Stuck inside? We’ve got VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
- Author Talks
- Book Discussions
- Storytimes and More!
Grace and Patience Will Get Us Through

The Library branches are open again, although not as bustling as they typically are this time of year. The coronavirus pandemic has led many of us to find new ways to access the Library. (Did you know, for example, that 915 people downloaded an e-book for the first time when the libraries were closed in March and April?)

Grace and patience on the part of our staff and you, our patrons, made it possible to reopen the branches and drive-up windows in May, resume the services you’ll read about on these pages, and provide a safe environment for everyone.

To that end, all city and county libraries continue to follow the city and health mandates about face coverings and social distancing. The larger meeting rooms also remain closed to the public — space is needed to quarantine library materials. Please consult the Spaces reservation system to reserve conference and study rooms.

Library hours also remain limited through December 31: Monday–Saturday, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.; the Ash Grove Branch is closed Saturdays. Drive-up window hours are 7:30 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday–Saturday. Sunday hours are suspended for the time being.

Student success is on the minds of many parents as schools adopt irregular schedules due to the coronavirus. We encourage you to use the Library’s many physical and online research resources for student homework and projects. We outline some of those on Page 19. Preschoolers and young children have a chance to grow, too, with our Facebook Live Storytimes & More and staff-produced videos on thelibrary.org/kids.

You’ll enjoy these features returning this season:

The Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale is September 16–20. (Donations are accepted only at a designated box on the Library Center south parking lot.)

Passport applications are again accepted at the Library Center and Library Station, by appointment only for the time being.

The Infoline staffed by reference librarians during the branch closures was so popular, they’re providing answers to your questions on Live Chat at the bottom of most Library website screens.

Computer skills classes and tutorials for adults have resumed at the Edge Community Technology Center.

There’s much more to see and do at the Library this fall. As conditions change due to the pandemic, we will make adjustments. We ask for your grace and patience as we ride them out together.

Whether we see you in the branches, on Zoom programs or waving through the drive-up windows, we look forward to seeing you this fall.

Regina Greer Cooper
Executive Director
Check Out These Fall Programs of Interest!

**Fun in a Bag!** What hands-on activity will it be this week? Drop by the Library Station for “Program in a Bag,” monthly themed bags for adults, Page 11, or any library branch for “Library Takeout,” a weekly bag with themed activities and crafts for families, Page 17.

**Unravel the Dementia Code.** The popular series returns in a virtual format to help families connect and cope with loved ones with dementia, and support the caregivers, Pages 11–14.

**Tuesdays @ Two.** Learn habits for productivity, social media planning for businesses and more in this jam-packed, virtual series with Southwest Missouri SCORE experts, Page 12.

**Video Travelogues.** Travelogues go to Australia, Iceland and Berlin this fall, virtually! Page 13.

**Clutter Busters.** Learn to declutter and gain control of your life in this series on Zoom with Amity Farr of Simple Fly Life, Page 13.

**Why Black Lives Matter.** Join this Zoom-hosted webinar with a panel of artists, educators and historians about Black lives’ cultural contributions, Page 14.

**Red Shoe Pickers Concert.** You’ve got a front-row seat at this virtual concert of original songs featuring musicians Rebecca Holt and Paul Phariss, Page 14.

**Oh, the Horror!** Hear from three horror authors in virtual talks and see what’s so hot about today’s horror lit, Pages 10, 14.

**Death & Dying.** Area professionals will tell you why it’s more important than ever to share our thoughts and desires on matters related to death with your loved ones in four virtual events in November, Pages 9, 15.

**Book Discussion Groups.** While we aren’t gathering in person to talk about our latest reads, we have several options for you to chat with other readers in a variety of virtual book discussions, Page 16.

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**Things You Need to Know**

**Library Hours of Operation September–December**

Hours of operation for the branches will remain adjusted through December 31. All library branches will be open 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Monday–Saturday, closed Sundays; the Ash Grove Branch will be closed Saturdays. All drive-through service windows are open 7:30 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday–Saturday, closed Sundays. All outdoor book returns are open 24 hours, daily.

We ask you to follow our observance of current safety mandates as they relate to the coronavirus. All city and county library branches require visitors to wear a face covering and maintain social distancing, as required by the City of Springfield and recommended by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

The Library Express West kiosk at 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway in Orchard Plaza is open 24 hours a day for checkouts, returns and placing holds.

Mobile Library services are temporarily being delivered by the Library van on the regular schedule to accept returns and check out holds ready for pickup. Visit thelibrary.org/mobilelibrary for a schedule of stops, or see page 19.

Walking Books services have resumed for eligible patrons. Call 417-883-6112 for details.

**Edge Computer Classes & Tutorials Resume September 1**

We’re ready to safely resume instructor-led classes, tutorials and one-on-one help for adults at the Edge Community Technology Center at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library.

Instructor-led classes resume September 1 from 9–11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tutorials and one-on-one help resume from 8:30 a.m.–noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Class sizes are limited to help maintain social distancing, and staff and class attendees are required to wear masks at all times in observance of a current City of Springfield ordinance. Staff will make accommodations for individuals with health-related exceptions.

Schedules may be revised as conditions change related to the coronavirus pandemic. For details visit thelibrary.org/edge, or call 837-5011.
Passport Service Resumes Daily By Appointment

The Library Center and Library Station are again accepting passport applications, but by appointment only. Passport photos can be taken without an appointment.

The libraries stopped the service when they closed in March to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Appointments will be required for the time being as a safety measure.

To make an appointment, call the Library Center, 883-5341, or the Library Station, 616-0683. Hours are 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Saturday.

Plan ahead: The U.S. State Department is experiencing significant delays in processing passport applications.

For more details about required documents and fees, visit thelibrary.org/passport.

For further information, visit the U.S. State Department website at travel.state.gov, or call 1-877-487-2778 or 1-888-874-7793 (TDD/TTY).

Need the Answer Now? Ask It with Live Chat

When you need an accurate answer to your research questions, you ask a librarian, right?

Now there’s another way to get your answer in real time — without calling the library.

It’s Live Chat. Access it at thelibrary.org on the bottom of the screen.

