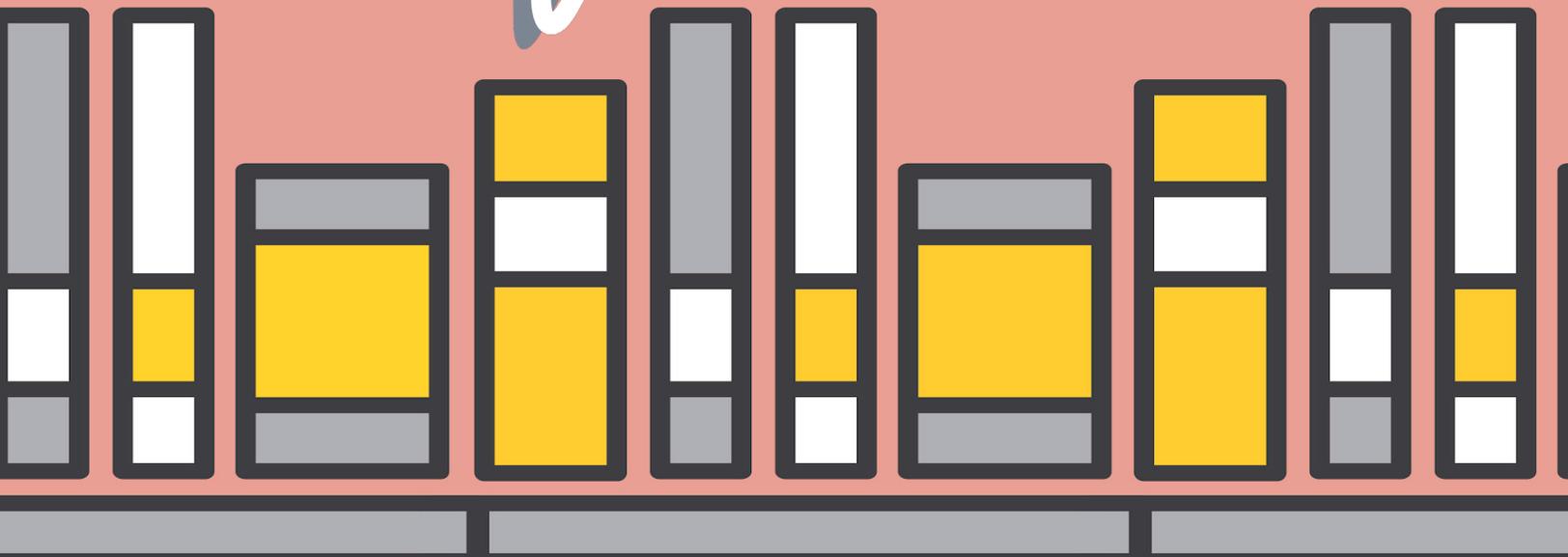


Springfield City Library

April 2019

EVENT GUIDE

COME CELEBRATE
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
WITH US!
APRIL 7TH- 13TH



FEATURED EVENTS

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. Through Apr 25 | During open hours | Central Library | All Ages

National Library Week Celebration Join us for free refreshments and many special programs as we celebrate National Library Week.

Sixteen Acres Branch -

From 1-3:00 p.m. Knot Just Knitters.



From 4-5:00 p.m. Librarian Emma Peterson will demonstrate how to make foldable corner bookmarks. The attractive, fun craft is good for all ages.

From 6:15 -7:30 p.m. Photographer Carlos Heiligmann and his wife, Kathy, will present a PowerPoint presentation highlighting their five-year trip through western Massachusetts photographing 112 of the region's public libraries for their exciting new book "Public Libraries in Western Massachusetts: A Photographic Essay," due out this fall.

East Springfield Branch-

From 2-3:00 p.m. Coffee with a Cop: Meet Springfield Police Officer Giselle Made at her first Coffee with a Cop event. She wants to hear the concerns of residents and get to know the people of East Springfield.

From 3-4:00 p.m. Puppet Show: A special visit from Springfield puppeteer Ken Harris designed especially to promote better learning and reading. Recommended for children ages 3-8.

From 4:30-5:30 p.m. Comics Club: Staff member Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe shares anime, manga, and American comic favorites. Recommended for teens 12-18.

From 6:30-7:30 p.m. Family Craft Night: Talented staff member Tricia LaBroad will host her monthly all-ages craft night. Come have fun and create something nice!

