

Springfield City Library

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MULTI-BRANCH PROGRAMS

Dr. Seuss Scavenger Hunt Come celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday! Grab a clue sheet and find the pictures of characters in Dr. Seuss's books. After the sheet is completed you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win special Dr. Seuss prizes. March 1st-11th | All Branches during open hours, except Central Library and Sixteen Acres | Children



Seuss-A-Bration Make a Cat in the Hat pencil topper! Sign a Dr. Seuss Birthday Banner! Hear Dr. Seuss stories on demand! Brightwood, East Springfield, Forest Park, Indian Orchard, and Mason Square: Thursday, March 2nd. Library Express at Pine Point: Wednesday, March 1st | During open hours | Children

Seuss-Capades! Who glides on the ice with the greatest of ease? Your Seuss skater, of course! Come make a Seuss character that can "skate" along on our "ice" pond, or create a skating character from your own imagination. Brightwood: March 6th-11th. East Forest Park: March 13th-18th. East Springfield: March 6th-11th. Indian Orchard: March 6th-11th. Mason Square: March 6th-11th | During open hours | Children

Be Aware, Be Smart: Consumer Protection, Good Credit, and You Learn how to protect yourself against fraud, identity theft, and scams. Natalia Shtrom from the Mayor's Office of Consumer Information will be on hand to answer questions about using credit wisely, shopping well for a used car, maximizing your security when shopping online and more. Free literature will be available to take. This service is provided in recognition of National Consumer Protection Week. Central Library Rotunda: Monday, March 6th from 12-2 PM, in English and Russian. Mason Square: Thursday, March 9th from 5-7:30 PM, in English, Russian and Spanish.

Register to Work at MGM! Want to get a job at the casino? MGM Springfield will conduct its hiring using an online program known as SkillSmart. Now you can get help setting up a SkillSmart profile in three different library locations! Kat Mangiafico, of Opportunity Services, will hold monthly SkillSmart Registration drop-in sessions. Once you have a profile in SkillSmart, you will automatically receive notifications on job openings, educational opportunities, and other important MGM Springfield employment updates. No registration required. Bring a friend and tell your family! Brought to you by Springfield City Library and Opportunity Services, Inc. Central Library Rice Hall: Monday, March 6th from 2-3 PM. Mason Square: Friday, March 10th from 3-4 PM. Sixteen Acres: Tuesday, March 21st from 4-5 PM

BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH

359 PLAINFIELD STREET, 413-263-6805



Bilingual Storytime Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, a craft, and playtime. No registration required. Adult must accompany children. Space is limited to 12. Presented in collaboration with Home City Families. Every Wednesday | 1:30-2:30 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Ages 12 months-6 years, siblings welcome.

Hora de cuentos bilingües Acompáñenos para cuentos, canciones, actividades, y tiempo para jugar. No requiere inscripción previa. Un adulto debe acompañar a los niños. Plazas limitadas a 12 niños con un adulto. Presentada con la colaboración de Home City Families. Los miércoles | 1:30 a 2:30 PM | Salón Comunitario | Para niños de 12 meses a 6 años de edad, y los hermanos son bienvenidos.



LEGO Club Do you love LEGOs? Join us for building fun! Share your ideas and brick vision with other LEGO lovers- let your imagination run wild! Every Thursday | 4-5 PM | Children

Teen Advisory Board Calling All Teens! Meet and share ideas about improving library programming for teens, plan events and book discussions, give input for materials selection, and other fun activities. Light refreshments served. Monthly on 1st Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Teens

Tabletop Tennis Tabletop tennis, anyone? Teens are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun playing tabletop tennis/ping pong. Two or four players can play at a time. Play for bragging rights or just for fun; plus it's a great workout! Paddles, balls, nets and tables provided. Meets monthly. Wednesday, March 8th | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Teens

Game ON! Video Gaming for Teens Drop in and play your favorite Wii games in the community room! Snacks will be provided. Monthly on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 3:00-4:30 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Teens



Create a Lava Lamp Teens will have a great time creating this cool and unbelievably easy science activity. A used plastic water bottle, vegetable oil, Alka-Seltzer tablets, food coloring, glitter and water is all you need. Bring your finished project home to enjoy. All supplies will be provided. Wed. March 15th | 3:15-4:45 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Teens