Reference librarians are experts at researching electronic and print resources. Just click on the Live Chat icon, type in your question, and a reference librarian will respond via chat in a timely way during regular library hours. If Live Chat is not available, the link will not be visible.

If you prefer, you can still call your neighborhood library, or click on Ask a Librarian at the top of thelibrary.org, and submit your written question. Staff makes every effort to respond to those questions within 24 hours.

The next time you need some help, try Live Chat, and tap into some of the area’s best resources — your librarians.

Sign Up for our eNewsletter and Get the Latest Updates

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

cloudLibrary Offers Touchless Checkout

The Library now offers a completely touchless way to check out books and other materials. People can borrow items with their mobile device using a new app called “cloudLibrary.”

There’s no waiting in the checkout line. (Self-check machines are still available, but require using a touch screen.)

CloudLibrary is provided by library technology company Bibliotheca, and funded by the Friends of the Library.

1. Download cloudLibrary from the app via the Apple App Store or Google Play.
2. Follow prompts to enter your state and log into the Springfield-Greene County Library with your card number.
3. At the bottom, click “checkout” and scan the Library’s barcode on the item. Repeat for all items you wish to borrow.
4. Finish the checkout process within the app, making sure all items have been scanned and checked out.

The Library Express West — It’s Always Open!

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

Satisfy your midnight movie craving! Grab a good read on the way home from work, on the way to the airport. Use your library card to browse and check out books, DVDs, music CDs and audiobooks. See what’s available in the machine, or use the touch-screen catalog.

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

The kiosk was funded by the Friends of the Library and a Library Services and Technology Act grant through the State Library of Missouri. See more details at thelibrary.org/libraryexpresswest.
Library News to Use

Tickets for David Sedaris Valid for 2021

The David Sedaris event previously planned in 2020 has been rescheduled for June 25, 2021, at the historic Gillioz Theatre in downtown Springfield. The free tickets originally distributed for the event remain valid for the 2021 date.

Due to the amount of time between the ticket distribution and the event, the Gillioz plans a “recertification process.”

Ticket holders will receive an email on Thursday, April 15, 2021, requesting they respond to validate their tickets by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 2021.

If tickets are not confirmed via email or phone by the deadline, the tickets will become invalid and could be reissued to the public.

The event is underwritten by the Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Libraries, which is providing the free, reserved tickets to the public. The author’s 2020 tour was rescheduled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Check Out a Free Discovery Center Pass

Library branches have a limited number of Discovery Center passes that allow free admission for up to 6 people to the hands-on children’s museum in downtown Springfield. Each pass checks out just like a library book. Visit thelibrary.org/about/discovery-center-passes.cfm for more details.

Due to health considerations, please be aware of current restrictions: Prior to using your pass, you must visit discoverycenter.org/open to make a reservation. Use the code listed on your Library receipt to receive free admission. Reservations cannot be made by phone.

Masks are required for all Discovery Center guests age 3 and older. Please review the Discovery Center website discoverycenter.org/open for additional health and safety information.

Libraries Close for Holidays

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

- Monday, September 7
- Monday, October 12
- Wednesday, November 11
- Thursday, November 26

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

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

Staying Home? Love Movies? Try a Binge Box!

Whether you’re staying home during the COVID-19 pandemic, or staying home because you’d rather watch movies, you can check out a binge-worthy box of your favorite movies in your favorite genre.

A Binge Box is a single DVD box packaged with four to six movies that focus on a single theme, whether it’s comedy, horror, romance, etc.

Reserve your Binge Box at thelibrary.org/catalog, under title: Binge, or the set name. Checkouts are for three weeks.

Look for Binge Box collections under themes such as 1st and 10, Black History, Gut Busters, Tempt Your Palate, Women’s History, Lord of Laughter, Music Biopics and Tarantino's Big Kahuna Burger.

Notary Service at Two Libraries

If you’re planning to vote with a mail-in ballot in this year’s elections, the Library can help.

Mail-in ballots must be notarized before mailing, and now you can get your ballot notarized at the Library Center or Library Station by appointment.

A Library staff member at both branches is certified as a notary public. There is no fee for the service.

To make an appointment, call the Library Center, 883-5341, or the Library Station, 616-0683.

About Absentee Voting. If you have or are in an at-risk category for COVID-19, you may vote absentee without a notary in the November 2020 elections. All other voters can vote by mail, but are required to have their ballot notarized. Additional information about absentee voting in Greene County can be found on the Greene County Clerk’s website, greeneclerks.mo.gov/county_clerk.
Do & See More with the 24-hour Online Library

Let Us Entertain You with the Library’s Digital Resources

- E-books
- Audiobooks
- Video
- Music
- Magazines

Your favorite Library programs may be canceled, but there’s plenty of entertainment on thelibrary.org/digital. Use your library card to hop on these sites for e-books, magazines, movies, music and audiobooks for all ages.

- Download e-books and audiobooks the easy way with Libby. Get the app from the App Store or Google Play for your smartphone or tablet.
- Download e-books and audiobooks and stream video through OverDrive.
- Access e-books for children with the TumbleBook Library. Sample over 1,100 titles including 350 animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books and nonfiction books.
- Visit Hoopla for e-books, videos, music, comics and audiobooks. No holds needed, content is always available.
- Read your favorite magazines or listen to audiobooks through RB Digital.

We Can Help 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 booklist for readers age 13 and older, or for a child age 12 and under. We ask your name and email or telephone number. Click submit, and a personalized booklist will soon be yours.

We Never Close the Online Branch!

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

Did you know that, from thelibrary.org/research, you can:
- Study for and take practice driver’s license tests at Driving-Tests.org
- Search and print legal forms for the state of Missouri from Gale Legal Forms
- Find repair information for all types of vehicles from 1974 to present at Auto Repair Source

Those are just three examples of things you might not have expected on the Library’s website. Some include tutorials to help you get started, and all require a library card number.

Too Busy For a Book Club? Join ReadUps Online

Want to talk about books but short on time? Forget the meetups and join our virtual book club, ReadUps! Find ReadUps on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/ReadUps and on the Springfield-Greene County Library District page on Goodreads under Groups.

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

Our fall topics are September: Food & Cooking; October: Monsters & Villains; November: Short Stories.

