



# December 2023 Family Community Activity List

*We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information. However, you should always call ahead to confirm dates, times, location, and other information!*

## Exciting Groups

**Art Inspired Academy:** Full Schedule of Classes Listed Online at <https://www.abilitiesfirst.net/art-inspired-academy/>

**Good Life Group:** The Good Life Group will also be hosting a monthly meeting. Please contact Kristie or Scott for information at [kkliwer@abilitiesfirst.net](mailto:kkliwer@abilitiesfirst.net) or [ssteelman@abilitiesfirst.com](mailto:ssteelman@abilitiesfirst.com).



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## Mark Your Calendar

**(Put the following dates on your calendar of things not to miss this coming month and next)**

**Night to Shine Registration:** Started **November 9<sup>th</sup>** – High Street Baptist Church in Springfield is excited to host Night to Shine again in person Feb 10, 2023 sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Night to Shine is a prom night for individuals with special needs age 14+. You will need to register to attend at <http://www.nighttoshinesgf.com/> under Guest Tab and also, if you would like to volunteer you need to register at the same website under Volunteer Tab. Register early before space fills up. This is an exciting night of celebration honoring individuals with Special Needs.



January has many monthly holidays and observances: [Celebration of Life Month](#), [Cervical Health Awareness Month](#), [Get a Balanced Life Month](#), [National Get Organized Month](#), [International Creativity Month](#), [National Book Blitz Month](#), [National Bath Safety Month](#), [National Birth Defects Prevention Month](#), [National Blood Donor Month](#), [National Braille Literacy Month](#), [National Clean Up Your Computer Month](#), [National Hobby Month](#), [National Mentoring Month](#), [National Oatmeal Month](#), [National Soup Month](#), [National Stalking Awareness Month](#), [Reach Your Potential Month](#), [Thyroid Awareness Month](#), [National Train Your Dog Month](#), and [National Glaucoma Awareness Month](#).



### Springfield Greene County Park Board

**Accessible Recreation Drive Thru Ceramics, Drive-Thru Ceramics** offers a safe and fun way to expand your creativity while staying safe in your own home! It's minimal interaction but maximum fun! We have ceramic projects that are ready to be your next masterpiece! There are a variety of project options - just call or email to schedule a pick-up time. Call when you arrive, and we will bring it out! **Pick-up at the Northview Center \$5-\$10, Ongoing; call 837-5808 to reserve a pick-up time.**

**Wednesday Morning Ceramics Class.** Join us for a fun way to create ceramic projects for anyone age 16 and up with a disability! Classes will be held in the Northview Center Ballroom (305 E Talmage, Spfd). No transportation will be offered for these programs. Fee: \$30 per session. Please note fee adjustment. There is an additional charge for certain items. **Jan 4 - 25 from 9 am – Noon. Register online at [ParkBoard.org](http://ParkBoard.org) or by calling 417-837-5808 before Dec 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Wednesday Afternoon Ceramics Class.** Join us for a fun way to create ceramic projects for anyone age 16 and up with a disability! Classes will be held in the Northview Center Ballroom (305 E Talmage, Spfd). No transportation will be offered for these programs. Fee: \$30 per session. Please note fee adjustment. There is an additional charge for certain items. **Jan 4 - 25 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Register online at [ParkBoard.org](http://ParkBoard.org) or by calling 417-837-5808 before Dec 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thursday Morning Ceramics Class.** Join us for a fun way to create ceramic projects for anyone age 16 and up with a disability! Classes will be held in the Northview Center Ballroom (305 E Talmage, Spfd). No transportation will be offered for these programs. Fee: \$30 per session. Please note fee adjustment. There is an additional charge for certain items. **Jan 5 - 26 from 9 am – Noon. Register online at [ParkBoard.org](http://ParkBoard.org) or by calling 417-837-5808 before Dec 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Bowling @ Enterprise Park Lanes from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Mondays Jan 9 – Feb 6 (skip Jan 16)** Enjoy bowling while you meet new friends at Park Board Bowling! This program consists of 4-week sessions for bowlers ages 16 and up with a disability. Open bowling and league play are offered in the fall for fun-filled competition! Fee: \$10 per week for two games and shoes (\$40 for session) **Register at 417-837-5808.**

**Jordan Valley Ice Park (Public Skate),** Daily with times slots varying from hour and half during the week and hour sessions on the weekend. 417-866-7444 for open sessions or check out Facebook. \$6 for Adults and \$5 for Seniors 55+ and students or children 3 and up + \$3 Skate rental fee. Annual passes are also available.

**Dickerson Park Zoo, daily 9 am-4 pm.** \$16 Adults and Teens, \$13 Adults 60+, and \$11 for Children 3-12. There is a group fee for groups of 15+ and a military discount as well. Most parking is free. Info Hotline is 417-864-1800. Check out the zoo website for classes for children toddler up through middle school and volunteer opportunities as well @ <http://dickersonparkzoo.org>

**Cruse Dog Park, Daily Sunrise-Sunset (except Thursday due to mowing)** Cruse Dog Park is the first off-leash dog park in Springfield, Missouri. Officially 'unleashed' in November, 2008, the park is a 6-acre, fenced facility for dogs to go off-leash to run, play, socialize and exercise. There is a 4 1/2-acre section for large dogs and a one and a half-acre section for small dogs. Annual fee of \$35 per dog (no more than 2 per person). Daily Pass available for \$10 (per dog) limit of 2 dogs per owner + \$10 deposit. Please note you must provide a current Certificate of Vaccination for Rabies, rabies tag number and pet medical records from a licensed veterinarian documenting current vaccinations for Parvo, Distemper, and Bordetella. **Dog park is located at 1069 S Wabash behind Walgreens. Hotline 417-864-1804 or phone 417-864-1332. Paperwork must be completed before entering park with your dog.**

**Aquabilities with Jen Keet,** Join us for a reboot of our recreational aquatics class at the Doling Family Center! Participants with a disability, ages 12 and up, will socialize while moving and grooving in a fun, music-filled class for 45 minutes, followed by 15 minutes of free swim. **February Tuesday Class from 10:30 – 11:30 am (Feb 7 – Feb 28).** Fee: \$30, Register by 02/03/2023. Participants must be comfortable in chest deep water, A family/staff member must remain on site, Family/staff member should be prepared to get in the pool with their participant if necessary and Pre-registration and payment required.

**Daily: Water Aerobics at Chesterfield**--Available at Chesterfield Family Center. A great way to get in shape with minimal impact on your muscles and joints. This program is tentative based on current COVID-19 regulations. *Chesterfield Family Center 891-1616.* Mon-Sat 8:30 am & 9:30 am; Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30 pm, Chesterfield Family Center. FREE for Members and Daily Fee for Non-members. Chesterfield Family Center Aquatics will be closed Oct 10-24 for scheduled annual maintenance and deep leaning, which requires draining the pool, lap lanes and whirlpool spa. Chesterfield Pool is scheduled to reopen Oct 25. Updates will be posted on Facebook. During the closure, Doling Family Center pool remains open at 301 E Talmage St., 417-837-5900.

**Daily: Water Aerobics at Doling** Available at both Doling Family Center. A great way to get in shape with minimal impact on your muscles and joints. This program is tentative based on current COVID-19 regulations. *Doling Family Center 837-5900.* Mon-Fri 9 am, Sat 9:30 am; Tues, Thurs 5:30 & 6:30 pm. Doling Family Center. FREE for Members, Daily Fee for Non-Members

**Joints in Motion**—Less vigorous than regular aerobics classes, focusing on stretching, strength, and flexibility of tight or recovering muscles and joints. Tuesday and Thursday @ 9:30 am at Chesterfield Family Center. FREE for Members, Daily Fee for Non-Members

**Little Splashers**—A designated time for children 5 and under, accompanied by an adult in the water. Pool features are turned off, but upon request, the small spray features will be turned on for little ones to enjoy. Monday-Friday, 11:30 am – 1 pm., @ Doling and Chesterfield Family Centers. FREE for Members, Daily Fee for Non-Members.

**Groovin' Abilities!** Come rock out with Jen Keet and Accessible Rec! Groove is a unique way to make dance easy, accessible, and fun for everyone! It's healthy movement for all – so, see you on the dance floor! **Tuesday classes from 3:30 – 4:30 pm, \$5 per class (Class 1: Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, Class 2: Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, Class 3: Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and Class 4: Feb 21<sup>st</sup>)** Anyone age 12 and up with a disability and their family and friends at the Northview Center (305 E Talmage, Springfield, MO 65803) No pre-registration required – Just show up ready to have a good time! No transportation will be provided for this program.

**Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park,** 3825 W Farm Road 146 in Springfield. Tuesday – Sunday 9 am until 5 pm. FREE admission (some educational programs and activities have a fee)

**Accessible Bikes** -- The Springfield-Greene County Park Board's Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park is home to three accessible bicycles designed for individuals with disabilities. The bikes are available for free check-out at the [Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park](#) gift shop, for use at the park, 3825 W. Farm Road 146, and on the Wilson Creek Greenway, which runs through the park. The park is open Tuesday-Sunday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., closed Mondays. Cyclists must sign a waiver and are not allowed to remove the bikes from the park or the Wilson's Creek Greenway. Helmets are required and provided. For more information about bike availability, **contact Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park at 417-837-5949.**

**Sundays: Gray/Campbell Farmstead Open House**--Visit with volunteer docents to look inside historic buildings and learn more about life in the Ozarks in the 1860s. Open weather permitting. 1:30-4:30 FREE.

[www.parkboard.org](http://www.parkboard.org)



## Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

### New Year's Day

**New Year's Day Sweeper @ Century Lanes starting at 11 am.** Max: 60 Entries, Entry Fee: \$70, High Game Pots (Handicap & Scratch) paid out every game! Optional Side Pots available. We don't have many tournaments in the Springfield area, that's why we started hosting holiday sweepers!! It's a cheap entry fee and has many ways to win money!! Oh, and the best part, it's not a far drive!! If you want to sign up, you can comment here or message me! Let's fill this thing up so we can continue having some local tournaments!

**The Circumcision and Name of Jesus @ Immanuel Lutheran Church AFLC starting at 11 am.** And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. Luke 2:21. Join us as we celebrate the name of Jesus and Holy Communion in the Lutheran tradition.

**Frosty Balls Ride 2023 @ American Legion Post 639 (Vietnam War Memorial) starting at 11 am.** It's the 1st day of 2023. We plan on welcoming it in on 2 wheels. Everyone is welcome to join us. The ride is hinged on the weather, of course. So the closer we get times and ride distance can change. We ride 1 mile for every degree.

**New Year's Day Game Party @ Unity of Springfield starting at 1 pm.** Come and celebrate the start of a new year with a fun and friendly board game party! On New Year's Day at 1:00 PM, we invite you to join us for a day of gaming and good company. We'll have a wide selection of board games available, including classic favorites like Monopoly and Scrabble, as well as newer games like Pandemic and Cards Against Humanity. Whether you're a seasoned board game pro or just starting out, there's something for everyone to enjoy. We'll also be serving up black-eyed peas and cornbread for luck, and we encourage you to bring a snack or beverage to share. This event is open to all ages and is an inclusive and welcoming space for everyone. So come on by and let's kick off the new year with some fun and games! We can't wait to see you there.

**Worldwide Workout REFIT 2023 @ National Heights Baptist Church from 5:45 – 7:30 pm.** It's THE FIRST DAY Of a brand-new YEAR! This is the 7th annual WORLDWIDE WORKOUT by REFIT and this year your local REFIT instructors are coming together in ONE location as a community to kick off 2023! Come a little bit early the actual workout begins at 6pm LIVE. It's 90 minutes of cardio moves with a full warmup and cooldown. AT REFIT you will hear songs you are probably already dancing in your kitchen to. Community is at THE HEART of NHBC and REFIT so grab your best sneakers and come make some friends or make it a REUNION with some peeps you haven't seen in a bit. We wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY "YOU" YEAR at REFIT because YOU matter here! EVERYBODY belongs and all are welcome! All ages all levels of movement let your inhibitions go and just show up WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOU!!

## Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Happy New Year's Camp @ The War Zone, Spfd at 8 am – 4 pm.** Sadly, parents have to go back to work, but the kids are still going strong !!!! Schools Out!!!! Camp is IN. CAMP Schedule: Arrival - NERF till Lunch, LUNCH / QUIET TIME - Movie - Holiday Themed, GAMES / CRAFTS.  
[www.go.thryv.com/site/7lj6cnm5r4qy957y/online-scheduling](http://www.go.thryv.com/site/7lj6cnm5r4qy957y/online-scheduling)

### Tuesday, January 3rd

**Happy New Year's Camp @ The War Zone, Spfd at 8 am – 4 pm.** Sadly, parents have to go back to work, but the kids are still going strong !!!! Schools Out!!!! Camp is IN. CAMP Schedule: Arrival - NERF til Lunch, LUNCH / QUIET TIME - Movie - Holiday Themed, GAMES / CRAFTS.  
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**Beginner Wheel Thrown Pottery – Tuesdays @ Creava Studio from 6 – 8 pm (Jan 3 – Feb 7)** Our Beginner Wheel Thrown Pottery class is perfect for people ages 16 and up (no exceptions will be made for younger students) who want to learn to play in the mud. This class is specifically geared towards people with little to no experience with clay. It can be re-taken until one feels ready to move up to Intermediate Wheel Thrown Pottery. Beginner's Wheel Thrown Pottery is a progressive skill class that will teach you all the skills, tips and tricks you need to successfully create with clay. Our instructor will provide you with the individualized attention you need to create your first pieces. This is a six-week class, and you will attend your registered class each week. The class costs \$185 and includes all tools, glaze, and firings (25 pieces fired to completion, additional pieces will cost approximately \$1/firing). The class does not come with clay. Clay can be purchased from our main store and usually costs between \$18 and \$28 for 25lbs which is plenty of clay for the class length. In addition to class time, you will have access to the studio for the duration of your class to take advantage of Unlimited Open Studio time.  
[www.creavastudio.com/product/beginner-wheel-thrown-pottery-tues-6-8-jan-3-feb-7-/382](http://www.creavastudio.com/product/beginner-wheel-thrown-pottery-tues-6-8-jan-3-feb-7-/382)

**Winter in the Smokies Paint Night @ Painting with a Twist from 7 – 9 pm.** Join us for a fun night out painting 'Winter in the Smokies'. Our talented artist will lead you through this beautiful painting step-by-step. It's so much easier than you think; beginners are welcome! We provide the laid-back ambiance and painting supplies. You just bring friends, favorite beverages, and creativity! [www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3243788](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3243788)

### Wednesday, January 4th

**Warhammer 40K Slow Grow League Kick-Off Night! @ Meta-Games Unlimited starting at 6 pm.** New Year, New Army! Bring your 500-point army and get started in the Warhammer hobby! Be watching for more info but mark your colanders for the start of the new year's league.

**Country Music & Friends @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 6:30 – 9:30 pm.** Country Music & Friends is back by popular demand! The perfect fun night to spice up your week. Come hang out with Isaac Kenneth, Chelsey James & Wes Dickinson as they host a night of music highlighting local artists. With guest singer appearances, laughs, song requests, and of course food & drinks courtesy of Southbound Bar & Grill! \$5 cover charge.

**Improv Jam @ The Creamery Arts Center from 7 – 8 pm.** A free night of playing Improv. Get together with some fellow fun seekers for an Improv Jam. This is not a class or a workshop this is just hanging out and having fun playing Improv. Each attendee is asked to bring along an Improv Game that you can explain to the others at the Jam. Being fully vaccinated is required to attend the Improv Jam. You are welcome to bring family or friends to participate or to watch.

**Winter Lunar Galaxy Paint Night @ Painting with a Twist from 7 – 9 pm.** Join us for a fun night out painting 'Winter Lunar Galaxy'. Our talented artist will lead you through this painting step-by-step. No prior painting experience is required, we welcome beginners. We will provide the painting supplies and laid-back ambiance. You just bring friends, your favorite beverages, and creativity!  
[www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3243512](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3243512)

## Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

**Prepared Childbirth-Part 1 @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 5:30 – 9 pm.** This is a two-part class. This event shows Part One and you would attend Part Two the following week during the same time. A one-day Saturday class is also available. See separate event for details.

In this class, you and your support person will learn what to expect before, during and after childbirth. Content includes late pregnancy expectations, the process of labor and birth, pain relief and comfort measures, medical interventions, cesarean sections and newborn and postpartum care. Includes tour of Labor & Delivery and Women & Newborn. Offered in-person or virtually. In-person attendance benefits include: hands-on help with position changes, utilizing our birthing balls and massage tools, support person can try on an empathy belly, & we have a uterus/fetus display. Register online at [www.coxhealth.com/events](http://www.coxhealth.com/events) or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Plan to attend during the last trimester of your pregnancy but call around 20-25 weeks to register for the best availability.

**Humanities, Vol. 2 Public Program – Adult Movement Workshop @ Springfield Art Museum from 6 – 7 pm.** Join faculty from the Springfield Ballet for a participatory workshop that combines visual art and dance. Taking cues from artwork on view in "Humanities, Vol. 2," participants will explore their bodies' connections with and responses to art, guided by dance professionals. No experience or ability required. \$10 workshop fee. Pre-registration is required. Maximum of 15 participants. Ages 15+ [www.sgfmuseum.org/Activities/Activity/Detail/Humanities-Vol-2-Workshops-136](http://www.sgfmuseum.org/Activities/Activity/Detail/Humanities-Vol-2-Workshops-136)

**Mayham and Knotts Comedy Variety Show @ North Bridge Church starting at 6:30 pm.** Come and enjoy a hilarious night of fun with the wild and unhinged comedian Mayham and the talented author and actress Karen Knotts. You don't want to miss this unforgettable night of laughs! When: Thursday, January 5th, 2023, at 6:30pm Where: North Bridge Church - 3765 N State Hwy H, Springfield, MO 65803. Cost of Admission: \$20.

**Vibrant Shores Blacklight Paint Night @ Painting with a Twist from 7 – 9 pm.** Escape winter for a bit and hang out on the beach! Enjoy a night out with a black light glow party! We will be painting 'Vibrant "Shores"! Indulge in the beauty of black light and neon paint. (We will alternate between painting with the lights on and painting in black light.) Dress to impress and wear your brightest neon colors or glow sticks to glow under the lights! We'll provide the laid-back ambiance, painting supplies, and step-by-step instructions. You just bring your friends, favorite beverages, and must-have snacks! [www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3243833](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3243833)

## Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

### Epiphany

**Dominaria Remastered Preview Draft @ Meta-Games Unlimited starting at 6:30 pm.** You'll get 3 packs of Dominaria Remastered to draft and then battle it out 3 rounds for store credit!

**Celestial Winter Wonder Paint Night @ Painting with a Twist from 7 – 9 pm.** Looking for a fun girl's night or date night idea?! Join us at our paint & sip studio to paint this awe-inspiring landscape 'Celestial Winter Wonder'! Our talented artist will lead you through this painting step-by-step. It's so much easier than you think; beginners are welcome! We provide the laid-back ambiance and painting supplies. You just bring friends, favorite beverages, and creativity! [www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3242161](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3242161)

**Ancient Stone @ Carrie's Bar from 8 pm – Midnight.** It's always a good time at Carrie's Bar!!! The show starts at 8 pm!!! As always, NO COVER!!!

**The Retro Nerds! @ Kiss Bar & Grill starting at 8:30 pm.** The RetroNerds are an 80s tribute band from St. Louis. They perform the best retro hits in perfect sync with the original music video on multiple displays, while dressed as nerds! This guarantees to be a totally awesome 80s night, and it's only \$10 at the door!!

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

**Star Wars Legion 800-point Post-Holiday Tournament @ Meta-Games Unlimited starting at 8 am.** Get those gifts assembled and painted a new year is here and time for an 800-point Legion tournament! \$10 entry fee, 3 rounds, Doors at 8am, and Round 1 at 9am. We will be forgoing normal event tracking and will be using a raffle style prizes for the event. Players can earn a raffle ticket for playing in a round, having a winning record and playing with a fully painted list. This means all players that finish the event will have between 3 and 5 tickets at the end of the day for prizes.

**Prepared Childbirth – One day class @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 9 am – 5 pm.** This is a one-day Saturday class. A two-part evening class is also available. See separate event for details. In this class, you and your support person will learn what to expect before, during and after childbirth. Content includes late pregnancy expectations, the process of labor and birth, pain relief and comfort measures, medical interventions, cesarean sections, and newborn and postpartum care. Includes tour of Labor & Delivery and Women & Newborn. Offered in-person or virtually. In-person attendance benefits include hands-on help with position changes, utilizing our birthing balls and massage tools, support person can try on an empathy belly, and we have a uterus/fetus display. Register online at [www.coxhealth.com/events](http://www.coxhealth.com/events) or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Plan to attend during the last trimester of your pregnancy but call around 20-25 weeks to register for the best availability.

**IKF-PKB, PBSC technical boxing, Muay Thai, Kickboxing Tournament @ Relics Event Center starting at 11 am.**

**A New Day Painting Event @ Painting with a Twist from 11 am – 1 pm.** Join us for a morning of relaxation & fun painting A New Day! Our talented artist will lead you through this painting step-by-step. No prior painting experience is required, we welcome beginners. We will provide the painting supplies and laid-back ambiance. You just bring friends, your favorite beverages, and a can-do attitude!  
[www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3243504](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3243504)

**In Person Springfield LEGO Users Group Meetup January 2023 @ Library Station starting at 1 pm.** Date: Saturday, January 7, 2023, Time: 1PM to 3PM, Location: Library Station, Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/8764v3cA9D3jqt6r5> SGFLUG FAQ: <https://www.sgflug.org/faq/> Meeting Facilitator(s): Bri Duncan and Christian Brodeur. This will be the 50th monthly meeting of The Springfield LEGO Users Group and all Adult Fans of LEGO (AFOL) are invited to attend. Agenda Items: Open Chat, Bricks and Minifigs is Opening, and Upcoming Events. Moderated Panel - LEGO Master Brenden and Open Questions - LEGO Master Brenden. Discussion Time: Anyone have anything additional  
Calendar of Upcoming Events: Midtown Carnegie LEGO Display - Jan 28, 2023, Missouri Comicon - Feb 11-12, 2023 and Brickworld Chicago - June 14-18, 2023. Fun Time: Theme Build - Minifig Story & Trade. The main focus will be to provide a fun environment for AFOL folk to network and socialize. If you are currently working on a MOC (my own creation) or recently completed a set, please bring it for show and tell! This meeting is free to attend. We hope to see you all there!

**Kids Comedy Workshop @ Blue Room Comedy Club from 2 – 3:15 pm.** Kids Comedy Workshop for ages 6 and up taught by experienced local comedians! The workshop will start at 2:00PM and end at 3:15PM!  
[www.blueroomcomedyclub.com/shows/200888](http://www.blueroomcomedyclub.com/shows/200888)

**The Bluesberries @ Carrie's from 7 - 11 pm.** Stop in to wish Tom & Bill Happy Birthday and enjoy some great live music. NO Cover Charge!

**Face The Wheel, Jake's Mistakes, & Rant LIVE @ Kiss Bar & Grill starting at 8 pm.** Get ready for a metal take over at Kiss Bar & Grill featuring Face the Wheel, Jake's Mistakes (St Louis, MO) & Rant (Eureka Springs, AR). This one's going to be a ripper! 21+ Only, Doors open @ 8 pm. \$10 in Advance and \$15 at the Door.

**Innuendo Live @ Ernie Biggs!!! Starting at 8:30 pm.** Innuendo Live for ages 21 and over. Doors open at 8:30 pm and Show starts @ 9:30 pm.

**The New Waves with Special Guests: The Table Rockers @ The Riff starting at 8:30 pm.** Springfield's hottest new band THE NEW WAVES brings a synthesizer-sax ruled new wave 80's sound from MTV, radio, and movies to The Riff! Tired of hearing the same 80s hair band songs played over and over? The New Waves are here to light up the 80s tribute scene with NEW songs that'll take you back in time and make you want to DANCE! They will be performing at The Riff on January 7th, 2023 . The New Waves are excited to bring a synthesizer-sax ruled new wave 80's sound from MTV, radio, and movies to Springfield. Joining them is The Table Rockers — a high energy, dynamic, 3 piece cover band playing a variety of tunes. Get tickets now! \$10 via Eventbrite.

### Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

**Metropolitan Wedding Expo & Fashion Show @ Springfield Expo Center starting at 10 am.** ENGAGED COUPLES! Sunday, January 8th is a MUST! Metropolitan Weddings Expo is the largest wedding expo in Southwest Missouri! This year we are kicking off the day with a FASHION SHOW featuring the TOP bridal shops in the 417! Fashion show starts at 10am and is open to ALL COUPLES! If you'd like VIP tickets to the \$22 and cover your door entry to the expo. Not a VIP, no worries! Still plan to attend the fashion show with standing room! Meet over a hundred local wedding professionals prepared to plan the wedding of your dreams! \*Pre-register on our website - [www.metropolitanweddings.com/shows](http://www.metropolitanweddings.com/shows) to save time and be entered to win a \$500 gift certificate from The Dress Bridal. Admission: \$7 in advance (purchase when you pre-register) with option to purchase VIP \$22 (covers your door entry fee & VIP). or \$10 cash at the door. We are so excited to see you!

**White Stone Ceremony @ Unity of Springfield starting at 11 am.** The white stone ceremony is a ritual that is practiced in some Unity churches. In this ritual, each participant is given a small white stone, which is inscribed with their name or a word that symbolizes their spiritual growth and development. The white stone ceremony is based on a passage from the Bible, in which the apostle John describes a vision of the heavenly city, in which each person is given a white stone with a new name inscribed on it. In this vision, the white stone is seen as a symbol of purity and innocence, and it represents the person's spiritual growth and transformation. In the Unity tradition, the white stone ceremony is seen as a way of affirming the person's connection to the divine and their spiritual growth and development. By receiving a white stone with their name or a symbol of their spiritual growth inscribed on it, the person is affirming that they are moving forward on their spiritual path, and that they are becoming more attuned to the divine presence in their lives. The white stone ceremony is often performed as part of a special service or ceremony, and it may be accompanied by other rituals and practices, such as meditation, prayer, and music. We perform the white stone ceremony once a year, around the New Year, as a way of affirming each person's intention to continue their spiritual growth and development in the coming year.

**Meat Raffle @ Southbound Bar & Grill starting at Noon.** We're back with another meat raffle! Join us for the Chiefs' game and stay to watch the game on one of our 8 screens. Items that are included, but not limited to, are 32oz tomahawk ribeye steak, a case of half pound angus burgers, porterhouse pork loin chops, and much, much more! Doors open at 11am, and the drawings start at 12:00 pm, and continue every few minutes. Tickets are 7 for \$20, and there'll be plenty of food & swag giveaways throughout the raffle!!

### Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

**Miniature Wheel Thrown Pottery @ Creava Studio (Mondays) Jan 9 – Feb 6 from 6 – 8 pm.** THIS CLASS COMES WITH CLAY, A WHEEL, TOOLS & EXTRUDER FOR YOU TO KEEP! Our Miniature Wheel Thrown Pottery class is



perfect for all people ages 16 and up who want to learn to throw miniature pottery. This class is specifically geared towards people who have taken at least one round of our Beginner Wheel Thrown Pottery class or who have some experience with throwing on a pottery wheel. This prior experience is not a requirement; however, you will have more success if you are somewhat familiar with the process prior to the class. During this five-week class you will learn to center on a miniature wheel, make test tiles, make slab "cookies" to fire your pieces on, throw mini mugs or cylinders, extrude and attach handles, make mini bowls, and glaze your pieces. This is a five-week class, and you will attend your registered class each week. The class costs \$200. With the purchase of the class, you will get a miniature wheel, tools and hand extruder that will be yours to keep after the class is over. You can also take these tools home to practice between classes. This class also comes with 5lbs of clay. Additional clay can be purchased from our main store and usually costs between \$18 and \$28 for 25lbs. You can fire three 6-inch x 6 inch "cookies" of pottery as part of the price of the class. This class does not come with Open Studio time.

### Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

**Painting with a Splash – Jellies @ Wonders of Wildlife from 6 – 8 pm.** Get crafty and join us for jellies in January! Paint along with our instructor as she leads you through creating this oceanic masterpiece while enjoying snacks and beverages. Ages 11+ [www.wondersofwildlife.org/event/painting-with-a-splash-jellies](http://www.wondersofwildlife.org/event/painting-with-a-splash-jellies)

### Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

**Natural Childbirth @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 5:30 – 9 pm.** For parents hoping to achieve an un-medicated birth, attend this class instead of Prepared Childbirth. Discusses techniques for managing pain (breathing, relaxation, positioning) and what to expect in Labor and Delivery. Support Person encouraged to attend. Class ends with a tour of our Labor & Delivery and Women & Newborn units. Offered in-person or virtually. In-person attendance benefits include hands-on help with position changes, utilizing our birthing balls and massage tools, support person can try on an empathy belly, & we have a uterus/fetus display. Register online at [www.coxhealth.com/events](http://www.coxhealth.com/events) or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Plan to attend during the last trimester of your pregnancy but call around 20-25 weeks to register for the best availability.

**January Kinship Relative Support Group @ Foster Adopt Connect Springfield from 6 – 8 pm.** Foster Adopt Connect will host our monthly Kinship Relative Support Group on Wednesday, January 11 from 6-8 p.m. Dinner, childcare, and training are provided. Questions or to RSVP text or call Patty at 573-338-3766.

**Knotty Coasters @ Mother's Brewing Company from 6 – 8 pm.** Join Macrame Designs at Mother's Brewing Company to learn how to make these cute coasters! Your ticket includes enough cord to make 4 coasters (1 during class, 3 on your own), In-person instruction, a drink from Mother's Brewing Company, and lots of fun with friends! Let's get knotty! [www.eventbrite.com/e/knotty-coasters-macrame-class-tickets-491079300407](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/knotty-coasters-macrame-class-tickets-491079300407)

### Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

**42 @ 42 @ Galloway Creek Greenway starting at 8 am.** It is Max's wish for his birthday to run 42 miles to begin his 42nd year, and he'd like to invite all of you! He will be running loops on the Galloway Creek Greenway Trail, we'll start at Black Lab Coffee-Galloway and move over to 4 by 4 Brewing when they open at 2:00. More details to come. You can run one mile, all 42, or just come to hang out as we help Max ring in his 42nd year! Let us know in the comments what time you would like to run.

**Bass Pro Tournament of Champions @ Great Southern Bank Arena starting January 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>.** Kickapoo HS (MO), Link Academy (MO), Staley HS (MO), Christ the King (NY), St Rita (IL), Sunrise Christian (KS), Calvary Christian (FL) and Bartlett HS (TN). [www.greatsouthernbankarena.com/ticketservices.htm](http://www.greatsouthernbankarena.com/ticketservices.htm)

**Downtown Book Club @ 134 Park Central Square, Spfd starting at 6 pm.** Welcome to your new favorite book club! Join Downtown Springfield and the Springfield-Greene County Library District every second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. for the Downtown Book Club. January's read is "Firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Boulley. As a biracial, unenrolled tribal member and the product of a scandal, Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in. When her family is struck by tragedy, Daunis puts her dreams on hold to care for her fragile mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the charming new recruit on her brother's hockey team. Learn more at [itsalldowntown.com/bookclub](https://itsalldowntown.com/bookclub).

**Blues Society of the Ozarks Open Jam @ Galloway Station from 6 – 9 pm.** Have some fun with the Blues Society of The Ozarks at Galloway Station on the second Thursday of each month! Come jam, sing, or just listen! Any way about it, you'll have a blast!

**Foster/Adoptive Parent Support Group @ Foster Adopt Connect Springfield from 6 – 7 pm.** Sign up to attend FAC Springfield Support Group! <https://www.signupgenius.com/.../10c0e4aaaa62fa0f8c07>

**Beginner Wheel Thrown Pottery – Thursdays @ Creava Studio from 6 – 8 pm. (Jan 12 – Feb 16)** Our Beginner Wheel Thrown Pottery class is perfect for people ages 16 and up (no exceptions will be made for younger students) who want to learn to play in the mud. This class is specifically geared towards people with little to no experience with clay. It can be re-taken until one feels ready to move up to Intermediate Wheel Thrown Pottery. Beginner's Wheel Thrown Pottery is a progressive skill class that will teach you all the skills, tips, and tricks you need to successfully create with clay. Our instructor will provide you with the individualized attention you need to create your first pieces. This is a six-week class, and you will attend your registered class each week. The class costs \$185 and includes all tools, glaze, and firings (25 pieces fired to completion, additional pieces will cost approximately \$1/firing). The class does not come with clay. Clay can be purchased from our main store and usually costs between \$18 and \$28 for 25lbs which is plenty of clay for the class length. In addition to class time, you will have access to the studio for the duration of your class to take advantage of Unlimited Open Studio time.

**Biggs Big Night Volume 3 @ Ernie Biggs from 9 pm – 1 am.** Join us for another night of laughter with Connor Hangsloban and Harrison Broadstreet followed by the jam band stylings of Level Up to finish out the night!

**Survival Shelter Building @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 9 am – Noon.** Protecting yourself from inclement weather is a vital step to being successful in a survival situation. You never know when the basic survival skill of building a shelter may be needed to save your life. For a day of fun and learning, join Meant 2B Outdoors as they share the skills associated with survival shelter building. Register by January 6<sup>th</sup>. Location: Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park Classroom; 417-837-5949, Age: 8-18 yrs. Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Fee: \$35. Please call us at 417-837-5949 if you have any questions! Link: [http://apm.activecommunities.com/.../Activity\\_Search/25444](http://apm.activecommunities.com/.../Activity_Search/25444)

#### Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

**Springfield Boat Show @ Ozark Empire Fairgrounds from January 13<sup>th</sup> – January 15<sup>th</sup>.** Join Boat Wrx for the Springfield Boat Show at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds Jan 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. Get a look at the all-new ATX Surf Boats and Tige Boats 2023 lineup! Contact Josef at [josef@boat-wrx.com](mailto:josef@boat-wrx.com) for more info!

**Bring Your Vision to Life @ Drew Lewis Foundation at The Fairbanks from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.** Join us as we set intentions, visualize success, and strategize for achieving goals. [www.buy.stripe.com/eVag1d3PieODbTi8wI](http://www.buy.stripe.com/eVag1d3PieODbTi8wI)

**Studio Live Social Hour: Casey Callison @ Mother's Brewing Company from 6 – 8 pm.** Studio Live will feature Casey Callison on January 13 from noon to 1 on your radio at 91.1 FM and streaming online at [www.ksmu.org](http://www.ksmu.org) with your hosts Jess Balisle and Ran Cummings. Then catch Casey and his band in person at our new location, Mother's Brewing Company for Studio Live Social Hour from 6-8 pm that same evening. Be sure to tune into Sound Check, a preview interview with Casey, Tuesday, January 10 at 4:44 pm on KSMU. Catch us every second Friday of the month. For an upcoming schedule, visit [www.ksmu.org/studiolive](http://www.ksmu.org/studiolive).

**Sean Clavin & The Dirty Truth @ Carrie's starting at 8 pm.** Stop by & Wish Sean Happy Birthday!! Come hang at the longest bar in SGF! We're going to be playing, drinking and having a ball!

**White Oak Revival! @ Southbound Bar & Grill starting at 9 pm.** White Oak Revival is Returning to Southbound Bar & Grill Friday, January 13th! About the Band: Formed in 2016, White Oak Revival is an original Red-dirt/ Alt band from Marshfield, MO in the heart of the Ozarks. They have just Recorded and Released their First Studio EP "Stay" available on Apple Music, Spotify, Pandora, and more... with multiple tracks being featured on various FM and satellite radio Stations across the US. You'll want to get there early to get a good seat for this one! Event Details: White Oak Revival @ 9pm, 21+ \$10 Cover at the Door.

### Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

**Pickleball Tournament @ Pat Jones YMCA starting 7:30 am.** If you love Pickleball don't miss out on this tournament! All ages and skill levels welcome. Cost is \$50 per team, with a guarantee to play 3 games at the least. All proceeds benefit to youth development programs here at the Pat Jones Y! Prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams.

