

Springfield City Library

October 2019

EVENT GUIDE



FEATURED EVENTS

Rotunda Rhythms Presents: A Classic Cabaret A Classic Cabaret returns with an upbeat and inspiring collection of songs and singers. Showcasing hit solo songs and quartets from the musical theater, this group promises fun and excitement good for the entire family. Performers include Sonja Funk (soprano), Carol Wroblewski (mezzo-soprano), Matthew Vasquez Jaquith (tenor), and Ramsey Kurdi (bass) with Michael Rheault on piano. Funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Sunday, October 27th | Central Library Rotunda | All Ages

Noche Latina Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with empanadas, a tasty pastry stuffed with meats and delectable seasonings. Bring your own recipe to share, or come and judge the others in this contest and tasting sampler. There will be prizes for the best three empanadas as voted by those who attend Noche Latina. Contact the librarians to submit your entries at 413-263-6805. Sweet Hispanic desserts will be available to complete the spread, compliments of the Friends of the Library**. Tuesday, October 22nd | 6-7:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | All Ages

Job Training Information Table Want to improve your job skills or change careers? Stop by the Job Training Information Table from 2-4 pm to find out about free job training offered in the Springfield/Holyoke area. The information table will be staffed by workforce development specialists from Holyoke Community College Thursday, October 17th | 2-4 PM | Central Library Rotunda | Ages 16+

Fall Fest at East Springfield It's that wonderful time of the year when the East Springfield Branch Library celebrates the fall with its annual Fall Fest! Enjoy a fun filled day with food and entertainment as there will be lots for all ages including the soothing music of Jon Hollywood from 1-4:00 p.m., a special visit by Mango the Springfield Police Dog from 4-5:00 p.m., a Baking Contest beginning at 6:00 p.m., and a crafty Halloween art project facilitated by Amber Ladley of Happily Upcycled starting at 6:00 p.m. Contact branch staff to register for the baking contest, or to reserve a seat at Amber's crafting workshop. Refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library, and others. Wednesday, October 30th | 1-8 PM | East Springfield Branch | All Ages

Fall Fest at Mason Square Join us for our Fifth Annual Family Fall Fest in Mason Square's Reading Garden! Celebrate fall with crafts, games, cider, and pie. We'll have lots of fun activities for the whole family, including Guess the Pumpkin's Weight and a Fall Storytime. Wednesday, October 16th | 3:30-5 PM | Mason Square Branch | All Ages

Fall Harvest Fest at Brightwood Come join us for family friendly fall fun! Enjoy some snacks, candy, a harvest themed family storytime, a craft, and a

scavenger hunt. Thursday, October 31st | 4-6:30 PM
Brightwood Branch | All Ages

Tech Discovery: Greatest Hits Join us each week for Tech Discovery, a program all about fun with computer science. Each week, we'll explore a different activity. Join a team to Escape the Room, design and play games in Tynker, try different robots at a robot petting zoo, and be an engineer with Snap Circuits! Tech Discovery is brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 8-12

Brightwood Gallery: Photography from Cuba / Reception for the Artist See contemporary Cuba through the eyes of photographer Diane Savioli-Chase. Recent trips to the island nation gave her a bevy of beautiful photographs depicting the lives, culture, and traditions of modern-day Cuba. Full color photographs of farmers, musicians, school children, urban scenes, and the famous Santiago de Cuba harbor offer a view of the Caribbean's largest country all in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. On Thursday, October 3rd from 6:30-7:30 PM meet the artist in this one hour social complete with refreshments and free attendance raffle. To attend, please RSVP to the librarians at 413-263-6828, x221 or mjaquith@springfieldlibrary.org. 18+ Gallery Through October 31st | During Open Hours | Brightwood Branch

Art Central Presents: A Mayan Tapestry In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month is A Mayan Tapestry, paintings created by contemporary Guatemalan artists. Brought to Springfield by the Guatemala Art & Culture Connection, A Mayan Tapestry reflects the people and traditions of Mayan life, one of the America's greatest ancient cultures. With its diversity, boldness, and magic-like wonderment, A Mayan Tapestry catches the eye with powerful creativity and unusual beauty. Through October 31st | During Open Hours | Central Library

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 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

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

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! Wednesdays | Drop in from 10:30-11:30 AM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 0-5, siblings welcome

Toddler Art Club Join us this summer for a toddler art group! Every week, we'll do a new simple craft to get your toddler thinking creatively and using their basic motor skills. Tuesdays | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 2-5, siblings welcome. An adult must accompany and consistently supervise children.

