

Springfield City Library

EVENT GUIDE - DECEMBER 2017



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FEATURED EVENTS



Holiday Sing-Along Sing along to your favorite holiday songs with the students of STEP. STEP trains talented local youth in the Suzuki method, and they're coming out to celebrate the holidays. From snappy dreidel songs, to Christmas favorites in both Spanish and English there's something for everyone to enjoy. Sun. Dec. 3rd | 2-3:15 PM | Central Library | All ages

Holiday Craft Series Drop in for a series of holiday craft programs! Thursday, Dec. 7th: embossed card making; Thursday, Dec. 14th: make an ornament; Thursday, Dec. 21st: make your own wrapping paper. 5-7 PM | Mason Square Branch | All ages

Cello Recital: The Artistry of Boris & Sophia Kogan Boris and Sofya will talk about their experiences as musicians and coming to the U.S. from Russia. They will play a wide variety of classical music (Boris on cello, Sofya on piano). The concert will highlight the major classical styles including the Romantic, and Baroque styles and more. Composers they are sure to present are J.S. Bach, Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky, and Saint-Saens. Refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library. Saturday, Dec. 2nd | 1-2:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch Library | All ages | Register online



Mitten Tree Donations of new mittens, coats, gloves, hats, and scarves may be added to the mitten tree in any library location. Donated items will be distributed throughout Springfield in January. Thank you! Ends Sun. Dec. 31st | During open hours | All library locations

Book and Bake Sale The Mason Square Branch Library will host a used book sale and bake sale to benefit the Friends of the Library. Fill a bag for \$5, or pay just \$1 for hardcovers and \$0.50 for paperbacks and kids' books. Baked goods will be bagged and priced individually, and we'll serve free hot cocoa from 5-8 PM on the 30th. Proceeds go to the Friends of the Springfield Library. *Interested in contributing to the bake sale? We'll be accepting individually wrapped baked goods on Wednesday, 11/29 and Thursday, 11/30. Please include a list of ingredients.* November 30th – December 6th | During open hours | Mason Square Branch | All ages

Teen Coffee House and Open Mic Share your poetry or other writing or perform music in our cozy coffee house. Feeling shy? Just drop in to listen. We'll have hot beverages and some special sweets to warm you on the long nights of the Winter Solstice season. Writings may be on any topic, including personal and social themes, but language should be appropriate for a mixed-age audience. Monday, December 19th | 4-6 PM | Central Library | Ages 12-19

PROGRAMS FOR LITTLE ONES

ADULTS MUST ACCOMPANY AND SUPERVISE CHILDREN. SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Bilingual Storytime Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, a craft, and playtime.* Wednesdays | 1:30-2:30 PM | Brightwood Branch Community Room | Ages 12 months-6 years

Hora de cuentos bilingües Acompáñenos para cuentos, canciones, actividades, y tiempo para jugar. No requiere inscripción previa. Un adulto debe acompañar a los niños. Los miércoles | 1:30 a 2:30 PM | el sucursal Brightwood | Para niños de 12 meses a 6 años de edad, y los hermanos son bienvenidos.

Infant/Toddler Storytime Join us for stories, songs, movement, and a craft.* Fridays through Dec. 29th | 10:30-11:30 AM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 6-36 months

Toddler Storytime Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, and playtime.* Tuesdays through December 19th | 10:30-11:30 AM | Forest Park Branch Program Den | Ages 1-3 ½

Mason Square Preschool Storytime Join us for stories, songs, movement, and playtime. Wednesdays | 10:30-11:30 AM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 3-5

Family Storytimes Songs, stories, & crafts. Mondays
East Springfield Branch* 1:30-2:30 PM | Ages 1-4
Indian Orchard Branch* 10:30-11:30 AM | Ages 1-6

**These programs are presented in collaboration with Home City Families. Presentada con la colaboración de Home City Families.*

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Duplo Club Learn, play and meet new friends at this fun neighborhood gathering. We'll have plenty of Duplo blocks (a bigger, child-safe version of Legos) available to encourage building and exploration. 1st Saturday of the month | 1-2:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 0-5, older siblings welcome

