

YOUR STORY. YOUR LIBRARY.

DISCOVER YOUR SUMMER

UPCOMING **EVENTS**



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Join us for special summer events, including weekly drop-in crafts for kids and a new scavenger hunt monthly.

ALL: All Locations

**BW: Brightwood Branch- 359 Plainfield Street
413-263-6805**

**FP: Forest Park Branch- 380 Belmont Ave
413-263-6843**

**CL: Central Library- 220 State Street
413-263-6828**

**IO: Indian Orchard Branch- 44 Oak Street
413-263-6846**

**EFP: East Forest Park Branch- 136 Surrey Road
413-263-6836**

**MS: Mason Square Branch- 765 State Street
413-263-6853**

**ES: East Springfield Branch- 21 Osborne Terrace
413-263-6840**

**SA: Sixteen Acres Branch- 1187 Parker Street
413-263-6858**

JUNE 21- AUG 27 Discover Your Summer City-Wide Reading Club ALL

Discover YOUR Summer at the Springfield City Library. Learn a skill, find your passion, attend free programs, or just read a good book! Win prizes for participation. We also have drop-in crafts weekly and a new scavenger hunt every month for kids, so check us out! Play along at: <https://springfieldlibrary.beanstack.org> or pick up a paper form at any library location. All ages.

JUNE 21- AUG 27 Adult Take and Make Crafts ALL

Pick up a different craft bag each month, and get in the summer mood. Limited quantities. While supplies last.

JUNE 27 – AUG 26 SUMMER FEEDING= SUMMER READING EFP FP IO MS SA

The Springfield City Library will be a summer meal site this year. Kids to age 18 can stop by from noon to 1:30 to enjoy a lunch provided in partnership with Home Grown/Sodexo and the Springfield Public Schools. Special activities, food truck visits, A weekly craft and more. For more information contact: www.homegrowspringfield.org

JULY 1 - AUG 26 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM Sunshine Storytimes at Downtown Farmers Market

Soak up some sun, get your dancing shoes on, and listen to all sorts of amazing stories at the Springfield Central Downtown Farmer's Market! We will have water bottles available to keep everyone hydrated. Don't forget to apply sunscreen! The Springfield Central Downtown Farmers Market is located at Tower Square Park (1447 Main Street.) Contact: Samantha Hoffman shoffman@springfieldlibrary.org for more info.

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JULY 6, 13, 20, 27 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Sixteen Acres Library Coding Club SA

Come learn the interesting skill of computer coding. Learn to do your own computer programs and also to use that knowledge in gaining employment in the high-demand computer industry job market. Ages 12-18.

JULY 7 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Summer Reading Celebration BW

Celebrate Summer Reading! Performer Tom Sieling will keep your toes tapping with an "ocean-full" of songs guaranteed to entertain the whole family. Come join the fun! Refreshments provided.

JULY 7 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Summer Reading Celebration ES

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JULY 12 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM RAD Bike Repair Workshop EFP

Do you have a bike that could use a little love? Hate spending all that money at a bike shop when you know you could probably do it yourself? Come to the East Forest Park Library on July 12th to learn how to fix your bicycle, or learn how to build your own! RADSpringfield bike experts will on on-site to answer questions, take care of your repairs, or to accept bike donations to be refurbished.

JULY 12 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Slime Time! BW

What time is it? Slime Time! Stop by to make your very own slime using glitter, googly eyes and much more! While supplies last.

JULY 13 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Bubble Bash MS

Join us for Bubble Bash - an event that celebrates all things bubbles! Enjoy a myriad of bubbles: soap bubbles, bubble wrap, bubble gum and bubble tea. Kids ages 5-10 and their siblings.

JULY 16 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Cut the Cord: Letting Go of Cable ES

Are you tired of paying a high cable bill for channels you don't even watch? Do you want to quit cable and subscribe to streaming services but don't know where to start? This workshop will highlight various streaming options to cable and covers how streaming can be a more budget-friendly option to watch your favorite shows. Adults 18+

JULY 16 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Rising Tide Concert SA

Re-live the folk-rock hits from the 1960's & 1970 with the local band Rising Tide. The quartet's blends of singing, guitar, & percussion with a twist of violin make for an exciting sound covering the top hits of the Eagles, Creedence Clearwater Revival and more. Concert will be outside if the weather allows!

JULY 18 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Switch Afternoon CL TEEN

Join us in the central library teen room for an afternoon of Switch gaming! We'll have multiple player games to choose from. Refreshments will be provided! Teens 12-19.

JULY 20 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Summer Reading Challenge Accepted! EFP

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JULY 20 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Make Your Own Ice Cream! CLCR

Join us to make your own ice cream! This program is geared toward families and children ages 6+. Registration Required.

JULY 22 3:00 PM -4:00 PM Wildlife on Wheels EFP

Join us with our friends from the Forest Park Zoo for this interactive program that explores the wide variety of animals in the Zoo's collection.