Infant/Toddler Storytime Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, a craft, and playtime. No registration required. Adults must accompany children. *

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

Fridays | 10:30-11:30 AM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 6 months-36 months

Family Storytime Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, crafts, and playtime. No registration required. Adult must accompany children; siblings welcome.

Indian Orchard Branch*

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

Sixteen Acres Branch*

Tuesdays | 1:30-2:30 PM | Ages 0-5

**Presented in collaboration with Home City Families.
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EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

I Spy Mr. Pumpkin "I Spy with my little eye" Mr. Pumpkin. Visit and search for one of the decorated pumpkins hidden on our shelves. Once found, you'll receive a treat and a raffle ticket to win one of these special pumpkins. Monday, September 30th – Monday, October 28th | During Open Hours | East Springfield & East Forest Park Branches

Candy Corn Count During the month of October children and teens who read in the library for 20 minutes or check out a book will be able to guess the number of candy corn in a jar. (One guess per day.) The closest guess wins the candy corn! During Open Hours | All Branches Except East Forest Park, Forest Park & Sixteen Acres

Guess the Pumpkin's Weight Say, how much does that pumpkin weigh? Come to the library and take a guess. The person who comes closest wins the pumpkin! During Open Hours | Brightwood, East Springfield & Indian Orchard Branches | All Ages

Coco's Dia de los Muertos Fiesta Coco is throwing fiesta un poco loco for Dia de los Muertos. We'll be doing karaoke, sugar skull creations, alebrije

crafts, and comida para la fiesta. Add your ancestral spirits to the ofrenda and honor those who came before you. Come join us for the best party of your afterlife to celebrate Dia de los Muertos! All children under the age of 7 are required to be supervised by a parent. Wednesday, October 30th | Forest Park Branch | Ages 3-11

The Cereal Serial Hour Join us for lunch (breakfast-style!) as a librarian reads *Unstoppable Octobia May* by Sharon Flake over the course of four weeks. This exciting and fun adventure story is historical fiction set in Chicago in the 1950s. Book discussion will use an age-appropriate educational lens to examine racial attitudes and historical exclusion. All participating kids can choose from a variety of breakfast cereals and fruit to munch on while the book is being read, free of charge. All are welcome, especially homeschoolers. Tuesdays through October 22nd | 12:30- 1:30 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 7-12

Movies at Mason:

Apollo 13 (1 Hour, 33 Minutes) Rated G

Thursday, October 3rd | 5-8 PM | Mason Square Branch

Wonder Park (1 Hour, 25 Minutes) Rated PG

Saturday, October 12th | 1-3PM | Mason Square Branch

Pokémon Detective Pikachu (1 Hour, 44 Minutes) Rated PG

Saturday, October 19th | 1-3PM | Mason Square Branch

Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween (1 Hour, 30 Minutes) Rated PG

Saturday, October 26th | 1-3PM | Mason Square Branch

Family Craft Night Join us on the second Wednesday of the month for Family Craft Night. All ages are welcome as we do a variety of crafts. Come have fun and let us clean up the mess. Wednesday, October 9th | East Springfield

Wednesday Crafternoon Stop by and make a fun craft! 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month, Starting October 30th | East Springfield | Ages 5-12

B-I-N-G-O! Bring the whole family for a fun evening of BINGO, where everyone's a winner! Thursday, October 10th | 4-5 PM | Mason Square Branch

Escape Room: Junior Edition- Session 1 & 2 Do you love a good mystery? Then our escape room is for you! Join a team of fellow sleuths as you figure out the clues, find the codes, and finally open the box that will contain the answer to a great mystery! All participants must be accompanied by an adult. We'll have a coffee station for the adults to enjoy refreshment while the kids play the junior escape room. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Saturday, October 26th | Session 1 3:30-4:15 PM

Session 2 4:45-5:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 9-12

A World of Maps Even in the age of GPS, map-reading is an important skill for children to master. Join us for a four-week program to learn about the history of maps and atlases, the many kinds of maps, how to read maps, and a class on using online mapping programs Tuesday, October 29th | 12:30-1:30 PM | Central Library's Children Program Room | Ages 8-14

Go Batty for BATS! In Massachusetts we have seven different species of bats. Learn how to identify the various types of bats, how they "see" in the dark, what they eat, and the important roles they play in the ecosystem. Presented by the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Families welcome! Tuesday, October 29th | 3-5 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 5-15

