

SEPTEMBER~NOVEMBER 2025



# Bookends

Library News & Calendar of Events



SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT



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MISSION:  
ENABLE  
LIFELONG  
LEARNING,  
ENRICH LIVES  
AND BUILD  
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THAT IS AN  
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## What Does Your Library Look Like in the Future?

OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS, the Springfield-Greene County Library District has been working on a strategic plan to guide us into the future. A committee of 12 employees was chosen to collect patron and staff feedback, analyze the data and develop a plan to present to the Board of Trustees. I'm very proud of the work done by the committee.

Over 2,000 patrons responded to our community survey in February, and 95 staff members also provided input. Those results offered valuable information as the committee re-evaluated our current mission, vision and goals. The board recently approved these revised statements.

**Mission Statement:** "Enable lifelong learning, enrich lives and build a stronger community."

**Vision Statement:** "A thriving Library that is an integral part of the lives of the community"

### Values:

- **Collaboration:** Work in partnership to strengthen our community.
- **Credibility:** Be a source of trustworthy and dependable information.
- **Empowerment:** Provide the means or ability to accomplish objectives.
- **Excellence:** Be the best in everything we do.
- **Inclusion:** Invite and welcome.
- **Innovation:** Foster new possibilities.
- **Respect:** Treat all people with dignity.

Based on the mission, vision and values, the committee developed a strategic plan to guide the District over the next five years. Finally, in May, the Board of Trustees approved the 2026–2030 Strategic Plan. These four strategic initiatives set the course for the Library District's future.

The Library District will promote enrichment, lifelong learning and community engagement by:

- Providing aesthetically pleasing, functional spaces.
- Developing innovative, relevant and inspiring programs and services.
- Maintaining and growing a robust, representative digital and physical materials collection.
- Fostering a growing, forward-thinking and sustainable organization.

Now, the Library District is ready to move forward on the many objectives that fall under those initiatives. The plan is quite robust, and we have our work cut out for us, but the prospect of the future energizes us. To see the full strategic plan, please visit [thelibrary.org/strategicplan](http://thelibrary.org/strategicplan). We look forward to serving you for many years to come.

— Ed Walton, Executive Director

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## Libraries Closings

The 10 branches and drive-up windows will be closed and the Mobile Library will not make its scheduled stops on:

- **Monday, September 1**
- **Monday, October 13**
- **Tuesday, November 11**
- **Thursday, November 27**

Return your books and materials to the book drops located at each branch, the Library Express West at 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway, Library Express East at 3263 E. Chestnut Expressway, and Price Cutter Plus Book Stop at 3260 E. Battlefield Road.

Library branches, drive-up windows and the Mobile Library will reopen for normal business hours on the day following the closure.

# Stock Up on New Reads from the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale September 17-21 @ the E\*Plex!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, happening September 17-21! Browse a wide selection of gently used books, movies and more — all at bargain prices. Every purchase supports the Springfield-Greene County Library District, so come find your next great read and help a great cause at the same time!

The Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale is September 17-21, 2025, at the E\*Plex, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N. Grant Ave. Admission and parking are free.

## Special Items of Interest

- Military books, particularly relating to the Civil War.
- Train books, which can be found in the Transportation category.
- Piano books and sheet music.
- Mythology books.
- Tony Stewart and other Nascar model cars.
- Bound editions of Punch Magazines, as well as individual original magazines, from 1900 to the mid-1950s.

## Friends Night Preview Sale

Shop the sale early! Tuesday, September 16, 4-8 p.m. Friends members get in free, non members can pay \$5 (that night only) at the door to shop the special sale hours.

Avoid the wait at the door, and join the Friends now by sending in the form below, visiting [thelibrary.org/friends](http://thelibrary.org/friends) or calling Sarah Hitesman, membership chairman, at 417-888-3077.

## Regular Sale & Special Events

- Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Saturday, Half Price Day, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, Bag Day, 1-5 p.m.

Adult, young adult and children's books and most audio-visuals are \$1 or less. Better books are priced \$2 and up.

Friends accept cash or checks only, and there is no tax. Bring a bag, or several to take your treasures home.

For more sale information, call Vickie Hicks at 417-616-0564 or email [friends@thelibrary.org](mailto:friends@thelibrary.org).



## JOIN FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TODAY!

☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

### Membership Category

- ☐ Junior \$2 (up to 18 years old)
- ☐ Individual \$5
- ☐ Family \$8 (includes parents & children less than 18 years old)
- ☐ Contributor \$25
- ☐ Special Friend \$50
- ☐ Donor \$100
- ☐ Supporter \$250
- ☐ Sustainer \$500

### I am willing to help at the book sales:

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Your email address is very important. It is how we will communicate with you about our book sales, Friends Night, opportunities to volunteer, etc. We will never share your email address with any other organization or business. For more information call Membership Chair Sarah Hitesman, 417-888-3077.

**Mail this coupon with your personal check or money order to:**

Friends of the Library Membership • Springfield-Greene County Library District  
4653 S. Campbell Ave. • Springfield, MO 65810



# You are invited to our Midtown Carnegie Branch Reopening & 120th Birthday Celebration

**Saturday,  
September 27  
10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
397 E. Central St.**



The fun awaits with special events for kids, teens, families and adults. Dress to represent your favorite year or decade and receive a prize.

## Children's Programs & Activities

### **Children's Storytime**

11 a.m.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

### **Face Painting**

1:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

### **DIY Old-Fashioned Toys and Crafts**

10:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

## Adult Programs & Activities

### **Library History Tour**

10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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### **Behind the Scenes with Friends of the Library (sorting room tour)**

11 a.m.

LIBRARY NORTH ENTRANCE

### **Maker Space Demonstrations**

11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

MAKER SPACE

### **Community Cornerstone: Building the Public Library**

Presented by Local History and Genealogy

1 p.m.

UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM

### **Refreshments and Live Music**

4 p.m.

1ST FLOOR

## Teen Programs & Activities

### **Button Making**

10:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

TEEN ROOM

### **Collaborative Art Project: Balloon Splatter Paint**

10:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

TEEN ROOM

## All Ages Programs & Activities

### **Cooking Demonstrations**

Noon and 3:30 p.m.

MAKER SPACE

### **Birthday Cake and Punch**

2:30 p.m.

1ST FLOOR

### **Library-Wide Scavenger Hunt**

10:30–4 p.m.

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### **Custom Green Screen Photos**

(Historic and library-related backdrops)

2–4 p.m.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTER

### **Memories of Midtown Guest Book Table**

10:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

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# Who Says Library Cards Can't Be **FUN?**

**Available  
starting  
September 1**

SEPTEMBER IS Library Card Signup Month, and there's never been a better time to get a library card. Or encourage someone you know to get a card. This year, we're celebrating with six exclusive, limited-edition library card designs — collectible, fun, and only available while supplies last. Whether you're a lifelong reader or new to the stacks, we've got a card that fits your style. It's also the perfect time to sign your kids up for their very own

library card and open the door to a world of books, programs, and imagination. Don't miss your chance to get a card as unique as you are!

## Getting a library card is easy!

- Library cards are issued free of charge to residents of Greene County, Missouri.
- Stop by any branch library or the Mobile Library to pick up a registration form.
- Adults, please bring a valid form of identification and an additional proof of address.
- Teens and children 17 years old or younger must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to register for a library card.
- Residents outside of Greene County can get a library card for an annual \$80 fee. For more information, please visit any library branch or the Mobile Library.

Want to trade in your existing card for one of these fun designs — no problem, just drop by and we can issue a new card in your preferred design.

Refer a friend to get a card, and you could win a prize. Just have your friend mention your name and phone number when they register.



## Want to receive emails specific to your Library program interests?

THE LIBRARY DISTRICT sends out weekly e-blasts with the programs for the following week. You can sign up at [thelibrary.org/newsletter](http://thelibrary.org/newsletter). We have program emails for:

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|--------------------|----------------|
| • Adults           | • Gardening    |
| • Teens            | • Genealogy    |
| • Kids             | • History      |
| • Author Visits    | • Music        |
| • Book Discussions | • Travel       |
| • Business         | • And more.... |
| • Crafting         |                |



## C-Street Arts and Culture Treasure Hunt

September 2–November 30 for all ages. Think you know Historic C-Street? Grab a guide at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library and carry it with you while exploring up, down and all around on your next C-Street Stroll. Find all the sights listed, and return to the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library to claim a prize!

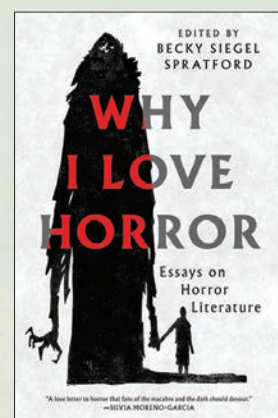


# OH, THE HORROR!

Sponsored by  
Friends of the Library

Oh, how we love to frighten ourselves with tales of physical and psychological possession brought on by eerie entities and strange forces. Join us this fall as we unveil tales of cults, covens, demons and the reasons we love horror.

## THIS YEAR'S FEATURED TITLES:



### FLIGHTS & FRIGHTS TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, October 10, 6–8 p.m. for ages 21 and older at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite A. Recruit and register a team of six for a pop culture trivia night with our friends at 4 By 4 Brewing Company. Individual tickets are \$45 and include a flight of beer, food and prizes. Proceeds from this event benefit the Library Foundation. Register online and check out sponsorship opportunities at [foundation.thelibrary.org/frights](http://foundation.thelibrary.org/frights).





## ENTERING BURNT SPARROW: ERIC LARocca's TRANSGRESSIVE HORROR

Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Three-time Bram Stoker Award finalist and viral sensation Eric LaRocca introduces his chilling new novel, **"We Are Always Tender with Our Dead."** Set in the unsettling town of Burnt Sparrow, this tale launches a disturbing new trilogy where a violent act forever alters the lives of those who live there. LaRocca will lead you into the heart of Burnt Sparrow while discussing this visceral, beautifully written queer horror story. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



## GRANNY OR WITCH? OZARK TALES OF HEALERS AND MAGIC

Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Folklorist, writer and storyteller Brandon Weston explores Ozark folk healing, sharing stories of granny women and traditional healers who often balanced serving their community with the risk of being labeled witches. In his latest book, **"Granny Thornapple's Book of Charms,"** Weston examines how the relationship between healers and their communities has evolved — and how many old fears and stereotypes persist today. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



## CULTS & CHAOS COLLIDE: SAM REBELEIN AND CLAY MCLEOD CHAPMAN

Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Sam Rebelein's **"Galloway's Gospel"** and Clay McLeod Chapman's **"Wake Up and Open Your Eyes"** deliver wildly original horror — one darkly funny, the other deeply unsettling — both exploring the profound effect cults of personality can have on people. Join acclaimed authors Rebelein and Chapman for a captivating discussion about cult leaders, wellness gurus, giant beasts, plant people and much more. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



## "THE OMEN" AT THE MOXIE

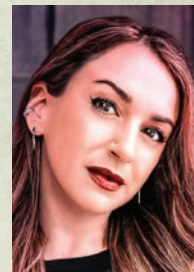
Friday, October 17, 7–9 p.m. at Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Richard Donner's **"The Omen,"**

rated R, 1976, encapsulates every parent's worst nightmare as shocking deaths, strange prophecies and unburied secrets lead the Thorns to believe their son Damien might literally be the Antichrist. Enjoy the modern classic of supernatural suspense on the big screen during this special free presentation.



