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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. You can find a Holiday Store at six branches this year!

The Between Friends Gift Shop staff has selected useful and fun items priced from 25 cents to $10, and created “stores” within the library branches where children of all ages up to 18 can shop. Bring your gift list and a Library volunteer will help each child find the perfect gift for everyone on the list, stay within budget and wrap and tag the gifts. Parents and siblings are welcome to help, too!

Items include jewelry, mugs, toys, holiday ornaments, socks, slippers, wallets, watches, iPad cases, frames and lots of items for the guys and gals on everyone’s list. Don’t forget the family pets!

Proceeds from the Holiday Store support Library programs.

While you’re shopping at the Holiday Store, drop by the Holiday Open House events for all ages at most of the branches. Make memories while you enjoy holiday festivities with books, crafts, games and activities. Find Open House details in the Kids & Families program listings on pages 21–30.

**Library Center**
- **Holiday Store**, 9 a.m.–7 p.m., auditorium
**The Library Center store continues through December 15 at these times:**
  - Sundays, December 8 and 15, 1–4:30 p.m.
  - Monday–Friday, December 9–13, 2–7 p.m.
  - Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

**Library Station**
- **Open House**, 10 a.m.–noon, Story Hour Room
- **Holiday Store**, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Santa Fe Room

**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library**
- **Open House**, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Teen Room
- **Holiday Store**, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., upstairs meeting room

**Republic Branch Library**
- **Open House**, 10 a.m.–noon
- **Holiday Store**, 10 a.m.–noon
**The Republic Branch store continues through December 18 at these times:**
  - Monday–Thursday, December 9–12, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
  - Friday–Saturday, December 13–14, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
  - Monday–Wednesday, December 16–18, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.

**Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library**
- **Open House**, 9 a.m.–noon, Children’s Department
- **Holiday Store**, 9 a.m.–noon, Community Room

**Strafford Branch Library**
- **Open House**, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
- **Holiday Store**, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Ash Grove Branch Library**
- **Open House**, Saturday, December 14 (Please note date), 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Watch the Ash Grove City Christmas Parade from the warmth of the library!
Take the 2020
WINTER READING CHALLENGE

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

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!

There are 15 reading “challenges” that may delight you, push you outside your reading “comfort zone,” or introduce you to your new, favorite genre.

Complete at least five of the 15 challenges, turn in your completed challenge form to your library branch and receive a prize for being a Winter Reading Master!

Design-A-Bookmark Contest!

ENTER OUR 21ST ANNUAL DESIGN-A-BOOKMARK CONTEST!

Contest starts February 1
Deadline for entries: March 16

FOR KIDS

• Three winners and three runners-up will be selected in each category: Grades K–2, 3–4 and 5–6.
• Winning entries and runners-up will be featured at thelibrary.org/kids/bookmarks.

• 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 will be announced during a Bookmark Contest Reception at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, in the Library Center auditorium.

FOR TEENS

• Three winners and three runners-up will be selected in each category: Grades 7–8, 9–10 and 11–12.
• Winning entries and runners-up will be featured at thelibrary.org/teens/bookmarks.
You Can Do THAT at The Library?

Take This Quiz and Test Your Library Smarts!

YOU HAVE a busy life. There’s family, school, work, the gym, and your guilty pleasure on Netflix.

You also know a lot, but you just can’t know everything, let alone everything you can do or see at The Library that could make daily life easier.

How many of these Library services do you know about? Take this quiz! If you score 20–25, consider yourself a Library Champion! 6–19, you’re a Medalist; 0–5, come talk to a librarian and see what you’re missing!

☐ Traveling abroad or just across the border? You can apply for a new passport (and get a passport photo) in the Reference Department at the Library Center or Library Station, 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday–Saturday; and 1–4 p.m. Sunday. (No renewals.) No appointment needed. Learn what documents and payments you need to bring to complete the application by visiting thelibrary.org/passport.

☐ Kids tired of their toys? Are house guests bringing children? Browse the Toy Catalog at thelibrary.org/kids and check out puzzles and toys that inspire play for infants–preschool.

☐ See monthly exhibits by local artists, crafters and collectors at most branches. Like what you see? Some items are for sale! Have something to exhibit? Call any library branch.

☐ Access your favorite e-books, audiobooks, magazines, music and videos 24/7. Get started downloading or streaming to your computer or mobile device at thelibrary.org/digital.

☐ School principals and company managers can register for library cards to let your staff access library services. Learn how to apply for a company card at thelibrary.org/companycard.

☐ Bring your school class for a tour of the library, including a visit to the “behind the scenes” departments. We will showcase useful resources and collections, and provide instructions for using them.

☐ Get homework help 24/7. Online resources include biographies, articles, e-books, photos, videos and audio-files, maps, statistics, photo galleries and recipe collections for the states and over 190 countries. Start your search at thelibrary.org/kids, thelibrary.org/teens, or thelibrary.org/research.
Find the perfect book for any age child, read along page by page or listen to online stories in the Tumblebook Library, thelibrary.org/tumblebooks.

Don’t miss the next library concert, author event or must-see lecture. Sign up to get the free monthly Library Newsletter and special-interest topic emails at thelibrary.org/newsletter.

Find grant-making and funding help for your cause. There’s online and one-on-one help to access over 90,000 granting organizations through the Foundation Directory Online Professional. Available in the Funding Information Center at the Library Center, in-library use only.

Learn the basics of grant writing. thelibrary.org/grantwriting

Read Missouri’s major newspapers online, or search America’s Obituaries and Death Notices. Visit thelibrary.org/research, click Missouri & Ozarks.

Take free, beginner or advanced computer and internet classes for adults, get one-on-one help with your device, record a video message in the Media Lab, create on the 3D printer — all at the Edge Community Technology Center in the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library. Visit thelibrary.org/edge. (Many are also offered at the Library branches.)

Learn software, technical, creative and business skills through more than 3,000 courses and 150,000 high-quality video tutorials taught by recognized industry experts in business, computer, creative arts, marketing and more through Lynda.com.

Book a Speaker. If your club or class needs a library speaker on a variety of topics, or just what’s new at The Library, call 882-6112 or email bookaspeaker@thelibrary.org

Research is at your fingertips. Visit thelibrary.org/research for trusted research articles and resources including databases, newspapers and reference books on business, law, genealogy, health and more.

Test Proctoring. Need a test proctored? Call any library branch or check thelibrary.org/proctor for details.

Start your genealogy research. Use Ancestry in-library edition; read 800 tales of life in the early Ozarks; first-hand accounts of the Battle of Wilson’s Creek, or World War I; “tour” a Civil War virtual museum, make a research request through the Local History & Genealogy Department, at thelibrary.org/lochist.

Want to support the library you love? The Library Foundation has many ways to enhance your favorite library, make a gift in someone’s name, set up an endowment, special fund or planned giving. Visit foundation.thelibrary.org. Or join the Friends of the Library and the book sale team! thelibrary.org/friends

Can’t find what you want in the collection? Search catalogs of academic and hundreds of U.S. public libraries and borrow their materials using MOBIUS and Interlibrary Loan through thelibrary.org/catalog.

Check out the 24-hour library vending machine, the Library Express West, for books, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks, at 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway, in the Orchard Plaza shopping center.

Book deliveries to homes. Walking Books staff and volunteers deliver library materials to patrons who can’t come to the library due to physical limitations.

Not your grandma’s storytimes! Racing to Read storytimes, play-times and play-and-learn centers include songs, crafts and activities that build skills children need to learn to read and write.

Free meeting & study rooms can be reserved at most branches. Reserve a room for groups, study sessions or tutoring. Call the preferred library branch for details. Reserve a room online, thelibrary.org/meetingrooms.

