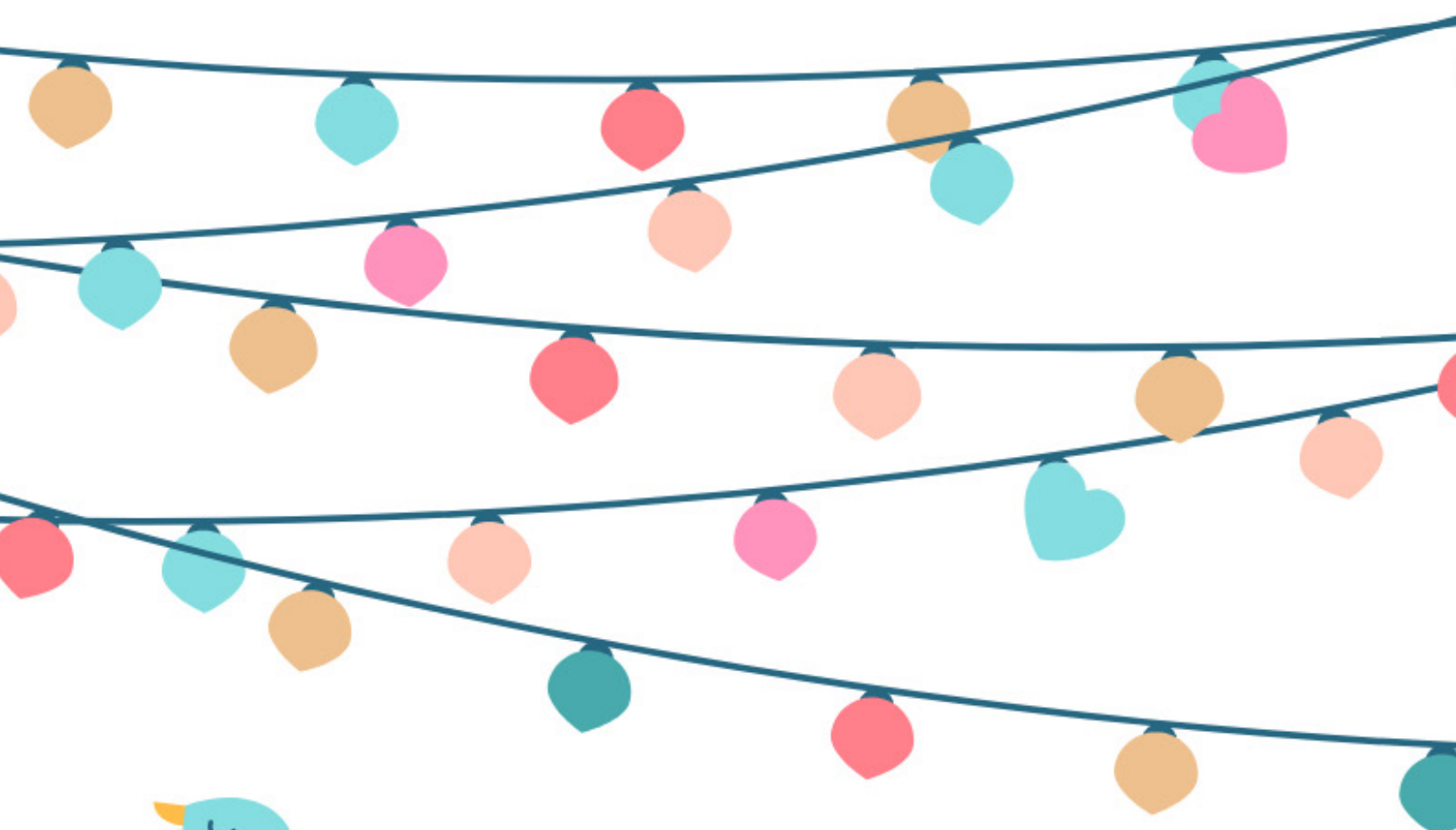


Springfield City Library

February 2019

EVENT GUIDE



FEATURED EVENTS

You're Invited! Morning Meet-Up for Seniors Grab some books, work on a project, or catch up with a friend over coffee while making new friends and checking out the library. Senior services reps will be there, too! Funded through Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc., the MA Executive Office for Elder Affairs, and the Federal Administration for Community Living. Wednesdays | 9:30-11 AM | Indian Orchard Community Room | Seniors 60+ and their caregivers

