

Springfield City Library

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# EVENT GUIDE

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A Collage of Paintings from the Artistic Minds and Winners of Our Children's Room "Discover Your Summer" Poster Contest.



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## FEATURED EVENTS

**Art Central: Portraits by Kathleen Morris** Kathleen Morris, a Springfield based painter and sculptor, displays her new art show for the months of May and June. Her painted portraits from the Arts and Naps collection are unique, bold, and deeply personal making for an interesting and intimate display. Funding provided by the Friends of the Library. All ages. Wednesday May 1- June 27 | During Open Hours | Central Library | All Ages

**Keep Your Computer Safe from Viruses and Malware** "It's estimated that 16 million U.S. households have had serious computer viruses and another 8 million fell victim to spyware/ransom ware. Together they account for billions of dollars in lost files, money, and time." Library staff Doryz Zelaya and Reggie Wilson will lead this program full of valuable tips on keeping your computer secure. Saturday, June 1 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 15+

**Fake News: Telling Fact from Fake** Do you wonder which news is real and which news sources you can trust? Come to this workshop to learn how to identify biases and fake news, find reliable news sources, and look beyond the headlines. Light refreshments, compliments of the Friends of the Library, will be served at 5:45. Ability with a mouse and keyboard are needed to participate in this interactive workshop. Since space is limited, please preregister. Monday, June 3 | 5:45-7:30 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 15+

**Discover Your Summer Kickoff!** Start your summer right by joining your neighbors at the Library for an afternoon of fun! There will be a scavenger hunts, craft activities, and more. Find out about our Summer Reading Program: Discover Your Summer, Your Story, Your Library.

Brightwood Branch  
Monday, June 10 | 1-3PM

Central Library  
Monday, June 17 | 5-8 PM | Ages 1-6

East Forest Park Branch  
Wednesday, June 5 | 3-5 PM | Cool down with ice cream, meet Sparky the Fire Dog, and learn about keeping safe. Visit with Springfield Firefighters in a fire truck.

East Springfield Branch  
Wednesday, June 19 | 1:00-8:00 PM | Special visit from Tom Ricardi and Birds of Prey at 3 PM

Forest Park Branch

Monday June, 17 | 3-5 PM | Join us for an afternoon of fun with students from the UMASS Polymer Science and Engineering graduate program. We'll do experiments and make slime, and see how polymer shapes the world of space exploration.

Indian Orchard Branch

Monday, June 17 | 12:30- 2 PM | Book giveaway, made possible through the Springfield Housing Authority and Book Rich Environments Initiative (BRE)

Mason Square Branch

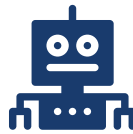
Wednesdays | 4:15-5 PM | Visit from Insterskate 91's Roo, outdoor games and refreshments

Library Express at Pine Point

Monday, June 17 | 2-4 PM

Sixteen Acres Branch

Monday, June 17 | 1- 5 PM | Special activity stations



**Tech Discovery** Join us each week for Tech Discovery, a program all about fun with computer science. Each week, we'll explore a different activity. There will be computer gaming with Minecraft and Roblox, coding fun with OzoBot robots and escape rooms, and engineering activities including Snap Circuits! Tech Discovery is brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

**Week Six:** Play and experiment with robotics! We'll learn programming using the Ozobot Bit robot, and showcase other robots.

**Week Seven:** Learn about makerspaces and all the things you can make with the Makey Makey device!

**Week Eight:** Design your own project for the 3D printer with Tinkercad software. We will print what you make!

Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19 | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library | Ages 8-12

## EVENTS FOR TODDLERS

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

**Bilingual Storytime** Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, a craft, and playtime.\*  
Wednesdays | 1:30-2:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 1-6

**Hora de cuentos bilingües** Acompañenos para cuentos, canciones, actividades, y tiempo para jugar. No requiere inscripción previa. Un adulto debe acompañar a los niños. Los miércoles | 1:30 a 2:30 PM | el sucursal Brightwood | Para niños de 12 meses a 6 años de edad, y los hermanos son bienvenidos.

**Neighborhood Playgroup** Come join us for fun and learning at a playgroup facilitated by the Children's Librarian. Meet other families, ask the librarian about great books for your child, enjoy the toys in our Activity Center, make art projects, and so much more!

