

Springfield City Library

EVENT GUIDE - DECEMBER 2018



FEATURED EVENTS

Holiday Book and Bake Sale The Mason Square Branch will host a used book sale and bake sale this December. Prices will be: \$5 for a bag full of books, \$1 for hardcovers, and \$0.50 for paperbacks and kids' books. Baked goods will be bagged and priced individually. Branch staff will serve hot cocoa for free on the 12th. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library, an organization which funds library events for all ages. Wednesday, December 12, from 3-5 PM; Thursday, December 13, from 1-8 PM; Friday, December 14, from 1-5 PM; Saturday, December 15, from 11 AM - 3 PM; Monday, December 17, from 1-5 PM; Tuesday, December 18, from 1-5 PM | Mason Square Branch | All ages

Let's Get Cooking with Holiday Apps (the Eating Kind!) Take a break from holiday shopping and preparation at our December foodie event. Bring your favorite appetizer recipe or try out a new recipe you might want to serve at your holiday get together. We will be sampling hors d'oeuvres, sharing recipes, and reminiscing about favorite holiday foods. This program is part of our "Let's Get Cooking" series. Wednesday, December 19 | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Adults and teens

Winter Craft and Sing Along Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the winter vacation! Make a cookies in a jar gift for someone you love, and sing along to some of our favorite winter songs like "Jingle Bells" and "Walking in a Winter Wonderland". They'll be plenty of cookies and hot chocolate to go around while we work! Friday, December 21 | 2-4 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 10-18

Winter Solstice Celebration for Teens Light up the longest night of the year with other teens at our Winter Solstice celebration. Create a fragrant pomander or an herbal sachet, help prepare some warming treats, and relax with some board games and music as we prepare for the chilly days ahead. Monday, December 17 | 3:30-5:30 PM | Central Library Community Room | Ages 11-19

Holiday Sing Along Sing along to your favorite holiday songs with the students of STEP. STEP trains talented local youth in the Suzuki method, and they're coming to the Central Library this season to

celebrate the holidays. From snappy dreidel songs, to Christmas favorites in both Spanish and English there's something for everyone to enjoy. Funding provided by the Friends of the Library. Sunday, December 2 | 2-4 PM | Central Library Rotunda | All ages

Mitten Tree Donations of new mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves may be added to the mitten tree in any library location. Donated items will be distributed throughout Springfield in January. Thank you! December 1-31 | During open hours | All library locations

Make A Gingerbread House Nothing welcomes winter like gingerbread. Visit the library and create a spicy and sweet gingerbread house to take home. Saturday, December 15 | Ages 6-12

East Springfield Branch 12-2 PM

Indian Orchard Branch 10-11 AM

Holiday Soap Making Don't know what to give your family and friends for the holidays? Why not create a unique gift of homemade soap? Come join us for an afternoon lesson of simple soap making. Tuesday, December 4 | 5-6:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 12-18

Happily UpCycled: Decoupage Winter Wonderland Jars Happily UpCycled returns with crafter Amber Ladley demonstrating how to make decoupage winter wonderland jars. Grab a glass jar & upcycle it into a winter wonderland with decorative paper and festive accents. Decoupage jars can be used as containers for storing memorabilia, making a stunning tea light, or are perfect for saving-up for a rainy day. Funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Wednesday, December 5 | 6-8 PM | East Springfield Branch | For ages 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+

New Year Celebration It's time to celebrate and ring in 2019! Join us for an afternoon of New Year's games, a craft, and a New Year resolution activity. There will be snacks and sparkling juice to toast in a brand new year, just in case you can't stay awake till midnight! Monday, December 31

East Springfield 3-4:45 PM | Ages 10-18

Library Express at Pine Point 2-4 PM | All ages



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. Thursday, Nov. 29 and Dec. 27 | 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

ADULTS MUST ACCOMPANY AND SUPERVISE CHILDREN.

NEW! Spanish Movies Saturday Join us for children's movies in Spanish! We will do some coloring pages, show a movie, and eat popcorn! Complimentary snacks and beverages.** Monthly on 2nd Saturdays | 12:00 PM | Mason Square Branch | Families

¡NUEVO! Películas en español ¡Únete con nosotros para ver películas para niños en español! ¡Haremos algunas páginas para colorear, mostraremos una película y comeremos palomitas de maíz! ** Mensualmente cada segundo sábado | 12:00 PM | el sucursal de Mason Square | para familias



Real Life Animal Rescue Learn the tools of the trade with employees from the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Adoption Center. Professionals will be showing off all of their tools and knowledge in the area of their passion and profession: animal rescue! Demonstrations will be done and attendees will be able to touch and test the tools of the trade! Ages 6-18

East Forest Park Branch Wed. Dec. 5 | 4:30-5:30 PM
Forest Park Branch Wed. Dec. 12 | 3:30-4:30 PM

New Year Cards for Meals on Wheels Youth and their families are welcome to drop in at any Springfield City Library location to make New Year cards for homebound Meals on Wheels recipients. The library provides all the materials and will hand deliver your homemade creation in early January. December 1-29 | During open hours | All library locations | Children