Wednesday, April 10 | 1-7:30 PM | All Ages

Lost Springfield: It's History in Photographs and Stories

Join local history enthusiasts and take a walk down memory lane. Derek Strahan, author of Lost Springfield, Massachusetts, will discuss the celebrated past of Springfield, including the Forest Park neighborhood. Mr. Strahan has also published the book New England Then and Now, and maintains a website dedicated to Lost New England

www.lostnewengland.com. Refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library.

Thursday, April 4 | 6:30-7:30 PM | Forest Park Program Den | Ages 15+

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. Saturday, April 27 | 3-4:45 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 15+

Rotunda Rhythms Presents World Cafe Judy Handler & Mark Levesque return to Rotunda Rhythms with World Cafe, an exciting concert with mandolin, guitar, and flute. The group's unique arrangements are filled with passion, lyricism, and an infectious joy for music and life. They will share an enticing mix of world music from Brazil, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Ireland, Spain, the Middle East, and more. For World Cafe, Judy and Mark are joined by special guest and friend Leo Snow on flute. Free attendance raffle to all those who stay for the concert, and with funding from the Friends of the Library and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. All ages. ** Sunday, April 28 | 2-3 PM | Central Library Rotunda | All Ages

Meet Your Neighbors: Bhutanese Refugees from Bhutan

Come see local people performing Nepalese, Hindi, and Indian influenced music and dancing, sharing stories and a fashion show of clothing from their culture. Also see an exhibit and sample food from Nepalese culture. Shyam, a Nepalese musician from Worcester, will perform at 12:45 pm Visit our website or call 413-263-6843 for more details. Saturday, April 27 | 11:30 AM-2:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | All Ages. Families Encouraged

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!

Tuesdays | Drop in from 10:30-11:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 0-5, siblings welcome

Thursdays | Drop in from 10:30-12:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 0-5, siblings welcome

Springfield Music Together! Come enjoy this series of music and movement with your child. Space is limited, registration is required. Please call (413) 787-6959 ext. 8 to reserve your space.*

Indian Orchard Branch April 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th | 1:30-2:30 PM | Ages 0-5

Sixteen Acres Branch April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th | 1:30- 2:30 PM | Ages 0-5

Infant/Toddler Storytime Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, a craft, and playtime.

Thursdays | 10:30-11:30 AM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 6 months-36 months

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 Storytime 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

Mason Square Branch (Family Storytime and Playgroup)*

Wednesdays | 10:30-11:30 AM | Ages 1-6

*Presented in collaboration with Home City Families.

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EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

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-12:30 PM | Sixteen Acres | Ages 4-10 | Register Online

Minute to Win It! Join your friends from the community and try to complete a variety of challenges using common household items in just a minute. For more information please call (413) 263-6855. Wednesday, April 17 | 2-4 PM | Library Express at Pine Point | Ages 7-12

Honey Bunny Hippity Hoppity Spring is here! To celebrate, hop on over and create a 3D bunny. April 1-6 | East Forest Park | All Ages

Paint and Plant a Flower Pot Looking for something fun to do during school vacation. Celebrate spring and paint a flower pot, add some soil and flower seeds then take it home and watch it grow. All supplies will be provided while they last. Wednesday, April 17 | 3-5 PM | East Forest Park

Get Your Superhero Cape On! Every superhero needs a symbol and a costume. Come join us to design your own heroic symbol and make your own cape as we prepare for the final battle between the Avengers and Thanos. Monday, April 22 | 4-6 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 8-12

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Bring your favorite stuffed animal friend to their very own sleepover at the library. Before you say goodnight, make a craft and have a snack. Stop by the next day to pick up your buddy and to check out the pictures of the adventures they had.

Wednesday, April 17 | 6-7:30 PM | East Springfield Branch

Thursday, April 18 | 6-7 PM | Mason Square Branch

Eric Carle Museum: Reuse, Recycle, Reimagine

Designed for the innovators of the future, this workshop

encourages participants to notice the properties of everyday materials that are frequently discarded, see them in a new way, and transform them into a work of art. Working both collaboratively and independently, participants will experiment with a variety of found materials. Throughout the process, participants will engage in creative problem-solving to construct their own creations.