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

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

**Neighborhood Playgroup: Mother Goose Edition** Mother Goose is dropping by to start off a summer of educational fun! She'll be on hand to greet youngsters and share some of her favorite rhymes, songs and finger plays. Plus, your family will enjoy our usual playgroup offerings of engaging toys, diverse books and a special craft. Join us outside (weather permitting) or in the Community Room for a memorable program. Family Storytime is presented in collaboration with Home.City.Families.



Thursdays | 10:30-11:30 AM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 0-5, siblings welcome

**Toddler Art Club** Join us this summer for a toddler art group every Tuesday morning at the Forest Park Branch Library. Every week, we'll do a new simple craft to get your toddler thinking creatively and using their basic motor skills. It's time to get messy! Tuesdays 10:30- 11:30 AM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 2-5 siblings welcome

**Let's Build Together!** Does your child love to build? Drop by to try out Legos, Keva Planks Magna Tiles, a marble run and more! Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> | 11:00 AM – 3 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 3+ siblings welcome. Children 7 and under must be accompanied and consistently supervised by an adult.

**Infant/Toddler Storytime** Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, a craft, and playtime. Thursdays | 10:30-11:30 AM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 6 months-36 months

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

**Family Storytime** Songs, stories, crafts, and more!

Indian Orchard Branch\*  
Mondays | 10:30-11:30 AM | Ages 1-6  
Library Express at Pine Point  
Wednesdays | 4:15-5 PM | Ages 4-10  
Sixteen Acres Branch\*  
Tuesdays | 1:30-2:30 PM | Ages 0-5

## EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

**Hello Sunshine, Let's Party!** Please join us for an early summer celebration with outdoor games, activities, music, and light refreshments. A supervising adult must accompany children 7 and under as well as individuals who typically require specialized care. This event is intended for all ages. Saturday, June 1 | 12-2:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | All Ages – Supervising Adult Must Accompany Children Under 7

**Blast Off to Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt** Every week during the month of June, there will be space themed research scavenger hunt where all the answers can be found within books and other library materials! For each completed scavenger hunt, the participant will be entered in a raffle for a space themed prize pack. One entry per week per participant. Explore the universe through your neighborhood library! Weekly for the Month of June | During Open Hours. | Forest Park Branch | Ages 7-18

**Butterfly Bonanza** For the entire month of June, our library locations will be growing and raising their own Painted Lady Butterflies. Come visit daily to watch them grow and change from larvae to beautiful butterflies! At the end of the month, we'll set the butterflies free in our reading garden with your help! June 1-29 | Open Hours | Central, Mason Square, East Springfield, Forest Park, and Indian Orchard Branches

**Discover Geocaching** Geocaching is a real life treasure hunt! Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find a cache hidden at that location. Geocaching is a family friendly way to exercise both your mind and body. Ask a librarian for a Quickstart Guide and find your first cache here at the library! Visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) for more information and to download the app. Monday, June 17-August 17 During Open Hours | Central Library Children's Program Room

**Bugs, Birds, Fish and Fun!** Bug catching in the Reading Garden, learn about pollinators and have fun in nature. Program sponsored by the Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife. Wednesday, June 12 | 3:30- 4:30 PM | Mason Square Branch

**What a Mess! Messy Outdoor Art Projects** Become a messy artist with our fun outdoor art projects.

Make sure you dress for a mess while making your masterpiece. Wednesday, June 26 | 2:30- 4:30 PM | East Springfield Branch

**Mason Square Spelling Bee Finale** Come cheer on your favorite spellers at the finale of the Deberry School spelling bee. Grades 1-5 will be sending finalists to compete. Refreshments will be served. Thursday, June 6 | 3:30- 5:00 PM Mason Square Branch | All Ages

**Parent and Child: Yoga and Mindfulness** Join us for family yoga with instructor Tamara Kennedy! Learn how to obtain physical and mental well-being for yourself and your child from this ancient practice.

Mindfulness and meditation practices will be covered, as well as nutritional tips.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Recommended for ages 4+ but all are welcome. Please register in advance as space is limited. This program is funded by a grant from the Springfield Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Saturday, June 1 | 1:30- 2:30 PM | East Forest Park | Ages 4+

Saturday, June 8 | 1:30- 2:30 PM | Sixteen Acres | Ages 4+

**Make a Father's Day Card** Make a card to show that special man in your life how much you appreciate him on Father's Day and every day! Don't forget to make one for Grampa and Uncle Bob too! All supplies provided Saturday, June 1-15 | During Open Hours | All Locations | For Families.

