

Springfield City Library

March 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

Art Central: Breathing In, Monotypes by Doris Madsen Doris Madsen, a retired Springfield City Librarian, displays her new art show, Breathing In, for the months of March and April. Her one-of-a-kind contemporary prints include shapes and subjects in various arrangements from a variety of vantage points to create a unique blend of color and ideas. Saturday Mar 2- Apr 25 | During open hours | Central Library | All Ages

Art Central: Reception for Breathing In, Monotypes by Doris Madsen Meet the artist in this hour of inspiration and socialization while you view Breathing In, a new art show featuring the monotype prints of Doris Madsen. Free attendance raffle and refreshments for all those who attend.** Saturday Mar 2 | 2-3 PM | Central Library | 18+



Dr. Seuss's Birthday-Palooza There's a fox in socks and hops on Pops. Meet Cats in hats and turtles named Yertle. Eat ham with Sam. Find wockets in pockets and Horton's Whos. Maybe you can even run the zoo! Anything is possible at the Forest Park Library as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with crafts, games, a scavenger hunt, a birthday cake, and the introduction of our branch's Seussville collection. At 1pm join Lunch Bunch for a reading of a Dr. Seuss story and a light lunch. For more information, call 413-263-6843. Saturday Mar 2 | 12-2 PM | Forest Park | All Ages

From Bergen-Belsen to Springfield: a Story of Holocaust Survival and Beyond Celebrated author Hanna Perlstein Marcus shares the story of her early family history described in two gripping, multiple award-winning books, Sidonia's Thread and Surviving Remnant. As Holocaust survivors, Ms. Marcus and her mother traveled over 3,700 miles from the nightmare of Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp to eventually settle in a mid-century North End Springfield neighborhood. The family found refuge in Springfield along with other ethnic groups looking for a better future. Copies of her books will be available for purchase and signing.

Refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library. This program is offered in cooperation with the East Springfield Neighborhood Council. Saturday Mar 16 | 3-4:45 PM | East Springfield Neighborhood Council Building 1437 Carew Street | Ages 15+

Indian Orchard Branch Library 110th Anniversary Party It's not every day you turn 110! Come visit Indian Orchard Branch Library for a day full of fun, food, and festivities. We'll have lively music during lunch thanks to award-winning polka band Dennis Polisky and the Maestro's Men and afterschool activities for the kids. Come sign our guest book and be part of the festivities. Sponsored in part by the Friends of the Springfield Library and Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. and the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Federal Administration for Community Living. Monday Mar 18 | 10 AM - 5 PM | Indian Orchard Community Room | All Ages

Vintage Vinyl Record Collecting What was old is new again. Vinyl records are enjoying a resurgence as evidenced by record collecting conventions worldwide and locally. Why is this? Recorded music might just sound better played from vinyl, and record jacket cover art is vibrant. Learn about record collecting from local expert Giovanni Zuniga, proprietor of Springfield's Spin That Records. Find out what to look for when collecting records, interesting facts around cover art and the artists who created the work, and more. Thursday Mar 21 | 5:30-6:30 PM | Forest Park Program Den | 15+

The Author Fair Meet recently published authors and enjoy their works in this showcase of local talent and achievement. Authors will be on hand to meet the public and discuss, sell, and sign their books. A wide range of genres will be on display and there's likely to be something for readers of all ages! Saturday Mar 30 | 12:30 - 3:30 PM | Central Library Rotunda | All Ages



Rotunda Rhythms Presents Katherine First and Kitchen Party Katherine First & Kitchen Party create a festive atmosphere just like the good old days. With fiddle, banjo, voice, and percussion, the group blends traditional music from Ireland, Scotland, Nova Scotia, and beyond to make an hour of energetic and entertaining music good for the whole family. Free attendance raffle to all those who stay for the concert.** Mar 31 | 2-3 PM | Central Library Rotunda | All Ages

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! Dr. Seuss Craft Stop by the library and make a craft in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Friday Mar 1 | During open hours | All library locations | Ages 5-10

New! Cat in the Hat Craft Stop by the library and make a cool and quirky Cat in the Hat in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Friday Mar 1-8 | During open hours | East Forest Park | Ages 5-10

New! Dr. Seuss Scavenger Hunt How many Dr. Seuss characters can you find in the library? Stop by the treasure box for a prize when you've finished. Friday