JULY 24 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Cookies & Canvas ES

What will your masterpiece look like? Come join us for a fun time of creating a special summer painting. While paintings are drying stay and enjoy cookies and lemonade.

JULY 25- JULY 30 Little Library Post Office CL CR Open Hours

The children's room at Central is turning into a Little Library Post Office for the last week of July! Stop by to write and send your very own letter. We'll provide stationery, envelopes, stamps, and even blank postcards you can draw on. When you're done, you can mail the letter yourself or leave it in our mini mailbox and we'll send it for you! While supplies last.

JULY 25 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Drawing with Nature - Ink Drawing for the Whole Family IO

Have you ever used a stick or flower stalk to make a drawing? Try it! It's fun. Each makes a different kind of line. We will use India ink but you can use paint or whatever you have. Kids love this project but why should kids have all the fun!? All ages. On our patio, weather permitting.

JULY 30 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Summer Sip & Paint ES

Keep the heat away with ice cold lemonade while painting a summer scene. Registration is required. Limited to 10 participants. 18+

AUG 3 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sand and Sea Art MS

Join us for summer fun, as we make a beautiful craft using sand and seashells. For kids ages 5-10 and their families.

AUG 3 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM This Was Our Year: COVID-19 Pandemic Stories from Hampden County CL

This documentary features 14 interviews about our community's pandemic experiences in Hampden County. Filmed and edited virtually, this adult-youth collaboration highlights the perspectives of students, workers, and parents during the COVID-19 global pandemic. We will have 2 of the filmmakers on hand for Q&A afterward. For teens and adults.

AUG 7 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Teddy Bear Sleepover... at the Library! IO

Come to the library with your stuffed animal for a sleepover. We will decorate a name tag and a blanket for them and then hear a bedtime story and have a bedtime snack. We will turn out the lights and hopefully they won't get into too much trouble overnight. Don't have a stuffed animal? Don't worry! We have extras. Pick them up any time on Monday. Ages 4-9. Preregister online or by calling 413 263-6846.

AUG 10 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Splatter Painting MS

Create abstract masterpieces... by throwing, dripping, or splashing paint at the canvas! This creative (and cathartic) event is aimed at children and their families, but all ages are welcome. We will use washable tempera paint, but make sure to wear painting clothes anyway! Also, please remember to wear sunscreen, as we'll be painting outside on the lawn.

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AUG 13 **1:00 PM- 2:30 PM** **Pamela Means & the Power of the Protest Song** **SA**
Part performance and part presentation, this family-friendly public event will explore the origin stories and lineages of protest songs, how their meanings and impacts continue to transform through time and space, and how they have inspired - and continue to inspire - movements and cultural shifts within the realms of racial and social justice.

AUG 15 **10:30 AM - 11:30 AM** **Learn Ukulele** **IO**
Always wanted to learn ukulele, but didn't know where to start? Join Julie Stepanek in this fun session where you'll learn ukulele basics, and be strumming a tune in no time! Instruments provided- or bring your own! Ages 8 + Limited to 20 participants. Ask us how to borrow a ukulele with your Springfield City Library card!

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AUG 16 **5:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **Let's Draw Manga!** **BW**
Do you love manga or anime? Do you love to draw? Then come on down to the Brightwood Branch for manga drawing and refreshments!

AUG 17 **3:00 PM - 4:30 PM** **Summer Reading Challenge Accepted!** **EFP**
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AUG 17 **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** **Beach Drink Creations** **ES**
You don't have to be at the beach to learn how to create these special drinks. Come try out a few and find out which one is your favorite.

AUG 17 **4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **Sharpie T Shirts - Start School in Style**
Start school in style with a beautiful tee shirt using sharpies and rubbing alcohol. Bring your own or we will provide a shirt. Preregistration is required, space is limited. Please call 413 263-6846 to preregister, or register online. Ages 12-18.

AUG 20 **9:30 AM - 11:00 AM** **Canvas Café Summer Edition** **MS**
Join us for a morning of fun and friendship as we complete a step-by-step summer-themed painting using unusual techniques and tools. Please register. Limited to 12 participants. Ages 18+

AUG 20 **2:30 PM - 4:00 PM** **End of Summer Karaoke Party** **CL TEEN**
Come celebrate the end of summer, and show off your performance chops at our End of Summer Karaoke party! Enjoy refreshments as you cheer each other on! Singers aged 12-19 welcome.

AUG 20 **5:00 PM - 7:00 PM** **Picture It! Mini Canvas Painting for Teens** **IO**
Using a 4"x4" canvas, create your own mini masterpiece. Let your imagination loose. Ages 12-18. Preregistration is strongly encouraged. You may preregister online or by calling 413 263- 6846.

AUG 24 **4:30 PM - 7:00 PM** **Teen Game Night** **ES**
Stop by for a night of games, snacks and prizes. For every game you play you will collect a ticket. At the end of the night redeem your tickets for a small prize while supplies last. Ages 12+.