**Read to Cadence the Dog** Megan Marshall, a Bright Spot Reading Buddies volunteer, will bring her dog Cadence to the library so kids can read to her. Kids ages 4-10 can sign up for a 10-minute slot. Bring your child's favorite book. Designed to help kids gain confidence and reduce anxiety about reading. Monthly, 1st Saturdays | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM | Sixteen Acres | Ages 4-10 | Register Online

**Read to Momo: A Dog Who Listens** Children are invited to read to Momo, a Bright Spot Therapy Dog, in a small group setting. Call 263-6843 for more information. Wednesdays | 3:30-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Children

**Art and Recyclables Makerspace** Learn and explore in our makerspace! This creative space for kids and their families is chock full of art supplies and recycled

stuff waiting to be transformed. Everyday | During open hours | Sixteen Acres Branch | Children

**Family Time - Imagine Explore Create** Join us for stories, songs, activities, and crafts. Fun for the whole family! Saturdays | 10:30-11:30 AM | Central Library Children's Program Room | All ages

**LEGO Clubs** Let your imagination run wild! Indian Orchard Branch Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Children Library Express at Pine Point Wednesdays | 5-5:45 PM | Ages 5-10

Mason Square Branch Thursdays | 5-6 PM | Children Sixteen Acres Branch Mondays | 1:30-4:30 PM | Ages 5-10

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

Indian Orchard Branch Saturdays | 12-2:30 PM | Ages 8+ Library Express at Pine Point Fridays | 3-4:30 PM | Ages 8-18

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

**Mad Science Labs** Drop in and try some fun & innovative science experiments. Monthly, 1st Saturdays | 12:30-2:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Children

**American Girl Club** Make a craft and enjoy a snack based on each month's chosen American Girl's time period. Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | 4-5 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 6-14 | Preregistration encouraged, call 413-263-6840

**Family Craft Night** Monthly craft night. Come have fun! Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays | 6:30-7:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | All ages



## EVENTS FOR TEENS

**New! Get a Job with the U.S. Census Bureau** Wileen Jamison, a recruiting assistant for the U.S. Census Bureau, will be at the Mason Square Branch Library helping patrons apply for jobs with the Census. Workers for the Census Bureau help Congress understand our state, and determine how funds are spent in the community. There are a variety of positions available for a range of skills, and Wileen will help you create an account, apply for the job, and more. Anyone 18 or older can apply, and you do not need a resume though it is encouraged. Wileen will be available on:

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

- Tuesday June 11 from 2-5:00 PM
- Thursday June 20 from 6-8:00 PM

Mason Square Branch | Ages 18+

**No Sew T-shirt Tote Bag** Be ahead of the trend! Today's trend is to bring your own tote bags to stores, especially now that many stores have announced plans to stop providing single use plastic bags for purchases. Rather than purchasing reusable bags you can make your own personal tote bags with t-shirts. You will learn a super easy way to convert a t-shirt into a versatile, washable, reusable tote bag, and in a way that does not require any sewing. T-shirts and tools for creating the tote bags are provided at the program but participants are welcome to bring their own t-shirts. Thursday, June 13 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Forest Park Branch | Ages 12+

Tuesday, June 18 | 4-5:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 12+

**Not Your Ordinary Coloring Club for Teens** Feeling stressed? Join our Not Your Ordinary Coloring Club for Teens. We supply the crayons, pencils and pens and coloring pages. Just drop by and color your stress away. Fridays | 1-5 PM | Indian Orchard | Ages 12-18

**Teen Tuesdays** Looking for something to do after school? Come to the library and explore what's inside. Enjoy the company of others or a little alone time. Tuesdays | 1-7 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 12-18

**Comics Club** Do you anxiously await the next Marvel movie? Who's the coolest character in anime? This club is for you! Members create the agenda and our monthly events. Come and geek out with us! Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays | 4:30-5:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 12-18

**What-ifs & Fix-Its: A Fanfiction Club for Teens** Join us as pop-culture fans explore their favorite characters and create stories of their own through fanfiction. We'll have advice sessions for beginners and writing prompts. You'll even have an opportunity to submit your work to the library's teen blog! Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 11-18 |