Tuesday, April 16 | 2-3:30 PM | East Springfield Branch

Tuesday, April 23 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Central Library
Children's Program Room

FriDIY: Crafty Fridays FriDIY means crafts for the whole family! April 5th: Hot Air Balloons, April 12th: Water Color Rain, April 19th: Bunny Headbands April 26th: Pete the Cat's Pet Fridays | 2:30-4:50 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. ** April 13 | 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM | Mason Square Branch | Families

Películas en español Únete a nosotros 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. ** 13 de Abril | 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. Everyday | 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

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

Cold Iron Chef We provide the chilled ingredients.. you create your best dishes for the judges to try! Who will be left standing with the title of Cold Iron Chef? Tuesday, April 16 | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 10+ (Siblings welcome with supervision)

EVENTS FOR TEENS

New! Teen Short Story Contest Calling all creative writers between the ages of 11-18! Here's your chance to share your storytelling talents and maybe win a prize. During the week of April 16-19 stop by participating Springfield branch libraries during open hours to pick up the list of writing prompts you will have to choose from. Write a short story of no more than 1,500 words using one or more of the prompts. Stories will be due to the branch reference desk by 5pm on Friday, April 19. Stories may be of any theme, but please keep content and language to a PG-13 level. Three stories will win a \$5 gift card to Dunkin' Donuts. The full list of rules will be available at branches starting on April 1.

Send an email to shodge-wetherbe@springfieldlibrary.org if you would like to be emailed the rules and prompts.

April 16-19 | Sixteen Acres, Mason Square, East Springfield, Library Express at Pine Point | Ages 11-18

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

New! SAT Prep Workshop Spend some time with librarians at two Springfield City Library branches over Spring Break for some hands-on and FREE SAT prep! We will conduct a practice exam and give you all the tools you need to be confident in taking your upcoming test.

There are two sessions:

Wednesday, April 17 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Mason Square Branch We will conduct a practice exam under timed conditions. Our librarians will analyze the results and prepare a study plan for the students on Friday. Students planning to do the essay portion, should plan to stay until 1:00 PM.

Friday, April 19th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Library Express at Pine Point We will discuss the areas students should focus on when studying, tactics for preparing for the SAT based on their practice test results, and go over coping mechanisms for test taking anxiety.

And the best part? Two lucky participants will have their fees COMPLETELY covered for the May exam, courtesy of the Mason Square C3 Group! The participants must attend both sessions from start to finish in order to qualify for the raffle. Lunch and beverages will be generously provided by the Friends of the Springfield City Library.

April 17&19 | Mason Square & Library Express at Pine Point | Teens

New! Personal Finance for Teens Learning about finances can be fun! Teens will be engaged through a variety of hands-on activities.

- Teens receive Occupation Cards and observe how different jobs provide different monthly salaries. Based on those monthly salaries, students evaluate the opportunity cost when making budget decisions.
- Savvy Shopper Students examine how consumers pay for goods and services. They discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using debit and credit cards. 4-5:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Community Room | Ages 14-18

New! Pom Pom Mania Prepare for battle by making the ultimate weapon: a pool noodle pom pom launcher. Participants will be provided with the materials and guidance needed in making a state of the art pool noodle pom pom launcher. After, test out your pom pom launchers with some easy in-library target practice! Thursday, April 4th | 4-5 PM | Forest Park Community Room | Ages 12-18

New! Teen Nerd Trivia Night! Calling all nerds, geeks, and comic-con-goers! Join us after school for Teen Nerd Trivia Night. The winning teams will receive Robux gift cards for Roblox or a gift card to Bob's Hobbies and Collectibles, the comic book store in Forest Park. Drinks and pizza will be generously provided by the Friends of the Springfield Library.

Thursday, April 4th | 5-7 PM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 12-18

New! Celebration of Pets! Join us in a celebration of all of our furred, feathered, and scaly friends. Play our "Celebrity Pets" game to match pets with their famous owners. Then, we'll be making cat and dog toys to donate to the Thomas J O'Connor shelter. Snacks will be provided! Thursday, April 11 | 3-4:30 PM | East Springfield | Ages 11-18

New! Adulting 101: Interviewing and Job Hunting Skills Presentation will include resume building, suggested interview questions and answers, wardrobe recommendations, and things NOT to do! Featuring presentations from our local Teen Reader's Advisory Group. #Adulting Wednesday, April 24 | 4:30- 6 PM | East Forest Park | Ages 11-19

Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament Calling all Yu-Gi-Oh! masters! We're hosting a Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament for teen players. The winner's prize will be a gift card and Yu-Gi-Oh! prize pack. Game on! Saturday, April 20 | 1-2:30 PM | Forest Park Community Room | Ages 12-18

The Beauty of Haiku Haiku is an ancient form of poetry from Japan. Come and learn about this art form, and write your own Haiku. Snacks will be provided. Thursday April 18 | 3-4:30 PM | East Springfield | Ages 12-18

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

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 | 1-7 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 |

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

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 Experience a new flavor and practice making delicious snacks while learning useful life skills and meal planning. Come hungry!

