Get cozy and join our
WINTER READING
CHALLENGE

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From the Executive Director

*Here we are, in the “reading season” of the year!*

When the temperature plunges and the wind howls outdoors, there’s no better place than indoors, in a comfy chair, with a hot drink and a good read. And the librarians have cooked up some ways to reward the experience even more.

From December 5-January 9, we invite families with kids from infants to age 18 to read together and join Celebrate Family Stories. Kids and teens can complete activities with their family to get a free book bag, and there’s a drawing for a special family reading prize at the end! Our Youth Services staffers love finding fun ways to encourage early literacy while reading for pleasure! See the details on page 6.

Want more family reading activity ideas? Watch library staffers Ashley and Sarah introduce new books and activities on their fun video series Beyond the Book. See what’s next on page 19.

Reading for pleasure is what we have in mind for adults, too, when the Winter Reading Challenge returns for a fourth season January 2–February 28 with 15 new categories of books. Pick up a Winter Reading Challenge form at any library or Mobile Library checkout desk, or log your titles on Beanstack by visiting thelibrary.org/reading challenge. Read at least five books from the 15 categories and receive the 2023 edition mug. See page 4 for details.

Of course, hardy souls can bundle up for five StoryWalks® in December–February. Families with infants to age 9 can enjoy books and nature by reading the pages of a book posted along an outdoor path. See where StoryWalks® will pop up this winter on page 20.

If your winter reading activity involves reading seed catalogs and the Farmer’s Almanac planting guide, you’ll be happy to know February 1, 2023, is opening day for the Heirloom Seed Library, and this year at three more sites. The Library Center, Republic Branch and the Mobile Library join the Library Station, Midtown Carnegie and Schweitzer Brentwood branches.

With your library card, you can check out 40 varieties of heirloom seeds including vegetable, herb, flower and native plant seeds. And be sure to check out all of the gardening programs on page 8 to inspire you.

We hope you find hours of down time amid these busy months to enjoy each other, and read for pleasure!

Regina Greer Cooper

### 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:
- Saturday, December 24
- Sunday, December 25
- Monday, December 26
- Saturday, December 31, closing 5 p.m.
- Sunday, January 1
- Monday, January 2
- Monday, January 16
- Monday, February 20

Return your books and materials to the book drops located at each branch, the Library Express West at 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway, Library Express East at 3263 E. 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.
Visit the Holiday Store for Kids

It’s a Library tradition, where kids can afford to shop!
December 3–11

Kids will love to see how their shopping dollars stretch at the Holiday Store, where they can buy gifts for friends and every member of the family — even the four-legged ones — at kid-friendly prices.

Most items are priced from 25 cents to $10, and we’ll provide a checklist so they can keep track (and maybe practice a little math!) while they shop.

The Between Friends Gift Shop staffers select fun and useful items all year, and arrange the “stores” in the libraries. Children of all ages up to 18 are welcome to shop the wide variety of items including jewelry, plush toys, ornaments, pet gifts, home décor and useful tools for the shop and home.

There’s something for Mom and Dad, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles, teachers and friends.

Here are the Holiday Store Hours:

Saturday, December 3
• The Library Center auditorium 9:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
• Library Station Frisco and Santa Fe rooms 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

The Library Center store continues through Sunday, December 11 at these times:
• Sunday, December 4, 1–4 p.m.
• Monday–Friday, December 5–9, 2:30–6:30 p.m.
• Saturday, December 10, 9:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
• Sunday, December 11, 1–4 p.m.

Enter Our 24th Annual Design-a-Bookmark Contest
For Kids and Teens in Grades K–12
Contest starts February 1 ★ Deadline for Entries March 15

• Pick up an entry form at any Springfield-Greene County Library or the Mobile Library, or download one at thelibrary.org/bookmarks.

• One winner and three runners-up will be selected in each category: Grades K–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8, 9–10 and 11–12.

• Winners in each grade category will receive a $20 gift card to Hobby Lobby and 50 copies of their printed bookmarks to share with family and friends.

• First-place winning designs will be printed on full-color bookmarks and distributed at the libraries and at community events throughout the year.

• Winners and runners up will be personally notified, and their entries will be revealed on the evening of Thursday, April 27, on the Library’s web page: thelibrary.org/bookmarks.
TAKE THE 2023

WINTER READING CHALLENGE
FOR ADULTS

The Winter Reading Challenge returns for everyone, especially those who love a challenge. The Library’s fourth cold-weather reading event for adults runs January 2–February 28.

Pick up a Winter Reading Challenge form at the checkout desk of any library branch or Mobile Library, and get ready to mix it up! You can also log your titles on Beanstack by visiting thelibrary.org/readingchallenge.

Librarians have assembled 15 new reading categories this year. Some will surprise you, some may nudge you out of your reading comfort zone. All of them are bound to introduce you to some new ideas and new authors. Need help finding a book? Just ask us!

Read books that match at least five of the 15 categories, turn in your completed challenge form to your library branch, and receive the 2023 edition mug for being a Winter Reading Master!

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Your 2021–2022 Directory of Clubs is Online

The 2021–2022 edition of The Directory of 800-plus nonprofit clubs, agencies and organizations in the Springfield area is available and online. The Directory is searchable by keyword or subject at thelibrary.org/directory.

You can also purchase the database as an Excel spreadsheet for $10. To place an order or for more information, call Community Relations at 417-616-0567.

Make checks payable to Springfield-Greene County Library and mail to Attn: Community Relations, 4653 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield, MO 65810
Join the Great Backyard Bird Count February 17–20!

JOIN COMMUNITY SCIENTISTS around the world by participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count!

Go to birdcount.org/participate for instructions on how to identify and record what kind of birds you see! Then one or more times between February 17–20, spend at least 15 minutes birdwatching and enter what you find. Data gathered during the Great Backyard Bird Count helps scientists study migration patterns, see changes year to year and discover long-term trends. The Great Backyard Bird Count is hosted by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, National Audubon Society and Birds Canada.

Continue the bird watching fun beyond your backyard!

• The Republic Branch Library’s bird feeder station is a great place to birdwatch and is viewable from inside the branch or the north side of the parking lot. Be sure to pick up a bird-themed Library Takeout Kit while you’re there!
• Enjoy a StoryWalk® featuring the book “Have You Heard the Nesting Bird” by Rita Gray, illustrated by Kenard Pak as you birdwatch at J.R Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. StoryWalks® are a fun way for families to enjoy the outdoors while you read the pages of a book posted along a short walking path. The StoryWalk® will be available February 7-20.
• The Great Backyard Bird Count with the Dickerson Park Zoo! Saturday, February 11, 10:30 a.m. for preschool-grade 5 in the Republic Branch Library community room. Join the Library, Dickerson Park Zoo and birders all over the world in the Great Backyard Bird Count! Meet three ambassador birds from the Dickerson Park Zoo’s education department who will demonstrate avian characteristics in an up-close and hands-on encounter. Then enjoy some bird-themed activities and practice bird counting with a bird scavenger hunt in the library!
• Check out an Adventure Backpack and use the tools to explore the great outdoors or just a nearby city park. Request one through thelibrary.org/catalog and search Adventure Backpack. There are six kinds of backpacks that families with young children can enjoy for a three-week checkout: Animals, Birdwatching, Bugs, Geology, Nature Exploration, and Plants.

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. Select backpacks were funded by the Master Naturalists.

Use the Library’s NEW Mobile App for Your Favorite Library Services!

ON THE GO? Now you can access library services from anywhere with the new Mobile App on your portable device. Simply download it from the App store and Google Play store under Springfield-Greene County Library.