**Drew Fischesser Protection Workshop @ Terra Incognita Lagotto Romagnolo from January 14 – 15.** Open to all levels of training! Specializing in PSA and APPDA and personal protection, open to all sports. Excelling in working "Off breeds" and Defense Dominant dogs in protection, Drew Fischesser is the "other half" of Benchmark specialty is also problem-solving training issues. Drew is a PSA certified senior decoy with over a decade of training and trial experience, has been national select decoy, has titled multiple dogs in PSA, earning a PDC on his Dobermans Zelda and Trigger, a PSA1 on his Doberman, Ivan, and a PSA2 on his Cane Corso, Brutus. Drew and Brutus even competed in the level 2 at a PSA national, making it to the podium! Along with his personal dogs, he has successfully built and developed a huge variety of client dogs and trained several other decoys. Come have Drew work your dog and learn how to bring out the best in your dog! Open to 10 working spots & unlimited audit spots- working spots (one dog one person) \$280 for both days- audit spots (one person no dog) \$100 for both days. No refunds after January 1, 2023. There will be lunch on site donated by our host location. Please email [seandoogs@gmail.com](mailto:seandoogs@gmail.com) or pm Sean Doogs for more info. Audit Spot Registration forum: <https://form.jotform.com/223276304907052>

**Humanities, Vol. 2 Public Program – Kids Movement Workshop @ Springfield Art Museum from 10:30 – 11:30 am.** Join faculty from the Springfield Ballet for a participatory workshop that combines visual art and dance. Taking cues from artwork on view in "Humanities, Vol. 2," participants will explore their bodies' connections with and responses to art, guided by dance professionals. No experience or ability required. \$10 workshop fee. Pre-registration is required. Maximum of 15 participants. Ages 5-14. \*Parent or guardian must be present. Learn more about the "Humanities, Vol. 2" special exhibition on our website: <https://www.sgfmuseum.org/266/Humanities-Vol-2> Lead support for "Humanities, Vol. 2" is generously provided by the Melinda J. McDaniel Charitable Trust, UW, Bank of America, N.A., Trustees. [www.sgfmuseum.org/Activities/Activity/Detail/Humanities-Vol-2-Workshops-136](http://www.sgfmuseum.org/Activities/Activity/Detail/Humanities-Vol-2-Workshops-136)

**SW Missouri Classic @ Dennis' Place from Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.** 9-Ball Scotch Triples, 1750 Team cap, 32 Teams max, \$375 Team entry (includes green and admin fee). \$1000 GTD Added, \$10,000+ prize pool w/32.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MO Mac & Cheese Fest @ Relics Event Center from 11 am – 1:30 pm.** The MO Mac & Cheese Fest is back with cheesy, creamy delicious mac & cheese samples from local and regional favorites! In addition to delicious mac & cheese sampling, if you're lucky enough to rub "elbows" with them, you can get your photo with our Mac & Cheese Queen and King! Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Going with a group? Buy a Mac 4 Pack and save \$10 on the cost of four tickets. Kids four and under are free. <https://snwbl.it/5A46BG> Proceeds benefit Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC), helping alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in Southwest Missouri. OACAC serves people of all ages in rural and urban areas with proven programs and innovative projects to empower people and enrich communities. More information at [www.oac.ac](http://www.oac.ac). Thanks to our Big Cheese Presenting Sponsor, Schreiber Foods, for supporting this event. Would you like to be a contender in the MO Mac & Cheese Fest? Contact Lindsey at 417 873-3375.

**Founder's Day 2023 @ The Pitch Pizza & Pub starting at Noon.** We are celebrating 40 years of Springfield Rugby Football Club! What an amazing journey so far. Let's celebrate together at The Pitch Pizza & Pub! \$25 with reservation. \$30 with no reservation. \$15 to enter with no food or beer. Price of meal includes beer. We will be selling 40th anniversary mugs and shirts too! RSVP to David 'Scoop' Thornton [Dthornton440@gmail.com](mailto:Dthornton440@gmail.com). \* This event is for male players, alumni, and supporters.

**Date Night Creating @ Creative Escape Glass LLC from 6 – 9 pm.** Join us with your special someone for an evening of creating (creativity not required). Make a beautiful, fused glass project that will be a wonderful reminder of how fun it was to create together! Depending on the project you pick, you may even want, or need, to use one of our special "power tools". No glass experience is necessary. Your glass piece(s) will be ready to pick up within a week. Reservation Required! Call or email to register - \$90 per couple paid in advance (4 couples max). Choose between making one larger plate as a joint project or two smaller separate projects. This event starts promptly at 6 pm. [www.creativeescapeglass.com](http://www.creativeescapeglass.com)

**The Great Lover @ Juanita K Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts from 7:30 – 9 pm.** The Springfield Symphony is delighted to offer the world premiere of Daijana Wallace's beautiful Rhapsody for Cello and Orchestra, featuring our own Principal Cellist Daniel Ketter. And we'll play Sibelius's Second Symphony, which Sibelius described as "a confession of the soul." The symphony is grandiose, profound, and ecstatic, and its love themes range from love of country to a meditation on Don Juan, the notorious Italian lover. [www.hammonshall.com](http://www.hammonshall.com)

**Brother Ray and the Sometimes Righteous @ Bubba's BBQ from 8 – 10 pm.** Good food, good tunes, good Saturday night fun!

**Honkytonk Renovators & Paul's Farewell Party! @ Southbound Bar & Grill starting at 8 pm.** Sorry for any inconvenience but this show has been rescheduled due to illness. Please share this post. For roughly a decade our brother Paul Robertson has been singing with us and we are SURE going to miss what he brings to HTR. Life has become busy with his lovely family, and he has decided to focus his time with them, and we couldn't agree more. As we say farewell it's not goodbye for good. Paul will always have a spot with us. Help us send Paul off in fine fashion and wish him well at southbound!

**Memories of Elvis @ Sugar Creek Casino, Hinton, OK starting at 8 pm.** Get ready to enjoy not one, but three incredible artists paying tribute to the one and only Elvis Presley! This entertaining performance includes 3 tributes to Elvis at different phases of his phenomenal career. From the 1950's to the famous 68 Comeback Special, then Elvis' years in Las Vegas and a recreation of Elvis famous "Aloha in Hawaii" performance... you will feel as though you've just taken a journey through music with Elvis Presley himself! Each of the three exceptional performers meticulously recreates the look, sound and feel of the classic Elvis Presley concerts. Voted the number one Elvis Tribute Spectacular. This is a show you don't want to miss.

**Stone Assembly's Farewell Show & Bartender Heather's Birthday Bash @ Carrie's from 8 – 11:59 pm.** Stop by & hear Stone Assembly one last time at Carrie's Bartender Heather's Birthday Party. Never A Cover & Great Drink Specials!!

**Matthew Blevins Live! @ Corner Pocket Comedy starting at 8 pm.** Coming all the way from Nashville, Matthew is a veteran in the game! You won't want to miss this fun show featuring one of the best up and coming talents around!

**Plush Alternative Rock Band live @ Kiss Bar & Grill starting at 8:30 pm** Plush is your premier 90's rock band, singing all your favorites from STP, Nirvana, Foo Fighters, Collective Soul, and many, many more! Only \$10 at the door!!!!

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Martin Luther King, Jr Day**

**Let It Snow Sip and Paint @ Dugout Bar & Grill from 6 – 8 pm.** Join Art Inspired Academy: A Program of Abilities First, Monday January 16th at The Dug Out at 1218 E Trafficway St. Springfield MO 65802 from 6pm-8pm. We will be completing a 16x20 acrylic painting titled "Let It Snow". All supplies will be provided. The painting stations are small, so please arrive early if you plan to take advantage of their delicious menu items. Soda and alcoholic beverages are available as well with Happy Hour prices. Hope to see you there! Sign up here: <https://checkout.square.site/.../2KDBXL3C4KVZZ7IT4OGOTZDY>

**2023 NAACP MLK March @ 635 E Trafficway St, Spfd from 7:30 – 11:30 am.** Monday, January 16th NAACP Springfield will hold its annual MLK March and Program honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Theme: The Strength to Love. During this celebration there will be entertainment, music, readings and more. In partnership with SPS, the MLK essay winners will be announced during the program. Volunteer and Sponsorship opportunities available. Please inquire via email at [info@naacpspringfieldmo.org](mailto:info@naacpspringfieldmo.org) or Call 417-352-0880. We will also be collecting hats, gloves, and hot hands. The meeting location is Jordan Valley Ice Park where attendees can arrive as early as 7:30 am. The March will begin promptly at 8:30 am where the attendees will march over to the Gillioz Theater where the program will take place.

**Book Tour @ ABC Books from 2 – 5 pm.** Meet Kim Malaj, author of Who Is Maggie, the Ember in Time Series and The Old Untold.

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

**Education Series: Understanding Dementia & Alzheimer's @ The Fremont Senior Living starting at 3 pm.** Please join us as we learn about the changes that happen in a brain with dementia and ways we can adapt to a loved one's changing needs. Tiffany Forse is the Director of Memory Care at The Fremont Senior Living. Tiffany has a passion for providing fun and purposeful experiences for those living with dementia. She also finds purpose in helping families find ways to still connect with their loved ones, no matter where they are in their journey.

**Prepared Childbirth – Part 1 @ 1000 E Primrose Street, Spfd from 5:30 – 9pm.** This is a two-part class. This event shows Part One and you would attend Part Two the following week during the same time. A one-day Saturday class is also available. See separate event for details. In this class, you and your support person will learn what to expect before, during and after childbirth. Content includes late pregnancy expectations, the process of labor and birth, pain relief and comfort measures, medical interventions, cesarean sections and newborn and postpartum care. Includes tour of Labor & Delivery and Women & Newborn. Offered in-person or virtually. In-person attendance benefits include hands-on help with position changes, utilizing our birthing balls and massage tools, support person can try on an empathy belly, & we have a uterus/fetus display. Register online at [www.coxhealth.com/events](http://www.coxhealth.com/events) or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Plan to attend during the last trimester of your pregnancy but call around 20-25 weeks to register for the best availability.

**Coffee & Collab @ MudLounge Coffee & Cocktails from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.** Join us Tuesday, January 17, in downtown Springfield at Mudlounge for our quarterly social meeting—Coffee + Collab Happy Hour. Use the meeting as a chance to grab a coffee, beer, or wine, pull up a chair and talk shop with fellow WiTters—or bring your headphones for a social working session. We'll bring a few conversations starter cards for a low-key group get-to-know-you. This event is open to anyone interested in checking out the group, member or not, so share the word by inviting a colleague or friend. See you there!

### Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee for a Cause @ The Child Advocacy Center, Inc from 7:30 – 8:30 am.** You are invited to our next Open House! Take a tour of the Child Advocacy Center, and enjoy a cup of coffee with us! RSVP here: <https://childadvocacycenter.org/.../coffee-for-a-cause.../> Learn how we have been helping children and families feel safe and supported for over 27 years. Our mission is to raise community awareness to prevent and reduce child abuse and neglect across Southern Missouri, provide access to critical services and advocate for children, teens, and families throughout the investigation process. 1033 E Walnut St. Springfield, MO

**Homeschool 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade – It's Freezin' Season @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park starting at 9 am.** Tired of the cold? Warm up at Rutledge-Wilson Farm for a morning full of learning! Students will learn "frozen" science and conduct experiments that will be sure to excite the mind of any future scientist! 9 am = 11 am, \$15, This is an adult/child program. 1 adult per child must attend. [http://apm.activecommunities.com/.../Activity\\_Search/25425](http://apm.activecommunities.com/.../Activity_Search/25425)

**Beginner Wheel Thrown Pottery @ Creava Studio – Wednesdays from 6 – 8 pm (Jan 18 – Feb 22)** Our Beginner Wheel Thrown Pottery class is perfect for people ages 16 and up (no exceptions will be made for younger students) who want to learn to play in the mud. This class is specifically geared towards people with little to no experience with clay. It can be re-taken until one feels ready to move up to Intermediate Wheel Thrown Pottery. Beginner's Wheel Thrown Pottery is a progressive skill class that will teach you all the skills, tips and tricks you need to successfully create with clay. Our instructor will provide you with the individualized attention you need to create your first pieces. This is a six-week class, and you will attend your registered class each week. The class costs \$185 and includes all tools, glaze, and firings (25 pieces fired to completion, additional pieces will cost approximately \$1/firing). The class does not come with clay. Clay can be purchased from our main store and usually costs between \$18 and \$28 for 25lbs which is plenty of clay for the class length. In addition to class time, you will have access to the studio for the duration of your class to take advantage of Unlimited Open Studio time. [www.creavastudio.com/product/beginner-wheel-thrown-pottery-wed-6-8-jan-18-feb-22-/383](http://www.creavastudio.com/product/beginner-wheel-thrown-pottery-wed-6-8-jan-18-feb-22-/383)

**Moss Frame Craft Night @ The Plant Room (Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park from 6 – 7 pm.** Join us as The Plant Room leads this fun craft using dried mosses. Bring your own empty 8"x10" picture frame or shadowbox frame. Each participant will take home a unique wall hanging. Fee covers cost of materials. For ages 16 years and older. \$25/person. Register online only by January 11. Call 891-1515, x4 with questions. [www.apm.activecommunities.com/parkboardspringfieldmo/Activity\\_Search/25717](http://www.apm.activecommunities.com/parkboardspringfieldmo/Activity_Search/25717)

### Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

**2023 Kickoff Mixer @ Big Whiskey's American Restaurant & Bar (Battlefield) from 5 – 7:30 pm.** Join us for our 2023 kickoff mixer. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverage are provided with the option for you to purchase dinner and alcoholic beverages. Come meet other members of SAMGMA and hear what we have planned for 2023. It is going to be a great year and we look forward to seeing you all there. We do ask that you RSVP if you plan to attend. The restaurant needs a count for the appetizer and drink totals.