Watch Your Favorite Librarian In Storytimes & More

Are you missing your favorite storytime librarians? You don’t have to! Catch Storytime & More with the Library at thelibrary.org/kids or on facebook.com/thelibrary.org at 10 a.m. every Tuesday. Our librarians read stories, sing songs you can follow along with at home, and sometimes share an activity you can do at home.

Visit our YouTube channel, SpringfieldGreene, or youtube.com/springfieldgreene, anytime for more staff-produced videos for kids. The activities are geared for children from toddlers through age 8, but all ages are welcome to follow along.

Visit the Library’s Racing to Read page for more playful ideas that help your young one get ready to read. New ideas are posted weekly at thelibrary.org/racingtoread.

Families can also visit thelibrary.org/kids for weekly activity and reading suggestions in the Library’s Parents Blog, along with booklists and other resources.
You’re Invited to Help a Librarian

Librarians are some of the most helpful people on the planet. We’re turning the help desk around and asking YOU to help a librarian fund a project. This is an opportunity to fund something you like, or support your favorite library branch.

Projects are submitted by librarians and stay available until they are funded, or for six weeks, whichever comes first. If the project isn’t fully funded, the branch will still benefit from your gift.

There are three ways to Help a Librarian:
1. Make a donation online at foundation.thelibrary.org. Click on the project you want from the homepage.
2. Mail a check to the Library Foundation, 4653 S. Campbell Ave, Springfield, MO 65810. Include your project on the memo line.
3. Drop off cash or a check at the library branch with the project of your choice.

Here are the featured projects this fall:

Bird Feeder Station
Republic Branch Library
Project Cost: $800
Nature is important to children’s development — intellectually, emotionally, socially, spiritually and physically. And demonstrating respect for nature and how it benefits daily life is an important family and community value.
Branch Manager Tysha Shay has a window in mind to place a bird feeder station outside so children can begin to learn more about birds and their natural world.
To sustain a variety of birds year round, this project includes the cost of feed.

Primary Toddler Blocks
Library Station
Project Cost: $115
Kids love to carry them, stack them and knock them down, but Miss Cathy says the constant love has taken a toll.
The blocks are great for learning colors, creating patterns and taking turns. They are soft and durable with a vinyl cover for easy sanitizing.

Color-Changing Light Table
Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
Project Cost: $650
Miss Charity says light tables provide a sensory experience that allows children to explore the properties of light and how it illuminates and changes colors and forms. It would add to the sensory experiences we offer in storytimes, Itsy Bitsy Science Club, and Make ‘n’ Play.
It is portable and comes with appropriate materials to use with preschoolers on up through elementary school. Teens could use it, too.
Books and movies sure saved us when everything else was put on hold this year. If your supply has dwindled — especially after the spring sale was canceled due to the coronavirus — now’s the time to restock your collection with low-cost, inspiring reads and entertainment for the fall and winter.

We’re ready to come back strong for the fall sale, and we’re taking lots of health precautions: wearing face coverings, social distancing, hand sanitizer and wiping down surfaces for everyone’s safety.

Don’t miss your chance to buy bargain-priced, like-new books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, games and puzzles for the whole family at the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale September 16–20 at the E*Plex on the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N. Grant Ave.

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

The Friends Night Preview Sale is 5–8 p.m. Tuesday, September 15. Friends members admitted free, or pay $5 at the door and join the Friends that night. Membership will admit you free to the spring 2021 Friends sale!

Regular sale hours are 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, September 16–18; 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday, September 19, Half-Price Day; and 1–5 p.m. Sunday, September 20, Bag Day. Everything you can jam into a sack is only $1, or $5 per bag from Better Books.

Parking is free, and Friends accept cash or checks only. An ATM is on site.

And don’t forget — the treasures you find at the Friends sales make great gifts for special occasions and the holidays. You also get more for your money with the bargain prices on new and like-new items.

Proceeds from the fall and spring Friends book sales benefit the Springfield-Greene County Library District. For details, call 417-616-0564.

How it works:
- Pick up a history hunt guide at the desk or drive-through of any branch or Mobile Library van. Use the guide to find and check off at least 6 of the 12 locations on the hunt.
- Once you’ve visited the locations, turn in the guide to your library or Mobile Library and receive an “I ❤️ My Library” window cling.
- Also, if you snap a selfie at one of our spots on the hunt, be sure to share it with us by sending it to socialmedia@thelibrary.org. When you do, you’ll receive a book bag with The Library logo. We’ll send instructions on where to pick it up.

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

From Cannons to the Calaboose: A Springfield Hidden History Hunt

September 1–October 31

It looks like a castle, but did you know that Pythian Castle once housed prisoners of war during World War II?

How do you stack up against the giant fork in Chesterfield Village? (Be sure to snap a selfie!)

What’s the story behind the helicopters at American Legion Post 639?

History is literally all around us, but sometimes it’s easy to overlook.

This fall, get outdoors with family or a friend and learn more about the hidden bits of history all over Springfield with our history hunt.
In these pandemic times, it’s more important than ever to have open and honest conversations about end-of-life topics. The Library is leading the conversation once again this November, with a virtual series devoted to the practical matters of death, including advance care planning, funerals, grief and a topic new to our community — social model end-of-life care homes. Our four events with area professionals will give you a foundation for continuing these important conversations with your family and friends. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the events for links to access them. The series is funded with the generous support of the Hospice Foundation of the Ozarks.

**Advance Care Planning**
Tuesday, November 3, 7 p.m. As we navigate the challenges of living and dying during a worldwide pandemic, it’s more important than ever for adults to consider advance care planning. If you’d like help getting started, join us for a virtual workshop hosted by Pam Stoelzel with Respecting Choices of the Ozarks. The workshop will help you reflect on your values, choose a health care agent, take the first steps toward completing your advance directive and make your wishes known.

**End-of-Life Care: Social Model Hospice Homes and How They Work**
Thursday, November 5, 7 p.m. Even though the majority of us wish to die at home, those at the end of life face ever-growing challenges that keep them from doing as they wish, including a lack of caregivers and financial resources. Kelley Scott, executive director of Clarehouse in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will talk about social model hospice and the nationwide network of homes working to improve end-of-life care. Then representatives from the Hospice Foundation of the Ozarks and Jacob’s Ladder, Springfield’s new home for the dying, will talk about what this social model end-of-life care home means for the community.