## "PLAY NICE" WITH RACHEL HARRISON

Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. USA Today bestselling author Rachel Harrison's new novel, **"Play Nice,"** follows a woman with a picture-perfect life who must face the demons of her past when she inherits her supposedly possessed childhood home. Harrison will discuss haunted houses, what it means to be a "crazy" girl, embracing your demons, Britney Spears and the aughts. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



## THE WILD WORLD OF WITCHCRAFT -- LIVE! WITH GRADY HENDRIX

Monday, October 27, 7 p.m. at the Gillioz Theatre, 325 Park Central E. Are witches candy-eating crones, moonlit maidens, broomstick-riding rebels defying dark fates or something more? New York Times bestselling author Grady Hendrix celebrates his latest book, **"Witchcraft for Wayward Girls,"** with a wild dive into the darkest corners of witchcraft in books and movies, featuring an unstoppable army of broomstick-wielding, curse-hurling witches. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



## "WHY I LOVE HORROR": GRADY HENDRIX AND BECKY SIEGEL SPRATFORD IN CONVERSATION

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m. at Relics Event Center, 2015 W. Battlefield Road, Suite E. **"Why I Love Horror,"** edited by the horror world's favorite librarian, Becky Siegel Spratford, is a heartfelt tribute to the genre featuring personal essays from bestselling authors like Clay McLeod Chapman, Rachel Harrison and Grady Hendrix. Join Spratford and Hendrix as they discuss what draws them to horror, what the genre offers readers, and Hendrix's own gripping essay. Books will be available for purchase and signing. *Registration starts September 29; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-5341.*



[thelibrary.org/ohthehorror](http://thelibrary.org/ohthehorror)



# A YEAR WITH JANE:

## *Celebrating 250 Years of Austen Legacy*

IT IS A TRUTH universally acknowledged that a birthday must be in want of a celebration. In 2025, we cordially invite you to join us in celebrating the 250th birthday of renowned author Jane Austen. Delight in book discussions, film adaptations, crafts and more, all inspired by the works and world of Miss Austen. Attend a discussion of Jane's novels to collect a specially designed sticker for each title.

### Crafternoon with Jane

Saturdays, at the Republic Branch Library. Bring a craft and partake in an afternoon of artistry and film watching. Hot tea and light refreshments will be provided.

- September 20, 3–5 p.m. “**Mr. Malcolm’s List**,” rated PG.
- October 18, 3–5:30 p.m. “**Pride & Prejudice**,” rated PG, 2005.

### Gothic Abbey Watercolor Silhouette

Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Create a beautiful watercolor framed by a gothic abbey silhouette — perfect for the spooky season or fans of Austen’s “*Northanger Abbey*.” Materials will be provided. *Registration starts September 12; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-1974.*

### FilmStubs

Wednesday, October 8, 7–9 p.m. at Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Both novice and seasoned cinephiles are welcome to join our free viewing of “**Pride and Prejudice and Zombies**,” rated PG-13, at The Moxie, with discussion after the film. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

### An Introduction to Whist

Tuesday, October 21, 6–8 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Have you ever read an Austen novel and wondered, “What is Whist?” Now is the time to find out! Learn how to play the card game Whist with other enthusiasts.

### Austen on Screen

Wednesday, October 22, 6–9 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Converse about our bimonthly Jane Austen title at 6 p.m. and watch its film adaptation at 6:30 p.m. with fellow Austen fans in the community. This month’s film is “**Mansfield Park**,” rated PG-13, 1999.

### Craft Night: Jane Austen Regency Era Crafts

Thursday, November 13, 6:30 p.m. for ages 13 and older in



the Library Center Story Hour Room. Come craft to your heart’s content! Materials will be provided.

### The Fashion of Jane Austen’s World

Thursday, November 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Love the costumes in historical movies? Author Janet Sing Perry shares her perspective on the Regency Era through dress history, showcasing styles Jane Austen wore.

### Make and Watch

Saturday, November 22, 2–4:30 p.m. in the Library Station Frisco Room. Step into the world of Jane Austen with a screening of “**Pride & Prejudice**,” rated PG, 2005, and create a dance card. Materials will be provided.

### Book Discussions Featuring Jane Austen Titles

- Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 p.m., Austen Admiration Society, at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Whether you have read all of Jane Austen’s works, only watched the movies or you’re new to the English novelist, join us as we read and discuss all of Miss Austen’s novels in order of publication. “**Northanger Abbey**.”
- Wednesday, October 8, 1 p.m. at the Fair Grove Branch Library. “**Northanger Abbey**.”
- Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 p.m., Austen Admiration Society, at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. “**Persuasion**.”



**Stop by the Between Friends Gift Shops at the Library Center or Schweitzer Brentwood Branch to browse our special collection of Jane Austen merchandise. All purchases are tax-free and support the Springfield-Greene County Library District.**





You Can Make It, Fix It, Preserve It at the

# Maker Space

With a variety of equipment at your fingertips, the possibilities are endless.

Try your hand at sublimation, the Cricut Maker and the Glowforge Laser Engraver in this series of sessions. Call 417-837-5011 to make an appointment.

THE MAKER SPACE is located at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St.

For more information or to register for individual maker sessions, visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-837-5011.

## Maker Space Open Studio

Wednesdays, September 3–November 26, 1–5 p.m. for ages 12 and older. No reservation required! This drop-in lab time is great for first-time tours, last-minute projects and creatives who already have a little experience using Maker Space equipment. While you won't have a dedicated staff helper, several staff members will be available to help troubleshoot your project. Equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Sublimated Pennants

Monday–Friday, September 22–26, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. for adults and families with children of all ages. Learn about the sublimation printing process by creating a custom pennant that showcases your unique style. Materials will be provided. *Registration required; call 417-837-5011.*

## Spooky Cricut Bookmarks

Tuesday–Saturday, October 14–18, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. for adults and families with children of all ages. Learn how to use the Cricut Design Space to cut out and assemble bookmarks for your spooky reads. Materials will be provided. *Registration required; call 417-837-5011.*

## Glowforge Handprint Turkeys

Monday–Saturday, November 17–22, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. for adults and families with children of all ages. Trace and decorate your handprint turkey, then let the Glowforge Laser Engraver transform it into a wooden keepsake to decorate your Thanksgiving table. Materials will be provided. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. *Registration required; call 417-837-5011.*

## Available Equipment:

- Two Prusa MK3s+ 3D Printers
- Glowforge Pro Laser Engraver
- Cricut Maker and Cricut Explore Air 2
- USCutter SC2 Series Vinyl Cutter
- Heat Press
- Soldering Station
- Mayku FormBox Vacuum Former
- Sawgrass SG500 Sublimation Printer
- Heat Press Nation 7-in-1 Automated Mug and Tumbler Press
- Heat Press Nation Cap and Hat Heat Press
- American Button Maker (1.25-inch)
- Podcast Kit
- Kodak 8mm and Super 8mm Film Digitizer
- Clearclick HD Video Digitizer (VHS)
- Camcorders for VHS-C and Hi8 Conversion
- Plustek Slide and Negative Scanner
- EinScan Pro HD 3D Scanner and Turntable

Some recent  
Maker Space  
creations.



A “Maker Space Queen” used our 3D printer to restore missing pieces from an activity set.



Dr. Who Monopoly game pieces.



A Cricut-cut paper shadow box.

# BUSINESS CONNECT

LIBRARY  
SOLUTIONS  
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Whether you're starting a new business or working to grow an existing business, the Library offers resources to meet your needs and expert staff who can connect you to library tools and community resources. Visit [thelibrary.org/business](https://thelibrary.org/business) to access all of our Business Connect services, including tools for business research and training opportunities.



## Bagels with the Better Business Bureau: Level Up Your LinkedIn Skills

Friday, September 26, 8 a.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. LinkedIn is a great platform to showcase your professional persona, and taking the time to create and maintain an updated profile is essential for building a network or finding a new job. Library District Community Relations Director Vickie Hicks will share tips for making your LinkedIn profile stand out, and Pamela Hernandez will discuss how to stay safe on the platform and avoid employment scams.

## Franchise Ownership: Is It Right for You?

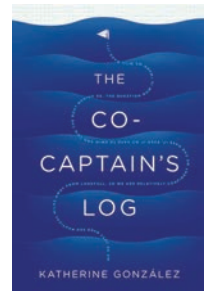
Thursday, October 2, 6 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Thinking about starting your own business but unsure if a franchise is right for you? Franchise expert Carl Gerhardt will break down the pros and cons of franchise ownership, what it takes to succeed and how it compares to running an independent business.



Whether you're just exploring options or leaning toward a franchise, learn valuable insights to help you decide. Presented in partnership with SCORE Southwest Missouri. *Registration required; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](https://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-1974.*

## Rosie Book Club

Wednesday, October 15, 4 p.m. at Lake Springfield Park and Boathouse, 2312 Lake Springfield Park Road. Chat about titles that spark conversation with other women in business. This



month's title is "The Co-Captain's Log" by Katherine González. Author Katherine González will join us to discuss her experiences and participate in a Q&A. Presented in partnership with Leadership Springfield's Rosie project. *Registration required; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](https://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-1974.*

## Test It Before You Invest: Market Research for Founders

Wednesday, November 5, 2 p.m. in a virtual presentation. Before investing time or money, learn how to validate your business idea and reduce risk. Discover how to identify your target audience, uncover real customer needs and use simple research methods to guide smart decisions. Walk away with practical tools to define your ideal customer, gather insights and shape a strategy people actually want. Presented in partnership with SCORE Southwest Missouri and VetBiz. *Registration required; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](https://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-1974.*





THE LIBRARY OFFERS valuable online tools and databases, periodicals, books, and more containing the information you need to plan

and make decisions about your business, all free to access with your library card.

- Locate detailed data about U.S. consumers and businesses
- Research companies to pursue sales leads
- Identify competitors and collaborators for your business
- Create targeted consumer mailing lists
- Access detailed demographic and consumer spending information
- Explore global industry reports, investment reports, and market share data
- Review sample business plans
- Read magazines, industry publications, and books to inform and inspire

Visit [thelibrary.org/business](http://thelibrary.org/business) to access online tools and databases provided by the library.

## Company Library Cards



THE BRANCHES of the Springfield-Greene County Library District are repositories of a wide range of resources that can be useful in the operation of your Greene County business.

We want to make it easy for your company to use Library services; that's why we encourage you to apply for a Company Library Card.

Company Library Cards are issued for one year in your company name and mailed to the company address, in care of the president. Overdue notices are sent to the company president.

To apply for a Company Library Card, complete an application at any Library location or online at [thelibrary.org/companycard](http://thelibrary.org/companycard).

## Community Resources

- **Southwest Missouri SCORE**  
417-986-4730 | [score.org/swmissouri](http://score.org/swmissouri)
- **The eFactory**  
417-837-2600 | [efactory.missouristate.edu](http://efactory.missouristate.edu)
- **Missouri SBDC**  
417-837-2617 | [efactory.missouristate.edu/sbdc](http://efactory.missouristate.edu/sbdc)
- **Small Business Administration**  
417-501-0542 | [sba.gov](http://sba.gov)
- **MOSourceLink**  
866-870-6500 | [mosourcelink.com](http://mosourcelink.com)
- **Missouri Secretary of State Business Services**  
866-223-6535 | [sosmo.gov/business](http://sosmo.gov/business)

## Book Your Next Meeting with Us!



RESERVE YOUR meeting space using Reserve a Room, at [rooms.thelibrary.org](http://rooms.thelibrary.org).

