Fall
FOR READING
Reconnect with The Library Your Way!

We hope you stayed connected with us through these rocky, pandemic months!

But, if you're just getting back to your normal library groove, you'll love what's ahead as we invite everyone to Reconnect with The Library Your Way!

You can visit us during the new or expanded hours of operation at all the branches. (See page 17.) We know the pandemic isn't over, so we're not letting up on safety measures. The CDC and Springfield-Greene County Health Department strongly recommend that everyone wear a mask indoors. In addition, masks will be required at all indoor programs.

Still easing back? We get it. Order your items online and pick them up at the drive-through windows. Ask us anything on Live Chat. Reserve a meeting room online. Ask Your Next Read for book suggestions designed for you. Attend an outdoor storytime. Check out an e-book on Libby; a movie on Hoopla. Watch our programs virtually, at home.

Ready to visit? Take a computer class at the Edge and select branches. DIY at the Maker Space. Check out the new books and DVDs. In-person programs have been added for fall, too. We've got author events, book discussions, and we're rockin' out on the patio when Geezer the band returns to the Library Center! (Don't forget the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale September 15–19, too!) Many programs will still be offered virtually, so be sure to check the program listings.

It's a great lineup, so Reconnect with The Library Your Way this fall. We'll be looking for you.

Libraries Close for Holidays

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

• Monday, September 6
• Monday, October 11
• Thursday, November 11
• Thursday, November 25

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

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

Holiday Store for Kids Opens Saturday, December 4!

Kids get to do the shopping for friends and family members at the Library’s annual Holiday Store coming Saturday, December 4, to the library branches.

You’ll find “stores” set up inside the libraries, where children can cruise the aisles and shop for holiday gifts for everyone on their giving list. They can choose from useful and memorable treasures for all ages, most of them priced from 25 cents to $10.

Volunteers will be available to help each child find fun items, stay within a budget and wrap and tag the gifts.

The Library Center store runs December 4–12; other branches will be open only December 4.

Watch for details on tbelibrary.org and in the winter issue of Bookends about times and locations of the Holiday Store and family holiday activities.
Yes! David Sedaris is Still Coming to Springfield
October 21

Recertify Your Tickets Before August 30!

The David Sedaris event we’ve all been waiting for is still on the books for Thursday, October 21, at the historic Gillioz Theatre in downtown Springfield. It was rescheduled several times due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Tickets originally distributed by the Gillioz for the event remain valid for the October 21 date if ticket holders recertify them using the following process:

• Ticket holders should receive a reminder email from the Gillioz Theatre on August 1, 15 and 28.
• On August 28, the Gillioz will send a final reminder email to alert ticket holders that they have 48 hours to confirm.
• Before 4 p.m. August 30, ticket holders should confirm with an email reply that they intend to use their tickets.

If tickets are NOT confirmed via email or phone by the 4 p.m. August 30 deadline, the tickets will become invalid and could be reissued to the public.

These tickets are FREE. If someone is charging you, they are a reseller and that ticket could be invalid. Don’t fall for fraud — the ONLY place to get an authorized ticket is the Gillioz Box Office.

Don’t have a ticket? The Gillioz and The Library will announce any ticket availability on September 1.

The Springfield visit by humorist and satirist David Sedaris is underwritten by the Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Libraries, providing the free, reserved tickets to the public.

For information about tickets, call the Gillioz Box Office 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday, 417-863-9491.
Bring the kids to the new Play & Learn Center at the Library Station and watch their eyes light up.

Interactive toys, a giant light board and an “Imagination Station” engage kids from birth through age 12, encouraging early literacy skills, social-emotional development and family engagement.

Here’s what’s inside:

- **Imagination Station.** This large kiosk with interchangeable signage and props can be whatever a child imagines — a theater with puppets; food truck with play food, pots, pans and dishes; a vet clinic with animals, medical equipment and X-rays; farmer’s market with produce and gardening supplies; or a hardware store with tools and building items.

- **The Everbright.** Think: giant Lite-Brite. Illuminated dials twist so kids of all ages can explore colors, patterns and geometry. It’s pre-programmed with a series of challenges and activities, encouraging creativity, problem solving and thinking skills.

- **The Tot Spot.** Babies and toddlers have a place to enjoy tummy time and interactive play panels while exploring their special area.

- **The Tire.** It’s back and better! Babies can pull themselves up and cruise around the edges, caregivers can sit there and children can recline on top and play with toys or read.

The Imagination Station, Tot Spot and Tire are all creations designed specifically for our library by the design company Kidzibits. The Everbright is a creation of Hero Design.

The center was funded with a $108,000 gift to the Library Foundation from The Stanley & Elaine Ball Foundation, managed by Central Trust Company.

