H. Dwight Weaver. Discussion will be followed by a cave tour. Limited to 15 participants. Registration starts August 22.
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- November 14: Valley Water Mill Park, 2450 E. Valley Water Mill Road. Dutch Oven Cooking. Meet at the Watershed Center to discuss and share your favorite campfire recipes, then enjoy a Dutch oven cooking demonstration. Limited to 10 participants. Registration starts October 24.
Northview Book Discussion
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. for senior adults at the Northview Center, Doling Park, 301 E. Talmage St. Join us for this library-sponsored book group just for seniors.
- September 13: “To the Bright Edge of the World” by Eowyn Ivey.
- November 8: “Every Note Played” by Lisa Genova.

South Side Senior Center Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1 p.m. at the South Side Senior Center, 2215 S. Fremont Ave.
- October 17: “Britt-Marie Was Here” by Fredrik Backman.

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Try Online Service, and We’ll Find Your Next Read

Your Next Read — that’s the name of the library’s updated, personal service. It’s online at thelibrary.org/yournextread. The link is also on the library’s homepage.

Save time searching for something you want to read and let us do the work for you. 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.

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

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

Ash Grove Branch Library

**Flying Needles**

Tuesdays, September 10, October 8 and November 12, 1:30 p.m. Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Work on your current projects, share patterns and ideas, and check out our knitting and crochet resources. All levels of experience are welcome.

**Ash Grove Bibliophiles**

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

- September 17: “And Then There Were None” by Agatha Christie.
- October 15: “The Thin Man” by Dashiell Hammett.

Fair Grove Branch Library

**Book Discussion**

Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.

- September 11: “Mudbound” by Hillary Jordan.

**Crafts and Cappuccinos**

Saturday, September 14, 1–4 p.m. for grades 3–adult. Relax with a warm beverage and some uninterrupted crafting time. Bring your own projects or loot the library’s supplies to create one! Refreshments and materials for a small craft will be provided.

**Blockbusters at the Library**

Mondays, 4–6:30 p.m. for age 13 and older. Catch up on these popular superhero blockbusters with popcorn and a free screening!


**Pumpkin Tea Lights**

Saturday, October 19, 2–4 p.m. Light up your home with a wine glass tea light holder featuring a painted pumpkin design of your own creation. Materials will be provided.

**Tabletop Gaming Day**

Saturday, November 23, noon–4 p.m. for all ages. Take a break this season to check out our selection of games! Relax with a puzzle, challenge your friends to a board game or dive into a role-playing adventure.

**DIY Beeswax Wraps**

Wednesday, September 4, 6–8 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Looking for an alternative to plastic wrap or sandwich bags? Library staff member Vanessa Scudder will show you how to make your own reusable wraps with cotton fabric and beeswax. Materials will be provided.  
Registration starts August 22; call 883-5341.

**An Introduction to Contract Bridge**

Thursdays, September 5–September 26, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Exercise your brain and have fun making new friends as you learn to play Contract Bridge. Whether you’re a beginner or want to update your bidding and play, this class is for you.

Members of the Bridge Center will give an introductory course over four consecutive Thursday evenings. Registration starts August 5; call 883-5341.
If It’s Not Here, We Can Find It!

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

Don’t be afraid to ask! The Library loaned or borrowed 84,449 items last year with libraries nationwide through Interlibrary Loan, MOBIUS and Prospector.

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

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

You can also request an item from Interlibrary Loan. Submit an online form, or contact any library branch reference desk.

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

• September 8: Blue Train. This group’s vocal and instrumental talents blend with a unique selection of material to surprise and entertain you.
• October 13: Finley River Boys. This award-winning group will play a mix of traditional bluegrass and gospel songs.
• November 10: Bob Holden Jazz Ensemble. Enjoy a special concert by one of our most popular performers as we celebrate the Library Center’s 20th anniversary.

Chess Club
Mondays, September 9 and 23, October 7 and 21 and November 4 and 18, 6–8 p.m. in the Harrison Room. 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.

Geezer Fall Fest
Saturday, September 7, 7–9 p.m. Geezer will play danceable tunes from the ‘60s–’90s on the patio. Bring the family and sing along with Richard Struckhoff, Mark Ellman, Jana Henderson, Rusty Swift, Duane Lewis and Dave Sharon. Event will take place in the auditorium in the case of bad weather. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 1–2:30 p.m. in meeting room B.

• September 11: “I’ll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman’s Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer” by Michelle McNamara.
• October 9: “The Tattooist of Auschwitz” by Heather Morris.

Conflicted Ozarks: A Region at War
Tuesday, September 17, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. No place in the U.S. was more devastated by the Civil War than the Ozarks, a region that straddled the border between...
Keep the Peace, Read These Books

The presidential campaign is already in full swing and we’re taking sides. Here are some book titles to help keep peace in your household, at work and at dinner parties!

“I Love You, But I Hate Your Politics” by Jeanne Safer, who offers how to protect your relationships in a partisan world.

“I Think You’re Wrong (But I’m Listening): A Guide to Grace-filled Political Conversations” by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers.


“Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from Our Culture of Contempt” by Arthur Brooks.

“Them: Why We Hate Each Other, and How to Heal” by Ben Sasse.

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the Union and the Confederacy. Marching armies, battles, divided loyalties and guerrilla warfare turned much of the Ozarks into a lawless and deadly no-man’s-land. Discussing his book, “A History of the Ozarks, Volume 2: The Conflicted Ozarks,” Dr. Brooks Blevins will explain what made the Ozarks such a dangerous place during the Civil War and how the war impacted the region for generations to come. Books will be available for sale and signing. Provided in partnership with the Ozarks Studies Institute, an initiative of the Missouri State University Libraries.

Exploring Genealogy
Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.
• Wednesday, September 18, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. Obituaries: The 34-Year Process. OGS Obituary Committee Chair Connie Daughtrey reviews the arduous process of building an obituary database from its inception in the early 1980s to its current status. Bring the names of obits you’ve been searching for in surrounding counties to help us test the database.
• Monday, October 7, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Normal School: Its History and Legacy. Anne Baker, head of Special Collections and Archives at Missouri State University, will talk about the earliest years of MSU, known as Missouri State Normal School, Fourth District, when it was founded as a teacher’s college in 1905. Using items from the University Archives, Anne will explore the school’s beginnings, curriculum and student life.
• Wednesday, October 16, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. Google for Genealogists. OGS member John Carter will discuss Google’s search functions and offer ideas for searching images, maps and other genealogy resources. We’ll also look at Google’s applications for documents, web browsing and organizing photos.
• Monday, November 4, 7 p.m. in meeting rooms A and B. Cemeteries: Rescue to Restoration. OGS members and cousins Barbara Brauch and Nora Lee Faulkner rescued the burial place of their great-great-grandparents, Samuel and Catherine (McNabb) Phariss, from a farm field. Find out how they did it and the people who helped. Members Fran Black and Rose Jones will discuss the process of tombstone maintenance and restoration, featuring the historic Squibb Cemetery in Greene County.

Opioids in the Ozarks
Saturday, September 21, 4 p.m. in the auditorium. The growing opioid crisis has been making headlines for years but what does it mean here in the Ozarks? Learn what the opioid crisis looks like in our community during a panel discussion featuring representatives from Alps Pharmacy, CoxHealth, UMKC School of Pharmacy, Greene County Sheriff’s Department and others. Moderated by David Oliver, KOLR10 anchor.

Civil War Book Discussion Group
Mondays, 7 p.m. in meeting room A.
• September 23: “Varina” by Charles Frazier.