**Funerals and the Impact of COVID-19**
Tuesday, November 10, 6 p.m. Brent Barnes, licensed funeral director and manager at Greenlawn North, will discuss the challenges families face with making arrangements for their deceased loved ones during pandemic times and how the funeral industry has adapted to meet those challenges.

**Compounding Our Sorrow: Grieving During a Pandemic**
Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m. The pandemic has changed not only how we die and honor the dead, but also how we grieve for our loved ones, whether they die from the coronavirus or another cause. Staff from Lost & Found Grief Center will talk with us virtually about what you can expect to feel and experience when grieving the death of family, friends or co-workers during this challenging time and provide tips to help you cope.
OH, THE HORROR Dishes A Virtual Fright

With its tentacled creatures from beneath, and horrors beyond human comprehension, the weird fiction of Howard Phillips Lovecraft has slithered into American culture over the past century, influencing everything from “Scooby Doo,” to “South Park,” to the new hit HBO show “Lovecraft Country.” Much of Lovecraft’s fiction is laced with racism and misogyny, however, causing its place in the horror canon to be reassessed. For this year’s Oh, The Horror series, explore Lovecraft’s influence on pop culture, while examining how female writers and authors of color are reimagining his stories to reconcile their insidious depictions.

ESCAPE LOVECRAFT’S LIBRARY

Enhance your Oh, The Horror experience with a Virtual Escape Room in October. Visit thelibrary.org/ohthehorror to unlock the secrets of the necronomicon as you puzzle your way out of H.P. Lovecraft’s library and escape the clutches of Cthulhu before cosmic horror consumes you.

COSMIC HORROR TRIVIA

Thursday, October 8, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of chill-inducing competition from the comfort of your own home. Compete alone or with your housemates to test your cosmic horror knowledge through six rounds of questions based on tentacled movie monsters, classic fiction from Poe to Lovecraft, and creatures from outer space. Sponsored by the Library Center. Register September 24–October 7 by visiting thelibrary.org/programs or call 883-5341. A link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.

MAKING MONSTERS OF MEN: A DISCUSSION WITH VICTOR LAVALLE

Thursday, October 15, 7 p.m. Join World Fantasy Award-winning author Victor LaValle as he discusses his Lovecraftian novella, “The Ballad of Black Tom,” reimagining the H.P. Lovecraft story that inspired it, and how authors of color are expanding Lovecraft’s mythos to reckon with his problematic legacy. Sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it.

LOVECRAFT COUNTRY: IN CONVERSATION WITH MATT RUFF

Thursday, October 22, 7 p.m. Join critically acclaimed cult novelist Matt Ruff for a conversation about the book that inspired the hit HBO series, “Lovecraft Country.” It goes from infusing H.P. Lovecraft’s mythos into Jim Crow America, to how the insidious spectre of racism still stalks the land. Sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it.

THE HORROR OF HATE: AN INTERVIEW WITH P. DJÈLÏ CLARK

Thursday, October 29, 7 p.m. Join Nebula Award-winning author P. Djèlí Clark for an in-depth interview about his new novella, “Ring Shout,” which mixes history, horror and dark fantasy to give an unflinching look at the Ku Klux Klan’s reign of terror. Sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it.
Programs for Adults

In-person Programs

Flying Needles
Monday–Friday,
September 1–November 30, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Since we can’t meet in person each month, we’re going to focus our crochet or knitting work on projects for charitable organizations. Create each project from a pattern of your own or stop by the Ash Grove Branch for one. After you’ve finished your project, drop it off at the branch and we’ll donate the finished projects to an area charity.
• September: Socks and hats for the homeless.
• October: Chemo hats.
• November: Blankets for kids and older adults in need.

Program in a Bag
Monday–Saturday, September 1–November 30, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Missing programs? Pick up a themed take-out bag at the Library Station with activities, book lists and supplies for a craft. Bags available at the beginning of the month, while supplies last.
• September: Creative Writing
• October: Celebrate Oh, The Horror! with H.P. Lovecraft-inspired puzzles, activities and a Cthulhu bookmark craft.
• November: Relax and Unwind.

Winter Wood
Take & Make Craft
8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
Monday–Saturday, November 16–21, 23–28 and 30, at the Library Station. Get ready for winter decorating. Drop by the Library Station and pick up an easy, take-home DIY penguin craft. Materials will be provided.

Virtual Programs

Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the following virtual programs for details on accessing each event.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s
Wednesday, September 2, 10 a.m. Does someone you care for frequently misplace things, forget names or get confused about where they are? Learn the 10 common warning signs of Alzheimer’s and dementia and explore the next steps in seeking out help for yourself or a loved one. Presented by the Greater Missouri Alzheimer’s Association and the Greene County MU Extension Office, and sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs to register or call 800-272-3900. A link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.

Exploring Genealogy
Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society. Go to thelibrary.org/programs for details to access these events.
• Monday, September 7, 7 p.m. Emma Molloy — Graham Murder. Author, historian and archivist Connie Yen discusses her book “Sinner and Savior: Emma Molloy and the Graham Murder.” Evangelist and temperance advocate Emma Molloy moved to the Ozarks in the late 1880s to establish a home for her family while she traveled and lectured, but misplaced trust in her farm manager George Graham led to the infamous “Graham Tragedy.” Connie is director of the Greene County Archives and Records Center.
• Wednesday, September 16, 10 a.m. Wild Bill Hickok and Davis Tutt: A Big Bucket of Ugly. Author and historian Tim Ritter looks at J.B. “Wild Bill” Hickok and Davis Tutt, their families and their twisted paths to face each other with pistols drawn on the Springfield public square in 1865. The aftermath can teach us about genealogy and how we look at our notorious ancestors. Tim is a member of the Douglas and Christian County Historical societies and Ozarks Genealogical Society.
• Monday, October 5, 7 p.m. Underground Railroad. The reality of the “Underground Railroad” was more complex and far less well organized than many have assumed, but
the saga of a people in bondage trekking to freedom remains compelling and inspiring. William Piston, Professor Emeritus, Missouri State University, will discuss the myths and realities of the “Underground Railroad,” placing it in the context of slavery in Missouri, where runaway slaves were of particular concern.