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**It’s Season 3 of the Planet Book Podcast!**

Tune in to hear co-hosts and library staffers Charity Jordan and Breea Milburn give insider scoops on ‘tween and teen books. They’ll cover your favorite genres, from sci-fi/fantasy, to thrillers, to romance, and topics important to young readers including bullying, LGBTQ issues and relationships.

The podcast airs every Thursday on Apple Products and Spotify. Listeners can also visit the Planet Book website, thelibrary.org/planetbook, which includes the podcasts and related booklists.

Season 3 runs from September 16 through December 2.
**Take a Walk with an Adventure Backpack**

Check out an Adventure Backpack for your next outing — to the backyard, a city park or an Ozarks wilderness.

Each backpack is filled with all the tools that families and young explorers need. Check out a backpack of your choice for three weeks with your library card at thelibrary.org/catalog, and search Adventure Backpack, or Nature Exploration, or Birdwatching.

- **Adventure Backpack: Nature Exploration**
  Books, binoculars, dip net, Leave No Trace ethics card, magnifying glass, Port-O-Bug container.

- **Adventure Backpack: Birdwatching**
  Books, binoculars, Leave No Trace ethics card, Missouri Birds Field Guide.

The Adventure Backpacks were funded by Gregory S. Beard and the Republic Walmart, and developed by the staff of the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

**Go Beyond the Book with Us**

Did your family love library storytime but your kids have “aged out”? You can still love reading together as a family!

Tune into our Beyond the Book monthly video series on The Library’s YouTube channel, where Midtown Carnegie Branch children’s librarians explore how a book can inspire you to read, learn and create together.

We will begin with a short book talk of a book from the library’s collection. Then we’ll take you through our personal journey to discover our favorite authors and illustrators, crafts, digital material and library programming for the whole family.

Each episode will feature a theme:

- **September** – Learning to Love Books, inspired by “Book Hog” by Greg Pizzoli
- **October** – Library as Maker Space, inspired by “The Little Library” by Margaret McNamara
- **November** – Generations of Memories, inspired by “The Remember Balloons” by Jessie Oliveros

Beyond the Book will be posted the first day of the month beginning September 1 on YouTube.com/SpringfieldGreene.
We’ve broken the taboo of talking about death as a community. Now it’s time to demystify the myriad topics related to death and dying. Death and grief, burials and possessions are not always easy topics to discuss, but we’ll tackle them with grace, compassion, and even humor, as we seek to alleviate our fears and live life to the fullest in the face of our inevitable end.

With the health and safety of our community in mind, most of the events in this year’s series are offered both in person and virtually. Masks will be required at all in-person events. Visit thelibrary.org/death or thelibrary.org/programs to sign up to receive links to the virtual programs.

A Buddhist Path Through Grief and Loss
Monday, November 1, 6 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium and virtual. Buddhists have applied the Buddha’s teachings to their encounters of dying and death for millennia, charting many compassionate and wise paths through the experiences of grief and loss. David Ketchum and members of the Dinh Quang Buddhist Temple will introduce some of the Buddha’s teachings, share stories of how Buddhist practices have aided their own journeys, and demonstrate a traditional Vietnamese service for honoring loved ones who have passed away. Q&A will follow the presentation. Registration is required to attend virtually and starts October 18; a link to the event will be shared with registered participants.

On Angels’ Wings
Wednesday, November 3, 6 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium and virtual. Giving birth can be such a joyous occasion but nothing can prepare us for the death of a child. Michelle Cramer, founder and president of On Angels’ Wings, will discuss what her organization can offer to grieving families, and how we can help provide the support they need. Michelle will share stories from families she has worked with as well as her own experiences with bereavement and grief recovery. Registration is required to attend virtually and starts October 20; a link to the event will be shared with registered participants.

Ask a Mortician: Live with Caitlin Doughty
Thursday, November 4, 6 p.m. at Relics Event Center, 2015 W. Battlefield Road, Suite E. Our favorite death acceptance advocate, bestselling author Caitlin Doughty (“Smoke Gets in Your Eyes,” “From Here to Eternity” and “Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?”), returns to Springfield for a live session of her immensely popular YouTube series, “Ask a Mortician.” Take your death education to a new level during this opportunity to ask Caitlin anything you want to know about death and dying. All questions must be submitted in advance for this moderated Q&A. A link to submit your questions will be provided with your registration confirmation. Deadline to submit questions is October 25. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

This event will be offered virtually and in person, with masking required and limited seating; registration is required for either option starting October 4 at thelibrary.org/death. A link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants. Doors will open at 5 p.m. for the seated event at Relics; your confirmation is your ticket to the event. Please print and bring it with you or show the confirmation on your EventBrite app.