East Springfield Winter Olympics Show off your skills and sportsmanship in the first East Springfield Winter Olympics! Join us for variations on classic sports like bobsledding, hockey, and curling. Everyone takes home their own gold medal! Monday Feb 4 | 3-4:45 PM | East Springfield | Ages 11-18



Valentines for Vets Enjoy a special family activity that honors local veterans. Youth and families can drop by any location to make a Valentine card for residents of the Holyoke Soldiers Home. The library will provide all the materials and hand deliver your homemade creations. Tuesday Jan 22- Saturday February 9 | During open hours | All Library Locations | All ages

Jarrett Krosoczka Comic Workshop Meet Author and artist of "Lunch Lady," "Platypus Police Squad," and National Book Award Finalist "Hey Kiddo" at the East Forest Park Library. He'll be presenting a comic book workshop for kids. You'll have a chance to put your wildest ideas to paper! Wednesday Feb 13 | 5-6 PM | East Forest Park | Ages 10-17

Meet Your Neighbors: Celebrate the 110th anniversary of Forest Park Branch Library Join us as we kick off a year of celebration! Play mini-golf with our Forest Park C3 officers, participate in a scavenger hunt, and enjoy refreshments. View our historical display and contribute to our memory book. We'll be celebrating the people, different cultures, and icons of the Forest Park neighborhood throughout the year. For more information, call 413-263-6843. Saturday February 16 | 12-2 PM | Forest Park Program Den | All ages

Springfield Museums: Reptile Encounters Come to the East Springfield Branch Library as we get a visit from the Springfield Museums during School Winter Break. You will learn about reptile habitats, adaptations, life cycles, and behaviors, through fun, one-on-one

interactions with live reptiles. Tuesday Feb 19 | 2-4 PM | East Springfield | All ages



Rotunda Rhythms Presents Cantabile This vocal ensemble will be performing 10 Centuries of Music by Women. The program includes works by pioneering women composers such as Hildegard von Bingen and Fanny Mendelssohn as well as jazz standards and more. Founded in 2002, Cantabile specializes in the music of the European Renaissance. Performers include Mary Hubbell, Kayla Werlin, Justina Golden, James Mead, and Peter Shea. Underwritten by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library, the concert includes a free raffle open to those who stay for the concert. Sunday Feb 24 | 2-3 PM | Central Library Rotunda | All ages

Tech Discovery Join us for Tech Discovery, a program all about fun with computer science. For four weeks, we'll explore different activities including computer gaming with Minecraft and Roblox; coding OzoBot robots and escape rooms; and engineering activities including Snap Circuits! Tech Discovery is made possible thanks to federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Feb 6 - Week One: Work together to solve problems in the Escape the Room challenge. Create your own computational language!

Feb 13 - Week Two: What is coding, and how does computer code function in gaming? Learn to use code in Minecraft Adventurer.

Feb 20 - Week Three: Learn about video game design and learn how to design your own!

Feb 27 - Week Four: Learn about electronics, circuits, and their role in computer technology. Then use the Snap Circuits kit to assemble your own!

Wednesdays thru March 27 | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 8-12

EVENTS FOR TODDLERS

Adults must accompany and supervise children. Siblings are welcome to attend.

Bilingual Storytime Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, a craft, and playtime.* Wednesdays | 1:30-2:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | 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 Come join us for fun and learning at a playgroup facilitated by the Children's Librarian. Meet other families, ask the librarian about great books for your child, enjoy the toys in our Activity Center, make art projects, and so much more! Thursdays | Drop in 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 Springfield | 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

Forest Park

Tuesdays | 10:30-11:30 AM | Ages 1-3.5

**Presented in collaboration with Home City Families.*

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EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Adults must accompany and supervise children.