Tasty Tuesday Experience a new flavor and learn how to make a tasty snack! Monthly on 3rd Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Teens

CENTRAL LIBRARY

220 STATE STREET, 413-263-6828

Art Central: Photography of the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club On display in Art Central are photos of the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club, including shots of their youth lessons and rowing on the Connecticut River, including the perennially popular Dragon Boat Festival, and more. March 1st - April 27th | During open hours. A reception will be held from 2-3 PM on Sunday, March 12th. Refreshments and musical entertainment will be provided compliments of the Friends of the Library and others. Free attendance raffle to all who participate; prizes include a \$30 Stop & Shop gift card and a copy of the book *Suga Water*.



Dr. Seuss's Birthday It's Pajama Day! Wear your pajamas and celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a special Seuss craft--then go see what the Museums are doing! (Hint: the Museums are wearing pajamas too!) Saturday, March 4th | During open hours | Children's Room

Local Author Fair Come to the Fair to meet recently published authors and enjoy their works. Authors will be on hand to discuss their books, writing, and to sell and sign copies of their books to interested readers. A wide range of styles will be on display including novels, poetry, nonfiction, books for teens and children and more. For a complete list of participating authors, please visit: goo.gl/YNQ0Q2. Saturday, March 4th | 12:30-3:30 PM | Central Library Rotunda



Family Storytime at the Central Library Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. No registration required. Every Saturday | 1:30-2:30 PM | Children's Program Room | Ages 3-10, siblings welcome

StoryWalk at the Children's Room Take our StoryWalk (a short walk following the pages of a picture book), then complete an activity. March 6th-19th | During open hours | Children's Room | Ages 3-12

Snacks and Karaoke for Teens Come sing and dance along to your favorite hits - it's a sure cure for cabin fever! We'll also try out some quick snack recipes to add to the fun! Mondays March 6th, and March 27th | 4-5 PM | Central Library Community Room | Teens ages 11-18



BYOB, a Book Discussion Group BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) and share your recent reads at this lively and long-running book group, and gain exposure to new authors, titles, and genres. We're always open to new members - join us! Monthly on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays | 10-12 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults

ScotaKon Anime Festival Celebrate anime and Asian pop culture with the students of the Springfield Conservatory of the Arts magnet school! Enjoy presentations and performances by the members of the Anime Club, plus plenty of hands-on activities. ScotaKon is a festival by teens for teens, but all ages are welcome. Wednesday, March 8th | 5-7 PM | Central Library Community Room



Afterthoughts, a Book Discussion Group This month the group will read and discuss the 2012 nonfiction novel *Sidonia's Thread: The Secrets of a Mother and Daughter Sewing a New Life in America* by Hanna Perlstein Marcus. We select a new book to discuss every month. Library copies of the book are available at the 2nd Floor Welcome Desk. Come join us for a lively discussion and meet others who also enjoy reading. New members are always welcome. Monthly on 2nd Tuesdays | 12-1 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults



Maker Lab for Teens Teens, here's a chance for teens to be a "maker" as you experiment with technology tools, craft materials, and hands-on activities of all kinds. Something different every month -- check out this group if you like to design, build and create! Monthly on 3rd Wednesdays | 3-4:30 PM | Central Library Community Room | Teens ages 12-19

Sandtray Play at the Children's Room Play with miniatures in a personal-size sandtray and make up your own stories. Mondays from March 20th-May 15th | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 3-12

Gaming Club Play computer games and make friends at the Gaming Club! We will be playing games that encourage collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. The games included in this program are Minecraft, Roblox, Scratch, and Makey Makey. Limited to 10 kids. Sign in begins at 5:15 p.m. weekly. Every Wednesday from March 22nd - May 17th | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 8-12

Foundation Center: Introduction to Corporate Giving Is your organization ready to seek corporate support? Corporate grantmakers are different from traditional foundations in many ways. This class provides a basic overview of the different types of corporate giving, what motivates corporations to give, and how to find potential corporate partners. Thursday March 23rd | 2-4 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults

Not Your Mother's Job Search: Resume Writing 101 Up-to-date resumes can help you land the job you want. In this workshop, you'll learn what has changed in resume writing, how to tailor your resume using key words, how to submit your resume online and


more. Cover letter writing will also be presented in this interactive workshop and presentation. This is part 1 of the three-part series *Not Your Mother's Job Search!* Led by Barbara Foster, Career Development Counselor at Holyoke Community College. Funded in part by the Friends of the Library. Saturday, March 25th | 10 AM-12 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults


Rotunda Rhythms Presents *The Softer Side of Celtic: Music and Stories* The Softer Side of Celtic brings the stories of music from Scotland, Ireland and England into a program that will keep the audience on the edge of their seats. There will be singing, laughing, clapping, and perhaps a few tears, as he tells the songs' stories. Attendees earn a chance to win the free raffle sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Sponsored in part by the Springfield Cultural Council. Sunday, March 26th | 2-3 PM | Central Library Rotunda | All Ages


Foundation Center: Introduction to Finding Funders This workshop is an overview of the Foundation Center Database, a powerful tool for the nonprofit community, providing access to 90,000+ U.S. foundations, grant making public charities, and corporate givers, with links to over 7,000 grant maker and corporate websites and IRS 990-PF and 990 returns. Learn tips and tricks for searching and how to best use the database's interface. An introduction to the Grantspace website will also be covered. Reserved seating is limited to area nonprofit and grassroots organizations. Thursday March 23rd | 2-4 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults

EAST FOREST PARK BRANCH


122 ISLAND POND RD. 413-263-6836

 **Books & Brew Book Club** Cure your mid-week blues with a lively book discussion and some brew at Nathan Bill's Bar and Restaurant. This program is intended for 20-30-somethings, but all are welcome! For our March 1st meeting, we will be discussing *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. Copies of this book are available for pickup at the East Forest Park Library. First Wednesday of every month | 7:30-8:30 PM | Nathan Bill's at 110 Island Pond Rd, Springfield, MA 01118 | Adults aged 21+


 **Infant/Toddler Storytime** Join us for stories, songs, movement, and a craft. No registration required. Adult must accompany children. Fridays, now - March 31st | 10:30-11:30 AM | Ages 6-36 months, siblings welcome

 **Knot Just Knitters** Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, or crewel, this is the place for you.

New members are welcome and current members are willing to teach their skills. Some yarn and needles are provided, but donations of such items will always be welcome. Many of the finished items are donated to charitable causes. Every Friday | 1-2:30 PM | Adults


 **Fan Fiction Writing Group** This group is for fans of popular movies, TV series, books, manga, and comic books who want to create stories about their favorite characters in their favorite universes. Members will be supplied with writing prompts and have a chance to get positive feedback if they want to share their work. Monthly on 1st and 3rd Fridays | 4-4:45 PM | Teens

Cat in the Hat Craft In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday we will be celebrating it by having a special Dr. Seuss craft for all ages. There will also be some really cool, quirky Dr. Seuss activity sheets for all to have fun with. Listen to Seuss stories on demand. March 6th-11th | During open hours | Children

 **Color My World, an Adult Coloring Group** Feeling like you need to de-stress? Want to do something creative? Just need a break? Come down to the library and color. We'll provide beautiful adult coloring sheets and colored pencils. Coffee and tea will be provided compliments of the Friends of the Library. Every Tuesday | 3-4:30 PM | Adults

 **Comic Book Creation for Teens and Tweens** Do you love comic books, graphic novels or webcomics? Did you ever want to create your own? Come work on your project with fellow enthusiasts. Snacks will be provided. Monthly on 2nd Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM | Ages 8-19 | Register online

 **Let's Get Cooking** Our Cooking Group focuses on your food interests. We pick a theme for each meeting, provide cookbooks and recipes to choose from, and then meet and eat. We present our dishes and discuss the challenges and delights of our recipes. Wednesday, March 15th | 6-7:30 PM | Adults | Register online

 **Teen Book Club** Are you a teen interested in discussing books? Check out our Teen Book Club This month we will be discussing Marissa Meyer's novel, *Cinder*. This novel will appeal to fans of fairy tales and sci-fi alike! Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk. Snacks and drinks provided. Monthly on 3rd Saturdays | 12-1 PM | Teens