Tombstone Bootcamp
Saturday, November 6, 2 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium and virtual. You can gather a lot of knowledge from viewing tombstones in a cemetery, but that information isn’t always clear. Cemetery expert and author Abby Burnett will share tips for extracting data from grave markers, including dealing with archaic language and
misleading symbolism, using light (and other non-invasive methods) to read an inscription, and proper cleaning techniques. Registration is required to attend virtually and starts October 23; a link to the event will be shared with registered participants.

Gone to the Grave
Saturday, November 6, 3 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium and virtual. Historian Abby Burnett, author of “Gone to the Grave: Burial Customs of the Arkansas Ozarks, 1850–1950,” will share stories about burial rituals and funeral customs in the Ozarks before the advent of the professional death-care industry. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Registration is required to attend virtually and starts October 23; a link to the event will be shared with registered participants.

Hazelwood Cemetery Tour
Sunday, November 7, 2 p.m. at Hazelwood Cemetery, 1642 E. Seminole St. Enjoy an afternoon stroll through one of Springfield’s oldest and most beautiful burial grounds, Hazelwood Cemetery, while learning about its history, landmarks, tombstone symbolism and the notable and notorious men and women who rest there. Meet inside the entrance on Seminole Street. Limited to 20 participants. Registration starts October 24; email sarahr@thelibrary.org.

Green Burial Basics
Tuesday, November 9, 6 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium and virtual. In our pursuit of sustainable and eco-friendly lives, it is easy to overlook the impact that traditional burials have on the environment. Join Library staff member Krissy Sinor in a discussion of what constitutes a green burial and what options are available locally for those who are interested in going (out) green. Registration is required to attend virtually and starts October 26; a link to the event will be shared with registered participants.

“Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?” Resources to Help You Pass on Personal Possessions
Wednesday, November 10, 6–7:30 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium and virtual. Dealing with a loved one’s possessions following their death can be a quandary for family members. Who gets what? What should you do with the items no one wants? There are practical solutions that will help avoid conflicts and ensure treasured items are placed into the hands you intended. Amber Allen, field specialist in Human Development & Family Science with the University of Missouri Extension, will discuss recommendations and resources outlined in the book, “Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?” from the University of Minnesota Extension. Attendees will also receive a free copy of the book. Registration is required to attend virtually or in person starting October 27. Email sarahr@thelibrary.org to attend in person or register at thelibrary.org/programs for a link to the virtual event.

Changes and Challenges in Funeral Folkways During Plagues and Pandemics
Saturday, November 13, 2–3:30 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium and virtual. Using history, anthropology and future studies, Jon Shafer, humanities scholar, chaplain and board member of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Greater Kansas City, will discuss the public health crises, past, present and future, arising from plagues and pandemics. He’ll also lead a discussion with the audience on changes, desired and despised, in funeral rituals and ways of facing death. Registration is required to attend virtually and starts October 30; a link to the event will be shared with registered participants.

Forensic Files: Real Life in the Medical Examiner’s Office
Saturday, November 13, 4 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium and virtual. Chief Forensic Investigator Tom Van De Berg will share a behind-the-scenes look at the Greene County Medical Examiner’s Office and discuss how the COVID-19 pandemic affected work at the ME’s office. Registration is required to attend virtually and starts October 30; a link to the event will be shared with registered participants.

Death Café of the Ozarks
Sunday, November 14, 2–4 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Having open, honest discussions about death and dying can help us alleviate our fears, make educated decisions and remind us to live life to the fullest. We’ll wrap up the Death & Dying series with casual conversations about death-related topics of interest in a safe, judgment-free environment. Refreshments will be provided.

The series is funded with generous support of the Hospice Foundation of the Ozarks.
Oh, how we love to scare ourselves with tales of masked slashers stalking the night. This October, lock all the doors and unmask some thrilling stories of murder and mystery. Then, summon your courage and join us for this series of spine-tingling programs.

**MYSTERIES, Lore AND MURDERS: MYSTIFYING Parts OF AN OZARKS PAST**

Thursday, October 7, 7 p.m. at the Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Drive. Whether it be mysteries left unsolved, fascinating folklore or mystifying murders, sometimes the unknown can be captivating. Ozarks Alive’s Kaitlyn McConnell will explore some of the spooky stories and historical pieces of local culture that have stayed with the region for years.

**WELCOME TO THE FINAL GIRL SUPPORT GROUP**

Friday, October 15, 7 p.m. at The Gallery at the Gillioz, 325 Park Central East. Bestselling author Grady Hendrix (“My Best Friend’s Exorcism,” “The Final Girl Support Group”) welcomes you to a very special support group, so have a seat, coffee’s in the back and remember there’s no cross-talk. Then prepare yourself for a guided tour of the history of murder books, from bizarro 19th century Jack the Ripper.
fan fiction, through “Psycho” to the industry-changing success of “Silence of the Lambs.” Along the way you’ll encounter astrological assassins and the female authors who wrote serial killer books first. Together, we’ll try to figure out what it means that so much of publishing is about selling murder and mayhem. Books will be available for sale and signing.

