

Springfield City Library

EVENT GUIDE - APRIL 2018

Author Fair, April 14th

School Vacation Week Activities, April 17th-21st

Flamenco Guitar Concert, April 19th

National Library Week, April 8th-14th

#selfcare for Teens, various dates

Rising Tide in Concert, April 28th

Jobseeker Workshops, various dates

FEATURED EVENTS

The Author Fair Meet recently published authors and enjoy their works in this showcase of local talent and achievement. A wide range of reading genres will be on display and for sale, including memoirs, novels, poetry, nonfiction, children's books, and more. Sat. April 14th | 12:30-3:30 PM | Central Library Rotunda | All Ages

Rotunda Rhythms Presents: Beautiful Voices in Jazz Jason Schwartz and Atla and Matt DeChamplain give a unique tribute to women jazz singers. The concert will feature the styles and songs of Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughan. Interested audience members are entered into the free raffle. *Funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library.* Sunday, April 22nd | 2-3 PM | Central Library Rotunda | All Ages

Rising Tide in Concert Rising Tide's blend of singing, guitar, & percussion with a twist of violin cover the top hits of the Eagles, Creedence Clearwater Revival, and more. Rising Tide is Brad Alm, Jacques Hooten, Steve Saunders, and Ann-Marie Messbauer. *Funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library.* Saturday, April 28th | 12:30-2 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults

Flamenco: A Guitar Concert Inspired by Spanish guitar maestros, classical composers, and more, Gladius composes and plays unique music combining Baroque, ethnic, and metal styles. Tapas and light refreshments will be available at 4:30 PM, and the concert will run from 5-6 PM. *Funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library.* Thursday, April 19th | 4:30-6 PM | Brightwood Branch | Adults

National Library Week Open House In honor of National Library Week, every Springfield City Library location will be holding an open house. Stop by to enjoy some light refreshments, pick up some library swag, and see what's happening at your community library! April 11th | 2-4 PM | All Library Locations

National Library Week Scavenger Hunt Match the classic children's characters with the book covers hidden in the library. Find them all, and win a trip to the prize box! April 9th-21st | During Open Hours Brightwood, East Forest Park, East Springfield, Forest Park, Indian Orchard, Mason Square, Library Express at Pine Point, and Sixteen Acres locations | Children

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK

SPECIAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES FROM APRIL 16TH-21ST.

No Cooking Cooking Class: Soda Fountain Edition Teens, join us for another in our popular series of food preparation classes! Celebrate the warming weather by learning how to make classic soda fountain drinks from the 1930s-1950's. Friday, April 20th | 2-4 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 11-19 | Register Online

The Magic of PJ The magic of Springfield's own PJ Pinsonnault's has been described as incredible, mind-blowing, hilarious, and unbelievable. He is one of the premiere sleight-of-hand artists in New England. Forget what you know about magic and magicians... you've never seen anything quite like this! Wednesday, April 18th | 5:30-6:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 10-19 | Register Online

Art Exploration for Teens Explore a variety of art media using tissue paper, watercolors, drawing pencils, and more along with some new ideas for making art. Snacks served! Wed. April 18th | 2:30-4 PM | Central Library Community Room | Ages 11-19 | Register online

Making Delicious Homemade Ice Cream Make your own delicious homemade ice cream to eat and enjoy. Using very simple ingredients, you can make chocolate, vanilla and other ice cream flavors. All supplies will be provided. Wednesday, April 18th | 3:30-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-19

Flower Friends Come create your own Flower Friends with a colorful assortment of supplies. April 17th-21st | During open hours | East Forest Park Branch | Children

Recyclables Maker Lab Join us for creative learning when you build something new out of recycled materials. Tuesday, April 17th | During open hours | Sixteen Acres Branch | Children

Tasty Tuesday at Forest Park Teens will make a delicious, healthy, easy after school snack as well as learning useful life skills and meal planning. Tues. April 17th | 3:15-4:15 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 12-19 12

Zoo on the Go Meet special live animals from Forest Park Zoo and learn about each animal and what makes them unique and special. Wednesday, April 18th | 2-3 PM | East Springfield Branch | Children

All events are free and open to the public. Registration is not required for most programs.