Take the family — or five of your favorite people — and visit the Discovery Center of Springfield for free! Just check out a pass from your library branch or the Library Express West just as you check out books and other materials. Use your receipt as your admission to the center, and learn while you’re having fun!
The Friends of the Library Presents:

**Humor Writer**

**David Sedaris**

**at the Gillioz,**

**May 1, 2020**

WITH SARDONIC WIT and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America’s preeminent humor writers.

At 7 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2020, he will bring his brand of adult humor to Springfield when the Historic Gillioz Theatre presents An Evening with David Sedaris. Admission is free; tickets will be available beginning 10 a.m. March 4, 2020. Watch for details coming in 2020.

This one-night-only Springfield event is being underwritten by the Friends of the Library, and hosted by the Gillioz and the Springfield-Greene County Libraries. The author’s visit is part of The Library’s annual community celebration of reading, The One Read.

Sedaris will read from new and unpublished material, and entertain a 20-30-minute Q&A with the audience. His books will be available for sale, and he will sign books before and after the event.

“Sedaris ain’t the preeminent humorist of his generation by accident,” wrote Whitney Pastorek of Entertainment Weekly. According to the San Francisco Chronicle, “Sedaris belongs on any list of people writing in English at the moment who are revising our ideas about what’s funny.”

David Sedaris was publicly recognized in 1992 when National Public Radio broadcast his essay “Santaland Diaries,” which it replays during the holidays.

His nationally best-selling essay collection “Calypso” was published in June 2018, and a second volume of his diaries is expected in summer 2021.

offsite programs

Enjoy these Library programs planned at other locations.

Walk and Talk Book Club
Tuesdays, December 10, January 7 and 21 and February 4 and 18, 10 a.m. at Sequiota Park, 3500 S. Lone Pine Ave. Let’s book it! Meet at the pavilion for a 45-minute walk along the Galloway Creek Greenway. Talk about what you’re reading and hear from others. In case of inclement weather, call 883-1974 for alternate indoor meeting location.

Donuts & Death
Tuesdays, 6 p.m. at Hurts Donut Company, 320 Park Central West. Horror has never tasted so sweet. Join our horror book club and sink your teeth into a good book while enjoying Hurts donuts.
- February 11: “Goth” by Otsuichi.

Northview Book Discussion
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. for senior adults at the Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St. Join us for this library-sponsored book group just for seniors.
- January 10: “The Huntress” by Kate Quinn.

South Side Senior Center Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1 p.m. at the South Side Senior Center, 2215 S. Fremont Ave.
- December 19: “Big Little Lies” by Liane Moriarty.
- February 20: “We’re Dead, Come On In” by Bruce Davis.

My Favorite Crime Book Club
Wednesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m. for adults age 21 and older at the Tie & Timber Beer Co., 1451 E. Cherry St. Do you have a “favorite” serial killer? Are you fascinated by forensics? This true crime book discussion is for you. This month: “The Skies Belong to Us: Love and Terror in the Golden Age of Hijacking” by Brendan I. Koerner.

Harry Potter Trivia Night
Friday, February 21, 7–9 p.m. for age 21 and older at Missouri Spirits, 507 W. Walnut St. Adult fans of Harry Potter unite! Recruit and register your team of 4–6 wizards to compete in six rounds of trivia designed for the true Potterheads among us. Rounds will be scored and Potter-themed prizes will be awarded to the top team. Registration starts February 10; call 883-5341.

Attending a Program at the Library?
Some programs require registration. We accept registrations only by phone.
If you register for a program and cannot attend, please cancel your reservation so others may attend.
Ages listed for programs are guidelines. Consider a young child’s attention span if attending a program for older children. An adult must accompany children age 5 and under.
Child care centers must make special arrangements to bring a large number of children to a program.
We may take photos/video at events for the Library’s social media sites, website and/or printed marketing materials. Participants may request in writing that their image may not be used by the Library.
To request special accommodations for a Library program or tour, call the Community Relations Department at least two weeks in advance at 616-0564.
Ash Grove Branch Library

Flying Needles
Tuesdays, December 10, January 14 and February 11, 1:30 p.m. Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Work on your current projects, share patterns and ideas, and check out our knitting and crochet resources. All levels of experience are welcome.

Ash Grove Bibliophiles
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. Discuss “Fall of Giants” by Ken Follett.
- December 17: Chapters 1–9.
- January 21: Chapters 10–21.
- February 18: Chapters 22–42.

Fair Grove Branch Library

National Letter Writing Day
Saturday, December 7, 2–4 p.m. for all ages. When was the last time you wrote a real letter? Or, a heartfelt season’s greetings? Drop by and put pen to paper at this casual letter-writing session. We’ll have supplies, paper and envelopes, but feel free to bring your own special stationary.

Crafts and Cappuccino
Saturday, January 18, 1–4 p.m. for grades 3–adult. Relax with a warm beverage and some uninterrupted crafting time. Bring your own projects or loot the library’s supplies to create one! Refreshments and an assortment of materials will be provided.

Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- December 11: “The Old Man and the Sea” by Ernest Hemingway.
- January 8: “Absolute Power” by David Baldacci.
- February 12: “Gulp” by Mary Roach.

Grumpy Christmas
Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. for all ages. Put your seasonal stress in check with a movie featuring a holiday scrooge. We’ll watch the crowd choice from a trio of family-friendly classics, rated G or PG, make a melted snowman cookie and enjoy a hot chocolate. Materials will be provided.

Blockbusters at the Library
Mondays, 4–6:30 p.m. for age 13 and older. Catch up on the latest blockbusters with popcorn and a free screening!

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:
- Tuesday, December 24
- Wednesday, December 25
- Tuesday, December 31, all branches will close at 5 p.m. in observance of New Year’s Eve
- Wednesday, January 1
- Monday, January 20
- Monday, February 17

Return your books and materials to the book drops located at each branch, the Library Express West at 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway, Price Cutter Plus Book Stop at 3260 E. Battlefield Road, and the book drop by the driveway at the east entrance of the C.H. “Chub” O’Reilly Cancer Center, 2055 S. Fremont Ave., or in the drop slot just inside the building’s east entrance.

Library branches, drive-up windows and the Mobile Library will reopen for normal business hours on the day following the closure.
Family tree researchers know that obituaries are an essential tool in building a family’s story. In fact, an obituary is sometimes the only place the “story” of the deceased is recorded.

In partnership with The Library, the Ozarks Genealogical Society has made available, online, its collection of 115,000 obituaries it has collected since the 1980s from southwest Missouri newspapers (outside Springfield) and websites.

The Ozarks Obituary Collection is available at thelibrary.org/lochist, under Digital Archive in the Browse by Topic column.

For those genealogy researchers with links to the Ozarks, finding an obit in one of our area newspapers can sometimes be daunting,” says Ozarks Genealogical Society President Connie Daughtrey. “Thanks to online obit projects such as the Ozarks Obits and its efforts to fill that gap, the ability to find a searchable database is priceless.”

Library Center

Music & Memories: Holiday Cheer
Sunday, December 1, 2–4 p.m. in the auditorium. Join us for an intergenerational, multisensory experience for individuals with Alzheimer’s and dementia, and their families and friends. Hear carolers sing, decorate a sugar cookie and watch a selection of clips from classic holiday films. Representatives from the Alzheimer’s Association will share community resources as needed. This program is funded by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks Senior Mental Health Grant and presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association.

Exploring Genealogy
In the auditorium. Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.
• Monday, December 2, 7 p.m. The History Museum on the Square: A New Approach to Springfield History. Museum Curator Joan Hampton-Porter will discuss how the History Museum on the Square is bringing local history into the technological age and enriching the historical knowledge of the community.

Movies for Grown-ups
Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Join AARP for standout films with unique appeal to movie lovers with a grown-up state of mind. Light refreshments will be provided.
• December 3: “A Dog Named Christmas,” not rated.
• February 18: “Breakfast at Tiffany’s,” not rated.
To be read aloud: Too Busy For a Book Club? Join ReadUps Online

Want to talk about books but short on time? Forget the meet ups and join our virtual book club, ReadUps!