- Wednesday, October 21, 10 a.m. *Hidden Treasures: Tips and Rewards for Researching in Manuscript Collections.* Bill Eddleman, associate director of the Cape Girardeau Research Center, the State Historical Society of Missouri and president of the Missouri State Genealogical Association, says many family historians fail to use manuscript collections in their research, either because they are unaware of them or think they are difficult to find. He will summarize the types of materials and information one can locate in manuscript collections and how that information can help in your research.

- Monday, November 2, 7 p.m. *Native Americans.* Learn how to identify your Native American ancestors and what records are available in local and federal archives from OGS member and Local History Associate Renee Glass.

**Tuesdays @ Two**
Sponsored by Southwest Missouri SCORE and the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Visit thelibrary.org/programs to register or call 883-1974. A link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.

- September 8: *Habits for Productivity: Daily Steps for Success in Life and Business.* Stacy Duncan, owner of REACH Success Training, will show you step by step how you can create habits that will not only help you grow as a person, but will positively affect your progress and help you reach your business goals. Leave this workshop with a good understanding of how to implement habit-changing strategies to help you become more organized, gain more time and be more consistent in your daily routine. *Registration starts August 18.*

- October 13: *Social Media Planning: Holiday Tips and Tricks for the Small Business.* During the holidays, it can be hard to come up with social media ideas that engage your customers and encourage them to shop local. Learn how to post, what to post and when to post for your business during the holiday season in order to bring customers to your online or in-person store. Chloe Spencer, virtual assistant and content guru, will teach you everything you need to do to set your brand apart on social media while imparting lasting tips on managing your profiles in the long term. *Registration starts September 22.*

- November 10: *MOSourceLink: A Free Resource for Entrepreneurs.* MOSourceLink is building an infrastructure that will connect service organizations, increase awareness of Missouri entrepreneurship and provide a central access portal — entrepreneurship support hotline, website, events calendar and more — for Missouri entrepreneurs. Network builder Alexces Bartley will talk about how MOSourceLink will make resources more visible and accessible, and help pave a path to make Missouri the state for innovation between the coasts. *Registration starts October 20.*

**Effective Communication Strategies for Caregivers**
Tuesday, September 8, 6 p.m. Explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer’s, learn to decode verbal and behavioral messages, and identify strategies to connect and communicate. Presented by the Greater Missouri Alzheimer’s Association and the Greene County MU Extension Office, and sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs to register or call 800-272-3900. A link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.

**Made Here: Crackerjack Shack**
Thursday, September 10, 10 a.m. Catch a behind-the-scenes look at thriving businesses that make their products right here in the Springfield area. Take a virtual tour of, and hear, the story behind Republic-based screen printing and embroidering business Crackerjack Shack with owner Sandy Higgins. Whether you’re an entrepreneur looking for inspiration or a curious 417-area citizen, you’ll learn something new. Sponsored by the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Register between August 20—September 9 by visiting thelibrary.org/programs or call 883-1974. A link and password to access the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.
Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Republic Branch Library. Register to attend this virtual discussion group by emailing jessicap@thelibrary.org. A link and password to access the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.
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Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. Have you read a good book lately, or one you disliked? Visit with others about a book you’re currently reading, one you’ve read or a title you’ve heard about in our virtual discussion group on Zoom. Sponsored by the Ash Grove Branch Library. Register to attend this program by emailing adriennep@thelibrary.org. A link and password to access the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.
- September 15: Registrations accepted September 1–14.
- October 20: Registrations accepted October 6–19.
- November 17: Registrations accepted November 3–16.

Brown Bag Travelogue
Wednesdays, noon. Sit back, relax and explore a new place from the comfort of your own home. A new video featuring a different adventure will be posted to the Springfield-Greene County Library District YouTube channel on the third Wednesday of each month. Sponsored by the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it.

- September 16: Australia: Explore modern Sydney second-hand with Library staffer Shannon Wortham. Experience Sydney Harbor along with a discussion and photos about local flora and fauna as you follow the exploits of Shannon and his family.
- October 21: Iceland. Enjoy a journey through Iceland! One of the fastest-growing spots for tourism in the world, Iceland is home to breathtaking scenery and rich culture. Library staffer Cady Ramlow will share photos, tales, and highlights from her 2018 travels around Reykjavik, Reykjanesbaer, Vik and in between.
- November 18: Berlin. Join Library staffer Shannon Wortham and his family on their trip to Berlin and Mainz, home of Johannes Gutenberg, from the spring of 2012. Highlights include food, fun and history in this iconic capital city that has played a pivotal role on the world stage.

Virtual Movies & Memories
Thursdays, 10 a.m. for all ages. Join us monthly for a virtual intergenerational experience for individuals with Alzheimer’s and dementia, their families and friends. During this friendly Zoom gathering, we’ll share thematic movie clips for a fun and relaxed way to socialize and reminisce together. Sponsored by the Republic Branch Library. Register to attend this program by emailing tyshas@thelibrary.org. A link and password to access the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.
- September 17: Take Me Out to the Ballgame. Registrations accepted September 1–16.
- October 15: Travel the World. Registrations accepted October 1–14.
- November 19: All Aboard the Train. Registrations accepted November 1–18.

Clutter Busters
Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. Does the idea of decluttering overwhelm you? Do you have decluttering experience to share? Join the Clutter Busters community, a group of people finding freedom from excess stuff and overconsumption. Each of these Zoom-hosted virtual sessions will feature a short, instructive lesson on a decluttering topic from Amity Farr, founder and owner of Simple Fly Life, and then discussion begins. Connect and share information with those who have or are in the process of clearing their clutter. Sponsored by the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Register once for the whole series or sign up for individual sessions. A link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants. Registration starts September 17; call 883-1974.
- October 1: How to Eat an Elephant: Introduction to Decluttering.
- October 8: Getting Your Time Back: Minimalist Time Management Hacks.
- October 15: How to Overcome Personal Barriers and Convince Other People to Declutter.
- October 29: The Great Interior — Sharing and Gratitude: Habits That Make the Minimalist.
Cosmic Horror Trivia
Thursday, October 8, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of chill-inducing competition from the comfort of your own home. Compete alone or with your housemates to test your cosmic horror knowledge through six rounds of questions based on tentacled movie monsters, classic fiction from Poe to Lovecraft, and creatures from outer space. Sponsored by the Library Center. Register between September 24–October 7 by visiting thelibrary.org/programs or call 883-5341. A link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants. An Oh, The Horror! event.

