Jan Brett is coming to town!
DECEMBER 9 • THE LIBRARY CENTER
From the Executive Director

As you may have heard, I have announced my retirement from the Springfield-Greene County Library District, effective December 29, 2023. This decision was not made lightly and it comes with a deep sense of gratitude for the privilege of leading this excellent Library District. I have had the privilege of working with a dedicated team of library staff who are passionate about their work and committed to providing every patron with the very best possible library experience. The Trustees that have served during my time have been very committed and eager to keep our Library system at the forefront of our statewide peers.

We have some very exciting happenings in December. Jan Brett, nationally acclaimed children’s author and illustrator, will join us at 10 a.m. on December 9 at the Library Center. She will do a 20–30 minute drawing demonstration and presentation. A limited number of free tickets will be available for guests to meet her afterward for a book signing. We last hosted Jan in 2014 and she filled the Library Center with excited children and adults. We hope you can join us for this special event to kick off the winter season.

Significant changes are ahead for 2024, with three construction projects beginning. Using the $10.5 million we received in ARPA funding, we will start construction on an auditorium at the Library Center, make some much-needed improvements to Midtown Carnegie Branch, and break ground on a new facility in Republic. Thankfully, we have community support and with these three projects underway, our library district will be ready for the future.

Before leaving, I would like to thank the community for supporting our libraries and realizing that libraries are for everyone. We hold dearly to the concept that we are here to serve as a hub for our community. I encourage you to remain active patrons and advocate for this invaluable institution’s continued funding and expansion for future generations. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that libraries continue to thrive and evolve, meeting the changing needs of our community.

The Library is not just a building filled with books; it is a hub of knowledge, connection and community, and you, our patrons, have made it so.

Regina Greer Cooper, Executive Director

Libraries Closings

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

- Sunday, December 24
- Monday, December 25
- Sunday, December 31 — closing at 5 p.m.
- Monday, January 1
- Monday, January 15
- Monday, February 19

Return your books and materials to the book drops located at each branch, the Library Express West at 3872 W. Chestnut Expwy., Library Express East at 3263 E. Chestnut Expwy., and Price Cutter Plus Book Stop at 3260 E. Battlefield Road.
Join us at 10 a.m. on December 9, inside the Library Center, for a special visit with Jan Brett.

Author of over 40 picture books with over 44 million in print, Jan Brett is renowned for her exquisite art, which is universally recognized as being among the finest in children’s books today. Jan will travel to 23 cities in just 17 days aboard her Winter Wonderland Bus, with Springfield being one stop. Her books have been chosen as Best Children’s Books of the Year by The New Yorker, Parents, Redbook and others.

Jan will do a drawing demonstration related to her bestselling picture book “Cozy” and talk about her research trip to Alaska to see the musk oxen. There will also be a special visit with one of her favorite characters, Hedgie.

Jan will be available for a limited number of book signings. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m., and the first 100 people to request a book signing ticket will have access to the book signing area. Due to time limitations, only one book per guest will be signed.

Books will be available for purchase during the event.

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Visit the Library’s
HOLIDAY STORE
Where Kids Can Afford to Shop!
DECEMBER 2–10

Kids love giving holiday gifts that they’ve bought all by themselves, and they can find the perfect gifts — and kid-friendly prices — for family, friends and teachers at the Library’s annual Holiday Store.

The Between Friends Gift Shop staffs have stocked special holiday stores with useful and fun items priced from 25 cents to $10. Children of all ages up to 18 are welcome to shop. Bring your gift list and a Library volunteer will help each child find the perfect gift for everyone on the list and stay within budget. Parents and siblings are welcome to help, too!

Items include jewelry, mugs, toys, holiday ornaments, socks, slippers, wallets, watches, frames and lots of items for anyone on your list. Don’t forget the family pets!

Proceeds from the Holiday Store support Library programs.

Here are the Holiday Store Hours:

Saturday, December 2
• The Library Center auditorium, 9:30 a.m.–6:30 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 10 at these times:
• Sunday, December 3, 1–4 p.m.
• Monday–Friday, December 4–8, 2:30–6:30 p.m.
• Saturday, December 9, 9:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
• Sunday, December 10, 1–4 p.m.
25TH ANNUAL DESIGN-A-BOOKMARK CONTEST!

FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2024

FOR KIDS, TEENS AND ADULTS


SINCE 1999, we’ve been asking youth to share original designs that promote and inspire literacy, and we’ve received thousands of amazing submissions over the years. Many aspiring artists have now grown up — and may still be artists! To honor all of our talented participants, the 2024 Design-A-Bookmark Contest will be open to kids in kindergarten through 12th grade and adults.

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

bookmarks beginning February 1, and return it by March 15.

• Winners and runners-up will be notified and receive invitations to the Bookmark Contest Reception in April.

• Winning entries for each age category will be printed for distribution, the winner will get a certificate and a gift card to Hobby Lobby. Bookmarks will also be revealed on the Library’s web page at thelibrary.org/bookmarks.
TAKE THE 2024 WINTER READING CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS

The Winter Reading Challenge returns for everyone, especially those who love a challenge. The Library’s fifth cold-weather reading event for adults runs January 2–February 29.

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 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 complete challenge form to your library branch, and receive the 2024 edition mug for being a Winter Reading Master!
We saved you a seat in the new Library Center Auditorium. Here’s your chance to name it!

The Library Foundation invites you to participate in an exciting opportunity to show support in a meaningful way through its Take A Seat Fundraising Campaign. This is a great way to celebrate the memory of a loved one, demonstrate your support, honor a library lover, or promote your business or organization.

You can “Take A Seat” in the spotlight and enjoy having your name, the name of a business, or the name of another person you wish to honor engraved on an elegant plaque on each seat’s arm. The engraving you select guarantees that you or your loved one will be visible in The Library Center auditorium for years to come.

You can Take A Seat for only $250, and the proceeds go to the auditorium fund. We also have limited VIP seats in the first three rows for $400 each. This is a great way to leave your mark as a library enthusiast and support our new building project! All donations are tax-deductible.

To learn more, contact Emily Hertzog, Development Director, The Library Foundation, at emilyher@thelibrary.org or call 417-616-0586.

The Great Backyard Bird Count! February 16–19

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

Go to birdcount.org/participate for instructions on identifying and recording what kind of birds you see! Then one or more times between February 16–19, 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 Great Backyard Bird Count with the Dickerson Park Zoo. February 24, 10:30–11:30 a.m. in the Republic Branch Library Community Room. Join the Library, Dickerson Park Zoo, and birders worldwide in participating 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 bird-themed activities and practice bird counting with a bird scavenger hunt in the library!