**Comic Book Creation** Did you ever want to create your own comic books, graphic novels, or webcomics? Whether you are an artist or a writer, work on your project with fellow enthusiasts. Snacks will be provided. Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 10-18



**Chess Club** Drop in and practice your

chess moves or learn how to play! Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 7-18

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

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

Monthly, 3rd Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-18

**Stargazing 101: Find Objects in Outer Space** This, the second in the Stargazing series, introduces ways to find planets, stars, and constellations in the night sky using top-rated planetarium apps. We'll use a finder scope to lock onto night sky objects, and, weather permitting; we will view the night's sky using a Dobsonian telescope. This program introduces some of the best websites to learn more about our solar system too. Monday, June 24 | 6:15-7:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 13+

**Tabletop Tennis and Air Hockey** Teens are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun playing tabletop tennis/ping pong and air hockey. Play for bragging rights or just for fun! Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays | 3:30-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-18



**Game ON!** Drop in and play your favorite Wii games in the community room! Snacks provided. Monthly, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Branch | Ages 11-18

**Make and Take: Galaxy Jars & NASA Apps** Participants will be making Galaxy Jars to take home in this Massachusetts Summer Reading themed space activity. Out of this world snacks will be served along with a chance to take NASA selfies and explore the International Space Station in Google Cardboard Virtual Reality. The universe awaits! Thursday, June 20 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Forest Park Program Den

**TEEN LEADERSHIP** Here's your chance to meet and share ideas about improving library programming for teens, plan events, give input for materials purchasing and other fun activities. Light refreshments will be served. \*\*

Teen Advisory Board at East Springfield Monthly, 1st Fridays | 3:30-4:30 PM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 13-18

Teen Readers Advisory Panel at Sixteen Acres Monthly, last Tuesdays | 4:30-5:45 PM | Sixteen Acres

## EVENTS FOR ADULTS

### Poetry Reading by Carol (Hinckley) Deering

Springfield native Carol Deering returns to town to offer a reading of her new poetry book *Havoc and Solace: Poems from the Inland West*. From the publisher's notes: *Havoc and Solace* is a shining example of accessible and engaging poetry that restores a vital connection with nature. Through the eyes of an award-winning poet, these poems take us beyond physical, mental, and historical constraints to the wild, beating heart of a life in the American... West." Refreshments come with compliments from the Friends of the Library\*\* Friday, June 28 | 3:30-5:00 PM | Mason Square Branch | Ages 18+

**Organize Your Genealogy** Do you feel overwhelmed with your collection of family history records, or do you experience *deja vu* as your "rediscover" things you already had? Take this hands-on workshop with Hillary Schau to learn how to well-organize your print files including family trees, paper document, loose photos, family artifacts, and more. Saturday, June 15 | 1-3 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+

**Organize Your Digital Genealogy** Take this hands-on workshop with Hillary Schau to learn how to well-organize your digital files including documents, census images, family photos, web pages, email messages, and more. Saturday, June 22 | 1-3 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+ Funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



**Computers for Today** Computers are changing and so are our uses of them. Take this 3-part, introductory series to strengthen your computer skills and gain confidence with using the Internet, organizing your files, editing documents, and more.

- June 18, part 1, will focus on using the Internet, and editing documents
- June 25, part 2, will explore search engines, and focus on file management
- July 2, part 3, will continue working on file management, explore the Invisible Web, and more

Sign-up for all three and get the most out of what this program has to offer. Free coffee and tea compliments of the Friends of the Library.\*\*

All classes on Tuesdays, 10:30 AM-12 PM | Central

Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+ | For more information visit our website

**Introduction to Social Media** Social media is changing the world as it affects how we work, play, socialize, and communicate. Come see how it works in this introduction to the leading social media websites including Facebook and Twitter. Completion of the library's program *Computers for Today* or equivalent will help you get the most out of this program. Thursday, June 13 | 10:30 AM-12:00 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 18+

**Job Training Information Table** Want to improve your job skills or change careers? Stop by the Job Training Information Table to find out about free job training offered in the Springfield/Holyoke area. The information table will be staffed by workforce development specialists from Holyoke Community College. Thursday, June 20 | 2-4 PM | Central Library Rotunda | Ages 16+

