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FEATURED EVENTS



Fall Harvest Fest at East Forest Park

Welcome autumn with games, crafts, seasonal snacks, a family basket raffle and friendly cheer for all ages.

Special musical appearance by singer Jeff Snow, from 7-7:30 PM as he entertains with Celtic lore and song. Attention all bakers: enter our apple pie contest! Judging begins at 6:00 PM. Wednesday, October 18th | 2-8 PM | East Forest Park Branch | All ages

Fall Festival at Mason Square Come celebrate fall with music, animals, cider, and pie! We'll have lots of fun activities for kids and adults, including a visit from the Forest Park Zoo, a workshop by a Master Gardener, apple print-making, and music by Shiprock and Anchorlog. Thursday, October 19th | 3:30-6 PM | Mason Square Branch | All ages

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH EL MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

September 15th- October 15th

el 15 de Septiembre - el 15 de Octubre



Brightwood Gallery: A Teacher and Students Exhibit Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

A family evening celebrating art followed by a reception, compliments of the Friends of the Library. Featuring the works of Robert Bard, art teacher at the Brightwood School, and his students. Tuesday, October 17th | 6:30-7:45 PM | Brightwood Branch | All ages

Galería de Brightwood: una Exposición de Arte Creada por Estudiantes y su Profesor Celebrando el Mes de la Herencia Hispana

Una noche celebrando el arte, seguida por una recepción gracias a los Amigos de la Biblioteca. Con las obras de Robert Bard, profesor de arte en la Escuela Brightwood, y sus estudiantes. el 17 de octubre | 6:30-7:45 PM | la sucursal Brightwood | Todas edades

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. Begins Saturday, October 21st | 10 AM | Central Library Community Room | Children in grades 2-5 | Register at 413-263-6828 ext. 201 *A bilingual storytime is also held every Wednesday at our Brightwood Branch. Check page 2 for details.*

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. Empieza el 21 de octubre | 10 AM | Salón Comunitario de la Biblioteca Central | Edades 7-12 | Llame 413-263-6828 ext. 201 para inscribirse. *También tenemos una hora de cuentos bilingües cada miércoles en nuestra sucursal de Brightwood. Mira la próxima página para más información.*

Arroz con Leche/Rice Pudding Contest

A traditional and popular dessert throughout Hispanic America, *arroz con leche* was originally from Spanish and Arabic cultures. These days each country has its own version. Join us to taste this delicious dessert and select a contest winner. Call the branch at 413-263-6805 for more information about the contest. Music provided by Daniel "Choco" Garza and family. Thursday, October 26th | 6:30 – 7:45 PM | Brightwood Branch | All ages

Arroz Con Leche: un Concurso Un postre tradicional y popular en toda la América Latina, arroz con leche proviene de culturas españolas y árabes. Hoy en día, cada país tiene su propia versión. Únase a nosotros para degustar este delicioso postre y seleccionar el ganador del concurso. Llame a la sucursal al 413-263-6805 para obtener más información sobre el concurso. Música por Daniel "Choco" Garza y su familia. el 26 de octubre | 6:30-7:45 PM | la sucursal Brightwood | Todas edades

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN



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 Acompañenos 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.

Neighborhood Playgroup Join us for fun and learning! Meet other families, chat with the librarian about great books for your child, enjoy the toys in our Activity Center, try out art projects, and more. Thursdays through Nov. 30th (except Nov. 23rd) | 10:30 AM-12:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages birth-5 years

Infant/Toddler Storytime* Join us for stories, songs, movement, and a craft. Fridays through December 15th | 10:30-11:30 AM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 6-36 months

Infant/Toddler Playgroup Drop in and join us for stories, songs, movement, and multi-sensory playtime. Tuesdays through November 14th | 10 AM -12 PM | Central Library | Ages birth-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

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

Preschool Storytime Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts. Thursdays through November 16th | 10:30 - 11:30 AM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 3-5

Family Storytimes Songs, stories, crafts, and more!
East Springfield Branch* Mondays | 1:30-2:30 PM | Ages 1-4
Indian Orchard Branch* Mondays | 10:30-11:30 AM | Ages 1-6
Sixteen Acres Branch* Tuesdays through November 28th | 1:30-2:30 PM | Ages birth-5 years

