Monday, February 17th All Springfield City Library locations will be closed in observance of Presidents’ Day.

Check Out Special Vacation Week Programs February 18th - 21st
FEATURED EVENTS

Annual Boston Bruins PJ Drive & PJ Party at the Library! Join us for games, trivia, a story, and fun with First Lady of the Commonwealth, Lauren Baker and Blades, the mascot for the Boston Bruins! Wear your pajamas if you want. Free! All are welcome. This event kicks off the 13th annual Boston Bruins PJ Drive! Every year, Massachusetts libraries team up with the Boston Bruins hockey team and collect pajamas during February and March. The drive benefits the Department of Children and Families Wonderfund and Cradles to Crayons. All New pajamas donated to the drive will be given to children and teens living in foster care, and local donations benefit local children. PJ Drive from Saturday, February 1st – Sunday, March 15th During Open Hours | All Locations | PJ Party Friday, February 21st | 1 – 2 p.m. | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 5 – 18

Rotunda Rhythms Presents You, Me, Us Wayne, Ed, and Zack will light-up the room with their light-jazz covers of popular songs and originals. Good for the whole family, this energized concert will be a great way to enjoy the standards with new and fun interpretations. You, Me, Us is Zack Danziger on guitar; Ed Orgill on saxophone, clarinet, and flute; and Wayne Roberts on bass. Arrive early to get the best seat, and stay for entire program to earn a chance win one of the two free raffles. Funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. All ages. Sunday, February 23rd | 2 – 3 p.m. | Central Library Rotunda | All Ages

Valentines For Vets Enjoy a special family activity while honoring local veterans. Youth and their families are welcome to drop in at any location to make a Valentine card for residents of the Holyoke Soldiers Home. The library provides all the materials and will hand deliver your homemade creation in time for the holiday. Through Saturday, February 8th | During Open Hours | All Locations | All Ages**

Hot Chocolate Taste Test What is the best hot chocolate you’ve ever tasted? Join us as we try several different mixes, milk options, and marshmallow toppings to find the best. YOU get to be the judge! This program is for children, teens, and families. Tuesday, February 18th | 3 – 5 p.m. | Central Library Community Room

Series on Climate Change This is a three-part video screening series focusing on climate change, through the lenses of filmmakers and TEDTalks.

Documentary Series on Climate Change: An Inconvenient Truth | Monday, February 10th | 6 – 8 p.m.
TED Talks on Climate Change | Saturday, February 15th | 3 – 5 p.m.
Documentary Series on Climate Change: Normal Is Over | Wednesday, February 19th | 6 – 8 p.m.
Central Library Community Room | Ages 16+ | For more information visit www.springfieldlibrary.org

Artworks at the Library: Jewlry by Anita F. Brown Springfield artisan Anita F. Brown displays her handcrafted necklaces and earrings in celebration of African-American History Month. Using upcycled seashells, fabric, and even bones her works appeal to crafters and environmentalist alike. On display on Level 1 near the Lower Circulation Desk. Monday, February 3 – Thursday, February 27 | During Open Hours | Central Library | All Ages

Leap Year Time Capsule Leap Year only happens every four years. Drop on by and create a snapshot of your life now and then seal it away for the future you of next Leap Year! Supplies provided to create your own time capsule. Monday, February 24th – Saturday, February 29th | During Open Hours | Indian Orchard Branch & Brightwood Branch | Ages 5 – 18

EVENTS FOR TODDLERS

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

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

Bilingual Storytime Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, a craft, and playtime.* Wednesdays | 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. | 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 p.m. | 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. 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! Drop-ins & siblings welcome!

2 All events are free and open to the public. Registration is not required for most programs.
Mason Square Branch  
Wednesdays | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Ages Birth - 5
Sixteen Acres Branch  
Thursdays | 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Ages Birth - 5

**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 a.m. | East Springfield Branch  
Ages 6 months - 36 months, siblings welcome

**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 a.m. | Ages 1 - 6
Sixteen Acres Branch*  
Tuesdays | 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. | Ages Birth - 5

*Presented in collaboration with Home City Families.  
Presentada con la colaboración de Home City Families.