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Let's Read and Create Art Together Foster a joy of reading in English and Spanish while creating fun art! Come listen as Springfield's own multilingual poet María Luisa Arroyo reads the bilingual book-of-the-month in English and in Spanish. Then have fun creating an art project linked with the book. No art experience necessary for the creative art projects. Saturday, December 16th | 10-11 AM | Central Library Community Room | Children in grades 2-5

Leer y Crear Arte Juntos ¡Promueve la alegría de leer en inglés y español mientras crea arte divertido! Venga a escuchar a la poeta multilingüe de Springfield, María Luisa Arroyo, leer un libro bilingüe. Luego diviértase creando un proyecto de arte relacionado con el libro. Experiencia artística no es necesaria para los proyectos del arte. El 16 de diciembre | 10-11 AM | Salón Comunitario de la Biblioteca Central | Edades 7-12



LEGO Clubs Let your imagination run wild!

Brightwood Branch Thursdays | 4-5 PM | Children

Forest Park Branch Mondays through Dec. 18th | 3:30-4:45 PM | Children

Indian Orchard Branch Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Children
Library Express at Pine Point Wednesdays | 5-5:45 PM | Ages 5-10

Mason Square Branch Thursdays | 5-6 PM | Children

Sixteen Acres Branch Mondays | 1:30-4:30 PM | Ages 5-10

Minecraft Clubs Build, play, and create - and battle zombies, of course!

Indian Orchard Branch Saturdays 12-2:30 PM | Ages 10+

Library Express at Pine Point Fridays | 3:30-5 PM | Ages 8-18

Winter Wildlife Join us as we explore how animals survive in winter with the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Learn about wildlife adaptations and survival skills, complete with hands-on activities, skins, and skulls! Wednesday, December 20th | 5-6 PM | Central Library | Ages 5-12

Holiday Ornaments Crafts 'Tis the season to get into the spirit of the holidays and make your own holiday ornaments with pine cones and other craft supplies provided. December 11th-16th | During open hours | East Forest Park and East Springfield Branches | Children

Hack Attack! Join us as we break things apart and put them back together! Create monster toys, disassemble machines, and work on special wild card projects. Mondays, Dec. 4th - Feb. 26th (excluding holidays) | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library | Ages 8-12

Seeds for Songbirds Feed our flying friends by making them a sweet treat. Children and their families are invited to make pinecone bird feeders for our flying friends! We will be using pine cones, sunflower seed butter, and wild bird seed. Wednesday, December 6th | 3-5 PM | Mason Square Branch | All ages

Snowman Night Light Stop by and make a Snowman Night Light. This cheerful snowman will brighten the long winter nights until spring! Thursday, Dec. 14th | 3:30-5 PM | Brightwood Branch | Children

Decorative Tea Lights Brighten up your winter by creating your own tea light luminary. This decorative jar luminary will bring a warm, attractive glow into any winter's night. Available while supplies last. Wednesday, December 27th | 4-5:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Children

MadLab: Gingerbread Houses Bring your creative skills to build and decorate a "Gingerbread House". Supplies will be provided while they last. Thursday, December 14th | 4:30-6 PM | Forest Park Branch | Children

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 | Forest Park Branch Program Den | Ages 5-12

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Happy New Year Cards for Meals on Wheels Enjoy a special family activity while reaching out to your neighbors. Youth and their families are welcome to drop in at any location to make New Year cards for homebound Meals on Wheels recipients. The library provides all the materials and will hand deliver your homemade creation in early January. December 1st-30th | During open hours | All library locations

Read to Momo: a Dog Who Listens Children are invited to read to Momo, a Bright Spot Therapy Dog. Wednesdays | 3:30-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Children | Call 263-6843 to reserve a 10 minute slot or drop by and see what is available

Family Craft Night Come have fun and let us clean up the mess! Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays | 6:30-7:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | All ages

