



# September 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).

## Mark Your Calendar

**empower: abilities Day at the Lake:** September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 3 pm (4208 E farm Road 66, Springfield, MO 65803). Join us for a day of adaptive recreation at the lake! Enjoy pontoon boat rides, kayaking, sailboat rides, kit flying, birdhouse making, corn hole contests, wheelchair races, music and more. This will be at Miller Park @ Fellows Lake. Event is free to attend, but registration is required so that we can properly prepare for all participants. **Registration closes 09/08/2023.**

<https://empowerabilities.readysign.com/.../jwZ> Problems registering? Contact Afton Harper at 417-886-1188 ext 101 or email [aftonh@empowerabilities.org](mailto:aftonh@empowerabilities.org)

**All Abilities, All Together: Nick Hostler Memorial Pickleball Tournament:** September 23-24 with an open practice evening of September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Gillenwaters Tennis Complex. Classic's Yard/Nick Hostler 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial. Secure your spots, register @ [www.pickleballbrackets.com](http://www.pickleballbrackets.com) Fun, food, great people and competition to raise funds for our friends with special needs. Won't you come out & play?

**Please register prior to September 13<sup>th</sup>. \$50 Registration Fee**

**Stop the Violence Conference:** Wednesday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 5 pm. @ Plaster Student Union (MSU Campus, Springfield). Please join us for the 2023 Annual Stop the Violence Conference, sponsored by Abilities First and Missouri State University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Registration is free and CEUs are provided for law enforcement. In-person and virtual attendance options are available. Register here: <https://aceware.missouristate.edu/.../ShowSchedule.awp> **This is FREE, just register for headcount and materials.**

**Monster Bowling 2023 for Champion Athletes of the Ozarks:** Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Save the date, more information to follow.

**Winter Dreamland Gala 2023:** Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6 pm at Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Ascend Hotel Collection, Springfield. Join us for this year's Winter Dreamland Gala benefiting Art Inspired Academy through Friends of Abilities First, a 501(c3) organization. This event will feature a decorated tree auction and raffle, silent auction, dinner, drinks, and lots of fun to raise fund for supplies and scholarships for students who participate in inclusive creative arts classes such as music, drawing, painting and more through Art Inspired Academy. **Tickets:** [www.friendsofabilitiesfirst.square.site](http://www.friendsofabilitiesfirst.square.site)



Fall festivals are returning across the Ozarks. Check out the schedule below.

### **Sunflower Patches:**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – County Roads, Stotts City, MO, Sunflower Festival:**

<https://countryroads.farm/missouri-sunflower-festival/> Sunflower Festival is a celebration of all things SUNFLOWER! It is a time to enjoy the final moments of Summer and the welcoming of Fall, with a 14 acre field full of sunflowers of every color and variety for you to behold! Red, orange, yellow, chocolate, white, pink, large and small – we've got them all! While you are experiencing all the breathtaking beauty of these irresistible blooms, feel free to participate in the following activities: Pick Your Own Sunflowers, Sunflower Maze, Hayride Tour, Photography, Professional Photography Services, and Private Photography Sessions. You can do all this and MORE at Sunflower Festival! While you're at the farm, feel free to shop our Farm Store – stocked with sunflower-themed décor, products, and apparel. Hungry? Enjoy some farm-to-table goodness from our very own food trucks!

**7 C's Winery, Walnut Grove, MO:** <https://www.7cswinery.comsunflower.html> Sunflower Experience allows you to stroll through the field and take pictures and several props are in place. It is not a maze but a path through the field. Sunflowers open in August. \$5 per adult (13 and older) and 12 and under FREE Souvenir Glass \$5 Each, and Later this year we will offer a U-Pick as these have edible Sunflower Seeds (Depending on Mother Nature – we anticipate to start in August) Tickets are by Date and Time. We allow one group in every 10 minutes. Get tickets online.

### **Pumpkin Patches and Corn Mazes:**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Exeter Corn Maze:** <https://www.exetercornmaze.com/> **Sept Times: Saturdays 10:30 am – 10:30 pm, Sundays 10:30 am – 8:30 pm, Wednesdays 5 pm – 8:30 pm, and Fridays 2:30 pm – 10:30 pm.** September Events: 2<sup>nd</sup> – Opening Day, 10<sup>th</sup> – Grandparents Day, 13<sup>th</sup> – Youth Harvest #1, 16<sup>th</sup> – Craft Fair (10:30 am – 5 pm), 20<sup>th</sup> – Youth Harvest #2, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – Lumberjack Shows, 27<sup>th</sup> – Youth Harvest #3 and Special Needs Day (10 am – 2 pm), and Homeschool Day (10 am – 2pm).

Haunting begins each night at 6 pm. Come enjoy fun and food, Sunflower fields, Pumpkin patch, Apple orchard, and Go-karts.

**September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup> – Silver Dollar City: Harvest Festival Featuring Crafts & Pumpkins In the City: Thursdays – Mondays.** <https://www.silverdollarcity.com/theme-park/festivals/harvest-festival/> Experience the delights of autumn days gone by as the hills come alive with vivid color, the smells of apple and pumpkin treats waft through the streets and the sounds of thrilling rides like Time Traveler® and Outlaw Run® fill the air with adventure. After sundown, family favorite Pumpkins in the City presented by Mercy illuminates the evening sky with the glorious glow of thousands of pumpkins and towering carved masterpieces standing over 30 feet tall!