Second Sunday Concert Series
Sunday, October 11, 2 p.m. for all ages. Red Shoe Pickers, featuring musicians Rebecca Holt and Paul Phariss, will provide a virtual concert with performances of original songs. Many selections were inspired by the books they read for Wild Bob’s Musical Book Club, a gathering of local musicians who write songs inspired by a selected book. Sponsored by Friends of the Library and the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it.

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors
Tuesday, October 13, 1 p.m. Aggression, repetition, wandering — these and other dementia-related behaviors can be frightening and challenging to caregivers. Knowing what to do in these situations can help keep your loved one safe. Learn how to respond when someone you care for is struggling with dementia-related behaviors. Presented by the Greater Missouri Alzheimer’s Association and the Greene County MU Extension Office, and sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs to register or call 800-272-3900. A link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.

Make a Woven Wall Hanging
Saturday, October 17, 2 p.m. Join us on the Springfield-Greene County Library District YouTube channel at 2 p.m. to learn how to weave a wall hanging using a cardboard loom with help from Library staffer Whitney Gillenwaters. Staff will respond to questions in the comments section from 2–4 p.m. Pick up a kit with all of the necessary supplies, except scissors, from the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch starting Saturday, October 3. Twenty craft kits will be available while supplies last; supply lists will also be available for those who don’t get a kit. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body
Monday, October 19, 10 a.m. Science can provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Presented by the Greater Missouri Alzheimer’s Association and the Greene County MU Extension Office, and sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs to register or call 800-272-3900. A link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.

Why Black Lives Matter
Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 p.m. A panel of artists, educators and historians will discuss the unique aesthetics of Blackness in regards to arts and culture, toward a greater understanding and appreciation of Black lives’ cultural contributions. This Zoom-hosted webinar discussion will be followed by a Q&A. Facilitated by Jonathan Herbert, theater program head at Ozarks Technical Community College, and sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it.

Lovecraft Country: In Conversation with Matt Ruff
Thursday, October 22, 7 p.m. Join “critically acclaimed cult novelist” Matt Ruff for a conversation about the book that inspired the hit HBO series, “Lovecraft Country,” from infusing H.P. Lovecraft’s mythos into Jim Crow America, to how the insidious spectre of racism still stalks the land. Sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it. An Oh, The Horror! event.
Advance Care Planning
Tuesday, November 3, 7 p.m. Who will make health care decisions for you if you are not able to make them for yourself? As we navigate the challenges of living and dying during a worldwide pandemic, it’s more important than ever for adults to consider advance care planning. If you’d like help getting started, join us for a virtual workshop hosted by Pam Stoelzel with Respecting Choices of the Ozarks. The workshop will help you reflect on your values, choose a health care agent, take the first steps toward completing your advance directive and make your wishes known. Sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it. A Death & Dying event.

End-of-Life Care: Social Model Hospice Homes and How They Work
Thursday, November 5, 7 p.m. Even though the majority of us wish to die at home, those at the end of life face ever-growing challenges that keep them from doing as they wish, including a lack of caregivers and financial resources. Kelley Scott, executive director of Clarehouse in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will talk about social model hospice and the nationwide network of homes working to improve end-of-life care. Then representatives from the Hospice Foundation of the Ozarks and Jacob’s Ladder, Springfield’s new home for the dying, will talk about what this social model end-of-life care home means for the community. Sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it. A Death & Dying event.

Funerals and the Impact of COVID-19
Tuesday, November 10, 6 p.m. Brent Barnes, licensed funeral director and manager at Greenlawn North, will discuss the challenges families face with making arrangements for their deceased loved ones during pandemic times and how the funeral industry has adapted to meet those challenges. Sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it. A Death & Dying event.

History Explorers Presents: The Spanish-American War
Thursday, November 12, 6 p.m. for all ages. In the summer of 1898, the United States declared war against Spain. U.S. troops fought on land and sea to secure the islands of Cuba and Puerto Rico in the Caribbean, and the Philippines, Wake and Guam in the Pacific. In the process, Teddy Roosevelt earned fame as he and the “Rough Riders” charged up San Juan Hill and Leonard Wood fought to secure victory. Learn more about the wartime experiences of American troops, including the important role played by the Buffalo Soldiers. Presented by the Sons of the American Revolution and the Missouri Humanities Council. View an exhibit of Spanish-American War artifacts at the Library Center in November. Sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it.

Compounding Our Sorrow: Grieving During a Pandemic
Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m. Family members dying without loved ones around them. Funerals amid social distancing and quarantine. The pandemic has changed not only how we die and honor the dead, but also how we grieve for our loved ones, whether they die from the coronavirus or another cause. Staff from Lost & Found Grief Center will talk with us virtually about what you can expect to feel and experience when grieving the death of family, friends or co-workers during this challenging time, and provide tips to help you cope. Sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it. A Death & Dying event.

Panic on the Prairies: America’s Horrifying Heartland
Tuesday, November 10, 7 p.m. From “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” to “Children of the Corn,” rural folk horror has been creeping out Americans for ages. Join New York Times bestselling author Grady Hendrix (“The Southern Book Club’s Guide to Slaying Vampires”) as he guides you along a hilarious and haunting tour of horror set in America’s heartland. Sponsored by the Library Center. Visit thelibrary.org/programs before the event for details to access it.
We’re Still Talking About Books — Virtually!

You’re into a great book and want to talk about it, but your book group is on hiatus. Try a virtual book discussion group for a new experience. You can talk about books with other readers in these groups on Zoom, Facebook and Goodreads.