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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Family Storytimes Songs, stories, crafts, and more!
Library Express at Pine Point Wednesdays through November 29th | 4:15-5:00 PM | Ages 4-10
Central Library Saturdays | 1:30-2:30 PM | Ages 3-10
Special hours for the Children's Literature Festival on Saturday, October 14th: Storytimes to be held at 10 AM and again at 2 PM. For details on the Festival, visit: <https://goo.gl/o7DcH2>

LEGO Clubs Let your imagination run wild!
Brightwood Branch Thursdays | 4-5 PM | Children
Forest Park Branch Conquer a LEGO building challenge! Monthly, 1st Tuesdays | 4-5 PM | Ages 5-14
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

Guess the Pumpkin's Weight Come to the library and take a guess! The person who comes closest to the weight without going over will win the pumpkin - and a child-safe carving set! During open hours | Children
Brightwood Branch October 12th-27th
East Springfield Branch, Indian Orchard Branch, and Library Express at Pine Point Oct. 13th-27th

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

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN



I Spy Mr. Pumpkin at East Forest Park Come search for one of the decorated pumpkins hidden on our shelves. Once found, you'll receive a treat and a raffle ticket to win one of these special pumpkins. The raffle will be pulled on Tues. Oct. 24th. Oct. 2nd-23rd | During open hours | East Forest Park Branch | Children

I Spy Mr. Pumpkin at East Springfield Come look for Mr. Pumpkin on our shelves. If you spy him in the library, you'll get a treat - and a chance to win Mr. Pumpkin! Raffles will be held weekly. Oct. 2nd-28th | During open hours | East Springfield Branch | Children



Mr. Pumpkin Craft Come join the fun and create a silly or scary pumpkin craft. October 16th-21st | During open hours | East Forest Park Branch | All ages

MadLab: Pumpkins How many seeds do you think are in our pumpkin? How much do you think our pumpkin weighs? We'll find out whose estimate is the most accurate! Thurs. Oct. 26th | 4:30-5 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 5-12

Spooky Slime The witching hour is about to begin! Ever wanted to concoct your very own potion? Indulge in a bit of DIY Science and make some customized slime just in time for Halloween! Tuesday, October 31st | 3:30-4:30 PM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 6+

Boo Craft Come create your own ghastly ghost with this frightfully fun family craft. October 10th-14th | During open hours | East Forest Park Branch | Children

Minecraft Clubs Build, play, and create!

Indian Orchard Branch Fridays from 1:30-4:30 PM and Saturdays from 12-2:30 PM | Ages 10+

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

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

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

Read to Momo: a Dog Who Listens Children are invited to read to Momo, a Bright Spot Therapy Dog. Wednesdays starting Oct. 11th | 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 Dance Party Show us your best moves at the Family Dance Party! We'll dance, sing, play games, and explore music every week. Mondays through November 13th | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library Children's Room | Ages 3-12, siblings welcome

Fancy Nancy at Your Library! Wear your fanciest clothing, bring your very best manners, and eat the fanciest food. Games, crafts and giveaways based on the Fancy Nancy books. Girls and boys both welcome! Sat. Oct. 14th | 12-2 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 6-10 | Preregistration encouraged - sign up at the branch

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

Movies at Mason Square: Rock Dog The Tibetan mastiffs on Snow Mountain guard a peaceful village of sheep. To avoid distractions, music is forbidden. But when Bodi discovers a radio, it takes just a few guitar licks for his fate to be sealed. Rated PG. Thurs. Oct. 26th | 5:30-7 PM | Mason Square Branch | 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 register in advance. Sat. Oct. 28th | 12:30-2 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 5-14 | Registration recommended, call 413-263-6840 or visit the branch

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

EVENTS FOR TEENS



TEEN ART, GAMING & MORE

Art Exploration for Teen Teens will use sharpies, watercolors, and tissue paper and more to explore portraiture, landscapes and abstract art in this monthly program. Friday, October 6th | 3-4:30 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 11+

Design a Creepy Skull Come in and have fun designing a creepy skull to bring home and enjoy. Each skull made of craft foam will be uniquely decorated using paint, beads, sequins and other craft materials. Wednesday, October 25th | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch Community Room | 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