Baseball Hall of Famers Are Top(p)s
Tuesday, September 24, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. From Roger Maris’ breakfast superstitions to Dennis Eckersley’s...
Author Liz Breazeale Reading
Thursday, September 26, 7 p.m. in meeting rooms A and B. In her collection of short stories, “Extinction Events,” author and 2019 Prairie Schooner Book Prize winner Liz Breazeale explores the connections between humans and the natural world by examining the history of our planet, extinction events, estrangements, betrayals and losses. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the event.

The Wolf Wants In: An Evening with Laura McHugh
Monday, September 30, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Missouri literary star Laura McHugh, author of “The Weight of Blood” and “Arrowood,” will talk about her writing process and the research for her latest psychological thriller, “The Wolf Wants In.” Books will be available for purchase and signing. Provided in partnership with the Ozarks Studies Institute, an initiative of the Missouri State University Libraries.

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Warm Up to the Instant Pot with Soup and Stew
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Ecktionary of quips, baseball Hall of Famers fascinate fans. Local History Associate John Rutherford will profile Baseball Hall of Famers who had Missouri connections or played for Missouri teams.

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Thursday, October 10, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Ozarks Alive’s Kairlyn McConnell will talk about haunted spots, old-fashioned ghost towns and others that are said to be downright haunted. An Oh, the Horror! event.

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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).

Read with Pride: LGBTQ+ Book Club
Thursday, October 17, 6 p.m. for teens age 13 and older and adults in the Harrison Room. Celebrate LGBT Pride with a discussion about “Picture Us in the Light” by Kelly Loy Gilbert.

The Art of Horror
Thursday, October 17, 7–9 p.m. in the auditorium. Artists D.A. Frizell, illustrator for “Bender: The Complete Saga,” and Gary Bedell and Adam McLaughlin, illustrators for the upcoming “Graveyard Slaughter,” discuss classic horror artists and illustrations and how they inspire their artwork. An Oh, The Horror! event.

Bullying and Special Needs
Saturday, October 19, 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Bullying is a challenge for all kids, and it can have devastating consequences for those with developmental and physical disabilities. Michele Fields from Abilities First and Andrea Bishop, a professional counselor from Ozarks Counseling Center, discuss the rights and resources available to children with special needs and tips for teaching self-advocacy to a special needs child. Parents, families and educators are welcome to attend. Child care will be provided. Presented in partnership with Include Ozarks. Registration starts November 1; call 883-5341.

Movies for Grown-ups
Tuesday, October 22, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Join AARP for standout films with unique appeal to movie lovers with a grown-up state of mind. Enjoy “Coco” rated PG, with light refreshments provided.

Haunted Places and Haunted People: An Evening with Jennifer McMahon
Thursday, October 24, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. New York Times best-selling author Jennifer McMahon’s novels connect deeply to history and how it seeps into a place. Join Jennifer for a discussion about her writing, her love of the horror genre and what it means to be haunted. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. An Oh, the Horror! event.

Harry Potter Paper Crafts
Friday, October 25, 7–9 p.m. for adults age 18 and older in the Story Hour Room. Want to add a little Harry Potter magic to your home decor? Make Harry Potter silhouette pictures and origami Forbidden Forest trees to add that magical touch. Materials will be provided. Registration starts October 11; call 883-5341.

Date Night with a Medical Examiner
Friday, November 1, 7 p.m. in meeting rooms A and B. Curious about forensics? Chief Forensic Investigator Tom Van De Berg shares a behind-the-scenes look at the work of the Greene County Medical Examiner’s Office. Q&A will follow the presentation. A Death & Dying event.
The Dollars & Sense of Estate Planning
Saturday, November 2, noon–2 p.m. in the auditorium. Don’t let your financial plans go awry when you die. If you have property, retirement accounts or other assets, you may need to create an estate plan. Catherine E. Moore, estate planning attorney and mediator, Kirkland Woods & Martinsen, LLP; Krystal Creach, a CPA with BKD; and Library Foundation Development Director Melissa Adler will discuss estate planning, trusts and how organizations use trusts to support their missions, and answer audience questions. Don’t miss this free opportunity to learn strategies for lowering taxes and leaving more for your family or a favorite charity. A Death & Dying event.

How To Write Your Own Obituary
Saturday, November 2, 3–5 p.m. in the auditorium. Writing your own obituary can be an integral part of end-of-life planning at any stage of life. Library staff members Krissy Sinor and Ingrid Bohnenkamp will discuss obituary writing and help you create your own sample obituary, a lasting memory for your family and friends. Materials will be provided. A Death & Dying event.

The Realities of Death
Saturday, November 2, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Dr. Albert Leonardo, medical director of Mercy Supportive and Palliative Care, will discuss end-of-life processes and medical care, the differences between hospice and palliative care and the importance of advance care planning. A Death & Dying event.

Is This Normal? Understanding Themes of Loss
Monday, November 4, 7–8:30 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Are you grieving the death of a loved one or know someone who is? Staff from Lost & Found Grief Center will talk about what you can expect to experience when grieving the death of family, friends or co-workers, and provide tips to help you cope. A Death & Dying event.

Judaism & Death
Wednesday, November 6, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Rabbi Barbara Block from Temple Israel will talk about Jewish ideas about death and will share some customs. Q&A will follow the presentation. A Death & Dying event.

SEO for Your Small Business
Thursday, November 7, 5:30–8 p.m. in meeting room B. Can you do your own Search Engine Optimization? Write blogs that rank on Google? It’s simpler than you think. Marketing specialist Josh Lenz will teach the fast and easy way to create content that increases website traffic and gets more leads and sales, for free. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for networking before the presentation. Sponsored by SCORE. Registration starts October 7; call 883-1974.

Conscious Parenting: From Chaos to Calm
Saturday, November 9, 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 Choices: Building Self-esteem and Willpower. Child care will be provided. Presented in partnership with One Stop for Early Childhood and Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Registration starts October 25; call 616-0563.
Library Center continued

Caring for Our Pets at Life’s End
Saturday, November 9, 2 p.m. in the auditorium. Dr. Meda McClure from Greener Pastures Pet Hospice will discuss end-of-life care, including pet hospice and euthanasia, aftercare options and resources that can help as you grieve the loss of a beloved pet.

Talking About Grief and Loss with Author & Illustrator Cori Doerrfeld
Saturday, November 9, 6–7:30 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Children’s illustrator and author Cori Doerrfeld of “The Rabbit Listened” will read and talk about her books, including “Goodbye, Friend! Hello, Friend!” Select titles will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments courtesy of Crave Cookie Dough. Sponsored by the Library Foundation. A Death & Dying event.

Death Café of the Ozarks
Sunday, November 10, 3–5 p.m. in meeting rooms A and B. Having open, honest discussions about death and dying can help alleviate our fears, make educated decisions and remind us to live life to the fullest. Join us for casual conversations where you are welcome to share your curiosities, hopes, fears and experiences. Refreshments will be provided. A Death & Dying event.

Legal Planning for Special Needs Parents
Saturday, November 16, 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Attorney Angela Myers will tackle the legal side of parenting a child with a disability to help you protect your child as they grow. Estate planning, guardianship, powers of attorney, special needs trusts

History Explorers Presents: Siege of Yorktown
Tuesday, November 12, 7 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. The Siege of Yorktown was the last major land battle of the American Revolutionary War in the North American theater, prompting the British government to negotiate an end to the conflict. Learn about the decisive battle that revived French enthusiasm for the war, undermined popular support for the conflict in Great Britain and boosted faltering American morale. The November History Explorers program commemorates National American History and Founders Month. It was created in 2018 to empower Americans to be active citizens with a greater understanding of our country’s foundational origins, its civics and governance. Presented in partnership with the Sons of the American Revolution.
and ABLE accounts will be covered. Child care will be provided. Presented in partnership with Include Ozarks. Registration starts November 1; call 883-5341.

