

Springfield City Library

EVENT GUIDE - NOVEMBER 2018



FEATURED EVENTS

Fall Fest Enjoy a fun-filled day with food and entertainment! From 1-4 PM we'll have the soothing music of Jon Hollywood; at 6 PM our Baking Contest starts (we encourage everyone to enter!); and from 6:30-8:30 PM we'll have a special presentation by Agawam Paranormal. Refreshments served.** Wednesday, November 14 | 1-8:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | All ages

UNITE Teens: Do Make Be U Connect with other teens and your community in your own space. Every week, participate in games, activities, and special projects or just come and hang out with friends. Special guests from local organizations will come to talk about participating in community projects. Snacks provided. This is your space where you can do, make and be U. Every Tuesday and Thursday; starts November 1 | 3-5 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 13-18

ChibiCon 2018

ChibiCon 2018 Springfield City Library's celebration of Anime and Comics culture is back and better than ever! Snacks will be provided both days, and best of all, it's completely free! Central Library | All ages | Register online
Saturday, November 3

9:30 AM-2 PM: Film Festival: Watch a variety of Anime series episodes (PG-13)

2-2:45 PM: Cosplay Iron Chef: Try to create characters out of what we place in the cosplay box! The winning team will be awarded prizes and the title of Chibicon Cosplay Champions!
3-4:30 PM: Name That Song with B. Pain Productions: Who can name that song? Test your knowledge on a variety of music genres: top 10, anime, video games, etc.

Sunday, November 4

12-1:30 PM: Chibi Badge Making with Kyla McDonald: Create and keep your very own Chibi Badge!

1:45-2:45 PM: Chibicon Trivia Contest: Test your knowledge of all things geeky! The winning team will be take away prizes and the title of Chibicon Trivia Champions!

3-4 PM: Costume Contest: One of Chibicon's most popular events. Come and show off your costume, or cheer on your favorite cosplayer! Prizes will be awarded.

4-4:30 PM: Art Contest: Judging Submit art all weekend, so our judges can pick their favorites for fabulous prizes.



Poetry Reading Spend the afternoon with the inspired poets of Write-Up Springfield! Local poets will read their favorite poems in ten-minute spots, and we'll offer an open mic for audience members to join in too. Featured poets include Kate Anderson, Tara Dasso, Don Fisher, Jessica Pyzocha, Michael Allen Roche, Shane Robitaille, Jerry Walker, and Kateri M. Walsh. Refreshments and free raffle available to all who attend.** Sunday, November 4 | 12:30-4:30 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults

New Parents Paint and Sip Parenting can come with a lot of challenges! What are your needs? What your child's needs? What do you think and feel about your experience? This program is an opportunity for self-care, and for you to take a step back and process these thoughts and feelings through art. The program will begin with a vendor fair, featuring community organizations that help new parents. After that, participants will have the opportunity to use a variety of materials to create art. Attend one or all three Saturdays. Childcare provided. Pizza provided! Registration is appreciated but not required. Saturdays, November 3, 10, & 17 | 12-1 PM | Mason Square Branch | Register online

Rotunda Rhythms: The Sarah Clay Trio in Song

The popular Sarah Clay returns to Springfield with a new of collection songs called *Moon & Stars*. Including favorites from the American Songbook, *Moon & Stars* is inspired by the heavenly bodies and is performed with a light, jazz twist. Free attendance raffle to all those who stay for the concert, and with funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.** Sunday, November 18 | 2-3 PM | Central Library Rotunda | All ages

Glorious Classical Music Performed by Boris & Sofya

Back by popular demand, Boris Kogan (cello) and Sofya Shainskaya (piano) will play a wide variety of classical music just in-time for the holidays. The recital will highlight major classical styles and beloved classical composers such as J. S. Bach, Peter Tchaikovsky, and Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov. Refreshments served. Funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.** Saturday, November 24 | 1:30-2:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | All ages

The Paranormal Around Us: the Darker Side Revealed

From demons and exorcisms to necromancy and possessions, the Agawam Paranormal team explores some of the less-benign aspects of the beyond. Hands-on practice is offered with tools utilized by ghost-hunting teams including electromagnetic field (EMF) meters and more. Wednesday, Nov. 14 | 6:30-8:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults and teens 15+

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

EVENTS FOR LITTLE ONES

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

Baby Boppers Around The World Travel the world through music. We'll shake, rattle and roll, and maybe even salsa and meringue, and cha cha around the world. Every dance party we will visit a different country. Monthly, last Thursdays | 10-11 AM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 0-5

