

Springfield City Library

EVENT GUIDE - OCTOBER 2018



FEATURED EVENTS

Rotunda Rhythms: the Spanish Guitar of Tony Silva Award-winning composer and guitarist Tony Silva performs the music of Spain, from colorful tarantellas to passionate flamenco. Free attendance raffle to all those who stay for the concert. *Funded by the Friends of the Library and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.* Sunday, October 14 | 2-3 PM | Central Library Rotunda | All ages

Meet the Women Authors Women authors from the greater Springfield area share stories about their recently published books, and their work as writers in this interesting and engaging presentation and meet-and-greet. Free raffle & refreshments to all those who attend.** Sunday, October 21 | 2-4 PM | Central Library Community Room | Ages 18+

Attract Butterflies and Hummingbirds to Your Garden Join us for a presentation by Sixteen Acres Branch Library Manager Reggie Wilson on how to attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your garden. Learn about plants that attract butterflies and hummingbirds, and see how to design a beautiful garden. Following the talk will be a screening of the award-winning family documentary *First Flight: A Mother Hummingbird's Story*. Light refreshments will be available.** Wednesday, October 3 | 6:15-8 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults & families

The Challenge Diabetes Program This 3-part series is led by Chet Galaska, author of *The Diabetes Book: What Everyone Should Know*. Participants earn a chance to win a raffle prize (\$25 gift card to Eat Restaurant) just by attending.** These programs are held at the East Springfield Neighborhood Council Building, located behind the Pottenger School at 1437 Carew St. Springfield | 6-7:30 PM | Adults

Part 1 Are you living with diabetes, or do you know someone who is? Learn more about the disease and proactive steps you can take to manage it well. Wednesday, October 17

Part 2 Week 2 covers what diabetics should eat, how food affects blood glucose levels, and how to improve without turning your life upside-down. Monday, October 22

Part 3 The third class will covers the most underrated yet effective way to lower blood glucose levels. Learn why physical movement is so powerful, and ways you can improve starting right now. Monday, October 29

It's Written in the Stars: StarLab Leave Earth with us as the Springfield Science Museum StarLab will be at the Forest Park Library with their portable planetarium. Explore the widest reaches of the universe in celebration of Teen Read Week and learn about all of the mysteries of space. Thursday, October 11 | 4-6 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18



Sunrise Over Spain: Hiking the Camino de Santiago The Camino de Santiago, a five hundred mile hiking pilgrimage, has been followed by both the devout and the adventurous for over a thousand years. See photographs and hear stories about the physical and mental challenge of following the trail as well as the spiritual inspirations hikers have encountered along the way. Theresa Fersch, presenter and a New England author, speaks about her experiences and shares notes about her book, *Sunrise in Spain*. Copies will be available for signing and purchase. Refreshments provided.** Thursday, October 18 | 11 AM-12 PM | Brightwood Branch | Adults

SPOOKY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

The Paranormal Around Us: Ghostology Basics Agawam Paranormal presents Ghostology 101: get started with the basics of paranormal investigations, including a review of its terminology, equipment, and techniques, and basic "ghost hunting" skills. Wednesday, Oct. 24 | 6:30-8:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | For adults and teens

Calabazas Night Come visit for a night of family fun. We'll decorate pumpkins, have a pumpkin cooking contest, and a scary scavenger hunt. *This event is part of the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at Brightwood Library.* Thurs. Oct. 25 | 5:30-7:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Children

Mason Square Movies Presents: Coco Join us for a screening of Disney/Pixar's *Coco*! Watch as Miguel, a young boy from Mexico, goes on an amazing journey

to meet his ancestors during Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). There will also be Coco-themed coloring pages, snacks, and drinks.** Saturday, October 8 | 11:30 AM-2:30 PM | Mason Square Branch | Children

Fall Fest Come celebrate fall with games, crafts, cider, candy, and pie! We'll have lots of fun activities for kids and adults, including giant leaf-pile jumping, pumpkin decorating, face painting, and a special fall story time. Trunk or Treat will start at 5:00 PM in the parking lot behind the library (organized by the Mason Square C3 group). Candy donations will be accepted in the weeks before the program. *In the case of rain, the event will be held in the community room.* Wednesday, Oct. 17 | 3:30-5 PM | Mason Square Branch | All ages