Board (not bored) Games! Play some of your board games from your childhood. We will put out a variety of games, including Operation, Jenga, Uno, Trouble, and several more. Light snacks will be served. April 17th – 20th | During open hours | Brightwood, East Springfield, and Indian Orchard locations | Ages 9+

Science Exploration Drop in and visit our inventive STEM stations! Build your brain with a special engineering project and other fun activities. Thurs. April 19th | 1-3:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Grades 3-8

Sock Puppets for Teens We'll give a brief simple sewing lesson and provide all the materials you need. Make a zombie sock puppet, or one that looks just like your pet or favorite fictional character! Tues. April 17th | 3:30-4:45 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 11-19

Paint a Flower Pot Celebrate spring and paint a pot in which to grow summer flowers. All materials will be provided while supply lasts. Children

East Springfield Branch Saturday, April 21st | 12-2 PM

Forest Park Branch Thursday, April 19th | 3-4 PM

Indian Orchard Branch Saturday, April 21st | 12-2 PM

EVENTS FOR LITTLE ONES

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

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

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 Playgroup Join us for stories, songs,

movement, and multi-sensory playtime. *Sponsored by the Early Childhood Resource Center and the Department of Early Education and Care.* Thursdays through May 17th | 10:30 AM-12 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 0-36 months

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

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

Neighborhood Playgroup Come 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 so much more! Thursdays | 10:30 AM-12:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 0-5

Family Storytimes Songs, stories, crafts, and more!
Indian Orchard Branch* Mondays | 10:30-11:30 AM | Ages 1-6
Library Express at Pine Point Wednesdays | 4:15-5 PM | Ages 4-10
Sixteen Acres Branch* Tuesdays | 1:30-2:30 PM | Ages 0-5

Greater Springfield Music Together! Did you know that all children are musical? Have you ever wondered what you can do to nurture the musical growth of your child, regardless of your own musical ability? Music Together is a music and movement approach to early childhood music development for infant, toddler, preschool and kindergarten children and their parents, teachers and other primary caregivers. Our classes are guided and encouraged by dedicated, nurturing teachers who promote your child's, and your own, music-making and music competence. Call 413-787-6959 x8 to register. Participation in all sessions strongly encouraged.* Ages 0-5 | 1:30-2:30 PM
East Forest Park Branch Thursdays, April 19th-May 10th
Indian Orchard Branch Thursdays, April 5th-12th

Awesome Mother Goose Come experience rhymes, puppets, dance and song. A sheer delight, even for the adult who appreciates language. Ukulele and recorder, with Mother Goose in costume, and Tillie the Goose by her side. Monday, April 9th | For preschoolers
Brightwood Branch 1:30-2:30 PM

Indian Orchard Branch 10:30-11:30 AM

**Presented in collaboration with Home City Families. Presentada con la colaboración de Home City Families.*

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

ADULTS MUST ACCOMPANY AND SUPERVISE CHILDREN.

Build-a-Challenge How tall can you build a tower using only gum drops and toothpicks? Can you make a working catapult with popsicle sticks and rubber bands? Test yourself on these and other challenges! Mondays through April 30th | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 5-12

Mad Science This STEM program is designed to expose children to botany, earth science, atmospheric science, animal biology, human biology, chemistry, astronomy, engineering, and more. Tuesdays through May 1st | 1-2 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 5-8

Mad Science Labs Drop in to try some fun and innovative science experiments. Monthly on 1st Saturdays | 12:30-2:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Children

MadLab STEAM exploration especially for kids. Thurs. April 12th | 4:30-5:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 5-12

Paint a Flower Pot Celebrate spring and paint a pot in which to grow summer flowers. All materials will be provided while supply lasts. Wed. April 25th | Children **East Forest Park Branch** 3:30-5:30 PM
Mason Square Branch 3-5 PM

Adventures in Art During this six-week art program, artist and educator Ryan Jobb will teach kids to create artworks using a variety of mediums. We'll serve snacks at 3:30 PM and start the art lesson at 4:00 PM. Wednesdays starting April 4th | 3:30-5 PM | Mason Square Branch | 4th- and 5th-graders | Register online

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

Art Party! See what you can create using everything from crayons, markers, and clay to mud, foam, marshmallows, and more! Wednesdays, April 4th-May 16th | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 6-12, siblings welcome

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

LEGO Clubs Let your imagination run wild!
Forest Park Mondays | 3:30-4:45 PM | Children
Indian Orchard Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Children
Library Express at Pine Point Wednesdays | 5-5:45 PM | Ages 5-10
Mason Square Thursdays | 5-6 PM | Children
Sixteen Acres Mondays | 1:30-4:30 PM | Ages 5-10

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

Minecraft Clubs Build, play - and battle zombies, of course!
Forest Park Sat. April 14th | 12-2:30 PM | Ages 12-18
Indian Orchard Saturdays | 12-2:30 PM | Ages 8+
Library Express at Pine Point Fridays | 3:30-4:45 PM | Ages 8-18

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 | Forest Park Branch Program Den | Ages 5-12

EVENTS FOR TEENS

IT'S EASY TO GET STRESSED OUT JUGGLING BUSY SCHEDULES AND LONG TO-DO LISTS. VISIT THE LIBRARY FOR SOME EXTRA SPECIAL #SELFCARE FOR TEENS THIS MONTH.