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ReadUps

Join ReadUps on the Library Facebook page (@thelibrary.org) and the Springfield-Greene County Library District page on Goodreads to discuss books related to monthly topics and themes.
- September: Food & Cooking
- October: Monsters & Villains
- November: Short Stories

SCORE E3 Book Club

Take part in the SCORE E3 Book Club on Facebook and discuss business-related titles at facebook.com/groups/scoree3bookclub/
- September: “Deep Work: Rules for Focused Success in a Distracted World” by Cal Newport
- October: “Upstream: The Quest to Solve Problems Before They Happen” by Dan Heath
- November: “Unleashed: The Unapologetic Leader’s Guide to Empowering Everyone Around You” by Frances Frei and Anne Morriss

Some of our most popular book groups are keeping the discussion going on Goodreads until we can meet in person. Find these under Groups on Goodreads.com.

Feel Good Fiction
- September: “Rise and Shine, Benedict Stone” by Phaedra Patrick
- October: “Virgil Wander” by Leif Enger
- November: “Two Steps Forward” by Graeme Simsion and Anne Buist

Wednesday Book Discussion Group
- September: “Educated” by Tara Westover
- October: “Once Upon A River” by Diane Setterfield
- November: “Becoming” by Michelle Obama

Social Justice Book Club
- September: “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness” by Michelle Alexander

Science & Stories
- September: “Ingredients: The Strange Chemistry of What We Put in Us and on Us” by George Zaidan
- October: “They are Already Here: UFO Culture and Why We See Saucers” by Sarah Scoles
- November: “Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds & Shape Our Futures” by Merlin Sheldrake

My Favorite True Crime
- September: “Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption” by Bryan Stevenson
- October: “Lady Killers: Deadly Women Throughout History” by Tori Telfer
- November: “Norco ‘80: The True Story of the Most Spectacular Bank Robbery in American History” by Peter Houlahan

Cookbook Club

Try at least one recipe from a cookbook, then join the discussion with other culinary aficionados about how everyone’s recipes turned out and review the books. We’ll also talk food news, cooking techniques and publishing trends.

Donuts & Death
- September: “Mexican Gothic” by Sylvia Moreno-Garcia
- October: “Lovecraft Country” by Matt Ruff
Programs for Kids and Families

In-person Programs

Pick up Some Library Takeout for At-home Family Fun!

Since we aren’t having programs for a while, stop by the Library to pick up some takeout! Visit any library branch anytime between 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, September–November, and pick up a Library Takeout kit filled with materials for an activity to keep families with children in grades K–4 learning and reading this fall. Available while supplies last.

Joke of the Day

Monday-Saturday, September 1–November 30, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for age 3 and older in the Children’s Department. The Schweitzer Brentwood Branch, Library Station and Library Center want to give kids everywhere in the district a good laugh this fall. With a parent or guardian’s permission, kids can call or stop by the children’s desk at these branches any time during business hours September–November to hear a great joke. A new joke will be provided each day. Kids are also invited to share one of their own!

- Library Center Children’s Department: 616-0526
- Library Station Children’s Department: 616-0673
- Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library Children’s Department: 616-0703

Fall StoryWalk®

Sponsored by the Ash Grove Branch Library and the City of Ash Grove. Daily, September 14–30, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. for infants-age 6 at the Ash Grove City Park, 300 W. Parkway St. Read “We’re Going on a Leaf Hunt” written by Steve Metzger and illustrated by Miki Sakamoto while enjoying a StoryWalk® with your family this fall. StoryWalks® combine three important elements that promote learning: reading, moving and enjoying the outdoors. Best of all, families can return to the park to enjoy the book through September 30.

Virtual Programs

Storytime & More with the Library

Tuesdays, September 1–November 24, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6. Join some of your favorite children’s librarians for a virtual program featuring stories, songs and activities you can try at home. Catch some of your favorite places in Springfield and Greene County as we hit the road for special on-location episodes on the dates listed below. Watch at thelibrary.org/kids or join us each week on Facebook, @thelibrary.org.

- September 8: Steam Engine Grounds in Republic.
- September 22: Railroad Historical Museum in Grant Beach Park.
- October 6: Dickerson Park Zoo.
- October 20: Springfield Art Museum.

BOOKWORM GIRLS

Thursdays, 4 p.m. for grades 3–6. Hop on and chat with other book fans. We’ll talk about books we love, the ones we hate and discover new books together. Sponsored by the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Registration is required and must be made by a parent or guardian by emailing bwdys@thelibrary.org and providing their library card number. A link and password to access the virtual event and a statement of consent will be shared with registered participants.

- September 3: Registrations accepted August 19–September 2.
- September 24: Registrations accepted September 9–23.
- October 1:Registrations accepted September 16–30.
- October 22: Registrations accepted October 7–21.
- November 5: Registrations accepted October 21–November 4.

Virtual Reading Pals

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. for grades 3–6. Our friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks need your help — they love a good story but can’t read. Using Zoom, a platform that allows readers to see their furry friends on a screen, kids can practice their reading skills with these loveable listeners in a virtual setting. Sponsored by the Republic and Schweitzer Brentwood branch libraries. Registration is required and must be made by a parent or guardian by emailing teenlibrarian@thelibrary.org and providing their library card number. A link
On Display

Ash Grove Branch Library
- 80th Anniversary of the Ash Grove Branch Library: Community Photos, September

Library Center
- All Aboard: The Frisco Railroad through Springfield’s History, Local History, September–November
- From the White House to the Ozarks: Presidents Who Visited Southwest Missouri, Local History, September–November
- Artifacts of the Spanish-American War, courtesy of Steve Belko and Sons of the American Revolution, concourse, November

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
- Ozark Stills: Photography by LaDonna Greiner, September–November

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
- Paintings by Stephanie Kelly, September
- Photos by Southwest Missouri Camera Club, October

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.

Explorers in the Grove
Fridays, 9:30 a.m. for grades K–5. Join us on Zoom each month as we explore history, science and nature through books and activities. Sponsored by the Ash Grove Branch. Registration is required and must be made by a parent or guardian by emailing adriennep@thelibrary.org and providing their library card number. A link and password to access the virtual event and statement of consent will be shared with registered participants.
- September 25: Registrations accepted September 10–24.
- October 23: Registrations accepted October 8–22.
- November 27: Registrations accepted November 12–25.

Mobile Library Van Stops for September–December 2020
We’re delivering books, movies and CDs to your neighborhood.