No account or password is required. Select a date and the

library branch you prefer, and check for available rooms. The site includes photos of each room, seating capacity, amenities and equipment. Enter a valid email address to make a reservation. A staff member will send an email confirmation.

No access to email, or need immediate booking assistance? Call any library branch for help. Not sure which type of room you need? Ask a librarian for details.

## Notary Service For All Your Needs



YOU CAN GET important documents notarized at three libraries.

A certified Notary is on staff at the branches listed below.

Notary service is \$5 per visit. Certified copies are \$3–\$5 per visit.

Maximum Notary fees are specified in the Revised Statutes of Missouri, Chapter 486, Sections 685, 960 and 1160.

Appointments are required. For more details or for an appointment, call

- Library Center, 417-883-5341
- Library Station, 417-865-1340
- Schweitzer Brentwood Branch, 417-883-1974

# programs for adults

## In the Community



### National Cemetery Civil War Walk

Thursday, September 4, 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Springfield National Cemetery, 1702 E. Seminole St. Enjoy a stroll through the Springfield National Cemetery and hear true tales of Civil War soldiers, battles, monuments and the cemetery's evolving landscape, all drawn from historical records. Meet at the front entrance. Each walk is limited to 20 participants. *Registration starts August 21; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-5341.*



### FilmStubs

Wednesdays, 7–9 p.m. at Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Both novice and seasoned cinephiles are welcome to join our free viewings of classic and cult films at The Moxie, with discussion after the films. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

- September 10: “Good Will Hunting,” rated R.
- October 8: “Pride and Prejudice and Zombies,” rated PG-13. *A Year With Jane Austen event.*
- November 12: “Party Girl,” rated R, 1995.



### Fall Book Buzz

Thursday, September 11, 7 p.m. for ages 18 and older at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite A. The Library has all of your fall reading list needs covered! Join your local librarians as they share the buzz about new and upcoming titles, and snag some swag and Advance Reader Copies to add to your TBR (to be read) pile. *Registration starts August 28; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-5341.*



### Heirloom Seed Saving Basics

Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m.–noon at Midtown Community Garden, 1471 N. Benton Ave. Learn how to harvest and save pea, bean and tomato seeds from your garden in this hands-on seed saving demonstration. Provided in partnership with the Springfield Community Gardens. *Registration starts August 29; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-862-0135.*

### Flights & Frights Trivia Night

Friday, October 10, 6–8 p.m. for ages 21 and older at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite A. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 6–7.*

### “The Omen” at The Moxie

Friday, October 17, 7–9 p.m. at Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 6–7.*



## The Wild World of Witchcraft — LIVE! with Grady Hendrix

Monday, October 27, 7 p.m. at the Gillioz Theatre, 325 Park Central E. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 6–7.*

## “Why I Love Horror”: Grady Hendrix and Becky Siegel Spratford in Conversation

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m. at Relics Event Center, 2015 W. Battlefield Road, Suite E. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 6–7.*

## Ash Grove Branch Library



### Local History Roundtable

Fridays, September 5, October 3 and November 7, 4:30 p.m. Join fellow history lovers in a roundtable discussion of Ash Grove’s history and the Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead.

### Flying Needles

Tuesdays, September 9 and October 14, 1:30 p.m. Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Learn a new skill, work on your current craft, share ideas and help with charitable projects. All levels of experience are welcome.

### Dabbling In Art

Thursdays, September 11, October 9 and November 13, 3:30–5 p.m. Join us for an evening of sketching or painting! Whatever your skill level, try your hand at something new, learn from others and have a creative time. Materials will be provided.



### Silver Screen Surfers

Fridays, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Delve into the intrigue as we watch these silver screen gems full of mystery.

- September 19: “Abbott and Costello Meet the Killer,” not rated.
- October 17: “The Cat and the Canary,” rated TV-G.
- November 21: “The Thin Man,” rated TV-G.

### Mastering Modern Technology

Tuesdays, 1:30–3 p.m. Explore the basics of today’s technology and build the confidence to use it with ease, perfect for beginners.

- September 30: **Computer Basics.**
- October 28: **Internet Basics.**
- November 25: **Google Tools and Mobile Printing.**

## Fair Grove Branch Library

### Crafts and Camaraderie

Tuesdays, 1–3 p.m. Enjoy good conversation while you’re introduced to a crafting technique to explore. Materials will be provided. *Visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-759-2637 to register.*

- September 9: **Painting with Yarn.** *Registration starts August 26.*
- October 7: **Painting with Acrylic Markers.** *Registration starts September 23.*
- November 4: **Styrofoam Printmaking.** *Registration starts October 21.*

## Library Center

### Homeschooling 101

Friday, September 12, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Hear from a panel of presenters with firsthand home-schooling experience and connections to the local home-

schooling community. They’ll cover a variety of topics — so come ready to learn, take notes, ask questions and leave feeling encouraged, supported and more confident in your homeschooling journey.



## Library Center continued



### Cardstock Cafe

Saturday, September 13, 2–4 p.m. in meeting room B. Bring your scrapbooking, journaling or card-making projects, and we'll supply the workspace and crafting tools. Create freely, or follow along with this month's guided paper craft.

### Besties, Beads and Barbie

Monday, September 15, 6:30–9 p.m. in the auditorium. Bring your bestie or come solo to make friendship bracelets while watching "Barbie," rated PG-13. Materials will be provided.



### Exploring Genealogy

Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society.

- Wednesday, September 17, 10 a.m. in meeting room B. **Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestor: A Case Study.** Certified Genealogist® Craig Scott joins us virtually to trace the life of a Revolutionary War soldier before, during and after the war through a fascinating case study. Learn how to go beyond service and pension records to uncover the full story.
- Monday, October 6, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. **Hell Came to Sharpsburg.** After 15 years of research on the Battle of Sharpsburg, author Steven Cowie brings his findings to life. He shares the brutal reality faced by soldiers and traces how everyday families fought to rebuild after unimaginable loss.
- Wednesday, October 15, 10 a.m. in meeting room B. **Researching Deed Records.** Often overlooked, land records are a rich source of genealogical and biographical information. Certified Genealogist® Patti Hobbs will share examples and explain how to access them.
- Monday, November 3, 7 p.m. in meeting room B. **Finding Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood.** Michelle Dickens, Certified Genealogist® and member of the Ozarks Genealogical Society, demystifies the metes and bounds land surveying system once used to describe property in early American records. Learn how landmarks, angles and distances shaped winding parcels — and why understanding this method is key to tracing land, inheritance and family ties.

### Entering Burnt Sparrow:

#### Eric LaRocca's Transgressive Horror

Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 6–7.*



### Making Family History Fun

Tuesdays, 6:30–8 p.m. in the auditorium. Whether you're a beginner or experienced genealogy researcher, join FamilySearch's Glenn Whicker for an ongoing series of family history classes. Presented in partnership with FamilySearch. *Visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-5341 to register.*

- September 23: **Using Sources to Add Ancestors.** Learn how to migrate information from other databases, add missing ancestors, browse and add sources, add notes and use Chat to contact others. *Registration starts September 9.*
- October 21: **Discover Other Useful Programs.** Learn how to use TreeFind to create ancestor lists, print a fan chart, explore Virtual Pedigree and the Solutions Gallery, download and use mobile apps, and find fun history games for family nights. *Registration starts October 7.*
- November 25: **Memories Module — A Permanent Home.** Learn how to use the Memories module to upload and share photos, documents, and audio or video recordings of ancestors. We'll also cover how to tag people, create notes and stories, and best practices for scanning and preserving memories. *Registration starts November 10.*



### Meet at the Card Table

Fridays, September 26 and November 28, noon–4 p.m. in meeting room B. Looking for a place to play cards or games with friends? Bring your own or play one of ours and meet new people.





## AI & Your Kids: What Every Parent and Teacher Should Know

Monday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Screens in every pocket, ChatGPT in every browser — how do we guide young minds without slamming the digital door? Discover where AI boosts learning, where it crosses the line, and how to set practical boundaries at home and in the classroom, with live demos and a candid panel of experts from educators to AI professionals. Presented in partnership with zoddballs Creative, Springfield News-Leader and Noble Business Strategies. *Registration required; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-5341.*



**Springfield's Colonial Hotel, as seen in this postcard dated 1968. From the Library's Local History Digital Archive, Historical Postcards of Springfield, Missouri. [thelibrary.org/digitalarchive](http://thelibrary.org/digitalarchive)**

## Then and Now with John Sellars and David Eslick

Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Springfield has changed in size and scope over the past 150 years, with some buildings still standing, others repurposed and some lost to history. John Sellars, executive director emeritus of the History Museum on the Square, along with historian and photographer David Eslick will explore the city's story through photos of places like the Colonial Hotel, Lincoln School and Frisco Depot — showing past and present views.

## Granny or Witch? Ozark Tales of Healers and Magic

Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 6–7.*

## Macrame Witch Ornaments

Saturday, October 11, 3–5 p.m. in meeting room B. Create macrame dolls that are perfect for adding a touch of spooky charm to your seasonal décor. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts September 26; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-5341. This Oh, the Horror! event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



## Getting to Know 65 Prime+ by Mercy Primary Care

Thursday, October 16, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. Dr. Edidiong Anne Offiong will introduce 65 Prime+ by Mercy Primary Care, a unique approach to health care for seniors. With longer, more frequent visits, this model gives patients more time to talk through their health needs and stay connected to their care.



## Cults & Chaos Collide: Sam Rebelein and Clay McLeod Chapman

Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 6–7.*

## Austen on Screen

Wednesday, October 22, 6–9 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 8.*

## “Play Nice” with Rachel Harrison

Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. *See details about this and other Oh, the Horror! events on pages 6–7.*

## Community Volunteer Fair

Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m.–noon in the auditorium. Browse dozens of local volunteer opportunities, grab some great swag and connect with organizations who would be grateful to find a volunteer just like you to help them meet their goals.



## Library Center continued



### Constant Shotgun: Flying with the Soviets in the Cold War

Tuesday, November 18, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. As operations officer for Constant Shotgun from 1987 to 1992, then-Captain Glenn Whicker coordinated USAF escort pilots for Soviet aircrews and flew every major transport aircraft of the former Soviet Union, including the world's largest — the Antonov 225. Hear his hair-raising stories of helping Russians and Ukrainians take part in air shows and diplomatic summits across the U.S.

## Library Station

### Getting Started: Basic Genealogy with FamilySearch

Thursday, September 11, 10 a.m. in the Frisco Room. Have you ever wondered about the lives of your ancestors? FamilySearch's Glenn Whicker will show what a free account can do for you, including access to billions of records, helpful tools and a global community to help you piece together your family story.

### Planning Your Spending for Financial Success

Tuesday, September 16, 6 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. From building credit to planning for retirement, journalist Kristi Waterworth helps make sense of your financial journey. As rising costs make budgeting feel impossible, she'll show how a little structure, like setting categories and adjusting for new expenses, can help you take control and make smarter money decisions. Bring your questions for an after-discussion Q&A.



### Follow Along: Air Dry Mushrooms

Saturday, September 20, 2–4 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Take a beginner course in sculpting as we follow a course on Creativebug. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts September 5; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0683.*

### Spooky Treasures: A Look at Vintage Horror Memorabilia

Thursday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. in the Frisco Room. From film posters to rare collectibles, collector Joe Morton explores vintage horror movie memorabilia, sharing highlights from his personal collection and the stories behind the spooky treasures.