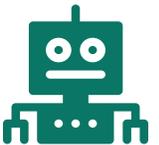


Mar 1-9 | During open hours | All library locations | Ages 5-10

New! Seuss on Demand Can't get enough of the Cat in the Hat? Do you want Green Eggs and Ham, Ten Apples on Top, or Hop on Pop? Come to the Children's Room and ask for more Seuss! We'll read a selection from the good doctor himself. During open hours | Central Library and Library Express at Pine Point | Children

New! Seuss Storytime Join us for a Seussian afternoon! We will read some classic Dr. Seuss together and do a Dr. Seuss-inspired craft. During open hours | Mason Square and Library Express at Pine Point | Ages 5-10

Tech Discovery Join us each week for Tech Discovery, a program all about fun with computer science. Each week, we'll explore a different activity. There will be computer gaming with Minecraft and Roblox, coding fun with OzoBot robots and escape rooms, and engineering activities including Snap Circuits!***



Mar 6 : What is engineering? Use Keva Tiles and Legos to build a bridge. Who will make the strongest bridge?

Mar 13: Join Holyoke Codes to play and experiment with robotics! We'll learn programming using the Ozobot Bit robot and build our own robots with EV3 Mindstorm robotics kits.

Mar 20: Learn about makerspaces and all the things you can make with the Makey Makey device!

Mar 27: Design your own project for the 3D printer with Tinkercad software. We will print what you make!

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

Make a Festive Mardi Gras Mask! Be part of the Mardi Gras celebrations with a festive mask. We will be using feathers, gems and sparkles. We will make handprint masks for the younger children, and real masks with teens. Tuesday Mar 5 | 3-4:30 PM | Indian Orchard Community Room | All Ages

New! Decorate a Seuss-Cake Decorate a yummy cupcake inspired by the art of Dr. Seuss. Registration required. Saturday Mar 9 | 10-11 AM | Indian Orchard Community Room and East Springfield | Ages 6-12 | Register online

New! Make a Lotus Book Drop by to make a lotus book. This beautiful book uses origami folding to create a keepsake, perfect for holding stories, poems,

thoughts, drawings and designs. Monday Mar 18 | 3 – 4:30 PM | Indian Orchard | Ages 8+

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. March's Pick: *Awkward*. 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! Mar 1: handprint dragonflies, Mar 8: pirate ships, Mar 15: pom pom butterfly finger puppets, Mar 22: troll puppets, and Mar 29: geometric puzzles. 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.** Mar 2 | 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.** 2 de Marzo | 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! Potpourri Sachet Bags! Make scented sachet bags for closets, drawers, linens, luggage, cars and shoes. Add a fragrant touch incorporating potpourri, dried lavender and essential oils to make your own unique bags. Wednesday Mar 6 | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Ages 11-19

New! Sewing with a Twist A sampler is traditionally a cloth embroidered with designs, mottos, the alphabet, and different types of stitches, to showcase skill. In this class, participants will design and create their own one of a kind mixed media stitched samplers. You will use fabric, beads, basic embroidery stitches, charms, colored pencils or other materials to create your very own sampler. Participants should be comfortable handling a needle. Tuesday Mar 12 | 4-5:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Community Room | Ages 9-18 | Register online

New! A Celtic Celebration: History, Lore, and Chocolate! Enjoy a fun-filled evening of Celtic traditions at the East Springfield Branch Library. You'll hear about the Celtic history and lore, and sample Irish treats including Irish arts chocolate, soda bread, Irish tea, and Blarney cheese. The evening rounds out with poetry and song making for an exciting and educational time for all.** Wednesday Mar 13 | 6-7:15 PM | East Springfield | Ages 15+

New! Stargazing 101: What You Need to Know + to Get Started If you are interested in stargazing, we have the perfect program for you. Branch Manager Reggie Wilson will describe various types of telescopes, mounts, and eyepieces to help you select the proper equipment. Avoid making unnecessary, costly purchases. The program will also cover what you can realistically see with a telescope by cutting through manufacturers' inflated claims. Library staff member Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe will talk about her experience using a bargain telescope. Are they worth buying or is it just better to save for a better first scope? On display will be many middle and upper end telescopes to help you figure out what makes sense for you. This is an after-hours program. Wed Mar 20 | 6:15-7:30 PM | Sixteen Acres | Ages 15+