American Girl Club Based on the American Girl books! Make a craft and enjoy a snack based on the time period of the girl chosen each month. Monthly on 3rd Wednesdays | 4-5 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 6-14 | Preregistration encouraged, call 413-263-6840

Creation Station Come explore the world of creativity! Every week we will experiment with different materials, methods and media. If you love to make and do, Creation Station is for you! Children

Brightwood Branch Thursdays | 3:30-5 PM

Indian Orchard Branch Wednesdays | 3:30-5 PM

Candy Cane Reindeer Candy Cane Reindeer are cute as holiday decorations, gifts or party favors! These Candy Cane Reindeers are easy and fun to make for the entire family. December 4th-9th | During open hours | East Forest Park and East Springfield Branches | Children

Cookies and Canvas Calling all young artists: join us for a fun afternoon of painting. While your masterpiece is drying, enjoy some sweet treats. All supplies will be provided. Supplies limited, please call 413-263-6840 to register in advance. Saturday, December 16th | 12:30-2 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 5-14

Decorate a Delicious Cookie! at Brightwood Join us to decorate cookies. How creative can you be? Come satisfy your sweet tooth, and have some fun. Quantities are limited, so come early! Thursday, December 21st | 3:30-4:30PM | Brightwood Branch | Teens and children ages 5+



Decorate a Delicious Cookie! at Indian Orchard Decorate a Delicious Cookie! Have a sweet tooth that needs soothing? Come to the Teen Area and we will have sugar cookies and all of the fixings. Quantities will be limited so come early. Wednesday, December 27th | 2-4 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Teens and children ages 5+

Write from the Heart: Create a Gift for Someone Special Come nurture your imagination and writing (or pre-writing!) skills while making a beautiful keepsake gift. We'll supply colorful paper, ribbon, stickers, markers, pencils and crayons. Friday, December 1st | 1-5 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | All ages

Family Storytime Songs, stories, crafts, and more! Saturdays | 1:30-2:30 PM | Central Library | Ages 3-10

TEEN ART, GAMING & MORE

The AbruptlyEnding Story: a Very Short Story Competition Can you write a story as short as a tweet? Teens can enter our seasonal competition by writing a 140-character short story. It might revolve around the theme of winter or the holidays, or choose another theme. Turn your entry in, with your name and phone number or email address, at any branch library. The most creative submission will win a teen literature prize pack including a poster signed by fourteen YA authors and accompanying signed novel "The Timekeeper" by Tara Sim. The winner will be announced in early January. December 10th-31st | During open hours | All library locations | Ages 12-18

Wonderful Winter Wands Get together with other teens to make a wand, snowflake or other wintry craft. Everyone is welcome to join! If you're not feeling crafty, it's fine to come anyway and enjoy a stress-free time. Hot chocolate will be served. Tuesday, December 26th | 2:30-4 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 11-19

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Chocolate Celebration Join us for a celebration of all things chocolate! We'll have games that celebrate our favorite candy, and lots of samples on hand to taste test. See who can make the tallest Oreo tower. Who can sort M&M's the fastest? How many chocolate kisses can you unwrap in a minute? Brave our blindfolded test to see if you can identify the various chocolate candies we'll offer! Wednesday, December 27th | 4-6 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 11-19 | Register online

The Dragon's Lair: Dungeons & Dragons Club Do you wish you could live in Narnia, Hogwarts, Westeros, or Middle Earth? Does adventure and exploration call to you? Then look no further than Dungeons & Dragons, the infamous role playing game that allows you to brave dangers and conquer evil! Meet like-minded people and create a whole world yet to be discovered. Do you dare enter the lair? Saturday, December 2nd | 12-2 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 14-21 | Register online to reserve a spot

Art Exploration for Teens Teens will use sharpies, watercolors, tissue paper and more to explore portraiture, landscapes and abstract art in this monthly program. Friday, December 1st | 3-4:30 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 11+

Bean Mosaic Art for Teens Join us and make beautiful art with beans! Be inspired by our examples of tile work in art through the ages, or create your own original pattern with dried beans, backing and glue. Monday, December 4th | 3:30-4:45 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 11-19