**Brightwood Gallery Presents the Springfield Preservation Trust's Award Winners** One of Springfield's many assets is its wonderful housing stock and historic properties. See photographs of its beautiful homes and impressive architecture meticulously restored by scores of its residents and property owners. From Queen Ann Victorians to colonial revivals and many other styles, there is great variety and beauty. On display are the 2018 and 2019 Springfield Preservation Trust award winners, a local advocacy group for historic preservation. [www.springfieldpreservation.org](http://www.springfieldpreservation.org) Monday, June 3- Thursday, June 27 | During Open Hours | Brightwood Branch | All Ages

**Pastel Paint with Greg Maichack** Artist and instructor Greg Maichack returns with his popular pastel painting workshop. Using his easy-to-follow method of how to use pastels, participants will recreate Claude Monet's sailboats with striking likeness! Good for even the beginner, this guided workshop will give adult learners a realistic, take-home painting as well as an enjoyable learning experience. This program is made possible by funds from the Springfield Cultural Council, a local agency that received funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Space is limited, so please sign-up with a librarian. Saturday, June 15 | 12-2 PM | East Forest Park Branch | Ages 18+

**Allergies and Asthma** Do you have sneezing attacks or a mysterious rash that won't go away? Is your community suffering from sky high asthma rates? Hear Dr. Jackie Garrett, a board certified pediatric allergist, talk about allergies, their causes, symptoms, and

treatments. Dr. Garrett's booklet "Does My Child Have a Food Allergy?" will be available for sale and signing. Refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library. | Saturday, June 22 | 3:15- 4:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 15+

**Walking Club** Staff will lead a 30 minute walk near the branch tailored to the pace and needs of those in attendance from relaxed to brisk. Please wear sturdy walking shoes and comfortable clothing, and bring rainwear if necessary. Bottled water provided compliments of the Friends of the Library.\*\* Rain or Shine | Thursdays | 2-2:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 18+



**Tai Chi** Tai Chi is a slow motion, low impact form of exercise suitable for people of any age. It is often referred to as "moving meditation" and has been practiced in the Far East for thousands of years. Enjoy its graceful flow, and experience the benefits it can bring to balance, coordination, focus, and calm. Class will be instructed by Certified Tai Chi Instructor Dr. Emanuel Brown. Monthly, 1st Saturdays | 10-11 AM | East Springfield Branch | Ages 10+

**Write-Up Springfield!** Calling all creative writers! A new group has started to workshop your writing, and network on creative writing opportunities, techniques, and styles. The group meets once a month, and always welcomes new members. Funding provided by the Friends of the Library. Saturday, June 8 | 1-3 PM | Central Library Community Room | Ages 18+

**Revival: A Literary Arts Spotlight** Enjoy the readings of poets and other literary artists in this showcase of creative writing. Writers from different genres will share their recent creations for everyone to enjoy. A mid-program social is included complete with refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Library to give everyone a chance to meet the artists. To find out more and to be invited as a speaker for a future Revival, contact María Luisa Arroyo at: mlarroyo67@hotmail.com. Saturday, June 15 | 12:30-2:30 PM | Mason Square Community Room | Ages 18+

**New! Chair Yoga for Seniors** Come experience the gentle art of yoga. Increase well-being, flexibility, and balance during this relaxing half-hour session. Chair yoga is perfect for those with limited mobility. *This project funded by Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc., the MA Executive Office for Elder Affairs and the Federal Administration for Community Living.* Monthly, 1st Wednesdays | 10:30 AM-11 AM | Indian Orchard Branch | For seniors 60+ and their caregivers

**You're Invited! Morning Meet-Up for Seniors** Grab

some books, work on a project, or catch up with a friend over coffee while making new friends and checking out the library. Senior services reps will be there, too! Funded through Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc., the MA Executive Office for Elder Affairs, and the Federal Administration for Community Living. Wednesdays | 9:30-11 AM | Indian Orchard Community Room | Seniors 60+ and their caregivers

**A Bookish Breakfast** Enjoy a lively discussion about popular short stories, or just socialize over breakfast with fellow book lovers. This month's story will be "L'Alchimista" by N.K. Jemisin and can be found in the novel *How Long 'Til Black Future Month?* by N.K. Jemisin. Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | 10-11 AM | Café Christo 513 Belmont Ave. Springfield | Ages 18+