**DONUTS & DEATH Q&A WITH GRADY HENDRIX**

Saturday, October 16, 10 a.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. A fast-paced and frightening homage to one of horror’s most enduring tropes, “The Final Girl Support Group” has been called “a wickedly humorous thriller.” Join author Grady Hendrix and the Donuts & Death Book Discussion crew for a Q&A full of nostalgia and pop culture straight out of the VHS era. Donuts will be provided; seating is limited. Registration starts October 1; call 883-1974.

**CHAINSAW HEARTS: CHATTING WITH STEPHEN GRAHAM JONES**

Tuesday, October 26, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. New York Times bestselling author Stephen Graham Jones’ “My Heart Is a Chainsaw” is both an ode to slasher flicks and a harrowing coming-of-age story about revenge and redemption. Jones will discuss his love for the horror genre, the way history haunts the present and how horrors can forge a heart as powerful as a chainsaw. Books will be available for sale and signing.

**“SCREAM” AT THE MOXIE**

Friday, October 29, 8 p.m. at Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. A subversive sendup to the slasher subgenre, Wes Craven’s “Scream” was credited with revitalizing the horror genre in the 1990s and spawned a series of sequels that follow final girl Sidney Prescott. Experience the terrifying classic on the big screen during this special free presentation.
Whether you’re starting a new business or working to grow an existing one, the Springfield-Greene County Library offers resources to meet your needs, and expert staff who can connect you to library tools and community resources for businesses.

If you’re doing market research, looking for sales leads, or need insights about consumers, competitors, or industry trends, ask your librarian how to find the information you need through Reference Solutions or Business Insights Global, available online with your library card, thelibrary.org/research.

If you’re looking for training on technology or business topics, you’ll find hundreds of options with on-demand video courses through Udemy, thelibrary.org/udemy; in person at the Edge Community Technology Center, thelibrary.org/edge; and through library programs in partnership with Southwest Missouri SCORE.

Connect with Us!

• Use the library’s Maker Space and Media Lab to get creative with promotions for your business, thelibrary.org/edge.

• Use our meeting spaces at library branches across Springfield and Greene County to gather your team, or just get some work done.

• Get a Company Library Card for your Greene County business to share all these benefits with your co-workers.

If you’d like to learn more or have our Business Connect team talk to your organization about library resources for business, contact us at businessconnect@thelibrary.org.

Upcoming programs hosted by Southwest Missouri SCORE:

Business Model Canvas and the Value Proposition for Strategic Planning
Tuesday, October 19, 7–8:30 p.m. in Library Center meeting rooms A and B. A strong business model is a roadmap for your venture. Learn about the Lean Canvas approach to creating a business model, including how to describe your business, ideal customers, product attributes, marketing and value proposition. This quick method of attacking business development will save you time and help you focus on critical assumptions. Register starting September 28 at thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Grow Your Business Through Google Tools
Tuesday, October 26, 7 p.m. in Library Center meeting rooms A and B. Join Library staffer Krissy Sinor as we explore the free Google resources available for small businesses and startups. Tools like Google Workspace and Google My Business can help business owners make the most of their own time and resources. Registration starts October 5; call 417-883-1974.

Minimalist Time Management for Sole Proprietors
Tuesday, November 9, 7 p.m. in Library Center meeting rooms A and B. Sole proprietors wear all the hats in their business. Amity Farr of Simple Fly Life will offer strategies to help you identify and focus on your most important tasks, implement a focused plan of action and achieve the results you desire so you get the greatest return on your time. Registration starts October 19; call 417-883-1974.
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Looking for book discussions? We’ve marked your spot. Talk about your latest read with other readers virtually — or in person!

Join ReadUps on Facebook and Goodreads
Share your thoughts with other readers in our ReadUps group on the Library Facebook page, @thelibrary.org, and the Springfield-Greene County Library District page on Goodreads as we discuss books related to monthly topics and themes.
• September: Science fiction
• October: LGBTQ Authors
• November: True Crime

SCORE E3 Business Book Club
Noon on Zoom. E3 stands for Empowering and Educating Entrepreneurs. Join Southwest Missouri SCORE and The Library for a book club to inspire and motivate your work life. Discussion happens all month at https://www.facebook.com/groups/scoree3bookclub, with a live virtual discussion via Zoom near the end of the month. Register for the live discussion at thelibrary.org/programs; a link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.
• Tuesday, November 23: “Digital Body Language: How to Build Trust & Connection, No Matter the Distance” by Erica Dhawan. Registration starts October 28.