Frosted Candle Holder Make your own textured frosted candle holder to bring home and enjoy. Create a beautiful winter wonderland decoration using epsom salt crystals, shiny ribbons, candles and silvery accents and let this simple idea take you to a magical place. Great to give as a gift. Wednesday, December 20th | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-18

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

Tasty Tuesday at East Forest Park Tasty Tuesday will feature a healthy and easy recipe for the teens to learn how to make. Teens will make a delicious after school snack as well as learning useful life skills and meal planning. Teens should come hungry and ready to get their hands messy! Tuesday, December 19th | 3:15-4:15 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 12-19

Game ON! Video Gaming for Teens Drop in and play your favorite Wii games in the community room! Snacks will be provided. Ages 11-19

Brightwood Branch 3:00-4:30 PM | Monthly on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Central Library Community Room | 4-5:15 PM Wednesday, December 13th

Gaming Afternoon Join us for a casual afternoon of gaming. We'll have multiple games available to play. Some will be familiar, some may be completely new to you. Don't worry, we'll teach you to play! Hot chocolate and cookies will also be provided while you play. Thursday, December 28th | 1-4:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 11-19 | Register online

Juice Bar Trivia Teens, you may have heard of Bar Trivia. Well, join us for Juice Bar Trivia! Enjoy free snacks and soft drinks, and test your knowledge in our trivia contest. Prizes will be awarded for the most questions answered right! Friday, Dec. 29th | 3-4:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 11-19 | Register online

 **A Holiday Tea at Hogwarts** Join us for a magical holiday celebration! It's the winter holidays here at Hogwarts, and you've just received an owl inviting you to come! We'll have the best wizarding foods you could hope for, as well as games and trivia. You're welcome to come in your Hogwarts best, or even use a Polyjuice Potion to come looking like your favorite character! Professor McGonagall will be waiting to welcome you! Sat. Dec. 30th | 12:30-2 PM | East Springfield Branch | Teens and children ages 8+ | Register online

Sharpie Stained Glass Make beautiful holiday themed stained glass with Sharpies and photographic paper. Monday, December 18th | 3-4:30 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 11+

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Respecting Ourselves: a Teen Group This series of group discussions and activities, led by Kim Garrity, MSW, LCSW of the YWCA's Consolidated Youth Project, aims to help teens develop healthy relationships and self-esteem. The group will enjoy crafts and snacks as they explore boundary setting, consent, cyber safety, conflict resolution and nonviolence. Tuesdays through Dec. 12th | 3:30-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 12-16 | Register online

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Indian Orchard Branch Saturdays | 12-2:30 PM | Ages 10+

Library Express at Pine Point Fridays | 3:30-5 PM | Ages 8-18

Comic Book Creation for Teens Do you love comic books, graphic novels or webcomics? Whether you are an artist or a writer, come work on your project with fellow enthusiasts. Prompts will be provided to help your creative juices. There will also be opportunities for writers and artists to team up to create stories together and, occasionally, guest artists and writers will visit. Snacks will be provided. Monthly on 2nd Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18

Writing and Drawing Your Own Graphic Novel Join us for a series on writing and drawing graphic novels, led by local author Haven Williams. These programs are part of the Comic Book Creation programs for teens. **Workshop 3:** Learn how to create motion and choose color in your drawings. Start developing the characteristics of your heroes and villains. Wed. Dec. 13th | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18

Jubilant Jewelry Making Hooks, pins, and spacers, Oh My! Create earrings or a bracelet using findings, beads, wire and elastic. Space is limited; priority is given to those who have registered. Monthly, 1st Tuesdays | 3:30-5:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 9-19; children 7-9 accompanied by an adult are welcome | Register online or call 413-263-6858

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

Teen Book Club Do you enjoy sharing your thoughts and opinions about books with other teens? Join our Teen Book Club to talk about our current book choice and help choose a book for next month. Refreshments served. Third Saturday of every month | 12-1 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 13-18