Look at all you can do with the app:
• browse the new-titles shelf and digital collections like e-books, audiobooks, music and video
• check library locations
• see the program calendar
• Live Chat with a librarian
• reserve a meeting room
• use Ask a Librarian
• suggest a purchase
• read Library News
• check the Library’s social media sites
• visit the website thelibrary.org
• scan the ISBN of any book to see if it’s available to borrow from the Springfield-Greene County Library

At the Library, use the app for a quick self-checkout. On the app, tap My Account, enter your card number and name, and your digital library card is automatically installed. Tap Show Card, and scan the library item barcode to check out an item to your account.

On the go? Now you can access library services from anywhere with the new Mobile App on your portable device. Simply download it from the App store and Google Play store under Springfield-Greene County Library.

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Try Our “Express” Service and Save Time

In a hurry on your way from here to there, but need a library run?

Two outdoor library kiosks are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for your convenience.

Just use your library card to reserve and pick up holds, return items or check out a book or DVD from a big selection at two convenient outdoor kiosks:

- The NEW Library Express East opened August 26 at 3263 E. Chestnut Expressway, on the parking lot of the Frisco Building near U.S. 65.
- The Library Express West is at 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway, on the Orchard Plaza lot.

Learn more at thelibrary.org/expresseast and thelibrary.org/expresswest.

Don’t forget! You can download the Library Mobile App on the App store and Google Play store under Springfield-Greene County Library on your portable device. Tap on My Account, enter your library card number and name. Tap on Show Card, and scan the barcode to check out at the kiosk.

Book Your Next Meeting with Us!

Reserve your meeting space using Reserve a Room, at rooms.theLibrary.org.

No account or password is required. Select a date and the library branch you prefer, and check for available rooms. The site includes photos of each room, seating capacity, amenities and equipment. Enter a valid email address to make a reservation. A staff member will send an email confirmation.

No access to email, or need immediate booking assistance? Call any library branch for help. Not sure which type of room you need? Ask a librarian for details.

Notary Service for All Your Needs

You can get important documents notarized at three libraries.

A certified Notary is on staff at the branches listed below. Notary service is $5 per visit. Certified copies are $3–$5 per visit.

Maximum Notary fees are specified in the Revised Statutes of Missouri, Chapter 486, Sections 685, 960 and 1160.

Appointments are required. For more details or for an appointment; call:

- Library Center, 417-883-5341
- Library Station, 417-616-0683
- Schweitzer Brentwood Branch-417-883-1974

Celebrate Family Stories

December 5–January 9

For families with kids from birth to 18

Gather ‘round for family stories! Whether it’s a favorite bedtime book or the tales we remember from special events, stories are the threads that connect families.

Celebrate your family stories this winter by completing special activities online through your Beanstack account. Log in or register at thelibrary.org/readingchallenge.

Kids and teens who complete 8 activities with their families can come into any library branch or the Mobile Library to get a free book bag. They will also be entered into a drawing for a special family reading prize at the end of the program. Book bags must be picked up by January 20.
Celebrate the African American Read-In With Us!
Join us to honor Black History Month with African American Read-In storytimes and a special performance of African Folk Tales.

Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytimes
Honor Black History Month with your little ones by attending these special Racing to Read Storytimes that focus on books by Black authors & illustrators as part of the African American Read-In.

- Wednesday, February 1, 10:30 a.m. for infants to age 6 at the Ash Grove Branch Library
- Monday, February 6, 6:30 p.m. for infants to age 6 at the Library Center
- Tuesday, February 7, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for infants to age 6 at the Library Center
- Wednesday, February 8, 10 a.m. for infants to age 6 at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
- Wednesday, February 15, 11 a.m. for infants to age 6 at the Fair Grove Branch Library
- Thursday, February 16, 10 a.m. for infants to age 6 at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
- Tuesday, February 21, 10 a.m. for infants to 36 months at the Library Station
- Tuesday, February 21, 10 a.m. for infants to age 6 at the Republic Branch Library
- Tuesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m. for infants to age 6 at the Willard Branch Library
- Tuesday, February 21, 11:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. for infants to age 6 at the Library Station
- Wednesday, February 22, 10 a.m. for infants to age 6 at the Republic Branch Library
- Friday, February 24, 10 a.m. for infants to 36 months; and 11:15 a.m. for infants to age 6 at the Library Station
- Tuesday, February 28, 10 a.m. for infants to age 6 at the Strafford Branch Library

Bright Star Touring Theatre Presents “African Folk Tales”
Saturday, February 4, 4:30 p.m., for ages 4–10 at The Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway Ave.

From the desert lands of the Sahara to the plains of the Serengeti to Mount Kilimanjaro and beyond, join a variety of characters from a wide range of cultures in stories that celebrate the various folk tale traditions of the continent of Africa. African music helps to set the stage for these energetic stories, which include Anansi, porquoi tales and many facts and figures about this incredible continent. Sponsored by the Library Foundation.
Sow a Successful Spring Garden with Some Midwinter Know-how

Midwinter Gardening means browsing seed catalogs, swapping seeds, starting a garden indoors and learning how to preserve your harvest. Don’t put away those green thumbs just yet! There’s much to do.

Seeding A Healthy Life: Indoor Gardening, Tower Gardens and Microgreens

Saturday, January 14, 1–3 p.m. in the Midtown Carnegie Branch upstairs meeting room. Planting Seeds founder Dr. Nicole McCauley and Brenda Bauer from Juice Plus will talk about growing your own food with a tower garden and the positive impact tower gardens have on our community. Participants will also learn how to grow nutrient-dense microgreens in a short period of time. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. A Seeding a Healthy Life event. Registration starts January 3; call 417-862-0135.

Winter Sowing for the Itchy Green Thumb

Thursday, January 26, 6 p.m. in the Library Station Santa Fe Room. One way to start gardening in midwinter is browsing seed catalogs, but you can also start planting seeds! Learn about the winter sowing method and collect supplies to start winter sowing at home. A Seeding a Healthy Life event. Registration starts January 9; call 417-616-0683 or email mandin@thelibrary.org.

National Seed Swap Day

Saturday, January 28, 1–3 p.m. in the Midtown Carnegie Branch upstairs meeting room. Bring your seeds of any type to swap with other gardeners. Don’t have seeds to share? You’re still welcome to participate in the swap. Kids can make a garden craft; materials will be provided. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Seed Starting 101

Saturday, February 4, 1 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Get an early start on your spring garden with the Heirloom Seed Library and a Master Gardener of Greene County. Learn how to start your seeds indoors to set your garden up for success in spring and summer. A Seeding a Healthy Life event.

From Seed to Table: Saving, Canning and Preserving Your Harvest

Thursday, February 9, 6:30 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch. As the spring growing season approaches, learn how you can maximize your gardening efforts through methods such as seed saving, canning, fermentation, dehydration, storage and organization. Christina Raley, a gardening enthusiast and member of the Springfield Community Gardens and Victory Mission Community Garden, will discuss techniques to minimize waste and maximize your gardening game. Learn how your growing efforts can help your family thrive year-round. A Seeding a Healthy Life Event.

Grow a Pizza Garden!

A delicious way to get the whole family excited about gardening is to grow a pizza garden together! The Library’s Grow Your Own Pizza Garden Takeout Kit includes peat pellets, tomato and basil seeds along with instructions for planting it at home. Kits will be available starting February 13 at libraries with an Heirloom Seed Library collection — Library Center, Library Station, Midtown Carnegie Branch, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch, Republic Branch and Mobile Library. Available while supplies last.