Bullet Journaling Bullet Journals are a combination of a to-do list, planner, and diary. Track your moods and habits; write down some positive affirmations; make a gratitude list; practice mindfulness during your creative process. Thurs. April 19th | 3-5 PM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 11-19

DIY Bath Bombs Make a custom bath bomb and pamper yourself! We will be using essential oils so please note any allergies upon registration. Fri. April 6th | 3-4 PM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 11-19 | Register Online

Meditation Join us for a brief introduction to the basics of meditation and mindfulness follow by a guided meditation. Tuesday, April 10th | 3-5 PM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 11-19

Yoga Instructor Lesha can will help you relax with yoga. Learning yoga can also improve fitness, optimism, focus, self-esteem, creativity, and discipline. Mats provided, or bring your own. Ages 11-19 | Register online

Mason Square Branch Tuesday, April 17th | 3-4:30 PM
Sixteen Acres Branch April 10th & May 5th | 6-8 PM

What-ifs & Fix-Its: A Fanfiction Club for Teens Join our group, where pop-culture fans of every kind can explore their favorite characters and create stories of their own, through the marvelous world of fanfiction. Monthly on 3rd Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18 | Register online

Register with Springfield WORKS: A Jobseekers' Workshop for Youth Are you looking for a job? Learn from job experts Pamela White and Krizia Valentino how to register with the Springfield WORKS Career Portal to find positions that match your interests and skills. Light refreshments will be served. Monday April 2nd | 5-6 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 16-26 | Register online

Your Best Resume Ever: A Jobseekers' Workshop for Youth Are you looking for a job? Learn from Phylis Gedeon of YouthWorks and from Springfield's librarians how to build a resume that is creative, organized, and appealing to employers. Light refreshments will be served. Wed. April 4th | 5-7 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 16-26 | Register Online

Out Now! at the Library Out Now is hosting this workshop, which gives teens the opportunity to explore and learn about the challenges facing the LGBTQ+ community, as well as how to be an ally. All are welcome for some educational fun! Wednesdays, April 4th -25th | 3:15-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18

Art Exploration for Teens Teens will use sharpies, watercolors, tissue paper, and more to explore portraiture, landscapes, and abstract art in this monthly program. Monthly on first Fridays | 2-4:30 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 11+

Comic Book Creation for Teens Did you ever want to create your own comic books, graphic novels, or webcomics? Whether you are an artist or a writer, come work on your project with fellow enthusiasts. Snacks will be provided. Monthly on 2nd Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18

Creator's Club for Teens Stop in the library for an after school arts and crafts session. Each month, a new arts and crafts project will be taught for participants to create and take home! Come create and discover something new! Monthly on 2nd Tuesdays | 3:15-4:15 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 12-18

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 9-18

Monday Munchies: Quick Cooking for Teens Try

some quick and delicious recipes and expand your palate with some new, tasty ingredients. Mondays, April 9th, May 14th, and June 11th | 3:30-5 PM | Central Library | Ages 11-19

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 | Register online or call 413-263-6858

OMG Otaku! Anime for Teens Get ready for a night of everything Otaku. Feast on Japanese snacks while watching a mini- marathon featuring Anime such as Jojo's Bizarre Adventure, Tokyo ESP, Sailor Moon Crystal, and more! Thursday, April 26th | 4-5:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 14-19

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

Tabletop Tennis Teens are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun playing ping pong. Paddles, balls, nets, and tables provided. Meets monthly. Wednesday, April 11th | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | 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 | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-18

TEEN LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Teen Advisory Board at Brightwood Monthly on 1st Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-18

Teen Advisory Board at Mason Square Meet new friends, get community service hours and build your resume! *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 Last Tuesday of every month | 4:30-5:45 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 13-19 | Ask Sixteen Acres librarian about application to join

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Get a Job with SkillSmart Springfield Works is here to link you with a job, career or skills training. Come learn how to use SkillSmart: an easy online resource to help you identify your strengths and efficiently apply for positions at some of Greater Springfield's largest organizations. Monday, April 23rd | 1-2:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Adults | Register Online