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**NEW FEBRUARY PROGRAMS!**

**Count the Candy Hearts**  
How many candy hearts are in the jar? Check out an item and make your best guess! The person who comes closest wins all the candy hearts and another surprise! Saturday, February 1st – Thursday, February 13th | During Open Hours | East Forest Park Children's Room

**Valentine’s Day Card Making**  
Celebrate Valentine’s Day by making a card for someone you love! Saturday, February 14th | 3 – 4:30 p.m. | Brightwood Branch | Ages 5+
Friday, February 14th | 3 – 4:30 p.m. | Pine Point Branch | Ages 5+

**Groundhog Day Story Time**  
Will Punxsutawny Phil see his shadow on Groundhog Day? Come celebrate with groundhog stories, crafts and activities.  
Saturday, February 1st | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Mason Square Branch | Ages 5 – 10 and their families

**Phineas & Ferb, the Movie, Across the Second Dimension**  
Please join us for a showing of Disney’s fun animated action and adventure, Phineas & Ferb, the Movie, Across the Second Dimension. (Rated G)  
Light refreshments will be served. Tuesday, February 4th | 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. | Sixteen Acres Branch | Families, Children & Teens

**Art Party!**  
Join us for Art Party, where we will make art with different surprise supplies each week. See what you can create! Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.  
Wednesday, February 11th | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. | Mason Square Branch | All Ages  
Children under the age of 8 are required to be supervised by a parent.

**Think Outside the Box: Homeschool Geometry**  
Homeschool families with children aged 8-12 are welcome to join us for this 7-week bilingual exploration of geometry. Sessions will include Angles, Quadrilaterals, Polygons, Symmetry, Fractals, and more!  
Familias que educan en el hogar con niños de 8 a 12 años pueden unirse a nosotros para esta exploración bilingüe de geometría por 7 semanas. ¡Las sesiones incluirán ángulos, cuadriláteros, polígonos, simetría, fractales y más!

Tuesdays | 1 – 2 p.m. | Central Library Children’s Program Room | Ages 8 - 12

**Valentine’s Day Cupcake Decorating Party**  
Families are invited to come and decorate cupcakes in celebration of Valentine’s Day. We'll supply the frosting, candies, sprinkles and more.  
Friday, February 14th | 3 – 4:30 p.m. | East Forest Park Children’s Room

**Life-Size Candy Land**  
The Children’s Room has transformed into Candy Land. Become a life size game piece and move cautiously and cleverly along the rainbow path, through the Peppermint Forest and around the Molasses Swamp. Find the candy castle and collect a candy prize! Families are invited to participate all week long.  
Tuesday, February 18th – Saturday, February 22nd | Central Library Children’s Room

**Minute to Win It!**  
Minute to Win It is back! Join your friends from the community and try to complete a variety of challenges using common household items in a minute.  
Wednesday, February 19th | 2 – 4 p.m. | Pine Point Branch | Ages 7 -12

**ChocoFacts**  
How are candy bars made? Where does chocolate come from? Why does it taste so good? To learn this and more, join us for an hour of fact-licious fun as play a gameshow all about chocolate, ChocoFacts!  
Thursday, February 20th | 1 – 2 p.m. | Central Library Children’s Room | Ages 6 -12

**Zoo on the Go**  
Zoo on the Go is an exciting, hands-on program that is an interactive, fun and educational program!
way for children and adults to learn about a wide variety of mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians etc. Knowledgeable Zoo staff will lead you through a presentation of each Zoo animal’s background, diet, habitats, and more! Wednesday, February 19th | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. | East Springfield Branch | All Ages

**Superhero Drinks- Villain Edition** Come join us & have fun making and enjoying a super hero drink but this time for the villains. Experience the taste and see if you feel like a super hero or villain. All drinks made with kid friendly products. Cookies will also be served. Friday, February 21st | 1 – 2:30 p.m. | East Springfield Branch | Ages 7 -16

**Learn in Motion** Learn in Motion is bringing movement-based activities to the library! Join Coach Chris for active games that promote teamwork, listening, and most of all fun! Saturday, February 22nd 1 – 2 p.m. | Mason Square Branch | Ages 4 -12

**Leap Day Fun** Leap into Leap Day with fun physical activities and music for the whole family! Saturday, February 29th | 1 – 2 p.m. | Mason Square Branch | Ages Birth - 10