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. Saturday, October 5th | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM | Sixteen Acres | Ages 4-10 | Register Online

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! Pre-registration is encouraged. Wednesday, October 16th | 4-5 PM | East Springfield | Ages 6-14

Lunch Bunch Come and enjoy a fun interactive story, an engaging activity, and a free light lunch. Sponsored by Faith United Church. Saturday, October 5th | 1-2 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 5-12

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

Crafts, Snacks, and Podcasts Join us as we explore what podcasts are and listen to a variety of different topics from fictional stories to the workings of science. There will be crafts to make and snacks to eat as we listen. Thursdays | 4-4:45 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room

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! Join us for building fun and share your ideas and brick vision with other LEGO lovers while strengthening creativity and engineering skills. Indian Orchard Branch Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Children Pine Point Branch Wednesdays | 5-5:45 PM | Children

Minecraft Clubs Build, play, create! Battle zombies, of course!

Indian Orchard Branch – space is limited to 8, so come early!

Saturdays | 12-2:30 PM | Ages 8+

Library Express at Pine Point

Fridays | 1:30-4:30 PM | Ages 8-18

EVENTS FOR TEENS

Teen Night Join us in Teen Central every Wednesday night for games, crafts, and more! Bring a friend and play a board game, create something new using supplies from our Art Cart, or grab a book to read. No registration required. Wednesdays | 5:30-7:30 PM | Central Library | Ages 13-18

Taste Test Tuesday Drop in every Tuesday to taste test bizarre flavors of popular snacks and sometimes even snacks from around the world! Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 10-17

Whimsical Clay Creations Bring your imagination to make a unique creation. Simple sculpting techniques will be discussed, and all materials will be provided. Come back next week to paint your piece. Light refreshments will be served. This is a 2-part series. Tuesday, October 1st & 8th | 3:30-5:00 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 10-18

Teen Escape Room: A Massachusetts Mystery There's a Massachusetts mystery waiting for you to solve! Teens are invited to work together to search for clues and solve the puzzles that will open a very special box. Join us for a brief Escape Room tutorial from 3:30pm-3:45pm, when the game will begin. You'll have 1 hour to crack the code. Are you up for the challenge? Saturday, October 19th | 3:30-4:45 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 12-18

Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt Come to the East Springfield Library for an all-day neighborhood scavenger hunt! Work in teams, or go at it alone, as you search for items and log your findings with descriptions, drawings, or photographs. Complete the list and win a small treat! Snacks will be provided. Saturday, October 5th | 12-2 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 12-18

Iron Chef: Creepy Food Edition We'll provide the creepy ingredients. You'll create your best dishes for the judges to try. The final cook left standing will win the title of Creepy Iron Chef! Thursday, October 10th | 3-4:45 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 12-18

Weird Science Lab Come into the lab, if you dare! Celebrate STEM week at the East Springfield Library with an afternoon of experiments and weird science. Explore chemistry, physics, and more as you work with common household items in a new, weird way! Monday, October 21st | 3:30-4:45 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 12-18

RAD Springfield Bike Clinic Join us as RAD Springfield returns for another Bike Repair Clinic at Forest Park Library. The bicycle experts from RAD Springfield will be hosting a weekly event through the month of May that teaches teens how to maintain and repair their bikes. This class is perfect for any skill level and will provide professional guidance in all things bike related! Thursdays | 4:30-6:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 10-18

Blackout Poetry Blackout Poetry is created when a poet takes a marker to written text, like a book page, and blacks out words until a new poem is formed. Want to give it a try? We'll supply the pages, the markers, and some examples. You'll create the art. Monday, October 7th | 3:30-4:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 12-18

Into the Dark: Stories from the Shadow Creepy, mystical and fun stories performed by noted storyteller, Rona Leventhal. Come if you dare!* Thursday, October 24th | 5-6 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 12+

Shivery Stories by Candlelight Get your scare on! Come to our Scary Stories Storytime. We'll share the most chilling stories we can find. NOT for the faint of heart. Light snacks will be served. Wednesday, October 30th | 7-8 PM | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 9-18

Pumpkin Painting Join us for some fall fun as we paint pumpkins and share some autumn snacks. Pre-registration is encouraged to make sure we have enough for everyone! Monday, October 28th | 3:30-4:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 12-18