Teen MakerLab: Gingerbread Houses Bring your creative skills to build and decorate a "Gingerbread House". Supplies will be provided while they last. Thursday, December 7th | 3-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18

Fashionably Upcycled: From Books to Beads Looking for an accessory to match your newly made book purse? In this installment of Fashionably Upcycled, use pages from old books, magazines, and other ephemera to create paper beaded jewelry. Design and produce your own unique and eco-friendly literary themed jewelry accessories. Carry the words of the world with you wherever you go! Saturday, December 9th | 12-2 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 12-18

Tabletop Tennis Teens are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun playing ping pong. Two or four players can play at a time. Play for bragging rights or just for fun. Paddles, balls, nets and tables provided. Meets monthly. Wednesday, December 13th | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch Community Room | Teens

TEEN LEADERSHIP

Teen Readers Advisory Panel at Sixteen Acres Here's your chance to meet and share ideas about improving library programming for teens, plan events, give input for materials purchasing and other fun activities. Light refreshments will be served. This program is suggested for teens ages 13-19. Last Tuesday of every month | 4:15-5:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 13-19 | Register online or ask one of our librarians about the application process

Teen Advisory Board at East Forest Park Come talk about things YOU would like to see happen in the library, such as advising on which books and media to

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purchase for young adults, as well as brainstorming different ideas for programs. Refreshments served. Third Saturday of every month | 1-1:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-19

Teen Advisory Board at Mason Square Share your ideas on improving teen programs, library materials, and everything else that will make our branch an even better place for young adults. The group is also a fun way to meet new friends, get community service hours and build your resume! Light refreshments will be served. *If you are interested in joining Mason Square TAB, attend an upcoming meeting or contact Librarian Ellen Sulzycki at esulzycki@springfieldlibrary.org or 413-263-6853.* Monthly on 2nd Wednesdays | 3:30-4:30 PM | Mason Square Branch | Teens

Teen Advisory Board at Brightwood 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 Branch Community Room | Teens

ADULT WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Register to Work at MGM! MGM Springfield will conduct its hiring using an online program. Drop in and we'll help you set up a profile, where you will receive notifications on job openings, educational opportunities, and other important MGM Springfield employment updates. Presented in collaboration with Opportunity Services, Inc. Adults

Central Library Computer Lab | Thurs, Dec. 7th | 2-3 PM

Mason Square Branch Friday, Dec. 8th | 3-4 PM

Sixteen Acres Branch Tuesday, Dec. 19th | 4-5 PM



Scents-Sational Aromatherapy 101: Educational Make and Take

Classic Kreation's Kim Larkin will do a full presentation highlighting the history and health benefits of essential oils and healing botanicals. Patrons will then craft and assemble their own aromatherapy dream pillow, bath salts, soaps to take home for their own use! Wednesday, Dec. 13th | 1:30-3 PM at the Sixteen Acres Branch | 6-7 PM at the East Springfield Branch | Adults

Health & Wellness Series Presented in partnership with the Springfield Department of Elder Affairs. 12-1 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults

Medicare Fraud How to prevent, detect, and report healthcare errors, fraud, and abuse. Friday, Dec. 1st

Ask a Nurse Bring your medical and pharmaceutical questions. Friday, December 8th

Elder Abuse and Exploitation Learn how to protect yourself, friends, and family. Friday, December 15th

Extreme Couponing Want to save money and find the best deals on products? Come get advice and coupon swap with our expert Tammy. Light refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library. Wed. Dec. 6th | 5:30-7 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults

Knot Just Knitters Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, or crewel, this is the place for you. New members are welcome; current members are willing to teach. Some yarn and needles are provided; donations are welcome. Many finished items are donated to charitable causes. Adults