### Make a Fall Bag Charm

Saturday, October 18, 2–4 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Sew a felt bat bag charm to celebrate the spirit of fall. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts October 3; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0683.*



### How Do Credit Scores Work?

Tuesday, October 21, 6 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Credit scores can feel like a mystery, but there are simple steps you can take to improve yours. Journalist Kristi Waterworth will explain what credit scores mean, how they impact your life and share tips to boost yours. Bring your questions for an after-discussion Q&A.

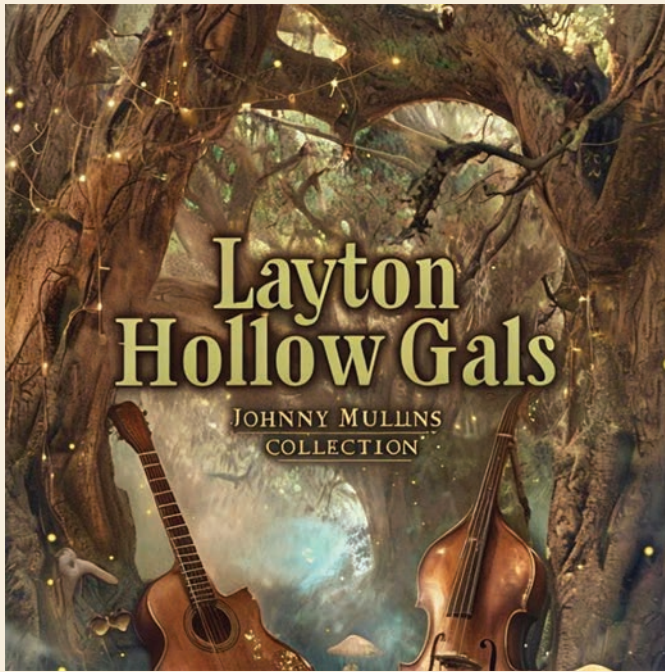
### Escape Room: Cult Catastrophe

Saturday–Sunday, October 25–26, 10:15 a.m.–4:15 p.m. in the Frisco Room. A trip to document the remains of a cult compound goes awry when you trigger a trap and are locked in the leader's study. The clock is ticking as you race to escape before the sun goes down.

Call to register a group of 2–6 for a time slot. *Registration starts October 10; call 417-865-1340. This Oh, the Horror! event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*







### Good Vibrations at the Station: The Layton Hollow Gals

Sunday, November 2, 2 p.m. in the Frisco Room. Melinda Mullins and Betsy Mare are the Layton Hollow Gals, named after the birthplace of Melinda's father, Ozarks' Grammy-nominated songwriter Johnny Mullins, who penned hit songs for Loretta Lynn, Porter Wagoner and others. They'll share songs from The Johnny Mullins Collection with harmony, passion and a good dose of fun. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.



### Online Shopping Safety

Friday, November 7, 10:30 a.m. in the Frisco Room. During the holidays and every day, it's important to protect yourself and your loved ones from online shopping scams. Pamela Hernandez, regional director of the Springfield Better Business Bureau, will share red flags to watch for and best practices for making safe, smart online purchases.

### Home Mortgage Basics

Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Qualifying for a mortgage can be frustrating, but buying a home remains a key goal for many. Journalist Kristi Waterworth will explain what lenders look for, how to improve your chances, mortgage options and first-time homebuyer programs that can help. Bring your questions for an after-discussion Q&A.

### Make and Watch

Saturday, November 22, 2–4:30 p.m. in the Frisco Room. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 8.*

## Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

### Mini Mondays

Mondays, September 8, October 6 and November 3, 4–5:30 p.m. for ages 12 and older in the Maker Space. Create adorable miniatures from upcycled materials. Each month, learn to craft tiny landscapes, rooms or critters using household items. Materials will be provided, or you can bring your own.

### Book Blankets: Crochet and Conversation

Tuesdays, September 23, October 28 and November 18, 3–5 p.m. in the Maker Space. Gather with fellow crocheters to create granny squares inspired by the book cover of your current read. All skill levels welcome — no experience necessary. Materials will be provided.



### Midtown Carnegie Branch Reopening and 120th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. for all ages. Celebrate the recently reopened Midtown Carnegie Branch Library's 120th birthday with games, demos, prizes and programs all day long.

### Community Cornerstone: Building the Public Library

Saturday, September 27, 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. The Springfield-Greene County Library District has played an integral role in the community for more than a century. While officially established in 1905, the community's efforts to create a public library trace back even further. Join Brian Grubbs, Local History & Genealogy manager, for an exploration of Springfield at the turn of the century and the creation of the Library.

## Midtown Carnegie Branch continued

### Fix-It Fair

Saturday, October 11, noon–4 p.m. in the Maker Space. Give your household appliances, mechanical items and even clothes a new lease on life and reduce waste. Volunteer fixers will help repair your fixable items. No oversized, gas-powered items or safety hazards. Presented with Community Partnership of the Ozarks.



## Park Central Branch Library



### First Friday Art Walk

Fridays, 6:30–9 p.m. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit.

- September 5: Artist Teresa Fry presents “Imaginarium.” At 7 p.m., Madison Baker will present an art talk on “Women Artists Who Defied the Odds During the 17th Century Dutch Golden Age.”
- October 3: Artist Doug Steere features “Abstract Art with Tremors.”
- November 7: Artist Zach Ledbetter exhibits “Life as a Fairytale.” At 7 p.m., Zane Wigton will present an art talk on “Humans and Monsters: A Blurred Line of the 17th Century.”

## Republic Branch Library

### Notorious Women of Missouri

Saturday, September 20, 10:30 a.m. Historical author Larry Wood will discuss infamous and notorious women throughout Missouri’s history. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

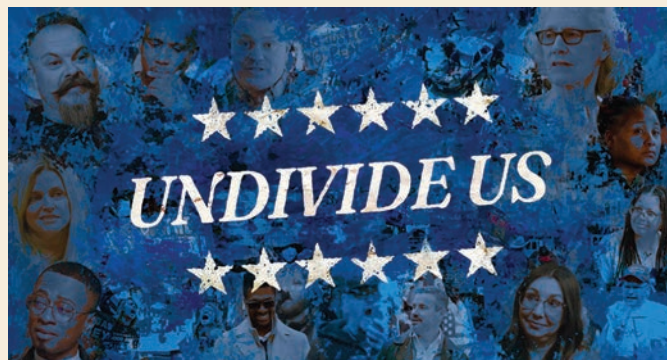


### Crafternoon with Jane

Saturdays, September 20, 3–5 p.m. and October 18, 3–5:30 p.m. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 8.*

### Beginning Genealogy

Saturday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. Learn how to begin researching your family tree using printed and online resources available through the Library, with help from Library Assistant Dean Barker.



### “Undivide Us”

Saturday, September 27, 2–4 p.m. Watch a screening of “Undivide Us,” rated TV-PG, a documentary about bridging the political divide. Stick around after the film for a guided discussion led by the League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri.

### What Really Happened at the O.K. Corral?

Saturday, October 18, 10:30 a.m. Author and storyteller Tim Ritter explores the real events that led to the infamous gunfight between the Earps and the Cowboys. Hear the facts, theories and a step-by-step breakdown of what may have happened when the bullets started flying.



### Exploring Death Records

Saturday, October 25, 10:30 a.m. Death certificates and obituaries offer valuable genealogical insights. Library Assistant Dean Barker will discuss available death records, focusing on Missouri.

## Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

### Voice Your Writing

Wednesdays, September 3, October 1 and November 5, 6–8 p.m. Want to write a memoir or have an idea for a novel? Now’s your chance to join a casual group of writers. Bring a one-page sample of your work to share with other like-minded people, with no criticism or grammar check — we just want to hear your voice. No expertise or prior writing experience necessary.





## Craft & Tell

Saturdays, September 6, October 4 and November 1, 10:30 a.m. Want to stop doomscrolling and get out of the house? Bring a craft to work on while chatting with fellow crafters. Whether starting a project or struggling to finish one, this group is for you.

## Introduction to Contract Bridge

Tuesdays, September 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10 a.m.–noon. Exercise your brain and have fun making new friends as you learn to play Contract Bridge. Whether you're a beginner or want to update your bidding and play, this class is for you. Members of the Bridge Center will give an introductory course over four consecutive Tuesday evenings. *Registration starts August 26; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-1974.*



## The Brentwood Card Table

Thursday, September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23 and November 13, 10 a.m. Do you miss the days of playing cards or dominoes with friends and shooting the breeze? Connect with other seniors who feel the same — bring a game, bring a friend or just bring yourself.

## Poetry Workshop

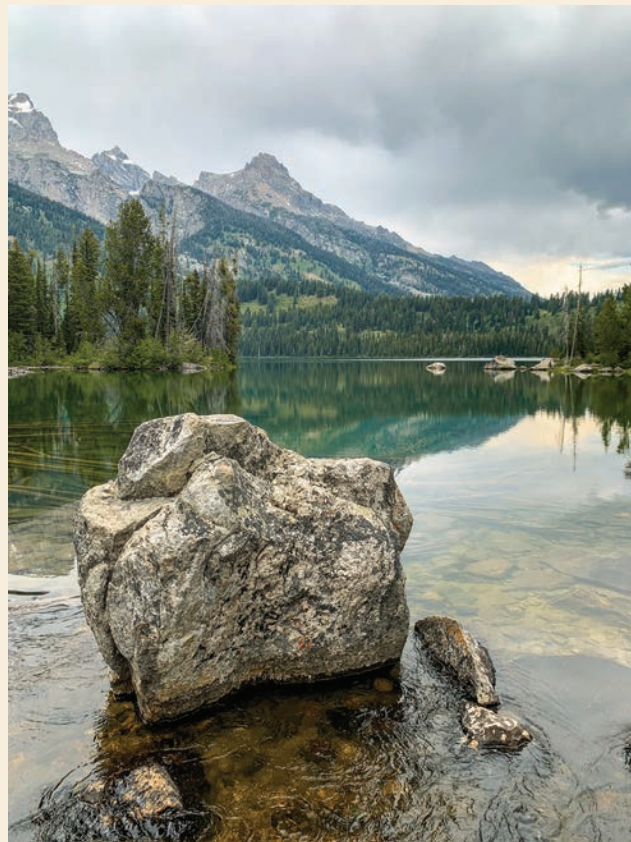
Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m.–noon. Intimidated by the thought of writing? Have an idea for a poem? Former Springfield mayor and poet Robert Stephens will guide you through easy-to-understand steps to having several completed poems by the end of the workshop and receive templates for future poems. *Registration starts August 29; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-883-1974.*



## Travelogue

Thursdays, 2 p.m. Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month.

- September 18: **The Unconventional Voyage.** Library staffer and Star Trek fan Sarah Bean Thompson shares her experience aboard Star Trek: The Cruise VIII. In addition to being a floating Star Trek convention, the seven-day trip included stops in Costa Maya, Cozumel and Belize, with excursions to a Mayan ruins site and a boat tour in Belize.