• 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, Republic). StoryWalks® are a fun way for families to enjoy the outdoors while reading the pages of a book posted along a short walking path. The StoryWalk® will be available February 13–26.

• Check out an Adventure Backpack and use the tools to explore the great outdoors or a nearby city park. Request one through thelibrary.org/catalog and search Adventure Backpack. Families with young children can enjoy six kinds of backpacks 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 Springfield Greene County Library District staff.

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It’s getting cold outside, but we have a way to add some pep to your reading time and help pass the winter season with Library Bingo! Starting December 1, pick up a Bingo board at any branch or the Mobile Library, or download one from thelibrary.org/kids. Your board will be filled with ideas to keep you reading for fun and engaged with the Library over the winter months. Will you fall in love with a new genre? Learn new crafts, hobbies or games? Challenge yourself to complete a row, a column or even an entire board! When you’ve completed at least one row or column, bring your board to any library branch or the Mobile Library no later than February 15. You will be entered into a drawing to win a $25 gift card to Amazon or Barnes & Noble. Winners will be announced February 26. If you are not a Library Bingo lover but a parent or guardian snap a photo of you with your board and upload it to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter using LibraryBingo2023. Winners can also email the photo to imagine@thelibrary.org as a surprise in the Library’s social media feed.

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? You can access library services from anywhere with the Library’s Mobile App on your portable device. Simply download it from the App store or Google Play store under Springfield-Greene County Library. Using the app, you can browse the new titles bookshelf, scan the catalog and place an item on hold by typing in your library card number, or check your library account. Browse the digital collections and borrow e-books and more from Libby and Hoopla.

Here’s what else you can do: Check the list of upcoming library programs, reserve a meeting room, research the databases, send a question through Ask a Librarian, scan the ISBN of any book to see if it’s available to borrow from the library; suggest a purchase, read the latest Library news, visit The Library on social media sites — Facebook, YouTube and Instagram; or visit the website, thelibrary.org.

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

Library Bingo

December 1-February 15

Challenge yourself with new reading and learning activities. Complete any two rows, columns or diagonals. Bring your board to any branch or the Mobile Library by February 15. You will be entered into a drawing to win a $25 gift card to Amazon or Barnes & Noble. Winners will be announced February 26. Share the Library Bingo love with a parent or guardian snap a photo of you with your board and upload it to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter using LibraryBingo2023. Winners can also email the photo to imagine@thelibrary.org as a surprise in the Library’s social media feed.

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Use the Library’s Mobile App for Your Favorite Library Services!
IS TRAVEL IN YOUR FUTURE?
Apply for a passport at two libraries.

PLAN AHEAD and apply for a U.S. passport at the Library Center or Library Station, where you can enjoy easy access and convenient, friendly service seven days a week!

Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins accepted for passport applications and passport photos during the following hours:

- Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
- Friday, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Saturday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Visit thelibrary.org/passport for the most up-to-date information about hours and services.

To make an appointment, call:

- Library Center, 417-883-5341
- Library Station, 417-616-0683

For application forms, required fees, information on documentation required, how to renew a passport and international travel information, visit the official website for passport information, travel.state.gov.

The Library does not process passport renewals.

Take a break from scrolling and dive into a good book!

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Using your cell phone or any other portable device or computer, anyone can borrow and read thousands of e-books and more with Libby and Hoopla, two free apps available through the Springfield-Greene County Libraries.

You can stream titles with Wi-Fi or mobile data, or download them for offline use and read, watch or listen anytime, anywhere.

All you need is a library card (and that’s simple to get at your neighborhood library branch or online at thelibrary.org/librarycard).

Get started at thelibrary.org/digital. There’s information for Libby or Hoopla, with simple directions for downloading either app, entering your library card number, browsing and borrowing what you want.

Checkouts are for three weeks; items will disappear after that — so no late fees!
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.

Take Your Place!
Friday, December 8, 7 p.m.
at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library.
Brand Strategist Nicholas Carita will offer inspiration and strategies to break free from self-doubt,
conquer challenges and envision an extraordinary future to help you take your place in the world.

Introduction to Proposal Writing
Wednesday, December 13, 1–2:30 p.m. in a virtual presentation.
Learn the basis of writing a standard project proposal to a foundation, including
main elements, tips for writing and submitting a proposal, and how to follow up.
Presented in partnership with Candid. Registration starts November 15; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Reviewing Bereavement Policies
and Grief Response Procedures
Tuesday, January 16, 11 a.m.
at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. The lack of a national bereavement leave policy can lead to inconsistencies for each workplace and a lack of standards for providing employees with support after loss. Advanced Certified Grief Recovery Method Specialist and author Michelle Cramer will provide guidance for creating an appropriate and effective bereavement leave policy and response system.

Rosie Book Club
Wednesday, January 17, 4–5 p.m.
at the MudLounge, 321 E. Walnut St. Chat about titles that spark conversation with other women in business at this bimonthly book group, where we meet at a different women-owned business each session. Presented in partnership with Leadership Springfield’s Rosie project. “Small Great Things” by Jodi Picoult. Registration starts November 15; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Living in a Digital World
Tuesday, February 27, 6 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. From creating strong passwords to knowing what to do if you have a data breach, everyone needs a cybersecurity plan. Better Business Bureau Regional Director Pamela Hernandez will share cybersecurity basics for individuals, entrepreneurs and small businesses.
See what you can do at this series of sessions that will introduce you to the Cricut Maker, Glowforge Laser Engraver and Vacuum Former.

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 before 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.

Cricut Gift Bags
Monday–Saturday, December 4–9, 10 a.m.–5 p.m for adults. Library staff will teach you how to cut out and assemble a small decorative paper gift bag using the Cricut Maker. Materials will be provided. Registration starts November 15.

Dungeons & Dragons DIY
Monday–Saturday, January 8–13, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. for grade 6–adults. Celebrate 50 years of Dungeons & Dragons by creating themed stickers, dice towers and more with the Maker Space equipment. Supplies will be provided. Registration starts December 26.

Vacuum Formed Soaps
Monday–Saturday, February 5–10, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. for adults. Use our Mayku FormBox to create a custom bar of soap. Library staff will show you how to make the mold and guide you through the Melt and Pour soapmaking method. Materials will be provided. Registration starts January 22.