Job Seeker Workshop Series: Finding, Getting, and Keeping a Job Workforce Team educators from the Hampden County Sheriff's Department's AISS program will lead a three-part job seeker workshop series. Participants are encouraged to attend all sessions. 1-2:30 PM | Mason Square Branch | Adults | Register Online

Workshop 1: Finding the Job 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. Tuesday, April 3rd

Workshop 2: Getting the Job This workshop will go over cover letter basics and interviewing skills. Tuesday, April 10th

Workshop 3: Keeping the Job This workshop will focus on work/life balance and the soft skills necessary to do well in a work environment. Tuesday, April 17th

Mason Square Community Garden Get Together Join the Mason Square Community Gardeners as we look forward to the growing season and share our experience, strength and hope in urban gardening. Local gardeners will give presentations on composting, carbon sequestration, cover crops, and pest control. Finally, it's a potluck, so feel free to bring a snack. Sat. April 7th | 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM | Mason Square Branch | All Ages

Come For Coffee! Stop by for coffee and conversation. We'll have the morning paper out, as well as crosswords and puzzles. Bring along your knitting or crochet projects or meet a friend and socialize. Coffee and tea generously provided by the Friends of the Library. Fridays, April 6th-20th | 9-10 AM | Brightwood Branch | Adults

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". Friday, April 6th | 1-2 PM | East Springfield Branch |

For adults, teens, and children 10+

Color My World- Relaxing Coloring Time for Grown-Ups 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 for Grownups Enjoy scrabble, chess, checkers, dominoes, brainteasers, sudoku, and more! Bring your library card to check games out to play. Wednesdays | 5:30-7:45 PM | Central Library - Wellman Hall | Adults

Spring Cleaning! Less Is More: Clearing Your Mind By Clearing Your Space Get a jump start on your Spring Cleaning! In this presentation Stephanie Baird, LMHC, will discuss her 8 month long process of using the KonMari method of decluttering, as outlined in the bestselling book, *Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, by Marie Kondo, to clear her home of items that no longer "spark joy." Wednesday, April 25th | 6:30-7:30 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

Indian Orchard Branch Wednesdays | 3:30-4:45 PM

Sixteen Acres Branch Wednesdays | 1-3 PM

Monet's Magic: Pastel Paint Monet's Wondrous Water Lilies Artist and instructor Greg Maichack returns with his popular pastel painting workshop. Using his easy-to-follow method of how to use pastels, participants will recreate Monet's wondrous water lilies with striking likeness! *This program is made possible by funds from the Springfield Cultural Council.* Monday, April 30th | 6-8 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Register Online | 18+

Art Central: The Paintings of Noreen Acconcio Retired from the Springfield Public Schools, Ms. Acconcio utilizes watercolor to create still lifes and seascapes rich with color and imagination. Ends April 29th | Central Library

Craft Your Cares Away We will be relaxing, socializing, and making crafts to take your mind off your everyday

worries for an hour. All necessary supplies will be available, and light refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library will be offered too. Monday, April 23rd | 2-3 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 18 +

The Challenge Diabetes Program: Learn About It From People Who Have It This is a free, three-part series on understanding and managing diabetes with Chet Galaska, author of *The Diabetes Book: What Everyone Should Know*. These classes are for those with diabetes, their friends and family, and the general public. This program was developed in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Springfield and Springfield College. 6-7:30 PM | Mason Square Branch | Adults

Week 1 What is diabetes? How does one get it? How does it work? How can you deal with it? Thurs. April 26th

Week 2 What Can I Eat? Learn how food affects blood glucose levels, how to improve without turning your life upside-down. Thursday, May 3rd

Week 3 The Magic Bullet: The most underrated, effective and free way to lower your blood glucose level. We will also go over why physical movement is so powerful and ways you can improve starting right now. Participants will learn basic chair exercises from a YMCA instructor. Thursday, May 10th

Author Talk: C.T. Daniels Springfield author C.T. Daniels launches his new book *Branded*, a stunning novel on sex trafficking. C.T. will share stories of his inspirations for the book and discuss the process of creating this hard-hitting story. Books will be available for sale and signing, and refreshments are provided compliments of the Friends of the Library. Wed. April 18th | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Adults

Books & Brew Book Club Cure your mid-week blues with a lively brew at Nathan Bill's Bar and Restaurant. For our next meeting we will be discussing *Kafka on the Shore* by Haruki Murakami. 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+

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

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 Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration Into the Wonder of Consciousness* by Sy Montgomery. We will also be discussing the previous month's book, *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 12-1 PM

East Forest Park Branch book selection:

Louisa: The Extraordinary Life of Mrs. Adams by Louisa Thomas. Monthly, last Wednesdays | 6-7 PM