In-person book discussion groups are back! Have a relaxing conversation with other readers at these events. Masks must be worn at all indoor events.

Graphic Novel Book Discussion
Saturdays, 10 a.m. in the Library Station Santa Fe Room. Whether you’re new to graphic novels or a longtime fan, join our graphic novel book discussion for a chance to chat with others and discover a new favorite!
• September 4: “The Nao of Brown” by Glyn Dillon.
• October 2: “Mis(h)adra” by Jasmin Omar Ata.
• November 6: “Lighter Than My Shadow” by Katie Green.

Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 1–2:30 p.m. in Library Center meeting room B.
• September 8: “This Tender Land” by William Kent Krueger.
• October 13: “We Have Always Lived in the Castle” by Shirley Jackson.
• November 10: “The Night Tiger” by Yangsze Choo.

Mystery Book Club
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library upstairs meeting room. Join us to discuss all manner of mystery from current to classic, cozy to thriller, series and standalone.
• September 14: “Eight Perfect Murders” by Peter Swanson.
• October 12: “Still Life” by Louise Penny.
• November 9: “The Guest List” by Lucy Foley.

Ash Grove Bibliophiles
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at the Ash Grove Branch Library.
• October 19: “1984” by George Orwell.
• November 16: “Brave New World” by Aldous Huxley.

Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Library Station Santa Fe Room.
• September 23: “Better Luck Next Time” by Julia Claiborne Johnson.
• November 18: “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson.
First Friday Art Walk
Fridays, 6:30–9 p.m. at the Park Central Branch Library. Join us for First Friday Art Walk, including an art talk and the opening of a new exhibit.
• September 3: Alyssa Cartier, art history and museum studies major with a minor in French at Missouri State University, will present “Mariko Mori: Interpreting Spiritual Space in Art.” On display: Geometric paintings by Linda Kirchner.
• October 1: Naysa Adams, museum studies major with minors in African American studies and art at Missouri State University, will present: “Negritude vs. Black Opulence: Archibald Motley and Jacob Lawrence, Portraits of Black Life in the Early 20th Century.” On display: Photography by Steven Strauch.
• November 5: Whitney Mosley, a Missouri State University graduate with an undergraduate certificate in museum studies and a degree in art history with a museum studies minor, presents “Portrayals of Power: An Examination of Isabella d’Este’s Portraiture.” On display: Paintings by Nancy Dornan.

FilmStubs
Saturdays, 2 p.m. virtual. Both novice and seasoned cinephiles are welcome to join our virtual discussion of the monthly cult-classic film selection. Films are available to watch for free with your library card on Hoopla at thelibrary.org/digital, or find a DVD copy at thelibrary.org/catalog. Register at thelibrary.org/programs; a link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.
• September 4: “Heathers,” rated R. Registration starts August 22.
• November 6: “Rubber,” rated R. Registration starts October 23.

An Introduction to Contract Bridge
Thursdays, September 9–30, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in Library Center meeting room A. 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 26; register once for the entire series by calling 417-883-5341.

“Riders on the Orphan Train”
Thursday, September 9, 6:30 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. “Riders on the Orphan Train” tells the story of the 250,000 orphans and unwanted children who were put on trains in New York between 1854 and 1929 and sent all over the United States to be given away. This program combines a live dramatic reading of the 2012 novel “Riders on the Orphan Train” by award-winning author Alison Moore, live music by Moore and Phillip Lancaster; and a video montage with archival photographs and interviews of survivors. Books will be available for sale and signing. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Second Sunday Concert
Sunday, September 12, 2–3:30 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. The Springfield Community Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Bob Holden, is a 25-member jazz band that features players from the age of 15 to 77. This educational unit allows young musicians the opportunity to learn to play
the jazz styles — including the art of improvisation — while rehearsing and performing with professional jazz artists and adults with years of experience in this medium. The concert will include big band arrangements from the 1940s–90s. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

**Flying Needles**

Tuesdays, September 14, October 12 and November 9, 1:30 p.m. at the Ash Grove Branch Library. 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.

**Exploring Genealogy**

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. in the Library Center auditorium and virtual. Visit thelibrary.org/programs to access the virtual event on the OGS Facebook page, facebook.com/ozarksgs. Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.

- **September 15:** **Looking for Clues in Coroners’ Records.** Retired St. Louis County Library Local History and Genealogy Reference Librarian Larry Franke will explain reasons for a coroner investigation of a death and the types of records generated by the investigation.
- **October 20:** **How DNA Clusters Can Help Your Genealogical Research.** Patricia B. Coleman, Ph.D., describes what DNA clustering is, elements of a cluster and the various types of cluster analyses and their uses. She will also share examples of using clusters and their applications to research.
- **November 17:** **Hidden Internet Resources for Genealogical Research.** OGS member John Rosenhammer shares some unexpected places on the internet to discover more information to expand your genealogical history.