Find ReadUps on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/ReadUps and on the Springfield-Greene County Library District page on Goodreads under Groups.

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

Our winter topics are December: Classics; January: Self-Help; and February: Black History

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Ugly Sweater Party
Friday, December 6, 7–8:30 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Bring a sweater to decorate; we’ll provide supplies to help you add the perfect flare just in time for holiday parties, along with music, hot chocolate and a photo booth for that perfect awkward holiday photo.

Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 1–2:30 p.m. in meeting room B.
• December 11: “The Alice Network” by Kate Quinn.
• January 8: “Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can’t Stop Talking” by Susan Cain.
• February 12: “Kindred” by Octavia Butler. An African American Read-In event.

Homemade Holiday Crafts
Friday, December 13, 6–8 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Build your own cozy cabin ornament and learn how to decorate clay ornaments with a marbled design during this festive make-and-take ornament crafting session. Materials will be provided. Registration starts November 22; call 883-5341.

An Introduction to Contract Bridge
Thursdays, January 9–January 30, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Exercise your brain and have fun making new friends as you learn to play Contract Bridge. Whether you’re a beginner or want to update your bidding and play, this class is for you. Members of the Bridge Center will give an introductory course over four consecutive Thursday evenings. Registration starts December 12; call 882-0714.

A Winter Evening with Author Nancy Allen
Thursday, January 9, 7–8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Join Nancy Allen, author of “A Wolf in the Woods: An Ozarks Mystery” and many other books, to discuss her work. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Stick around after the discussion to learn how to participate in our Winter Reading Challenge, January 2–February 29.

Fighting Cold and Flu Season Naturally for Kids
Saturday, January 11, 2 p.m. in the auditorium. Join Leah Bodenbach, a pediatric RN and founder of Blooming Motherhood Health Coaching, to learn simple, effective and safe ways to prepare your kids for cold and flu season. Leah will cover natural and pediatrician-approved remedies to fight off a cold or flu, and teach you how improving gut health and consuming targeted food groups during illness can boost your whole family’s immunity.

Feel-Good Fiction
Tuesdays, 7 p.m. in the Harrison Room. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion.
• January 14: “The Keeper of Lost Things” by Ruth Hogan.
• February 18: “How to Stop Time” by Matt Haig.
Sure, It’s Winter But Let’s Think Spring Gardens!

Celebrate National Seed Swap Day from 1–4 p.m. Saturday, January 25, in the Midtown Carnegie Branch upstairs meeting room.

Bring your seeds of any type and swap with other gardeners. Don’t have seeds to share? You’re still welcome to participate in the swap.

Get information from the University of Missouri Extension, Springfield Community Gardens and Community Partnership of the Ozarks Tool Library. Kids can stop by the Teen Department to make a garden craft; materials will be provided.

Then come to the Heirloom Seed Library Grand Opening, a come-and-go event from 2–4 p.m. Saturday, February 29 in the Library Station lobby. Get the first pick of the heirloom seeds.

Experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions and give you pointers on starting your garden. Call 865-1340.

Financial Statement Basics for Small Business Owners
Thursday, January 23, 5:30–8 p.m. in meeting room B. In this workshop, small business owners will get help demystifying financial statements and learn basic financial terms and concepts. This knowledge will help prepare you to talk to an accountant about how to set up your bookkeeping, financial statements and other metrics so they provide quality analysis of your business. Presenter Robert Bazan is a retired CPA with 30+ years of experience as a CFO for a medium-sized diverse corporation. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for networking. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri SCORE. Call or visit swmissouri.score.org and click on “Local Workshops,” to register. Registration starts January 9; call 417-986-4730.

Conscious Parenting: From Chaos to Calm
Saturday, February 1, 10–11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. The Conscious Discipline model provides parents with life-changing skills that decrease problem behavior. The topic for this session is Composure, Being the Person You Want Children to Become, Part 2. Attendance at Part 1 is not necessary to find value in this session. Child care will be provided. Presented in partnership with One Stop for Early Childhood and Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Registration starts January 13; call 616-0563.

Book Lovers’ Crafting Hour
Tuesday, February 11, 7 p.m. in the Story Hour Room. Spend an hour making recycled book crafts and chatting about your favorite books.

Civil War Book Discussion Group
Monday, January 27, 7 p.m. in meeting room A. Discuss “Civil War Places: Seeing the Conflict Through the Eyes of Its Leading Historians” by Gary W. Gallagher.

History Explorers Presents: Lewis & Clark: The Corps of Discovery
Wednesday, February 12, 7 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. President Thomas Jefferson established the Corps of Discovery after the purchase of the Louisiana Territory, forming the nucleus of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The expedition went on to map the West, cataloging the country’s flora and fauna, and record knowledge of native tribes. Learn about the Corps of Discovery and the trials and successes of the pioneers who made the trek. Presented in partnership with the Sons of the American Revolution.
programs for adults

Library Station continued

Library Center

Microlending: Accessing Capital When You’re a Small Business
Thursday, February 13, 5:30–8 p.m. in meeting room B. Are you having trouble securing a conventional loan because you’re a startup, have limited capital, cash flow challenges or not enough industry experience? Learn how U.S. Small Business Administration-backed microloans are designed to help aspiring entrepreneurs. Lisa Zimmerman, of SBA, and Mark Nelson with Forge Microlending will be available to answer questions after their presentations. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for networking. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri SCORE. Call or visit swmissouri.score.org and click “Local Workshops” to register. Registration starts January 30; call 417-986-4730.

Saturday Movie Matinee
Saturdays, 2–4 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Watch popular new releases on the big screen, popcorn provided.
• December 28: “Mary Poppins Returns,” rated PG.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition
Thursday, February 6, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Gather friends, family and neighbors for a fun and fierce competition. Teams of 2–4 people will race to be the first to finish a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Space is limited. Registration starts January 13; call 616-0683.

Heirloom Seed Library Grand Opening
Saturday, February 29, 2–4 p.m. Stop by during this come-and-go event in the lobby and get the first pick of heirloom seeds. Need help getting started? Experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions and give you pointers on starting your garden.

Heirloom Seed Library

Library Station

The Hangout
Thursdays, December 5–19, January 9–February 27, 4–6 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Adults with or without developmental disabilities are welcome to stop by for games, crafts and special events.

Book Discussion
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room.
• February 27: “Black Card” by Chris L. Terry. An African American Read-In event.

Ring in the Holidays With Library Concerts

Your favorite holiday traditions return in December at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library.

Holiday Horns is 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, December 11, in the upstairs meeting room. The Springfield Symphony’s Brass Quintet will perform festive holiday music at this annual concert sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be served.

Come back the next day for a concert by the Courthouse Chorale at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, December 12.

Enjoy light refreshments on the first floor while this vocal ensemble of Greene County officials and employees performs holiday favorites on the balcony.

Please note: The elevator may be under reconstruction; call 862-0135 or ask a librarian if you need assistance.
**Midtown Carnegie Branch Library**

**Please note:** The elevator from the basement level to the top floor is under reconstruction. Please call or ask a librarian for assistance.

**Center City Book Club**
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.
- December 10: “Miracle Creek” by Angie Kim.

**Holiday Horns**
Wednesday, December 11, 12:15 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Springfield Symphony’s Brass Quintet will perform festive holiday music at this annual concert sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be served.

**Celebrate the Holidays with Courthouse Chorale**
Thursday, December 12, 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.