Forest Park Branch book selection: *Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward. Monthly, 1st Thursdays | 1:30-3 PM

Interacting Safely with Law Enforcement

Community member Kevin J. Dumpson, Executive Director of Suit Up Springfield and founder of Pro-Active on Purpose, will share his experiences and wisdom on how to safely and sensibly interact with law enforcement. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Free pizza, compliments of the Friends of the Library, will be served. Wednesday, April 11th | 6- 7:30 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults | Register online

Mountain Park Memories Documentary Showing and Discussion Join us for a nostalgic program on the history of this wonderful park that is gone but not forgotten. Refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library. Thursday April 12th | 6:15-7:45 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults | Register Online

What Really Happened on Chappaquiddick? Massachusetts author Donald Nelsons reviews his book *Chappaquiddick Tragedy: Kennedy's Second Passenger Revealed* and discusses the Kennedys, politics, and more. Books will be available for sale and signing, and refreshments are compliments of the Friends of the Library. Saturday, April 7th | 3:15-5 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults | Register online

Slavery By Another Name Documentary Showing & Discussion This film captures the history of Jim Crow laws of discrimination against Blacks after the Civil War in Alabama and The South. Thursday, April 5th | 6-8 PM | Mason Square Branch | Adults

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

Women's Coding Club Have you ever wanted to learn high-tech skills but thought you couldn't? In today's world, e-mail, web browsing, and spreadsheets are just the tip of the iceberg, and more complex skills are increasingly useful even outside of tech careers. If you've ever wanted to make your own website, build your own app, or secure your smartphone against unwanted prying, join us! Club will meet monthly, light snacks provided, please pre-register. Central Library | Ages 18+ | Interested in joining? Contact Kim Sheridan at ksheridan@springfieldlibrary.org

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

EARTH WEEK AT THE SIXTEEN ACRES BRANCH

New Train Travel in Western MA: a Presentation by Sen. Eric Lesser Senator Eric Lesser will talk about the long awaited completion of drastically improved passenger train service between Springfield to New York City starting in May. The senator will also give an update on expanded train service between Springfield and Boston. If approved, the service will have a huge impact on workforce development, tourism, and a cleaner environment. Tuesday, April 17th | 6:15-7:45 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults

Film Documentary: Before the Flood *Before The Flood* is a wakeup call to start dealing seriously with climate change. *Before the Flood*, presented by *National Geographic*, features Leonardo DiCaprio on a journey as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, traveling to five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change firsthand. Thursday, April 19th | 6-7:45 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults

Things You Can Do for a Cleaner Environment The Citizens' Climate Lobby, a non-profit, non-partisan grassroots advocacy group, focuses on building policies that address climate change and a help make a cleaner environment. Saturday, April 21st | 1-2 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Teens & Adults | Register Online

Growing Plants from Seeds Avid gardener Judy Cmero from the Springfield Garden Club (SGC)

demonstrates how to start plants from seeds to beautify the earth. Membership information and a list of their outstanding, upcoming events will be available. Saturday, April 21st | 2-3 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults & Teens | Register Online

HI!TECH COMPUTER BASICS SERIES

Participants earn a chance to win this month's Hi!Tech raffle. 10-11:30 AM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults | Register online or call 413-263-2655

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. Thursday, April 5th

Hi!Tech: Continuing with Computers This hands-on workshop reviews basic aspects of computer use including file management, text editing, and more. It is the perfect class for someone new to the computer but can use a mouse and the keyboard already. Completion of Getting Started with Computers is recommended. Thurs. April 12th

Hi!Tech: Introduction to the Web Develop the skill you need to explore and use the internet confidently and competently. Skill with a keyboard and a mouse is needed. Thursday, April 19th

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT OFFICE

Skill with a keyboard and mouse is needed for success in these workshops. Light refreshments, compliments of the Friends of the Library, will be provided. Adults

Introduction to Word Come to this hands-on workshop for an introduction to the most popular word processing program, Microsoft Word, and sharpen your skills with standard formatting and editing tools. Wednesday, April 4th | 1:30-3 PM | Library Express at Pine Point | Register online or call 413-263-6855

Introduction to Excel Learn the basics of Microsoft *Excel*, the world's leading desktop spreadsheet. *Excel* is used both at home and in the office to help with a wide range of personal and business management services including basic bookkeeping and accounting, to maintaining mailing lists and more. Skill with a keyboard and mouse is needed for success in this adult workshop. Thursday, April 26th | 10-11:30 AM | Central Library Computer Lab | Register online or call 413-263-6828 ext.221



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