You’re also invited to attend these virtual-only sessions of Exploring Genealogy.

- **October 4:** **Finding Family in City Directories.** Your ancestors can be found in directories published for small towns and counties. OGS member Cheryl Braswell explains how city directories can provide rich details about our ancestors’ lives and where to locate them.
- **November 1:** **Preserving Your Ancestor’s Textiles and Handmade Treasures.** Heirloom textiles and handmade items need special care and consideration when it comes to preservation and storage. Melissa Barker, Houston County, Tennessee, archivist, shares the best practices for preserving your ancestor’s textiles and handmade items.

**Virtual 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 Library’s YouTube channel, youtube.com/SpringfieldGreene, on the third Wednesday of each month.

- **October 4:** **Finding Family in City Directories.** Library staffer Tysha Shay will share her family’s hiking adventures in all five of Utah’s national parks, including their hike to Delicate Arch.
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- **October 20:** **Cycling in Oxford.** Substitute Library Assistant Tod Jackson spent two weeks on a cycling holiday in Oxfordshire, England, exploring Oxford, the surrounding countryside, local culture and world-famous attractions such as the Bodleian Library and Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology.
- **November 17:** **Galveston Then & Now.** Library staffer Krissy Sinor shares a special family trip to Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula. Explore the history of the area and see how revolutions, pirates and hurricanes contributed to Galveston as it is today.
Downtown Walk & Talks
Saturdays, 9 a.m. at the Ward Downtown YMCA, 417 S. Jefferson Ave. Exercise your body and your brain while experiencing downtown Springfield! Join the Library, the Ward Downtown YMCA and the History Museum on the Square on a walking tour of downtown while discussing a new topic each session. Each walk is limited to 20 participants. Meet at the YMCA entrance to begin the tour. Call 417-831-1342 to register.
• September 18: “Marking Springfield's History.” Registration starts September 4.

Black History of Springfield
Thursday, September 23, 7–8:30 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. The stories of Black lives are woven throughout the tapestry of Springfield's history. Join H. Wes Pratt, Missouri State University's Chief Diversity Officer and Assistant to the President, as he highlights the rich and complex history of Springfield's Black community. Pratt will touch on slavery and emancipation, education, Route 66, Black-owned business, civil rights and the annual traditions and celebrations born out of the Black experience in Springfield.

Houseplants How-To
Saturdays, 1 p.m. in the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library upstairs meeting room. Learn how to harvest, propagate and display your houseplant cuttings.
• September 25: How to Propagate. Hickory Lane Plants will discuss caring for plant cuttings and propagations, and guidelines to ethically harvest your own plant pups.
• October 23: Plant Swap. Grow your indoor jungle! Bring one or more of your own houseplants, succulent or cactus plants or cuttings to swap with your neighbors. Remember to bring small containers or jars to carry your new plant pups home.
• November 13: Plant Hanger Macrame. Bring an old T-shirt and a favorite small planter (or use ours) to create a macra-mazing plant hanger for your home or to give as a gift.

Movie Night in the Heirloom Seed Garden: “Kiss the Ground”
Saturday, September 18, 8–10 p.m. at the Heirloom Seed Garden, 1471 N. Benton Ave. “Kiss the Ground,” a full-length documentary narrated by Woody Harrelson, unveils a game-changer to our climate crisis: the Earth’s own soil. We can reverse global warming. The solution is “Regenerative Agriculture,” and this film presents the research, practice and hope we need to move forward. Space is limited and attendees should bring a chair or blanket to sit on. In case of inclement weather, the program will be relocated to The Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Provided in partnership with Springfield Community Gardens. Registration starts September 7; call 417-862-0135.

Geezer Returns!
Saturday, September 18, 6:30–9 p.m. on the Library Center patio. Geezer is excited to be back at the Library for a rockin’ mix of classic and modern tunes you can dance and sing along to! Concert will be canceled in the event of rain. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Harry Potter Wreath Making
Saturday, September 25, 2 p.m. in the Library Station Santa Fe Room. Calling all witches and wizards! Create magical fall decor for your humble or not-so-humble abode. Materials will be provided. Registration starts September 11; call 417-616-0683 or email laural@thelibrary.org.