Teen Advisory Board Would you like to make change in the library? The Teen Advisory Board will meet right

after Teen Book Club every month. Come talk about things YOU would like to see happen in the library, such as advising on which books and media to purchase for young adults, as well as brainstorming different ideas for programs. Excellent snacks will be provided. Monthly on 3rd Saturdays | 1:15-1:45 PM | Ages 11-19



Computer Clinic: Focus on Spreadsheets

Spreadsheets like Microsoft Excel help us with basic budgeting, tracking numbers, organizing mailing lists, making charts, and more. Basic keyboard and mouse skills are needed. Participants earn a chance to win this month's programming raffle. Monday, March 27th | 11:30-12:30 PM | Adults | Register online



Afterthoughts, a Book Discussion Group

This month the group will read and discuss *Mad Enchantment: Claude Monet and the Painting of the Water Lilies* by Ross King. We select a new book to discuss every month. Library copies of the book are available at the branch. Come join us for a lively discussion and meet others who also enjoy reading. New members are always welcome. Last Wednesday of every month | 5:30-6:30 PM | Adults

EAST SPRINGFIELD BRANCH

21 OSBORNE TERRACE, 413-263-6840



BYOB, a Book Discussion Group

BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) and share your recent reads at this lively book group. Gain exposure to new authors, titles, and genres. We're always open to new members - join us! Monthly on 1st Wednesdays | 12-1:30 PM | Adults

Podcast Club for Teens What's more fun than a good podcast? Finding other fans to discuss it with! This club will highlight a new podcast each month, listen to one episode and then discuss. You'll also have the chance to suggest your favorite podcasts to the club! All podcasts, fiction and non-fiction alike will be considered for meetings. Monthly on 1st Wednesdays | 4-5 PM | Recommended for ages 14-20



Family Storytime

Join us for stories, no registration required. Wednesdays from now-March 29th | 10-11:30 AM | Ages 5-9, siblings welcome



Knot Just Knitters

Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, or crewel, this is the place for you. New members are welcome and current members are willing to teach. Some yarn and needles are provided, but donations of such items will always be welcome. Many of the finished items are donated to charitable causes. Coffee and tea provided compliments of the Friends of the Library. Fridays | 10-11:30 AM



Family Craft Night Come join us for a variety of fun-filled craft activities! Wednesday, March 8th | 6:30-7:30 PM | All Ages

American Girl Club Based on the American Girl books, this free club is for ages 6 to 14. Come make a craft and enjoy a snack based on the time period of the girl chosen each month. Monthly on 3rd Wednesdays | 6:30-4-5 PM | Ages 6-14 | Preregistration encouraged

Katherine Kraver Author Talk Celebrate International Children's Book Day! Katherine Kraver is a globetrotter who has visited over two dozen countries. She will be reading from her newest book, *The Boy with the Red Shoes*. The program will also include crafts, a slide show on the author's travels and writing process, and a book signing. \$1.00 from the sale of each of her books will be donated to The Red Cross to help children. Wednesday, March 29th | 6-7 PM | Children

FOREST PARK BRANCH

380 BELMONT AVENUE, 413-263-6843

Game On! Drop in and play your favorite tabletop and Wii games! Snacks provided. Monthly on 1st Thursdays | 4:30-6 PM | Forest Park Community Room | Ages 12-18



Lunch Bunch

Come and enjoy a fun interactive story, an engaging activity, and a free light lunch. Sponsored by Faith United Church. Monthly on 1st Saturdays | 1-2 PM | Children's Program Den | Ages 5-12



Toddler Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, and playtime. No registration required. Adult must accompany children. Presented in collaboration with Home City Families. Tuesdays from now – March 28th | 10:30-11:30 AM | Children's Program Den | Ages 1-3 ½, siblings welcome



LEGO Club


Join your fellow builders in conquering a LEGO building challenge! Monthly on 1st Tuesdays | 4-5 PM | Ages 5-14




Afterthoughts, a Book Discussion Group

This month the group will read and discuss *Small Great Things: a Novel*, by Jodi Picoult. We select a new book to discuss every month. Library copies of the book will be available at the branch. Come join us for a lively discussion and meet others who also enjoy reading. New members are always welcome. Monthly on 1st Thursdays | 2:30-4 PM | Forest Park Program Den | Adults