New! Count the Candy Hearts How many candy hearts are in the jar? Check out an item and make your best guess! The person who comes closest wins all the hearts. Friday Feb 1- Wednesday Feb 13 | During open hours | All Library Locations | All ages

New! Chinese New Year Scavenger Hunt and Trivia Contest Take our Chinese New Year trivia test and participate in our Scavenger Hunt. We'll provide the hints! Friday Feb 1-Thursday Feb 28 | During open hours | Indian Orchard | All ages

New! Art and Recyclables Maker Space Explore at our makerspace! This creative space for kids and their families is full of art supplies and recycled stuff waiting to be transformed. Friday Feb 1-Thursday Feb 28 | During open hours | Sixteen Acres | Children

New! Decorate Valentine Cookies Make a sweet treat for yourself and your valentine! Everything provided. Saturday Feb 9 | 12-2 PM | East Springfield | Ages 8-12 | Register online

New! Lady and the Tramp Come watch the Disney classic! Snacks will be provided. Rated G. Thursday Feb 14 | 4:30-6 PM | Mason Square Community Room | Children + Families



New! Create Your Own Board Game or Card Game Drop in to create an original board game or card game. Bring your creative ideas, and we'll supply all the materials. Saturday Feb 16 (Snow date: Saturday March 2) | 11AM - 3 PM | Sixteen Acres | Ages 5-12 (children 7 and under must be accompanied and consistently supervised by a parent/guardian)

New! Sweets for Sweets: Cupcake Decorating Party Families are invited to come and decorate cupcakes. We'll supply the frosting, candies, sprinkles and more. Wednesday Feb 20 | 3-5 PM | East Forest Park | All ages

Make SLIME! Glittery, sparkly, shiny, slippery, let your imagination run wild! Supplies are limited so come early. Be ready to get messy. For more information please call (413) 263-6855. Wednesday Feb 20 | 2-4 PM | Library Express at Pine Point | Ages 7-12

New! Springfield Museums: It's Electric! Join us as we get a visit from the Springfield Museums. Learn the difference between static and current electricity as you experiment with conductors, insulators, magnets, and a real Van de Graaff generator, with some "shocking" results! Thursday Feb 21 | 2-4 PM | East Springfield | Ages 9+

New! Poop-a-Palooza Is your favorite emoji the poop emoji? Are you interested in science or history? Join us for Poop-a-Palooza, a program that's not afraid to get silly and talk about poop! We'll learn about animal droppings and toilets through the ages. Plus, we'll have a lot of fun! Thursday Feb 21 | 1-3 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 5-12

New! Zoo on the Go Join the Forest Park Branch Library in our celebration of our 110th anniversary. Saturday Feb 23 | 1-2 PM | Forest Park Community Room | Ages 3-13

New! Cold Iron Chef We provide the chilled ingredients. You create your best dishes for the judges to try. Who will be declared Cold Iron Chef? Tuesday Feb 19 | 11AM - 3 PM | Sixteen Acres Community Room | Ages 10+ (siblings welcome, siblings 7

and under must be accompanied and consistently supervised by a parent/guardian) | Register online



Read to Cadence the Dog Megan Marshall, a Bright Spot Reading Buddies volunteer, will bring her dog Cadence to the library so kids can read to her. Kids ages 4-10 can sign up for a 10-minute slot. Bring your child's favorite book. Designed to help kids gain confidence and reduce anxiety about reading. Monthly, 1st Saturdays | 11:30 AM-12:20 PM | Sixteen Acres | Ages 4-10 | Register Online

Graphic Novel Book Club Love graphic novels and comic books like Amulet, Dog Man, and Bone? Come to Graphic Novel Book Club to read and talk about new titles over snacks. Borrow a copy from the Children's Room before the meeting and read it. February's Pick: *Ghosts*. Feb 14 + March 14 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 8-12