**Midtown Workshop Series**
In the upstairs meeting room. Learn useful life skills on a variety of topics from area experts. Call 862-0135 to register.
- Thursday, December 12, 6 p.m. **Holiday Paper Décor.** Library staff members will show you how to make origami snowflakes and stars. Materials will be provided. **Registration starts November 18.**
- Saturday, January 18, 2 p.m. **Communication Skills.** Whether you’re searching for a new job or hoping to advance in your current organization, get tips for improving your communication skills with experts from Toastmasters International.
- Saturday, February 22, 3–4:30 p.m. for age 14 and older. **Learn to Play the Ukulele.** Join ukulele teacher Karen Maxson for this 90-minute introductory course. Learn basic chords, how to strum, simple songs, instrument care and more. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one for the course. Registration is required to borrow a ukulele. **Registration starts January 27.**

**Short Stories on Audio**
Saturdays, December 14, January 11 and February 8, 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Listen to a selection of stories from “The Best Short Stories of Mark Twain.” Some basic crafting supplies will be provided for those who want to keep their hands busy, or bring your own. Warm cider will be served.

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**Words May Change, Mission Remains**

The Springfield-Greene County Library District has refreshed its mission statement, replacing a longer one adopted 10 years ago for one that’s short and sweet:

“Building a stronger community by enabling lifelong learning and enrichment.”

The Library works for every person in the community and tries to meet his or her needs at whatever stage they are in life. The Library also upholds long-held standards of quality, cleanliness and inclusion. That’s hard to put into a single mission statement!

Going forward, you’ll find it on the inside cover of Bookends every quarter, and online.
programs for adults

Midtown Carnegie Branch continued

Fix-it Fair
Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. for all ages in the basement meeting room. Give your small appliances, computers, bicycles or even clothes a new lease on life. Volunteer experts will help you repair your fixable items. Bikes OK; no oversized, gas-powered or safety hazards. For other guidelines, please call 862-0135. Presented with the Community Partnership of the Ozarks Tool Library.

National Seed Swap Day
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Fix-it Fair
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Park Central Branch Library

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Republic Branch Library

Book Discussion
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• December 12: “The Silent Patient” by Alex Michaelides.
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Plan a Family MO-cation at Missouri State Parks
Saturday, January 25, 11 a.m. for all ages.
Learn about tools for planning a family vacation or getaway during this Missouri State Parks travelogue. We’ll talk hiking, floating, caves and more. Traveler Erin Gray will share family experiences from Stockton, Meramec and Echo Bluff trips. Deputy Regional Director Justin Adams will show you how to navigate the sites and resources to plan your trip.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

Living with Alzheimer’s for Mid-Stage Caregivers
Tuesdays, December 3–December 17, 1–3 p.m.
During the middle stages of Alzheimer’s, your loved one may begin jumbling words, have trouble dressing, get frustrated or angry, or act in unexpected ways, such as refusing to bathe. This three-part series with representatives from the Alzheimer’s Association will cover helpful strategies for coping with these changes and providing safe and effective care for loved ones. Register once for the entire series. Registration starts November 12; call 882-0714.

DIY Holiday Mini-Wreaths
Thursday, December 5, 6 p.m.
Deck the halls, your fireplace mantle or front door with a DIY mini-wreath. Wreath forms and materials will be provided, but add to the festive fun by bringing your own ribbons, ornaments and other decor to share, trade or create with. Registration starts November 21; call 883-1974.

Minimalism 101
Sunday, December 8, 2 p.m.
Join author and educator Amity Farr to discover how minimalism can provide you with benefits that everyone wants: more time, more money and less stress. Amity will share philosophy and practical tools to help you live your best with less. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Senior Social
Mondays, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. for adults age 60 and older.
From 11 a.m.–noon, enjoy social time, refreshments, board games and puzzles. From noon–1:30 p.m., a Making Aging More Engaging lunch program will be provided by SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging. A $3.50 lunch donation to SeniorAge is encouraged. Call 883-1974 to register.

• December 9: Nature and Rock Art. Use natural materials and pebbles to make a take-home piece of framed art. Registration starts November 25.

• January 13: Kintsugi. Learn a modified version of “kintsugi,” the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with precious metals, thereby adding to the beauty and character of the item. Broken items will be provided so you can take home a repaired piece. Registration starts December 30.

• February 10: European Eggs. Design replicas of European eggs for display in a nest. These make beautiful gifts or can be displayed on tabletops or mantles. Registration starts January 27.

Trains and Turnips: Two New Ways to Give

The Big John Locomotive has delighted children and adults for years at the Library Station.

You can help keep the train chugging by donating to a new fund on the Library Foundation’s website, foundation.thelibrary.org.

If digging in soil is more your speed, you may want to support the Heirloom Seed Library Fund.

This program is growing in popularity. Let’s make sure there are plenty of seeds for everyone who wants to plant at home or contribute to a community garden.

Visit foundation.thelibrary.org for details.
Evening Book Discussion
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
• January 14: “The Island of Sea Women” by Lisa See.

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

• December 18: A Journey Through Jordan. Library staff member Jon Vincent will share his experiences visiting sites such as Mount Nebo, the Red and Dead Seas and Petra, teaching English to local children and attending Ramadan celebrations.
• January 15: Touring the Middle East. Library staff member Megan Thompson will share photographs and stories from her trip through the Middle East, including Israel, Jordan and Egypt, with a focus on Bible landmarks and history.
• February 19: The Pearl of the Antilles. For more than 50 years U.S. travel to Cuba was almost non-existent. In 2017, U.S. citizens were once again allowed to travel to the island for a brief time. Nicholas and Holly Holladay will share experiences from their once-in-a-lifetime vacation to Havana, Cuba.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition
Sunday, January 12, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Gather friends, family and neighbors for a fun and fierce competition. Teams of 2–4 people will race to be the first to finish a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Space is limited; register a team or ask to be placed on a team when you call. Registration starts December 29; call 883-1974.

iPhone Class for Seniors
Tuesdays, 1–3 p.m. 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. This is a four-part series that covers different topics at each session. One-on-one assistance will be available for the first half hour, with the presentation beginning at 1:30 p.m. Classes are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
• January 14: Navigating Your iPhone, Setting Up Contacts.
• January 28: Making & Receiving Phone Calls, Using Siri.
• February 11: Texting, Using Voice Dictation.
• February 25: Helpful Apps.

Cookbook Book Club
Tuesdays, January 28 and February 25, 6:30 p.m. 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 and publishing trends. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged!
Body Art Basics
Sunday, February 9, 2 p.m. for all ages. Are you ready for ink or body jewelry? Before you make it permanent, get firsthand information from the professionals at Kaleidoscope.

Radio Heyday Live!
Saturday, February 22, 2 p.m. Love is in the air! Performers from Radio Heyday podcast (radioheyday.com) will perform a brand-new, family-friendly romantic comedy in the style of old-time radio. Enjoy an hour of fun, romance and laughs as an audience member for this live performance.

Strafford Branch Library
Warm Up and Wind Down
Thursdays, December 5–February 27, 2–6 p.m. Unwind with coloring or letter writing while having a cup of hot cocoa or coffee. Materials will be provided.

Willard Branch Library

Stranger Than Fiction Book Discussion
Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction. Discuss nonfiction books that focus on unusual or interesting aspects of history, science or nature. Attend either the Wednesday or Saturday session, no need to attend both.

• Wednesday, December 11, 10 a.m. or Saturday, December 14, 1 p.m. “The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary” by Simon Winchester.
• Wednesday, January 8, 10 a.m. or Saturday, January 11, 1 p.m. “Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers” by Mary Roach.
• Saturday, February 8, 1 p.m. or Wednesday, February 12, 10 a.m. “The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon” by David Grann.

Bullet Journaling 101
Monday, December 30, 5:30 p.m. for age 16 and older. Wish you were more organized? Looking for a way to keep your goals on track? Start the new year off right with a bullet journal. Learn how to create your own and the basics of bullet journaling at this workshop. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. Registration starts December 1; call 742-4258.

Creative Journaling
Monday, February 24, 5:30 p.m. for age 16 and older. Need help keeping up with your bullet journal or other craft project? Use library supplies to catch up on your creative endeavors and share your bullet journaling or crafting progress.