Trunk or Treat Join us for great Halloween fun! Cars will be decorated with fun and spooky Halloween themes, and children can safely go trick-or-treating at each vehicle. Wednesday, October 24 | 4-6 PM | Parking lot next to the East Forest Park Branch | All ages

Boo Craft Oct. 8-13 and **Mr. Bones Craft** Oct. 15-20 | During open hours | East Forest Park Branch | Children

Mr. Pumpkin Craft October 22-31 | During open hours | Brightwood, East Forest Park, & East Springfield branches | Children

Goosebumps Day The new Goosebumps movie comes out soon! To get in the mood we will make slime and other activities revolving around the scary, funny story. Ages 8-12
Central Library Thursday, October 18 | 2-4 PM
East Forest Park Branch Friday, October 19 | 3-5 PM
East Springfield Branch Wed. October 24 | 6-7:30 PM

Guess the Pumpkin's Weight Come into the library and guess the pumpkin's weight. The person who comes the closest wins the pumpkin! During open hours | Children
Brightwood, East Springfield, Indian Orchard, and Pine Point locations October 15-27
Forest Park Branch October 1-13

I Spy Mr. Pumpkin 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. Raffle winners will be pulled on 10/27. October 1-26 | During open hours | East Forest Park and East Springfield branches | Children

Horror Make Up Workshop Just in time for Halloween, come and learn the secrets of good gory make-up!

Join us as we make fake wounds from household goods. Thursday, October 25 | 3:30-4:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 11-18



Who Goes There...? Hauntings in and Around Springfield Hear firsthand what the Agawam Paranormal team has discovered in Western MA. Learn about the fascinating claims of paranormal activity over the years, and see what the team has captured in its recent investigations. Wednesday, October 17 | 6:30-7:45 PM | East Forest Park Branch | For adults and teens

A Very Hogwarts Halloween Drink Butterbeer, delight in magical snacks, and let your wand choose the wizard and be sorted into your Hogwarts house. Dance away the evening to some Muggle music and tax your brain with puzzles and games that stump even the cleverest of Ravenclaws. Monday, October 29 | 3:15-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | All ages

Teens in Disguise: Decorate a Mask Decorate a molded mask for Halloween, or look ahead to Chibicon, our November anime and comics festival! Monday, October 22 | Drop in between 2:30-6 PM | Central Library 2nd Floor Teen Area | Ages 11+

EVENTS FOR LITTLE ONES

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

NEW! Baby Boppers Around The World Travel the world through music. We'll shake, rattle and roll, salsa and meringue, and cha cha around the world. Monthly, last Thursdays | 10-11 AM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 0-5

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

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

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.

Neighborhood Playgroup 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 | Drop in between 10:30 AM-12:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 0-5

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

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

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

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

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Horrible History! Join us to learn about real events in history that are strange, gross, and funny! Each Thursday afternoon, we will read stories about history and do an activity inspired by the stories. Come learn about the pyramids, knights, ninjas, and much more! Thursdays through October 4 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 6-10

Scavenger Hunt! The library has a different scavenger hunt every month! Pick up a clue sheet at the desk. When you find all the clues, you can pick a prize from our treasure box! October 9-20 | During open hours | Brightwood, East Springfield, East Forest Park, Forest Park, Indian Orchard, Mason Square, and Pine Point locations | Children

Mad Science Monday The program is designed to expose kids to a variety of scientific concepts. Specific sessions include geology, animal biology, the scientific method, and chemistry. Mondays through October 1 | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 8-12



Gross Science with SLIME! What IS slime!? What kind of slime is the fluffiest? The stickiest? The slimy-est? Find out at our SLIME lab! 3:30-4:30 | Ages 7-12
Brightwood Branch Thursday, October 18
Indian Orchard Branch Thursday, October 11

Create Clay Charms....and more! Make. Bake. Sparkle. Wear. Create your own, personal charms and tokens from quick dry clay. Wear on necklaces or bracelets. Space is limited so come early. Wednesday, October 3 | 5-7 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 9+

Read to Momo: A Dog Who Listens Children are invited to read to Momo, a Bright Spot Therapy Dog, in a small group setting. Call 263-6843 for more information. Wednesdays | 3:30-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Children