- October 16: **The Grand Tetons.** Library staff member Vickie Hicks will share highlights from her recent trip to the Grand Tetons and Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Also included was a side trip to Bannack, Montana, a ghost town and the site of the state's first major gold discovery, offering a taste of the Old West amid beautiful mountain scenery.
- November 20: **Iceland: Center of the World.** In 2022, Loring Bullard and his wife, Beth, toured Iceland by way of the 800-mile Ring Road that circles the entire island. Loring will share highlights of Icelandic food, art and culture, along with a look at the country's environmental history, present-day sustainability efforts, unique ecology, geothermal energy and dramatic geologic setting.

## Gothic Abbey Watercolor Silhouette

Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 8.*



## Schweitzer Brentwood Branch continued

### Collection Connection with the Springfield Art Museum

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

- September 27: Delve into works from the Museum's collection with teaching artist Lillian Fitzpatrick.
- October 25: Explore Eric Aho's paintings from the Museum's collection with gallery services associate Jordan Seyer.
- November 15: Museum docent AnnElise Parkhurst will showcase paintings by Kara Walker from the Museum's collection.



### Crochet 102

Saturdays, October 4 and 11, 1:30–3:30 p.m. for ages 12 and older. Library staffer and crochet guru Miranda will teach participants how to crochet a beautiful cardinal bird. Basic crochet skills (single crochet, double crochet, magic circle and pattern reading) are needed. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts September 19; call 417-616-0713.*

### Bucket List +1: Planning for Meaning and Peace of Mind

Thursday, October 9, noon–1:30 p.m. What dreams, goals or adventures are on your life's wishlist? Create your own bucket list while learning the practical side of planning for the future. Attorney Rachel Fortenberry will cover the basics of advance directives, helping you take steps to ensure your wishes are honored and feel empowered to live intentionally.

Presented in partnership with the Hospice Foundation of the Ozarks. Lunch provided by Big Momma's Coffee & Espresso Bar. *Registration required; visit [thelibrary.org/](http://thelibrary.org/) programs or call 417-883-1974.*



### Folk Harp with Turner Collins

Sunday, October 19, 2 p.m. Local folk harpist Turner Collins brings global traditions to life with music from Bulgaria, Bolivia, Brittany, Ecuador, Scotland, Ireland, Iraq, Israel and the United States. Enjoy a vibrant mix of songs and stories from around the world, all played on the harp.

### An Introduction to Whist

Tuesday, October 21, 6–8 p.m. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 8.*

### Getting Started: Basic Genealogy with FamilySearch

Thursday, November 6, 6:30 p.m. Have you ever wondered about the lives of your ancestors? FamilySearch's Glenn Whicker will show what a free account can do for you, including access to billions of records, helpful tools and a global community to help you piece together your family story.

### The Fashion of Jane Austen's World

Thursday, November 13, 6:30 p.m. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 8.*

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**your next read**

Complete a short survey at [thelibrary.org/yournextread](http://thelibrary.org/yournextread) to receive a personalized reading list sent to your email, or a printed list to pick up at your Library branch.





## computer training

**INVEST IN YOURSELF with free computer skills classes at the Library!**

**Classes take place in the Computer Training Center at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library. No registration required. For information, call 417-837-5011.**

### Meet the Computer

Learn the basics of computers including using a mouse and a keyboard. Understand the difference between left clicking and right clicking. Learn to open programs and files. Use the mouse to double-click, scroll and click and drag. This class is for beginners.

- Tuesday, September 2, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, October 2, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 4, 10 a.m.–noon

### Finding Files

Learn to save, organize, copy, move, rename, delete, find and manage files and folders on your computer or external storage device.

- Thursday, September 4, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 7, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, November 6, 2–4 p.m.

### Learning Windows 11

Learn about the Windows 11 operating system. Explore the Start Menu and Settings menu, and learn how to customize your computer. Use tiles to launch apps and to access other programs on the computer.

- Tuesday, September 9, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, October 9, 2–4 p.m.

### Internet Basics

Learn how to navigate the internet using your browser's menus and toolbars. Access websites by typing in a web address or using search engines. Learn how to change your home page and add a website to your favorites.

- Thursday, September 11, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 14, 10 a.m.–noon

### Learning the Library Catalog

Friday, September 12, 10 a.m.–noon. Learn how to get the most out of the new Vega and Tipasa catalogs with help from library staff.

### Gmail Basics

Learn how to create an email account using Gmail, create contacts and signatures, compose and reply to emails, organize your inbox and more.

- Tuesday, September 16, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, October 16, 2–4 p.m.
- Thursday, November 13, 2–4 p.m.

### Google Tools

Learn to use Google tools including Google Drive, Calendar, Docs and Sheets, and how to access your files across devices. Understand what the “cloud” is and how to use it for sharing your files and storing them online.

- Thursday, September 18, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 21, 10 a.m.–noon
- Tuesday, November 18, 10 a.m.–noon

### Microsoft Word Basics

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word: create, edit and save documents, change font size, style and color, create lists and use spell-check to edit documents.

- Tuesday, September 23, 10 a.m.–noon
- Thursday, October 23, 2–4 p.m.
- Thursday, November 20, 2–4 p.m.

### Microsoft Excel Basics

Learn how to create and use spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Add data to a spreadsheet, perform calculations and set up spreadsheets for printing.

- Thursday, September 25, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 28, 10 a.m.–noon
- Tuesday, November 25, 10 a.m.–noon

### AI and You

Tuesday, September 30, 10 a.m.–noon. Discover commonly used artificial intelligence (AI) programs, including when you might encounter them, their benefits and drawbacks, and tips for identifying AI-generated images and text.

### Digital Estate Planning

Thursday, October 30, 2–4 p.m. Learn the essential digital items to organize when preparing your digital estate. Library staff will teach you different ways to automatically handle social media profiles and email accounts.

### One-on-One Help — And More

By appointment. Call 417-837-5011 to reserve an hour with a staff member for answers to your technology questions. We can help with specific questions about using your tablet or smartphone, creating and using an email account, getting started with Microsoft Office products and more. Please have your specific questions in mind when you make your appointment. It will help us prepare to work with you when you arrive.



Looking to master essential digital tools for your personal and professional life? Northstar Digital Literacy provides online, self-guided modules to assess and improve your digital ability in areas like essential computer skills, essential software skills and using technology in daily life. Whether you need to master Microsoft Office, navigate social media or learn computer basics, we've got you covered. Access to Northstar Digital Learning is free, 24/7, from your computer, tablet or smartphone. Set up a free account through the Interactive Tutorials page at [thelibrary.org/computertraining](http://thelibrary.org/computertraining).



## book discussion groups

Talk about your latest read with others in these book discussions at library branches and in the community.

### Ash Grove Branch Library

#### Ash Grove Bibliophiles

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

- September 16: **"My Contrary Mary"** by Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton and Jodi Meadows.
- October 21: **"Rebecca"** by Daphne du Maurier.
- November 18: **"The House Is on Fire"** by Rachel Beanland.

### Fair Grove Branch Library

#### Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

- September 10: **"Martyr!"** by Kaveh Akbar.
- October 8: **"Northanger Abbey"** by Jane Austen.  
*A Year with Jane Austen event.*
- November 12: **"With the Fire on High"** by Elizabeth Acevedo.

### Library Center

#### Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 1–2:30 p.m. in meeting room B.

- September 10: **"The Uncharted Flight of Olivia West"** by Sara Ackerman.
- October 8: **"The Quiet Librarian"** by Allen Eskens.
- November 12: **"The Lion Women of Tehran"** by Marjan Kamali.

#### Read It Like It's Hot

Mondays, 7 p.m. in meeting room A. Discuss trending books, popular reads and connect with fellow readers.

- September 29: **"Metal Slinger"** by Rachel Schneider.
- October 27: **"A House with Good Bones"** by T. Kingfisher.
- November 24: **"Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers"** by Jesse Q. Sutanto.

### Library Station

#### Spooky Friends Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. in the Stagecoach Room. Ghosts, goblins, gore and so much more to read about in our horror book club.

- September 2: **"Edenville"** by Sam Rebelein.
- October 7: **"What Kind of Mother"** by Clay McLeod Chapman.
- November 4: **"The Way Up is Death"** by Dan Hanks.

#### Afternoon Book Discussion

Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe Room. Discuss a wide range of books in various genres, including both fiction and non-fiction titles.

- September 25: **"What Kind of Paradise"** by Janelle Brown.
- October 23: **"The Sun Down Motel"** by Simone St. James.
- November 20: **"Atmosphere"** by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

#### Let's Judge a Book By Its Lover

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. for ages 18 and older in the Santa Fe Room. Fall for a new swoon-worthy romance read with a discussion to match. Each month, we'll switch to feature a sweet or spicy pick.

- September 25: **"Picking Daisies on Sundays"** by Liana Cincotti.
- October 23: **"Keep Me"** by Sara Cate.
- November 20: **"A Novel Love Story"** by Ashley Poston.



## Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

### Mystery Book Club

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone.

- September 9: “Where They Last Saw Her” by Marcie Rendon.
- October 14: “The White Lady” by Jacqueline Winspear.

## Republic Branch Library

### Book Discussion

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

- September 11: “The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise” by Colleen Oakley.
- October 9: “The Curse of Penryth Hall” by Jess Armstrong.
- November 13: “My Friends” by Fredrik Backman.

## Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

### Evening Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

- September 9: “Here One Moment” by Liane Moriarty.
- October 14: “The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper” by Hallie Rubenhold.
- November 4: “Real Americans” by Rachel Khong.

### Austen Admiration Society

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. *See details about this and other Year With Jane Austen events on page 8.*

- September 16: “Northanger Abbey” by Jane Austen.
- November 18: “Persuasion” by Jane Austen.

## Strafford Branch Library

### Book Discussion

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

- September 25: “Treasure Island” by Robert Louis Stevenson.
- October 23: “Bless Me, Ultima” by Rudolfo Anaya.
- November 20: “The Thursday Murder Club” by Richard Osman.

## In the Community

### Cuppa Comics

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. at Travellers House Coffee & Tea, 824 S. National Ave. Warm up your weekend with a nice cup of coffee and an invigorating conversation about comics and graphic novels.

- September 6: “Babe in the Woods: Or, The Art of

Getting Lost” by Julie Heffernan.

- October 4: “Parasyte Full Color Collection 1” by Hitoshi Iwaaki.
- November 1: “Asadora!, Vol. 1” by Naoki Urasawa.

### Downtown Book Club

Thursdays, 6–7:30 p.m. at Creamery Arts Center, 411 N. Sherman Parkway. Join us to chat about our monthly title while enjoying the urban skyline at this library-sponsored book group.

- September 11: “If You Could See the Sun” by Ann Liang.
- October 9: “Garlic and the Vampire” by Bree Paulsen.
- November 13: “Beautiful Ugly” by Alice Feeney.

### Banned Book Club

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. at Mother’s Brewing Company, 215 S. Grant Ave. Read books that have recently been in the news for being banned or challenged. We’ll discuss the book, the reasons it was banned or challenged and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom.

- September 11: “Speak” by Laurie Halse Anderson.
- October 9: “Breakfast of Champions” by Kurt Vonnegut.
- November 13: “Saga, Volume 1” by Brian K. Vaughan.

### Northview Center Book Discussion

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. for ages 55 and older at the Northview Center, 305 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults.

- September 12: “Everything Is Tuberculosis” by John Green.
- October 10: “Wild Dark Shore” by Charlotte McConaghy.

### Books on Tap

Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at 4 By 4 Brewing Company, 2811 E. Gallo-way St., Suite A. Brewing off-beat discussions about books that aren’t in the mainstream.