**STEM for Kids!** Join us each week to learn about the STEM field while playing games, completing challenges, and making friends. Children will work together on projects and learn skills related to computer programming, map making, architecture, measuring, and much more! Thursdays | 4 - 5 p.m. Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 8 -12, Under 7 with adult supervision

**ON GOING PROGRAMS**

**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 February 1st | 1 - 2 p.m. | Forest Park Branch | Ages 5 - 12

**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 | February 1st | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 4 - 10 | Register Online

**Scavenger Hunt!** Love scavenger hunts? The library has a different scavenger hunt every month! Pick up a clue sheet at the desk. When you find all the clues, you can pick a prize from our treasure box! February 10th - February 22nd | During Open Hours | All Branches

**Family Craft Night** Join us each 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. Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays | February 12th | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | East Springfield Branch | All Ages

**B-I-N-G-O!** Bring the whole family for a fun evening of BINGO, where everyone’s a winner! Monthly, 2nd Thursdays | February 13th | 4 - 5 p.m. Mason Square Branch

**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. Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | February 19th | 4 - 5 p.m. | East Springfield Branch | Ages 6 - 14

**Wednesday Crafternoon** Stop by and make a fun craft! All Ages

- **Brightwood Branch** Monthly, Wednesdays | 3 - 4:30 p.m.
- **Indian Orchard Branch** Monthly, Wednesdays | 4 - 5 p.m.
- **School Vacation Week** | February 19th | 1-3 pm Pine Point Branch
- **Monthly, 2nd & 4th** Wednesdays | 4 - 5 p.m.

**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 p.m. | 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 a.m. | 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 p.m. | Children
- **Pine Point Branch** Wednesdays | 5 - 5:45 p.m. | Children
- **Sixteen Acres Branch** Mondays | 1 - 5 p.m. | Children

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

- **Indian Orchard Branch** – Only 8 spots, so come early!

**Library Express at Pine Point**

- **Fridays** | 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. | Ages 8 - 18
**NEW FEBRUARY PROGRAMS!**

**MAKERSPACE Instant Comfort Boxes** Come to the Makerspace to create a tiny diorama with 3D, uplifting illustrations. The instant comfort box was created by Dutch illustrator Kim Wellings to console family and friends. Produce something that will bring a smile to someone’s face! Pre-registration Required. Call 413-263-6836 Monday, February 3rd – Friday, February 7th | During Makerspace Hours | East Forest Park Makerspace | Ages 11+

**Monday Munchies** Drop in to the Community Room to taste test the interesting flavors of popular snacks from around the world! Snacks provided by the Friends of the Library. Monday, February 3rd | 3 - 4 p.m. Brightwood Branch | Ages 10-18

**Drawing Club** Do you love to draw? So do we! Join us in Teen Central and practice your figure drawing, explore a new technique, or work on a personal project. Bring your own tools, or use some of ours! Monthly, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays | February 4th & 18th | 3 - 4 p.m. | Central Library | Ages 13-18

**Mystery Valentine Escape Room for Teens** Happy Valentine’s Day! Your secret Valentine has been locked in a mysterious box. Work with others to unlock the box and discover the identity of your secret Valentine. Saturday, February 8th | 4 – 6 p.m. | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 12-18 | This is an afterhours event, so please arrive promptly at 4:00 pm. Doors will close at 4:15 pm and will not reopen. Preregister online or at the branch. Pizza and snacks will be served. **FEBRUARY 15 is the SNOW DATE**

**Make Slime Party!** Looking for something fun to do during winter break? Join your friends and learn how to make your very own slime! You will have the option to customize the slime with glitter and food coloring. While supplies last! Tuesday, February 18th | 2 – 4 p.m. | Brightwood Branch | Ages 10-18

**Art & Comics Creation Club** If you want to draw, paint, or collaborate, come work on your project or start something new with fellow enthusiasts. Choose from individual prompts or a group activity to get your creativity going. Snacks will be provided. Monthly, 2nd Wednesday | February 12th | 6 – 7:30 p.m. | East Forest Park Teen Room

**Teen B-I-N-G-O** Join us for an afternoon of BINGO, snacks, and fun, where everyone has the chance to win free prizes! Snacks and prizes provided by the Friends of the Library. 2nd & 4th Fridays | February 14th & 26th | 3 - 4 p.m. | Brightwood Branch | Ages 12 - 18

**Intro to Sewing for Teens** Learn the basics of hand sewing and design! Register for upcoming classes and learn to make your own drawstring bag or lavender eye pillow. For this beginner sewing program no prior sewing experience is expected or required. Tuesday, February 11th | 4 - 6 p.m. | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 10 – 18 | Registration Required Online or Call 413-263-6858.