MadLab Have some fun exploring science, technology and the arts at our monthly club for curious and inventive kids. March 16th | 4:30-5:30 PM | Ages 6-12

 **Tasty Tuesday** Experience a new flavor and learn how to make a tasty snack! March 21st | 3:30-4:30 PM | Forest Park Program Den | Ages 12-18


 **Maker Lab: Blackout Poetry** Drop in and try out a new project, including arts and crafts, sewing, and technology. Show off your “maker” skills and learn from other teens. Thursday, March 23rd | 4:30-5:30 PM | Forest Park Program Den | Ages 12-18

Minecraft Club Come to the Library’s new Minecraft Club to build, play, and create—and battle zombies, of course. This club meets every month. March 25th | 1-2:30 PM | Forest Park Program Den | Ages 12-18

Learn Ukulele Workshop Have you always wanted to learn to play an instrument? Come to the library for this workshop, and you’ll be on your way to playing a mean ukulele. Instruments will be provided. Thursday March 30th | 4-5:30 PM | Forest Park Community Room | Ages 10 through Adult | Register online

INDIAN ORCHARD BRANCH


44 OAK STREET, INDIAN ORCHARD
413-263-6846


 **Not Your Ordinary Coloring Club for Teens** School getting you stressed? Join our Coloring Club! We supply the artist quality crayons, pencils and pens, and coloring pages to spark your creativity. Display your artwork in the Teen Room if you would like. Every Wednesday | 4-7 PM | Teens

Indian Orchard Minercrafters Join us for Minecraft, where we mine, craft, and trade Minecraft tips! Space limited to 8 participants so come early. Every Friday | 2:30-4:30 PM | Ages 10+


Indian Orchard Minercrafters – Saturday Group Minecraft players of all skill levels are welcome to bring their laptops or use one of the library’s computers to build and play Every Saturday | 1-2:30 PM | Ages 10+

Messy Mondays for Wee Ones! We will finger paint and use kinetic sand and clay. We will have smocks but please wear clothes you can get dirty. Space is limited so please come early. Mondays through March 29th | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM | Ages 3+, siblings welcome


 **Knot Just Knitters** Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, or crewel, this is the place for you. New members are welcome and current members are willing to teach their skills. Some yarn and needles are provided, but donations of such items will always be welcome. Coffee and tea available, compliments of the Friends of the Library. Every Monday | 1:30-3 PM | Adults

 **LEGO Questers of Indian Orchard** Become a LEGO Quester by completing 52 LEGO Quests (or build your own). Space is limited to 15 Questers. Every Tuesday | 4-5 PM | Ages 7-12

LIBRARY EXPRESS at PINE POINT 204 BOSTON ROAD, 413-263-6855

 **LEGO Club** Join us each week as we have fun while strengthening creativity and engineering skills with LEGOs. Every Wednesday | 5-5:45 PM | Ages 5-10

Pine Point Minercrafters Come build and explore your own world with Minecraft! Have fun while developing creativity, problem solving, and collaboration. 1st and 3rd Friday of every month | 3:30-5 PM | Ages 8-18

 **Family Storytime at Pine Point** Join us for stories and a craft. No registration required. Wednesdays from now - February 22nd | 4:15-5 PM | Ages 4-8, siblings welcome

Introduction to Computers *Experience with a keyboard and mouse is needed for success in these hands-on workshops. Participants earn a chance to win this month’s programming raffle.*

Introduction to Computers, Part 1 Learn the basics of desktop computing. We will cover opening, closing, moving and resizing windows; printing, saving, and basic text editing; working with multiple files and more. Wed. March 15th | 1-2:30 PM | Adults | Register online

Introduction to Computers, Part 2 Skill with the internet is needed for much of what we do in work and play. Learn the basics about finding the websites you want, use search engines effectively, work well with web forms, and more. Wed. March 22nd | 1-2:30 PM | Adults | Register online

Introduction to Computers, Part 3 Learn the basics of word processing to help you get an advantage at work and at home. Practice formatting resumes, signs, handouts, and other documents with good style, balance, and attractive editing. Wed. March 29th | 1-2:30 PM | Adults | Register online

MASON SQUARE BRANCH 765 STATE STREET, 413-263-6853

Gardening Workshops *These programs are part of the Springfield Food Policy Council’s ongoing gardening workshop series. Please see their website for additional information: www.springfieldfoodpolicycouncil.org. The*


Soil Health and Growing Seeds programs are funded in part by Health in the Square, a grant received from the National Library of Medicine.