What will you make today? From vinyl lettering and decals to vacuum forming, 3D printing to slide preservation, your only limit is your imagination at the Library’s Maker Space. Call 417-837-5011 to make an appointment.
programs for adults

In the Community

FilmStubs
Wednesdays, 7–9 p.m. at the 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.

• December 6: “Deadly Games (Dial Code Santa Claus),” not rated.
• January 10: “Following,” rated R.

Downtown Game Night
Fridays, December 8, January 12 and February 9, 6–8 p.m. at the Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar, 431 S. Jefferson Ave. Drop in to play board and card games, and treat yourself to a coffee or affogato. Choose from our selection of games or bring your own.

Books and Boards
Thursdays, 6:30–8 p.m. at the Village Meeple Board Game Cafe, 1570 E. Battlefield Road, Suite F. Board games and books make the perfect pairing! Chat about our monthly title while learning to play a board game related to the book.

• December 14: “Legends & Lattes” by Travis Baldree & Flamecraft.
• February 8: “Board to Death” by CJ Connor & Micro-Macro: Crime City.

Ash Grove Branch Library

Local History Roundtable
Fridays, December 1, January 5 and February 2, 4:30 p.m. Join guest speakers and fellow history lovers in a roundtable discussion of Ash Grove’s history and share projects you’ve been working on.

Flying Needles
Tuesdays, December 12, January 9 and February 13, 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.

Exploring Languages
Thursdays, December 14 and 28, January 11 and 25 and February 8 and 22, 4–5:45 p.m. for age 15–adults. Have you ever wanted to learn another language? Join us each season as we explore a different language. For winter, we’re continuing American Sign Language. All levels of experience are welcome.

Dabbling In Art
Tuesdays, December 19, January 16 and February 20, 4–6 p.m. for age 15–adults. Join us for an evening of diamond painting, a unique method of painting without a paintbrush. Try something new, learn from others and have a creative time. Materials will be provided.
**Fair Grove Branch Library**

**Travelogue**
Tuesday, December 12, 1 p.m. World traveler and former firefighter Michael Strozewski will recount his trek across Peru via motorcycle, discussing his experiences with the wonderful people and the beautiful places in this South American country.

**Introduction to American Mah Jongg**
Saturdays, January 27–February 17, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. American Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy and luck, developed from the original Chinese Mahjong in the 1920s. Instructor David Hudson will give an introductory course over four consecutive Saturdays, with time at the end to play and practice the game. *Registration starts December 1; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-759-2637.*

**Library Center**

**Conversation Club**
Wednesdays, December 6, January 3 and February 7, 6 p.m. in the Harrison Room. Is English your second language? Practice your English speaking skills and meet new people in a casual setting. Adult and student speakers of all languages are welcome.

**Exploring Genealogy**
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society.
- **December 20:** *A Novice English Researcher Goes to the United Kingdom.* Certified Genealogist Patti Hobbs will share adventures from her recent trip to the United Kingdom. She’ll discuss how she prepared, the research facilities she visited in England and Northern Ireland and the lessons she learned.
- **January 17:** *A New Strategy for Brick Walls.* Learn how to interact with research in a new way and engage in activities, transforming you from a passive data reader into an active data user. Professional genealogist Kim Richardson will discuss how to use simple items to overcome confusion caused by information swirling around in our minds.
- **February 21:** *Researching Non-standard Federal Lands.* While most prospective land owners purchase federal land at the land offices, there are several other situations by which first title holders may receive U.S. land. Bill Edelman, The State Historical Society of Missouri Cape Girardeau Associate Director, will discuss the legal basis for these non-standard lands, records generated by the various processes and how you might use these records for genealogical research.

**Winter Sowing for the Itchy Green Thumb**
Saturday, January 13, 1–3 p.m. in the auditorium. Winter sowing allows you to prepare your native plant seeds and get a head start on your annuals. Learn how to winter sow using milk jugs with Master Gardener of Greene County Karen Vorhes and collect supplies to start winter sowing at home. *Registration starts December 30; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341.*

**DIY Journal Making**
Saturday, January 13, 2–4 p.m. in meeting room A. Make a book of your own in this creative class, where you’ll learn basic bookbinding techniques to create an artistic journal project or a unique gift. *Registration starts December 28; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341.*
An Introduction to Contract Bridge
Wednesdays, January 17–February 7, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in meeting room B. 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 Wednesday evenings. Registration starts November 15; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-5341.

Love in a Time of War
Thursday, February 1, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Only a few months after America entered World War II, a young sailor named Vernon Richardson traveled to Great Britain to join the crew of a U.S. Navy cruiser. While waiting for his ship to return to port, he experienced the people of Northern Ireland and Scotland and found romance with a Scottish lass. Local historian and author Jeff Patrick will discuss Richardson’s journey and love affair using his rare personal diary.

Catholic Parish Records at the National Archives of Ireland
Monday, February 5, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Former Reference Librarian Barbara Mulvihill will explore how to search for original page images of your ancestor’s Catholic baptism, marriage or burial records on the National Archives of Ireland website. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society.

Taking the Ozarks to Washington, D.C.
Friday, February 9, 6–7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Authors and musicians Marideth Sisco and Bo Brown will share stories of their experience representing the Ozarks at the 2023 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C.

Second Sunday Concert
Sunday, February 11, 2 p.m. in the auditorium. Vocalists Mary Alexander and David Wilson will perform songs recalling Mary’s youth in rural New York State from her newly released album, “In the Remembering,” from Juneapple Records and produced by David Wilson. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Library Station
Paper Circuits
Wednesday, December 6, 6:30–8 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Learn how to make a low-voltage electronic circuit to bring your paper crafts to life. Registration starts November 15; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0683.

How to Start Your Journey to Self-Discovery
Thursday, January 11, 6:30 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Self-discovery and time management expert Tiffany Orthman will discuss how to start your journey to self-discovery through planning your future, finding your passions and exploring new interests.
Follow Along: Pajaki Chandelier
Saturday, January 27, 2–3:30 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Take a beginner course in pajaki chandelier making as we follow a class on Creativebug. Materials will be provided. Registration starts January 13; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0683.

You Had Me at Romance
Friday, February 9, 6–7:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. From meet-cutes to happily ever afters, join us for a romance book exchange! Bring a beloved book to trade or collect a new favorite. Stay until 7 p.m. for romance trope bingo.

Seed Starting 101
Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Get an early start on your spring garden with Master Gardener of Greene County Karen Vorhes. Learn how to start your seeds indoors, maintain seedlings and transplant seedlings into the garden.