NEW! Tinker Lab Kids can explore and engage with different tools and materials, test imagination and ingenuity, and design something unique in this drop-in program. Wednesdays from Dec. 19th - Jan. 9th | 4-6 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 8-12

Scavenger Hunt Pick up a clue sheet at the desk. When you find all the clues, you can pick a prize from our treasure box! December 10-22 | During open hours | Brightwood, East Forest Park, East Springfield, Forest Park, Indian Orchard, Mason Square, and Pine Point locations | Children

FriDIY: Crafty Fridays Join us in the back of the library in the children's section 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! *Dec. 7: Holiday Wreath; Dec. 14: Venus Fly Trap Puppets; Dec. 21: Book Page Snowflakes; Dec. 28: Bubblegum Self-Portraits.* Fridays | 2:30-4 PM | Mason Square Branch | Children & teens

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

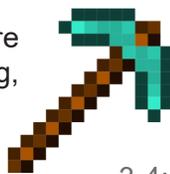
Library Express at Pine Point Wednesdays | 5-5:45 PM | Ages 5-10

Mason Square Branch Thursdays | 5-6 PM | Children
Sixteen Acres Branch Mondays | 1:30-4:30 PM | Ages 5-10

Make SLIME! Make SLIME! Glittery, sparkly, shiny, slippery, your imagination is the limit. Supplies are

limited so come early, and be ready to get messy. Wednesday, December 26 | 2-5 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 7-12

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



Minecraft Clubs Build, play, and battle zombies!

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

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

December Crafts at the East Forest Park Branch
Candy Cane Reindeer December 10-15 | During open hours | All ages

Decorative Tea Lights Wednesday, December 5 | 4-6 PM | All ages

Adventures in Reading Calling all reading adventurers! Want to explore different kinds of books? 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

EVENTS FOR TEENS

Let It Snow Tea The weather outside is frightful, but inside the library will be delightful! Join us for hot tea and an assortment of winter goodies. We'll have riddles

and parlor games enjoyed in winters of the past, and a reading of a winter short story. Saturday, December 29 | 12-2 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 10-18

STARLAB: The Portable Planetarium The Starlab is a portable planetarium offering a highly realistic view of the night sky in an indoor environment. Learn about the stars, constellations, and planets you might find when you are out after dark, as well as the mythological creatures that constellations are based on. *This program will take place at the East Springfield Neighborhood Council Building (behind Pottenger School). Thank you to the East Springfield Neighborhood Council for their collaboration.* Thursday, December 27 | 2-4 PM | Ages 11-18

Cardboard Arcade Show off your creativity and your gaming skills! We'll supply the cardboard and other building materials, you create the arcade game you want to play. Make up your own, or follow the patterns we'll provide to make fun games like claw machines, bowling, and basketball. Prizes will be awarded! Wednesday, December 26 | 4:30-6 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 10-18

Barn Burner: Boston Bruins vs Anaheim Ducks Here's your introduction to everything hockey! Join us to watch part of the Boston Bruins vs. Anaheim Ducks game. We'll be eating snacks and learning hockey related fun facts and game rules. Thursday, December 20 | 6:45-8 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 10-18

Teen Storytime Storytime isn't just for toddlers. We'll be having a teen storytime at Forest Park Library where we'll have snacks, bust out some toys, and read and act out some awesome picture books. Teens are welcome to bring any materials they may want to read aloud to the group! Time to get silly! Friday, December 14 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 12-18

Teen Nerd Trivia Night How well do you know Hogwarts? Would your knowledge help you survive the Zombie Apocalypse? Do you know the comics as well as you think you do? Join us after school for our Teen Nerd Trivia Night. The winners will receive Robux gift cards for Roblox. Sparkling cider and pizza will be served.** Thursday, December 13 | 5-7 PM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 12-18

Pronoun Button Making Join us to eat pizza and make pronoun buttons with the help of our button maker! Examples of pronouns include: she/her, he/him, they/them, ze/hir, xe/xem, hy/hym, and of

course any and all are welcome! Make the buttons for yourself or as a holiday gift for a loved one. Pizza will be served.** Wednesday, December 19 | 3:30-5 PM | Mason Square Branch | Teens

Adulting 101: In Case of Emergency What do you do when the power goes out? Do you know where the breaker box is? Tornado is on the way - what do you do? A snowstorm hits, and you are snowed in. Your tire blows out - who do you call? Come find out what to do in case there is an emergency, featuring presentations from our Teen Reader's Advisory Group. Adulting at its finest! Saturday, December 8 | 1-2:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-19

CD Suncatchers! Brighten up the dreary days of winter with a sparkly suncatcher made from CDs. Hang in a window or make a mobile. Supplies are limited, so come early. Wednesday, December 12 | 4-6 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 10-18



Blowing Up Stories McSweeney's Publishing is known for its creative and innovative printing, and their 53rd edition comes with 8 inflatable balloons emblazoned with stories. We'll blow up the balloons, read the stories aloud, eat cupcakes, and decide on our two favorite stories. Those balloons will stay on display in the Teen Room, and 6 lucky raffle winners will go home with their own short story balloons!** Wed. Dec. 5 | 4-5 PM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 13-19