Bingo B-I-N-G-O! Bring the whole family for a fun night of Book Bingo, where everyone's a winner! Thursday Feb 28 | 3-5 PM | Mason Square Community Room | All Ages

FriDIY: Crafty Fridays FriDIY means crafts for the whole family! Feb 1: Valentine's presents, Feb 8: Make your own winter village, Feb 15: Pony bead snail, Feb 22: Make a parachuting person. Fridays | 2:30-4 PM | Mason Square Children's Workroom | Children + Teens

Spanish Movies Saturday Join us for children's movies in Spanish! We will do some coloring, watch a movie, and eat popcorn! Free snacks and beverages.** Monthly, 2nd Saturdays | 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM | Mason Square Branch | Families

Películas en español ¡Únete a nosotros el primer sábado de cada mes para ver películas en español para niños. Coloreamos páginas, vemos películas, y comemos palomitas (popcorn). Aperitivos y bebidas proveídos por los "Friends of the Springfield Library." Este evento es para los niños, pero la familia de los niños es bienvenida también.** Mensualmente cada primer sábado | 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM | el sucursal de Mason Square | para familias

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

Art and Recyclables Makerspace Learn and explore in our makerspace! This creative space for kids and

their families is chock full of art supplies and recycled stuff waiting to be transformed. 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, create! Battle zombies, of course!
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, 1st Saturdays | 1-2 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 5-12

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



Adventures in Reading 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 and make a craft. Pick up a copy of 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 Make a craft and enjoy a snack based on each month's chosen American Girl's time period. Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | 4-5 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 6-14 | Preregistration encouraged, call 413-263-6840

Family Craft Night Monthly craft night. Come have fun! Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays | 6:30-7:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | All ages

EVENTS FOR TEENS

New! Creative Button Making Create decorative buttons for yourself and someone special —just in time for Valentine’s Day! Thursday Feb 7 – Monday Feb 11 | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Ages 11-19

New! Make a PopUp Valentine’s Day Card for Your Sweetie! Make it as simple or fancy as you would like. Thursday Feb 7 – Thursday February 14 | 3-4:45 PM | Indian Orchard | Ages 11-18

New! Homeschool Civics This three-week session for homeschool families will cover citizenship, the branches of government, and voting. Tuesdays Feb 12, Feb 19 and Feb 26 | 1-2 PM | Central Library Children’s Program Room | Ages 7-12

New! 3D Printer Dungeons and Dragons Workshop Using 3D printer technology, teens can design and print their own Dungeons and Dragons character miniatures during session one and start a new D&D campaign with freshly printed miniatures during session two. Space is limited so please register in advance. Don’t forget to bring your completed D&D character sheet! Don’t have one? Your Forest Park Librarian can help you create one. Thursday Feb 14 + Thursday Feb 21 | 3:15-4 PM | Forest Park Program Den | Ages 13-17 | Register online



New! Valentine’s Day Party Celebrate the love we have for our friends, family, and maybe someone special! We’ll have refreshments, Valentines trivia, a poetry station, and much more! Thursday Feb 14 | 3-5 PM | East Springfield | Ages 11-18

New! Celebrate Diversity Potluck Join the members of the East Springfield Teen Advisory board who will share foods that reflect their families and cultural roots. We’ll also exchange recipes so that you can make them at home. Tuesday Feb 19 | 3:30-4:45 PM | East Springfield | Ages 11-18

New! Learn Suminagashi, Japanese Art of Paper Marbling Suminagashi, or “floating ink,” transforms plain paper into “vibrant and colorful” art. Come and explore this 12th century Japanese art form. Space is limited to 12. Please preregister online or at the branch. For more information please call (413) 263-6846. Wednesday Feb 20 | 4-6 PM | Indian Orchard Community Room | Ages 12-18 | Register online