**Anti-Valentine’s Day** Let’s boycott Valentine’s Day! Join us in the Central Library Community Room as we make Anti-Valentine’s Day cards, sing Anti-Valentine’s Day songs, eat Anti-Valentine’s Day snacks, and more! Thursday, February 13th | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. | Central Library Community Room | Ages 11 - 18

**Manga Club** Calling all manga fans! Come read and discuss some of the best manga out there, explore your favorite characters, and maybe even create fan-fiction stories of your own. We’ll meet every third Wednesday with snacks, advice, and fun. Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | February 19th | East Forest Park Branch Teen Room | 6 – 7:30 p.m. | Ages 10 – 18

**Escape the Room** Can you escape the room? Work together with a group to follow the clues and solve the puzzles! Wednesday, February 19th | 3 – 4 p.m. | Mason Square Branch | Ages 8 – 14

**Silent Book Club** At Silent Book Club, you bring your own book! Read whatever book you want quietly with the company of others. Each meeting you can give a brief description of your book to the group, so we can all get new recommendations! You can even earn reading time to pay back your fines. Monthly, 3rd Thursdays | February 20th | 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. | Forest Park Program Den | Ages 11-17

**Dungeons & Dragons: It Begins!** We’re starting a D&D club at East Forest Park! To kick it off with us, come learn how to play the game, make your character, and hang out with fellow D&D fans. Both experienced and new players are welcome. Snacks will be served. Monthly, 4th Wednesdays | February 26th | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 12 - 18

**Ongoing Programs**

**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 p.m. |
EVENTS FOR ADULTS

NEW FEBRUARY PROGRAMS!

Art Central Presents Artworks by Donna Estabrooks
Donna’s art focuses on the human condition such as courage or hope, love, unity, and relationships. She is dedicated to world peace, and works to produce art that touches people’s lives. Her display this season includes original art of words with images. Through Thursday, February 27th | During Open Hours | Central Library | All Ages

Coffee with a Cop
Coffee with a Cop is a nationally known program bringing local law enforcement officers to meet and mingle with those they protect and serve. Your questions or concerns about local policing matters are welcomed! A slice or two of pizza, coffee, and juice come with compliments of the Friends of the Library. Wednesday, February 5th | 5:30 – 7 p.m. | Indian Orchard Branch | Ages 18+

Write-Up Springfield!
Creative writers of all types are invited to join Write-Up Springfield at their monthly meeting of networking, writing exercise, and sharing. Writers share their creative work for feedback and constructive comments from other group members in this interactive, adult-only workshop. Newcomers welcomed, though please preregister at 413-263-6828, x221 or mjaquith@springfieldlibrary.org so we can properly plan. Monthly, 2nd Saturdays | February 8th | 1 – 3 p.m. | Central Library Community Room | Ages 18+**

Winter Canvas Cafe
Join in on a morning of fun while completing a painting from start to finish, but still finish-up by lunch! Supplies will be provided. Limited to 12 participants, so please preregister. Morning refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library. Saturday, February 29th | 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Mason Square Branch | Ages 18+

Introduction to Microsoft Office
Come to this 4-part, hands-on workshop for an introduction to Microsoft Office. Here you will learn the fundamentals of word processing, digital presentations, publishing software, and desktop spreadsheets.

   | Saturday, February 8th
Introduction to Microsoft Word
   | Saturday, February 15th
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint
   | Saturday, February 22nd
Introduction to Microsoft Publisher
   | Saturday, February 29th
Introduction to Microsoft Excel