Grandparents Raising ‘Grands’ Get Help Here!

Are you a grandparent raising grandchildren? You’re not alone. Times and demands have changed since you raised your own children, but there may be more resources and ways to tap into help in the community.

See what being a “grand” family is all about at the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Resource Fair from 1–4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the Library Station.

You’ll be able to visit with representatives from area organizations and gather information on community resources.

Registration starts February 17; call 616-0683 to register.
News

Your 2019–2020 Directory is Going Online

The 2019–2020 edition of The Directory of 800-plus nonprofit clubs, agencies and organizations in the Springfield area is going online this year.

It’s 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 616-0567.

Make checks payable to Springfield-Greene County Library and mail to Attn: Community Relations, 4653 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield, MO 65810.

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

Mobile Library Stops for December 2019–February 2020

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

**Tuesdays**
Battlefield Towers, 1451 E. Woodland St., 1:20–2 p.m.
Jenny Lind Hall Apts., 711 S. Jefferson Ave., 2:20–2:50 p.m.
York Elementary area, 2100 W. Nichols St., 3:10–3:45 p.m.
Forest Park Apts., 1503 W. Loren St., 4–4:45 p.m.
John B. Hughes Apts., 2100 N. Clifton Ave., 5–5:45 p.m.
Walnut Grove, near the high school, 6:15–7:15 p.m.

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

**Thursdays**
Beacon Village Apts., 639 N. Eldon Ave., 2–2:30 p.m.
Westport Park Apts., 250 N. Hilton Ave., 2:45–3:15 p.m.
Nu Elm Apts., 440 S. New Ave., 3:30–4 p.m.
Hattiesburg Hills, 4663 W. Portland St., 4:15–4:45 p.m.
S. Lulwood Ave. & W. La Siesta St., 5–5:30 p.m.
The Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway Ave., 5:50–6:30 p.m.
Craigmont Place, 740 S. Lafontaine Ave., 6:45–7:15 p.m.
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Fair Grove Branch Library

Martial Arts Mondays
Mondays, December 2–16, January 6, 13 and 27 and February 3, 10 and 24, noon–4 p.m. for age 13 and older. Bring a bag lunch to snack on while we vote for and watch a martial arts double feature, rated PG-13 or under.

Reindeer Games
Friday, December 6, 4–5:30 p.m. for grades 5–12. Warm up with some reindeer games.

Bilbo PAPERbaggins
Friday, January 3, 4–5:30 p.m. for grades 5–12. Celebrate epic storytelling and worldbuilding on JRR Tolkien Day by taking a guided video tour of Minecraft Middle Earth while you unlock your inner puppet master. We’ll make puppets and learn how to create our own epic adventures using a variety of puppet techniques. Materials will be provided.

Better in a Letter
Friday, February 7, 4–5:30 p.m. for grades 5–12. Have you told your friend how much you appreciate them lately? Stop by on National Send a Card to a Friend Day and make a 3D card for your friend using pop-ups or perler beads. Materials will be provided.

Library Center

‘Tween STEAM Sundays
Sundays, December 1, January 5 and February 2, 2 p.m. for grades 4–6 in the Story Hour Room. Create and learn at your own pace with a variety of STEAM toys and gadgets. Materials will be provided.

Teen Night Hangout
Tuesdays, December 3, January 7 and February 4, 6:30 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the teen area. Hang out, make crafts, talk about books and get a chance to read and review new titles.
• January 7: DIY Touch-Screen Gloves. Tired of taking off your gloves to use your smartphone? Convert your gloves into touch-screen gloves using conductive thread! Materials and gloves will be provided but feel free to bring your own gloves to modify. Registration starts December 26; call 616-0526.

Library Station

Teen Night
Fridays, December 6–February 28, 6–8 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Frisco Room. If it’s Friday night, there’s something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts and special events. Materials will be provided.
• January 3: Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and “Smallfoot,” rated PG.
• January 17: Go back in time with a night of kindergarten activities including finger painting, shaving cream fun and more.
• February 14: Alone on Valentine’s Day? Make your own pokey felt friend who will love you forever.

Keep the Peace, Read These Books
The presidential campaign is already in full swing and some of us are taking sides. Here are some book titles to help keep peace in your household, at work and at dinner parties!

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

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


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

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

Please note: The elevator from the basement level to the top floor is under reconstruction. Please call or ask a librarian if you need assistance.

Arts and Crafts Afternoons
Thursday, December 5–February 27, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. We’ll explore a new form of art or create a new craft each week. Materials will be provided.

Writer’s Café
Tuesdays, December 17, January 21 and February 18, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. Whether you’re an accomplished writer or just starting out, bring a story idea or poem you’ve been thinking about and get inspiration and support from fellow writers. Snacks will be provided.

Willy Wonka and Hot Chocolate Creations
Wednesday, January 8, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. Cozy up for DIY hot chocolate as we watch the classic “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,” rated G.

Gearing Up for Learning
Thursday, January 30, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 6–12 in the Teen Room. Need help with school? Learn about the Library’s online resources and homework helpers. Registration starts January 6; call 862-0135.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

Epic Art
Saturday, January 4, 3 p.m. for grades 7–12. Get creative with string pull and geode painting and a collaborative sculpture. Prepare to get messy! Registration starts December 16; call 883-1974.

Strafford Branch Library

Art for All
Wednesdays, December 4 and 18, January 8 and 22 and February 5 and 19, 3:30–5 p.m. for grades 5–12. Not an artist? Not a problem! Twice a month we’ll provide the art supplies, you provide the creativity during this open art program.

Willard Branch Library

D&D: Campaign
Fridays, December 6 and 20, January 3 and 17 and February 7 and 21, 3:30–5 p.m. for all ages. Join us for the beginning of our D&D adventure. No previous game experience required.

Winter Dot Painting
Thursday, January 16, 4 p.m. for grades 4–9. Need help fighting off cabin fever? Join our dot painting party and create your own work of art using a variety of alternative paint brushes. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. Registration starts January 2; call 742-4258.
Ash Grove Branch Library

Racing to Read Storytime
Thursdays, December 5 and 12, January 9, 23 and 30, and February 6, 13 and 27, 9:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading, and language with stories, songs, and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Countdown to Christmas Storytime
Thursday, December 12, 9:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Help us count down to Christmas with holiday stories, songs, and activities.

Holiday Open House
Saturday, December 14, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. for all ages. Help us ring in the holiday season with activities and refreshments. The Ash Grove Christmas Parade will pass right in front of the library, so join us for some holiday cheer!

Fair Grove Branch Library

Racing to Read Storytime
Wednesdays, December 4–18, January 8–29, and February 12–26, 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.

Raise the Roof with Rudolph!
Wednesday, December 11, 4–6 p.m. for grades K–4. Watch the classic “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” rated TV-G, and then let your holiday creativity shine as you decorate your own gingerbread house. House and materials will be provided; seating is limited. Registration starts November 27; call 759-2637.

Game & STEAM Day
Wednesday, January 8, 4–6 p.m. for grades K–4. Enjoy an afternoon playing games and building awesome creations using only recycled products! Materials will be provided.

Help Select the Picture Book Winner of 2019

Which book should become the 2019 Building Block Picture Book Award winner?

Each year, the Missouri Library Association asks families with children from birth through kindergarten to choose the best picture book from a list of 10 nominees. With a goal of encouraging reading aloud to children, the award offers a great opportunity to share and discuss some terrific picture books with your little ones!

You can find the list at thelibrary.org/kids, then scroll down to the Awards booklists.

Visit any of the Library branches or the Mobile Library to check out the books and pick up a ballot. The Library will accept ballots through December 30, and the Missouri Library Association will announce the winner the end of January 2020.
programs for kids and families

Parents or caregivers must accompany their children, ages 5 and younger, to programs.