New! Pokethon – Locked In! Attention Pokemon lovers! Join us for a special - TEENS ONLY - program AFTER HOURS! Pokemon LOCK IN to participate in all things Pokemon! Cosplay welcome and bring your trading cards and games. Friday, Mar 22 | 5-6:30 PM | East Forest Park | Ages 10-19

New! 'King in the Wilderness', a Documentary Reverend Martin Luther King traveled to Memphis Tennessee to lead a non-violent march in support

of sanitation workers' quest for a living wage and humane working conditions. On April 4, 1968 Rev. King was murdered on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel. Join us for a free showing of the remarkable 2018 HBO documentary King in the Wilderness. The documentary chronicles the final chapters of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life, revealing a conflicted leader who faced an onslaught of criticism from both sides of the political spectrum. Dr. King's unyielding belief in peaceful protest became a testing point for a nation on the brink of chaos. This event is in partnership with the East Springfield Neighborhood Council, and receives funding from the Friends of the Springfield Library. Saturday Mar 30 | 5-6:30 PM | East Springfield Neighborhood Council Building 1476 Carew St. Springfield | Ages 10-19

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

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 March 9 and May 11 | 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

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

New! Getting a Job After 50 Searching for a job when you're over age 50 can be challenging! In this interactive workshop you'll learn: Up-to-date resume writing techniques and how to apply for a job with online applications. Strategies to combat age discrimination. How to answer difficult (and possibly ageist) interview questions. Tips for staying motivated. Lots of helpful resources for over 50 job applicants! Saturday Mar 9 | 11-1:30 PM | Mason Square Community Room | Adults



New! Internet, Email, and More: Fundamental Computer Skills for Everyone Computers are changing and so are our uses of them. Take this 3-part, introductory series to strengthen your computer skills and gain confidence with using the Internet, organizing files, editing documents, using email, and more.

March 12, part 1: using the Internet and editing documents

March 19, part 2: good email and file management

March 26, part 3: complex online resource, 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 Springfield Library. Tuesdays | 10:30 AM-12 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+

New! Herbal Tea Blending for Beginners Nothing takes the chill away like a warm cup of tea. Learn how to make your own herbal tea blend with herbalist and botanical educator Claire Brodhead. Tea snacks will be served. ** Friday Mar 15 | 11AM – 12 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Ages 18+

Revival: A Literary Arts Spotlight Enjoy the readings of 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 creative 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 at: mlarroyo67@hotmail.com. Saturday Mar 16 | 12:30-2:30 PM | Mason Square Community Room | Ages 18+

New! Dennis Polisky and the Maestro's Men Come listen to the toe-tapping sounds of Dennis Polisky and the Maestro's Men as they offer-up lively polkas as part of Indian Orchard's 110th anniversary celebration. Let's Polka! Light refreshments will be served. Program funded by Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc., the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Federal Administration for Community Living. Monday Mar 18 | 12 - 1 PM | Indian Orchard | All ages

New! Is It Time to Downsize Your Home? Older adults who are thinking about selling their home and downsizing have questions. This event will provide information they can use. It will give a broad overview of possible legal matters in the handling the real estate transaction. Rashmi Lis, a Senior Real Estate Specialist will talk about the process of selling your home. Atty. James F. Gregory will speak about the importance of having basic legal documents in place, such as a will, power of attorney, health care proxy and homestead. Saturday Mar 23 | 1-2:30 PM | Sixteen Acres | Adults 50+

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

Get a Job with Skillsmart Springfield Works is here to link you with a job, career, or skills training. Come learn how to use SkillSmart: an easy online resource to help you identify your strengths and efficiently apply for positions at some of Greater Springfield's largest organizations. Members of the AISS team from the sheriff's department will also be on hand to offer job search tips and advice. Thursday Mar 21 | 1-2 PM | Mason Square Community Room | Adults

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 Husband Stitch" by Carmen Maria Machado which can be found in Her Body and Other Parties. 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: *About a Dog* by Jenn McKinlay. 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 2nd & 4th

Wednesdays | 10 AM-12 PM

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

Sixteen Acres Branch Last Friday | 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: *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston (1937) fiction. Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 12-1 PM

Forest Park Branch book selection: *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver. Monthly, 2nd Thursdays | 1:30-2:30 PM

Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center selection: *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. Copies are available at the East Forest Park Branch Library in a variety of formats (large print, audiobook, etc.). Monthly 4th Thursdays | 10-11 AM | 55+



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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