Seeding a Healthy Life is provided in partnership with the Library’s Heirloom Seed Library. This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.
You Can Make It, Fix It, Preserve It at the Maker Space

What will you make today? From vinyl lettering and decals to laser-engraving and 3D printing, soldering and slide preservation, your only limit is your imagination at the Library’s Maker Space. **Call 417-837-5011.**

See what you can make at this series of sessions that will introduce you to the Glowforge Laser Engraver, vinyl cutter and Cricut Maker.

The Maker Space is located in the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.*

Visit thelibrary.org/makerspace for a video tour.

Registration is required for individual maker sessions and programs. For more information or to register, call 417-837-5011.

**Introduction to Laser Engraving: Gift Tags and Ornaments**
Saturday, December 10, 2–4 p.m. for adults. Decorate your holiday gifts or tree with a custom wood tag or ornament. Library staff will teach you how to design and print using the Glowforge Laser Engraver. Materials will be provided. **Registration starts November 26.**

**Custom Stickers**
Monday–Friday, January 23–27, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. for grade K–adults. Use the Cricut Maker to create a sheet of custom stickers. You can choose from our designs or bring your favorite image on a flash drive. Materials will be provided. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration starts January 9.**

**Greeting Cards**
Monday–Friday, February 6–10, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. for adults. Up your valentine game with shapes and designs created on the Cricut Maker. Print your custom elements to create a one-of-a-kind card for a lucky recipient. Materials will be provided. **Registration starts January 23.**

**Backpack Tags or Keychains**
Tuesday, January 10, 10 a.m.–noon for grades 6–12. Customize a keychain or backpack tag with your name, school mascot or favorite image. Library staff will teach you how to design and print using the Glowforge Laser Engraver. Materials will be provided. **Registration starts December 27.**
Whether you’re starting a new business or working to grow an existing business, The Library offers resources to meet your needs, and expert staff who can connect you to library tools and community resources. Visit thelibrary.org/business to access all of our Business Connect services, including tools for business research and training opportunities.

SCORE Tuesdays @ Two
Tuesdays, 2 p.m., virtual. Presented in partnership with Southwest Missouri SCORE. Register at thelibrary.org/business or call 417-883-1974; a link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.

- December 13: Is Federal Contracting Right for Your Business? Allen Waldo, of Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Center, will offer an overview of federal government contracting and eligibility requirements for becoming certified so you can learn if federal contracting might be right for your business. Allen will also discuss various certification programs (Minority, Woman, Service Disabled Veteran) through the State of Missouri. Registration starts December 1.

- January 17: Intercultural Communication for Business. Have you faced challenges communicating with your team members or business partners from different nationalities, age groups, races, gender and other cultural groups? Jinzi Fan from Missouri State University’s International Leadership and Training Center will help you understand cultural differences and provide simple practices for smoother and more effective communication at your workplace. Registration starts December 27.

Staying Relevant with Existing Clients
Tuesday, January 17, 6 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch. You’ve worked hard to bring a new client into your business. You branded your business, built a website and mastered social media. Now it’s time to build a relationship with the client to keep them coming back to you instead of searching for a new provider. As a retail and service-based business owner, having automated touchpoints in place allows you to deepen your relationship with clients. Windy Linde of Linde Esthetics will share her customer relations strategy and resources that can be customized to your unique business. Presented in partnership with Southwest Missouri SCORE. Registration starts December 27; visit thelibrary.org/business or call 417-883-1974.

High Involvement Planning: Engaging Your Team in an Annual Strategic Planning Rhythm
Wednesday, February 22, 6 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch. By creating your organization’s strategy with a high-involvement planning process, you consistently involve, inform and educate your entire organization on the realities of the marketplace and the strategic goals of the company. Great Game of Business Certified Coach Tim Dobyns will share the story of how SRC Holdings, one of our most successful southwest Missouri employers, grew a business culture of business people by taking a look behind their strategic planning process. Learn how they sharpened their strategic focus and aligned their team to win. No matter your current level of strategic planning, this session will jump-start your planning process, engage your team and poise your business for growth. Presented in partnership with Southwest Missouri SCORE. Registration starts February 8; visit thelibrary.org/business or call 417-883-1974.
programs for adults

In the Community

**Downtown Game Night**
Fridays, December 9, January 13 and February 10, 5–7 p.m. at Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar, 431 S. Jefferson Ave. Drop in to play various board and card games, and treat yourself to a coffee or affogato. Choose from our selection of games or bring your own.

**FilmStubs**
Wednesdays, 7–9 p.m. at Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Both novice and seasoned cinephiles are welcome to join our free viewings of classic and cult films at The Moxie, with discussion after the films. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

**Ash Grove Branch Library**

**Flying Needles**
Tuesdays, December 13, January 10 and February 14, 1:30 p.m. Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Work on your current projects, share patterns and ideas, and check out our knitting and crochet resources. All levels of experience are welcome.

**Library Center**

**Christmas Concert with The Wings of Swing**
Sunday, December 18, 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Local jazz legends The Wings of Swing will play the jazziest Christmas tunes to get your holiday season swinging!

**Second Sunday Concerts**
Sundays, 2 p.m. in the auditorium. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.
- January 8: Blue Train, a contemporary bluegrass band with members from Springfield, Marshfield, Forsyth and Branson, blends vocal and instrumental talents with a unique selection of material for your entertainment.
- February 12: Chigger Creek Band, a high-energy, acoustic bluegrass band, performs a wide variety of bluegrass, country, folk and gospel music.

**Exploring Genealogy**
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.
- December 21: Holiday Food Traditions from Around the World. We’ll explore the origins of holiday foods from various countries and learn what dishes are still popular today, with discussion led by member Mitzie Zerr. Bring copies and samples of family favorite recipes to share during our annual holiday program.
- January 18: The Future of History. Retired Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist Chuck Sherrill will describe the creation and evolution of historical documents and their preservation, from the ancient past to modern day, and explain how modern technology can reverse document damage and provide methods for more efficient research.
- February 15: Does that Even Make Sense? Online family trees — a genealogist’s friend or foe? Member Daniel Lilienkamp will share tools for evaluating whether the information in online trees should be added to your own work.

**An Introduction to Contract Bridge**
Thursdays, January 12–February 2, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in meeting rooms A and B. 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 December 29; call 417-883-5341.
Library Center continued

David Harrison: There Once Was A Boy
Thursday, January 12, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Beloved children’s book author and Springfieldian David Harrison sits down with Rachel Elaina Kersey, managing editor of Missouri State University Libraries, to discuss his autobiography, “There Once Was A Boy,” and how he became the writer he is today.

Conversation Circles
Tuesdays, 6 p.m. for adults and teens in grades 6–12. Is English your second language? Practice your English speaking skills and meet new people while we talk, listen and learn in Conversation Circles led by Missouri State University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Suneeta Thomas. Adult and student speakers of all languages are welcome. Each session will begin with a different theme.
• January 24 in meeting room A: Meetings and Introductions.
• January 31 in meeting room A: Work and School.
• February 7 in the Harrison Room: Hobbies.
• February 14 in meeting room A: Cooking and Family Gatherings.
• February 21 in meeting room A: Animals and the Outdoors.
• February 28 in meeting room A: Activities Around Town.

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Winter Preparedness
In the Frisco Room. From winter weather alerts and preparing your home, to power outages and other risks, the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management, OEM, presents the hazards of winter and how to prepare for them.
• Thursday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.
• Saturday, January 28, 2 p.m.