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 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 Come join us for fun and learning at a playgroup facilitated by the Children's Librarian. 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 anytime from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 0-5, siblings welcome

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

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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Black Panther Movie Screening Join us for a viewing of *Black Panther*! We will be serving popcorn and drinks. If you come early, we will have a fun craft and activities to get you in the Wakanda spirit! Crafts and activities from 3:30-4:30 PM. Movie starts at 4:30 PM. Rated PG-13. Thursday, November 1 | 3:30-6:30 PM | Mason Square Branch | Children & teens



Dinovember Dinosaurs have invaded the library! Visit and see what they are up to now! Every time you visit, you may enter our raffle for a "Dino Prize." Nov. 1-30 | During open hours | Forest Park Branch | Ages 2-12

Mapmaker! Mapmaker! Attention young artists and explorers! Come learn about maps and then design a 3D map of your own. Rangers from the Springfield Armory National Historic Site are bringing their fun and educational mapping workshop to the library. Tuesday November 6 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 6-12

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! November 13-24 | During open hours | Brightwood, East Forest Park, East Springfield, Forest Park, Indian Orchard, Mason Square, and Pine Point locations | Children

Tommy the Thankful Turkey Craft All families are invited to make this special seasonal craft, Tommy the Thankful Turkey. Write down on the turkey's colorful feathers things you are thankful for. November 5-10 | During open hours | East Forest Park Branch | All ages

Apple Turkey Craft Create a favorite seasonal craft using different foods to make an Apple Turkey which can be taken home to use as a Thanksgiving table decoration. November 13-17 | During open hours | East Forest Park Branch | All ages

Bagels and Blocks Come for a fun morning of creative play utilizing our terrific collection of Duplo building blocks and other construction sets. Learn to program our "Cubetto" robot too! Fuel your fun with yummy bagels and juice. Saturday, November 24 | 9:30-11 AM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 3-7

StoryWalk Come to the Children's Room and enjoy a StoryWalk! A StoryWalk is a fun, educational activity for the whole family. The pages of a picture book will be hung up on the walls of the Children's Room. Walk around the Children's Room to read the book, then do an art project based on the book. November 19 – December 1 | During open hours | Central Library Children's Room | Ages 0-12

FriDIY: Crafty Fridays Join us for all sorts of fun crafts. Some will be based on children's books, others on holidays, some on natural science, and twice a year we will make slime! Nov. 9: *Make Your Own Fly Guy*; Nov. 16: *Autumnal Book Garland*; Nov. 20: *Lorax Puppets*. Fridays | 2:30-4 PM | Mason Square Branch | Children & teens

Thanksgiving Cards for Meals on Wheels Youth and their families are welcome to drop in to make Thanksgiving cards for homebound Meals on Wheels recipients. The library provides all the materials and will hand deliver your homemade creation in November. November 1-17 | During open hours | All Springfield City Library locations | All ages

World Kindness Month Celebrate World Kindness! Come in and leave anonymous words of kindness on one of our autumn leaves. We will enter you in a raffle for a \$15 gift card. Stop by on World Kindness Day, Tuesday, November 13, for a special treat! November 1-30 | During open hours | Brightwood, East Springfield, Forest Park, and Indian Orchard branches | All ages

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 An inclusive storytime for all children. 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 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

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. Monthly on 1st Saturdays | 1-2 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 5-12

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 | 4-5 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 | Preregistration encouraged, call 413-263-6840

Write Your Favorite Authors! They Might Write You Back Have you ever wanted to let your favorite author know how much you like their books? Here is your chance! We will supply the stationary, envelopes, postage and addresses. You write the letters. We will mail them. You might get lucky and get a reply (but



there are no promises!) November 17-24 | During open hours | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 8-13

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

EVENTS FOR TEENS

Candy Grab Build an arcade arm and test your construction to see how much candy you can capture. What you grab you get to keep! Wednesday, November 28 | 3:30-5:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 10-16

Nerf This! Gaming Club Join us for gaming at the library. Every month the games will change and anything from Monopoly to Super Smash Brothers will be available for play. Game on! Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 3:15-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18

Chocolate Day Join us for a celebration of all things chocolate! See who can make the tallest Oreo tower. Guess how many M&M's are in a jar! Brave our blindfolded test to see if you can identify the various chocolate candies we'll offer! Wednesday, November 7 | 4:30-6 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 11-18

Teens Create! Teens, make your mark at the Brightwood Library! Come create a painting that will become part of a giant mural in our Teen Area. Our library artist, Eli Figueroa, will lead this workshop using acrylics and unusual materials to make unique works of art. November 6 & 8 | 3-5 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-19