All classes 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+

Author Talk: Out on a Limb, by Robert Loesch
Hear Springfield author Robert Loesch talk about his new book Out on a Limb which features nine short stories set in Springfield and surrounding towns between 2010-19. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing, and refreshments come with compliments from the Friends of the Library. Saturday, February 29th
**Game Time! For Adults & Seniors** Join us at the Library Express at Pine Point for an afternoon of games including Ticket to Ride, Bunco, Scattergories, Dominos, cards and more. Meet your neighbors, sharpen your mind, and have a great time! Monthly, 2nd & 4th Monday February 10th & 24th | 1:30 – 3 p.m. | Pine Point Branch | Ages 18+

**Introduction to Sewing** Learn the basics of hand sewing and design! Register for upcoming classes and learn to make your own drawstring bag or lavender eye pillow. Please note that registration is required for each class and can be done by signing up online or contacting us at 413-263-6858. Wednesday, February 12th | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 18+

**Introduction to Grant Proposal Writing** Are you new to grant proposal writing for nonprofits, or want a quick refresher? This class will provide you with an overview of how to write a standard project proposal to a foundation. It will include: The basic elements of a proposal, the “do’s” and “don’ts” of writing and submitting a proposal, and how to follow up whether the answer is yes or no. Pre-registration is required Tuesday, February 25th | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Central Library Community Room | Ages 18+

**Chair Yoga for Special Needs** Yoga can have many benefits including increased flexibility and focus and building a sense of calm. This small-session workshop is designed for adults with special needs specifically, though the general public is welcomed to attend too. Led by Bonni-Lynne Sandler of HeartnSoul Yoga, Bonni-Lyne is a certified yoga instructor and MSEd. Space is limited, so please sign-up online or with a librarian. Tuesday, February 25th | 10 – 11 a.m. | East Springfield Branch | 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.** Monthly, 1st Tuesdays | February 4th | 10-10:45 a.m. | Indian Orchard Branch | For seniors 60+ and their caregivers

**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. Monthly, 1st Tuesdays | February 4th | 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 18+

**Chair Yoga** Chair yoga is a unique form or 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. Chair yoga is suitable for all fitness levels and physical conditions. Led by Nicole Ferraro, a certified yoga instructor. Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | February 11th | 10 - 11a.m. | East Springfield | Ages 18+

**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.** Tuesdays | 9:30 - 11 a.m. | 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. **Friday** 9 - 10 a.m. | Brightwood 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. Monthly, 3rd Tuesdays | February 18th | 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. | Sixteen Acres 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. Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | February 19th | 10 - 11:30 a.m. | Central Library Rice Hall | Adults 18+ | Register Online

**Craft Your Cares Away** Come “Craft Your Cares Away.” We will be relaxing, socializing, and making creative projects to take your mind off your everyday worries for an hour or so. Each month will feature a 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 Monthly, Last Mondays February 24th | 2 - 3 p.m.
- Forest Park Branch Monthly, 2nd Thursdays February 13th | 2 - 3:30 p.m. | Registration Requested

**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

- Indian Orchard Branch Wednesdays | 1 - 3 p.m.
- Sixteen Acres Branch Wednesdays | 1 - 3 p.m.
- Central Library Thursdays | 12 - 2 p.m.
- East Springfield Branch Fridays | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Mason Square Branch Fridays | 1 - 2:30 p.m.
- East Forest Park Fridays | 1 - 2:30 p.m.
- Forest Park Branch Saturdays | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**BOOK GROUPS**

**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. The book for our January discussion is The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce. 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. Please join us! Wednesday, January 8th | 6 - 7 p.m. | 110 Island Pond Rd | Ages 21+

**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. Join us! | Ages 18+

- Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | January 14th | 10 - 11 a.m.
- Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center book selection: Circe by Madeline Miller.
- Monthly, 4th Thursdays | January 23rd | 10 - 11 a.m.
- 1476 Roosevelt Avenue Springfield MA | Age 55+

**A Bookish Breakfast** Meet once a month at Café 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. January's reading is chapter one of Life Among the Savages, by Shirley Jackson. Copies of the story will be available at the Forest Park Branch Library during regular library hours. Time to put on your reading glasses!

- Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | January 15th | 10 - 11 a.m. | Café Christo, 513 Belmont Ave. Springfield | Ages 18+

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