Fashionably Upcycled: Making Purses from Old Books In honor of Teen Read Week, we'll be transforming old books into purses. Books and crafting supplies will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own books to craft with. Parents may accompany their teens. Sat. Oct. 14th | 12-2 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 12-18

Karaoke in Costume Dress up in costume and join us for some Karaoke fun! Costumes are optional. Songs will be screened for appropriate content. Light refreshments will be served. Sat. October 14th | 3:15-4:45 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch Community Room | Ages 12-19 | Register online or call 413-263-6858

Monday Munchies: Quick Cooking for Teens Teens, try out some quick and delicious recipes and expand your palate with some new, tasty ingredients. Monday, October 23rd | 3:30-5 PM | Central Library Community Room | Ages 11-19

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

You Can Do College! Information for Teens and Families Are you a teen who would like to go to college, but are not sure how to go about it? Are you ready to get started applying for college, but you are concerned that you won't be accepted or can't afford the cost? Find out how YOU can launch your college career at this workshop with Xiomara Albán DeLobato, Associate Director of Admission at Elms College. Pizza and accompaniments will be served. Mon. Oct. 2nd | 6-7:30 PM | Central Library Community Room | For teens and their families and friends

Comic Book Creation for Teens Do you love comic books, graphic novels or webcomics? Did you ever want to create your own? 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 at the East Forest Park Library for a three-part workshop 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. 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18

Workshop 1: Learn about drawing basic shapes, character faces, and page layout. Wednesday, Oct. 11th

Workshop 2: Work on shading, dialogue balloons, bubbles, and sound effects. Wednesday, November 8th

Workshop 3: Learn how to create motion and choose color in your drawings. Start developing the characteristics of your heroes and villains. Wednesday, December 13th

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 Branch Community Room | Ages 11-19

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

EVENTS FOR TEENS



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

Indian Orchard Branch Fridays from 1:30-4:30 PM and Saturdays from 12-2:30 PM | Ages 10+

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

Craft a Stylish Bookmark Make reading even more special with a beautiful, handmade bookmark. This simple DIY project produces a beautiful keepsake you'll enjoy for years to come or may even want to give as a gift. Saturdays, Oct. 14th and 28th | 11 AM - 3 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 8 through adult



Bike Repair Workshop for Teens

Learn do-it-yourself bike repair and maintenance by local bike experts from RadSpringfield. Bring your bike or just your questions. Thursdays in October | 4-5:30 PM | Forest Park Branch Community Room | 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, October 11th | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch Community Room | Teens

Magic The Gathering Club Bring your own cards, or use the cards we provide. Don't know how to play? We'll teach you! Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays | 4-5:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Teens

Teen Book Club Are you a teen who likes to read? 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. This month's book selection is: *The Book of Lost Things* by John Connolly. Third Saturday of every month | 12-1 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 13-18

TEEN LEADERSHIP

Teens Volunteer at the Central Library Teens who want to gain work experience, earn community service hours, or just help to make the library a better place

can meet to work on a volunteer project. Teens must have permission of a parent/guardian and, if over age 14, complete a CORI check after the first meeting. Find applications and more information on volunteering at the library at: www.springfieldlibrary.org/library/about/volunteer/. Wednesdays through Nov. 29th (except November 22nd) | 2:30-3:30 PM | Central Library Rice Hall | Ages 12-18 | Sign up online or call Martha at 413-263-6828 ext. 425.

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 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 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 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

EVENTS FOR ADULTS




TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS, CAREER PROGRAMS, & MORE

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. Oct. 5th | 2-3 PM

Mason Square Branch Friday, October 13th | 3-4 PM

Sixteen Acres Branch Tuesday, Oct. 17th | 4-5 PM

 **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. Wednesday, Oct. 4th | 5:30-7 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults

Hi!Tech: Getting Started with Computers This hands-on workshop reviews basic keyboarding and mousing and more to get you comfortably started. No experience necessary. Participants earn a chance to win this month's Hi!Tech raffle. Tuesday, October 17th | 10:30 AM - 12 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults | Register online or by calling 413-263-6840

Skill with a keyboard and mouse is needed for success in the the following computer workshops.