Garden Planning Learn everything you need to know to plan out your vegetable garden for the season. Thursday, March 9th | 5-6:30 PM | Children's Workroom


Soil Health and Soil Testing This workshop will cover topics on soil health, particularly soil restoration in cities and the importance of soil testing. Though we will talk about how to take a soil sample at the workshop, participants are encouraged to bring soil samples from their gardens with them. Samples will be tested at no cost by UMass' Stockbridge School of Agriculture. Thursday, March 9th | 5-6:30 PM | Mason Square Community Garden (or inside if weather is bad)

Growing Seeds Inside Workshop participants will learn how to grow sprouts and lettuce inside by practicing techniques developed by GTC to grow greens inside in 14 days. In addition, the instructor will review some techniques on growing vegetable starts inside. Each participant or participating family will receive beginning gardening kits, including a flower pot, soil, and herb seeds. Thursday, March 23rd | 5-6:30 PM | Meet inside the library

Community Gardeners Gathering Come join the Springfield Food Policy Council, the Mason Square Community Garden and the Mason Square Branch Library as we look forward to the growing season and share our experience, strength, and hope in urban gardening. Did you have some great successes in the last few years? Did you struggle with something? What do you want to know about but were always unwilling to ask? This is the place to answer all these questions. Light refreshments will be served. Saturday, March 25th | 12:30-2:30 PM | Mason Square Community Room

 **Preschool Storytime** Join us for stories, songs, movement, and playtime. No registration required. Adult must accompany children. Every Wednesday | 10:30-11:30 AM | Mason Square Community Room | Ages 3-5, siblings welcome


 **LEGO Club** Let your imagination run wild! Thursdays | 5-6 PM | Children

 **Color My World, an Adult Coloring Group** Feeling like you need to de-stress? Want to do something creative? Just need a break? Come down to the library and color. It turns out that adult coloring, one of the biggest trends of the year, has proven to be both relaxing and therapeutic. We'll provide beautiful adult coloring sheets and colored pencils. Got kids? Our LEGO Club will be running from 5-6 PM. Every Thursday | 5-7 PM | Children's Workroom | Adults

 **Mardi Gras Concert** Join us for an evening of funky, jazzy tunes featuring *Krewe Les Gras* and students from Springfield's Community Music School. Cajun rhythms, funky grooves, and wild improvisations are sure to keep you on the dance floor all night and day. Enjoy some king's cake, put on a pair of beads, and get into the spirit of Mardi Gras! Thursday, March 2nd | 5:30-7:30 PM | All Ages

Drop-In Resume and Writing Assistance Need help writing or proofreading a resume, cover letter, essay, or scholarship application? Come get one-on-one writing assistance. Starting from scratch? We'll get you set up on a computer. Already have something written out? Save the document to your email or bring it to the library on a flash drive. Limit 6 pages. First come, first served. Every Friday | 2:30-4 PM | Adults

Games Group Kick Off and Board Game Drive We're kicking off the Games Group with board games, pizza, and a board game drive. Have any extra board games at home? Want to contribute to your local library? We'll be accepting gently used board games of all kinds on an ongoing basis. Some of the donated games will stay in the library, available for patrons to play while they're in the branch. The rest will be cataloged so that patrons can check them out on their library card just like books or DVDs! Saturday, March 4th | 12-2 PM | Teens & Adults *This program kicks off the Games Group, which will meet every Saturday from 12-2 PM.*

 **Movies at Mason Square** *Horton Hears a Who!* Rated G, 86 min. March 9th | 5:30-8 PM
The Lorax Rated PG, 86 min. March 23rd | 5:30-8 PM | Community Room


Teddy Bear Clinic MedExpress Urgent Care's Teddy Bear Clinic, a free community outreach program, teaches children about healthcare treatments and healthy habits. Their warm, friendly staff will lead classes and groups of children as they observe and learn about hand washing, X-rays, splinters, and much more. No need for children to bring in their own stuffed friend, their MedExpress employee will bring their own teddy helper to the clinic. Thurs. March 16th | 6-7 PM