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> – October 29<sup>th</sup>- Country Roads, Stotts City, MO, Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze:** <https://countryroads.farm/> Enjoy farm-filled fun with your whole family in every season at Country Roads! We offer huge outdoor play areas and activities for the fair weather days PLUS extensive indoor play areas and event space. Make memories on the farm no matter what the season or weather may bring! Giant Corn Maze, Outdoor Play, Indoor Play, Petting Zoo, and Food Trucks.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> – October 29<sup>th</sup>- Shepherd of the Hills: Shepherd's Pumkinfest:** <https://theshepherdofthehills.com/shepherds-pumpkinfest/> Get ready for an unforgettable family adventure at The Shepherd of the Hills Pumpkin Fest – your fun-filled pumpkin fall festival in Branson, MO! Enjoy breathtaking views of Branson in the fall as you stroll through the lively fall festival and take part in entertaining activities. Create family memories with delightful hayrides, picking out and painting pumpkins, and even the chance to make your own scarecrow. Don't forget to capture picture-perfect moments in front of the pumpkin house, iconic pumpkin chair, and many more photo ops throughout the pumpkin event. There are plenty of festival attractions at this fall event to amuse the entire family. Secure your spot at Pumpkin Fest today – don't miss out on the fall fun! Purchase your tickets now.

### **Fall Festivals and Craft Shows**

**September 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – Seymour Apple Festival:** <https://seymourapplefestival.com> The 51st Annual Seymour Apple Festival is located in Seymour, Missouri; 30 miles east of Springfield on US 60 highway. The Apple Festival is sponsored by the Seymour Merchants Association. Come have a great time with us on **September 7, 8 and 9, 2023**. Admission is totally FREE. The festival is an outside event, with family entertainment daily & bringing in 30,000+ people from surrounding communities. Some families even make this their family reunions. During the festival you can see 100+ craft & various vendors, FREE live entertainment, 5K run, parade, Johnny Appleseed contest, and so much more. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets & get ready for a great weekend of tons of fun for all ages!! Browse around our website. I'm sure there's something you would love to see or do. Also follow us on our [Facebook page](#) during the year.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> -- Springfield's St Elizabeth Ann Seton's Harvest Home:** <https://www.seaschurch.org/harvest-home> 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Home Festival, 2200 W Republic Rd, Spfd. Friday from 5 – 11 pm and Saturday from 4 – 11 pm. Kids Zone, Games, Live Music, Silent Auction, BINGO, Texas Style Poker, BBQ Dinner, Filipino Night, Harvest Grill and Beer Garden. Purchase Tickets in Advance to Skip the Ticket Lines.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> – Japanese Fall Festival, Springfield:** <https://peacethroughpeople.org/events/japanese-fall-festival/> The Japanese Fall Festival is a

celebration of authentic Japanese Culture highlighting Springfield's sister city relationship with Isesaki, Japan (formed in 1986). Each year, a delegation of Isesaki citizens travels to Springfield to contribute to the festival through demonstrations and interactions with attendees. Friday (8<sup>th</sup>) 5 – 10 pm, Saturday (9<sup>th</sup>) 11 am – 10 pm, and Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>) 11 am – 6 pm. Tickets available at the gate only; cash or card accepted. \$9 for adult on Friday and Sunday; \$14 for adult on Saturday. \$4 for child (3-12) every day. There are workshops you can register for. Please register early and online so you don't miss your opportunity. Cosplay Day is Sunday (come to the festival in your cosplay (costume role play)). Candlelight Walk begins at dusk on Friday and Saturday evenings, hundreds of torches light the garden pathways and soft Japanese music fills the air to create a romantic strolling atmosphere. Purchase a wishing lantern and set your dreams afloat on one of the koi ponds.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – Buffalo Celtic Festival, Buffalo, MO:**

<https://www.buffaloareachamber.org/celticfestival> The Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games celebrates the heritage of the Buffalo Head Prairie and the immigrants from the Celtic region that settled in the area and created Buffalo, Mo. The Celtic region includes Brittany (Breizh), Cornwall (Kernow), Wales (Cymru), Scotland (Alba), Ireland (Éire), and the Isle of Man (Mannin or Ellan Vannin). Hosted by the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce, the Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games have been providing a family-friendly cultural and educational experience for 20 years. The festival takes place the weekend after Labor Day at the Buffalo City Park/Dallas County Fairgrounds on Ramsey Street in Buffalo, MO. The Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games showcases traditional music, vendors, demonstrations, and Clan Row which features many of the clans with origins from the Celtic regions. Clans represented provide a living history of their clan from Scotland to their influence in the creation of America. They also provide information for Genealogical study and resources for those wishing to further their ties to the people from the Celtic areas in history. The Highland Games feature traditional competition classes including Braemar stone toss, open stone toss, weight for distance, weight over bar, heavy and light hammer, sheaf toss, caber toss, and more. Both men and women compete in the Highland Games.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – Conway Community Days, Conway, MO:**

<https://www.facebook.com/conwaycommunitydays/> 44 Annual Meet Us At the Tracks. Friday from 5-9 pm and Saturday from 9 am – 10 pm. Bring your lawn chairs to enjoy the music. Friday craft and food booths will be open until 9 pm. Little Miss and Mister Community Days Contest at 6 pm, Meat Auction at 6:30 pm, The Truelove Quartet at 6:45 pm, The New Horizons at 7:45 pm, and a cash drawing to end the Friday at 8:45 pm. Saturday craft and food booths open at 9 am, parade at 10 am, prayer, national anthem and drawing at 10:30 am, The Jetz at 10:45 am, 11 am raffle tickets go on sale at info booth, 11:30 attendance drawing, 11:45 am David Stein, Noon (Cornhole Tournament, Turtle race check-in, Carnival starts at Life 360 Church and goes until 5 pm. And Train rides start until 6 pm., 12:30 pm Drawing and Turtle Race, 12:45 pm Wagon Wheelers, 2 pm The Goats and Lego Competition (until 4 in the community building), 3:15 pm Boggs Bunch, 4 pm Cake Walk, 4:30 pm Dixie Hix, 5:30 pm Meat Auction, 6 pm Pure Country, 7:30 pm Spring Holler Band, 9 pm Final Drawings and Fireworks.