Teens Create! Open House Come celebrate the unveiling of the newly completed mural in our Teen Area! Tour our branch, meet our staff artist who led the project, and visit with teens from the Teens Create Project! Light refreshments will be served. Tuesday, November 20 | 4-5:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Everyone welcome

Creative Button Making Drop by the 2nd floor Teen area to design and make unique buttons using our button maker. All supplies will be provided. Monday, November 19 | 3:30-6 PM | Central Library | Ages 11-19

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 -- and let's not forget all the inspiration that rests right on our shelves. 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

Not Your Ordinary Coloring Club School getting you stressed? Join our Not Your Ordinary Coloring Club for Teens. We supply the crayons, pencils and pens and coloring pages. Just drop by and color your stress away. Fridays through December 28 | 1-5 PM | Indian Orchard 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! Do you have personal, academic, creative or spiritual goals? 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, November 13 | 4-5:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 13-19 | Register online

Comics Club Join us as we share our favorites in anime, manga, and American comics. Members will help shape how the club progresses, and what events we hold every month! Come and geek out with us! Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays | 4:30-5:30 PM | East Springfield 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 | 4-5 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 10-18

Science of Soda Did you ever wonder how soda is made? Why does it taste the way it does? Join us as we expose all the secrets of our favorite fuzzy drink. Learn where the first soda came from, how it keeps it fizz, and try our taste test to see if you can identify your favorite sodas. Friday November 23 | 2-4 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 11-18





Giftables Adults and teens are invited to visit the Forest Park Library to make giftable items for the holidays. You will leave with a giftable item and creative skills to use at home. Nov. 29: Upcycled journals; Dec. 6: Helix pencil holders; Dec. 13: Bright gift bags; Dec.20: Bath fizzies.4:30-6 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 13+

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. 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 Forest Park Tasty Tuesday will feature a healthy and easy recipe for teens to learn how to make. Teens will make a delicious after school snack as well as learning useful life skills and meal planning. Come hungry and ready to get your hands messy! Monthly, 3rd Thursdays | 3:15-4:15 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 12-19

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 | Ages 11-18

Tabletop Tennis and Air Hockey Play for bragging rights or just for fun; plus it's a great exercise workout! Can you meet the challenge? 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

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

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

NEW! Teen Readers Advisory Panel at East Forest Park Saturday, November 10 | 1:30-2:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 13-19

Teen Advisory Board at East Springfield Come meet new friends and make your voice heard. 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

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

NEW! MOVEMBER Walking Club Join us and enjoy a 30-minute walk near the Sixteen Acres Branch Library with the company of others. Please wear sturdy walking shoes, comfortable clothing, and rainwear if necessary. In case of snow, call first: 413-263-6858. Bottled water provided.** Thursdays, November 1-29 | 2-3 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults | Register online

ReferenceUSA: Tips to Expand your Donor Base Learn how to use the ReferenceUSA online resource as a donor prospect tool. Find out how to use this powerful database to access accurate and complete business and consumer data for free (from your home or business with a valid Springfield City Library card). This program is most useful for nonprofits, business owners, or entrepreneurs, though librarians, researchers, and the general public are welcome too. Light lunch compliments of the ReferenceUSA. Wednesday, November 7 | 12-1:30 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults | Register online

Quilts from Home, a Display of Handmade Art Quilts Back by popular demand is Quilts from Home, a display of art quilts handcrafted by local artisans. Quilts on display include a variety of styles, techniques, and creativity, and feature many local artisans

including Loretta Forsyth, Susan Joel, Mary Ellen Keiter, Sharon Kida, Anne Richmond, Amy Sackman, and Ursula Smith. Meet the quilters on Thursday, November 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Forest Park Branch Library for a free public reception. November 1 – December 27 | During open hours | Brightwood and Central Library locations

Allergies: Their Causes, Treatment, and Care Dr. Jackie Garrett talk about a disorder that many people experience: allergies. Dr. Garrett is a certified pediatric allergist who doctor has helped patients f all ages. Dr. Garrett's book, *Does My Child Have a Food Allergy?* will be available for sale. Dr. Garrett will talk about her career in the medical field, what causes allergies, and why fast, expert treatment is so very important. Refreshments served.**Thursdays, November 1-29 | 2-3 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults | Register online

Holiday Paper Crafts Enjoy a relaxing and social afternoon as we make some beautiful creations with paper. The items created will be perfect for decorations or gifts.** Nov. 27: *Paper Stars*; Dec. 4: *Paper Snowflakes*; Dec. 11: *Quilled Poinsettia*. 3:30-4:30 PM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 18+