**Chapter Program and Meeting of Greater Ozarks Audubon Society @ Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park from 6 – 8 pm.** Our programs are FREE and the public is welcome to attend! We meet on the third Thursday of each month, Sep-Nov and Jan-May at the Springfield Botanical Center, 6:00-8:00 pm. Refreshments and socializing begin at 6:00. The program starts at 6:30 with the meeting and announcements after.

**RWF Craft Night – Macrame' Propagation Station @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park starting at 6 pm.** Come join us as we craft the evening away in our classroom. Learn how to propagate your own plants and create a macramé display to help them grow! Some animals will probably be joining us at the end as well! Feel free to bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks! Ages: 15+ Fee: \$50 per person Register by: January 18<sup>th</sup> <https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/.../detail/25729...>

## Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

**Martina Liana Preview Show @ Norman's Bridal from Jan 20 – 21.** Preview this exclusive event for Martina Liana's poetry in motion collection. This couture collection features modern romance and attention to every detail. Make plans to attend! Appointments are required. All Martina Liana purchases during this exclusive event will receive 10% off.

**Making Glazes & Slips @ Creava Studio – Fridays from 11 am – 1 pm (Jan 20 – Feb 17).** This class is for people 18 and up that have a comprehensive understanding of the basics of working with clay. It is open to both hand builders and throwers that would like to expand their understanding of the ceramic arts by learning to make their own slips and glazes. Over the five weeks of the class we will meet each Friday for two hours. The classes will include both lectures and hands on activities. Week 1 we will make test tiles, select recipes that you will work with later in the class and start the slip making process. Week 2 you we will make base slip and then color it using mason stains. You will each receive 2 slips that you made to keep. Week 3 we will discuss the process of mixing dry glaze into a usable product and mix up a batch of studio glaze to practice the process. You will receive a container of this glaze to keep. Week 4 we will make one to two recipes that you selected in Week 1. You will get to keep the glazes you make. Week 5 we will glaze our test tiles and discuss proper glaze application. The class price includes all the supplies you will need except the ingredients for the glazes you will be making in Week 4. We will order all the supplies for your glaze, but you will be responsible for the price of the ingredients. We will have recipe options in a range of price points. No glaze will cost more than \$20 in ingredients. Glaze and slip making can be hazardous to respiratory health. Due to this all students will be required to wear, at minimum, an N95 mask or respirator during the hands-on portions of the class. We will provide N95 masks, but we encourage you to purchase and bring a small particle respirator if you are serious about pursuing glaze and slip making. This class does not come with clay, a shelf or open studio time. [www.creavastudio.com/product/making-glazes-slips-fri-11-1-jan-20-feb-17-/352](http://www.creavastudio.com/product/making-glazes-slips-fri-11-1-jan-20-feb-17-/352)

**Video Production 101 @ Evangel University starting at Noon.** Learn the basics of shooting, editing, and live streaming video. No matter your project topic, complexity, or budget, we are bringing in some of the most experienced PR video producers working in 417-land to share their tips and tricks. Be sure to email links for up to 3 videos you want to get constructive feedback on at least 1 week before the workshop to give our local video production experts a chance to watch your videos and provide feedback to help your next project be even better! Send those links to [ddouglas@nixa.com](mailto:ddouglas@nixa.com) This workshop will start with a classroom experience teaching the basics of shooting, editing, and live streaming. Then we'll have group discussion and live dissection of videos to learn practical examples of what to do and what not to do. Also, bring your ideas for videos you want to produce for your organization, as we'll end the day with small break-out group discussions to help you plan your next blockbuster! [www.swmoprsa.org/content.aspx](http://www.swmoprsa.org/content.aspx)

**Frieda Logan: Swap Meet Public Program – Still Life Workshop @ Springfield Art Museum from 5:45 – 7:45 pm.** Join us for an art-making workshop inspired by works on view in our focus exhibition "Frieda Logan: Swap Meet." Frieda Logan's slice of life paintings serve as the inspiration for this 2 hour drawing workshop. Registration is required. \$40 workshop fee includes all materials. Ages 16+ Learn more about the "Frieda Logan: Swap Meet" focus exhibition on our website: <https://www.sgfmuseum.org/269/Frieda-Logan-Swap-Meet> \*With public support from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency. [www.sgfmuseum.org/Activities/Activity/Detail/Winter-Exhibitions-Workshops-140](http://www.sgfmuseum.org/Activities/Activity/Detail/Winter-Exhibitions-Workshops-140)

## Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

**Kickoff Chili Shoot @ Ritter Springs Park from 8 am – 1 pm.** Kickoff shoot! Sign in between 8 and 1. Chili provided! [www.crossroads3Darchery.com](http://www.crossroads3Darchery.com)

**Grooming with Bergit Coady Kabel @ 1936 E Meadowmere St from Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.** \$150 per person/dog. priority given to schnauzer breeds until 11/01/2022 and then open to all stripped breeds until the 19 slots are full.

**Prepared Childbirth – One day class @ 1000 E Primrose Street, Spfd from 9 am – 5 pm.** This is a one-day Saturday class. A two-part evening class is also available. See separate event for details. In this class, you and your support person will learn what to expect before, during and after childbirth. Content includes late pregnancy expectations, the process of labor and birth, pain relief and comfort measures, medical interventions, cesarean sections and newborn and postpartum care. Includes tour of Labor & Delivery and Women & Newborn. Offered in-person or virtually. In-person attendance benefits include hands-on help with position changes, utilizing our birthing balls and massage tools, support person can try on an empathy belly, & we have a uterus/fetus display. Register online at [www.coxhealth.com/events](http://www.coxhealth.com/events) or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Plan to attend during the last trimester of your pregnancy but call around 20-25 weeks to register for the best availability.

**Free ACT Practice Test @ Class 101 College Planning – SW Missouri from 9 am – 12:30 pm.** Class 101 College Planning is hosting a free ACT practice test to local high school students to help prepare for an official test! Why take a practice ACT test? Juniors, practice to prepare for your official ACT test. Freshmen and Sophomores, get a baseline score. Everyone will learn about their strengths and areas of potential improvement! A detailed report will be provided by individual appointment with student and parent(s) during the week following the test.

**101 Camera Essentials – Springfield @ Bedford Camera & Video from 10 am – Noon.** First time digital camera owners learn what it takes to become comfortable exploring their new cameras in this class. We discuss basic camera functions, equipment care, shooting tips, and printing options. "Camera Essentials" is designed for people who are brand new to the digital photography world. Key topics will include: • How to care for your equipment, • Basic camera controls, • Shutter functions, • Flash functions, • Scene modes, and • Output options. Class Duration: Single session, 1.5 - 2-hour course. Class Fees: \$25 or Free with purchase of a camera and Camera+ Prerequisites: None Class Size Limit: Depends on venue. [www.bedfords.com/bsi101-sfd](http://www.bedfords.com/bsi101-sfd)

**Competition 101 @ Jordan Valley Ice Park from 1 – 2 pm.** Interested in learning more about figure skating competitions? JVFS is hosting a Competition 101 event to provide information on types of skating competitions, events at competitions, and how to register for competitions. This event is open to everyone who skates at Jordan Valley Ice Park.

**Intro to Kundalini with Tonya @ Sumits Hot Yoga from 2 – 4 pm.** Join Tonya for this 2-hour workshop that will introduce you to the Kundalini yoga practice. Kundalini is a practice that utilizes asanas, mantra, and breathwork to bring balance physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Kundalini yoga also reduces stress, anxiety and promotes spiritual enlightenment. The first hour we will learn a little bit about the history of kundalini, practice breathwork, as well as learn a few mantras and mudras. We will end the first hour with a meditation and short break. The second hour will be our kundalini practice where we put will apply breathwork, mantra, mudras and exercises to awaken the kundalini energy within the body. What to bring: Mat & Water. Bolster/Pillow & Blanket optional. This 2-hour workshop is \$35, space is limited! Tonya began her yoga journey 10 years ago after searching for a way to feel better physically. She immediately fell in love with not only the physical practice but also the mental, emotional, and spiritual freedom that yoga provides. Tonya received her 200hr RYT in April 2016 and has been continuing to build her yoga knowledge and teaching skills by attending a variety of trainings and workshops. Most recently completing Kundalini Yoga Immersion Teacher Training, Aug 2022. She is also a certified Sound Healer and Reiki Master Practitioner/Instructor.

**Synergy FC 4: Springfield Fight Night @ Shrine Mosque from 5 – 11 pm.** Synergy Fighting Championship returns to the Shrine Mosque in Springfield, Missouri on Saturday, January 21! Synergy FC 4 features top professional prospects, the rising stars of Midwest MMA, and an action packed night of fights from bell to bell! Tickets for this event are available on [www.Nitrotickets.com](http://www.Nitrotickets.com)!

**Friends Night Out @ Craft Axe Throwing starting at 5:30 pm.** This year I decided I want to spend more time with my friends! So once a month I'm planning a friend's night out! More the better, bring a friend. Let's make memories and adventures!



**Springtown 66 @ Moon City Pub from 6 – 8 pm.** Springtown 66 will play live at Moon City Pub! Come help us celebrate the night at this great venue!

**80s in Aspen – Charity Ball 2023 @ White River Conference Center starting at 6 pm.** From mountain glam to neon ski suits - let's bring Aspen to the 417!

The Junior League of Springfield's 2023 Charity Ball will be held at the White River Conference Center on January 21st, 2023. Food, Drinks, Auction, and live music from Machine Gun Symphony! This party is sure to be a blast from the past! Purchase tickets and table sponsorships here: [https://one.bidpal.net/.../ticketing\(details:ticketing...](https://one.bidpal.net/.../ticketing/details/ticketing...)

**Morgan Squared @ Southbound Bar & Grill starting at 8 pm.** \$5 Cover. Amazing Food.

**Gypsies-Fleetwood Mac & Stevie Nicks tribute! @ Kiss Bar & Grill starting at 8:30 pm.** Come out and enjoy a night full of your favorite Fleetwood Mac & Stevie Nicks songs! Only \$15 at the door!!

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Chinese New Year**

**Horseback Riding + Winery @ Farmers Park from 10:45 am – 4:15 pm.** Join us for a day of horseback riding and wine tasting with a great view of the Ozarks. We will saddle up after a short safety briefing that will let you get acquainted with your horse. We will go on an hour-long ride through the fields, woods, and creeks with an experienced guide. This experience is perfect for new horseback riders and experienced riders looking for a relaxing day. The views along the ride will not disappoint you. After, we will drive to Bear Creek Winery, a great family friendly winery, surrounded by fantastic views of the Ozarks. We will enjoy a complimentary tasting of amazing red and white wines. After the tasting, they also have rustic pizza, smoked meats, cheese, and local chocolate for you to choose whatever your heart desires while we relax and socialize at their amazing space. If wine is not your drink of choice, they brew their own beer, and it is fantastic! [www.37northexpeditions.com/all-trips/horseback-winery-dec18-sgf-b6pa9-mny4g-633zd-fyypn-dlpgc-4l34l-dec87-4sl8h-9gnl3-ytxwc-eactp-4g8je-ewxpf-jh95p-mfxel-4f53e-2ggxp-nz245-y6c3n](http://www.37northexpeditions.com/all-trips/horseback-winery-dec18-sgf-b6pa9-mny4g-633zd-fyypn-dlpgc-4l34l-dec87-4sl8h-9gnl3-ytxwc-eactp-4g8je-ewxpf-jh95p-mfxel-4f53e-2ggxp-nz245-y6c3n)

**Blues Society Open Mic Jam @ Carrie's from 6 – 9 pm.** Bring your instrument & join in the jam or stop by enjoy a drink & listen to our great local artists. Great Drink Specials.

Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Beginner Wheel Thrown Pottery @ Creava Studio (Mondays) from 6 – 8 pm Jan 23 – March 20.** Our Beginner Wheel Thrown Pottery class is perfect for all people ages 16 and up who want to learn to play in the mud. This class is specifically geared towards people with little to no experience with clay. It can be re-taken until one feels ready to move up to Intermediate Wheel Thrown Pottery. Beginner's Wheel Thrown Pottery is a progressive skill class that will teach you all the skills, tips, and tricks you need to successfully create with clay. Our instructor will provide you with the individualized attention you need to create your first pieces. This is an eight-week class, and you will attend your registered class each week. The class costs \$250 and includes all tools, glaze, and firings (25 pieces fired to completion, additional pieces will cost approximately \$1/firing). The class does not come with clay. Clay can be purchased from our main store and usually costs between \$18 and \$28 for 25lbs which is plenty of clay for the class length. In addition to class time, you will have access to the studio for the duration of your class to take advantage of Unlimited Open Studio time. [www.creavastudio.com/product/beginner-wheel-thrown-pottery-mon-6-8-jan-23-mar-20-/380](http://www.creavastudio.com/product/beginner-wheel-thrown-pottery-mon-6-8-jan-23-mar-20-/380)

**Inspirational Word Art Workshop Fundraiser for Embrace @ Drew Lewis Foundation at The Fairbanks from 6:30 – 9 pm.** For the first time ever, Eclectica Studio & Gifts is partnering with Embrace to bring you a Paint Party

Fundraiser! For \$33 you will get all the supplies to create your own personalized piece of Inspirational Word Art. With your ticket purchase you also get \$5 food or beverage credit in our fantastic venue Kaiju Coffee. When registering for this event, you will need to tell us your "Word." I will be sharing information about that here on the event page and on the Eclectica Studio & Gifts Facebook page. You can also search online for "One Word", or "Word of the Year" for more info. Reservations and Payments will be needed in advance to ensure we have all the supplies! [www.allthingseclectica.com/event-details/inspirational-word-art-workshop-fundraiser-for-embrace](http://www.allthingseclectica.com/event-details/inspirational-word-art-workshop-fundraiser-for-embrace)

#### Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

**Homeschool 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Through the Eyes @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park starting at 9 am.** Did you know that the cow eyeball slightly differs from humans? There's a special tissue that makes it different. Students in this program will learn the ins and outs of a cow eye through a hands-on dissection. Register by January 9th Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-874-2920. Age: 6th –12th grade. Time: 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Fee: \$40 [http://apm.activecommunities.com/.../Activity\\_Search/25393](http://apm.activecommunities.com/.../Activity_Search/25393)

#### Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

**MPRA Region 3 Day Camp Workshop @ 2400 S Scenic Avenue, Spfd from 9 am – 1 pm.** More information and registration coming soon with Missouri Park and Recreation Association.

#### Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

**Lake Life Expo @ Springfield Expo Center from Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Jan 29<sup>th</sup>.** FREE ADMISSION! The Lake Life Expo is the premier boating and lake lifestyle event in southern Missouri, featuring recreational watercraft, lake toys, home decor, outdoor living accessories, and much more. The Springfield Expo Center will be packed with everything you need to enjoy "The Lake Life."

**Frank Foster @ Gillioz Theatre starting at 8 pm.** Frank Foster embodies musical independence at its highest level. He not only has taken the road less traveled, but the road almost never traveled. Acting as his own record label, management, and publishing company, he has managed to find success that some major label artists may never find. This rural Louisiana native and former oilfield man has taken his songs from the campfire to the coliseum seemingly overnight, all the while gaining a following of fans whose loyalty is unmatched. His musical journey started in 2011 with the release of his first album "Rowdy Reputation". To follow that up, in the late summer of 2012, he released his second album "Red Wings and Six Strings" which debuted at #30 on the Billboard Country Charts and #1 on Billboard's South Central U.S. Heat Seeker's chart. Foster's next five albums also all debuted on the Billboard Country Charts. Southern Soul was released in 2013 debuting at #11. Rhythm and Whiskey was released in 2014 debuted at #4. His early 2016 release, Boots on The Ground, debuted at #7. Later in 2016, he released Good Country Music, which debuted at #13. In 2018, he released his seventh album, 'til I'm Gone, which debuted at #2 on the Billboard Country Album Sales Charts giving Foster his highest mark yet. He's a singer, a songwriter, and his own boss. He refuses to let anyone water down his kind of country music. If he lives it, he writes it; if he writes it, he sings it; if he sings it, he believes it. Frank Foster ... a true original. Doors open at 7 pm, Show at 8 pm. [www.etix.com/ticket/p/6651457/frank-foster-springfield-gillioz-theatre](http://www.etix.com/ticket/p/6651457/frank-foster-springfield-gillioz-theatre)

**Nathan Bryce @ Loaded Dice @ Carrie's from 8 – 11:59 pm.** Live music – Never A Cover. Great Drink Specials.

Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

**The Bleak Midwinter Endurance Run @ Sac River Mountain Bike Trail from 7 am – 7 pm.** Join us on January 28th for the inaugural Bleak Midwinter Endurance Run, a classic, timed endurance run on a 4-mile loop trail with options for every level of runner. No, you don't have to be an ultra-runner. This is an event for all runners! The options we offer: - 12-hour Challenge, - 6-hour Challenge, - 3-hour Challenge, and - 1 hour Challenge. The goal is to complete as many laps as possible! There is one aid station at the start/finish. There is only a start and finish time, how many laps you complete is between you and your legs. For more course information and registration details, visit us on [ultrasignup.com](https://ultrasignup.com).

**Greater Springfield Garage Sale & Marketplace @ Ozark Empire Fair from Jan 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>.** Who's ready to shop? The Greater Springfield, MO Garage Sale & Marketplace is back! Treasure seekers will find antiques, collectibles, jewelry, new and used clothing, arts and crafts, furniture, electronics and more. Buy discount tickets here: <https://bit.ly/3fsU57p> Want to sell something? Booths starting at \$100 are available. Get yours today: <https://mogaragesale2023.expofp.com/> [www.garagesaleandmarketplace.com/event-info/springfield-missouri-tickets](http://www.garagesaleandmarketplace.com/event-info/springfield-missouri-tickets)

**Winter Bloom Workshop @ New Life Church from 9:30 am – Noon.** Join in on a cozy morning of fellowship, community, and goal-oriented discussions! January is a perfect time to reevaluate your vision and make realistic goals towards a more productive school year! Don't wait until the end of the school year to make changes when you can make changes now to better thrive on your home education journey! Erin McGhee and Amanda Campbell, hosts of GOAT Homeschooling Podcast, will be joining us from the Kansas City area as guest speakers! They are down to register via PayPal or Venmo. Registration: \$48 [www.paypal.me/bloomandblossom](http://www.paypal.me/bloomandblossom) [www.venmo.com/bloomandblossom](http://www.venmo.com/bloomandblossom)

**2023 Winter Field Day and Q1 Tech Day @ 4094 N Farm Road 157, Spfd from Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – Jan 29<sup>th</sup>.** Come out and join us for a combined Winter Field Day and Tech Day! With two popular events in one day, its sure to be a good one! All the details can be found here: <https://smarc.org/winter-field-day-and-q1-tech-day-are.../>

**Hand Up's Fresh Start 5 & 10K 2023 @ CNH Industrial Reman North American starting at 10 am.** Hand Up, a justice initiative of National Avenue Christian Church, is proud to continue the tradition of the Fresh Start 5k & 10k. Come run or walk with us on the Frisco Highline Trail Saturday January 28, 2023, at 10 AM. Register early for the best rates. Free beanie! Awards for finishers in categories for non-binary, women, and men. Door prizes! Hand Up's mission is to assist individuals who have been released from federal & state correctional facilities within the last twelve months by providing them with emergency assistance. Resources will be provided on a case-by-case basis for needs such as fees associated with acquiring government I.D.s, housing, utilities, uniforms, food and medications. With these resources, we hope to provide a hand up to vulnerable populations and ultimately reduce recidivism. Find more, including Sponsorship opportunities, at: <https://www.nationalavenuecc.com/programs/hand-up>

**January EFR PSC Class @ Diver's Oasis from 1 – 3 pm.** January's Emergency First Responder Primary and Secondary Care class.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Biker Ball @ The Foxhole starting at 6 pm.** Food, music, dancing and more! Pictures, raffles, 50/50 and crowns! Come join Springfield MDMC and Queen of Hearts for a night filled with fun! \$10 dollars a person or \$15 a couple. Pre purchase tickets or get them at the door. Money raised from the event will go to help local families in need. Dress as formal as you want or come as you are.

**Cancer can KISS my \$\$\$ benefit for Bart Kelley @ Kiss Bar & Grill starting at 7 pm.** Join Springfield's original 80's cover band 4jax as we raise our glasses and our dollars to help our dear friend and musical genius, Bart Kelley pay for mounting medical bills as he battles cancer. The night's events will include a silent auction as well as guest performances by some of the Queen City's most talented musicians! Bring lots of cash as all proceeds go directly to Bart and his family during this difficult time of need.

**Uncle Buster @ Galloway Station from 7:30 – 11 pm.** Uncle Buster brings the classic rock and blues rock party back to Galloway Station! Let's rock the house!

**Chapel Hart: Glory Days Tour @ Gillioz Theatre starting at 8 pm.** Chapel Hart has found a way to gift wrap their Mississippi roots & Louisiana spice and share it with listeners around the world. Consisting of sisters Danica and Devynn Hart along with Cousin Trea Swindle went from singing together as children in Hart's Chapel, to a world class group whose colorful and contagious energy has flourished into a full live band experience that fills venues at home and around the country. Chapel Hart has an amazing ability to tug on your heartstrings with a tender yet powerful ballad, then have you pumping your fist in unison to the pulse of hard-hitting music. The cohesiveness of the band has not gone unnoticed as they have garnered thousands of fans from all over the world and have received hundreds of thousands of views on-line of their performances. In 2021 Chapel Hart was inducted into CMT's Next Women of Country, the institution that has been known to help up and coming female country artists such as Kelsea Ballerini, Ashley McBride, & Gabby Barrett... to name a few. This Mississippi trio's music has reached fans around the globe earning them the title of "International Group of the Year" as well as "International Song of the Year" for the single "You Can Have Him Jolene" in Scotland. They were also nominated in multiple categories by the British CMAs including "Group of the Year" and "Album of the Year" for their sophomore release "The Girls Are Back In Town". Doors open at 7 pm. Show at 8 pm. **The trio has a natural ability to make people join in song and dance and in their live performances. They often note music's incredible power to unite people of all nationalities, religions, and walks of life. The ladies will often treat the audience to three-part harmony A Capella arrangement that range from energetic and playful to emotional and chilling. Chapel Hart has entertained people from all over the world, and the decision is always unanimous, there's no experience quite like the Chapel Hart experience!** [www.etix.com/ticket/p/6472132/chapel-hartglory-days-tour-springfield-gillioz-theatre](http://www.etix.com/ticket/p/6472132/chapel-hartglory-days-tour-springfield-gillioz-theatre)

**Brad Williams & The Dance Hall Prophets @ Carrie's from 8 pm – 11:59.** Great live music & No cover charge.

[Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>](#)

[Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>](#)

[Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>](#)

**Preschool Story Time @ Ridgecrest Baptist Church from 10 – 11 am.** Join us for Preschool Story Time! Now meeting on the last Tuesday of each month! Kids of all ages are welcome, but activities are geared toward preschoolers and toddlers. Registration is not required, but RSVP here if you plan to come!



## Springfield Greene County Library

### Tuesday, January 3, 2023

**Racing to Read Storytime, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- Republic Branch Library community room
- Strafford Branch Library community room

**Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.**

Our interactive story times 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.

- 10:30 a.m. Willard Branch Library community room
- 11:15 a.m. The Library Station Story Hour Room

**Donuts & Death, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m. for adults.** Horror has never tasted so sweet. Join our horror book club and sink your teeth into a good book while enjoying donuts. "You Should Have Left" by Daniel Kehlmann.

**Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.**

Our interactive story times 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.

### Wednesday, January 4, 2023

**Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- 10 a.m. Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room
- 10 a.m. Republic Branch Library community room
- 10:30 a.m. Ash Grove Branch Library community room
- 11 a.m. Fair Grove Branch Library community room

**Teen Board Game Night, Ash Grove Branch Library community room, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. for grades 6-12.**

Like board games? Play some of your favorites at the library. Bring your own game to share or play some of ours.

### Thursday, January 5, 2023

**The Great Storybook Adventure, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Children's Department, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.**

Our favorite storybook characters are running loose in the library! We'll share a fun book at the first story time of each month, then join us anytime that month in the Children's Department to search for those beloved characters.