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 accommodations.

Picture Day
Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. in the reading room. Need photos for a headshot, social media profile or holiday card? Get your picture taken by library staff in front of the historic fireplace. Participants will receive a digital copy of their photograph. Groups and individuals are welcome.

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

Spice Up Your Kitchen
Saturday, December 16, 2 p.m. in the Maker Space. Follow along with recipes to create custom spice blends to keep or give as a gift. Recipes and materials will be provided. Registration starts December 2; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-862-0135.

Fix-it Fair
Saturday, January 13, noon–4 p.m. in the reading room. Give your household appliances, mechanical items and even clothes a new lease on life and reduce waste. Volunteer fixers will help 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 27, 1–3 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Bring seeds of any type and swap with other gardeners. Don’t have seeds to share? You’re still welcome to participate in the swap. Kids can stop by the Teen Room to make a garden craft; materials will be provided.

Park Central Branch Library
First Friday Art Walk
Fridays, 6:30–9 p.m. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit.
• December 1: Painter and muralist Linda Spencer presents “Sublime Spectacle.”
• February 2: Artists Jewel Mason, Nathan Aaron and Jacob Woolard present “The Weeds,” a collaborative exhibit.

Foreign Film Discussion
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.–noon. Discuss foreign films with cinephiles. Find a DVD copy of the monthly selection to watch in advance at thelibrary.org/catalog.
• January 20: “Ramen Shop,” not rated.
• February 17: “Diva,” rated R.

Republic Branch Library
10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s
Thursday, January 25, 10:30 a.m. Does someone you care for frequently misplace things, forget names or get confused about where they are? Learn the 10 common warning signs of Alzheimer’s and dementia and explore the next steps in seeking out help for yourself or a loved one. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Missouri Chapter.
Effective Communication Strategies for Caregivers
Thursday, February 22, 10:30 a.m. Explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer’s, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages, and identify strategies to connect and communicate. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Missouri Chapter.

“Generation B Music & Melodies”
Thursday, December 14, 6–8 p.m. The story of the Bedells, a Black musical family from Springfield, stretches back more than a century. For five generations they have written, performed and sold recordings throughout southwest Missouri and the United States. Ernie Bedell, author of “Generation B Music & Melodies,” highlights the achievements and contributions of the Bedells and other Black musicians rooted in Springfield. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

iPhone Class for Seniors
Thursdays, December 14 and 28, January 11 and 25 and February 8 and 22, 10 a.m.–noon. If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each session.

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Craft & Tell
Saturdays, December 2, January 6 and February 3, 10:30 a.m. Work on a craft while chatting with fellow crafters. We welcome any craft that is quiet and doesn’t make a mess. Whether starting a project or struggling to finish one, this group is for you!

Winter Book Buzz
Thursday, December 7, 7 p.m. The Library has all of your winter reading list needs covered! Join your local librarians as they share the buzz about new and upcoming titles, and snap some swag and Advance Reader Copies to add to your TBR (to be read) pile.

Board Game Academy
Mondays, 6–8 p.m. Learn to play a new board game. Our experienced instructor and library staff member Adam Slemp will guide you through the complicated world of new and classic games. Play the game you just learned or bring one of your own to enjoy!
• December 11: No Thanks! and Love Letter.
• January 8: Dead of Winter.
• February 12: Marrying Mr. Darcy.

Pom Pom Penguin Pals
Saturday, December 16, 2 p.m. Create a pom pom penguin out of yarn to make these cold months cuter. Materials will be provided. Registration starts December 2; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974.

Travelogue
Thursdays, 2 p.m. Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month.
• December 21: That Voodoo That You Do. Cruising couple Rebecca Marck and David Hathaway will discuss what they learned about voodoo when they visited Western Africa earlier this year. Through slides, realia and their insights, they’ll dive into this practice that is part religion, part philosophy, and very much a part of everyday life in Western Africa.
• January 18: Travels in Spain. Human Resources Associate Allison Priddle will share photos and stories from her vacation to Spain. From Madrid to Barcelona, with 72 miles on The Camino de Santiago in between, Allison and her husband experienced a cross-section of Spanish art, architecture and countryside.
• February 15: Four Seasons in Japan: Exploring the Land of the Rising Sun. Library staffer Stephanie Ruhe will share images and experiences from her travels to Japan, crossing all four seasons of the year. Enjoy highlights from six of Japan’s eight regions and a glimpse into the wide variety of landscapes, food, history and innovation Japan offers.
**What Social Media Scammers Don’t Want You to Know**

Tuesday, January 23, 10 a.m.
From social selling to online dating, scammers use social media to steal from you. Regional Director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau, Pamela Hernandez, will share the latest social media scams and how to protect yourself from getting scammed online.

**History Explorers: Prelude to the Revolution**

Tuesday, January 30, 6:30 p.m.
Following the French and Indian War, the British Parliament passed The Intolerable (Coercive) Acts, which taxed the colonists and eventually led to a deprivation of liberty. In 1774, usurpations hit a crescendo, and defiance by the colonies was unambiguous: Britain will rule us no more! Members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the American Revolution will explore some of the activities of the Massachusetts towns that defied The Intolerable Acts, which brought the entire American British colonies to the brink of war.

**“I’m Here for a Purpose”**

Saturday, February 3, 1 p.m.
Local artist and author LaDonna Greiner will share her hiking adventures of survival, determination, faith and gratitude around the Ozarks and beyond. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

**Digital Safety 101**

Sunday, February 4, 2 p.m. for parents and caregivers of kids and teens. What’s happening on your kid’s phone? The relationships kids are having online are very real and sometimes dangerous. Harmony House Prevention Education Coordinator Charity Jordan will answer questions and provide guidance for how young people can develop safe and healthy relationships online. Kids and teens age 8 and older are welcome to attend with their guardians and participate in the conversation.

**Lucile Morris Upton: The Story of an Ozarks Newspaperwoman**

Tuesday, February 27, 10 a.m.
During her years as a journalist, Lucile Morris Upton rubbed shoulders with presidents, flew with aviation pioneer Wiley Post and was the lead reporter during the Young Brothers Massacre. Join Susan Croce Kelly, author of “Newspaperwoman of the Ozarks: The Life and Times of Lucile Morris Upton,” as she shares Upton’s illustrious career and contributions to the preservation of Ozarks history while sharing the Library’s work to preserve Upton’s papers and photographs. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

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

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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.
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

The YA Book Crew
Thursdays, 4 p.m. for ages 15–25. Discuss young adult books with fellow young adults, looking into the lives of characters and their drama to escape our own.
- December 7: “It’s the End of the World as I Know It” by Matthew Landis.
- February 1: “We Were Kings” by Court Stevens.