Cosplay Party It's that time of year where costumes appear everywhere. What better time to show off your cosplay! Come dressed as your favorite character from books, comics, video games, anime, or any other media. Prizes will be awarded in our Cosplay Contest. Enjoy geeky trivia and snacks as well! Wednesday, October 30th | 4-5:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 12-18

Game On! Join us to play Wii games and enjoy free snacks! Tuesday, October 8th & 22nd | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch

Not Your Ordinary Coloring Club for Teens Too hot outside? Come in and enjoy air conditioning! Join our Not Your Ordinary Coloring Club for Teens while you stay cool. We supply the crayons, pencils and pens and coloring pages. Just drop by and color your sweat away. Fridays | 2-5 PM | Indian Orchard | Ages 12-18

Intro to Sewing for Teens Learn the basics of hand sewing and design through the creation of a small handbag, tote bag or pillow. A variety of fabrics and embellishments will be provided to create your customized project. A review and discussion of the evolution of sewing is included. For this beginner sewing program no prior sewing experience is expected or required. Tuesday, October 8th | 3-5:00

PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 10-18

Teen Tuesdays If you are looking for a welcoming place to be, look no further! Get inspired by using a wide array of art materials, write that masterpiece you've been pondering, 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 | 1-7 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 12-18

Comic Book Creation Do you love comic books, graphic novels, or webcomics? Did you ever want to create your own? Whether you are an artist or a writer, work on your project with fellow enthusiasts. Prompts will be provided to help your creative juices. There will also be opportunities for writers and artists to team up for story creation. Occasionally guest artists and writers will visit. Snacks will be provided. Wednesday, October 9th | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 10-18

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! Wednesday, October 16th | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18

Chess for All Ages! Learn how to play chess, or practice with a friend at the library. Volunteer staff are available to help with lessons and all chess pieces are provided. All ages, though children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Tuesdays 3:30-7 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | All ages

Tabletop Tennis Join us in playing table tennis! Ping pong paddles, balls and tables provided. Air Hockey Table is also available with game accessories provided. Refreshments will be served. Thursday, October 17th | 3 -4 :30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 12-18

Teen Readers Advisory Panel Here's your chance to meet regularly to share ideas about improving library programming for your age group, plan events, give input for materials selection and other fun activities. Light refreshments will be served. If interested, please fill in the online application or contact the young adult reference librarian. Tuesday, October 29th | 4:30 PM- 5:45 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 12-18

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

The Magic and Mystery of Crop Circles Crop circles fascinate with their intricate designs and lore. Local naturalist John Root discusses their dramatic effects on plants, animals, and humans alike, and considers their possible meaning and origin too.* Saturday, October 26th | Indian Orchard | Ages 15+

Tai Chi for Everyone Tai Chi is a slow motion, low impact form of exercise suitable for people of any age. It is often referred to as “moving meditation” and has been practiced in the Far East for thousands of years. Enjoy its graceful flow, and experience the benefits it can bring to balance, coordination, focus, and calm. Class will be instructed by Certified Tai Chi Instructor Dr. Emanuel Brown. Saturday, October 5th | East Springfield | Ages 10 and up

Songbirds of the Northeast Local naturalist John Root presents photographs and audio recordings of our region’s songbirds in this informative and attractive presentation about local birds and their habits. The role of song in these birds’ lives as well as their diet, social behavior, and other adaptations for survival are discussed. You will also learn how to provide attractive habitat for songbirds in your own yard. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Springfield Cultural Council, a state agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Saturday, October 5th | 1-2 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 18+

Sister Souljah Book Group Join fellow urban fiction book lovers for a lively discussion of the New York Times bestselling novels written by Sister Souljah. Sister Souljah’s novels deal with universal themes of faith, love and integrity. Copies of the discussion book will be available for pickup at the Forest Park Branch Library prior to the discussion. No sign up is required; however, please contact the branch if you have any questions. October discussion book: *Midnight: A Gangster Love Story*. Wednesday, October 9th | 1:30-2:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Adults

A Quirky and Contemporary Book Club Let’s get weird in this unusual book club of quirky and odd tales. This one is for those who are looking for something outside of the bestsellers list and are unafraid of trying new books! Join if you dare! Second Thursday of each month. October book selection: *The Last Policeman*, by Ben H. Winters Thursday, October 10th | 6-7 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 18+

Looking at Art: A Historical Review (Continued) Take a tour of world art from the Middle Ages to the present. Art historian and librarian Guy McLain will review the architecture, painting, and sculpture of some of art history’s most significant traditions and styles in this fascinating, four-part series complete with visuals and lively discussion. Consideration of major political and social movements and how they affected art will help make this a well-rounded review of some of the world’s most enduring art.