Sketches from Springfield: A Cartoon History
Thursday, November 21, 6 p.m. in the auditorium. The cartoons of Bob Palmer, Betty Love, Jon Kennedy and other cartoonists fill the pages of Springfield’s historic newspapers and periodicals. Local History Associate Konrad Stump explores the lives of these remarkable cartoonists and shares how they shaped the telling of Springfield’s history.

Library Station
Senior Social
Thursdays, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. for 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.
• September 5: Painting on Canvas. Exercise your creative muscles and express yourself in paint. Materials will be provided. Registration starts August 22.
• October 3: Hand and Foot Card Game. Learn partner and individual techniques for playing this variation on canasta. Registration starts September 19.

• November 7: Holiday Card Making. Create a variety of handmade cards to send this holiday season. Materials will be provided. Registration starts October 24.

The Hangout
Thursdays, September 5–November 21, 4–6 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Adults with or without developmental disabilities are welcome to stop by for games, crafts and special events.

Western Film Friday
Fridays, 2–4 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Watch popular Westerns on the big screen at the library, popcorn provided.
• October 18: “The Outlaw Josey Wales,” rated PG.

Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room.
• September 26: “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean.

Romancing the Station
Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Celebrate the romance genre with the Ozarks Romance Authors! Readers and writers of the genre will enjoy author education, author talks and activities for romance enthusiasts.
• 10–11 a.m. Writer’s Workshop: The State of Publishing by Holly Atkinson. See registration details below.
• Noon–12:45 p.m. Renee George Author Talk

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

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

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

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

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

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Library Station continued

• 1–1:45 p.m. Lori Copeland Author Talk
• 2–4 p.m. Romance Author Meet & Greet
Books will be available for sale and signing at the Meet & Greet. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Writer’s Workshop: The State of Publishing
Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m., main floor. Editor Holly Atkinson will provide an overview of today’s publishing world, the options available for authors and how to go indie. A Romancing the Station event. Registration starts September 9; call 616-0683.

Movable & Pop-Up Books
Tuesday, October 8, 7 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Elaine Estes, retired director of the Des Moines Public Library, will discuss the history and assembly of movable and pop-up books, and share her collection with you.

History of Ozarks Literature
Sunday, October 13, 2 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Dr. Phillip Howerton, professor of English at Missouri State University-West Plains, will present a survey of two centuries including the role of stereotypes and traditional regional traits. He will explore several prevalent themes in Ozarks literature to highlight connections with the region’s history and the larger body of American literature.

Music & Memories: All Aboard!
Tuesday, October 22, 6:30–8 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Join us for an intergenerational multisensory experience for individuals with Alzheimer’s and dementia and their families and friends. Climb aboard for train-themed activities and bluegrass music. Representatives from the Alzheimer’s Association will share community resources with attendees as needed. This program is funded by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks Senior Mental Health Grant and presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association.

Nursing in the Navy
Sunday, October 27, 2 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Retired Navy Nurse Cmdr. Ellen Duvall will discuss the history of the Navy Nurse Corps, including her experiences serving on a hospital ship off the coast of Vietnam.

Madea Movie Marathon
Saturday, November 30, 2–8 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Library Station patrons picked their favorite Madea movies for this marathon! Come for one, two or all three, rated PG-13; popcorn provided.
• 2 p.m. “Diary of a Mad Black Woman”
• 4:15 p.m. “Madea’s Family Reunion”
• 6:20 p.m. “Madea Goes to Jail”

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
Fix-it Fair
Thursday, September 5, 4:30–7 p.m. for all ages in the basement meeting room. Give your small appliances, computers, bicycles or even clothes a new lease on life. Volunteer experts will help you repair your fixable items. Bikes OK; no oversized, gas-powered or safety hazards. For other guidelines, please call 862-0135. Presented with the Community Partnership of the Ozarks Tool Library.
Center City Book Club
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.
• October 8: “Normal People” by Sally Rooney.
• November 12: “The River” by Peter Heller.

Midtown Workshop Series
Thursdays, 6 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Learn useful life skills on a variety of topics from area experts.
• September 19: Basics of Beekeeping. Our local expert and Library staff member Krissy Sinor has been keeping bees for three years and can help you get started on your own endeavor.
• October 24: Winter Prep. Allen Lupton from OACAC will provide the information you need to keep the cold out and the heat in.
• November 14: Cast Iron Cookware. Bring in your neglected cast iron cookware. Shayne Taylor, an avid collector, will share care tips for maintaining your cast iron for generations to come.

Ask the Experts: Health Care Expenses
Saturday, October 19, 10–11:30 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Medical expenses are an inevitable fact of life, but unnecessary stress about paying those bills doesn’t have to be. Explore your options with a panel of experts. Ask the Experts is an instructional series from the Making Sense of Money Financial Literacy Initiative, a program of Community Partnership of the Ozarks.

Night at the Haunted Library
Saturday, October 19, 7–8:30 p.m. for all ages. Hang out at the Midtown Carnegie Branch after hours for games, crafts, prizes, cupcakes and punch to turn your fright to fun at this haunted library event. Families welcome; all children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. An Oh, The Horror! event.

Park Central Branch Library
First Friday Art Walk
Fridays, 6 p.m. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit.
• September 6: Katie Kimbrough, art history major and museum studies minor at Missouri State University, will present “Seeds of Revolution: The Cultural Commentary and Impact of Ai Weiwei’s Sunflower Seeds.” On Display: Editorial Portraits by Andie Bottrell at Designing Indie.
Join The Adult Winter Reading Challenge in 2020!

If you love reading, and you love a challenge, you’re going to love the Library’s Winter Reading Challenge January 2–February 29, 2020.

We’ll give you a list of 15 reading challenges; you select and complete five of them, turn in your challenge form and we’ll give you a gift for being a Winter Reading Master!

Here’s a sample of the challenges: Read a book set in another time period; a sci-fi/fantasy title; a book made into a movie; a book by an author of color; one by an author new to you. You get the idea.

Taking the Winter Reading Challenge is a perfect way to read something outside of your normal reading habit — even outside your comfort zone. It challenges you to discover a new genre, or a new author, and the Library rewards you for it!

Look for details coming this winter.

Park Central Branch continued

• October 4: Vinita Williams, art history major and museum studies minor at Missouri State University, will present “Jaune Quick-to-See Smith: Activism in Images.” On Display: Monsters in Nice Places: Art by Chad Woody, an Oh, The Horror! exhibit.
• November 1: Jordan Seyer, art history and painting double major and sign language minor at Missouri State University, will present “Peter Paul Rubens’ Techniques Shown Through His Life Work.” On Display: Art by Kori Smalley.

Second Saturday Craft
Saturdays, noon. Stop in for a craft session. Materials will be provided.
• September 14: Pulled String Art.
• October 12: Miniature Acorn Jack-o-Lanterns.
• November 9: Book Art.

Classic Horror Movie Fest
Saturdays, 5–6:30 p.m. Watch an essential classic horror movie each Saturday in October. An Oh, the Horror! event.
• October 5: “Mad Love,” not rated, 1935.
• October 26: “Night of the Living Dead,” not rated, 1968.