**September 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Buffalo River Bluegrass Festival, Jasper, AR:**

<https://www.facebook.com/buffaloriverbluegrass/> This was formerly Newton County Bluegrass Festival – at Bradley Park in Jasper, Arkansas. Admission: Thursday is \$10, Friday is \$10 and Saturday Afternoon and Evening is \$12 or 3 day pass for \$25 (No charge for children 12 and under). 6:30 pm

Thursday Evening is All Gospel (Unashamed Gospel Bluegrass, Kendall & Jesse Edgmon Gospel, Greenland Station Bluegrass Band, Lost Creek Band and Spanky & Shirley). 6:30 pm Friday Evening (The Charla Freeland Band, The Gravel Yard, Bob Hammons and the Good News Boys, Possum Trot Bluegrass Band, and Greenland Station Bluegrass Band). 1 pm Saturday After and 6 pm Saturday Evening (Interstate Thirty, The Butler Creek Boys, Spillwater Drive, River Bend Bluegrass and Ozark Mountain Five).

**September 9<sup>th</sup> – Your Life Matters Rally, Osage, AR:** <https://www.facebook.com/Osage-Baptist-Church-324428269087/> Osage Baptist Church 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Your Life Matters Rally from 10 am – 2 pm. Located 11 miles west of Alpena on Hwy 412 & ½ mile south on 103 across the bridge. Please contact us at 870-553-2434 or [obc@gmail.com](mailto:obc@gmail.com) for more information. Hope to see you there!!! Car and Bike Show, FREE BBQ!!! Plus lots of fun and games for the kids!! Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music!

**September 9<sup>th</sup> – Bolivar Country Days, Bolivar, MO:** <https://www.facebook.com/downtownbolivar> Country Days 9 am – 4 pm. Fantastic Food, Car Show, Vendors & Crafters, Pie Contest, and Enchanted House Contest. Springfield Street Stage – (9:30 – 10 am Tumbles, 10:30 – 11 am Brad Weston (comic juggler), 11:30 am – Noon Center Stage, 12:30 – 1 pm Brad Weston (comic juggler), 1:30 – 2 pm Cheers and 2:30 – 3 pm Brad Weston (comic juggler). Main Street Stage – 10 – 11:30 am Moon Shot, Noon – 1:30 pm Turner Hunter Experience, and 2 – 3:30 pm Kicking Jacksie.

**September 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Bikefest, Camdenton, MO:** <https://lakebikefest.com/> Lake of the Ozarks has the ULTIMATE BikeFest experience! Motorcycle enthusiasts from all over the United States will be rumbling their way to Lake of the Ozarks for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake of Ozarks BikeFest! This area offers some of the Nation’s most scenic rides around the Lake of the Ozarks and through the rolling Ozark hills with spectacular views. In addition to over three-hundred biker-friendly bars, restaurants, hotels and campgrounds. Concerts, great food and much more!

**September 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Starvy Creek Fall Festival, Conway, MO:** <https://starvycreek.com/september-festival> 32nd Annual Starvy Creek Bluegrass Festival. Thursday (14<sup>th</sup>) from 5:30 – 10 pm (Springstreet, Daryl Mosley, Larry Efaw & The Bluegrass Mountaineers, and Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers). Friday (15<sup>th</sup>) from Noon – 10 pm (Lonesome Road, Larry Efaw & The Bluegrass Mountaineers, High Fidelity, Larry Stephenson Band, and The Grascals, Lonesome Road). (16<sup>th</sup>) from Noon – 10 pm (Tacie & The Sunshine Band, Lonesome Road, Baker Family, High Fidelity, Rhonda Vincent & The Rage). Tickets are \$25 for Thursday, \$35 for Friday, \$35 for Saturday, and \$80 for a 3 Day Pass (Children 12-16 are half price with adult and under 12 FREE with adult) Camping with Ticket Purchase is \$15/per day for one 30 Amp Outlet, \$20/per day for 50 Amp Outlet, \$3/per day for Dropped Campers and \$6/per day for Rough Camping with no electricity.

**September 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Branson Autumn Daze:** <https://www.explorebranson.com/event/autumn-daze-arts-crafts-music-festival/2496> The 50<sup>th</sup> Autumn Daze Arts, Crafts & Music Festival – A FREE downtown festival with over 100 vendors (with handmade jewelry, woodwork, home décor, soaps, lotions, resin art, canvas prints, crochet items, tie dye clothing, toys, flowers and much more), food truck, kettle corn, pork rinds, snow cones, LIVE entertainment, tent with various artists hourly, and the Sleds of the Midwest Classic Car Show on Commercial Street! Hours of Festival: Thursday and Friday 9 am – 6 pm and Saturday 9 am – 4 pm. This is a great time to shop for Christmas! Besides the many flavors of the Downtown restaurants, the festival will compliment your experience with food trucks (selling chili dogs, funnel cake fries, snow cones, cheesesteaks, walking tacos, Polish sausage, fresh-squeezed



lemonade, pork rinds and kettle corn). We will have an entertainment tent with live Branson entertainers performing all day, each day and our Emcee Angie will also be playing bingo games with giveaways. All entertainment is FREE to attend. The festival will also have a kids play area with inflatables. This outdoor festival on the corner of Atlantic and Commercial streets downtown is in the heart of Branson where the town started. You will have fun shopping, eating and playing in Downtown Branson!