- Class 4 - October 7th, explores Twentieth Century art and continues through the present time.

October 7th | 6:30-7:45 PM | Central Library Community Room | Ages 18+ | To register, visit our website

Pastel Paint with Greg Maichack Artist and instructor Greg Maichack returns with his popular pastel painting workshop. Using his easy-to-follow method of how to use pastels, participants will recreate Claude Monet’s sailboats with striking likeness. Good for even the beginner, this guided workshop will give adult learners a realistic, take-home painting as well as an enjoyable learning experience. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Springfield Cultural Council, a state agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Saturday, October 19th | 1:30-3:30 PM | Central Library Community Room | Ages 18+

Author Talk: Well-Come to Retirement According to AARP, 10,000 people turn 65 every day reaching the traditional retirement age. Clinical psychologist and author Dr. Patricia Peters Martin comes to Springfield to talk about her new book *Well-Come to Retirement: Thriving in Your Third Act*. The book offers a holistic approach to retirement, and includes over forty, real-life stories from successful retirees. Dr. Martin said during a Connecting Point interview that people wonder: “When do I retire? ‘Why do I retire? What am I going to do with those 40 extra hours a week?’”, and sets out to answer those questions in her popular, well-reviewed book. Copies of the *Well-Come to Retirement* will be available for sale and signing, with refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Springfield Library.** Tuesday, October 22nd | 6:15-7:45 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 18+

Now You’re Cooking! Calling all cooks! Discuss and share your favorite recipes in this new cooking club! Led by Springfield native, Christina Raschi, this group will enjoy a new dish each month prepared by a different group member. Bakers and cooks of all levels and all types are always welcomed. Tuesday, October 15th | 6:15 PM-7:15 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 18+

U.S. History Book and Media Discussion Group If you love discussing important issues concerning American history, we have good news for you. A United States history discussion group that focuses on American history books and documentaries meets monthly at the Sixteen Acres Branch Library. Members will be encouraged to share with the group any conversation-provoking history book that they are reading. We will also view critically acclaimed documentaries on a number of history topics. The books and documentaries are guaranteed to spark lively discussions. We will also have guest speakers at some meetings. Refreshments available compliments of the Friends of the Library. Tuesday, October 1st | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 18+

Introduction to Microsoft Word Having good word processing skills is fundamental to achieving success at the computer. Come to this two-hour, hands-on workshop for an introduction to the most

popular word processing program, Microsoft Word, and sharpen your skills with standard formatting and editing tools. Skill with a keyboard and mouse is needed for success in this workshop. Light refreshments, compliments of the Friends of the Library, will be provided. ** Saturday, October 5th | 10-12 AM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+

Introduction to PowerPoint Microsoft PowerPoint is everywhere. PowerPoint is used at home and at work for organizing slides and photos, and helping people give great presentations. In this hands-on workshop, we'll make multipaged, basic PowerPoint files complete with edited images and enhanced with stylish templates giving you the skill needed for success with PowerPoint. This class is for adults with keyboard and mouse skills. Light refreshments, compliments of the Friends of the Library, will be provided. ** Saturday, October 12th | 10-12 AM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+

Introduction to Publisher Create simple yet attractive flyers and brochures with Microsoft Publisher, a convenient desktop publishing software package. We'll look at making multipage handouts and multifold brochures using Publisher's powerful templates and explore basic aspects of working with images, shapes, layout, and more. Skill with a keyboard is needed for success in this hands-on workshop. Light refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library. ** Saturday, October 19th | 10-12 AM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+

Introduction to Excel Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel, the world's leading desktop spreadsheet. Excel is used both at home and in the office to help with a wide range of personal and business management services including basic bookkeeping and accounting, to maintaining mailing lists, and more. Skill with a keyboard and mouse is needed for success in this hands-on workshop. Light refreshments, compliments of the Friends of the Library. ** Saturday, October 26th | 10-12 AM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+