Fair Grove Branch continued

Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Wednesday, February 5, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. An African American Read-In event.

Bookmark Blitz
Wednesday, February 5, 4–6 p.m. for grades K–12. Stop by and show off your artistic skills by designing a bookmark to submit in the Library’s annual contest! Supplies, how-to’s and scrap paper will be provided.

Family Film Night
Monday, February 10, 4–6:30 p.m. for all ages. Shake off the Monday blues with popcorn and a special feature for the whole family — “The Lion King,” rated PG, 2019.

Library Center

Missouri Building Block Voting Party
Tuesday–Wednesday, December 3–4, 10 a.m.–noon for preschool–grade 1 in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate new buzz-worthy picture books, help your preschoolers vote for their favorite to win the Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award, enjoy activities and explore the titles you haven’t read.

Holiday Store for Kids
For infants–age 18 in the auditorium. Shopping for families, friends and teachers is affordable and fun at the Library’s annual Holiday Store. Kids through age 18 can shop at the “store” for gifts priced from 25 cents to $10. Friends of the Library volunteers will help young children shop for everyone on their gift list, purchase and wrap their gifts.
• Saturday, December 7, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
• Sundays, December 8 and 15, 1–4:30 p.m.
• Monday–Friday, December 9–13, 2–7 p.m.
• Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

Family Graphic Novel Book Club
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. for grades 2–3 in the Story Hour Room. Kids and their favorite adults are invited to explore how art and story work together in graphic novels. A related activity and snack will be included.
• December 14: “Catwad” by Jim Benton.
• January 18: “Peter and Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths” by Graham Annable.
• February 15: “Red Panda & Moon Bear” by Jarod Rossello.

“Star Wars” Winter Celebration
Sunday, December 15, 2 p.m. for all ages in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate winter “Star Wars”-style with themed crafts and activities. Materials will be provided.

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

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

Save time searching for something you want to read and let us do the work for you. Visit the website and take a short survey to give us an idea of what you like to read.

In three to five days you’ll receive a personalized reading list sent to your email, or a printed list to pick up at your library branch.

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

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

Click to continue...
Hugo Kringle
Saturday, December 21, 10:30 a.m. for preschool–grade 2 in the auditorium. Storyteller and musician Mike Anderson portrays Hugo Kringle, Kris Kringle’s brother as he shares holiday songs and hilarious stories about growing up with the boy who would become Santa Claus.

“Elf” Interactive
Saturday, December 21, 2 p.m. for grades K–5 in the auditorium. Sing and have fun with Buddy the Elf during this interactive showing of “Elf,” rated PG. Crafts and activities included.

Develop Yourself with The Geek Foundation Coding Courses!
Sundays, 2–5 p.m. for grades 2–6 in the Story Hour Room. Materials will be provided. Call 616-0526 to register.
• December 22: Adafruit Animated LED Trinket. Create an animated retro-style video game creature as an eye-catching necklace or charm to wear. Registration starts December 14.
• January 26: Adafruit Neopixel Tiara. Join us for this wearables course where we’ll use a GEMMA wearable microcontroller and NeoPixels to create a beautiful light-up tiara to take home. Registration starts January 11.
• February 23: Robotics 101. Learn about programming robotics with Arduino while programming a robotic car. Registration starts February 8.

Racing to Read Storytime
In the Story Hour Room. Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.
• Book Babies Storytime for infants–12 months: Mondays, January 6–13 and 27, and February 3–10 and 24, 9:30 a.m.
• Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, January 7–February 26, 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
• For infants–age 6: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, January 7–February 26, 11:15 a.m. and Fridays, January 10–February 28, 10:15 a.m.
• Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6: Mondays, January 6–13 and 27, and February 3–10 and 24, 7 p.m.

Yeti Day
Sunday, January 12, 2 p.m. for age 2–grade 2 in the Story Hour Room. Chill out with us while enjoying stories, songs and other activities celebrating this cool creature!

Mock Caldecott
Saturday, January 18, 2 p.m. for grade K–adults in the Story Hour Room. Each year the American Library Association awards the Caldecott Medal to the illustrator of the most distinguished American picture book for children. Join staff member Sarah Bean Thompson, member of the 2016 Caldecott Committee, as we talk about what makes the best illustrated book of the year and decide which book should win the Springfield Caldecott Medal. Ask a librarian for the picture book reading list so you can come prepared to discuss your favorites. Books will also be available to read at the event.
Travel Plans? Apply for a Passport at Two Libraries

Planning an international voyage soon?
Make it easy on yourself and apply for a passport at one of two libraries — the Library Center, 4633 S. Campbell Ave., or the Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expressway.

Both branches accept passport applications during convenient hours and days — perfect for busy people and families. Passport photos are also available for $15.

The service is available 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday–Saturday, and 1–4 p.m. on Sunday. No appointment is necessary.

The Library cannot process passport renewals.

Before going to the Library, get complete information about required documents and fees by visiting the U.S. State Department website at travel.state.gov, or call 1-877-487-2778 or 1-888-874-7793 (TDD/TTY).

Library Center continued

Racing to Read Storytime: One World
In the Story Hour Room. Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. An African American Read-In event.
• For infants–12 months: Monday, February 24, 9:30 a.m.
• For infants–36 months: Tuesday and Wednesday, February 25–26, 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
• For infants–age 6: Monday, February 24, 7 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, February 25–26, 11:15 a.m. and Friday, February 28, 10:15 a.m.

“Frozen” February
Saturday, February 29, 10:30 a.m. for preschool–grade 5 in the auditorium. Dance and sing along to one of your Disney favorites, “Frozen,” rated G. We’ll also have crafts and cool activities.

Library Station

Little Voices
Sundays, 3 p.m. for all ages in the Story Hour Room. The Library is a safe space to explore diversity, learn about empathy and teach tolerance. Join us for stories, songs and other activities designed to inspire and support positive change.
• December 1: Human Rights Day.
• January 5: Spread Kindness and Empathy.
• February 2: Celebrate African-American History! An African American Read-In event.

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: Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, December 2–February 28 (except December 24, January 20 and February 17) 10 a.m.
• For infants–age 6: Tuesdays and Fridays, December 3–February 28 (except December 24), 11:15 a.m.
• Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6: Tuesdays, December 3–17 and January 7–February 25, 7 p.m.

Holiday Store for Kids
Saturday, December 7, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. for infants–age 18 in the Santa Fe Room. Shopping for families, friends and teachers is affordable and fun at the Library’s annual Holiday Store. Kids through age 18 can shop at the “store” for gifts priced from 25 cents to $10. Friends of the Library volunteers will help young children shop for everyone on their gift list, purchase and wrap their gifts.

Holiday Open House: Polar Party!
Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.–noon for all ages in the Children’s Department. Pop in for a party featuring penguins, polar bears and other polar animal friends! Join us for crafts, games, snacks and other activities.

STEAM Train
Saturdays, 2–4 p.m. for grades 1–6. All aboard the STEAM Train for an afternoon of scientific exploration and educational play! Materials will be provided.
• December 7 in the Story Hour Room: Light it Up! After you shop the Holiday
Store, stop by to learn about electricity and make a light-up card or gift.
• January 25 in the Frisco Room: **Chain Reaction Contraptions.** Test your inventing skills and learn about physics by designing and building your very own Rube Goldberg chain reaction machine.
• February 22 in the Frisco Room: **Engineer a Safe Car!** Celebrate National Engineers Week by designing and building a prototype for a crash-proof car.

**Art Exploration**  
Saturdays, 2 p.m. for families with children of all ages in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy a story and art making for the whole family! Work together to create a family masterpiece based on an art style from the featured picture book. Bring your creativity; materials will be provided.
• February 8: “The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky’s Abstract Art” Illustrated by Mary Grand-Pré. Project: Concentric Hearts.