Otaku Meet UP! Discuss Anime and Manga at these monthly meetings. Join anime fans from all over

Springfield to discuss characters, manga, have some snacks, and just chill.** February 21, and March 21 | 6-7 PM | Mason Square | Teens 13-18



New! No Cooking Cooking Class: Sweets Edition Need a treat to brighten up your day? Learn how to make tasty sweets without using the stove or microwave. Friday Feb 22 | 3 - 4:30 PM | East Springfield | Ages 11-18

Not Your Ordinary Coloring Club for Teens Feeling 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 | 1-5 PM | Indian Orchard | Ages 12-18

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

Teen Tuesdays Looking for something to do after school? Come to the library and explore what’s inside. Enjoy the company of others or a little alone time. Tuesdays | 1-6 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 12-18

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

Comics Club Do you anxiously await the next Marvel movie? Who’s the coolest character in anime? This club is for you! Members create the agenda and our monthly events. 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 us as pop-culture fans 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 | 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, 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

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

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 welcome! Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | 4-5 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18

Chess Club Drop in and practice your chess moves or learn how to play! Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 7-18

Tasty Tuesday at Forest Park Teens will practice making delicious snacks while learning useful life skills and meal planning. Come hungry! 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 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!

Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays | 3:30-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-18

Game ON! Drop in and play your favorite Wii games in the community room! Snacks 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. Learn about new authors, titles, and genres. We're always looking for new members! 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 Readers Advisory Panel at East Forest Park Jan 12, March 9, and May 11, 2019 | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 13-19

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 Monthly, last Tuesdays | 4:30-5:45 PM | Sixteen Acres

New! Art Central: Big Larry, Experience and Observation Mr. Daniels (aka Big Larry) finds inspiration through observation, history, and feeling enabling his style to span hundreds of years. In the three years since he first picked up a brush, Mr. Daniels has created some exceptional art. Working exclusively in oil, his approach to time, space, and storytelling reveals a body of work that is fresh and stimulating. His exhibit *Experience and Observation* is a walk through life as only he knows it. Recently, Mr. Daniels debuted at Art for the Soul Gallery, and on opening day his featured works nearly sold out. This show is a partnership between the Springfield City Library and Art for the Soul Gallery. Sunday Feb 3 – Thursday Feb 28 | Central Library | Adults

New! Art Central: Reception for Larry Daniels Meet the artist, be inspired by his wonderful paintings, and enjoy a social hour with your friends and neighbors. Art Central opens for February with Big Larry, *Experience and Observation*, a new art show featuring the works of Larry Daniels. Free attendance raffle and refreshments for all those who attend compliments of the Friends of the Library. Monday Feb 4 | 6-7PM | Central Library | Adults ages 18+

New! Get a Job with SkillSmart Springfield Works is here to link you to 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. Members of the AISS team from the Sheriff's Department will also be on hand to offer job search tips and advice. Thursday Feb 7 | 1-2 PM | Forest Park Program Den | Adults



New! Introduction to Computers Take this 3-part introductory series to strengthen your computer skills and gain confidence using the Internet, organizing your files, editing documents, using email, and more.

Thursday Feb 14, part 1: Using the Internet and editing documents

Thursday Feb 21, part 2: Email and file management

Thursday Feb 28, part 3: Complex online resources, forms, applications, and more

Sign-up for all three and get the most out of what this program has to offer. Free coffee and tea compliments of the Friends of the Library. Wednesday Feb 13 | 10:30 AM-12 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults 18+ | Register online

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

New! Your Health Online Deepen your understanding of digital resources and how to find and use them while exploring a variety of health topics on the web. This workshop is designed for adult learners with basic computer skills. Wednesday Feb 13 | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults | Register online