Republic Branch Library

• October 10: “The Stillwater Girls” by Minka Kent.
• November 14: “Ordinary Grace” by William Kent Krueger.

Republic Branch Library
10th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, October 26, 10 a.m.–noon for all ages. Help us celebrate 10 years on Lindsey Avenue with activities and snacks.

Wreath Making
Saturday, November 23, 10–11:30 a.m. Prepare for the winter holidays by creating a wreath you can decorate with or give as a gift. Materials will be provided. Registration starts November 1; call 732-7284.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

NXT Chapter: A Book Group for 20/30-Somethings
Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. for ages 20–39.
• September 5: “The Kinship of Secrets” by Eugenia Kim.
• November 7: “The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet” by Becky Chambers.

Senior Social
Monday, September 9, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. for 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 on the topic of Estate Planning and Long-term Care Needs. An elder law attorney will talk about estate planning issues and offer advice on planning for long-term care needs including nursing home care. A $3.50 lunch donation to SeniorAge is encouraged. Registration starts August 16; call 883-1974.
Stream and Download with Your Library Card

You’re busy and constantly on the go, but that doesn’t mean you have to go without something to read, watch or listen to.

E-books, audiobooks, magazines, music and videos are at your fingertips with the Library’s digital resources.

All you need is a library card to:

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

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

Download the available apps for each platform to make accessing your favorites even easier.

iPhone Class for Seniors

Tuesdays, 1–3 p.m. Bring your own iOS device (iPhone or iPad) for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. 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. Classes are held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, and each session covers a different useful topic.

- September 10: Security
- September 24: Camera & Photos
- October 8: Notes
- October 22: Maps
- November 12: App Store
- November 26: Siri

Evening Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
- September 10: “What We Were Promised” by Lucy Tan.
- November 12: “Mama’s Last Hug” by Frans de Waal.

Chess Club

Mondays, September 16, 30, October 28, and November 25, 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.

Brown Bag Travelogue

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

- September 18: Drury Students Discover Life Abroad: Part 1. Journey with Drury University students as they detail their international study abroad trip to Tours, France, where they studied French at the Institut de Touraine and observed cultural similarities and differences.
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- November 20: Switzerland, Alsace & The Black Forest. Rita Needham, a retired educator and association executive, will share photos and tales from her trip through the Swiss Alps and mystical Black Forest. Highlights include the Matterhorn at Gornergrat, the charming streets of Alsace and decadent Black Forest cake.

Movies & Memories: Travel the World

Sunday, September 22, 2–4 p.m. Join us for an intergenerational multisensory experience for individuals with Alzheimer’s and dementia and their families and friends. Smell exotic spices, look at art from different cultures and enjoy clips of travel videos from all over the world. Representatives from the Alzheimer’s Association will share community resources as needed. This program is funded by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks Senior Mental Health Grant and presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association.
Schweitzer Brentwood Branch continued

Preparing (Your Business) for the Unexpected
Thursday, October 17, 5:30–8 p.m. Insurance executive Jeff Mills will discuss mitigation strategies for planning and preparing for natural disasters, system/equipment failure, supplier/distribution failure and internal process/employee failure. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for networking before the presentation. Sponsored by SCORE. Registration starts September 16; call 883-1974.

Pumpkin Painting
Saturday, October 19, 2 p.m. Polka dots, stripes and glitter, oh my! Paint magazine cover-worthy pumpkins to decorate your porch, mantle or office. Hot cider, mini pumpkins and craft supplies will be provided. Bring your own larger pumpkin for extra fun.

Haunted Libraries of the Midwest
Tuesday, October 22, 6–7:30 p.m. From “The Grey Lady” of Evansville, Indiana, to the Victorian ghost girls of Nevada, Missouri, ghostly specters are said to lurk between the shelves of many Midwest libraries. Library staffers Marily Weddell and Tod Jackson will share webcam images, newspaper stories and firsthand accounts by librarians during this tour of five of the Midwest’s most haunted libraries. An Oh, The Horror! event.

Book Swap Bash
Sunday, November 10, 2 p.m. for age 13–adults. Wrap a favorite book to swap with other readers while enjoying tea and light refreshments, followed by bookish games and activities. Wrapping material will be available if needed.

Strafford Branch Library

Downton Tea
Wednesday, September 4, 4 p.m. Celebrate the forthcoming “Downton Abbey” movie with tea and refreshments.

Super Marvel Marathon
Saturdays, for adults and teens age 13 and older. Every Saturday this season we’ll watch two Marvel movies, rated PG-13, back-to-back as we make our way to “Avengers: Endgame.” Popcorn provided.

Bookends

Love Movies? Try Binge Boxes
Take home a binge-worthy box of your favorite movies in your favorite genre.

That’s what we call Binge Boxes.

Now you can check out a single box packaged with four to six movies that focus on a single theme, whether it’s comedy, horror, romance, etc.

You can reserve Binge Boxes at thelibrary.org/catalog by searching Binge Box, or by the name of the set, and pick them up at any library branch, Mobile Library or the Library Express West. Checkouts are for two weeks.

Binge Boxes include:

Another one is Not on My Street: “Poltergeist,” “House” “The Amityville Horror” and “Paranormal Activity.”

Coloring and Tea
Wednesdays, October 2 and November 6, 4 p.m. Take a midweek break with some relaxing coloring and tea.
We’re delivering books, movies and CDs to your neighborhood.

Mobile Library Stops for September–November 2019

**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.

**Wednesdays**
McClellen Villa, 1320 E. McClellen 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., 5:15–5:45 p.m.
Country Club Apts., Wildan & Cinderella, 6–6:30 p.m.
S. Dollison Ave. & E. Downing St., 6:45–7:15 p.m.

**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.

**Thursdays**
Beacon Village Apts., 639 N. Eldon Ave., 2–2:30 p.m.
Westport Park Apts., 250 N. Hilton Ave., 2:45–3:15 p.m.
Nu Elm Apts., 440 S. New Ave., 3:30–4 p.m.
Hattiesburg Hills, 4663 W. Portland St., 4:15–4:45 p.m.
S. Luwood Ave. & W. La Sierra 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.

Put Some Fright In Your Fall Reads

Here’s a list of librarian-tested horror titles for teens to go along with the Library’s series in October, Oh, The Horror. See pages 4–5 for the schedule of events.

- Asylum by Madeleine Roux
- Devil and Winnie Flynn by Micol Ostow
- Dread Nation by Justina Ireland
- Rotters by Daniel Kraus
- Slasher Girls & Monster Boys by April Genevieve Tucholke
- The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein by Kiersten White
- The Diviners by Libba Bray
- The Last Harvest by Kim Liggett
- The Madman’s Daughter by Megan Shepherd
- The Sacrifice Box by Martin J. Stewart
- Through the Woods by Emily Carroll
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**Stop! Don’t Squish That Spider!**
Wednesday, September 4, 3:30–5:30 p.m. for grades 5–12. Just in time for the reappearance of the orb weavers, Missouri Department of Conservation Media Specialist Francis Skalicky will talk about the benefits of the misunderstood spider. We’ll make webs of our own after the talk. Materials will be provided.

**Totally ’90s TV**
Mondays, September 9–30, October 7 and 28 and November 4, noon–4 p.m. for grades 4–12. Cut. It. Out. Bring a bag lunch and binge watch some sweet ’90s sitcoms, rated TV-G or TV-PG.