**Noon Year’s Eve Party!**  
Tuesday, 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.

**Racing to Read Playtime: Messy Play!**  
Saturday, February 1, 10–11:30 a.m. for infants—age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Come play with us! Learning begins at birth, and playing is how young children learn. Join us for a messy playdate filled with unstructured, developmentally appropriate activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Kids and parents can visit, play and socialize. You’ll find fun activities you can recreate at home and enjoy some of our special toys.

**Racing to Read Storytime: One World**  
In the Story Hour Room. Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. **An African American Read-In event.**
• For infants—36 months: Monday, Tuesday and Friday, February 3–4 and 7, 10 a.m.
• For infants—age 6: Tuesday and Friday, February 4 and 7, 11:15 a.m.
Library Station continued

Build a Better Book!
Fridays, February 7–February 28, 2–3:30 p.m. for families with children age 8 and older in the Frisco Room. Learn about engineering for accessibility. Design and adapt books and games with tactile features to be used by blind and visually impaired kids in Springfield. Activities will be available for younger children during classes. Perfect for home-school families! Materials will be provided; register once to attend series. Registration starts January 2; call 865-1340.

Racing to Read Storytime
Fridays, December 6–February 28, 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.

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Please note: The elevator from the basement level to the top floor is under reconstruction. Please call or ask a librarian for assistance.

Better Together: It’s a Family Thing
Thursdays, 4 p.m. for all ages in the upstairs meeting room. Bring your family and join us for stories, booktalks and activities. When families read and play together, they explore new worlds. Kids also learn important life lessons like kindness, empathy and caring for others, while strengthening bonds with their parents and siblings.

• December 5: I Survived! Learn about historic events featured in the I Survived series and how they can teach us about surviving challenges big and small.
• January 9: “Extra Yarn.” Mac Barnett’s book will help us take the gloom out of winter as we make the season colorful and bright with yarn crafts for the whole family.
• February 6: Can We Get Chickens? Raising backyard chickens is fun, but it’s also messy. Learn about the realities of having your own flock from veteran chicken owner and Library staff member Ashley Fillmer.

Holiday Open House: Polar Party
Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. for all ages in the Teen Room. Make memories and enjoy festivities as we prepare for polar days with books, crafts, games and activities.

Holiday Store for Kids
Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. for infants–age 18 in the upstairs meeting room. Shopping for families, friends and teachers is affordable and fun at the Library’s annual Holiday Store. Kids through age 18 can shop at the “store” for gifts priced from 25 cents to $10. Friends of the Library volunteers will help young children shop for everyone on their gift list, purchase and wrap their gifts.

Take and Make Thursdays
Thursdays, January 2–January 30, 8:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m. for grades K–5 in the Children’s Department. Drop in anytime on Thursdays in January and find a surprise craft you can do in the Children’s Department or take with you for later. We’ll have some craft books on display so you can continue the fun at home.

We’re Bringing You the Beach!
Friday, January 10, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Shed your coats and mittens because we’re headed to the beach for storytime! We’ll read books, sing songs and enjoy activities all about summer while we pretend and learn.
Racing to Read Storytime: One World
Friday, January 31, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children's Department. Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. An African American Read-In event.

Scavenger Hunt Saturdays
Saturdays, February 1–February 29, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. for all ages in the Children's Department. Kick off Take Your Child to the Library Day with a fun scavenger hunt the whole family will enjoy! Pick up a form in the Children's Department and show us how well you know our materials upstairs and downstairs. Complete your form and collect a small prize. Enjoy the hunt with your family every Saturday in February.

Mail Some Love at Valentine Storytime
Friday, February 14, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children's Department. Celebrate the holiday by making your own valentine to mail! Place your homemade cards in mailboxes around the branch, or keep them to send somewhere else. Continue the celebration with stories, songs and lots of love!

Republic Branch Library
Racing to Read Storytime
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, December 3–February 26 (except December 24–25 and January 1), 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.

Holiday Open House: Polar Party
Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.–noon for all ages. Pop in for a party featuring penguins, polar bears and other polar animal friends! Crafts, games, snacks and other activities will be provided.

Holiday Store for Kids
Shopping for families, friends and teachers is affordable and fun at the Library's annual Holiday Store. Kids through age 18 can shop at the "store" for gifts priced from 25 cents to $10. Friends of the Library volunteers will help young children shop for everyone on their gift list, purchase and wrap their gifts.

• Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.–noon
• Monday through Thursday, December 9–12, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
• Friday and Saturday, December 13–14, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
• Monday through Wednesday, December 16–18, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.

Winter Pajama Storytime
Monday, December 9, 6:30 p.m. for infants–age 6. Wear your pajamas and cuddle up with a stuffed animal as you listen to stories and sing songs perfect for the season and bedtime.

Looking for Tax Help?
There will be no walk-in clinics or special property tax clinics at library branches this tax season.

Several organizations work with the ATLS (Across The Life Span) coalition to provide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE). IRS certified volunteers will prepare free federal and state tax returns February 1–April 15, 2020.

Call 2-1-1 or (417) 720-2000 after January 13, 2020, to make an appointment and get a list of required documents. If you are age 60 or older, you can call (417) 862-0762 to make an appointment for a TCE clinic. Expect delays due to call volume. You must arrive 15 minutes early for appointments; late arrivals may have to reschedule.

Assistance is for those of low-to-moderate income, generally below $56,000, and for people with disabilities.
programs for kids and families
Parents or caregivers must accompany their children, ages 5 and younger, to programs.

Republic Branch continued

**Build-It Saturday**
Saturdays, December 28 and January 25, 11 a.m. for grades K–8. See what you can construct using your imagination and LEGO bricks, blocks and other building materials.

**Noon Year’s Eve Storytime**
Tuesday, December 31, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Who says you have to stay up late to ring in the New Year? Not us! Celebrate 2020 with a specially themed storytime, craft and playtime.

**Reading Pals**
Thursday, February 6, 4:30 p.m. for grades K–5. Our friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks need your help — they love a good story but can’t read. Practice your reading skills with these furry, loveable friends.

**Racing to Read Storytime: One World**
Tuesday and Wednesday, February 18–19, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. *An African American Read-In* event.

**Leap Day Celebration!**
Saturday, February 29, 10–11:30 a.m. for preschool–grade 5. Do you know why there is an extra day in February every four years? Leap over to the library to learn about and celebrate this year’s extra day! We’ll have games, crafts and activities to make our extra day memorable.

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

**Sunday Make ‘n Play**
Sundays, December 1 and 15, January 5 and 19 and February 2 and 16, 2–4 p.m. for ages 3–grade 4. Don’t have time for storytime during the week? Drop in for a hands-on, interactive experience with a maker, play, and art focus. We’ll provide multiple activity stations and lots of cool, theme-related books to look at and check out. Be prepared to make new friends, get messy, and have family fun!

**Builder Crew**
Tuesdays, December 3–February 25 (except December 24 and 31), 6–8 p.m. for grades 4–8. Engineer with a variety of blocks, bricks and building tools.

**Baby Jam**
Wednesdays, December 4 and February 5, 10 a.m. for infants–36 months. Wiggle and giggle with singable stories, instruments and a baby dance party.

Give the Gift of Library Membership

Have friends or family who live outside of Greene County but love to use the Library? Give them the gift of an out-of-county resident card.

An out-of-county resident card provides all the family members who live in the same residence all the benefits as those who live in Greene County, including checkout privileges, computer access, online resources and other library services.

Out-of-county cards cost $80 annually, the same amount Greene County property taxpayers pay, on average, to support the Library. The fee for an out-of-county card can be paid at any library branch. Those purchasing one as a gift will receive a brightly colored card to give to the intended recipient. The individual or family receiving the gift can exchange the card at any branch for their library card, which is valid for one year from the date of issue.

