

# Springfield City Library

## Pine Point Branch



## Community Conversations at the Library

A series of Wednesday evening discussions focusing on current topics relevant to Springfield residents. Our aim is to connect area residents with local experts in order to deepen an understanding of community issues and activities. All talks begin at 6 p.m. Drop in for one or all!

**February 15**

### ***Grow Food Everywhere: Urban Gardening in Springfield***

A discussion with *Gardening the Community* (GtC) youth and Peter Merzbacher on the Community Gardening Ordinance and backyard urban gardening. We'll also show a short film called *A Garden Grows at 13<sup>th</sup> and C Streets* about a public housing community garden in Washington, D.C.

**February 22**

### ***Voting for the Future: Getting Involved Matters!***

Susan Roche, retired lawyer and current regional leader at *Organizing for America*, will discuss voting and voter trends in Springfield. She'll talk about how our government is organized, how to get involved, as well as how to stay informed and interested in local elections.

**February 29**

### ***Working Together to Build Community: Community Organizing in Springfield***

Aron Goldman, *Executive Director of the Springfield Institute*, and Betty Agin, *Director of Universal Community Voices Eliminating Disparities*, will discuss community organizing in Springfield including some of its general goals and objectives.

**March 7**

### ***Consumer Beware: Protect Yourself from Scams***

Think you can't be scammed? Think again! Con artists are skilled in parting people from their money. Learn about common scams and how to protect yourself from Susan Grant, *Director of Consumer Protection* at the nonprofit Consumer Federation of America.

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