Sensory Storytime Come explore stories, music, movement, and play in a sensory friendly setting. This storytime is designed for children of all abilities, particularly those who are on the autism spectrum, have sensory processing challenges, struggle in large groups, or have other special needs. *Please contact Ellen at 413-263-6828 x 444 if you have any questions or need special accommodations for your child.* Thursdays through December 27 | 10-11 AM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Children 9 and under

Art in Motion This program is designed to expose children to creative collaboration and problem-solving. Specific sessions planned are theater games, storytelling, mural creation, and rhythmic music-making. Tuesdays through October 2 | 1:30-2:30 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 5-8

Art and Recyclables Makerspace Drop in during open hours to learn and explore at our makerspace! This creative space for kids and their families is chock full of art supplies and recycled stuff waiting to be

transformed into something new. Mondays | During open hours | Sixteen Acres Branch | Children

Family Time - Imagine Explore Create Join us for stories, songs, activities, and crafts. Fun for the whole family! Saturdays | 10:30-11:30 AM | Central Library Children's Program Room | All ages

Adventures in Reading Join us as we read our way through fantasy, biography, historical fiction and more. We will meet to discuss our book, followed by a craft to continue the fun. You can pick up a copy each month's book at the East Forest Park Library. Monthly, 2nd Fridays | 3:30-4:45 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 8-10

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, 3rd Wednesdays | 4-5 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 6-14 | Call 413-263-6840 to register

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

LEGO Clubs Let your imagination run wild!
Forest Park Branch Mondays | 3:30-4:45 PM | Ages 5-12
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!
Indian Orchard Branch Saturdays | 12-2:30 PM | Ages 8+
Library Express at Pine Point Fridays | 3-4:30 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. Saturday, October 13 | 1-2 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 5-12

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

MadLab Join in a series of science explorations that include art, science and fun! We will be experimenting with puff mobiles, paper rockets, e-textiles, catapults and

thaumatropes. Thursdays, October 18-November 15 | 4:30-5:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 6-12

EVENTS FOR TEENS

NEW! BYOB Teen Book Discussion Group Teens, you can 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, 3rd Saturdays | 12-1:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-19

Creative Button-Making Design your own buttons using our button maker. All supplies provided. Wednesday, Oct. 24 | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-18



Wonder Woman and Self-Defense Join us for an evening with Diana of Themyscira! Starting at 4:00, Sifu Li (Sifu Lisandro Vega) from Shaolin Kung Fu Martial Arts Studio in Springfield will lead a demonstration and workshop on basic self-defense, followed by a screening of Patty Jenkins' blockbuster *Wonder Woman* (rated PG-13). Complimentary snacks and beverages will be provided.** Thursday, October 11 | 4-7:30 PM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 11+

Teen Oreo Cookie Taste Off Teens, join us for the ultimate Oreo taste-off. We will have multiple flavors of Oreo cookies on hand to taste and rate, from best to worst flavors. We'll provide the cookies (and milk)! Wednesday, October 24 | 4-6 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 12-18 | Register online or call 413-263-6846 to register

Teen Tuesdays If you are looking for a welcoming place to be after school, look no further. Get inspired by using a wide array of art materials: write that masterpiece you've been pondering or play one of our many board games. Enjoy the company of others or grab a quiet space for some precious alone time! Tuesdays | 1-6 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 12-18

Comic Book Creation 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, 2nd Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 10-18

Not Your Ordinary Coloring Club We supply the crayons, pencils and pens and coloring pages. Just drop by and color your stress away. Fridays from October 5 – December 28 | 1-5 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 12-18

To Infinity and Beyond! Water Bottle Rockets Using a little bit of chemistry and a lot of fun, we'll be making and launching water bottle rockets in celebration of Teen Read Week. Tuesday, October 9 | 3:15-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 12-18

Art Explorations Teens will explore a variety of art media, using sharpies, watercolors, and tissue paper and more to explore portraiture, landscapes and abstract art. Monthly, 2nd Fridays | 2-4:30 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 11+

Vision Boards Create a visual representation of your future! Studies have shown that visualizing your goals on a regular basis can make them a reality. Poster boards, an array of magazines, and writing materials will be available. Feel free to bring photos, postcards or other appropriate mementos. Tuesday, Oct. 9 | 4-5:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 13-19 | Register online