**September 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Ozarks Steam Engine Association – Steam O Rama, Ash Grove, MO:**

<https://steamorama.com/?fbclid=IwAR1TeWB7gD9iKxo7gF8hp9HYU9F7tGPJdiWX4Ywi2iH5xya2q1GW96cAlyc> The 61<sup>st</sup> Steam-O-Rama in a new location (Whinrey Homestead, Ash Grove, MO) – I-

44/Halltown Exit 58. Featured Equipment: Keck-Gonnerman Steam Engines, IH Collectors Club, MO State Chapter No. 1 – Gas Engines, Tractors & Equipment. Gates Open at 8 am Daily, Daily Parade of Equipment, Tractor Rodeo @ Noon on Friday, Steam Engines, Gas Engines, Antiques Tractors, Antique Trucks, Model Railroad, Flea Market. Classic Tractor Pull Friday @ 5 pm (weigh in begins at noon; \$10/hook). Antique Tractor Pull Saturday @ 6 pm (weigh in begins at 1 pm; no hook fee). Kiddie Tractor Pull Saturday & Sunday @ Noon. Sawmill, Threshing, Sorghum Making, Concessions on Grounds, Primitive Camping, Showers Available, Scooters for Rent, Golf Cart & UTVs: \$10 registration fee & proof of insurance required. Sunday Morning Church. Admission \$10 per person/12 and under free.

[www.steamorama.com](http://www.steamorama.com)

**September 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Marshfield Harvest Days:**

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057586954673> Marshfield Harvest Days is an annual Fall event held on the Square in Marshfield, MO. Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – The Jetz @ 5:30 pm and White Oak Revival @ 6:30 pm. Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – Abundance Quartet @ Noon and Isaac Kenneth @ 2 pm. There will be shopping, food, entertainment, punkin’ chuckin’, and favorite fall recipe baking contest. Friday from Noon – 7 pm and Saturday from 9 am – 4 pm. 101 S Crittenden, Marshfield, MO.

**September 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Marionville Apple Fest: <http://www.marionvilleapplefest.com/index.html>**

“Give us a Whirl with the Great White Squirrell” This is an annual Marionville family friendly Event. Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm is the Applefest Pageant @ 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church. Friday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 8 pm and Saturday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 9 pm is Applefest 2023. The Applefest Parade is Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am. Arts & Craft Booths set up for plenty of shopping. Did you know that White Squirrels have been calling Marionville HOME since the 1800’s? Come join us in a long-standing tradition that still grabs the attention of our youth and adults alike. Enjoy the energy of a crowd, the heart thumping beats of the marching bands, the bright colors of a float decorated to impress, and the thrill of roaring motor and sirens...all showcased by the people in our communities. Trophies will be given to bands, car, and best float in the parade. Trophies will be presented for car and float at the lineup, so don’t be late!! (8:30 – 9:30 am lineup @ Marionville Elementary School) Parade starts at 10 am. Proudly display them thru the parade!! Band trophies will be presented folling the opening flag ceremony after the parade. Contest: Snow White, Johnny Appleseed and White Squirrel (Dress up in your costume to participate in these contests and walk in the Parade! When the parade ends, meet by the Stage on the Square so winners may be chosen. We will choose winners by crowd applause. The winner will receive \$25!) In the Applefest Kidz Zone, kids of all ages will find fun and interesting things to do. There are free activities as well as some with a cost. Tickets are just 50 cents and most things are just 1-3 tickets. Wiggle Cars, Kid in a Bubble, Sand Play, Foam Blocks, Chalk Tables, Face Painting, Crafts, Sand Art, Games/Prizes. There will be an Apple Dessert Auction @ 1 – 2 pm. Bring your dessert to the Gazebo

by Noon on Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>) and Bidding will take place from 1-2 pm. The highest bidder will get to take home the amazing Apple Dessert. And Of course there is an Apple Pie Contest (bring your best pie to the Gazebo between 9 am – Noon on Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>) 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$50. All pies will be auctioned off on stage to benefit Applefest 2023.

### **September 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival Cow Days 2023 in Dixon, MO:**

<https://www.dixonchamberofcommerce.com/> Did you know? Cow Days, started as a promotional program in 1930' s, to attract customers to the city. The drawing card was the award of a live, healthy adult cow to some lucky winner. Held first Saturday of each month! Dixon's Cow Days was known as "the" community event for the south-central Missouri Area. Although the celebration only lasted a few months, in the 1980's Dixon Merchants saw the opportunity to improve traffic to the city, while expressing appreciation to their many local customers. The concept of Cow Days was reborn as a 2-day festival featuring arts & crafts booths, street dances, stage entertainment, parades, beauty pageants, food stands, and good, clean family fun. The festival is highlighted by a free drawing for a live healthy adult cow donated by local businesses. Held on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, the Cow Days Festival is back. Organized and Sponsor by the Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce. We hope to see you there! "Shake Your Moo Thang!! 2023 Dixon Cow Days". Jackie's Snackette presents The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cow Day Hot Dog Eating Contest @ 3 pm at the Udder Stage on Saturday 9/16. \$20 entry fee per player. Winner receives \$100 and the coolest hot dog trophy ever. Friday (15<sup>th</sup>) Noon – 10 pm. Jordan Isakson (Country and Honky Tonk) @ Noon, Helen Russell and Co (Variety Music) @ 2:30 pm, and Opening Ceremony – DMS Royalty, DHS Royalty, Youth Pageant and Mullet Contest to follow @ 5 pm, Corn Hole @ 6 pm, Merchant Cow Giveaway @ 8 pm and Karaoke to follow the cow giveaway and finish out the night! Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>) 9:30 am Healthy Futures Pulaski County (Recovery Worship Music and Testimonies), @ 11 am Parade, @ 1 pm Outermind (Alternative Rock), @ 3:30 pm The Hensley Boys (Country), @ 5:30 pm Missouri's Most Wanted Outlaw Band, @ 8:30 pm Nevermind the Scarecrow (Variety Band) and @ 9 pm Raffle Cow Giveaway. Nevermind the Scarecrow finishes out the night after the cow giveaway! The pageant is open to all youth from birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It will be Friday, 9/15, following the opening ceremony. Attire will be western wear for every category.