Chair Yoga Chair yoga is a unique form of exercise as it adapts yoga positions while incorporating the use of a chair. The chair replaces the yoga mat and becomes an extension of the body while being used to help with both balance and support. The student is able to warm-up the body safely, and perform yoga poses with support and stability. Chair yoga is suitable for all fitness levels and physical conditions. Led by Nicole Ferraro, a certified yoga instructor. Tuesday, October 8th | 10 AM-11 AM | East Springfield | Ages 18+

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. Tuesday, October 1st | 10:30 AM-11 AM | Indian Orchard Branch | For seniors 60+ and their caregivers

Checkmate! Learn to play chess, or if you want a refresher, schedule a session with a librarian. These lessons are perfect for beginners. To schedule a beginner's coaching session, contact Gary Pysznik at gpysznik@springfieldlibrary.org, or 413-263-6828 ext. 213. By Appointment | Central Library | Adults

You're Invited! Morning Meet-Up for Seniors Come for conversation, grab some books, work on a project or puzzle, or catch up with a friend over coffee and a game of chess ... all while making new friends and seeing what the library has to offer you. Providers of neighborhood senior services will stop by to keep you informed and entertained. 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

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+

A Bookish Breakfast Meet once a month at Cafe Christo to discuss the month's short story. Enjoy an in-depth literary discussion, or just indulge in socializing with fellow book lovers. A round of coffee, tea, or juice is on the house, though members can order a breakfast if they choose. This month's short story is the short autobiography (137 pgs.) of Herman Wouk: Sailor and Fiddler - Reflections of a 100-Year-Old Author. Time to put on your reading glasses! Wednesday, October 16 | 10-11 AM | Café Christo, 513 Belmont Ave. Springfield | Ages 18+

Write-Up Springfield Reads! Members of Write-Up Springfield, the library's creative writing group, share readings of their poems and creative fiction, and invite you to join them. An open mic will follow, and guests are welcomed to enjoy the reception and free raffle compliments of the Friends of the Library too. Readers include Robin Coolbeth, Tara Dasso, Donald Fisher, Tamara Fricke, Renay Jihad, Shane Robitaille, Kateri M. Walsh, and more. Saturday, October 5th | 1-3 PM | Central Library Community Room | Ages 18+

Introduction to Sewing Learn the basics of hand sewing and design through the creation of a small handbag or tote bag. A variety of fabrics and embellishments will be provided to create your customized project. A review and discussion of the evolution of sewing is included. For this beginner sewing program, no prior sewing experience is expected or required. Materials compliments of the Springfield City Library. ** Tuesday, October 22nd | 1-3 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 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, share great recipes, and more in this lively discussion group. Members may bring in prepared dishes to share so the group can sample great tastes and be inspired by something new. Wednesday, October 16th | 10-11:30 AM | Central Library Rice Hall | Adults 18+ | Register Online

Craft Your Cares Away Come "Craft Your Cares Away" with Tricia. 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 different craft, and new project ideas are always welcome. Arts and craft supplies are offered complimentary by the Friends of the Library.** Ages 18+

East Springfield Branch Monday, October 28th | 2-3 PM
Forest Park Branch Thursday, October 10th | 2-3:30 PM

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

Central Library Thursdays | 12-2 PM
East Springfield Branch Fridays | 10 AM -12 PM
East Forest Park Branch Fridays | 1-2:30 PM
Forest Park Branch Saturdays | 11:30 AM-1PM
Mason Square Branch Fridays | 1-3PM
Sixteen Acres Branch Wednesdays | 1-3 PM

BYOB Book Discussion Group BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) and share your recent reads at this lively and long-running book group, and gain exposure to new authors, titles, and genres. We're always open to new members - join us! | Ages 18+

East Springfield Branch Wednesday, October 2nd
12-1:30 PM
Pine Point Branch Wednesday, Oct 9th & 23rd |
10AM – 12PM

Books & Brew Book Group Cure your mid-week blues with a lively book discussion and a brew (or glass of wine) at Nathan Bill's Bar and Restaurant. Copies of the discussion book will be available at the East Forest Park Branch Library prior to the meeting. No sign up needed, but please contact the Branch with any questions. The book for our Wednesday, October 2 discussion is *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. Copies are available at the East Forest Park Branch Library on 122 Island Pond Road. Please join us! | 6-7 PM | 110 Island Pond Rd | Ages 21+

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: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann (2017) nonfiction. Tuesday, October 8th | 12-1 PM
- Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center selection: *Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Thursday, October 24 | 10:00-11:00 AM | 1476 Roosevelt Ave., Springfield – copies available at East Forest Park Branch | Ages 55+



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