Ash Grove Bibliophiles
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- February 20: “Mother Tongue: English and How It Got That Way” by Bill Bryson.

Fair Grove Branch Library

Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

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 7: “The Littlest Library” by Poppy Alexander.
- January 11: “You Are Here” by Karin Lin-Greenberg.

Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 1–2:30 p.m. in meeting room B.
- December 13: “Picture in the Sand” by Peter Blauner.
- February 14: “The Last Lifeboat” by Hazel Gaynor.

TikTok Made Me Read It
Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Harrison Room. Discuss trending books made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers.
- December 18: “Lore Olympus” by Rachel Smythe.
- February 26: “That Time I Got Drunk and Saved a Demon” by Kimberly Lemming.

Library Station

Spooky Friends Book Club
Tuesdays, 6 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Ghosts, goblins, gore
and so much more to read about in our horror book club.
• December 5: “The Hacienda” by Isabel Cañas.
• February 6: “A People's History of the Vampire Uprising” by Raymond A. Villareal.

Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room.
• January 25: “The Bandit Queens” by Parini Shroff.
• February 22: “Poverty, by America” by Matthew Desmond.

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 current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone.
• February 13: “The Verifiers” by Jane Pek.

Republic Branch Library

Book Discussion
Thursdays, 2 p.m.
• December 14: “Midnight Library” by Matt Haig.
• January 11: “The Call of the Wrens” by Jenni Walsh.
• February 8: “The House of Eve” by Sadeqa Johnson.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

Evening Book Discussion
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
• December 12: “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens.
• January 9: “Black Cake” by Charmaine Wilkerson.
• February 13: “Horse” by Geraldine Brooks.

Cookbook Book Club
Tuesdays, 3 p.m. Whatcha got cookin'? Try a recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone’s recipes turned out. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged!
• December 19: Holiday Foods.
• January 16: Soups and Stews.
• February 20: Asian Foods.

Strafford Branch Library

Thursdays, 4 p.m.
• December 21: “Girl Waits With Gun” by Amy Stewart.
• January 18: “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson.

Willard Branch Library

Willard Sci-Fi Page Turners
Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. Chat about books that you can’t seem to put down.
• December 13: “The Forever War” by Joe Haldeman.
• February 14: “The Lost World” by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

In the Community

Northview Center Book Discussion
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. for adults age 55 and older at the Northview Center, 305 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults.
• December 8: “Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI” by David Grann.
• January 12: “Before the Coffee Gets Cold” by Toshikazu Kawaguch.
• February 9: “The Spectacular” by Fiona Davis.

Books on Tap
Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at Wire Road Brewing Company, 4453 S. Timbercreek Ave., Battlefield. Brewing offbeat discussions about books that aren’t in the mainstream.
• December 12: “Secret Santa” by Andrew Shaffer.
• January 16: “Shark Heart: A Love Story” by Emily Habeck.
• February 20: “Where the Dead Wait” by All Wilkes.

Downtown Book Club
Thursdays, 6–7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Springfield Association, 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120. Join us 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 14: “How to Excavate a Heart” by Jake Maia Arlow.
• January 11: “Vera Wong’s Unsolicited Advice for Murderers” by Jesse Q. Sutanto.
• February 8: “We Deserve Monuments” by Jas Hammonds.

Rosie Book Club
Wednesday, January 17, 4–5 p.m. at the MudLounge, 321 E. Walnut St. Chat about titles that spark conversation with other women in business at this bimonthly book group, where we’ll meet at a different women-owned business each session. Presented in partnership with Leadership Springfield’s Rosie project. “Small Great Things” by Jodi Picoult. Registration starts November 15; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-883-1974

Check them out at thelibrary.org/bookdiscussions
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.**

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**Finding Files**
Learn to save, organize, copy, move, rename, delete, find and manage files and folders on your computer or external storage device.
- Tuesday, December 5, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, January 4, 2–4 p.m.
- Thursday, February 8, 2–4 p.m.

**Learning Windows 10 and 11**
Learn about the Windows 10 and Windows 11 operating system. 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.
- Thursday, December 7, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 9, 10 a.m.–noon
- Tuesday, February 13, 10 a.m.–noon

**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.
- Tuesday, December 12, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, January 11, 2–4 p.m.
- Thursday, February 15, 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 14, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 23, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, February 22, 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.
- Tuesday, December 19, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, January 25, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, 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 21, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 30, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, February 29, 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.
- Tuesday, January 2, 10 a.m.–noon
- Tuesday, February 6, 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.
- Thursday, January 18, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 20, 10 a.m.–noon

**One-on-One Help — And More**
By appointment. Call 417-837-5011 to reserve an hour with a staff member for answers to your technology questions. We can help with specific questions about using your tablet or smartphone, creating and using an email account, getting started with Microsoft Office products and more. Please have your specific questions in mind when you make your appointment. It will help us prepare to work with you when you arrive.

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.
programs for ’tweens & teens

Fair Grove Branch Library

Artful Saturday
Saturdays, December 2, January 13 and February 17, 10 a.m.–noon for grades 6–12. Start your Saturday off right with arts and crafts! Bring a friend or come alone to create something new to take home for the holidays. Materials will be provided.

Afternoon Movie at the Library
Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. for all ages. Bring a friend and munch on popcorn while we watch a fun movie! Popcorn will be provided.

• December 9: “Santa Clause,” rated PG.

Library Center

Teen Craft Night
6–7:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Story Hour Room. Come together to work on craft projects, trade ideas and meet fellow crafters. Supplies will be provided. Visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0526 to register.

• Wednesday, December 13: Freestyle Craft Night.
• Friday, January 26: Book Nooks. Registration starts January 12.
• Thursday, February 22: Cloud Lamp. Registration starts February 8.

Teen Study Night
Monday, December 18, 6–8:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Story Hour Room. Whether you need to study for finals or take a brain break, we have you covered! Come study, do a craft or even ask for book recommendations to enjoy over break.

Cosplay Crash Course
Thursdays, 6–8 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Story Hour Room. Can’t afford expensive cosplays but still want to dress as your favorite characters? We’ll teach you methods to make your own, focusing on a specific fandom or theme each month. Get creative with household items, meet other cosplay enthusiasts, and enjoy snacks and music while you craft! Materials will be provided.