### **September 16<sup>th</sup> – St Joseph the Worker Car Show in Ozark, MO:**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/241133088746240> Good Family Fun Car Show: If you love it and it has wheels, bring it. Cruise in, No entry fee, Concessions, Raffles, Dash plaques for first 100 vehicles, and hosted by St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church. 9 am – 2 pm.

### **September 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Cider Days on Walnut Street, Springfield:**

<https://www.itsalldowntown.com/ciderdays/> Cider Days on Historic Walnut Street returns for its 25<sup>th</sup> year. The two-day fall festival will feature regional artists and crafters, live music, performances, incredible food and – of course – delicious apple cider! Shop from some of the best artists and crafters across the country. Come hungry, because Cider Days has some of the best food vendors around! And you can't forget a cup of Apple Cider. From live music, to dancers and even Disney Princesses, the Cider Days stages will be full of incredible entertainment.

### **September 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – 1860's Lifestyle Exposition, Springfield:**

<https://www.graycampbellfarmstead.org/index.html> Learn all about life on a farmstead during the late 1800's to early 1900's. Lots of displays and activities. Costume parade for kids and Apple Pie baking contest for all. Gray Campbell Farmstead (2400 S Scenic, Spfd) 11:00 am – 4:00 pm both days. FREE

**September 16<sup>th</sup> – State of the Ozarks Fall Festival, Hollister, MO:**

<http://stateoftheozarks.net/showcase/events/soto-fest/> Historic Downing Street, Hollister, MO from 10 am – 6 pm. State of the Ozarks Fest is a one-day celebration bringing community together in a heightened street fair filled to the brim with food, art, craftsmanship, and uproarious fun, all tied to history and culture of our land. It is a day-long festival celebrating traditional and emerging cultures of the Ozarks. Hosted by State of the Ozarks Magazine in the historic Downing District of Hollister, MO. It features traditional craftsmen, contemporary artists, Ozarks history, local food, Ozark Mountain music, modern dance, cosplay, European combat, and more.

**September 16<sup>th</sup> – Annual Mead Fest, Walnut Grove, MO:**

<https://www.7cswinery.com/meadfest/meadfest.html> Noon – 5 pm @ 7C's Winery (502 E 560<sup>th</sup> Rd, Walnut Grove, MO). Demonstrations by The Iron Alliance, Live Music By Rowans Crossing, Belly Dancers, Bird of Prey Demo from Dickerson Park Zoo, Costumes Welcome. Bring a Picnic and Enjoy Some Wine and Mead. No Cover Charge – Souvenir Glass \$5.

**September 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Hootin an' Hollarin', Gainesville, MO:** <https://hootinanhollarin.com/> Ozark County's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hootin an Hollarin Festival. Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>) 5 pm – Midnight, Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>) 10 am – Midnight and Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup>) 8:30 am – Midnight. Parades, bed races, outhouse races, cornhole tournament, calling contests, Queen pageant, children's pageants, terrapin races, pet show, quilt show, gun and archery shoot, pie contest, and musical entertainment all day and night. Shop for hand-made crafts, play games—fun for all ages. Enjoy a variety of festival food and drink options. Watch skilled artisans as they demonstrate crafts. Square dance to old-time live fiddle music every night from 9 to midnight. Young and old alike enjoy square dancing.

**September 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – HOBA Bluegrass Festival, West Plains, MO:**

<https://hobabluegrass.wixsite.com/mysite/spetember-2021-festival> HOBA's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Bluegrass Festival at HOBA Park (1138 Bluegrass Lane, West Plains, MO). The little festival with a big heart. Bands featured are Lonesome Road, The Collins Brothers, Bob Hammons & the Good News Boys, Ayden & Owen Hensley and Belles of Blue. Admission is Thursday @ 7 pm \$5 with a FREE Bean Supper, Friday @ 7 pm \$10, Saturday @ 2 pm \$10 and 7 pm \$10, Saturday Morning Breakfast 8 am -10:30 am by donation. All day Saturday pass fro \$15 or Weekend Pass for \$25. Camping with Paid Admission is \$10/Day for 30 amp hookup, \$15/day for 50 amp hookup, \$7/day for tent camping with no electric or water and \$2/day for dropped RV w/fridge on ONLY. 18 and under get in FREE with proof of age, College students ½ price with current student ID Card. Veterans \$1 off at the gate. Thank you for your service. HOBA members get \$1 off at the gate with membership card.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Wilder Days 2023, Mansfield, MO:** <https://www.mansfieldmochamber.org/>

The festival will be held on Friday and Saturday this year. Festivities will be at Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum and Mansfield Town Square. There will be trams provided to move the people between the two locations – free of charge. Little Laura & Farmer Boy is for ages 0-12; fee is \$10. Each day starts at 9 am – 9 pm.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Lockwood “September Days”, Lockwood, MO:**