New! Revival: A Monthly Literary Arts Spotlight Enjoy readings by Pioneer Valley poets and writers in this showcase of literary artists. Curated by María Luisa Arroyo, Springfield's first Poet Laureate (2014-2016), poets and writers in all genres will read as main or secondary features. An open mic for creative writers will follow the main program; please arrive early to sign up. To find out more and to be invited as a main or secondary feature, contact María Luisa Arroyo at: mlarroyo67@hotmail.com. Saturday Feb 16 | 12:30-2:30 PM | Mason Square Community Room | Adults 18+

New! Game of Thrones Monopoly Still no new Game of Thrones episodes, so let's get together for a fun evening playing Game of Thrones Monopoly. Bring your favorite meat pies, 'oysters, clams and cockles,' or other foods of Westeros. Sorry, no Dornish wine available. Dress in your favorite attire of the Seven Kingdoms. See who will ascend to the Iron Throne! Please contact Linda at 413-263-6836 or Lgrodofsky@springfieldlibrary.org with questions or to sign up. Wednesday Feb 27 | 6-8 PM | East Forest Park | Adults + older teens

A Bookish Breakfast Enjoy a lively discussion about popular short stories, or just socialize over breakfast with fellow book lovers. This month's short story, "The Good Cop" by Magnus Mills, can be read online at *The Guardian's* website, or can be found in his novel *Once in a Blue Moon*. 3rd Wednesdays | 10-11 AM | Café Christo 513 Belmont Ave. Springfield | Ages 18+



Checkmate! Learn to play chess, or if you want a refresher, schedule a session with a librarian. These lessons are perfect for beginners. More advanced players may want to check out the Chess Club at the Sixteen Acres Branch Library. To schedule a beginner's coaching session, contact Gary Pysznik at gpysznik@springfieldlibrary.org, or 413-263-6828 ext. 213. Jan. 14-June 29 | Central Library | Adults

Puzzlers Come and do a puzzle with your neighbors. Meet new people, take a mental break from work, and just have fun. The puzzles are provided compliments of the Friends of the Library. Wednesday Jan 2- Sunday March 31 | 1-5 PM | Mason Square Branch | Adults + Teens

Craft Your Cares Away Come "Craft Your Cares Away" with Tricia. Relax, socialize, and make a craft project to de-stress. Each month will feature a new craft. Project ideas are always welcome. Arts and craft supplies are provided.** Last Mondays | 2-3 PM | East Springfield Branch | 18+

Come for Coffee! Stop by Friday mornings for coffee and conversation. We'll have the morning paper, as well as crosswords, puzzles, and more. Bring along your knitting or crochet projects, or meet a friend. Coffee and tea will be provided.** Fridays | 9-10 AM | Brightwood Branch | 18+

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 and share great recipes. Members may share prepared dishes for the group to sample. Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | 10-11:30 AM | Central Library Community Room | Adults | Register Online

Chair Yoga Chair Yoga adapts yoga positions and poses while incorporating the use of a chair. Poses are done seated on the chair, or the chair is used for support during poses, bends, extensions, balances, and stretches. 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 | Adults, Teens, and Children 10+ | Register Online

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 Want to learn how to play chess? Would you like to improve your skills or enjoy a game with other chess enthusiasts? Come get expert training from a seasoned chess player! 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 a brew at Nathan Bill's Bar and Restaurant. 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: *The Red Garden* by Alice Hoffman. Monthly, 1st Wednesdays | 7-8 PM | 110 Island Pond Rd | Ages 21+

Write-up Springfield! Calling all creative writers! A new group has started to workshop your writing, and network on creative writing opportunities, techniques, and styles. The group meets once a month, and always welcomes new members.** Monthly, 2nd Saturdays | 1-3 PM | Central Library Community Room | 18+

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

BYOB Book Discussion Group BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) and share your recent reads. Gain exposure to new authors, titles, and genres! Adults

Library Express at Pine Point Monthly, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 10 AM-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: *Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina* by Misty Copeland with Charisse Jones Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 12-1 PM

Forest Park Branch book selection: *Things I Have Been Silent About*, by Azar Nafisi. Monthly, 2nd Thursdays | 1:30-2:30 PM



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



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