**Teen Masquerade Ball**
Friday, October 25, 3:30–5:30 p.m. for grades 5–12. Put on your favorite costume and join us for a ghoulish night of snacks, games and music. The first 20 teens will get their choice of mask or create your own with the provided materials.

**Donut Be Ungrateful**
Friday, November 15, 3:30–5:30 p.m. for grades 5–12. Count your blessings as well as the fun in this donut-themed day of eating, crafting and creating. Decorate edible donuts, plush donuts, paper donuts and perler bead donuts. All round ideas welcome! Materials will be provided.

**Dice, Dice Baby**
Saturday, November 23, 2–4 p.m. for grades 5–12. Love role playing? Jump into adventure games like Dungeons & Dragons and other tabletop modules.

**Library Center**

**Teen Night Hangout**
Tuesdays, September 10 and November 12, 6:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the teen area. Hang out, make crafts, talk about books and get a chance to read and review new titles.

**“Umbrella Academy” Celebration**
Tuesday, October 1, 6 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate the Hargreeves siblings’ 30th birthday as you geek out with fellow fans over “Umbrella Academy”-themed trivia, crafts and more. Costumes welcome!

**Pumpkin Dissection**
Saturday, October 5, 1:30 p.m. for grade 4–8 in the auditorium. Learn about pumpkins and have fun taking one apart, then make a “forever” rock-o-lantern to keep. Materials will be provided. Registration starts September 23; call 882-0714.

**Watch With Pride: LGBTQ+ Movie & Make-and-Take**
Tuesday, October 8, 7–9 p.m. for teens age 13 and older and adults in the auditorium. Prepare for Pridefest with crafting and a movie! Watch “Kinky Boots,” rated PG-13, while crafting colorful bling and accessories to wear to Greater Ozarks Pridefest on October 12 in downtown Springfield. Materials will be provided.

**Read With Pride: LGBTQ+ Book Club**
Thursday, October 17, 6 p.m. for teens age 13 and older and adults in the Harrison Room. Celebrate LGBT Pride with a discussion about “Picture Us in the Light” by Kelly Loy Gilbert.

**Biography in Context** — articles on 400,000 international people

**Credo** — articles and e-books, photos, videos and audio-files

**Culturegrams Kids** — statistics, photos and recipes for the U.S. and over 190 countries

**Explora** — a great starting point for research topics

**Learning Express** — help with 4th- & 5th-grade math, reading and writing skills

**Science Reference Center** — topics from encyclopedia, books and magazines

**Mango Languages** — improve your conversation skills in over 60 languages

**Homework Help Is Here 24/7!**

Clip and save this Homework Help tip sheet, and your student will always have a reliable source for project ideas, research and maps — 24/7, with a library card.

Get started at Homework Help on thelibrary.org/kids and thelibrary.org/teens.
Makey Makey-ing Music
Friday, November 8, 6 p.m. for grades 4–8 in the Story Hour Room. Did you ever think you could control your computer with a banana? Or make a functional keyboard with a pencil and paper? With the Makey Makey you can do all this and more! Try your hand at building some fun music-making projects with the Library’s STEAM toys.

Library Station
Teen Friday Nights
Fridays, September 6–November 29, 6–8 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Frisco Room. If it’s Friday night, there’s something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts and special events. Materials will be provided.

- September 20: Kitty Fest! Kitty lovers unite for a cat video marathon, kitty-themed snacks, games and crafts! Email sarahbrad@thelibrary.org to submit a video of your cat for the marathon.
- October 4: Build A Better Book. Learn about engineering for accessibility: Design a tactile adaptation of a fable that kids who are blind or visually impaired can read.

- October 25: Mystery Party! Create your own character, interrogate suspects and crack the case. Costumes welcome.
- November 22: Together Breakfast. Sample “Steven Universe”-style breakfast foods along with other themed activities. Cosplay welcome! Food and beverages will be provided.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
Arts and Crafts Afternoons
Thursdays, September 5–November 21, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. We’ll explore a new form of art or create a new craft each week. Materials will be provided.

Writer’s Café
Tuesdays, September 17, October 15 and November 19, 3:30–5 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.

Economics for Success
Tuesdays, October 1–November 5, 3:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in upstairs meeting room. Explore your skills, interests, values and the world of work to help you make informed education, career and life decisions, and develop knowledge of personal finance. Presented by Rebecca Saunders from Junior Achievement and Patricia Deck from Community Partnership of the Ozarks.

Frankenstein Day
Friday, October 25, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. Watch “Bride of Frankenstein,” not rated, make creepy crafts and enjoy some monster snacks. Materials will be provided.

Republic Branch Library
Teen Thursday
Thursdays, September 12, October 10 and November 14, 3:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the teen area. Join us on the second Thursday of the month at the Republic Branch for games and special activities just for teens.

If It’s September
It’s Geezer Fest
Get ready for a rockin’ good time again on the patio with the band Geezer from 7–9 p.m. Saturday, September 7, at the Library Center.

Geezer Fall Fest features the return of Richard Struckhoff, Mark Ellman, Jana Henderson, Rusty Swift, Duane Lewis, and Dave Sharon performing danceable tunes from the ’60s to the ’90s.

Bring your BFFs, your family, your neighbors, your co-workers to kick back, sing along and enjoy fall with Geezer. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs or blankets and snacks, or pick up something inside at the Mudhouse.

The concert will take place in the auditorium if it rains. For details call 882-0714.

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Tabletop Tapas: One-Shot Role-Playing Sessions
Thursday, 3–6 p.m. for grades 6–12. Want to play a tabletop role-playing game but don’t know how? Learn a new game or play an old favorite and take home some tools to set up your own recurring game!
• September 26: Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition
• October 24: Dungeon World
• November 21: Ironsworn

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

Open Art Studio
Sunday, September 8, 1:30–4:30 p.m. for grades 7–12. Looking for a space to draw or paint? Drop in for an individual art exploration, bring your own supplies or use ours. Items to create your own still life composition will be available.

Inktoberfest
Sunday, October 13, 1:30–4:30 p.m. for grades 7–12. In honor of Inktober, resident artist Tori Hererra will guide participants in a variety of pencil and ink drawing techniques using the official Inktober drawing prompts. Challenge yourself to complete one or all of the prompts during this session. Materials will be provided.

Book Swap Bash
Sunday, November 10, 2 p.m. for age 13–adults. Need a new book? Wrap a favorite book to swap with other readers while enjoying tea and light refreshments, followed by bookish games and activities. Wrapping material will be available if needed.

Strafford Branch Library

Crafts Night
Thursday, September 12, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12. Need some new room decorations? Take part in a night of painting mini canvases and plant pots that will brighten your decor. Materials and snacks will be provided.

Harry Potter Movie Night
Thursday, October 10, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12. Enjoy a spooky night of wizardry with “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone,” rated PG, and a Harry Potter-themed craft. Materials and snacks will be provided.

Wii Tournament
Thursday, November 14, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12. Are you a gamer? Test your skills at the library with a “Mario Kart” Wii tournament! Snacks will be provided.

Willard Branch Library

D&D: Getting Started
Friday, September 6, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 8–12. Have you ever wanted to learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons? Now’s your chance! Build your own character and choose your own adventure during this beginner’s guide to D&D.

D&D: Campaign
Fridays, September 20, October 4, 18 and November 8, 22, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 8–12. A Dungeons & Dragons adventure awaits you at the library. No previous game experience required.