What is...Jeopardy! Take the ultimate test of wits in a game of heated Jeopardy! Head off in all that is pop culture, books, movies, and news. First place winner will walk away with an ultimate prize and bragging rights. Come be the competition! Tuesday, December 4 | 3:15-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 12-18

Can You Guess the Candy Bar? Can you guess all 10 candy bars just from a picture? Guess all 10 correctly and be entered into a drawing to win the candy bars! We will substitute in case of food allergies. During open hours | Ages 9-18

Indian Orchard Branch December 1-20
Brightwood Branch December 3-20

Stress Buster Yoga for Teens The constant demands of school and life's pressures can create a very stressful time for teens. Our excellent yoga instructor Nicole can provide young adults with valuable skills that will help

them to relax. Learning yoga can also improve fitness, optimism, focus, self-esteem, creativity, and discipline. There will be two sessions, come to one or both. Saturday, Dec. 1 from 1-2 PM and Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 5-6 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 12-19

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 | 3-5 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 13-18

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



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+

Comics Club Do you wait on the edge of your seat for the next Marvel movie? Do you think Mikasa Akerman from AOT is the coolest character in anime? Then this is the club for you! 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

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 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 on 3rd Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18 | Register online

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

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. Fans of Grimm, Lore, Brandon Sanderson, and Harry Potter more than welcome! Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | 4-5 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18

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

National Library Winter Card Exchange Come to East Springfield and create a winter-themed card to exchange with other participating libraries from all over the country. We will display the cards we receive from other libraries in return! Each card will earn the creator a treat! December 3-14 | During open hours | East Springfield Branch | Ages 10-18

Tabletop Tennis and Air Hockey Teens are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun playing tabletop tennis/ping pong 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

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

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

Connect with Snap Circuits! Light things up! Make them move! Have fun exploring our Snap Circuit sets. December 26-29 | During open hours | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 12+ (ages 7-11 ok with caretaker supervision)

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

Teen Readers Advisory Panel at East Forest Park this program will return in January.

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 *this program will return in January.*



NEW! What's Cooking Cookbook Club Do you enjoy cooking, or would you like to improve your cooking skills? Join the monthly Cookbook Club to hear about the latest cookbooks, share great recipes, and more in this casual yet informative discussion group. Members may bring in prepared dishes to share so the group can sample great tastes and be inspired by something new. Monthly on 3rd Wednesdays, starting Dec. 19 | 10-11:30 AM | Central Library Community Room | Adults

Quilts from Home, a Display of Handmade Art Quilts 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. Ends December 27 | During open hours | Forest Park and Central Library locations

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 Dec. 28 | 9-10 AM | Brightwood Branch | Adults

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+

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. 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: *The Red Garden* by Alice Hoffman. Monthly, 1st Wednesdays | 7-8 PM | 110 Island Pond Rd | Ages 21+

Write-up Springfield! and Springfield Codes! Meetup *will return in January.*

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

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.** Monday, December 17 | 2-3 PM | East Springfield Branch | Adults

Simple Home Remedies Local herbalist and botanical educator Claire Brodhead will lead three hands-on wellness workshops. *Funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.* 6-7 PM | Mason Square Branch | Adults

Make Your Own Fire Cider Keep your immune system strong this flu season. Fire cider is a flavorful tonic packed with common herbs and vegetables to keep you feeling healthy all winter. Thursday, December 6

Tea Blending for Beginners When there's a chill to the air, there's nothing better than curling up with a good book and a hot cup of tea. In this workshop, learn how to make your own herbal blend. Thursday, January 10

Herbs for Sleep, Stress and Anxiety Learn how to combat the winter blues and holiday stress naturally. Thurs. Jan. 31

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

Checkmate! Learn to play chess, or enjoy playing a game with librarian Gary Pysznik. To schedule a session, email him at gpysznik@springfieldlibrary.org, or call 413-263-6828 ext. 213. Central Library | 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 Last Friday, every month | 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

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

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: *Lost in Shangri-la: A True Story of Survival, Adventure, and the Most Incredible Rescue Mission of World War II* by Mitchell Zuckoff. Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 12-1 PM

East Forest Park Branch book selection: *Wishin' and Hopin'* by Wally Lamb. Monthly, last Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30 PM

Forest Park Branch book selection: *Trajectory* by Richard Russo. Monthly, 2nd Thursdays | 1:30-2:30 PM

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, please pre-register. Monthly, 2nd Saturdays | 2-4 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+ | Register online

Introduction to Microsoft Excel Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel, which is used for basic bookkeeping, accounting, mailing lists and more. Participants need keyboard and mouse skills. Light refreshments provided.** Saturday Dec. 8 | 10 AM-12 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults | Register online or call 413-263-6828 x221

Bad Weather? Check TV channels 3, 22, or 40 to see if our libraries are opening late, closing early, or closed for the day. You can also call the Central Library at 413-263-6828 and listen to the greeting for an update.



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