• January 18: Narnia.
• February 8: “Coraline.”

Narnia
Sunday, January 21, 2–5:30 p.m. for grades 4–8 in meeting room B. Come through the wardrobe and enter the magical world of Narnia with crafts, games and watching “The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,” rated PG.

Dungeons & Dragons
Saturdays, 4 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Story Hour Room. Want to get started with D&D but need help figuring it out?

• January 27: We’ll help you create a character.
• February 24: Bring your character and try out a campaign.

Sunny Luau Party in the Winter
Saturday, February 3, 2–4 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the auditorium. Dress as a surfer or biker, and visit Big Momma’s luau party to sing and dance along to “Teen Beach Movie,” rated PG. Props are welcome. Crafts will be available to complete during the film.

“Coraline”: Save the Ghost Children
Saturday, February 10, 11 a.m. for grades 4–8 in the Story Hour Room. The Other Mother has trapped the ghost children in her world. Can you solve her puzzles and save them? Join us for an interactive “Coraline”-themed scavenger hunt.

“Coraline” Escape Room
Saturday, February 10, 1–3 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the auditorium. The Other Mother has eyes everywhere and is always watching. Can you solve her riddles and escape before she keeps you in her world forever? Join us for an interactive “Coraline”-themed escape room.

Throwback Thursday: “Eclipse”
Thursday, February 15, 6–8 p.m. for age 13–grade 12 in the auditorium. Bring a friend and watch as Bella and the Cullens face a host of newborn vampires in “Eclipse,” rated PG-13, and play movie bingo. Bingo boards provided.
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Crafty ’Tweens Afternoon
Thursday, February 22, 4 p.m. for grades 4–8 in the Story Hour Room. Come together to make DIY lava lamps and slime, trade ideas and meet fellow crafters. Supplies will be provided. Registration starts February 8; visit thelibrary.org/programs or call 417-616-0526.

Library Station

Teen Night!
Fridays, December 1, 8, 15 and 29, January 5 and 19 and February 2, 9 and 16, 6–7:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Frisco Room. If it’s Friday night, there’s something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts, live action role-playing and more. On December 1, Teen Night! will be located in the Story Hour Room.

Teen Anime Night
Fridays, December 22, January 26 and February 23, 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 Special Event: Board Game Tasting
Friday, January 12, 6–7:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Join us for a special Teen Night, where we’ll try out various teen-friendly board games. Presented in partnership with Village Meeples Board Game Cafe.

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What’s Up Wednesdays
Wednesdays, December 6, January 3 and February 7, 3–4:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. You never know what might happen on the first Wednesday of the month. We’ll surprise you with crafts, board games, karaoke or maybe a trip to the Maker Space.

Game On — No Batteries Required
Tuesdays, December 12, January 9 and February 13, 3:15–5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. Learn a new board game or pick up an old favorite. Staff will be there to help you. Snacks will be provided.

Teen Writer’s Guild
Thursdays, December 14, January 11 and February 8, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. Get inspiration and support from fellow writers as you create, share and publish your works.

Movie Afternoons
Fridays, 3:30–5:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room.

Cozy Crafternoons
Saturdays, February 3–24, 2–5:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. Don’t let the dreary weather get you down! Come together for a craft to brighten your day and maybe even take home a cozy read. Materials will be provided.

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Prose Pros: A Writer’s Group for Tweens & Teens
For grades 6–12 in the Benway Room. Let’s build a writing community! Come work on your personal projects or combat writer’s block with one of our prompts in a friendly community of like-minded writers.
• Saturdays, December 2, January 6 and February 3, 2 p.m.
• Thursdays, December 21, January 18 and February 15, 4 p.m.

Teen Volunteer Council Recruitment Social
Thursday, January 11, 6 p.m. for grades 8–12. Start the new year by volunteering for a good cause! Do you like snacks, crafts, games and excellent conversation? See what volunteering at the library is all about, meet others interested in helping out and pick up the required paperwork to make it happen.

Willard Branch Library

Superhero Afternoon
Fridays, December 15, January 19 and February 16, 3–5 p.m. for age 13–grade 12. Munch on snacks while watching some of our favorite superhero movies, rated PG-13.
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**In the Community**

**Bundle Up for a Winter StoryWalk®**

For infants–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 or after school hours. For details, please contact the host site.

- **December StoryWalk®** December 19–January 1 at the Dickerson Park Zoo near the pavilion, 1401 W. Norton Road. “Over and Under the Snow” by Kate Messner. This StoryWalk® is along an unpaved path.
- **January StoryWalk®** January 3–29 on Commercial Street in Springfield. “All Are Welcome” by Alexandra Pendfold. The StoryWalk® will start at the C–Street Market parking lot at 321 E. Commercial St. and head west. The StoryWalk® will cross at Campbell Ave. and head east on Commercial.
- **January StoryWalk®** January 9–22 at Ash Grove City Park, 300 E. Parkway St., Ash Grove. “All You Need for a Snowman” by Alice Schertle.
- **February StoryWalk®** February 13–26 at J.R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. “Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?” by Rita Gray.

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Ash Grove Branch Library

Racing to Read Storytime
Wednesdays, December 6–February 28, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. 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.

Interactive Movie Night
Thursday, December 21, 3:30–5:30 p.m. for grades K–6. Immerse yourself in this interactive showing of the holiday classic, “Home Alone,” rated PG. Interactive movie kits will be provided.

Library Pajama Day
Tuesday, January 2, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. for families with children of all ages. Stop by the library in your favorite jammies, do some fun crafts and get a prize. Bring your favorite stuffed animal along and they can stay at the library for a sleepover. Pick them up the next day and we’ll show you pictures of what your cuddly friends were up to overnight!

Special “Love” Storytime
Wednesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Celebrate the heart-filled holiday with love-themed stories, crafts and activities. Materials will be provided.

Fair Grove Branch Library

Library Playgroup
Mondays, December 4, January 8 and February 5, 3 p.m. for infants–age 6. Children and their caregivers are invited to come and play at the library! Explore a variety of toys, activities and books. Light snacks, coffee and tea will be provided.

Racing to Read Storytime
Wednesdays, December 6–February 28, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. 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.

Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
Wednesday, February 21, 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

Bricks and Books Club
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. for grades 3–6 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 7: “Cat Kid Comic Club” by Dav Pilkey.
• January 4: “I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912” by Lauren Tarshis.
• February 1: “Babymouse: Queen of the World!” by Jennifer Holm and Matthew Holm.

“Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh!”
Friday, December 15, 6:30 p.m. for ages 2–8 in the Story Hour Room. Mo Willems’ Pigeon friend is turning 20, and he’s celebrating with a new book, “Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh!” Join us for Pigeon books, a game and crafts. Materials will be provided.
We Love Comics
Mondays, 4 p.m. for grades 1–3 in the Story Hour Room. Explore how art and story work together in graphic novels perfect for emerging readers. We’ll have snacks and a related activity for each monthly book selection.
• December 18: “Bird & Squirrel” by James Burks.
• February 26: “Unicorn and Yeti: Sparkly New Friends” by Heather Ayris Burnell; art by Hazel Quintanilla.

Winter Movie Marathon
For all ages in the auditorium. Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen.
• Thursday, December 28
  — 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: “The Super Mario Bros. Movie,” rated PG.
  — 2–3:40 p.m.: “The LEGO Movie,” rated PG.
• Friday, December 29
  — 11 a.m.–12:45 p.m.: “Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile,” rated PG.
  — 2–3:40 p.m.: “Clifford the Big Red Dog,” rated PG.
• Tuesday, January 2
  — 11 a.m.–1 p.m.: “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse,” rated PG.
  — 2–4:30 p.m.: “Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse” rated PG.
• Wednesday, January 3
  — 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: “Captain Underpants,” rated PG.
  — 2–3:40 p.m.: “The Bad Guys,” rated PG.

Create a Winter Wonderland
Saturday, December 30, 2 p.m. for grades K–6 in the Story Hour Room. Let your creativity shine through as you craft a mini winter wonderland.

“The Day the Crayons Quit”
Friday, January 5, 10:30 a.m. for ages 3–7 in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate “The Day the Crayons Quit” with crafts, coloring and taking home some crayon creations.

Racing to Read Storytime
In the Story Hour Room. 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, January 8, 22 and 29 and February 5, 12 and 26, 6:30 p.m.
• Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months: Tuesdays and Fridays, January 9–February 27, 9:30 a.m.
• For infants–age 6: Tuesdays, January 9–February 27, 10:30 a.m.

Sunny Family Reading Picnic
Saturday, January 13, 10:30 a.m. for ages 2–8 in the Story Hour Room. Bring a blanket and stuffed toy to enjoy a sunny indoor reading picnic with your family. Each child will receive a small paper basket with a cookie, juice box and stickers. Age-appropriate library books will be available for families to read together as they relax and decorate personal picnic baskets. Materials will be provided.

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–age 6: Monday, February 5, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.
• For infants–36 months: Tuesday and Friday, February 6 and 9, 9:30 a.m.

Willy Wonka’s Factory Tour
Sunday, February 25, 2–4 p.m. for grades 3–8 in the Children’s Department. Have you ever wondered what exploring Willy Wonka’s Chocolate Factory would be like? Join us for a tour that visits different parts of the factory, completing activities and solving problems based on characters from the book. Be prepared to come with a sweet tooth and to make a few messes. Registration begins February 11; call 417–616–0526.
Racing to Read Storytime
In the Story Hour Room. 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 1–February 27, 10 a.m.
- For infants–age 6: Tuesdays and Fridays, December 1–February 27, 11:15 a.m.
- Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6: Tuesdays, December 5–February 27, 6:30 p.m.

STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday
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. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. Call 417-616-0673 to register.
- December 14: Sonic Seasoning! See how sound affects your sense of taste while eating potato chips. Registration starts November 30.
- February 8: Beautiful Symmetry! Use math and art to look for and create patterns. Registration starts January 25.

Noon Year’s Eve Party
Sunday, December 31, 11:15 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Frisco Room. Help us count down to the New Year with stories, songs, crafts and more! Older siblings are welcome to attend.

Baby-Sitters Club Party
Saturday, January 6, 2 p.m. for grades 2–6 in the Frisco Room. Celebrate the beloved Baby-Sitters Club graphic series with games, trivia, crafts and more.

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. Materials will be provided; no registration required.
- December 16: Sonic Seasoning! See how sound affects your sense of taste while eating potato chips.
- February 10: Beautiful Symmetry! Use math and art to look for and create patterns.

History Explorers: Homeschool Thursday
Thursday, January 18, 2 p.m. for ages 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Explore the lives of Springfield’s first settlers through hands-on learning with reproductions of historic artifacts and fun activities presented by History Museum on the Square. Play activities will be available in the room for siblings age 5 and under. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. Registration starts January 4; call 417-616-0673.

History Explorers
Saturday, January 20, 2 p.m. for ages 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Explore the lives of Springfield’s first settlers through hands-on learning with reproductions of historic artifacts and fun activities presented by the History
Museum on the Square. Play activities will be available in the room for siblings age 5 and under. Materials will be provided; no registration required.

**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 6 and 9, 10 a.m.
- For infants–age 6: Tuesday, February 6, 11:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Friday, February 9, 11:15 a.m.

**Dog Man Party**

Saturday, February 24, 2 p.m. for grades 2–6 in the Frisco Room. Celebrate the canine, crime-fighting hero, Dog Man, with games, trivia, crafts and more.

**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 accommodations.*

**Racing to Read Storytime**

Thursdays, December 7–February 29, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children's Department. 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.

**Shake, Shimmy, Dance and Play**

Thursdays, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children's Department. Music, singing and rhythm are great pathways to early literacy skills. Let’s get moving with songs, music and dance at Storytime!

- December 14: *Dance, Dance, Dance.*
- January 11: *Let’s Make Music.*
- February 8: *We’ve Got Rhythm.*

**Mindful Doodles**

Tuesdays, December 19, January 16 and February 20, 3:30 p.m. for grades 3–5 in the Children's Department. Relax your body and calm your mind. Explore new doodle techniques and learn about some of our collection’s most popular graphic novels. Materials will be provided.

**Get Cooking at the Library**

Saturdays, 1–3 p.m. for grades 3–7 in the Maker Space. Cooking helps build confidence, encourages an adventurous palate and teaches many functional life skills. Join us for this cooking series where young chefs work together with their adult caregivers to learn the art of making a meal. Provided in partnership with the University of Missouri Extension Greene County and Springfield Community Gardens. Call 417-862-0135 to register.

- January 20: *Tools of the Trade for Kid Chefs.* Work together to learn how to prepare new recipes, kitchen safety and cooking skills. Registration starts January 6.
- February 17: *Kids Keeping it Cool in the Kitchen.* Learn about food safety, recipe preparation and mealtime dos and don'ts. Registration starts February 3.