<http://www.lockwoodseptemberdays.com/> Mark your calendars and start planning to attend! Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>) 7 pm Lockwood Homecoming Football Game and Festivities @ Lockwood High School, 8-11 pm Street Dance @ Prairie Station featuring live music from Chuck & Company. Limited menu inside



restaurant, bar service outside. (23<sup>rd</sup>) 7:30-9:30 am is the Legion Breakfast @ American Legion Hall, 8 am Hallie Beard Memorial Foundation 5K & Fun Walk @ South Park, 8 am – 3 pm Vendor Booths open on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 8 am – 3 pm Photography contest entries on display @ Pink Infusion Studio on Main Street. 8 am – 2 pm Livestock Show. All animals must be checked in by 9:30 am @ Dade County Youth Fair Pavilion. 9:30 am Parade Lineup (Pre-register) @ Lockwood Elementary. 10 am Parade down Main Street. 10:30 am – 2:30 pm Main Stage Activities in Arvest Bank parking lot. 10:30 am – 2:30 pm Games & Inflatables are open on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. 10:30 am Baby Show (\$5; 0-24 months, diaper only) on Main Stage – Arvest Parking Lot. 11 am – 2 pm Fred Lemons Memorial Car Show (entries are invited to join in the Parade @ Main Street in front of Easson’s. 11 am – 1:30 pm Firefighters serving Hamburgers/Hot Dogs @ American Legion Hall. 11 am – 1:30 pm Immanuel LYF serving Walking Tacos @ Arvest Parking Lot. 2 pm Cornhole Tournament begins: Business Division followed by Open Division @ 3 pm (7<sup>th</sup> Street between Arvest & Prairie Station. 2:30 pm Awards on the Main Stage. 3 pm Vendor Booths Close on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. 4 pm Mighty Mite Football Games @ Lockwood High School. 5-11 pm Evening Block Party on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. 7:30 pm 4-H Glow Run. Registration opens at 7 pm in front of Town & Country Tire. (Main Stage – Baby Show, Fashion Show, Turtle Races, Cake/Cupcake Walk, Grand Marshal Recognition – Vicky Taylor, Quantum Athletics Performance, Hot Wheels Races sponsored by Lost Mill Car Wash (bring your fastest car!), Dog Show – Agility Competition (Register at the Livestock tent by 1 pm). 5 pm Beer Garden opens under the Main Stage Tent and Food Trucks open: Big Ren’s, desserts by Small Town Feline Friends. 6 – 10 pm Childcare available @ Quantum Athletics - \$15/child (playtime & a movie), 7:30 pm 4-H Glow Run (registration opens at 7 pm).

### **September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Highlonesome Music Festival, Ava, MO:**

<https://www.dockleyranch.com/highlonesomemusicfest.html> Dockley Ranch proudly presents The Highlonesome Music Festival – A Celebration of Music, Storytelling, and Campfire in the hills and hollers of Douglas County, MO. 2022 was the inaugural year for the Highlonesome Music Fest. Enjoy live music from a variety of area bands on a main stage flanked by rolling Ozarks vistas and presided over by a 250-year-old White Oak tree. Camp out on Dockley Ranch’s 80 acres, explore Columbine Falls on Doc’s Loop hiking trail, listen to local storytellers talk of Ozarks history and folklore, sing and jam along at the Campfire Stage at night, and relax and warm your heart with Goat Yoga each morning. Also featuring a Cornhole Tournament, Kids Activity Zone and more! Wages Brewing Co is a proud sponsor of 2023 Highlonesome Music Festival! Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>) 3 pm Large Group Campsites open and Pre-Event BBQ. Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>) 3 pm Festival Field Opens and Bar & Grill Opens-Wages Brewing Company, 4 – 5 pm Mushroom Foray with MoMs, 5 – 6 pm Shoeshine Blue, 6:30 – 7:30 pm Ditch Lily, 8 – 9 pm Casey and the Atta Boys, 9:30 – 11 pm Grazzhopper, and 11:30 pm Campfire Jam! Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup>) 8:30 – 9:30 am Goat Yoga with Abbe Ehers, 9:30 am – 2 pm Kid’s Music Workshop, 10 – 11 am Mushroom Foray with MoMS, 11 am – 12:30 pm Kicking Jacksie, 12:30 – 2:30 pm Musical Forest, 2:30 – 3:30 pm The Deadgummits, 4 – 5 pm The Vultures, 5:30 – 6:30 pm The Shandles, 7 – 8 pm One More Dollar, 8:30 – 9:30 pm The Creek Rocks, 10 – 11:30 pm Justin Larkin & The Cosmic Ozarkana Band, and Midnight – 1:30 am Midnight Service with Desi and Cody. Saturday Cornhole from Noon – 5 pm with Cash prizes. Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>) 8:30 – 9:15 am Mushroom Foray with MoMS, 9:15 – 10 am Goat Yoga with Marissa Frazier, 10 am – Noon Buskers On Stage and Noon Family Jam.