Spooky Minute-Movies
Thursday, October 10, 3:30–5:30 p.m. for grades 7–12. Learn how to produce your own spooky minute movie, brainstorm ideas and then use the provided library technology to make your own movie. Submit your movie to our Spooky Minute-Movie Contest by Monday, October 28. Winners will be announced October 31 and prizes will be awarded. Call 742-4258 for contest rules and other information.
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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, September 5, 12 and 26, October 3, 10, 24 and 31 and November 7, 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.

Game Day
Friday, September 13, 1–3 p.m. for grades 4–8. Hang out with friends and play board and video games on your day off from school.

Explores in the Grove
Fridays, 9:30–11 a.m. for grades K–5. Join us each month as we explore history, science and nature through books and activities. Call 751-2933 to register.
• September 27: Registration starts August 30.
• October 25: Registration starts September 27.
• November 22: Registration starts October 25.

Little Monster Mash Storytime
Thursday, October 31, 9:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Dress up, bring your treat pail and join us for not-so-spooky Halloween stories and activities.

Racing to Read Playtime
Thursday, November 14, 9:30–11:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Come play with us! Learning begins at birth, and playing is how young children learn. Join us for a playdate filled with unstructured, developmentally appropriate activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Kids and parents can visit, play and socialize. You’ll find fun activities that you can recreate at home and enjoy some of our special toys.

Fair Grove Branch Library

Community Helpers
Wednesday, September 4, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Who are our neighbors? We’ll share stories and sing a song or two as we learn about the unique individuals who make our communities a better place!

Racing to Read Storytime
Wednesdays, September 4–November 27, 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.

Family Film Night
Mondays, 4–6:30 p.m. for all ages. Shake off the Monday blues with a special feature for the whole family! Come for the popcorn, but stay for the fun.
• September 23: “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World,” rated PG.
• October 21: “The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part,” rated PG.
• November 4: “A Dog’s Way Home,” rated PG.

Get Slimed!
Wednesday, September 18, 3–5 p.m. for grades K–4. Try out a few slime recipes at our recipe stations and choose which one you like best. Dress for a mess! Materials will be provided.

LEGO Brick Builders
Wednesday, October 9, 3–5 p.m. for grades K–4. Be a master builder for the afternoon and show off your LEGO brick-building skills!

Thank You to These Summer Reading Passport Sponsors!
These generous businesses helped provide all the delicious and fun reading incentives on the Summer Youth Passport in May–August. We appreciate their help making the Summer Reading Program a huge success!
• Andy B’s
• Andy’s Frozen Custard
• Chick-fil-A
• Fazoli’s
• Firehouse Pottery
• Little Caesars
• Mudhouse
• Orange Leaf

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Fair Grove Branch continued

Frightfully Fun Storytime
Wednesday, October 30, 11 a.m. for infant–age 6. Wear your costume and have a spooky good time as we read some not-so-scary stories, make a craft and go on a candy hunt through the library and city hall! Materials will be provided.

Be a Reader-saurus!
Wednesday, November 13, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Let’s roar, stomp and chomp our way through some good books about our prehistoric pals! Stick around after storytime and try to spot all the hidden dinosaurs in the branch.

Dinovember
Wednesday, November 13, 3–5 p.m. for grades K–4. Travel back in time and learn about some of our prehistoric pals as you play paleontologist with games, crafts and a dino dig! Materials will be provided.

Library Center

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

• Book Babies Storytime for infants–12 months: Mondays, September 9–November 18 (except October 14 and November 11), 9:30 a.m.
• Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, September 10–November 20, 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
• For infants–age 6: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, September 10–November 22, 11:15 a.m.
• Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6: Mondays, September 9–November 18 (except October 14 and November 11), 7 p.m. (November 4 in Children’s Department)

Family Graphic Novel Book Club
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. for grades 2–3 in the Story Hour Room. Kids and their favorite adults are invited to explore how art and story work together in graphic novels. A related activity and snack will be included.

• September 21: “Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth” by Judd Winick.
• October 19: “Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls” by Dav Pilkey.
• November 16: “The Bad Guys” by Aaron Blabey.

Pumpkin Science
Saturday, October 5, 10:30 a.m. for pre-school-grade 2 in the auditorium. We’ll float pumpkins, measure pumpkins and do other science, math and art-related activities. Registration starts September 23; call 882-0714.

Halloween Storytime
Thursday, October 31, 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the auditorium. Wear your costume for a storytime that’s a little bit spooky and a lot of fun! Then join the parade as we trick-or-treat through the library.

Paper Airplane Flight-Off
Saturday, November 16, 1 p.m. for grades 3–6 in the auditorium. Learn to fold paper airplanes or share your favorite design. Then battle others to see who flies the farthest, longest, or who has the best crash! Paper and instructions will be provided.

Building Day
Wednesdays, Friday and Saturday, November 27, 29 and 30, 9 a.m.–9 p.m. for grades K–6 in the Story Hour Room. Stop by and build with blocks and LEGO bricks using our building prompts or your own imagination!

Mini Golf @ The Library
Saturday, November 30, 6 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Play your way through nine holes of mini golf featuring your favorite children’s book characters. Registration starts November 18; call 882-0714.

Woody, Buzz, Bo Peep and friends know getting a library card is the ticket to fun. There’s no end to the exciting activities the entire family can experience with a library card.

You’ll get access to books, movies, music, DVDs, comics, magazines and much more! Think of the money you’ll save by checking out, downloading or streaming all of those items instead of buying them.

What’s more, a library card is your most valuable school supply. It gives students of all ages 24-hour access to electronic research resources at thelibrary.org.

And if you love “Toy Story” the movie and books, be sure to visit thelibrary.org/digital for movies, comics and more; or thelibrary.org/catalog for the books and sound recordings.

Your Library Card Is Your Ticket To Adventure!
Celebrate 50 years of your favorite mystery-solving canine at Scooby-Doo Day at the Library Center September 28!

Scooby-Doo Day Movie
Saturday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Enjoy “Scooby-Doo: The Movie,” rated PG, on our big screen and Scooby-themed activities. Materials will be provided.

Celebrate Scooby-Doo with The Shake Ups in Concert
Saturday, September 28, 3:30 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. “Ruh-roh — Raggy, you’re not going to want to miss this!” The Mystery, Inc. gang is packing up the Mystery Machine for the Library Center! Join Fred, Daphne, Velma and Shaggy for an all-ages salute to the masters of mystery with the fabulous Shake Ups.

Scooby-Doo Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, September 28, 7 p.m. for grades 2–6 in the auditorium. Help Scooby and the gang solve the mystery of the missing treasure with a scavenger hunt through the library.

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• Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months: Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, September 3–November 29 (except October 14 and November 11), 10 a.m.
• For infants–age 6: Tuesdays and Fridays, September 3–November 29, 11:15 a.m.
• Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6: Tuesdays, September 3–November 26, 7 p.m. in the Story Hour Room.

Bibliobop
Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m. for ages 2–6 in the Story Hour Room. Join us for a high-energy preschool dance party filled with songs, stories, musical instruments and more!

Art Exploration!
Fridays, 2 p.m. for families with children of all ages in the Story Hour Room. Join us for a story and art making for the whole family! Work together to create a family masterpiece based on an art style from the featured picture book. Bring your creativity; materials will be provided.
• November 9: “Yayoi Kusama: From Here to Infinity!” illustrated by Ellen Weinstein. Project: Polka Dot Party.

Looking for some family fun that provides an educational experience?
Families can check out a free, five-day pass to the Discovery Center of Springfield at any of the Library’s 10 branches. All you need is a valid library card.

New this fall — the 24-hour Library Express West now has a Discovery Center pass in its collection!