**Celebrate Belly Laugh Day!**

Thursday, January 25, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Hear silly stories, sing silly songs and even do some silly stretching.

**Cozy Crafternoons**

Wednesdays and Saturdays, February 3–28, 2–5:30 p.m. for grades K–6 in the Children’s Department. Don’t let the dreary weather get you down! Come together for a craft to brighten your day and maybe even take home a cozy read. Materials will be provided.

**Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime**

Thursday, February 15, 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.**

**Republic Branch Library**

**Racing to Read Storytime**

Tuesday and Wednesdays, December 5–February 28, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. 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.
Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
Tuesday and Wednesday, February 6 and 7, 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.

The Great Backyard Bird Count with Dickerson Park Zoo
Saturday, February 24, 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. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

Deck the Walls: Community Christmas Celebration
Sunday, December 3, 2–4 p.m. for ages 5 and older. ‘Tis the season to be jolly! Be a part of the holiday season kickoff with holiday trivia, crafting holiday decor, enjoying seasonal treats and trimming the branch tree together.

Racing to Read Storytime
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: Wednesday, December 6–February 28, 10 a.m.
• For infants–age 6: Wednesday, December 6–February 28, 11 a.m.

Librarykins Playgroup
Saturdays, December 16, January 20 and February 17, 11 a.m. for ages 2 and older and their caregivers. 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; feel free to bring a snack or lunch.

LEGO Brick Show & Tell
Friday, December 29, 2 p.m. for ages 7–12. Do you have an amazing LEGO brick creation? You’re invited to bring it to the library for show and tell. Local LEGO brick legend Harold Moody will show off his designs and share tips for maximizing your builds.

Polar Bear Pajama Party
Wednesday, January 17, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Stay in your jammies and bring your favorite stuffy for a special storytime featuring snowy stories and warm winter cuddles.

Winter Reading PALS
Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. for ages 3 and older. Practice your reading skills with one of our favorite furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Call 417–616–0713 to register.
• January 31: Registration starts January 2.
• February 28: Registration starts February 1.

Itsy Bitsy Science Friday
Friday, February 2, 10 a.m. for ages 3–7. Explode, build, excavate and paint! Engage in various activity stations designed to support the development of science, technology, engineering, art and math skills. Dress for a mess.
Valentine’s Day Parade
Wednesday, February 14, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Celebrate Valentine’s Day with things we love! Come together to read books and enjoy crafts, songs and a parade around the library to deliver handmade Valentine cards to our library friends.

Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
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: Wednesday, February 28, 10 a.m.
• For infants–age 6: Wednesday, February 28, 11 a.m.

Strafford Branch Library
Racing to Read Storytime
Tuesdays, December 5, 12 and 19, January 2–February 27, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. 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.

Fun with Buddy the Elf
Thursday, December 14, 3:30–5:30 p.m. for all ages. Escape the holiday stress with crafts, activities, snacks and fun while watching “Elf,” rated PG.

LEGO Brick Builders
Thursday, January 25, 3:30–5:30 p.m. for grades K–4. Be a master builder for the afternoon and show off your LEGO block-building skills.

Willard Branch Library
LEGO Brick Saturdays
Saturdays, December 2, January 6 and February 3, 10:30 a.m. for all ages. Bring the whole family to our LEGO brick free-for-all and challenge yourself to build something together.

Racing to Read Storytime
Tuesdays, December 5–February 27, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. 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.

Homeschool STEAM Days
Mondays, December 11, January 8 and February 12, 2 p.m. for grades K–6. Add some pizazz to your curriculum with the Library’s STEM Kits, featuring a different kit each month.

Family Crafternoon
Thursdays, December 28 and January 4, 3 p.m. for all ages. Need a break from the holidays? Grab your family and release some stress by crafting together. Supplies will be provided.

Celebrating Black Brilliance Storytime
Tuesday, February 20, 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.

Family Trivia Night
Thursday, February 22, 3:30–5:30 p.m. for ages 6 and older. Chill out with some winter-themed trivia fun. Bring a team or just yourself to win all the snowflakes!
Look for Rob and Mary making 25 stops every week this winter with the Mobile Library.

### Mobile Library Stops for December 2023–February 2024

*We’re delivering books, movies and CDs to your neighborhood.*

#### Mondays
- **Cobblestone Apts.**, 2120 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.
- **Eastgate 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
- **Eden Village/Shady Dell Area**, 2801 E. Division St., 2:30–3 p.m.
- **Glenwood Manor**, 2540 N. Delaware Ave., 3:20–3:50 p.m.
- **Cedarwood Terrace area**, N. Pickwick Ave. & E. Turner 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 Breecklyn Road S., 5:45–6:15 p.m.
- **Craigmont Place**, 740 S. Lafontaine Ave., 6:45–7:15 p.m.
Library Center

• Artwork by Julia Barger, Reading Room, December
• Bookmark Collection, courtesy of Lois Zarrer, concourse, December
• Read All About It: Headlines from Springfield’s Past, Local History, December–February
• Inside the Pressroom: Meet the People Behind the Newspaper, Local History, December–February
• From the Darkroom: Springfield’s Historic Newspaper Photographs, Local History Magic Box, December–February
• National Parks and Nature Spots: Embroidery and Paintings by Kennedy Hollingshad, Reading Room, January

Library Station

• Retro Toy Collection, courtesy of library staff, concourse, January
• Artwork by Students of Springfield Public Schools, Reading Room and concourse, February

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

• Artwork by Amara Paul, December–February

Park Central Branch Library

• Sublime Spectacle: Paintings by Linda Spencer, December
• The Weeds: Collaborative exhibit by Jewel Mason, Nathan Aaron and Jacob Woolard, February

Republic Branch Library

• The Mask & Beneath: Artwork by Lovee, December–February

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.

Artwork by Julia Barger, in the Library Center Reading Room, December. Julia is an award-winning member of the Missouri Watercolor Society. She graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Missouri State University. Much of her artistic inspiration comes from growing up in Alaska, surrounded daily by its beauty and magic.

Julia is driven by a love for painting nature and animals. She strives to convey the feelings the subject portrays, not just a reproduction of the subject itself, but the emotions connected with it: peacefulness, contentment and comfort. Check out more of her work on her website, www.JuliaBargerArt.com.
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 9:30 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.

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.
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 Library
101 S. State Highway 125, Strafford
417-736-9233
Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m.–3 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/asal.
• 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.
• Report lost or stolen cards promptly. Replacement cards are $1 each.