### **September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Route 66 Hogs & Frogs Festival, Waynesville, MO:**

<https://www.route66hogsandfrogsfest.com/> The Miss Croaker Pinup Contest is the opening act of the Route 66 Hogs & Frogs Festival! Come see some of the classiest ladies in the area battle it out with poise

and grace for the beautiful Miss Croaker Crown! (18 and older to enter, 40's or 50's Classic Glamor, Bring you talent. Contestants must be dressed and ready to go by 5 pm on Friday. The contest will take place on the Roubidoux Park Stage). Battle of the Bags Cornhole Tournament will happen on Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>) Tournament will start at 1 pm. Hogs & Frogs 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bike Show (23<sup>rd</sup>) – Registration 8 – 10 am with \$20 Entry Fee, and Judging starts at 12:30 pm. VMC's Bike Games (23<sup>rd</sup>) – begins at 11 am. Slow Race, Plank Race, and Keg Roll. Get ready for some awesome fun as the Veteran's Motorcycle Club hosts the first ever Route 66 Hogs and Frogs Bike Games! Exotic Beard Contest (24<sup>th</sup>) – 11 am – Noon at Roubidoux Park – Lake of the Ozarks Harley Davidson Ampitheater. What a perfect way to get ready for No Shave November by gearing up for the Route 66 Hogs & Frogs Exotic Beard Contest! Friday Night Cricket Alley will perform and Saturday Night Phat Mike & The Bartenders will perform at Roubidoux Park Ampitheater with FREE Admission from 8 – 11 pm. Get ready for two day of awesome fun and custom Power Wheel creations as the Power Racing Series comes to Route 66 Hogs & Frogs Fest! Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup>) from 4 – 7 pm at the Waynesville Roubidoux Park Pavilion 1, Come see the hottest Food Fight on Route 66! You want champions? We got champions! Waynesville literally burst on to the World Food Championships Scene and blew everyone away with two of our Golden Ticket winners placing at the ultimate competition in Dallas, TX. Route 66 Hogs and Frogs Cooking Contest. General Admission is \$20. All Out Dyno Drags is a 100% in your face adrenaline rush! It's the only event of its kind in the country with a custom -state of the art- dual motorcycle dynamometer. The most awesome realistic racing experience next to being on an actual track! AODD will be running all three days for maximum Croaker Chaos! The Pit – The Prince – The Legend, “Burt the Biker Dog” is coming to Frog Fest. Smashing stereotypes and tearing down walls. Burt the Biker Dog is winning the hearts and minds, one glorious mile at a time. This perfect pooch proves that Pits and Bikers need love too and to prove it, rumor is, those adorable lips that are flappin' in the breeze might be up for sale in the first ever Route 66 Hogs and Frogs Fest Kissing Booth. As if you didn't need ANOTHER reason to join us for the greatest festival to hit the Mother Road in years! River of Ink is back and badder than ever! Brought to you by Route 66 Silver Screen Tattoos, this awesome shop is bringing more artists and piercers than ever before!

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Fair Grove Heritage Reunion, Fair Grove, MO:** <https://www.fg-historical.org/>  
Saturday Hours 8 am – 6 pm and Sunday Hours 8 am – 4 pm. The Fair Grove Historical and Preservation Society organizes and hosts an annual craft fair every year, on the last full weekend in September. This is by far our biggest annual event, with tens of thousands of people attending and enjoying the sights, sounds and food each day. Attendance is free. Parking is usually not free but it's just a few dollars to park all day. There is a shuttle to transport you from most parking lots to the main event. There are many booths to buy food and drink and continuous free music performances in two locations. Please be reminded, this event is only on Saturday and Sunday. You will not be allowed on the grounds to shop before Saturday at 8 a.m. for safety reasons. There are no pre-sales or early bird specials. There are several hundred craft booths, and we are picky about whom we allow. You won't find anything in our booths except quality original and home-made craft items, and all will be family friendly. There is plenty to look at, and many people do all of their Christmas shopping all in one day. There is something for men, women and children of all ages. The parade starts at Fair Grove High School on Saturday at 10 am and follows Orchard Street, Hwy 125 and Main Street. If you have an old car, truck, or tractor you are encouraged to come to the High School at 8:30 am to join in the parade. There is no entry fee. After the parade finishes on Saturday, the music starts at two locations. The front porch of the Mill is popular, and the Gazebo is a very shady spot to enjoy the performances. All musicians are unpaid, but you can support them by purchasing CDs and tapes if they're available. A Sunday morning non-denominational

Church service is held followed by religious music performances for the remainder of the Sunday event. There are demonstrations at Wommack Mill, a grist mill that has been fully restored, and will be operating during the Heritage Reunion. There will also be a threshing machine and other demonstrations of farm and family operations from the late 1800s and early 1900s. There is a threshing machine working at times, a working sawmill and a blacksmith shop. You can watch the authentic operation of these crafts and more throughout both days.

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Celebration of Nations, Rolla, MO:** <https://nations.mst.edu/> The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Celebration of Nations brings together the vibrant cultures and countries of our community in Rolla, starting with the **Parade of Nations** featuring flags carried by S&T international students and community members representing their home countries, marching bands, dignitaries, and the ever-popular camels. **New this year is the mini-float competition.** 11 am – Parade of Nations, Noon – 4 pm Live Entertainment. This will all be in Rolla Downtown Bandshell and Festival Lots. Downtown Rolla comes alive for this family-friendly, multicultural event that includes international foods, cultural displays, live music and entertainment, arts and crafts, and an expanded Family Station Area and Kids Korner featuring hands-on activities for children of all ages.

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bluegrass on the Square, Greenfield, MO:** <https://www.greenfieldmochamber.com/> Starting at 5 pm this years bluegrass on the square will feature Casey and the Atta Boys, Kierstyn Hazzard, DACOMO, Roving Gambler Band and Gwen Septer. Going to be a great evening of great music. See y'all there!