- September 16: “The Secret History” by Donna Tartt.
- October 14: “The Running Man” by Stephen King.
- November 18: “Project Hail Mary” by Andy Weir.

### Nonfic Book Club

Saturdays, 3 p.m. at Creamery Arts Center, 411 N. Sherman Parkway. Enjoy lively discussions on thought-provoking nonfiction books over a cup of coffee.

- September 20: “Read Dangerously” by Azar Nafisi.
- October 11: “We’re All Neurodiverse” by Sonny Jane Wise.
- November 8: “Carry” by Toni Jensen.



# programs for 'tweens & teens

## Fair Grove Branch Library



### Craft and Chill

Tuesdays, 4–5:30 p.m. for ages 10–18. Relax, chat and explore an art technique with other teens. Materials will be provided. Visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-759-2637 to register.

- September 16: **Painting with Yarn.** Registration starts September 2.
- October 14: **Painting with Acrylic Markers.** Registration starts September 30.
- November 18: **Styrofoam Printmaking.** Registration starts November 4.

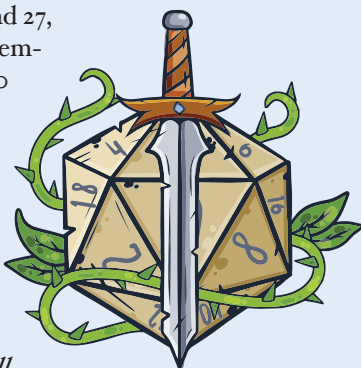
## Library Center

### Crochet Circle

Thursdays, September 11, 18 and 25, 6–7:30 p.m. for ages 12 and older in the Story Hour Room. Crochet a pumpkin with guidance from an instructor in this 3-week workshop. Basic crochet skills (single crochet, double crochet, increase, decrease, slip stitch and magic circle) are needed. Materials will be provided. Registration starts August 28; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0526.

### Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, September 13 and 27, October 11 and 25 and November 8 and 22, 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. for ages 12–18 in the Story Hour Room. Come along for a fun-filled adventure through the Forgotten Realms. Bring your own character or use one of our premade ones. Registration required; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0526.



### DIY Nature Crafts

Sunday, September 28, 2 p.m. for ages 7–12 in the Story Hour Room. Engage in a delightful hands-on fall craft utilizing natural elements and supplies — things might get a little messy. Materials will be provided. Registration starts September 12; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0526.



### Kid-Led Book Club

Wednesdays, October 1 and November 5, 6:30 p.m. for ages 10–13 in the Story Hour Room. Want to join a book club where the adults aren't in charge? We're looking for kids to lead their own — choose what to read, how to discuss it and more. Find a list of potential titles in the Children's Department by September 15.

### Craft Night

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. for ages 13 and older in the Story Hour Room. Come craft to your heart's content! Materials will be provided.

- October 2: **Freestyle.**
- November 13: **Jane Austen Regency Era Crafts.** *A Year With Jane Austen event.*



### Cosplay Crash Course: Special FX Makeup

Wednesday, October 8, 6–7:30 p.m. for ages 13–18 in the Story Hour Room. Join us for a spooky demonstration on how you can utilize special effects makeup. Materials will be provided.

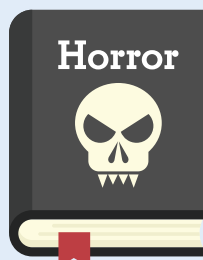


## DIY Sunflower Coasters

Thursday, October 9, 6:30 p.m. for ages 8–14 in the Story Hour Room. Hot cocoa and apple cider season is almost here! Craft sunflower coasters with us, perfect for resting your warm beverages. Hot glue may be used; materials will be provided. Parents must sign a waiver upon arrival. *Registration starts September 25; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-616-0526.*

## Scary Books Babble and Brew

Tuesday, October 14, 6 p.m. for ages 8–13 in the Story Hour Room. Do you delight in thrills and chills down your spine? Enjoy a children's horror book tasting, preview and discuss age-appropriate scary books while enjoying a treat that will revive your spirits.

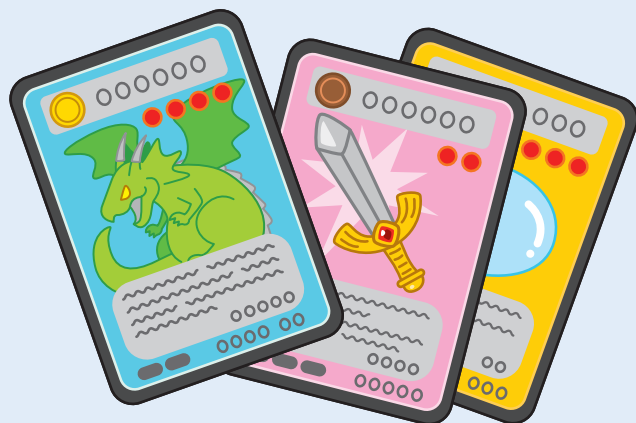


## Teen-Led Book Club

Wednesdays, October 15 and November 19, 6:30 p.m. for ages 14–17 in the Story Hour Room. Want to join a book club where the adults aren't in charge? We're looking for teens to lead their own — choose what to read, how to discuss it and more. Find a list of potential titles in the Children's Department by September 15.

## Teen Halloween

Friday, October 24, 5:30–7:30 p.m. for ages 13–18 in the auditorium. All spooky, scary skeletons are invited to our Monster Mash! Trick-or-treat across the library, enjoy dancing, crafts and a haunted house mini escape room — plus enter our costume contest.



## Card Collectors Meetup

Saturday, November 15, 2 p.m. for ages 8–13 in the Story Hour Room. Love collecting cards, whether Pokémon, sports or game favorites? Meet other collectors and chat about your favorite collections.

## “Jumanji” Escape Room

Thursday, November 20, 5:30–8 p.m. for ages 12–18 in the auditorium. Adventurers beware: Once the game begins, there's no turning back. The wild magic won't settle until someone reaches the end and says its name. *Registration starts November 6; call 417-616-0526.*

## Library Station

### Teen Night!

Fridays, September 5–November 28, 6–7:30 p.m. for ages 12–18 in the Frisco Room. If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts, hangouts and more.

### TTRPG Exploration

Saturdays, September 6 and October 4, 2–4:30 p.m. for ages 12–18 in the Santa Fe Room. Try out tabletop role-playing games, like Dungeons & Dragons and others. Join one-shot campaigns with pre-built characters or librarian-generated ones.



### Genres for Generations

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. for ages 12 and older in the Frisco Room. Teens and their guardians are invited to connect through stories in our monthly book discussion. Share the experience of reading the same book and dive into the conversation together.

- September 11: “Wilder Girls” by Rory Power.
- October 9: “All That's Left in the World” by Erik J. Brown.
- November 13: “Ella Minnow Pea” by Mark Dunn.

### Teen Art Studio

Mondays, 6–8 p.m. for ages 12–18 in the Frisco Room. Calling all art lovers! Come to the Station on the third Monday of the month to practice your art, try a new technique and meet fellow artists. No prior skill is required. Materials will be provided.

- September 15: **Screen Printing.**
- October 20: **Zombie Dolls.**
- November 17: **Beading Bonanza.**



### Spooky Soirée

Saturday, November 1, 2–4 p.m. for ages 10–18 in the Santa Fe Room. Get down with the ghouls and celebrate the horror genre with themed crafts, games and other activities. Costumes are encouraged; materials will be provided.





# programs for kids & families



## Celebrate Socktober with Storytimes!

It's Socktober! The Library is partnering with Ambassadors for Children to collect socks for children and teens living with foster families in the area. Visit your favorite branch for a special Socktober Storytime and drop off new packages of socks in the collection bin. All sizes and styles are welcome. Donations accepted anytime October 1–31 at all library branches and the Mobile Library.

### For infants–age 6:

- **Fair Grove Branch:** Wednesday, October 1, 10:30 a.m.
- **Midtown Carnegie Branch:** Thursday, October 2, 10 a.m.
- **Strafford Branch:** Thursday, October 2, 10 a.m.
- **J.R. Martin Park, Republic:** Tuesday, October 7, 10 a.m.
- **Willard Branch:** Tuesday, October 7, 10:30 a.m.
- **Library Station:** Tuesday, October 7, 11:15 a.m.
- **Library Station:** Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m.
- **Republic Branch:** Wednesday, October 8, 10 a.m.
- **Ash Grove Branch:** Wednesday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.
- **Library Station:** Friday, October 10, 11:15 a.m.
- **Library Station:** Saturday, October 11, 11 a.m.
- **Schweitzer Brentwood Branch:** Wednesday, October 15, 11 a.m.
- **Library Center:** Monday, October 20, 6 p.m.
- **Library Center:** Tuesday, October 21, 10:30 a.m.

### Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months:

- **Library Station:** Tuesday, October 7, 10 a.m.
- **Library Station:** Friday, October 10, 10 a.m.
- **Schweitzer Brentwood Branch:** Wednesday, October 15, 10 a.m.
- **Library Center:** Tuesday, October 21, 9:30 a.m.
- **Library Center:** Friday, October 24, 9:30 a.m.

## In the Community



FALL IS THE PERFECT TIME to explore a StoryWalk®. Get out and enjoy nature, get some exercise and enjoy a special book, all at the same time.

StoryWalks® are accessible during park hours. For details, please contact the host site.

- September StoryWalk® September 3–16 at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 S. Nature Center Way. “Squirrels Leap, Squirrels Sleep” by April Pulley Sayre. This StoryWalk® is along an unpaved path.
- September StoryWalk® September 17–30 at Howard Smith Park, 408 E. Bumgarner Blvd., Strafford. “Cat’s Colors” by Airlie Anderson.
- October StoryWalk® October 1–14 at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. “Weeds Find a Way” by Cindy Jenson-Elliott.
- October StoryWalk® October 15–28 at Owen Park, 440 N. Bailey Ave., Republic. “We’re Going on a Leaf Hunt” by Steve Metzger.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ferguson.

### Stories in the Park

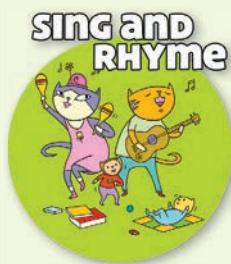
Tuesdays, September 2–October 28, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 at J.R. Martin Park, 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Join your favorite children’s librarians at the pavilion for a weekly, outdoor storytime with stories, songs and activities. Provided in partnership with the Republic Parks & Recreation Department.

### Guided Nature Walk

Saturday, September 6, 10:30 a.m.–noon for families with kids ages 5–12 at Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield, 5242 S. State Highway ZZ, Republic. Enjoy a walk through Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield with library staff and staff from the reserve. Along the way, we’ll learn and discover new things and relax afterward with stories from library staff. Meet at the visitor center. Provided in partnership with Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield.

## Ash Grove Branch Library

### Racing to Read Storytime



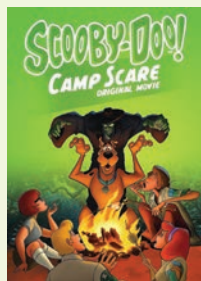
Wednesdays, September 3–November 26, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.



### Paddington Movie Afternoon

Mondays, 3:30–5:30 p.m. for all ages. Come and watch a funny bear and his family as they navigate life together and try to evade trouble.