Coloring Club
Thursdays, 6–8 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Relax after work with coloring pages and a movie. Our film will be audience choice from a selection of movies rated PG-13 or under in the listed genre. Materials will be provided.
• December 15: Drama.
• January 19: Science Fiction.
• February 16: Animated.

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Registration starts January 9; call 417-616-0683 or email mandib@thelibrary.org.

Follow Along: Painting
Saturday, February 25, 2–3:30 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Take a beginners course in acrylic painting as we follow a class on Creativebug. Materials will be provided. Registration starts February 13; call 417-616-0683.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Courthouse Chorale
Tuesday, December 13, 12:30 p.m. Enjoy light refreshments on the first floor while this vocal ensemble of Greene County officials and employees performs holiday favorites on the balcony.

Seeding A Healthy Life: Indoor Gardening, Tower Gardens and Microgreens
Saturday, January 14, 1–3 p.m. Planting Seeds founder Dr. Nicole McCauley will talk about growing your own food with a tower garden and the positive impact tower gardens are having on our community. Participants will also learn how to grow nutrient-dense microgreens in a short period of time. A Seeding a Healthy Life event. Registration starts January 3; call 417-862-0135.

Foundation Directory for Nonprofits
Wednesday, January 18, 10 a.m. in the Computer Training Center. Looking for grants for your nonprofit organization? As part of Candid’s Funding Information Network, the Springfield-Greene County community has access to the Foundation Directory Online, with information on over 100,000 foundations and over 2.5 million recently awarded grants. Registration starts January 4; call 417-862-0135.
Fix-It Fair
Saturday, January 21, noon–4 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Give your household appliances, bikes and even clothes a new lease on life and reduce waste. Volunteer fixers will help you repair your fixable items. No oversized, gas-powered items or safety hazards. Presented with Community Partnership of the Ozarks.

National Seed Swap Day
Saturday, January 28, 1–3 p.m. Bring your seeds of any type to swap with other gardeners in the upstairs meeting room. Don’t have seeds to share? You’re still welcome to participate in the swap. Kids can make a garden craft; materials will be provided.

Zine Making Workshop
Saturday, February 25, 3–5 p.m. for teens in grades 6–12 and adults in the upstairs meeting room. Create your own tiny zine! Learn how to make a short zine from one sheet of folded paper, filled with your drawing, writing, collage or other creative content. Basic supplies included but feel free to bring your own.

Foreign Film Discussion
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Discuss foreign films with other cinephiles. Find a DVD copy of the monthly selection to watch in advance at tbelibrary.org/catalog.
• February 18: “The Grocer’s Son,” not rated.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

Craft & Tell
Saturdays, December 3, January 7 and February 4, 10:30 a.m. Spend an hour working on a craft project of yours while chatting with fellow crafters. If you enjoy fiber arts, needlework, drawing or any other craft that is portable, quiet and doesn’t make a mess, this group is for you!

Deck the Walls
Sunday, December 4, 2–4 p.m. for all ages. Be a part of the holiday season kickoff at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch during this open house event. Help us make decorations to deck the walls, trim the library tree and join in an old-fashioned holiday sing-along. We’ll also have tasty treats and a wrapping paper swap, so bring your appetite and any leftover holiday wrapping paper rolls.
• 2–3 p.m. Trimming the tree and decorating the branch with holiday decor
• 3–4 p.m. Seasonal treats, wrapping paper swap & holiday sing-along led by musician Brett Johnston

iPhone Class for Seniors
Thursdays, December 8 and 22, January 12 and 26 and February 9 and 23, 10 a.m.–noon. If you’re an older adult who would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey.
Travelogue
Thursdays, 2 p.m. Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month.
• December 15: Riviera Maya, Mexico. Adrienne Poulson will share photos and stories from her weeklong, all-inclusive trip to Iberostar Selection Paraiso Lindo, including an off-resort excursion.

• January 19: Crystallofolia in America’s Heartland. Join Dr. Michelle Olsen from Missouri State University as she describes her travels through the Ozarks and beyond to photograph crystallofolia — ice sculptures that extrude from the stems of a select group of plants during the winter. Dr. Olsen has captured thousands of these beautiful flowers, which will be featured in an upcoming book.
• February 16: Adventures on the West Coast. Library staffer Heather Cottle-Dillon traveled with her family by train to Los Angeles, California, and then drove up the state into Oregon. Come along to learn about their stops at beaches, museums and national parks along the way.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's
Tuesday, January 24, 10 a.m. Alzheimer’s and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior changes that interfere with daily living. Learn about common warning signs of Alzheimer’s, what symptoms to look for in yourself and others, tips to approach someone who is experiencing changes in their memory, and the benefit of early detection and diagnosis, from Amber Allen, field specialist in human development and family science with the University of Missouri Extension.

From Seed to Table: Saving, Canning and Preserving Your Harvest
Thursday, February 9, 6:30 p.m. As the spring growing season approaches, learn about how you can maximize your gardening efforts through methods such as seed saving, canning, fermentation, dehydration, storage and organization. Christina Raley, a gardening enthusiast and member of the Springfield Community Gardens and Victory Mission Community Garden, will discuss techniques to minimize waste and maximize your gardening game. Learn about how your growing efforts can help your family thrive year-round. "A Seeding a Healthy Life event."

Keep Your Keys
Thursday, February 23, 2 p.m. Amber Allen, field specialist in human development and family science with the University of Missouri Extension, will discuss how to stay medically and physically fit to drive, when and how to prepare for “driving retirement,” and other tools and resources to help keep you safe on the road.

Cozy Cuppa
Fridays, January 6–January 27, 4–6 p.m. January is National Tea Month. Stop in the Strafford Branch every Friday of the month for a cuppa along with coloring pages and puzzles for adults.

World Read Aloud Day
Wednesday, February 8, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. On World Read Aloud Day, visit the Strafford Branch and hear our staff read aloud on request, or join the fun and read aloud from some preselected books!

“All My Love, George...Letters From a WWII Hero”
Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m. Meet local author Darla Noble and learn about one of our state’s true heroes, George Burks. This interactive presentation includes a hands-on display of WWII memorabilia, including George’s original letters and war medals, a brief reading from Noble’s book and time for Q&A and discussion. Books will be available for purchase and signing.
computer training

INVEST IN YOURSELF with free computer skills classes at the Library!

Classes take place in the Computer Training Center at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library.

Registration is required to attend. For information or to register, call 417-837-5011.

*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Open Lab
Fridays, December 2–February 24, 1–5 p.m. Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can’t make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment.

Finding Files
Learn to save, organize, copy, move, rename, delete, find and manage files and folders on your computer or external storage device.
• Thursday, December 1, 2–4 p.m.
• Monday, January 9, 10 a.m.–noon
• Monday, February 6, 10 a.m.–noon

Learning Windows 10 and 11
Learn about the Windows 10 and Windows 11 operating systems. Explore the Start Menu and Settings menu, and learn how to customize your computer. Use tiles to launch apps and to access other programs on the computer.
• Monday, December 5, 10 a.m.–noon
• Thursday, January 12, 2–4 p.m.
• Thursday, February 9, 2–4 p.m.

Internet Basics
Learn how to navigate the internet using your browser’s menus and toolbars. Access websites by typing in a web address or using search engines. Learn how to change your home page and add a website to your favorites.
• Thursday, December 8, 2–4 p.m.
• Monday, February 13, 10 a.m.–noon

Internet Safety
Learn what to do to protect yourself and your computer when you are connected to the internet. Learn about anti-virus programs, internet privacy, how to keep your personal information safe and create secure passwords.
• Monday, December 12, 10 a.m.–noon
• Thursday, January 19, 2–4 p.m.