Where's Peter now? "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats.

**Racing to Read Storytime, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Children's Department, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Meet the Computer, Computer Training Center, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. for adults.** 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. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

**Board Game Boredom Buster, Willard Branch Library community room, 2:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m. for grades 6-12.** We'll provide the snacks and games for an afternoon of board game-fun!

**Stupendous Games n' Reads, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Children's Department, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. for grades 3-6.** Stop by and have a blast playing new-to-you or familiar board and card games while meeting friends and getting great tips on the most popular graphic novels, comics and award books in our collection.

**Feel Good Fiction, The Library Center Harrison Room, 7 p.m. for adults.** Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy, and compassion. "The Love Story of Missy Carmichael" by Beth Morrey.

### Friday, January 6, 2023

**Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Open Lab, Computer Training Center, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. for adults.** Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special

**Cozy Cuppa, Strafford Branch Library, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. for adults.** January is National Tea Month. Stop in the Strafford Branch every Friday of the month for a cuppa along with coloring pages and puzzles for adults.

**Teen Night: Gaming Night, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12.** Get your game on with board and video games on the first Friday of each month.

### Saturday, January 7, 2023

**Craft & Tell, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 10:30 a.m. for adults.** Spend an hour working on a craft project you're in the middle of or begin something new while chatting with fellow crafters. If you enjoy fiber arts, needlework, drawing or any other craft that is portable, quiet and doesn't make a mess, this group is for you!

### Sunday, January 8, 2023

**Second Sunday Concerts, The Library Center auditorium, 2 p.m. for adults.** Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Blue Train, a contemporary bluegrass band with members from Springfield, Marshfield, Forsyth and Branson, blends vocal and instrumental talents with a unique selection of material for your entertainment.

### Monday, January 9, 2023

**Finding Files, Computer Training Center, 10 a.m.-noon for adults.** Learn to save, organize, copy, move, rename, delete, find and manage files and folders on your computer or external storage device. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

**Stories Together, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 6 p.m. for infants-age 6.** Join your favorite library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers for songs, stories and playtime. We will have lots of fun and families will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their children's development. Come play with us!

**Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

### Tuesday, January 10, 2023

**Racing to Read Storytime, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 9:30 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Backpack Tags or Keychains, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Maker Space, 10 a.m.-noon for grades 6-12.** Customize a keychain or backpack tag with your name, school mascot or favorite image. Library staff will teach you how to design and print using the Glowforge Laser Engraver. Materials will be provided. Registration starts December 27; call 417-837-5011.

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**Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- 10:30 a.m. The Library Center Story Hour Room
- 10:30 a.m. Willard Branch Library community room
- 11:15 a.m. The Library Station Story Hour Room

**Flying Needles, Ash Grove Branch Library community room, 1:30 p.m. for adults.** Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Work on your current projects, share patterns and ideas, and check out our knitting and crochet resources. All levels of experience are welcome.

**Mystery Book Club, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library upstairs meeting room, 1:30 p.m. for adults.** Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to contemporary, cozy to thriller, series and standalone. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. "The Devil and the Dark Water" by Stuart Turton.

**Unwind Your Mind: Teen Stress Relief Crafts, The Library Center teen area, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. for grades 6-12.** Hang out with our teen librarian and talk about books, learn mindfulness techniques and enjoy a relaxing craft to take home and relieve stress. Materials will be provided.

**Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

### Wednesday, January 11, 2023

**Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- 10 a.m. Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room
- 10 a.m. Republic Branch Library community room
- 10:30 a.m. Ash Grove Branch Library community room
- 11 a.m. Fair Grove Branch Library community room

**Book Discussion, The Library Center meeting room B, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. for adults.** "The Maid" by Nita Prose.

**Book Discussion, Fair Grove Branch Library, 1 p.m. for adults.** "Alice Adams" by Booth Tarkington.

**Willard Page Turners, Willard Branch Library community room, 2:30 p.m. for adults** "1984" by George Orwell.

**Film Stubs, Offsite Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. for adults.** 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. "Fargo," rated R, 1996.

### Thursday, January 12, 2023

**Library Playdate, Strafford Branch Library, 10 a.m.-noon for infants-age 4.** Come to the library for a playdate! We'll have fun activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Drop in for fun and get to know other families.

**iPhone Class for Seniors, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 10 a.m.-noon for adults.** If you're an older adult who would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. Registration not required.

**Racing to Read Storytime, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Children's Department, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Book Discussion, Republic Branch Library community room, 2 p.m. for adults.** "The Music of Bees" by Eileen Garvin.

**STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursdays, The Library Station Frisco Room, 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 and teens ages 13-17 are welcome to come and learn alongside their younger siblings. Materials will be provided; seating is limited. Explore sculptor Alexander Calder's mobiles and create one of your own. Registration starts January 5; call 417-616-0673.

**Learning Windows 10 and 11, Computer Training Center, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. for adults.** Learn about the Windows 10 and Windows 11 operating system. Explore the Start Menu, Settings menu, and learn how to customize your computer. Use tiles to launch apps and to access other programs on the computer. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

**STEAM After School, Fair Grove Branch Library, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. for grades K-4.** Stop by for science, technology, engineering, art and math-themed activities and exploration.

**Downtown Book Club, Offsite Downtown Springfield Association, 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for adults.** Join us every second Thursday of the month to chat about our monthly title while enjoying the urban skyline at this library-sponsored book group. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association. "Firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Boulley.

**Bricks and Books Club, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for grades 3-5.** Love books and LEGO bricks? We've got a club for you! Each month we'll read a book, chat about it and build something related to the book of the month. "The One and Only Ivan" Chat about by Katherine Applegate and create a secret zoo.

**An Introduction to Contract Bridge, The Library Center meeting rooms A and B, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for adults.** 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 Thursday evenings. Registration starts December 29; call 417-883-5341.

**David Harrison: There Once Was A Boy, The Library Center auditorium, 7 p.m. for adults.** Beloved children's book author and Springfield native David Harrison sits down with Rachel Elaina Kersey, managing editor of Missouri State University Libraries, to discuss his autobiography, "There Once Was A Boy," and how he became the writer he is today.

### Friday, January 13, 2023

**Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Northview Center Book Discussion, Offsite Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St., 10:30 a.m. for adults aged 55 and older.** Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults. "The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet" by John Green.

**Racing to Read Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.



**Open Lab, Computer Training Center, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. for adults.** Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Call 417-837-5011.

**Cozy Cuppa, Strafford Branch Library, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. for adults.** January is National Tea Month. Stop in the Strafford Branch every Friday of the month for a cuppa along with coloring pages and puzzles for adults.

**Downtown Game Night, Offsite Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar, 431 S. Jefferson Ave. Suite 172, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. for adults.** Drop in to play various board and card games and treat yourself to a coffee or affogato. Choose from our selection of games or bring your own.

**Teen Night: Art Studio, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12.** Calling all artists! Make, practice, or try new techniques using library materials on the second Friday of each month. No art experience required to attend.

### Saturday, January 14, 2023

**Itsy Bitsy Science Saturday, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 10 a.m. for ages 3-7.** Explore, build, calculate, and create with activities designed to build science, technology, engineering, art and math skills. Dress for a mess!

**Never Too Old for YA, Willard Branch Library community room, 10:30 a.m. for adults.** If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join the Never Too Old book group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly released titles. "Our Crooked Hearts" by Melissa Albert.

**Racing to Read Storytime, Park Central Branch Library, 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-6.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Winter Playdate, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 11 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Kids and their adults can have fun and socialize at our winter-themed playdate filled with unstructured science, art and play-based activities for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers!

**Seeding A Healthy Life: Indoor Gardening, Tower Gardens and Microgreens, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library upstairs meeting room, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. for adults.** Planting Seeds founder Dr. Nicole McCauley and Brenda Bauer from Juice Plus will talk about growing your own food with a tower garden and the positive impact tower gardens have on our community. Participants will also learn how to grow nutrient-dense microgreens in a short period of time. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. A Seeding a Healthy Life event. Registration starts January 3; call 417-862-0135.

**STEAM Explorers, The Library Station Frisco Room, 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 and teens ages 13-17 are welcome to come and learn alongside their younger siblings. Materials will be provided; no registration required. Explore sculptor Alexander Calder's mobiles and create one of your own.

### Tuesday, January 17, 2023

**Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- 9:30 a.m. The Library Center Story Hour Room
- 10 a.m. Republic Branch Library community room
- 10 a.m. Strafford Branch Library community room

**Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- 10:30 a.m. The Library Center Story Hour Room

- 10:30 a.m. Willard Branch Library community room
- 11:15 a.m. The Library Station Story Hour Room

**Indoor Snow Day! Ash Grove Branch Library community room, noon-2 p.m. for infants-age 6.** Have a flurry of fun as you participate in a variety of snow-themed crafts and activities including ice painting, snowball toss and more.

**Ash Grove Bibliophiles, Ash Grove Branch Library community room, 1:30 p.m. for adults.** "The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb" by Melanie Benjamin.

**SCORE Tuesdays @ Two, Virtual, 2 p.m. for adults.** Presented in partnership with Southwest Missouri SCORE. Register by calling or clicking below; a link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants. Intercultural Communication for Business. Have you faced challenges communicating with your team members or business partners from different nationalities, age groups, races, gender, and other cultural groups? Jinzi Fan from Missouri State University's International Leadership and Training Center will help you understand cultural differences and provide simple practices for smoother and more effective communication at your workplace. Registration starts December 27; call 417-883-1974.

**Staying Relevant with Existing Clients, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 6 p.m. for adults.** You've worked hard to bring a new client into your business. You branded your business, built a website, and mastered social media. Now it's time to build a relationship with the client to keep them coming back to you instead of searching for a new provider. As a retail and service-based business owner, having automated touchpoints in place allows you to deepen your relationship with clients. Windy Linde of Linde Esthetics will share her customer relations strategy and resources that can be customized to your unique business. Presented in partnership with Southwest Missouri SCORE. Register by calling or clicking below. Registration starts December 27; call 417-883-1974.

**Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

### Wednesday, January 18, 2023

**Foundation Directory for Nonprofits, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Computer Training Center, 10 a.m. for adults.** Looking for grants for your nonprofit organization? As part of Candid's Funding Information Network, the Springfield-Greene County community has access to the Foundation Directory Online, with information on over 100,000 foundations and over 2.5 million recently awarded grants. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration starts January 4; call 417-862-0135.

**Racing to Read Storytime, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room
- Republic Branch Library community room

**Exploring Genealogy, The Library Center auditorium, 10 a.m. for adults. Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.** The Future of History. Retired Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist Chuck Sherrill will describe the creation and evolution of historical documents and their preservation from the ancient past to modern day and explain how modern technology can reverse document damage and provide methods for more efficient research.

**Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- 10:30 a.m. Ash Grove Branch Library community room
- 11 a.m. Fair Grove Branch Library community room

**Teen Board Game Night, Ash Grove Branch Library community room, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. for grades 6-12.** Like board games? Play some of your favorites at the library. Bring your own game to share or play some of ours.

### Thursday, January 19, 2023

**Racing to Read Storytime, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Children's Department, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Travelogue, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 2 p.m. for adults.** Sit back, relax, and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month. Crystal folia in America's Heartland. Join Dr. Michelle Olsen from Missouri State University as she describes her travels throughout the Ozarks and beyond to photograph Crystal folia, ice sculptures that extrude from the stems of a select group of plants during the winter. Dr. Olsen has captured thousands of these beautiful flowers, which will be featured in an upcoming book.

**Internet Safety, Computer Training Center, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. for adults.** Learn what to do to protect yourself and your computer when you are connected to the internet. Learn about anti-virus programs, internet privacy, how to keep your personal information safe and create secure passwords. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

**LEGO Brick Building, Willard Branch Library community room, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. for grades 3-6.** Take part in our LEGO brick free-for-all as you challenge yourself to build a creation from one of our patterns or your imagination.

**STEAM Explorers, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 3 p.m. for grades K-5.** Enjoy scientific exploration, exciting challenges and educational play with science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Registration starts January 9; call 417-616-0526.

**Coloring Club, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. for adults.** Relax after work with coloring pages and a movie. Our film will be audience choice from a selection of movies rated PG-13 or under in the listed genre. Materials will be provided. Science Fiction.

**An Introduction to Contract Bridge, The Library Center meeting rooms A and B, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for adults.** 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 Thursday evenings. Registration starts December 29; call 417-883-5341.