Canvas Cafe: Birch Trees Have your morning cup o' joe while you complete a beautiful painting of Birch Trees. We will use masking tape, library cards, cans, bottle caps and a minimal amount of brush work to create this piece. Dress for a mess, and feel free to bring your own coffee mug! Friday, November 16 | 9:30-11 AM | Brightwood Branch | Adults | Register online

Craft Your Cares Away We will be relaxing, socializing, and making creative projects to take your mind off your everyday worries for an hour or so. Each month will feature a new craft, and project ideas are always welcome. Arts and craft supplies are provided.** November 26 and December 17 | 2-3 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults

Come for Coffee! Stop by for coffee and conversation. We'll have the morning paper out, as well as crosswords, puzzles, and more. Bring along your knitting or crochet projects, or meet a friend for an hour of socializing. Coffee and tea provided.** Fridays through December 28 | 9-10 AM | Brightwood 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

Climate Change in Your Back Yard Though Springfield may be far from the coast, scientists agree that climate change impacts our daily lives and the future of our city. Mary Jane Eustace, co-leader of the local chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby, will present on the effects of climate change in our region, what our elected officials are doing to address the changes, and simple ways citizens can help to make a positive difference. Thursday, November 29 | 6-8 PM | Mason Square Branch | All ages

Chair Yoga Chair Yoga is a yoga style that adapts yoga positions and poses while incorporating the use of a chair. Chair yoga 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. It is often referred to as "Moving Meditation" and can be practiced by almost anyone. Monthly, 1st Fridays | 12-1 PM | East Springfield Branch | For adults, teens, and children 10+

Taste and Tales of Massachusetts: History and Lore of Regional Cuisine Author P. Ann Pieroway has written six books on regional cuisine, including *Taste and Tales of Massachusetts* and *A Taste of Apples and Some Tales, Too*. Her presentation will cover the history and folklore of the foods we eat and the interesting stories behind many recipes. Samples of recipes from her cookbooks will be available. Free raffle for those who attend.** Wednesday November 14 | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Adults and teens 15+



Easy as Pie Autumn just screams "Pie!" Bring in your favorite pie to share during Kindness Month. Please bring along the recipe. Does your pie have a history? Include that story as well. Hot beverages and cider will be provided to go along with the pie samples.**Monday, November 19 | 11 AM-2 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Adults and families

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

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, 110 Island Pond Road. This program is geared toward 20-30 somethings, but all are welcome! Copies of the discussion book will be available for pickup at the East Forest Park Library prior to the meeting. No sign up is required; however, please contact the branch if you have any questions. Next discussion book: *Agatha Christie: a Mysterious Life* by Laura Thompson. Monthly, 1st Wednesdays | 7-8 PM | 110 Island Pond Rd | Ages 21+

Write-up Springfield! Calling all creative writers! A new group has started, which will workshop your writing and network on creative writing opportunities, techniques, and styles This group meets once a month, and always welcomes new members.** Saturday, November 10 | 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 | 10AM-12 PM

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

Sixteen Acres Branch Last Friday of every month | 1:30-2:30 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: *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden. Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 12-1 PM

East Forest Park Branch selection: *The Race for Paris* by Meg Waite Clayton. Monthly, last Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30 PM

Forest Park Branch book selection: *In The Days Of Rain: a Daughter, a Father, a Cult* by Rebecca Stott. 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. We'll also view documentaries on a number of history topics. Refreshments served. Monthly, 3rd Tuesdays | 6:15-7:15 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults

Springfield Codes! Meetup

Want to learn to code but don't know where to start? Already have the skills and willing to help others? This Meetup was created to help young professionals in the Greater Springfield area learn to code and gain new skills in web development and tech. Join us monthly for free workshops, info sessions, and tech talks focused on building new skills and growing your career. 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! Our coding club for women is for all women who want to learn and experiment in a low-pressure, highly collaborative environment. Club will meet monthly, light snacks provided, please pre-register. Monthly, 2nd Saturdays | 2-4 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+ | Register online

Hi!Tech Computer Classes

Participants earn a chance to win this month's Hi!Tech raffle! 10:30 AM – 12 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults | Register online or call 413-263-6828 ext. 221



Getting Started with Computers This hands-on workshop reviews basic keyboarding, mouse use, and more to get you comfortably started. No experience necessary. Thursday, November 1

Continuing with Computers Our step 2 workshop reviews basic aspects of computing including saving, printing, file organization, text editing, and more. Skill with a keyboard and a mouse is needed. Completion of Getting Started with Computers is recommended. Thursday, Nov. 8

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, November 15



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