Google Tools
Learn to use Google tools including Gmail, Google Meet, Google Drive, Calendar, Docs and Sheets, and how to access your files across devices. Understand what the “cloud” is and how to use it for sharing your files and storing them online.
• Thursday, December 15, 2–4 p.m.
• Monday, January 23, 10 a.m.–noon
• Thursday, February 16, 2–4 p.m.

Microsoft Word Basics
Learn the basics of Microsoft Word: create, edit and save documents, change font size, style and color, create lists and use spell-check to edit documents.
• Monday, December 19, 10 a.m.–noon
• Thursday, January 26, 2–4 p.m.
• Monday, February 27, 10 a.m.–noon

Microsoft Excel Basics
Learn how to create and use spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Add data to a spreadsheet, perform calculations and set up spreadsheets for printing.
• Thursday, December 22, 2–4 p.m.
• Monday, January 30, 10 a.m.–noon
• Thursday, February 23, 2–4 p.m.

Meet the Computer
Learn the basics of computers including using a mouse and a keyboard. Understand the difference between left clicking and right clicking. Learn to open programs and files. Use the mouse to double-click, scroll and click and drag. This class is for beginners.
• Thursday, January 5, 2–4 p.m.
• Thursday, February 2, 2–4 p.m.

Want to learn more about business, photography, design, or web or software development? Udemy is an online learning platform to help you improve work-related skills or develop a personal interest. It includes 6,000+ on-demand video courses in multiple languages across categories in business, technology, design and more. Access to Udemy is free, 24/7 from your computer, tablet or smartphone. Visit thelibrary.org/udemy to set up a free account. A Google or Microsoft email account is required. Or you can register for a time to take a Udemy course at the Computer Training Center by calling 417-837-5011.
book discussion groups

Talk about your latest read with others in these book discussions at library branches and in the community.

Ash Grove Branch Library

Ash Grove Bibliophiles
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
• December 20: “The Sisters Sweet” by Elizabeth Weiss.
• February 21: “Circus of Wonders” by Elizabeth Macneal.

Fair Grove Branch Library

Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
• December 14: “Recitatif” by Toni Morrison.
• January 11: “Alice Adams” by Booth Tarkington.
• February 8: “The Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition” by Anne Frank.

Library Center

Feel Good Fiction
Thursdays, 7 p.m. in the Harrison Room. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion.
• December 1: “The Sweeney Sisters” by Lian Dolan.
• January 5: “The Love Story of Missy Carmichael” by Beth Morrey.
• February 2: “Florence Adler Swims Forever” by Rachel Beanland.

Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 1–2:30 p.m. in meeting room B.
• December 14: “Piranesi” by Susanna Clarke.
• February 8: “Washington Black” by Esi Edugyan.

TikTok Made Me Read It
Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Harrison Room. Discuss books that have been trending and made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers.
• January 23: “A Court of Thorns and Roses” by Sarah J. Maas.
• February 27: “The Love Hypothesis” by Ali Hazelwood.
Library Station

Donuts & Death
Tuesdays, 6 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Horror has never tasted so sweet. Join our horror book club and sink your teeth into a good book while enjoying donuts.
- January 3: “You Should Have Left” by Daniel Kehlmann.
- February 7: “When the Reckoning Comes” by LaTanya McQueen.

Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room.
- February 23: “The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo” by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
Mystery Book Club
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to contemporary, cozy to thriller, series and standalone. *Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.
- January 10: “The Devil and the Dark Water” by Stuart Turton.

Republic Branch Library
Book Discussion
Thursdays, 2 p.m.
- December 8: “Violeta” by Isabel Allende.
- February 9: “All the Lonely People” by Mike Gayle.

Switzerland Brentwood Branch Library

Evening Book Discussion
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
- December 13: “Apples Never Fall” by Liane Moriarty.
- February 14: “This is My America” by Kim Johnson.

Cookbook Book Club
Saturdays, December 31, January 28 and February 25, 3 p.m. Whatcha got cookin’? Try at least one recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone’s recipes turned out and review the books. We’ll also talk food news, cooking techniques, kitchen gadgets and all things delicious. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged!

Willard Branch Library

Never Too Old for YA
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join this group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly released titles.
- January 14: “Our Crooked Hearts” by Melissa Albert.

Willard Page Turners
Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.
- December 14: “The Handmaid’s Tale” by Margaret Atwood.
- February 8: “Fahrenheit 451” by Ray Bradbury.

In the Community

Downtown Book Club
Thursdays, 6–7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Springfield Association, 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120. Join us every second Thursday of the month to chat about our monthly title while enjoying the urban skyline at this library-sponsored book group. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association.
- December 8: “The Reading List” by Sasha Nisha Adams.
- February 10: “One to Watch” by Kate Stayman-London.

Northview Center Book Discussion
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. for adults age 55 and older at the Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults.
- February 10: “The Maidens” by Alex Michaelides.

Communities Reading Together Book Club
Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at BookMarx, 325 E. Walnut St. Meet with your neighbors to read books that have recently been in the news. We’ll discuss the book, reasons the item was challenged or banned, and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom. Teens age 15 and older are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian.
- January 26: “Blankets” by Craig Thompson.
- February 23: “Homegoing” by Yaa Gyasi.
programs for ’tweens & teens

Ash Grove Branch Library

**Teen Board Game Night**
Wedges, January 4 and 18 and February 1 and 15, 4–6 p.m. for grades 6–12. Like board games? Play some of your favorites at the library. Bring your own game to share or play ours.

Fair Grove Branch Library

**Jingle and Mingle**
Monday, December 12, 1–3 p.m. for grades 7–12. Let’s get together for some holiday cheer! Whether you’ve been naughty or nice, don’t think twice, jingle and mingle with us at our holiday arts and crafts party. Materials will be provided.

**Pinterest Inspiration: Faux Stained Glass**
Monday, January 23, 1–3 p.m. for grades 7–12. Will it be a Pinterest win or fail? Find out as you create a faux stained glass wintry scene. Materials will be provided. Registration starts January 9; call 417-759-2637.

Library Center

**Teen Tea**
Tuesday, December 13, 6–7:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Department. Hang out at the library, meet new people and help plan upcoming teen programs. Enjoy coffee, tea and hot chocolate while we sit and chat. Coloring pages, games and activities will also be available.

**Unwind Your Mind: Teen Stress Relief Crafts**
Tuesday, January 10, 6:30–8 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Department. Hang out with our teen librarian and talk about books, learn mindfulness techniques and enjoy a relaxing craft to take home and relieve stress. Materials will be provided.

Library Station

**Teen Night: Gaming Night**
Fridays, December 2, January 6, and February 3, 6–7:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Get your game on with board and video games on the first Friday of each month.

**Teen Night: Art Studio**
Fridays, December 9, January 13, and February 10, 6–7:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Calling all artists! Make, practice or try new techniques using library materials on the second Friday of each month. No art experience required to attend.

**Teen Night: RPG Night**
Fridays, December 16, January 20 and February 17, 6–7:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Whether you’re a seasoned role-playing gamer or totally new to the activity, join us for special library tabletop campaigns and LARP-ing nights on the third Friday of each month. Newcomers are welcome each week. On December 16, attend our first RPG Night for a special Zombie LARPing session and discover the possibilities of RPGing at your library.

**Teen Night: Anime Night**
Fridays, December 23, January 27, and February 24, 6–7:30 p.m. for age 14–grade 12 in the Frisco Room. Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided.