Fix-It Fair
Saturday, October 2, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. in the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library upstairs meeting room. Throw it away? No way! Give your household appliances, computers, bicycles or even clothes a new lease on life, and reduce waste while learning a valuable repair skill. Volunteer experts will help you repair your fixable items. Bikes OK; no over-sized, gas-powered items or safety hazards. For other guidelines call 417-862-0135. Presented with Community Partnership of the Ozarks.
Into the Darkness with Laura McHugh
Tuesday, October 5, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Join internationally bestselling author Laura McHugh for a conversation about her riveting rural noir novel, “What’s Done in Darkness,” in which blood ties and buried secrets draw a young woman back into the dark heart of the Ozarks to save a missing girl. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Let’s Explore Taxidermy with Stuffed Animals
Saturday, October 9, 4 p.m. in the Library Station Frisco Room. We’re celebrating the October 21 visit by humorist David Sedaris while we make a taxidermy-inspired craft and listen to one of his essays. He delves into taxidermy in his celebrated essay “Understanding Owls.” Materials provided, seating is limited. Registration starts September 25; call 417-616-0683.

Harry Potter Yoga
Saturdays, October 16–30, 10:15 a.m. for grade 6–adults at the Ward Downtown YMCA, 417 S. Jefferson Ave. Wands at the ready! Ignite your patronus with this playful, Potter-themed yoga series. In partnership with the Ward Downtown YMCA, yoga instructor Amanda Davis will lead this free, three-session class to help you build your flexibility, strength and mindfulness. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and bring their own yoga mat. Register once for the series starting October 1; call 417-831-1342.

Business Model Canvas and the Value Proposition for Strategic Planning
Tuesday, October 19, 7–8:30 p.m. in Library Center meeting rooms A and B. A strong business model is a roadmap for your venture. It provides the business case that you need when meeting with investors and other experts, contributes to your long-term success and helps you avoid costly mistakes for your business. Learn about the Lean Canvas approach to creating a business model, including how to describe your business, ideal customers, product attributes, marketing and value proposition.

Grow Your Business Through Google Tools
Tuesday, October 26, 7 p.m. in Library Center meeting rooms A and B. Library staffer Krissy Sinor explores the free Google resources for small businesses and start-ups. Tools like Google Workspace and Google My Business can help business owners make the most of their time and resources. Hosted by Southwest Missouri SCORE. Registration starts October 5; call 417-883-1974.

Minimalist Time Management for Sole Proprietors
Tuesday, November 9, 7 p.m. in Library Center meeting rooms A and B. Sole proprietors wear all the hats in their business. Amity Farr of Simple Fly Life will offer strategies to help you focus on your most important tasks, implement a focused plan of action and achieve the results you desire. Learn to avoid time pitfalls, ascertain what your most important tasks are and implement a plan to pursue those tasks. Hosted by Southwest Missouri SCORE. Registration starts October 19; call 417-883-1974.

It’s a Symphony in the Stacks!
SAVE THE DATE!
On Sunday, November 21, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will perform, live, on the Library Center main floor. Watch for details in November! Sponsored by Friends of the Library.
**Storytimes are Under Construction**

Your librarians are hard at work preparing for Racing to Read storytimes to start again! Storytime schedules will be posted to the Library website when programs are ready. Until then, watch thelibrary.org/kids or facebook.com/thelibrary.org to get information about outdoor storytimes, virtual programs, StoryWalks and more fun with the Library!

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**Take, Make, Learn — with Library Takeout!**

Grab a family Library Takeout kit at your favorite library branch or the Mobile Library. Library Takeout kits are designed to keep your mind and hands busy with fun activities and reading. Kits are filled with ideas and materials to stretch your imagination and grow your skills. Visit any library branch during business hours, September through November, and pick up a Library Takeout kit. Available while supplies last.

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**Go On a StoryWalk® with Your Family This Fall!**

For infants–age 9. Get outdoors and enjoy books and nature at our Fall StoryWalks®! Pages of a picture book are displayed on signs along a path so that families can read the book, page by page, as they walk. StoryWalks® combine three important elements that promote learning: reading, moving and enjoying the outdoors!

- **September StoryWalk®** September 7–21 at J.R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. “Big Dance” by Aoife Greenham.
- **October StoryWalk®** October 5–26 at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. “Squirrels Leap, Squirrels Sleep” by April Pulley Sayre.

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**Take a Tour Underground with David Harrison**

Wednesday, September 1, 7 p.m. for grades K–4 in the Library Center auditorium. David Harrison’s newest book takes kids on a make-believe elevator ride down into the earth below our feet to meet the roots and creatures who live and visit there. Join him for a presentation of poems from “The Dirt Book” and learn how he came up with his ideas. Friends from Dickerson Park Zoo and Springfield Conservation Nature Center will visit, and musician Judy Domeny will perform, too!

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**Reading Pals**

Thursdays, September 2, October 7 and November 4, 4:30 p.m. for grades K–5 at the Republic Branch Library. 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.
We’re Open for Business, Longer, To Serve You!

Evening hours are back at the busiest branches, and three libraries are open a full eight hours on Sundays.