East Forest Park Branch Fridays | 1-2:30 PM

East Springfield Branch Fridays | 10-11:30 AM

Sixteen Acres Branch Wednesdays | 1:30-3 PM

Tai Chi for Everyone Tai Chi is a slow motion, low impact form of exercise that is suitable for people of any age. It is often referred to as "Moving Meditation" and can be practiced by almost anyone. Friday, December 1st | 12-1 PM | East Springfield Branch | For adults, teens, and children 10+ | Register online

Art Central: The Paintings of Anne-Marie Taylor On display through the end of 2017 are the oil paintings of Anne-Marie Taylor, an Amherst-based artist. Her still lifes employ Classical drawing techniques with an Impressionistic sense of light yielding a shimmering beauty and balance that is vital, yet serene. Nov. 1st - Dec. 28th | During open hours | Central Library

Color My World, an Adult Coloring Group Feeling like you need to de-stress? We'll provide beautiful adult coloring sheets and colored pencils. Got kids? Our LEGO Club will be running from 5-6 PM. Thursdays | 5-7 PM | Mason Square Branch | Adults

EVENTS FOR ADULTS



Job Seeker Workshops

Finding the Job Thursday, December 7th
10 AM-12 PM: Microsoft Word computer class.
1-2:30 PM: What you need to do before you start your job search, job-search strategies, and local resources and organizations that can help with the job-search process.

Getting the Job Thursday, December 14th
10 AM-12 PM: Microsoft PowerPoint computer class.
1-2:30 PM: From cover letters to interviewing skills.

Keeping the Job Thursday, December 21st
10 AM-12 PM: Microsoft Excel computer class.
1-2:30 PM: Work/life balance and the skills needed for the modern work environment.

A light lunch will be served between sessions. Please plan to attend all three dates. This program is for adults with keyboard and mouse skills. Those who complete the program will receive a certificate and a referral for a either a free suit or interview outfit, courtesy of Suit Up Springfield or Dress for Success. These workshops are led by Workforce Team teachers from the Hampden County Sheriff's Department's After Incarceration Support Systems program. Central Library Computer Lab | Adults | Register online or call 413-263-6828 or 413-263-6853.

Craft Your Cares Away We will be relaxing, socializing, and making crafts to take your mind off your everyday worries. All supplies provided. Refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library. Monday, Dec. 18th | 2-3 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults

Write Your Memoir You have a story to tell, let us help you write the story of your life! Join local author and educator Haven Williams in this two-part writing workshop designed to help you find your focus and write a concise memoir. Refine your writing skill with in-class exercises and group editing. Good for beginning and intermediate level writers. Tuesdays, December 5th and 12th | 6:15-7:45 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults | Register online

BYOB, a Book Discussion Group BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) and share your recent reads. Gain exposure to new authors, titles, and genres! Adults
Central Library Monthly on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays | 10-12 PM | Central Library Community Room
East Springfield Branch 1st Wednesdays | 12-1:30 PM

Books & Brew Book Club Cure your mid-week blues with a lively brew at Nathan Bill's Bar and Restaurant. December book selection: *Wishin' and Hopin': A Christmas Story* by Wally Lamb. January book selection: *In the Lake of the Woods* by Tim O'Brien. Copies of the book are available at the East Forest Park Branch. First Wednesday of every month | 7-8 PM | 110 Island Pond Rd, Springfield | Ages 21+



Afterthoughts, a Book Discussion Group

These groups select a new book for a lively discussion every month. Library copies of the book are available at the branch. New members always welcome! Adults

Central Library Book selection: *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 12-1 PM

East Forest Park Branch *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan. Monthly, last Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30 PM

Forest Park Branch Book selection: *The Mammy* by Brendan O'Carroll. Monthly, 1st Thursdays | 1:30-3 PM

U.S. History Book and Media Discussion Group

Discuss important issues concerning American history and share conversation-provoking history books you're reading. We'll also view documentaries on a number of history topics. Refreshments served. Monthly on 3rd Tuesdays | 6:15-7:15 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults

Chess at Sixteen Acres Get expert training from a chess player with years of teaching experience. Tuesdays | 5:30-6:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults

Library locations, hours, and event information can be found at : www.springfieldlibrary.org.



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