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

Tuesdays
- Battlefield Towers, 1451 E. Woodland St., 1:20–2 p.m.
- Jenny Lind Hall Apts., 711 S. Jefferson Ave., 2:20–2:50 p.m.
- York Elementary area, 2100 W. Nichols St., 3:10–3:45 p.m.

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

Thursday
- 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.
- Hattlesburg Hills, 4663 W. Portland St., 4:15–4:45 p.m.
- S. Lulwood Ave. & W. La Siesta St., 5–5:30 p.m.
- The Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway Ave., 5:50–6:30 p.m.
- Craigmont Place, 740 S. Lafontaine Ave., 6:45–7:15 p.m.
Whether “school” this fall takes place virtually, or in the classroom, these resources in the Homework Help section of the Kids page can enrich any assignment — and curious mind. Use your library card to explore these homework help sites.

A note to parents: Get the most from a research site by exploring it before your student has a project. What are your child’s key interests? Animals? Space exploration? Building and inventing? Dinosaurs? Here are some suggestions for getting started with some of our favorite resources in Homework Help on the Kids page, thelibrary.org/kids. Middle school and high schools students can access the same sites on thelibrary.org/teens.

Credo Reference. Mummification of human or animal bodies can take place in natural conditions, like in wet, marshy places. But thousands of years ago, cultures across the globe found ways to preserve the bodies of humans or animals after death. Want to learn more about mummies? Credo Reference is a great place to learn more about the things that interest you, from mummies to climate change.

Older students can take deeper dives into their interests with articles from respected sources in Credo Reference. A quick search for “exoplanets” will provide a basic definition and understanding of the existence of planets outside our solar system. View links to many more advanced articles about the topic on the right side of the screen, under the heading “More Library Resources.”

Explora. Explora is a fun site to start learning about a topic of interest, with books, articles and videos from many sources. Readers can narrow the results of their search based on reading level. Interested in ocean mammals? Type “dolphins” in the Explora menu, then scroll down the left side of the screen to choose the Lexile Range 401–700. Read some of the articles to find out how dolphins play “dress-up!”

Culturegrams Kids. What land-locked South American country is home to capybaras and peccaries, and experiences seasons the opposite of North America? Search these clues in Culturegrams Kids to find the answer, and more! Choose a country and be transported there via photos, maps, cultural facts, historical timelines, recipes, and interviews with people who live there. Choose an indigenous recipe and cook it for your family. Have fun exploring other cultures right from the comfort of your own home!

For middle school and high school students, Culturegrams Online provides more advanced information about cultures, including “Average Person” infographics in the World Edition, to provide easy comparisons of basic demographic information.

Visit the Homework Help section on the Teen Page thelibrary.org/teens to find more advanced reference resources for middle and high school students. They offer a wealth of credible information about current and past newsmakers in Biography in Context. General internet searches can contain unsubstantiated information from social media or other sources. Biography in Context is an easy-to-use place to start for unbiased information.

Need to write a paper about a famous person, but don’t know where to start? The Topic Finder allows students to enter a general term, like “astronauts,” then provides a visual tool to help the student narrow the search by a variety of subtopics.

Fiction and Nonfiction Books

OverDrive/Libby. Many children prefer reading nonfiction, especially books filled with facts and pictures. The Library’s digital and streaming platforms connect your fact lovers with nonfiction, without leaving home.

Our OverDrive collection features nonfiction titles just for kids! To access this collection on a mobile device, download the free Libby App (available at the App Store, Google Play and Microsoft). Create an account using your library card number. Once in the app, scroll down the homepage to find a listing of subjects. Juvenile Nonfiction is a category under Explore More Subjects. Click on Juvenile Nonfiction for a listing of all children’s e-book and audiobook titles in this collection. Your kids can explore joke books, creepy creatures, survival stories, learn coding and much more!

Older readers can search the Young Adult Nonfiction section for more age-appropriate titles.
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.

- Individuals may apply online for a temporary library card to access digital audiobooks, ebooks and magazines, databases and online resources. Visit thelibrary.org/about/libcard.cfm. Convert a temporary card to a permanent card in person at any Library branch to check out physical materials. Bring a photo ID and proof of address, or only ID if it has the current address.

- College, vocational or university students living in Greene County in campus housing, but with a permanent residence outside of Greene County, may be issued a Library Card at no charge. Proof of campus address required.

Checkout Limits/Fines

- Library materials check out for three weeks; overdue fine is 10¢ per day, per item.

- 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. 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.

LOCATIONS/HOURS

- Through December 31, all branch hours are 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Monday–Saturday. Ash Grove Branch closed Saturdays.

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

- All branches and drive-up windows will be closed on Mondays, September 7 and October 12; Wednesday, November 11; and Thursday, November 26. Library branches, drive-up windows and the Mobile Library van will resume their normally scheduled operations the next business day.

- The Library Express West, 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway, is open 24 hours a day holds pick up and returns.

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

INTERNET

Library Website: thelibrary.org

- Download e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines and video.

- Ask A Librarian at thelibrary.org/ask.

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

- Free Wi-Fi is available at all locations.

- Check out a hot spot at thelibrary.org/catalog.

COOLcat Online Catalog: thelibrary.org/catalog

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

- Reserve and renew materials, view your account, suggest titles and pay fees online through our secure server.

The Library Center 4653 S. Campbell Ave. • 882-0714

Ash Grove Branch Library 101 E. Main St., Ash Grove • 751-2933

Fair Grove Branch Library 81 S. Orchard Blvd., Fair Grove • 759-2637

The Library Station 2535 N. Kansas Expressway • 865-1340

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library 397 E. Central St. • 862-0135

The Edge Community Technology Center: 837-5011

Outreach Services 4653 S. Campbell Ave.

Mobile Library/Walking Books: 883-6112

Republic Branch Library 921 N. Lindsey Ave., Republic • 732-7284

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library 2214 Brentwood Blvd. • 883-1974

Stratford Branch Library 101 S. State Highway 125, Strafford 736-9233

Willard Branch Library 304 E. Jackson St., Willard • 742-4258

Satellite Locations

Pick up and return only:
- Library Express West
  Orchard Plaza, 3872 W. Chestnut Expwy.
- Price Cutter Book Stop
  3260 E. Battlefield Road