The online Library is also open 24 hours a day at thelibrary.org for all kinds of research, studying a language, accessing e-books, music and movies, and more.

Drop by a branch or drive-through window near you soon:

- **Library Center:** Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
  **Drive-up window:** Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.; Friday 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

- **Library Station:** Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
  **Drive-up window:** Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.; Friday 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

- **Ash Grove Branch:** Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

- **Fair Grove Branch:** Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

- **Midtown Carnegie Branch:** Monday–Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

- **Park Central Branch:** Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

- **Republic Branch:** Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
  **Drive-up window:** Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–7 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

- **Schweitzer Brentwood Branch:** Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
  **Drive-up window:** Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.; Friday 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

- **Strafford Branch:** Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

- **Willard Branch:** Monday–Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
  **Drive-up window:** Monday–Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

- **Edge Community Technology Center & Maker Space:** Classes, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.–noon, Thursday 2–4 p.m.; Tutorials Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Maker Space is by appointment. 417-837-5011

- **Library Express West:** 24/7, Pick up and returns only.

- **See page 18 for the Mobile Library schedule.**
Look for Rob and Mary making 26 stops every week this fall with the Mobile Library.

Mobile Library Stops for September–November

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**, 6484 E. Farm Road 148, Turners, 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.
- **Grand Villa Community**, 2526 W. Grand St., 3–3:30 p.m.
- **S. Clifton Ave. & W. Delmar St. off W. Grand St.**, 3:35–4 p.m.
- **John B. Hughes Apts.**, 2100 N. Clifton Ave., 4:30–5 p.m.
- **Walnut Grove**, near the school, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays**
- **Glenwood Manor**, 2540 N. Delaware Ave., 2:45–3:15 p.m.
- **North Terrace Apartments**, 1646 E. North St., 3:20–3:50 p.m.
- **Bartley-Decatur Neighborhood Center**, 918 E. Calhoun St., 4–4:30 p.m.
- **Cedarbrook Apartments**, 811 N. Cedarbrook Ave., 4:45–5:15 p.m.
- **Woodfield Park Apartments**, 2759 E. Pythian St., 5:20–5:50 p.m.
- **Country Club Apts.**, Wildan & Cinderella, 6–6:30 p.m.
- **S. Dollison Ave. & E. Downing St.**, 6:45–7:15 p.m.

**Thursdays**
- **Beacon Village Apts.**, 639 N. Eldon Ave., 2–2:30 p.m.
- **Westport Park Apts.**, 250 N. Hilton Ave., 2:45–3:15 p.m.
- **Nu Elm Apts.**, 440 S. New Ave., 3:30–4 p.m.
- **Hattiesburg Hills**, 4663 W. Portland St., 4:30–5 p.m.
- **S. Lulwood Ave. & W. La Siesta St.**, 5:10–5:40 p.m.
- **Bent Tree Subdivision**, 1015 Breckyn Road S., 5:45–6:15 p.m.
- **Craigmont Place**, 740 S. Lafontaine Ave., 6:45–7:15 p.m.
ON EXHIBIT

Library Center
• Missouri’s Bicentennial: 200 Years of Historic Events, Local History, September–November
• “Memorable Life Moments During the Pandemic” by Springfield Chinese Impressionist Society, Reading Room, September–October
• Around the World with Stamps, courtesy of Jerry W. Berry, concourse, September
• Military Uniforms of Ozark Veterans, courtesy of the McMurray Collection, concourse, November
• Places I’ve Been and Things I’ve Seen: Photography by David Eslick, Reading Room, November

Library Station
• Traditional Japanese Toys, courtesy of Mika Logan, September–November
• World Trade Center Photographs, courtesy of Andre Bethel, September–November
• Fall Squishmallows, courtesy of a local collector, September–November
• Animal Art, courtesy of the Ozarks Chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers, September–November

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
• Photography by Annette Cormack, September–November

Park Central Branch Library
• Geometric Paintings by Linda Kirchner, September
• Photography by Steven Strauch, October
• Paintings by Nancy Dornan, 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.

Foggy Valley and other photographs by Annette Cormack will be on exhibit at Midtown Carnegie Branch Library September–November.
LOCATIONS/HOURS

The Library Center
4653 S. Campbell Ave. • 882-0714
Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Drive-up window:
Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Ash Grove Branch Library
101 E. Main St., Ash Grove • 751-2933
Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fair Grove Branch Library
81 S. Orchard Blvd., Fair Grove • 759-2637
Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

The Library Station
2535 N. Kansas Expressway • 865-1340
Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
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Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
397 E. Central St. • 862-0135
Monday–Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

The Edge Community Technology Center
Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Registration/appointments required, call 837–5011.

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

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.
- Telephone renewal: 882-2087.

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/temporarycard. 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.