My Beloved Springfield: Honoring Pioneering Librarians and Women's Leadership Panel Explore local leadership development opportunities for women at our information fair (5:30-6 PM), then join us in honoring librarians Bettye Webb and Sylvia Humphrey-Spann, who led the Mason Square (formerly Winchester Square) Branch Library. Be inspired by a panel of local women as they tell us about their different paths to leadership. Followed by a Q&A and light refreshments. March 30th | 5:30-7:30 PM | Register online

SIXTEEN ACRES BRANCH

1187 PARKER STREET, 413-263-6858


 **Knot Just Knitters** Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, or crewel, this is the place for you. New members are welcome and current members are willing to teach their skills. Some yarn and needles are provided, but donations of such items will always be welcome. Please call Emma at 413-263-6858 if you have knitting supplies to donate. Coffee and tea provided compliments of the Friends of the Library. Every Wednesday | 1:30-3 PM | Adults

 **From Madness to Music: Film and Discussion** March 1 is Zero Discrimination Day. Please join us for a free showing of the documentary *From Madness to Music*. Culling from 10 years of video archives, the film explores the challenges facing youth in conflicted communities in the U.S. and Middle East. Afterwards, there will be a Q&A and community conversation with Music in Common founder and director Todd Mack. Come to the main door for access to the building. Wed. March 1st | 6-7:30 PM | Adults | Register online


 **Neighborhood Playgroup** Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, a craft, and playtime. No registration, just drop in anytime during the program. Adult must accompany and supervise children. Thursdays through March 30th | 10:30 AM-12:30 PM | Ages birth-5 years, siblings welcome


 **The Artist's Way Discussion and Workshop [13-week series]** This is an exploration of the book *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron. For more information, visit the Events Calendar on the Library's website. Thursdays through April 13th | 2-4 PM | Adults | Register at: <https://goo.gl/DiiD6w>

Winter Reading Finale: Playdough Party Celebrate the power of play by squishing, squashing and shaping at our Winter Reading Club finale party! Siblings are welcome and all children must be consistently supervised by an accompanying adult. Sat. March 4th | 9-10:30 AM | Children 5 and under

 **LEGO Fun** LEGO fans, drop in on Monday afternoons for freestyle building, meeting new friends, and browsing the library's many LEGO


themed books. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Mondays | 1:30-4:30 PM | Ages 5-10


 **Family Storytime** Join us for stories, songs, and crafts. No registration required. Adult must accompany children. Presented in collaboration with Home City Families. Tuesdays from now – Mar. 28th | 1:30-2:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Community Room | Ages birth-5 years, siblings welcome

 **Chess Club for Teens** Drop in and practice your chess moves - or to learn to play chess for the first time! Every Tuesday | 3:30-5 PM | Ages 9-19

 **Jubilant Jewelry Making** Design and create earrings or a bracelet using findings, beads, wire and elastic. Monthly on first Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Sixteen Acres Community Room | Ages 9-19; children 7-9 accompanied by an adult are welcome | Register at: <https://goo.gl/KNZxuN>

Dissolving Paper and Other Surprises Experiment with paper that dissolves and disappears (make sure you haven't written your homework assignment on it!). Explore this and other scientific surprises in this fun program. Friday, March 10th | 3-4 PM | Ages 11-18

 **U.S. History Book and Media Discussion Group** If you love discussing important issues concerning American history, we have the group for you. Members will be encouraged to share with the group any conversation-provoking history book that they are reading. We will also view critically-acclaimed documentaries on a number of history topics. Refreshments will be served. Monthly on 3rd Tuesdays | 6:15-7:15 PM | Sixteen Acres Community Room | Adults

 **Film Screening: *The Castro Tapes*** Join us for a free showing of the documentary *The Fidel Castro Tapes*. Afterwards there will be a discussion featuring former Springfield City Councilor Clodo Concepcion, who grew up in Cuba. Saturday, March 25th | 3:15-5 PM | Adults

Teen Readers Advisory Panel Teens, here's your chance to share ideas about improving library programming for teens, plan events, give input for materials selection, and other fun activities. Light refreshments will be served. Monthly - last Tuesday of every month | 4:15-5:45 PM | Sixteen Acres Community Room | Teens