**Teen Night: Mystery Night**
Friday, December 30, 6–7:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Frisco Room. In months with a fifth Friday, join us for a mystery program! Bonus: If you attend the other programs throughout the month you can help us plan our mystery program.
Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

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**Backpack Tags or Keychains**
Tuesday, January 10, 10 a.m.–noon for grades 6–12. Customize a keychain or backpack tag with your name, school mascot or favorite image. Library staff will teach you how to design and print using the Glowforge Laser Engraver. Materials will be provided. Registration starts December 27; call 417-837-5011.

**Zine Making Workshop**
Saturday, February 25, 3–5 p.m. for teens in grades 6-12 and adults in the upstairs meeting room. Create your own tiny zine! Learn how to make a short zine from one sheet of folded paper, filled with your drawing, writing, collage or other creative content. Basic supplies included, but feel free to bring your own.

**Strafford Branch Library**

**Teen Trivia Night**
Friday, February 17, 3–5 p.m. for grades 6–12. Play pop culture trivia (movies, music, sports, books, celebrities) with basic questions, word puzzles, name that tune and more! Bring a friend or two, or play solo. Snacks provided.

**Willard Branch Library**

**STEAM Explorers**
Thursday, December 8, 2:30–4:30 p.m. for grades 6–12. Explore and create with a variety of hands-on STEAM activities.

**Board Game Boredom Buster**
Thursday, January 5, 2:45–4:45 p.m. for grades 6-12. We’ll provide the snacks and games for an afternoon of board game fun!

**LEGO Brick Afternoon**
Thursday, February 9, 2:45–4:45 p.m. for grades 6-12. Take part in our LEGO brick free-for-all as you challenge yourself to build a creation from one of our patterns or your imagination.

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**WE’LL UNLOCK MORE IDEAS & FAMILY FUN BEYOND THE BOOK**

Who knew a single book could open up so many ideas for places to explore, new crafts, games and recipes to try with the whole family? That’s what happens Beyond the Book.

Each episode features a short book talk by our children’s librarians. Then we’ll take you through our personal journey to discover other great authors and illustrators, digital material and library programs. See what new ideas, new books and activities you can gather with each episode!

New themed episodes are posted on the first day of each month at YouTube.com/SpringfieldGreene and thelibrary.org/kids/videos.

- December: Jobs at the Library, inspired by “Book’s Big Adventure” by Adam Lehrhaupt
- January: Books to Movies, inspired by “James and the Giant Peach” by Roald Dahl
- February: Banned Books, inspired by “Charlotte’s Web” by E.B. White
programs for kids & families

Don’t Miss This Special Event with Parents as Teachers!

Stories Together
Join your favorite library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers for songs, stories and playtime. We will have lots of fun and families will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their children’s development. Come play with us! For infants to age 6.

- **Library Station**: Monday, January 9, 6 p.m. in the Story Hour Room.
- **Midtown Carnegie Branch**: Monday, January 23, 10 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room.
- **Library Center**: Monday, January 30, 10 a.m. in the auditorium.
- **Library Station**: Monday, February 6, 6 p.m. in the Story Hour Room.
- **Schweitzer Brentwood Branch**: Monday, February 13, 6 p.m. in the community room.
- **Library Center**: Monday, February 27, 10 a.m. in the auditorium.

In the Community

Bundle Up for a Winter StoryWalk®

For infants to age 9. Don’t let winter keep you inside! Enjoy books and nature at one of our Winter StoryWalks®.

StoryWalks® are accessible during park hours. For details, please call the host site.

- December StoryWalk® December 6–27 at the Fair Grove City Park, 815 N. Orchard Blvd., Fair Grove. “All You Need for a Snowman” by Alice Schertle.
- January StoryWalk® January 10–23 at Miller Park, 711 E. Miller Road, Republic. “Wonder Walkers” by Micha Archer.
- February StoryWalk® February 7–20 at J.R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. “Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?” by Rita Gray.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ferguson.

Bright Star Touring Theatre Presents “African Folk Tales”
Saturday, February 4, 4:30 p.m. for ages 4–10 at The Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. From the desert lands of the Sahara to the plains of the Serengeti to Mount Kilimanjaro and beyond — join a variety of characters from a wide range of cultures in stories that celebrate the various folk tale traditions of the continent of Africa. African music helps to set the stage for these energetic stories which include Anansi, porquoi tales and many facts and figures about this incredible continent. Sponsored by the Library Foundation.

An African American Read-In event.
Ash Grove Branch Library

Racing to Read Storytime
Wednesdays, December 7–February 22, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Animals of Harry Potter
Wednesday, December 7, 4–6 p.m. for grades K–5. Join our friends from Dickerson Park Zoo to talk about animals that can be found in the magical realm of Harry Potter, then get creative in the library with magical crafts and activities for families. Materials will be provided.

Family Pajama & Movie Night
Tuesday, December 13, 4–6 p.m. for grades K–5. Wear your coziest pajamas and bring your favorite blanket and stuffed animal for holiday movie night featuring “Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” rated PG, starring Jim Carrey. Hot chocolate and cookies provided.

Family Winter Craft Night
Monday, December 19, 4–6 p.m. for grades K–12. From holiday cards to sock snowmen, have fun crafting as a family with a variety of projects to suit different age groups and skill levels. Materials will be provided.

Special Holiday Storytime
Wednesday, December 21, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. We’ll ring in the holidays with festive stories, crafts and activities. Materials will be provided.

Indoor Snow Day!
Tuesday, January 17, noon–2 p.m. for infants–age 6. Have a flurry of fun as you participate in a variety of snow-themed crafts and activities including ice painting and snowball toss.

Sensory Playdate
Tuesday, January 24, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. for infants–age 6. Enjoy learning through sensory play! Children and families can interact with different types of sensory activities and toys ranging from playdough and finger painting to the library’s sensory tubs.

Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
Wednesday, February 1, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event.

Birdie Bed & Breakfast Craft
Tuesday, February 7, noon–2 p.m. for infants–grade 3. Get crafty for our feathered friends as you make a soda bottle or milk carton birdhouse, a bird feeder and binoculars for birdwatching. While you’re here, check out bird movies and books, fun facts about local birds and birdwatching in Missouri.
**Valentine’s Storytime**
Wednesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6.
Celebrate the heart-filled holiday with stories and valentine-themed crafts and activities. Materials will be provided.

**Everything is Awesome!**
Tuesday, February 21, 3–5 p.m. for grades K–6. Build your own awesome LEGO brick creations while watching “The LEGO Movie,” rated PG.

**Fair Grove Branch Library**

**Racing to Read Storytime**
Wednesdays, December 7–February 22, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

**STEAM After School**
Thursdays, December 8, January 12 and February 9, 3–5 p.m. for grades K–4. Stop by for science, technology, engineering, art and math-themed activities and exploration.

**Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime**
Wednesday, February 15, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event.

**Library Center**

**Racing to Read Storytime**
In the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.
- Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6: Mondays, December 5 and 12, January 9, 23 and 30 and February 6, 13 and 27, 6:30 p.m.
- For infants–age 6: Tuesdays, December 6 and 13, January 10–February 28, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Bricks and Books Club**
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. for grades 3–5 in the Story Hour Room. Love books and LEGO bricks? We’ve got a club for you! Each month we’ll read a book, chat about it and build something related to the book of the month.
- December 8: Talk about your favorite book of the year and build a creation to go with it.
- January 12: Chat about “The One and Only Ivan” by Katherine Applegate and create a secret zoo.
- February 9: Discuss “Cookies & Milk” by Shawn Amos and create cookies and milk from LEGO bricks.