Monthly, 3rd Tuesdays | 3:15-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 12-19
Monthly, 3rd Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-18

Nature Scavenger Hunt Spring is well on its way, and we'll be looking for all its signs! Come and join our nature scavenger hunt library grounds to find things tied to the start of spring. Complete the hunt, and win a small prize. Snacks will be provided. Rain date will be May 6 Monday, April 29 | 3-4:30 PM | East Springfield 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

Mason Movies Presents: Green Book Featuring Viggo Mortensen, Mahershala Ali, and Linda Cardellini, Green Book is an Oscar award winning movie about a Italian-American bouncer who becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist touring the American South during the 1960s. Rated PG-13. Thursday, April 25 | 5:30-8:30 PM | Mason Square Community Room | Ages 13+

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 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! Genealogy for Beginners Do you want to know more about your family's history, but don't know where to begin? This four week series is the perfect starting point and includes

April 9 Introduction to Genealogy
April 16 Immigration and migration
April 23 Military, wills, probate
April 30 DNA

Led by genealogist Hillary Schau, this series is perfect for the beginner. This project is funded through Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc., the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Federal Administration for Community Living. Tuesdays, starting April 9 | 9:30-11 AM | Indian Orchard Community Room | Seniors 60+ and their caregivers

New! Introduction to Microsoft Come to this 4-part, two-hour, hands-on workshop for an introduction to Microsoft Office. Here you will learn the fundamentals in word processing, digital presentations, publishing software, and desktop spreadsheets. Skill with a keyboard and mouse is needed for success in these workshops. Light refreshments, compliments of the Friends of the Library, will be provided.



- **Introduction to Microsoft Word** | Saturday April 6
- **Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint** | Saturday April 13
- **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher** | Saturday April 20
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel** | Saturday April 27

All classes from 10 AM-12 PM | Central Library
Computer Lab | Ages 18+ | For more information visit
our website

Springfield to Boston Train Service, Are We on Track? Rail service is on the rise in Western Massachusetts. Hear from key leaders: Tim Brennan, Executive Director of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, speaking about passenger rail and recent, climate-friendly developments in public transportation; Mayor Domenic Sarno, speaking about his appointment to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's panel studying expanded train service from Springfield to Boston; and library manager Reggie Wilson, speaking about environmentally friendly trains that could be used between Springfield to Boston. Monday, April 22 | 6:15-7:45 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch

The Business Side of Poetry Are you feeling unsure about where to send your poems for publication? Geared toward poets with little or no publication experience, this workshop will introduce how to identify poetry markets for individual poems; where to look for finding online poetry publishers; how to use poetry readings to your advantage and more. Led by local award-winning multilingual poetry and educator, Maria Luisa Arroyo. Seating is limited, so please register online or by calling 413-263-6828, ext. 221. Saturday, April 27 | 1-3 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+

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. Friday, April 26 | 1-2 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Adults

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 Arroyo at: mlarroyo67@hotmail.com. Saturday, April 20 | 12:30-2:30 PM | Mason Square Community Room | Ages 18+
For a list of featured readers visit our website

New! Chair Yoga for Seniors Come experience the gentle art of yoga. Increase well-being, flexibility, and

balance during this relaxing half-hour session. Chair yoga is perfect for those with limited mobility. This project funded by Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc., the MA Executive Office for Elder Affairs and the Federal Administration for Community Living. Monthly, 21st Wednesdays | 10:30 AM-11 AM | Indian Orchard Branch | For seniors 60+ and their caregivers

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

'King in the Wilderness' a Documentary Join us for a free showing of the remarkable 2018 HBO According to the film's producer the documentary chronically the final chapters of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and the conflicts and criticism he faced from both sides of the political spectrum.** Wednesday, April 3rd | 6:15-8:00 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 15+

Documentary: Before the Flood Join us for a free showing of our featured film for Earth Week: Before the Flood. This film, by National Geographic, features Leonardo DiCaprio on a journey as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, traveling to five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change first hand. Refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library Wednesday, April 24 | 6:15-7:45 PM | Sixteen Acres

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 is "Barn Burning" by William Faulkner, which can be found in Collected Stories of William Faulkner. Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | 10-11 AM | Café Christo 513 Belmont Ave. Springfield | Ages 18+

Craft Your Cares Away Come "Craft Your Cares Away" with Tricia. Relax, socialize, and make a craft project to de-stress. 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 Rice Hall | 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

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
Central Branch Thursdays | 12-2PM

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: My Dear Hamilton by Stephanie Dray. Monthly, 1st Wednesdays | 6-7 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

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!

Central Library book selection: Night by Elie Wiesel (1956) Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 12-1 PM

Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center selection: The Forest Lover by Susan Vreeland. Monthly 4th Thursdays | 10-11 AM | Ages 55+



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