The Library has 30 reusable Discovery Center passes for checkout. Details are available at each branch.

Each pass admits up to six people — at least one adult and no more than three children age 3 and older. (Children 2 and under are always admitted free.) The passes are for general admission only and cannot apply to special events or member discounts.

Patrons may check out one pass at a time.

Passes are not renewable and cannot be put on “hold.” Lost passes cannot be replaced.
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Library Station continued

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.
- September 15: Hispanic American Heritage Month
- October 13: All Kinds of Families
- November 10: Indigenous People

STEAM Train
Saturdays, 2–4 p.m. for grades 1–6 in the Frisco Room. All aboard the STEAM Train for an afternoon of scientific exploration and educational play! Materials will be provided.
- September 21: Build A Better Book. Learn about engineering for accessibility. Design a tactile adaptation of a fable or picture book for kids who are blind or visually impaired.
- October 19: Fall for Science! We’ll perform science experiments to find out why and how leaves change color in the fall, talk about leaf identification and make leaf rubbings.

Spooky Book Bingo
Saturday, October 26, 2 p.m. for families with children of all ages in the Frisco Room. Bring the whole family to play Spooky Book Bingo and win a book. Costumes are encouraged!

Racing to Read: Dinosaur Play Day!
Saturday, November 16, 10–11:30 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Learning begins at birth, and playing is how young children learn. Join us for a dinosaur-themed playdate filled with unstructured, developmentally appropriate activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Kids and parents can visit, play and socialize. You’ll find fun activities you can recreate at home and enjoy some of our special toys.

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Better Together: Family Storytime
Thursdays, 4 p.m. for all ages in the Children’s Department. Bring your family and join us 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 their parents and siblings. Materials will be provided.
- September 5: New Year, New Experiences. We’ll share fun books and conversation starters for learning about your child’s day at school and ways to save your child’s work without renting a storage unit.
- October 3: Favorite Family Reads. Explore some great series titles that all members of the family can enjoy.
- November 7: All About Autumn. Make leaf rubbings, paint leaves and read fall books.

Racing to Read Storytime
Fridays, September 6–November 29, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Monster Mash Costume Parade
Saturday, October 26, 11 a.m. for all ages in the Frisco Room. Show off your costume at our annual parade! We’ll meet in the Frisco Room for not-so-scary stories and dance the Monster Mash, then we’ll parade through the library and collect treats.

Holiday Store for Kids Opens December 7
Kids get to do the shopping for friends and family members at the Library’s annual Holiday Store coming December 7 to library branches across Springfield and Greene County!

You’ll find “stores” set up inside the libraries, where children get to shop for holiday gifts on their giving list. They can choose from creative gifts for all ages, most priced from 25 cents to $10. Volunteers will be available to help each child find fun gifts, stay within their or her budget and wrap and tag the gifts.

The Library Center store runs December 7–12; other branches will be open only December 7.

Watch for details on thelibrary.org and in the winter issue of Bookends about times and library locations of the Holiday Store and family holiday activities.

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Bring a Bear to Storytime
Friday, September 20, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children's Department. Bring your teddy bear or other special stuffed friend to storytime and listen to books, sing songs and enjoy other activities with your buddy.

Monarch Migration Storytime
Friday, September 27, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children's Department. We'll read stories and learn about the big monarch butterfly migration to Mexico and maybe see real live caterpillars!

Pumpkins and Ghosts and Monsters, Oh My!
Friday, October 25, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children's Department. We'll read some fun and scary Halloween stories, sing songs and other themed activities. Wear your costume for trick or treating around the library.

Midtown Library History Tour
Saturday, November 9, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for all ages in the Children's Department. Bring the family for a tour of Springfield's oldest library and learn about our 114-year-old building! We'll discover all five fireplaces, the secret attic, two hidden steps and the many changes the Midtown Carnegie Branch has experienced. Registration starts November 1; call 862-0135.

“I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie”
Friday, November 22, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children's Department. Enjoy a Thanksgiv- ing feast of stories as we read Alison Jackson's story and other great Thanksgiving tales, followed by songs and activities.

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Racing to Read Storytime
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, September 3–November 27, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6.
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Reading Pals
Thursdays, September 5, October 3 and November 7, 4:30 p.m. for preschool–grade 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.

Pajama Storytime
Mondays, September 16, October 7 and November 18, 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.

Celebrate 50 Years of Scooby-Doo with The Shake Ups in Concert
Saturday, September 28, 10:30 a.m. for all ages.
“Ruh-roh! — Raggy, you’re not going to want to miss this!” The Mystery, Inc. gang is packing up the Mystery Machine for the Republic Branch. Join Fred, Daphne, Velma and Shaggy for an all-ages salute to the masters of mystery with the fabulous Shake Ups. Stick around for activities after the show!

Help Us Choose Picture Book Award Winner

Which book should become the 2019 Building Block Picture Book Award winner? Each year, the Missouri Library Association asks families with children from birth through kindergarten to choose the best picture book from a list of 10 nominees.

With a goal of encouraging reading aloud to children, the award offers a great opportunity to share and discuss some terrific picture books with your little ones!

You can find the list at thelibrary.org/kids, then scroll down to the Awards booklists. Visit any of the library branches or the Mobile Library to check out the books and pick up a ballot.

The Library will accept ballots through December 30, and the Missouri Library Association will announce the winner the end of January 2020.
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8th Annual Owls of Harry Potter
Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m.–noon for preschool–grade 5. Join our friends from the Dickerson Park Zoo to meet and learn about the preferred Hogwarts method for letter sending — the owl. You’ll also get a chance to meet other animals from the wizarding world. Afterwards, play games and do crafts and activities inspired by the world of Harry Potter.

Monster Mash Storytime
Tuesday and Wednesday, October 29–30, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Dress up for a monster of a storytime as we celebrate Halloween!

Dinosaur Storytime!
Tuesday and Wednesday, November 5–6, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Celebrate Dinovember with dinosaur stories, songs and a craft. Materials will be provided. Look for hidden dinosaurs and enjoy dinosaur activities throughout November in the Children’s Department.

Build-It Saturday
Saturday, November 30, 11 a.m. for grades K–8. See what you can construct using your imagination and LEGO bricks, blocks and other building materials. Play with the Imagination Playground at this special event! These large, oversized modular building blocks promote cooperation and creativity.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

Sunday Make ‘n Play
Sundays, September 1 and 15, October 6 and 20 and November 3 and 17, 2–4 p.m. for age 3–grade 4. Don’t have time for storytime during the week? Drop in for a hands-on, interactive experience with a maker, play and art focus. We’ll provide multiple activity stations and fun read-alouds. Be prepared to make new friends, get messy and have family fun!

LEGO Brick Crew
Tuesdays, September 3–November 26, 6–8 p.m. for grades 4–8. Bring your own bricks or use ours and create with other master builders.

Baby Jam
Wednesdays, September 4, October 2 and November 6, 10 a.m. for infants–36 months. Wiggle and giggle with singable stories, instruments and a baby dance party.

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• Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months: Thursdays, September 5–November 21, 10 a.m.
• For infants–age 6: Thursdays, September 5–November 21, 11 a.m.

Itsy Bitsy Science Club
Wednesdays, September 11, October 9 and November 13, 10 a.m. for ages 2–6. Discover your inner scientist as we explore, build, and create with science, technology, engineering, art and math. Dress for a mess!