**Citizenfour Documentary and Discussion** What are PRISM and XKEYSCORE? Who exactly is Edward Snowden, and why do they matter? As this massive news story was going on, an award-winning film maker was in the thick of the action. What resulted was this film, Citizenfour. Laura Poitras shows us the state of U.S. mass surveillance. What results is not only an informative look at politics, media, and power, but a compelling, real-life human drama. Afterwards, Laura Quilter of UMass Amherst and the Library Freedom Project will lead a discussion of why these issues matter and what effects these technologies have on American citizens. Rated R for language. Monday, June 10 | 5:30-8:00 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | 18+

**Craft Your Cares Away** Come "Craft Your Cares Away" with Tricia. Relax, socialize, and make a craft project to de-stress. Each month will feature a new craft. Project ideas are always welcome. Arts and craft supplies are provided. \*\* Last Mondays | 2-3 PM | East Springfield Branch | 18+

**Come for Coffee!** Stop by Friday mornings for coffee and conversation. We'll have the morning paper, as well as crosswords, puzzles, and more. Bring along your knitting or crochet projects, or meet a friend. Coffee and tea will be provided. \*\* Fridays | 9-10 AM | Brightwood Branch | 18+



**Now You're Cooking!** Calling all cooks! Discuss and share your favorite recipes in the Sixteen Acres Branch Library's new cooking club. Led by Springfield native Christina Raschi, the group will enjoy a new dish each month prepared by a different group member. Bakers and cooks of all levels and all types are always welcomed. Monthly, 3rd Tuesdays | Sixteen Acres Branch | Ages 18+

**What's Cooking Cookbook Club** Do you enjoy

cooking, or would you like to improve your cooking skills? Join the monthly Cookbook Club to hear about the latest cookbooks and share great recipes. Members may share prepared dishes for the group to sample. Monthly, 3rd Wednesdays | 10-11:30 AM | Central Library Rice Hall | Adults | Register Online

**Chair Yoga** Chair Yoga adapts yoga positions and poses while incorporating the use of a chair. Poses are done seated on the chair, or the chair is used for support during poses, bends, extensions, balances, and stretches. Suitable for all fitness levels and physical conditions. Led by Nicole Ferraro, certified yoga instructor. Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 10-11 AM | East Springfield Branch | Adults

**Chess at Sixteen Acres** Want to learn how to play chess? Would you like to improve your skills or enjoy a game with other chess enthusiasts? Come get expert training from a seasoned chess player! Tuesdays | 5:30-6:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults

**Knot Just Knitters** Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, or crewel; this is the place for you. New members are welcome; current members are willing to teach. Some yarn and needles are provided; donations are welcome. Many finished items are donated to charitable causes. Adults

East Forest Park Branch Fridays | 1-2:30 PM

East Springfield Branch Fridays | 10AM-12PM

Sixteen Acres Branch Wednesdays | 1-3 PM

Central Branch Thursdays | 12-2PM

Mason Square Thursdays | 12-2PM

**Books & Brew Book Club** Cure your mid-week blues with a lively book discussion and a brew at Nathan Bill's Bar and Restaurant. This program is geared toward 20-30 somethings, but all are welcome! Copies of the

discussion book will be available for pickup at the East Forest Park Library prior to the meeting. No sign up is required; however, please contact the branch if you have any questions. Next discussion book: *Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George. Monthly, 1st Wednesdays | 6-7 PM | 110 Island Pond Rd | Ages 21+

**U.S. History Book and Media Discussion Group** Discuss important issues concerning American history and share conversation-provoking history books you're reading. We'll also view documentaries on a number of history topics. Refreshments served. Monthly, 3rd Tuesdays | 6:15-7:15 PM | Sixteen Acres Branch | Adults

**BYOB Book Discussion Group** BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) and share your recent reads. Gain exposure to new authors, titles, and genres! Adults

Library Express at Pine Point Monthly, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 10 AM-12 PM

East Springfield Branch 1st Wednesdays | 12-1:30 PM

**Afterthoughts, a Book Discussion Group** These groups select a new book for a lively discussion every month. Library copies of the book are available at the branch. New members always welcome!

- Central Library book selection: *The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border* by Francisco Cantu (2018) nonfiction. Monthly, 2nd Tuesdays | 12-1 PM
- Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center selection: *Carnegie's Maid*, by Marie Benedict. Monthly 4th Thursdays | 10:30-1:30 AM | Ages 55+



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