Computer Clinic: Introduction to Email From attachments and downloads to folders, spam, and more, this workshop can help you use email effectively and efficiently. Participants need an active email account to attend this workshop. Thursday, October 26th | 10-11 AM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults | Register online or call 413-263-6828 ext. 221

Hi!Tech: Introduction to the Web Develop the skill you need to explore and use the web confidently and competently. Participants earn a chance to win this month's Hi!Tech raffle. Tuesday, October 31st | 10:30 AM - 12 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults | Register online or by calling 413-263-6840

Hi!Tech: Continuing with Computers This hands-on workshop covers including file management, text editing, and more. Skill with a keyboard and mouse is needed for success; completion of *Getting Started with Computers* is recommended. Participants earn a chance to win this month's Hi!Tech raffle. Tues. Oct. 24th | 10:30 AM - 12 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults | Register online or by calling 413-263-6840

Introduction to Excel Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel, the world's leading desktop spreadsheet program. Excel is used for basic bookkeeping and accounting, maintaining mailing lists, and more. Light refreshments, compliments of the Friends of the Library, will be provided. Saturday, Oct. 14th | 10 AM-12 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults | Register online or call 413-263-6828 ext. 221

Introduction to Computers Part 3 Learn the basics of word processing to give you an advantage at work and at home. Practice formatting resumes, basic signs and handouts, and other print-based documents. Wed. Oct. 4th | 1-2:30 PM | Adults | Register online or call 413-263-6836

CRAFTS, COOKING, & MORE

Canvas Cafe Come join us for a morning of fun and relaxation as we complete a painting from start to finish, and get you out before lunch! Even if you have never painted before, you will leave with something to be proud of. Supplies provided. Morning refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library.

Brightwood Branch Library Friday, October 27th | 9:30-11 AM, register online or call 413-263-6805

Indian Orchard Branch Library Fri. Oct. 27th | 9:30-11 AM, register online or call 413-263-6846 | Adults

Food for Thought Cookbook Club: Focus on Diabetes If you love to cook and try new recipes, then this is the group for you! The October meeting will feature a special presentation by chef Peter Langlois on cooking for those with diabetes. Learn what foods affect your blood sugar, how to portion your meals, and how to eat what you want without without breaking your diet. Monthly on 1st Thursdays | 6-7 PM | Mason Square Branch Community Room | Adults

EVENTS FOR ADULTS



Unsticking America's Favorite Sandwich with

Alan Rifkin Everybody loves a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, but not all sandwiches are made the same! Food enthusiast Alan Rifkin will show how corporate America is changing the food we eat using the PB&J as a model. Thursday, October 12th | 6-7:30 PM | Mason Square Branch Community Room | Adults

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

Game Night!

Play chess, Scrabble, dominoes, or checkers. For those who prefer playing alone, the library will have brainteasers you can use such as word find and crossword puzzles, sudoku, and even coloring pages. Bring your library card to check out the items while in use. Wednesdays | 5:30-7:45 PM | Central Library Wellman Hall | Ages 18+



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
Indian Orchard Branch Mondays | 1:30-3 PM
Sixteen Acres Branch Wednesdays | 1:30-3 PM

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. Mon. Oct. 23rd | 2-3 PM | East Springfield 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

BOOK & AUTHOR PROGRAMS

Author Talk: Ed Orzechowski and His Book *You'll*

Like It Here: the Story of Donald Vitkus This true story chronicles the life of Belchertown State School patient #3394: Donald Vitkus. The book traces his wretched treatment and how he triumphed later in life. Refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library. Adults

East Springfield Branch October 25th | 6:15-7:45 PM

Sixteen Acres Branch October 17th | 6:15-7:45 PM

Books & Brew Book Club

Cure your mid-week blues with a lively brew at Nathan Bill's Bar and Restaurant. October book selection: *Ross Poldark* by Winston Graham. Copies of the book are available at the East Forest Park Branch. First Wednesday of every month | 7:30-8:30 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: *Once We Were Brothers* by Ronald H. Balson. Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 12-1 PM

East Forest Park Branch *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Last Wednesday, every month | 5:30-6:30 PM

Forest Park Branch Book selection: *Moonglow* by Michael Chabon. 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

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 Monthly, 1st Wednesdays | 12-1:30 PM

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



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