**Building Block Voting Party**
Saturday, December 10, 10 a.m.–noon for ages 2–6 in the Story Hour Room. Stop by and celebrate picture books, read the Building Block nominees and explore activities to go along with each book. Then help your children vote for their favorite to win the Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award.

**STEAM Explorers**
In the Story Hour Room. Enjoy scientific exploration, exciting challenges and educational play with science, technology, engineering, art and math! Call 417-616-0526 to register.
- Thursdays, 3 p.m. for grades K–5:
  - February 23: Registration starts February 13.
- Sundays, 1:30 p.m. for grades K–2 and 3 p.m. for grades 3–5:
  - February 26: Registration starts February 13.

**Little LEGO Day**
Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m.–noon for ages 2–6 in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate National LEGO Day with brick building fun for our littlest builders!
**Tiny Art Show at the Library Center**

Calling artists of all ages! Show off your art skills in our Tiny Art Show. From January 9–15, register for a kit by calling 417-616-0526, then stop by the Library Center Children's Department to pick up your kit and a list of prompts and instructions to submit your completed project.

You’ll have until February 12 to submit your entries for a chance to win a prize and have your artwork exhibited. One prize will be awarded in each category: grades K–6, grades 7–12 and adults. Select entries will be on display at the Library Center as part of the Tiny Art Show in March.

**Candy Land!**
Sunday, February 5, 2–4 p.m. for age 3–grade 6 in the auditorium. King Kandy is lost in the library and needs you to help find him! Join the fun in this life-size game of Candy Land, and other life-size games.

**“Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory”**
Sunday, February 5, 3:30–5:30 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Satisfy your sweet tooth from playing Candy Land with a showing of “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,” rated G.

**Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime**
For infants–age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. *An African American Read-In event.*
- Monday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 7, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Your Hair is Magic**
Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.–noon for ages 2–6 in the Story Hour Room. In honor of Black History Month, celebrate the joy and beauty of Black hair with crafts, activities and books, including some from the Your Hair is Magic series by Jessica Norwood.

**Library Station**

**Racing to Read Storytime**
In the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.
- Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months: Tuesdays and Fridays, December 2–February 28, 10 a.m.
- For infants–age 6: Tuesdays and Fridays, December 2–February 28, 11:15 a.m.
- Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6: Tuesdays, December 6–February 28, 6:30 p.m.
STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursdays
Thursdays, 2 p.m. for ages 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Use science, technology, engineering, art and math to solve exciting challenges! Play activities will be available in the room for siblings age 5 and under. Teens ages 13–17 are welcome to come and learn alongside their younger siblings. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. Call 417-616-0673 to register.
• December 8: Explore biomechanics, the study of how living things move, and create a vertical jumping machine. Registration starts December 1.
• January 12: Explore sculptor Alexander Calder’s mobiles and create one of your own. Registration starts January 5.
• February 9: Learn about African American inventor Garrett Morgan, creator of the stoplight, and create your own out of LEDs, conductive tape and batteries. Registration starts February 2.

STEAM Explorers
Saturdays, 2 p.m. for ages 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Use science, technology, engineering, art and math to solve exciting challenges! Play activities will be available in the room for siblings age 5 and under. Teens ages 13–17 are welcome to come and learn alongside their younger siblings. Materials will be provided; no registration required.
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Noon Year’s Eve Party
Saturday, December 31, 11:15 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Help us count down to the New Year at this special Racing to Read Storytime featuring stories, songs, crafts and more! Older siblings are welcome to attend.

Winter Playdate
Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Kids and their adults can have fun and socialize at our winter-themed playdate filled with unstructured science, art and play-based activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers!

Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
In the Story Hour Room. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event.
• For infants–36 months: Tuesday and Friday, February 21 and 24, 10 a.m.
• For infants–age 6: Tuesday, February 21, 11:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Friday, February 24, 11:15 a.m.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

The Great Storybook Adventure
Thursdays, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Our favorite storybook characters are running loose in the library! We’ll share a fun book at the first storytime of each month, then join us anytime that month in the Children’s Department to search for those beloved characters.
• December 1: Catch me if you can! “Gingerbread Baby” by Jan Brett.
• February 2: Help me find my shoes! “Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes” by Eric Litwin.
Racing to Read Storytime  
Thursdays, December 1–15 and January 5–February 23, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Stupendous Games ‘n’ Reads  
Thursdays, December 1, January 5 and February 2, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 3–6 in the Children’s Department. Stop by and have a blast playing new-to-you or familiar board and card games while meeting friends and getting great tips on the most popular graphic novels, comics and award books in our collection.

Stories Together  
Monday, January 23, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Join your favorite library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers for songs, stories and playtime. We will have lots of fun and families will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their children’s development. Come play with us!

LEGO Lovers Unite!  
Saturday, January 28, 3–5 p.m. for grades K–6 in the Teen Room. Celebrate National LEGO Day at the library! Bring your creative LEGO brick builds for show and tell (all of your creations must fit inside a shoebox). And see amazing builds by the Springfield LEGO Users Group! Test your skills with building challenges and meet other builders like YOU. All builds will be given a special award and displayed at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library in February.

Love is Kind Storytime  
Thursday, February 9, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Discover all the ways we can be kind to one another with books, fun activities and crafts made with material from our Maker Space.

Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime  
Thursday, February 16, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event.

Park Central Branch Library  
Racing to Read Storytime  
Saturdays, December 10, January 14 and 28 and February 11 and 25, 10:30 a.m. for ages 3–6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Pre-Parade Holiday Storytime  
Saturday, December 10, 1–5:30 p.m. for all ages. Stop by for a special interactive holiday storytime before the Downtown Springfield Christmas Parade! We’ll have holiday crafts for families to make before or during the parade. Provided in partnership with Springfield Regional Arts Council.

Republic Branch Library  
Racing to Read Storytime  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, December 6–February 28, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

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The Great Backyard Bird Count with Dickerson Park Zoo
Saturday, February 11, 10:30 a.m. for preschool–grade 5. Join the Library, Dickerson Park Zoo and birders all over the world in participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count! Meet three ambassador birds from Dickerson Park Zoo’s Education Department who will demonstrate avian characteristics in an up-close and hands-on encounter. Then enjoy bird-themed activities and practice bird counting with a bird scavenger hunt in the library.

Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
Tuesday, February 21, and Wednesday, February 22, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library**

Racing to Read Storytime
Wednesdays, December 7–February 22, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Itsy Bitsy Science Saturday
Saturday, January 14, 10 a.m. for ages 3–7. Explore, build, calculate and create with activities designed to build science, technology, engineering, art and math skills. Dress for a mess!

**Show Your Library Love!**

Beginning January 30, through February 28, the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch staff invites kids and families to show their library love by dropping in to decorate a heart with our craft supplies. We will add each heart to a display in the Children’s Department. Help us fill the library with love!

Librarykins Playgroup
Saturdays, January 21 and February 18, 11 a.m. for all ages. Kids and their caregivers can make new friends at the library! We’ll provide lots of toys, books and activities to encourage socialization and cooperative play. Coffee and tea will be provided and attendees are welcome to bring a snack or lunch.

Starlight Storytime
Tuesdays, January 24 and February 28, 6:30 p.m. for ages 2–6. Wind down the day with stories, songs and friends at the library. Pajamas, stuffies and cuddles welcome.

Winter Reading Pals
Wednesdays, January 25 and February 22, 3:30 p.m. for age 3 and older. Practice your reading skills with one of our favorite furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Registration starts January 2; call 417-883-1974.

Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
Wednesday, February 8, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event.

Stories Together
Monday, February 13, 6 p.m. for infants–age 6. Join your favorite library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers for songs, stories and playtime. We will have lots of fun and families will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their children’s development. Come play with us!

**Strafford Branch Library**

Racing to Read Storytime
Tuesdays, December 6–February 28, 10 a.m. for
infants–age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Library Playdate
Thursdays, December 15, January 12 and February 16, 10 a.m.–noon for infants–age 4. Come to the library for a playdate! We’ll have fun activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Drop in for fun and get to know other families.

Merry Grinchmas
Friday, December 16, 2–5 p.m. for all ages. Celebrate the holidays with Grinch-inspired crafts, activities and snacks while you watch "Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas," rated PG.

Imagination Playground
Monday–Friday, January 23–27, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. for all ages. We’re bringing the playground inside! See what you can create with the Imagination Playground, a set of giant foam building blocks. Will you make a castle, a fort or maybe a reading cave? The Imagination Playground is provided in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

Make Your Own Valentine
Friday, February 10, 1–4 p.m. for grades K–5. Stop by and create your very own paper valentine for someone special. Materials will be provided.

Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
Tuesday, February 28, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Honor Black History Month with your little ones at this special Racing to Read Storytime focusing on books by Black authors and illustrators. An African American Read-In event.

Willard Branch Library

Racing to Read Storytime
Tuesdays, December 6–February 28, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Christmas Storytime
Tuesday, December 20, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Celebrate the season with a Christmas storytime filled with stories, songs and a craft, and our special guest — Santa!

STEAM Explorers
Thursday, December 22, 3–5 p.m. for grades 3–6. Explore and create with a variety of hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and math activities.

LEGO Brick Building
Thursday, January 19, 3–5 p.m. for grades 3–6. Take part in our LEGO brick free-for-all as you challenge yourself to build a creation from one of our patterns or your imagination.

Valentine’s Day Storytime
Tuesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Love is in the air at this storytime filled with valentine-themed stories, songs and a Valentine’s Day card craft! Materials will be provided.

Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
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Board Game Afternoon
Thursday, February 23, 3–5 p.m. for grades 3–6. We’ll provide the snacks and games for an afternoon of board game fun!
See Who Made Our Fall Scrapbook!

The Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale hit its second-biggest total, $169,284.90.

The 24-hour Library Express East kiosk opened for book and DVD checkouts.

Charlotte Hiles practiced her reading skills for Kody, a favorite listener at the Republic Branch Library’s Reading Pals program, courtesy of Pet Therapy of the Ozarks.

Jamison Demoret celebrated a milestone: He read 500 books this summer!

Two 4-H members etched the logo on pie plates at the Maker Space for a fundraiser.

Chronicler of the strange J. W. Ocker delighted fans with his tour of “cryptids” in the U.S.
A STEM superstar! She checked out a Library STEM kit and made an airplane.

Ozarks Food Harvest delivered Baker Creek heirloom seeds for the Heirloom Seed Library.

Seed Saving 101 was hands-on at the Midtown Community Garden.

Families loved our Pop-up Library & StoryWalk® at the Weller Neighborhood Night Out at Smith Park.

Storytimes are back! Find yours this winter, pages 20–27.

Cory Hradek created a coat of arms on the Maker Space laser engraver.
Look for Rob and Mary making 25 stops every week this winter with the Mobile Library.

Mobile Library Stops for December 2022–February 2023
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**
- **Nu Elm Apts.**, 440 S. New Ave., 2:30–3 p.m.
- **Westport Park Apts.**, 250 N. Hilton Ave., 3:15–3:45 p.m.
- **Beacon Village Apts.**, 639 N. Eldon Ave., 4–4:30 p.m.
- **Hattiesburg Hills**, 4663 W. Portland St., 5–5:30 p.m.
- **Bent Tree Subdivision**, 1015 Brecklyn Road S., 5:45–6:15 p.m.
- **Craigmont Place**, 740 S. Lafontaine Ave., 6:45–7:15 p.m.
ON EXHIBIT

Library Center
• Photographs by Southwest Missouri Camera Club, Reading Room, December
• Nutcracker Collection, courtesy of Emily Hedden, concourse, December
• Preserving an Ozarks Landmark: The Development of Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield, Local History, December–February
• Returning to Wilson’s Creek: Soldiers and Veterans Visit the Historic Battlefield, Local History, December–February
• Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield and the Civil War in the Ozarks, Local History Magic Box, December–February
• 3D Artwork by Cherokee Middle School Students, concourse, January
• Artwork by Students of Springfield Public Schools, concourse, February

Library Station
• Gifts for Giving, Seasons for Celebrating: Paintings by Studio 55, December–February
• Celebrating the National Women in Media Collection: Southwest Missouri Edition by the State Historical Society of Missouri, December–February
• Little Golden Books Collection, courtesy of Kim Flores, December–February
• “Spiderman” Comic Book Collection, courtesy of Nicholas Robinson, December–February

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
• Maker Space Creations, December–January

Republic Branch Library
• Art by Republic High School Students, December–February

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
• Photographs by Don Emler, December–January
• Photographs by Steve Kastner, February

Park Central Branch Library
• Artwork by Sophie Bryan, December–February
• Creations by LEGO Lovers Unite!, February

“Auto Shop,” oil on canvas, from Bits and Pieces: Paintings by Cindy Quayle, on exhibit February 2023 at Park Central Branch Library.

Regional artists and collectors are invited to exhibit their works and collections at the library branches listed. Those interested in booking a display may contact the individual branch. Artists may price their work for sale through the Library after first obtaining a City of Springfield business license (if at a city library). The Library recommends a donation to The Library Foundation of 20 percent from any sales made during an exhibit.
LOCATIONS/HOURS

The Library Center
4653 S. Campbell Ave. • 417-882-0714
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 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m-6 p.m.

Ash Grove Branch Library
101 E. Main St., Ash Grove • 417-751-2933
Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m-6 p.m.

Fair Grove Branch Library
81 S. Orchard Blvd., Fair Grove
417-759-2637
Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Library Station
2535 N. Kansas Expressway • 417-865-1340
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.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
397 E. Central St. • 417-862-0135
Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Computer Training Center and Maker Space: Registration/appointments required, call 417-837-5011.

Outreach Services
4653 S. Campbell Ave.
Mobile Library/Walking Books: 417-883-6112

Park Central Branch Library
128 Park Central Square • 417-831-1342
Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
First Friday open 6:30-9 p.m.

Republic Branch Library
921 N. Lindsey Ave., Republic 417-732-7284
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 Library
2214 Brentwood Blvd. • 417-883-1974
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
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Stratford Branch Library
101 S. State Highway 125, Strafford
417-736-9233
Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m-6 p.m.

Willard Branch Library
304 E. Jackson St., Willard • 417-742-4258
Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Drive-up window:
Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Pick up and return only:
• Library Express East
  3263 E. Chestnut Expy.
• Library Express West
  Orchard Plaza, 3872 W. Chestnut Expy.
• Ruby’s/Price Cutter Book Stop
  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.
• Telephone renewal: 417-882-2087.

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 by completing an online registration form at thelibrary.org/temporarycard. Within seven days you must either email a valid form of ID and proof of current address to sgcl.verify@thelibrary.org or bring the required documents to any library branch to complete the registration process. This allows you to place physical materials on hold, access the Library’s online databases and e-books, audiobooks, movies, music and magazines. Applications processed online will require cardholders to present a photo ID the first time the card is used to check out materials in person.
• 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.
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