### Friday, January 20, 2023

**Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Racing to Read Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Open Lab, Computer Training Center, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. for adults.** Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Call 417-837-5011.

**Cozy Cuppa, Strafford Branch Library, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. for adults.** January is National Tea Month. Stop in the Strafford Branch every Friday of the month for a cuppa along with coloring pages and puzzles for adults.

**Teen Night: RPG Night, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12.** Whether you're a seasoned role-playing gamer or totally new to the activity, join us for special library tabletop campaigns and LARPing nights on the third Friday of each month. Newcomers are welcome each week.

### Saturday, January 21, 2023

**Foreign Film Discussion, Park Central Branch Library, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for adults.** Discuss foreign films with other cinephiles. Find a DVD copy of the monthly selection to watch in advance at [thelibrary.org/catalog](http://thelibrary.org/catalog).

**Library kins Playgroup, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 11 a.m. for all ages.** Kids and their caregivers can make new friends at the library! We'll provide lots of toys, books and activities to encourage socialization and cooperative play. Coffee and tea will be provided, and attendees are welcome to bring a snack or lunch.

**Fix-It Fair, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Reading Room, noon-4 p.m. for adults.** Give your household appliances, bikes and even clothes a new lease on life and reduce waste. Volunteer fixers will help you repair your fixable items. No oversized, gas-powered items or safety hazards. Presented with Community Partnership of the Ozarks.

### Sunday, January 22, 2023

**STEAM Explorers, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 1:30 p.m. for grades K-2.** Enjoy scientific exploration, exciting challenges and educational play with science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Registration starts January 9; call 417-616-0526.

**STEAM Explorers, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 3 p.m. for grades 3-5.** Enjoy scientific exploration, exciting challenges and educational play with science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Registration starts January 9; call 417-616-0526.

### Monday, January 23, 2023

**Imagination Playground, Strafford Branch Library, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for all ages.** We're bringing the playground inside! See what you can create with the Imagination Playground, a set of giant foam building blocks. Will you make a castle, a fort or maybe a reading cave? The Imagination Playground is provided in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

**Custom Stickers, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Maker Space, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for grade K-adults.** Use the Cricut Maker to create a sheet of custom stickers. You can choose from our designs or bring your favorite image on a flash drive. Materials will be provided. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration starts January 9; call 417-837-5011.

**Stories Together, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Children's Department, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Join your favorite library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers for songs, stories, and playtime. We will have lots of fun and families will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their children's development. Come play with us!

**Google Tools, Computer Training Center, 10 a.m.-noon for adults.** Learn to use Google tools including Gmail, Google Meet, 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. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

**Pinterest Inspiration: Faux Stained Glass, Fair Grove Branch Library, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. for grades 7-12.** Will it be a Pinterest win or fail? Find out as you create a faux stained glass wintery scene. Materials will be provided. Registration starts January 9; call 417-759-2637.

**Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

**TikTok Made Me Read It, The Library Center Harrison Room, 7 p.m. for adults.** Discuss books that have been trending and made popular on Book Tok and connect with fellow readers. "A Court of Thorns and Roses" by Sarah J. Maas.

### Tuesday, January 24, 2023

**Imagination Playground, Strafford Branch Library, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for all ages.** We're bringing the playground inside! See what you can create with the Imagination Playground, a set of giant foam building blocks. Will you make a castle, a fort or maybe a reading cave? The Imagination Playground is provided in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

**Custom Stickers, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Maker Space, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for grade K-adults.** Use the Cricut Maker to create a sheet of custom stickers. You can choose from our designs or bring your favorite image on a flash drive. Materials will be provided. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration starts January 9; call 417-837-5011.

**Racing to Read Storytime, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 9:30 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

**10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 10 a.m. for adults.** Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior changes that interfere with daily living. Learn about common warning signs of Alzheimer's and what symptoms to look for in yourself and others, as well as tips to approach someone who is experiencing changes in their memory, the benefit of early detection and diagnosis, and more from Amber Allen, field specialist in human development and family science with the University of Missouri Extension.

**Racing to Read Storytime, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- Republic Branch Library community room

- **Stafford Branch Library community room**

**Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Sensory Playdate, Ash Grove Branch Library community room, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.** Enjoy learning through sensory play! Children and families can interact with different types of sensory activities and toys, ranging from playdough and finger painting to the library's sensory tubs.

**Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- 10:30 a.m. The Library Center Story Hour Room
- 10:30 a.m. Willard Branch Library community room
- 11:15 a.m. The Library Station Story Hour Room

**Conversation Circles, The Library Center meeting room A, 6 p.m. for adults and teens in grades 6-12.** Is English your second language? Practice your English-speaking skills and meet new people while we talk, listen and learn in conversation circles. Circles will be led by Missouri State University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Suneeta Thomas. Adult and student speakers of all languages are welcome. Each session will begin with a different theme. Meetings and Introductions.

**Starlight Storytime, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 6:30 p.m. for ages 2-6.** Wind down the day with stories, songs, and friends at the library. Pajamas, stuffies and cuddles welcome.

**Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

### Wednesday, January 25, 2023

**Imagination Playground, Stafford Branch Library, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for all ages.** We're bringing the playground inside! See what you can create with the Imagination Playground, a set of giant foam building blocks. Will you make a castle, a fort or maybe a reading cave? The Imagination Playground is provided in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

**Custom Stickers, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Maker Space, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for grade K-adults.** Use the Cricut Maker to create a sheet of custom stickers. You can choose from our designs or bring your favorite image on a flash drive. Materials will be provided. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration starts January 9; call 417-837-5011.

**Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- 10 a.m. Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room
- 10 a.m. Republic Branch Library community room
- 10:30 a.m. Ash Grove Branch Library community room
- 11 a.m. Fair Grove Branch Library community room

**Winter Reading Pals, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 3:30 p.m. for age 3 and older.** Practice your reading skills with one of our favorite furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Registration starts January 2; call 417-883-1974.

### Thursday, January 26, 2023

**Imagination Playground, Stafford Branch Library, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for all ages.** We're bringing the playground inside! See what you can create with the Imagination Playground, a set of giant foam building blocks. Will you make a castle, a fort or maybe a reading cave? The Imagination Playground is provided in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

**Custom Stickers, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Maker Space, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for grade K-adults.** Use the Cricut Maker to create a sheet of custom stickers. You can choose from our designs or bring your favorite image on a flash drive. Materials will be provided. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Registration starts January 9; call 417-837-5011.

**iPhone Class for Seniors, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 10 a.m.-noon for adults.** If you're an older adult who would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. Registration not required.

**Racing to Read Storytime, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Children's Department, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Afternoon Book Discussion, The Library Station Santa Fe Room, 1:30 p.m. for adults.** "The Kissing Bug: A True Story of a Family, an Insect, and a Nation's Neglect of a Deadly Disease" by Daisy Hernández.

**Microsoft Word Basics, Computer Training Center, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. for adults.** 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. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

**Communities Reading Together Book Club, Offsite Book Marx Book Store, 325 E. Walnut St. 5:30 p.m. for adults.** Meet with your neighbors to read books that have recently been in the news. We'll discuss the book, reasons for the item being banned or challenged and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom. Teens, age 15 and older are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian. "Blankets" by Craig Thompson.

**Winter Sowing for the Itchy Green Thumb, The Library Station Santa Fe Room, 6 p.m. for adults.** One way to start gardening in mid-winter is browsing seed catalogs, but you can also start planting seeds! Learn about the winter sowing method and collect supplies to start winter sowing at home. A Seeding a Healthy Life event. Registration starts January 9; call 417-616-0683 or email [mandih@thelibrary.org](mailto:mandih@thelibrary.org).

**An Introduction to Contract Bridge, The Library Center meeting rooms A and B, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for adults.** 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 Thursday evenings. Registration starts December 29; call 417-883-5341.

### Friday, January 27, 2023

**Imagination Playground, Strafford Branch Library, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. for all ages.** We're bringing the playground inside! See what you can create with the Imagination Playground, a set of giant foam building blocks. Will you make a castle, a fort or maybe a reading cave? The Imagination Playground is provided in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

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**Open Lab, Computer Training Center, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. for adults.** Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed. Can't make it on Friday? Call 417-837-5011 to schedule an appointment. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. Call 417-837-5011.

**Cozy Cuppa, Strafford Branch Library, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. for adults.** January is National Tea Month. Stop in the Strafford Branch every Friday of the month for a cuppa along with coloring pages and puzzles for adults.

**Teen Night: Anime Night, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for age 14-grade 12.** Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided.

### Saturday, January 28, 2023

**Little LEGO Day, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 10 a.m.-noon for ages 2-6.** Celebrate National LEGO Day with brick building fun for our littlest builders!

**Racing to Read Storytime, Park Central Branch Library, 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-6.** Our interactive story times 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 Day, The Library Center auditorium, 1 p.m.-2:45 p.m. for grades K-5.** Celebrate National LEGO Day! Build with LEGO bricks and watch "The LEGO Movie," rated PG.

**National Seed Swap Day, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. for adults.** Bring your seeds of any type to swap with other gardeners in the upstairs meeting room. Don't have seeds to share? You're still welcome to participate in the swap. Kids can make a garden craft; materials will be provided. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

**Winter Preparedness, The Library Station Frisco Room, 2 p.m. for adults.** From winter weather alerts and preparing your home to power outages and other risks, the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) presents the hazards of winter and how to prepare for them.

**LEGO Lovers Unite! Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Teen Room, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. for grades K-6.** Celebrate National LEGO Day at the library! Bring your creative LEGO brick builds for show and tell (all of your creations must fit inside a shoebox). And see amazing builds by the Springfield LEGO Users Group! Test your skills with building challenges and meet other builders like YOU. All builds will be given a special award and displayed at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library in February. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

**Cookbook Book Club, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 3 p.m. for adults.** What Cha got cookin'? Try at least one recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone's recipes turned out and review the books. We'll also talk food news, cooking techniques, kitchen gadgets and all things delicious. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged!

### Monday, January 30, 2023

**Stories Together, The Library Center auditorium, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.** Join your favorite library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers for songs, stories and playtime. We will have lots of fun and families will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their children's development. Come play with us!

**Microsoft Excel Basics, Computer Training Center, 10 a.m.-noon for adults.** Learn how to create and use spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Add data to a spreadsheet, perform calculations and set up spreadsheets for printing. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

**Racing to Read Pajama Story time, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

### Tuesday, January 31, 2023

**Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- 9:30 a.m. The Library Center Story Hour Room
- 10 a.m. Republic Branch Library community room
- 10 a.m. Strafford Branch Library community room

**Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.** Our interactive story times 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.

**Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.

- 10:30 a.m. The Library Center Story Hour Room
- 10:30 a.m. Willard Branch Library community room
- 11:15 a.m. The Library Station Story Hour Room

**Conversation Circles, The Library Center meeting room A, 6 p.m. for adults and teens in grades 6-12.** Is English your second language? Practice your English-speaking skills and meet new people while we talk, listen, and learn in conversation circles. Circles will be led by Missouri State University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Suneeta Thomas. Adult and student speakers of all languages are welcome. Each session will begin with a different theme. Work and School.

**Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.** Our interactive story times 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.



**ONGOING**

**A Sporting Chance ([www.asportingchance.net](http://www.asportingchance.net)) 417-874-1958**

**ARC of the Ozarks ([www.thearcoftheozarks.org](http://www.thearcoftheozarks.org)) 417-864-7887**

**Champion Athletes ([www.championathletes.org](http://www.championathletes.org)) 417-890-1599**

**Discovery Center ([info@discoverycenter.org](mailto:info@discoverycenter.org)) 417-862-9910**

**Down Syndrome Group of the Ozarks ([www.ozarksdsg.org](http://www.ozarksdsg.org)) 417-885-9905**

**MPACT – Missouri Parents Act ([www.missouriparentsact.org](http://www.missouriparentsact.org)) 800-743-7634**

**Missouri Job Center (417-887-4343 and 417-874-2730)**

**Empower Abilities ([www.empower.org](http://www.empower.org)) 417-886-1188**

**Southwest Missouri Autism Network ([www.swmoautismnetwork.org](http://www.swmoautismnetwork.org)) 417-890-1399**

**Special Olympics Springfield Missouri ([spingfieldmospecialolympics@gmail.com](mailto:spingfieldmospecialolympics@gmail.com))**

**Springfield-Greene County Park & Recreation ([www.Parkboard.org/AR](http://www.Parkboard.org/AR)) 417-837-5808**