**Holiday Open House: An Enchanted Woodland**
Saturday, December 7, 9 a.m.–noon for all ages in the Children’s Department. Join us for enchanted woodland crafts, play and activities.
**Holiday Store for Kids**
Saturday, December 7, 9 a.m.–noon for infants–age 18. Shopping for families, friends and teachers is affordable and fun at the Library’s annual Holiday Store. Kids through age 18 can shop at the “store” for gifts priced from 25 cents to $10. Friends of the Library volunteers will help young children shop for everyone on their gift list, purchase and wrap their gifts.

**Itsy Bitsy Science Club**
Wednesdays, December 11, January 8 and February 12, 10 a.m. for ages 2–6. Discover your inner scientist as we explore, build and create with science, technology, engineering, art and math. Dress for a mess!

**Starlight Storytime**
Wednesdays, December 18, January 15 and February 19, 7 p.m. for age 2 and older. Wind down with stories, songs, a craft and light snack. PJs, blankies and stuffed animals welcome!

**Epic Art**
Saturday, January 4, 1 p.m. for grades 4–8. Get creative with string pull and geode painting and a collaborative sculpture. Prepare to get messy! Registration starts December 16; call 883-1974.

**Racing to Read Storytime: One World**
Thursday, February 6. Join us to celebrate African-American literature and culture at this special Racing to Read Storytime. *An African American Read-In event.*
- For infants–36 months: 10 a.m.
- For infants–age 6: 11 a.m.

**Strafford Branch Library**
**Racing to Read Storytime**
Tuesdays, December 3–February 25 (except December 24 and 31), 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.

**Impromptu Inventor-noon**
Tuesdays, December 3–February 25 (except December 24), 3:30 p.m. for grades K–6. Explore science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics in a unique way each week as a new, open-ended challenge is provided.

**Holiday Open House: Polar Party!**
Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. for all ages. Pop in for a party featuring penguins, polar bears and other polar animal friends! Crafts, refreshments and activities will be provided.

**Save the Date: How-To Festival — Earth Day Edition!**
Looking for a new hobby? Want to learn a new skill? Mark your calendar for the Library’s 3rd Annual How-To Festival from 10 a.m.–2:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, at the Library Center. 1 day, 25 presentations and 100 percent free!

This one-stop how-to extravaganza features local experts and Library staff in a lively series of lessons and hands-on experiences focused on sustainability, waste reduction and environmentalism. Session topics include: vermiculture, recycled newspaper bags and purses, native plants and an Earth Day-related ukulele lesson!

A full schedule of topics and presenters will be available March 1. Pick up a copy at any branch or the Mobile Library or visit thelibrary.org/howtofestival.
programs for kids and families

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Strafford Branch continued

Holiday Store for Kids
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I Love Letters!
Tuesday, February 11, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Make homemade valentines and deliver them to the pretend Post Office. Materials will be provided.

Willard Branch Library

Racing to Read Playtime
Tuesday, December 3, 10 a.m.–noon for infants–age 6. Come play with us! Learning begins at birth, and playing is how young children learn. Join us for a play-date filled with unstructured, developmentally appropriate activities for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, where kids and parents can visit, play, and socialize. You’ll find fun activities you can recreate at home as well as enjoy some of our special toys.

Book Bites
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. for grades 4–6. Explore a different middle grade novel each month. Listen along as we read aloud the first few chapters while working on a craft. Materials and snacks will be provided. Seating is limited. Call 742-4258 to register.
• February 14: “Mustaches for Maddie” by Chad Morris and Shelly Brown. Registration starts February 1.

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Reading Pals
Monday, January 13, 4:30 p.m. for grades K–5. Our friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks need your help — they love a good story but can’t read. Practice your reading skills with these furry, loveable friends.

Life-Sized Candyland
Thursday, February 13, 5 p.m. for all ages. Bring the whole family to play a life-sized version of the classic board game Candyland.

Checkout, Read and Listen with Libby!

Did you know you can borrow thousands of e-books and audiobooks easily and instantly, for free, just using the device in your hands?

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Here’s how to borrow your next favorite read:
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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.

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Library Center
• Preserving The Ozarks Musical Heritage: The Max Hunter Collection, Local History, December–February
• All Aboard: The Frisco Railroad through Springfield’s History, Local History, December–February
• Paintings by the Springfield Chinese Impressionist Society, Reading Room, December
• Norman Rockwell Figurine Collection Courtesy of Carlene Withers, concourse, December
• Nature Photos by James Wiebe, concourse, January
• New Work by Sarah Blinkhorn, Reading Room, January
• Springfield Public Schools Student Artwork, concourse and Reading Room, February

Library Station
• Fossil Collection Courtesy of Steven Johnson, December–February
• African Design Collection Courtesy of Emille Tshibandja, December–February
• Celebrate African-American History with Stamps Courtesy of Elaine Estes, January 15–February 29

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
• Santa Collection Courtesy of Dennis Mooneyham, December
• The Mantels at Midtown: Paintings by Sarah Hebert, December–February
• Artwork by Louise Eggleston and Chris Haik, December–February
• Smiley Faces Collection Courtesy of Dennis Mooneyham, January–February

Park Central Branch Library
• A History of HIV and AIDS in Springfield: Selections from the Missouri State University Archives, December
• Photographs by Ruby Reddecliff, January
• Works by Nicole Chilton, February

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
• Paintings of Herons by Olevia Mccaul, December
• Impressionism and Expressionism Paintings by Wierong Schaefer, January
• From the Mind of Misty: Paintings & Drawings by Misty Jensen, February

ON DISPLAY

Love Bug

Prismatic Cervus — Floral King

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LOCATIONS/HOURS

The Library Center
4653 S. Campbell Ave. • 882-0714
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sunday, 1-5 p.m.
Drive-up window:
Monday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Ash Grove Branch Library
101 E. Main St., Ash Grove • 751-2933
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Fair Grove Branch Library
81 S. Orchard Blvd., Fair Grove • 759-2637
Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Library Station
2535 N. Kansas Expressway • 865-1340
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
397 E. Central St. • 862-0135
The Edge Community Technology Center: 837-5011
Monday-Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

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

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

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library
2214 Brentwood Blvd. • 883-1974
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday, 1-5 p.m.
Drive-up window:
Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Strafford Branch Library
101 S. State Highway 125, Strafford
736-9233
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

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

Satellite Locations
Pick up and return only:
• Library Express West
  Orchard Plaza, 3872 W. Chestnut Expwy.
  Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
  Drive-up window:
  Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
  Friday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
• Ruby By Price Cutter Book Stop
  3260 E. Battlefield Road
• Van K. Smith Community Health Library
  2055 S. Fremont Ave.
• Book drop, east driveway,
  C.H. “Chub” O’Reilly Cancer Center,
  2055 S. Fremont Ave.

INTERNET

Library Website: thelibrary.org
• Research databases including magazine and newspaper articles, most accessible from home with your library card.
• Lynda.com, featuring 3,000 courses in business, technical and creative skills, and 150,000 online tutorials—all free with your library card.
• Download e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines and video.
• Local history, genealogy and digitized collections.
• Kids’ and teens’ pages, featuring homework help, age-appropriate links, blogs, and recommended reading.
• Library programs, services, jobs, general information and Bookends online.
• 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.

BORROWING

Library Cards
• Library Cards are issued free to Greene County residents or those who pay property tax in Greene County. Complete an application at the checkout desk of any library. Identification and proof of current address are required. Those who pay property tax in Greene County, but do not live there, must bring a copy of their current Greene County property tax receipt.
• Those living outside Greene County may obtain a Non-resident Library Card for an $80 annual fee per household, effective July 1.

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• The maximum fine is $5 for each returned adult item and $1 for each returned children’s item.
• Items may be renewed for two additional loan periods if not reserved by someone else, except for High Priority items (such as best-sellers). Renew items in person, by phone or online at thelibrary.org/myaccount.
• There is a checkout limit of 50 items per card.
• Report lost or stolen cards promptly. Replacement cards are $1 each.