- September 15: “Paddington,” rated PG.
- September 22: “Paddington 2,” rated PG.
- September 29: “Paddington in Peru,” rated PG.



### Scooby-Doo Fright Night!

Thursdays, 3:30–5 p.m. for ages 7 and older. Come and watch Scooby-Doo and the gang solve another mystery. Scooby Snacks will be provided.

- October 16: “Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase,” rated TV-Y7.
- October 23: “Scooby-Doo!: Camp Scare,” not rated.
- October 30: “Happy Halloween, Scooby-Doo!,” not rated.

### Turkey Dance Storytime

Wednesday, November 19, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Get ready to dance like a turkey at this special storytime.



## Fair Grove Branch Library



### Racing to Read Storytime

Wednesdays, September 3–November 26, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

### LEGO Blocks at the Library

Mondays, September 29, October 27 and November 24, 4 p.m. for ages 5–12. Build freely or take on a challenge using our collection of LEGO blocks and other building bricks.

## Library Center



### Racing to Read Storytime

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- **Tiny Tots Storytime for infants–36 months:** Tuesdays and Fridays, September 2–November 28 (except November 11), 9:30 a.m.
- **For infants–age 6:** Tuesdays, September 2–November 25 (except November 11), 10:30 a.m.
- **Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6:** Mondays, September 8–November 24 (except October 13), 6 p.m.



### Baby Book Club

Wednesdays, September 10, October 8 and November 12, 9:30 a.m. for infants–12 months in the Story Hour Room. Read, sing and play at our special babies–only playtime.

### Baby-Sitters Club Party

Sunday, September 14, 2–3:30 p.m. for ages 7–12 in the Story Hour Room. Do you love the Baby-Sitters Club? Celebrate the beloved book series with fellow fans and enjoy trivia, crafts and prizes.

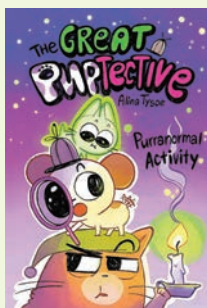


## Night Out at the Library

Friday, September 19, 6 p.m. for infants–age 6 in the Story Hour Room. Enjoy a special evening filled with sensory activities, creative crafts, playful stories and cheerful songs.

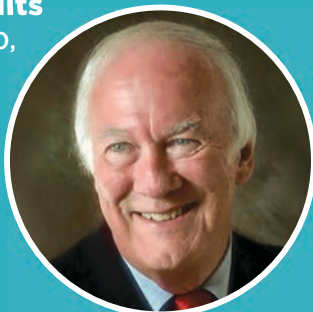
## We Love Comics

Monday, September 22, 4:30 p.m. for ages 6–10 in the Story Hour Room. Explore how art and story work together in graphic novels perfect for emerging readers, and enjoy an activity related to the book. This month's title is **"The Great Puptective: Purranormal Activity"** by Alina Tysoe.



## David Harrison & Friends: David's Greatest Hits

Tuesday, September 30, 6:30–8 p.m. for all ages in the auditorium. Beloved local author David Harrison has been writing books and poetry for over 55 years. On his final day as Missouri's poet laureate, David and friends Judy Domeny Bowen, the Byron Biggers Band, and students from Holland and David Harrison Elementary Schools will present his greatest hits — hand-picked by his biggest fan: his wife, Sandy. Light refreshments will be served. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



## "Monster House" Movie & Craft

Friday, October 3, 6–7:30 p.m. for ages 7 and older in the auditorium. Watch **"Monster House,"** rated PG, while painting and crafting your own haunted monster house. Materials will be provided.



## Kindergarten Fun Fest

Saturdays, October 4–November 22, 11 a.m. for ages 4–6 in the Story Hour Room. Build school readiness skills as children and their adults work together to learn all about the farm through stories, songs and activities.

## Halloween Storytime

Friday, October 31, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the auditorium. Dress up and enjoy some not-so-spooky stories, songs and a trick-or-treat parade around the Library.

## DIY Paper Cornucopia

Sunday–Monday, November 2–3, 2 p.m. for ages 7–12 in the Story Hour Room. Fall is in the air! Get cozy and create a cornucopia and other abundant items using paper. Materials will be provided.



## Thinking Money for Kids: Making Moo-Lah

For ages 6–12 in the auditorium. Think you've got what it takes to plan a party or run a profitable farm? Learn about money, saving and spending through games — and enter to win a prize. Thinking Money for Kids is an initiative of the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

- Friday, November 7, 2:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. *Registration required; call 417-616-0526.*
- Saturday, November 8, 10–11:30 a.m.

## "Spy School" Challenge

Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m. for ages 7–12 in the Story Hour Room. Do you have what it takes to get accepted to "Spy School"? Try different challenges and puzzles to see if you could be like Ben Ripley and attend the CIA Academy of Espionage.

## "Guinness World Records" Party

Friday, November 14, 4–6 p.m. for ages 7–14 in the auditorium. Celebrate the 70th anniversary of "Guinness World Records" for International Guinness World Records Day. Try fun challenges and see how your skills stack up against past record-holders. While no official records will be verified, all supplies will be provided to put your abilities to the test.



## Game On! Celebrate International Games Month

Sunday, November 16, 2–4 p.m. for ages 5–adult in the Story Hour Room. Celebrate two of our favorite things — books and board games — with help from Village Meeple Board Game Cafe! Test your skills with games themed around stories, libraries and all things literary.

## Library Station

### LOVE BOOKS



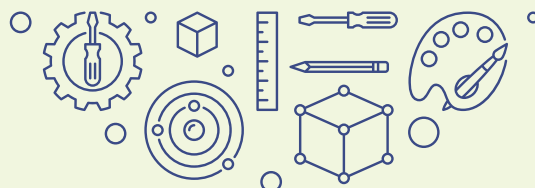
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- **Pajama Storytime for infants–age 6:** Tuesdays, September 2–November 25 (except November 11), 6:30 p.m.



# STEAM



### STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday

Thursdays, 2 p.m. for ages 6–12. Use science, technology, engineering, art and math to solve exciting challenges! Play activities will be available in the room for siblings age 5 and under. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. *Call 417-616-0673 to register.*

- September 11: **Minecraft STEAM!** Use a variety of skills to take part in Minecraft-themed educational activities. *Registration starts August 28.*
- October 16: **Weather fun!** Learn about types of clouds, the water cycle and storms through related activities. *Registration starts October 2.*
- November 6: **Math puzzles!** Put your math skills to the test with number-based games, clever puzzles and creative ways to tackle equations. *Registration starts October 23.*

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Saturdays, 2 p.m. for ages 6–12 in the Frisco Room. Use science, technology, engineering, art and math to solve

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### Mini Tour of the Globe

Friday, October 17, 4–6 p.m. for all ages. Travel the globe in one afternoon at this come-and-go-event where Missouri State University international students will share art, dance, music and more from a diverse array of cultures.

### Monster Mash Costume Parade

Saturday, October 25, 11 a.m. for infants–age 6. Show off your costume at our annual parade! We'll meet in the Children's Department for not-so-scary stories, then parade through the library and collect treats. Older siblings are welcome.

## Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

### PLAY WITH LETTERS



### Racing to Read Storytime

Thursdays, September 4–November 20, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children's Department. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.



### Art Exploration

Tuesdays, September 9 and October 14, 3:30 p.m. for ages 9–12 in the Children's Department. Explore new materials and techniques, focusing on creativity and self-expression. Experiment, have fun and put the process front and center. Materials will be provided.





### Hitting the Road with Racing to Read

Thursdays, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Explore the Library’s Roads to Reading through books, songs and fun activities.

- September 11: **Love Books.** Have fun reading books you enjoy.
- September 25: **Sing & Rhyme.** Play with rhythms, tunes and playful word patterns.
- October 9: **Tell Stories.** Create stories, play make-believe and be a storyteller.
- October 23: **Talk & Read.** Discover a world of words.
- November 6: **Play With Letters.** Find print everywhere.

### Zombie Vegetables

Friday, September 19, 4–6 p.m.

for ages 8–12 in the upstairs meeting room. Got some less-than-perfect veggies? Don’t toss them — turn them into a tasty soup or stew and learn how to make your food dollars stretch by wasting less. Provided in partnership with the University of Missouri Extension Greene County and Springfield Community Gardens. Food Allergy

Notice: Please be advised that food prepared here may contain these ingredients: milk, eggs, wheat, soybean, peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish and sesame. Please notify staff if you have a food allergy. *Registration starts September 13; call 417-616-0503.*



### Night at the Haunted Library

Saturday, October 25, 6:30–8:30 p.m. for families with children of all ages. Enjoy a spooktacular night of after-hours fun with creepy games, scary stories, crafts, treats and punch. Families welcome; all youth must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

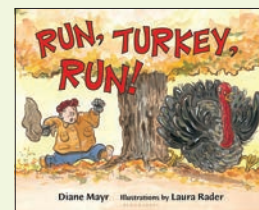
### “Eek! Halloween!”: A Boynton Halloween Storytime

Thursday, October 30, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Wear your costume and enjoy a festive Boynton Halloween storytime with books, songs and activities.



### “Run, Turkey, Run!”

Thursday, November 20, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6 in the Children’s Department. Celebrate Thanksgiving with a festive storytime filled with books, songs and activities — featuring “Run, Turkey, Run!” by Diane Mayr.



## Park Central Branch Library



<https://sgfestivaloflights.com>

### Mayor’s Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 22, 5–9 p.m. for all ages. Come downtown and enjoy all the holiday festivities during the Mayor’s Tree Lighting Holiday Show. Come in to warm up during the event, and we’ll have ornament coloring sheets, a LEGO block floor and a take-home holiday craft. Hot chocolate and candy canes will be available while supplies last.

## Republic Branch Library

### Racing to Read Storytime



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## Republic Branch continued



### Reading Pals

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. for ages 5–12. Our friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks need your help – they love a good story but can't read. Practice your reading skills with these furry, loveable friends. *Call 417-732-7284 to register.*

- September 4: *Registration starts August 21.*
- October 2: *Registration starts September 18.*
- November 6: *Registration starts October 23.*

### Dino Tales

Saturday, November 15, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Celebrate Dinovember with us as we roar, stomp and chomp our way through some books about our prehistoric pals! Be sure to stay after and try to spot all the hidden dinosaurs in the branch.

## Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

### Kid Librarian Initiative

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a librarian? Kids ages 10–13 can apply to be a kid Librarian for a week at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch. Create your own book display, explore behind-the-scenes library work and ask questions about what we do. Pick up an application at the Youth Services desk between September 1–15.



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- **For infants–age 6:** Wednesdays, September 3–November 26, 11 a.m.

### The Pretenders

Fridays, September 12, October 10 and November 14, 10 a.m. for ages 3–7. Play is one of your child's best teachers. We'll provide a variety of play stations designed to promote imagination, spark creativity and promote social-emotional development.

### Pet Photo Contest

For all ages. Does your dog look great in a bowtie, or your cat enjoy dressing up in Tudor attire? Submit photos of your costumed pet to [bwdys@thelibrary.org](mailto:bwdys@thelibrary.org) by September 14. Staff will choose the top three well-dressed pets, and winners will be announced on September 22. Winners will receive a prize, and submissions will be displayed in the branch from September 28–November 24.



## Strafford Branch Library

### Racing to Read Storytime



Thursdays, September 4–November 20, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6.

Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

### A Curious Celebration

Thursday, September 18, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Celebrate the birthday of H.A. Rey, creator of Curious George! We'll read books about our favorite swinging primate and even have monkey-inspired crafts and activities.

### Slime Science

Thursday, September 18, 3–5 p.m. for ages 5–12. Have a messy fun time making slime and learning the science behind it — and you can even take some slime home with you! Materials will be provided.





## Reading Pals

Saturdays, September 20, October 18 and November 15, 10 a.m.–noon for ages 5–12. Practice your reading skills with Evie, our friend from Alliance of Therapy Pets.

## Storybook Pumpkin Patch

Thursday, October 16, 3–5 p.m. for ages 5–12. Pick a pumpkin from the library patch and decorate it to look like your favorite book character. Materials will be provided. *Registration starts October 2; visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) or call 417-736-9233.*



## Not-So-Scary Storytime

Thursday, October 30, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. We'll have a spooky good time as we enjoy not-so-scary stories, a craft and a candy hunt through the branch. Costumes are encouraged.

## Dinovember

Thursday, November 13, 3–5 p.m. for ages 5–12. Travel back in time and learn all about some of our prehistoric pals! Channel your inner paleontologist by engaging in fun activities including games, crafts and a dino dig.

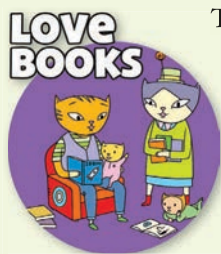


## Dino Tales

Thursday, November 20, 10 a.m. for infants–age 6. Celebrate Dinovember with us as we roar, stomp and chomp our way through some books about our prehistoric pals! Be sure to stay after and try to spot all the hidden dinosaurs in the branch.

## Willard Branch Library

### Racing to Read Storytime



Tuesdays, September 2–November 25 (except November 11), 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

## LEGO Brick Builders

Tuesdays, September 2, October 7 and November 4, 4 p.m. for all ages. Bring the whole family to our LEGO brick free-for-all and challenge yourself to build something together.



## Science Time with STEAM Kits

Mondays, September 15, October 20 and November 17, 2 p.m. for ages 5–12. Come explore science with the Library's STEAM Kits, featuring a different kit each month.



## Car Seat Check-Up with the Willard Fire Department

Tuesday, September 16, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Enjoy a special storytime with the Willard Fire Department, featuring a check to ensure car seats are properly installed and a fire truck for everyone to see.



## Halloween Storytime

Tuesday, October 28, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Dress up in your costume and share in some Halloween stories, songs and crafts.

## Dino Tales

Tuesday, November 4, 10:30 a.m. for infants–age 6. Celebrate Dinovember with us as we roar, stomp and chomp our way through some books about our prehistoric pals! Be sure to stay after and try to spot all the hidden dinosaurs in the branch.

Look for Rob and Mary making 25 stops every week this fall with the Mobile Library.



## Mobile Library Stops for September–November 2025

We're delivering books, movies and CDs to your neighborhood.

### Mondays

- Cobblestone Apts., 2865 S. Ingram Mill Road, 2:30–3 p.m.
- South Tower, 770 South Ave., 3:20–3:50 p.m.
- Madison Tower, 421 W. Madison St., 3:55–4:40 p.m.
- Stillwell Columns, 525 S. Campbell Ave., 4:45–5:30 p.m.
- Turners Station, 6484 E. Farm Road 148, Turners, 6–6:30 p.m.
- Eastview Apts., 2120 S. Ingram Mill Road, 6:45–7:15 p.m.

### Tuesdays

- Battlefield Towers, 1451 E. Woodland St., 1:20–2 p.m.
- Jenny Lind Hall Apts., 711 S. Jefferson Ave., 2:20–2:50 p.m.
- James Place Apts., 2420 W. Grand St., 3:05–3:35 p.m.
- S. Clifton Ave. & W. Delmar St. off W. Grand St., 3:45–4:15 p.m.
- John B. Hughes Apts., 2100 N. Clifton Ave., 4:30–5 p.m.
- Walnut Grove, parked at the school, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

### Wednesdays

- Ebenezer Community Center, 1624 W. Farm Road 56, 2:30–3 p.m.
- Glenwood Manor, 2540 N. Delaware Ave., 3:20–3:50 p.m.
- Cedarwood Terrace area, N. Pickwick Ave. & E. Turner St., 4–4:30 p.m.
- Cedarbrook Apartments, 811 N. Cedarbrook Ave., 4:45–5:15 p.m.
- Woodfield Park Apartments, 2759 E. Pythian St., 5:20–5:50 p.m.
- Country Club Village Apts., Wildan & Cinderella, 6–6:30 p.m.
- Green Way Village Apts., 722 E. Glenwood St., 6:45–7:15 p.m.

### Thursdays

- Nu Elm Apts., 440 S. New Ave., 2:30–3 p.m.
- Westport Park Apts., 250 N. Hilton Ave., 3:15–3:45 p.m.
- Beacon Village Apts., 639 N. Eldon Ave., 4–4:30 p.m.
- Vintage Hills, 4781 Silo Hills Drive, 5–5:30 p.m.
- Bent Tree Subdivision, 1015 Brecklyn Road S., 5:45–6:15 p.m.
- Craigmont Place, 719 S. Wabash Ave., 6:45–7:15 p.m.



# ON EXHIBIT



Left: From **Imaginarium**: Artwork by Teresa Fry, on exhibit at Park Central Branch Library, September.  
Right: From **Life as a Fairytale**: Artwork by Zach Ledbetter, on exhibit at Park Central Branch Library, November.

## Library Center

- **The Comics Series: Oil and Acrylic on Canvas** by Jeremiah Gill, Reading Room, September
- **Celebrate Magic**, courtesy of Ozark Mountain Magicians & Illusionists, concourse, September
- **Scouting in the Ozarks**, Local History, September–November
- **R. Ritchie Robertson: Conductor of the Boy Scout Band**, Local History, September–November
- **The David Eslick Photograph Collection**, Local History Magic Box, September–November
- **Reflections: Artwork** by Nada Rashad, Reading Room, October
- **Beasts of the Anthropocene Dark: Artwork** by Chad Woody, concourse, October
- **Colors Speak Soul and Emotions of ART** by Weirong Y. Schaefer, Reading Room, November

- **Around the World with Stamps**, courtesy of Jerry Berry, concourse, November

## Library Station

- **Classic Monster Paraphernalia**, courtesy of a local collector, September–November
- **Seasons, Souls and Still Life: Paintings** by Studio 55 Arts Guild, September–November

## Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

- **Nature Photography** by Brian and Annette Cormack, September–November
- **Artwork** by Doug Steere, September–November

## Park Central Branch Library

- **Imaginarium: Artwork** by Teresa Fry, September
- **Abstract Art with Tremors: Artwork** by Doug Steere, October

- **Life as a Fairytale: Artwork** by Zach Ledbetter, November

## Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

- **Visit Missouri: Photography** by the Southwest Missouri Camera Club, September
- **Hallway of Horror: Movie Posters**, courtesy of Tod Jackson, October
- **Places: Watercolor Paintings** by Melissa Gerhold, November

Regional artists and collectors are invited to exhibit their works and collections at the library branches listed. Those interested in booking a display may contact the individual branch. Artists may price their work for sale through the Library after first obtaining a City of Springfield business license (if at a city library). The Library recommends a donation to The Library Foundation of 20 percent from any sales made during an exhibit.



# Springfield-Greene County Library District

4653 S. Campbell Ave. • Springfield, Missouri 65810  
Administrative Offices/Community Relations: 417-883-5366 • TDD: 417-882-0714

## LOCATIONS/HOURS

### The Library Center

4653 S. Campbell Ave. • 417-882-0714

Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

#### Drive-up window:

Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.  
Friday 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Ash Grove Branch Library

101 E. Main St., Ash Grove • 417-751-2933

Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Fair Grove Branch Library

81 S. Orchard Blvd., Fair Grove  
417-759-2637

Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Saturday 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

### The Library Station

2535 N. Kansas Expressway • 417-865-1340

Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.  
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Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

397 E. Central St. • 417-862-0135

Monday–Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

#### Computer Training Center and Maker

**Space:** Registration/appointments required, call 417-837-5011.

### Outreach Services

4653 S. Campbell Ave.

**Mobile Library/Walking Books:**  
417-883-6112

### Park Central Branch Library

128 Park Central Square • 417-831-1342

Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
First Friday open 6:30–9 p.m.

### Republic Branch Library

921 N. Lindsey Ave., Republic • 417-732-7284

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

#### Drive-up window:

Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Saturday 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library

2214 Brentwood Blvd. • 417-883-1974

Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

#### Drive-up window:

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Friday 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Stafford Branch Library

101 S. State Highway 125, Stafford  
417-736-9233

Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

### Willard Branch Library

304 E. Jackson St., Willard • 417-742-4258

Monday–Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

#### Drive-up window:

Monday–Saturday, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Pick up and return only:

- **Library Express East**  
3263 E. Chestnut Expressway
- **Library Express West**  
Orchard Plaza, 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway
- **Ruby's/Price Cutter Book Stop**  
3260 E. Battlefield Road

## BORROWING

### Library Cards

- Library Cards are issued free to Greene County residents or those who pay property tax in Greene County. Complete an application at the checkout desk of any library. Identification and proof of current address are required. Those who pay property tax in Greene County, but do not live there, must bring a copy of their current Greene County property tax receipt.
- Those living outside Greene County may obtain a Non-resident Library Card for an \$80 annual fee per household.
- Individuals may apply online for a temporary library card by completing an online registration form at [thelibrary.org/temporarycard](http://thelibrary.org/temporarycard). Within seven days you must either email a valid form of ID and proof of current address to [sgcl.verify@thelibrary.org](mailto:sgcl.verify@thelibrary.org) or bring the required documents to any library branch to complete the registration process. This allows you to place physical materials on hold, access the Library's online databases and e-books, audiobooks, movies, music and magazines. Applications processed online will require cardholders to present a photo ID the first time the card is used to check out materials in person.
- College, vocational or university students living in Greene County in campus housing, but with a permanent residence outside of Greene County, may be issued a Library Card at no charge. Proof of campus address required.

### Checkout Limits/Fines

- Library materials check out for three weeks; overdue fine is 10¢ per day, per item.
- The maximum fine is \$5 for each returned adult item and \$1 for each returned children's item.
- Items may be renewed for two additional loan periods if not reserved by someone else. Renew items in person, by phone or online at [thelibrary.org/myaccount](http://thelibrary.org/myaccount).
- There is a checkout limit of 50 items per card.
- Report lost or stolen cards promptly. Replacement cards are \$1 each.

## INTERNET

### Library Website: [thelibrary.org](http://thelibrary.org)

- Download e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines and video.
- Ask A Librarian at [thelibrary.org/ask](http://thelibrary.org/ask).
- Follow us at [facebook.com/thelibrary.org](http://facebook.com/thelibrary.org) and [instagram.com/springfieldgreeneountylibrary](http://instagram.com/springfieldgreeneountylibrary).
- Free Wi-Fi is available at all locations.
- Check out a hot spot at [thelibrary.org/catalog](http://thelibrary.org/catalog).

### COOLcat Online Catalog: [thelibrary.org/catalog](http://thelibrary.org/catalog)

- Search the catalog of the Springfield-Greene County Libraries and members of the Consortium Of Ozarks Libraries.
- Reserve and renew materials, view your account, suggest titles and pay fees online through our secure server.
- Telephone renewal: 417-882-2087.