Make It! Embroidered Felt Bag Charm Do you love to hand stitch, but don't have the time to finish anything? You can craft a bag charm or two at one sitting. Make a cute felt house, mushroom, or fox design, adorned with simple embroidery techniques. These charms will add a touch of whimsy to your handbag or key chain, or could be a personable yet inexpensive gift. Saturday, October 13 | 9:30-11 AM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 12+

Comics Club Join us as we share our favorites in anime, manga, and American comics. Come and geek out with us! Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays | 4:30-5:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 12-18

Fantastical Beasts We will choose a different mythological, magical, or folkloric creature to investigate each month. Read, watch, listen, draw, or write your own history or stories, and then compare notes. *October creature: Chimaera*. Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | 4-5 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18

Chess Club 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 7-18

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 | Ages 11-18

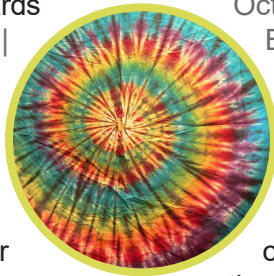
Tabletop Tennis & Air Hockey Teens are invited to play ping pong and air hockey! Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays | 3:30-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-18

Game ON! Video Gaming Drop in and play your favorite Wii games in the community room! Snacks will be provided. Monthly, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-18

Bike Repair Clinic The bicycle experts from RADSpringfield will be hosting a weekly event that teaches teens how to maintain and repair their bikes. Thursdays through Oct. 25 (except Oct. 11) | 4:30-6:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 10-18

Sharpie Tie-Dye T Shirts Using sharpies and rubbing alcohol we will make gorgeous t-shirts. Bring your own shirt (white preferred) or use one of ours. Saturday, October 6 | 12-1:30 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 11+ | Register online or call 413-263-6846

What-ifs & Fix-Its: A Fanfiction Club Join our group, where pop-culture fans of every kind can explore their favorite characters and create stories of their own through fanfiction. We'll have advice sessions for beginners and writing prompts. You'll even have an opportunity to submit your work to the library's teen blog! Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18



TEEN LEADERSHIP

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, 1st Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-18

Teen Advisory Board at East Springfield Monthly, 1st Fridays | 3:30-4:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 13-18

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

Tie-Dye image from Flickr user Lisa Padilla.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Craft Your Cares Away We will be relaxing, socializing, and making creative projects. All supplies provided.** October 29, November 26, and December 17 | 2-3 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults

Jewelry Making Show your passion for fashion by creating your own earrings or bracelet. Learn basic jewelry making techniques with crimps, beads and/or wire. All materials provided.** Wednesday, October 24 | 3-4:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 18+

Brightwood Gallery: A Walk in Our Woods, Photographs by Nick Borges Nick Borges' contemplative imagery reflects the beauty, calm, and magical order of the forest. October 1-31 | During open hours | Brightwood Branch

Come for Coffee! Stop by for coffee and conversation. We'll have the morning paper out, as well as crosswords, puzzles, and more. Coffee and tea provided.** Fridays through Dec. 28 | 9-10 AM | Brightwood Branch | Adults

Art Central: Artworks by Ryan Murray Now showing are the spray-paint stencils of Springfield artist Ryan Murray. His paintings include urban scenes, portrait, caricature, and satire in bold, statements of contemporary life and fantasy. Ends October 31 | During open hours | Central Library

Chair Yoga Chair Yoga adapts yoga positions and poses while incorporating the use of a chair, and is suitable for all fitness levels and physical conditions. Led by Nicole Ferraro, certified yoga instructor. Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 10-11 AM | East Springfield 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. Monthly, 1st Fridays | 12-1 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

Chess at Sixteen Acres Come get expert training from a seasoned chess player with years of teaching experience! Tuesdays | 5:30-6:30 PM | Sixteen Acres 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 AM – 12 PM

Forest Park Branch Saturdays | 11:15 AM-12:45 PM

Sixteen Acres Branch Wednesdays | 1-3 PM

Books & Brew Book Club Cure your mid-week blues with a lively book discussion and some brew at Nathan Bill's Bar and Restaurant. Copies of the discussion book will be available at the East Forest Park Branch prior to the meeting. Next discussion book: *In a Dark, Dark Wood* by Ruth Ware. Monthly, 1st Wednesdays | 7-8 PM | 110 Island Pond Rd | Ages 21+