The Third Annual Schweitzer Brentwood’s Got Talent: A Neighborhood Talent Show
Sunday, September 29, 2–4 p.m. for all ages. Celebrate the talent in our community as you

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**Strafford Branch Library**

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**Impromptu Inventor-noons**
Tuesdays, September 3–November 26, 3:30 p.m. for grades K–6. Explore science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics in a unique way each week as a new challenge is provided.

**Willard Branch Library**

**Racing to Read Storytime**
Tuesdays, September 3–November 26, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

**Book Bites**
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. for grades 4–6. Explore a different middle grade novel each month. Listen along as we read aloud the first few chapters while working on a craft. Materials and snacks will be provided. Seating is limited. Call 742-4258 to register.

- October 11: *The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street* by Lindsay Currie. Registration starts October 1.
- November 8: *Losers Club* by Andrew Clements. Registration starts November 1.

**Reading Pals Program**
Mondays, September 16 and November 18, 4:30–6 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.

**Pumpkin Painting Party!**
Tuesday, October 1, 5:30 p.m. for all ages. Bring your family and help us decorate for Halloween with a pumpkin painting party! We’ll provide pumpkins to paint and display in the library. Bring a pumpkin of your own to paint and take home! Materials will provided; seating is limited. Registration starts September 16; call 742-4258.

**Spooktacular Bingo Night**
Thursday, October 24, 5:30–7 p.m. for all ages. Bring the whole family for a night of spooky book bingo to celebrate the Halloween season. We’ll have small prizes for the winners and a grand prize for our champs!

**Monster Mash Storytime**
Tuesday, October 29, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Bring your treat pail to the library for a special Halloween-themed storytime with monster stories, crafts and candy. Costumes are welcome.

**Come See and Experience in 3D with MagicBox**
It only looks like science fiction, but MagicBox® is here for you to experience at the Library Center.

MagicBox® is an innovative display cabinet that combines the physical and the digital, giving you an intriguing way to see original and animated content in the same space!

Print publications are usually limited to a look-only display spread. MagicBox® allows us to combine physical objects with video or interactive 3D renderings so visitors can study it, manipulate it and experience it more fully with their fingertips using a touch-screen in the front glass of the display case.

The magic: The screen is transparent, making it possible to superimpose digital images, videos and 3D renderings on the exhibited object while keeping the same object visible.

The Library’s MagicBox® was made possible by a gift to The Library Foundation from David H. Jones.
“The Invited” has been described as a “chilling ghost story with a twist.” What inspired you to write a haunted house novel?

The idea actually came from my editors at Doubleday and my agent — they’d been talking about me and decided it would be great if I wrote a haunted house book.

I spent the next week or so pondering, thinking about haunted house books I love — “The Haunting of Hill House,” “The Shining,” “The Little Stranger” — and thinking about how I could approach this classic story from a new angle, how I could make it my own. And it hit me — what if instead of moving into a haunted house, my characters build a haunted house from the ground up? My partner and I actually built a small house in the early 2000s, so I had some real-life experience to pull from. I knew immediately that was the way to make it “my” haunted house story, and I started writing!

Your books defy genre by being part mystery, part supernatural tale, part historical fiction. What attracts you to these different angles as a writer, and what do you think attracts readers?

I do think each of these elements — mystery, supernatural, and historical — adds a layer that helps make the book deeper and more rich. I’m building a world, and hoping that each layer will pull the reader in just a little bit more. What’s really fun for me is when I hear from all kinds of readers who enjoy my books, people who usually stick to mysteries, or women’s fiction, or horror, yet find something that speaks to them and draws them in. I often hear, “I don’t usually read this kind of book, but...” — I love that!

What would you say to readers who want to pick up “The Invited” but are a little spooked by books that might be considered “horror”?

I say, “Come to the dark side!” My stories are primarily about regular people living their lives who suddenly face some sort of extraordinary circumstances, and have to adapt. The characters and their relationships to each other and what they learn about themselves are really important — I’m never going for non-stop scares or gore. That said, “The Invited” is meant to be scary, and there are some scenes that (I hope!) will give readers chills. So maybe don’t read it alone in the dark!

Your novels deal a lot with female relationships, particularly mother-daughter relationships.

I think both being a mother and a daughter have shaped my writing. I had a particularly complicated relationship with my own mother and I feel like that’s a theme that comes up again and again in my own writing. I was also raised by my maternal grandmother, who was a psychiatrist, one of the first women to graduate from her medical school in the 1920s. So on the one hand, I had my mom, who struggled with mental illness and alcoholism, and was teaching me to believe in ghosts, do séances and leave offerings for the spirit world; and on the other hand, there was my grandma, teaching me to rely on science and reason, to always look for rational explanations.

Do you ever scare yourself when you’re writing creepy scenes?

All the time! I am a big scaredy-cat! I’ll be writing a creepy scene and I’ll totally get myself all freaked out, sure there’s someone (or something!) lurking in the dark corner of my office. My partner and daughter are used to me jumping, sometimes even screaming if they pop in unexpectedly while I’m working on one of these scenes. When I was writing “The Winter People,” I could barely look at my bedroom closet without having a panic attack — was it better to leave the door open or closed? (If it was closed, I couldn’t see what was in there. If it was open, whatever was in there could come out...). I consider it a good sign if I scare myself when writing!

Jennifer McMahon is the Oh, The Horror series’ featured author at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 24, in the Library Center auditorium. She often hears, “I don’t usually read this kind of book, but...” See why in this excerpt of our interview with her. Read the full text online at thelibrary.org/ohthehorror/interview.cfm.
ON DISPLAY

Ash Grove Branch Library
- Paintings and Mixed Media by Connie Schooley, September
- Mixed Media by Tabitha Mumford, October
- Watercolors by Les Hagemann, November

Library Center
- Building Springfield, LEGO brick activity exhibit, Local History, September–November
- Artwork by the Visual Artist Alliance of Springfield, Reading Room, September
- Quilts by Ozark Piecemakers Quilt Guild, concourse, September
- Artwork by Students of Audrey Bottrell, Reading Room, October
- Little Monsters: The Creature Creations of Scott Sauer, an Oh, The Horror! series display, concourse, October
- Angels, Madonnas and Mermaid Statues by Josephine Grace, concourse, November
- Paintings by the Springfield Chinese Impressionist Society, Reading Room, November

Library Station
- Dr. Twistid’s Misfit Toys, Courtesy of Geff Bartrand, September–November
- Movable Books Collection Courtesy of Elaine Graham Estes, October 1–November 8
- Under the Bed and Dreaming: The Art of D.A. Frizell, an Oh, The Horror! series display, October
- Acrylic Paintings by Belinda Jensen Wood, November

Park Central Branch Library
- Editorial Portraits by Andie Bottrell at Designing Indie, September
- Monsters in Nice Places: Art by Chad Woody, an Oh, The Horror! series display, October
- Art by Kori Smalley, November

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
- Mixed Media & Photos by Jim Risner, September
- Artwork by Students at Springfield Public Schools, September–November
- Photos by Southwest Missouri Camera Club, October
- Holiday Memories by Margaret Grooms, November

Regional artists and collectors are invited to exhibit their works and collections at the library branches listed. Those interested in booking a display may contact the individual branch. Artists may price their work for sale through the Library after first obtaining a City of Springfield business license (if at a city library). The Library recommends a donation to The Library Foundation of 20 percent from any sales made during an exhibit.
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
2141 Brentwood Blvd. • 883-1974
Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

The Library Station
2535 N. Kansas Expressway • 865-1340
Monday–Saturday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Sunday, noon–5 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.
Friday, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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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.

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.
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