Write-up Springfield! Join us to workshop your creative writing and network on creative writing opportunities, techniques, and styles. This group meets monthly and always welcomes new members.** Saturday, Oct. 13 | 1-3 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults

BYOB 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, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 10 AM-12 PM

East Springfield Branch 1st Wednesdays | 12-1:30 PM

Sixteen Acres Branch Monthly, last Fridays | 1:30-2:30 PM

Afterthoughts 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: *Outwitting History: The Amazing Adventures of a Man Who Rescued a Million Yiddish Books* by Aaron Lanksy. Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 12-1 PM

East Forest Park Branch book selection: *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan. Monthly, last Wednesdays | 6-7 PM

Forest Park Branch book selection: *Less* by Andrew Greer. Monthly, 2nd Thursdays | 1:30-2:30 PM

U.S. History Book and Media Discussion Group Discuss important issues concerning American history and share conversation-provoking history books you're reading. Refreshments served.** Monthly, 3rd Tuesdays | 6:15-7:15 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults



Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs in Springfield and Western Massachusetts For full program descriptions and to register for events, visit bit.ly/2NpTSCY

Crowdfunding for Small Business A representative from SCORE will present on crowdfunding for small businesses and entrepreneurs.** Monday, October 15 | 5:30-7 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults | Register online

The Story of SCORE in Western Massachusetts Whether you are starting a new business, or are already in business, you could benefit from our experienced SCORE mentors' free expertise. Join us to learn more! Tuesday, Oct. 16 | 5:30-7 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults

Women Innovators & Trailblazers Info Session WIT's mission is to ignite a women-led innovation economy in Western Massachusetts and beyond. Come learn about their resources to help your business succeed! Wednesday, Oct. 17 | 5:30-6:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Adults

SBA Business Smart Workshops This is a 2-part series, please plan to attend both parts. Learn how to start and grow a business.** Wednesdays, Oct. 17 & 24 | 6-7:30 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults | Register online

Financial Literacy for Small Business Owners A representative from Berkshire Bank will speak about what banks look for when funding a small business. Thursday, Oct. 18 | 6-7:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Adults | Register online

Valley Venture Mentors Table Session Come learn about starting a business, growing your business, networking, or becoming a mentor! Wednesday, October 24 | 5:30-7 PM | Central Library Rotunda | Adults

Springfield Codes! Meetup Young professionals in the Greater Springfield area can learn to code and gain skills in web development and tech. Monthly, 3rd Thursdays | 5:30-7:30 PM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 18-35

Women's Coding Club If you've ever wanted to make your own website, build your own app, or secure your smartphone against unwanted prying, join us! Light snacks provided.** Monthly, 2nd Saturdays | 2-4 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+ | Register online

Introduction to Microsoft Office Series Skill with a keyboard and mouse is needed for success in these workshops. Light refreshments provided.** 10 AM-12 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults | Register online or call 413-263-6828 ext. 221

Introduction to Word Come to this workshop for an introduction to the word processing program and sharpen your formatting and editing skills. Saturday, October 6

Introduction to PowerPoint Learn the basics of PowerPoint, which is used at home and at work for organizing slides and photos, and helping people give great presentations. Saturday, October 13

Introduction to Publisher Learn how to create simple, attractive flyers and brochures with Publisher. Saturday, Oct. 20

Introduction to Excel Learn the basics of Excel, which is used for basic bookkeeping and accounting, maintaining mailing lists, and more. Saturday, Oct. 27

Hi!Tech Computer Classes Participants earn a chance to win this month's raffle! 1-2:30 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults | Register online or call 413-263-6828 ext. 221

Getting Started with Computers Learn keyboarding, mouse use, and more. No experience needed. Thurs. Oct. 4

Continuing with Computers Learn more basics, like saving, printing, file organization, text editing, and more. Keyboard and mouse skills needed. Completion of Getting Started with Computers is recommended. Thurs. Oct. 11

Introduction to the Web Develop the skill you need to explore and use the web confidently and competently. Skill with a keyboard and a mouse is needed. Thursday, Oct. 18

Introduction to Facebook, Twitter, and Social Media Learn the basics of social media. Completion of Introduction to the Web will help you follow along. Thursday, October 25



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