**September 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> -- Rhodes Mtn Family Music Festival, Fredricktown, MO:** <https://thepunches.org/rhodesmountainfamilymusicfestival> Thursday starts at 5 pm (\$6), Friday starts 1 pm (\$12), Saturday starts at Noon (\$15), Weekend Pass (\$25). 17 & Under FREE. Dry Camping Day for \$5, 30 amp limited camping/day \$15 and group rates are available. Featured Musicians are Cynthia Ridge, Paul Family Bluegrass, Citizens of Glory, Lindsey Family, The Lesters, Bob Lewis Family, and Punches Family. There will also be square dancing, crafts, playground, cornhole, volleyball and concessions. Bring your lawn chair.

**September 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – Black Walnut Festival in Stockton, MO:** <https://www.facebook.com/The-Black-Walnut-Festival-438858122954851/> Starts at 11 am on the 28<sup>th</sup> and goes until 11 pm on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Vendors, food and music at the City Park in Stockton. 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Black Walnut Festival Parade with Queen and court. The Nut Roll is an event at The BWF to benefit our local school aged kids and ensure they go home on the weekends with food. We collect prize donations from businesses and individuals from all around and sell chances to win some pretty cool things! All of the money earned from The Nut Roll is given to The Tiger Tasters! 🐯

**September 29<sup>th</sup> – DCO's Wine & Whiskey Walk in Springfield, MO:** <https://www.dcoonline.com/events> 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wine Walk from 6 – 9 pm @ Farmer's Park (2144 E Republic Road, Springfield to benefit Developmental Center of the Ozarks. \$35 per person includes Reidel Glass. There will be local brews, Live music, Wine Tasting and Brew hop. Get your tickets through Eventbrite.com (follow the link above)

**September 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – Pioneer Heritage Festival of the Ozarks, Ava, MO:** <https://heritage417.com/> Friday (29<sup>th</sup>) 10 am – 6 pm, Saturday (30<sup>th</sup>) 10 am – 5 pm. Don't forget your lawn chair! Open Jam session (bring your instrument and join in! Jeremy Myers and The Barnstormers, Stringed Union Bluegrass

Band, Dancing Elderberries (line dancing-all welcome to participate), Square Dance with Ashley Hull Forrest, Fiddle & Festus Scott, Guitar. Flyin' Buzzards Bluegrass Band, Youth Talent Show, Homemade from Scratch Baking Contest, Period Costume Contest on Stage, Linda Stoffel and Marideth Sisco, and The Mayfields. Six Annual Festivities take place at Fox Trotters Showgrounds in Ava. The Showgrounds are one mile north of Ava on Hwy 5. FREE Admission!!!

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – Billings Merchants Fall Festival, Billings, MO:** <https://www.facebook.com/Billings-Merchants-Association-1893727534286315/> 9 am – 5 pm. Eat, Shop, and Vendors along Hwy 60 in Billings.

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – Rockin Rogersville, Rogersville, MO:** <https://rockinrogersville.com/> Outdoor music festival held to benefit the Community Foundation of Rogersville. Gates open at 3:30 pm and Concert starts at 4 – 10 pm. This is in a new location – The corner of Hwy 60 and Farm Road 247 (just west of our old location). Bring your lawn chair or blankets to enjoy the outdoor concert! General admission tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the gate! (Ages 8 and under are FREE). There are a limited number of VIP Experience Tickets available for \$100 and may only be purchased before 09/15!!!! (VIP Ticket includes access to VIP Tent with tables and chair provided, Meal provided for each ticketholder, Cash bar – only accessed by VIP's, Air-conditioned restroom facilities, and Access to a reserved area right in front of the stage for optimal concert experience. Advance tickets can be purchased online or at Citizens Bank of Rogersville. Click the website above to access online ticket link. Performances by The Mixtapes, Chronical: A Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute, Drifters Mile, Freaks and Gizzards and a Firework Finale. No outside food/drink (Food and Drink Vendors – Hiland Dairy Ice Cream, Fizz Sips-N-Sweets, Tinga Tacos, Bud Light, Down South Fried Fish Co, SnoNut Mini Donuts and Seasoal Sweets, The Rusty Fork, and Post Game Pizza).

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – 2023 Smokin' the Ozarks EGGfest, Nixa, MO:** <https://outdoorhome.com/pages/2023-eggfest-at-outdoor-home> 10 am - 2 pm @ Outdoor Home (Nixa, MO) Discover what the Big Green Egg-sperience is all about during the 2023 Smokin' the Ozarks EGGfest at Outdoor Home! Proceeds from this event directly benefit the Keystone Kops charity of Springfield as they provide lodging and transportation assistance to children and their families during their care at Shrine Hospitals locally and across the region. Tasters buy tickets to enjoy endless savory and sweet grilled meats, seafood, veggies, pizza, and desserts! \$25/Each. Cooking Teams show off their fiery finesse with unique recipes cooked on our Demo EGGs for everyone to savor! Up to 6 member teams. And Egg Buyers get the best deal of all by pre-ordering a gently used EGGfest EGGs at a substantial discount! Very Limited Supply. Come out and support families in the Ozarks.

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival at Barley House, Springfield:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/2324887414366084> It's time for the 2023 Fall Festival at The Barley House at Moon Town Crossing in Springfield! Enjoy a fun filled day with local vendors, live music, local craft breweries, petting zoo, local food trucks, bounce houses, pet adoptions by Rescue One. Admission is FREE! Mark your calendars and don't miss out!

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival and Antique Market, Fordland:** <https://www.schofieldgray.com/event-details/fall-festival-and-antique-market-2> Come celebrate Fall with us at our Fall Festival and Antique Market! We are a small pop-up market with unique antique, vintage, garden, home decor, boutique, and gift vendors - plus live music, food trucks, desserts, and amazing people, all nestled in at a cozy little



homestead in Fordland, MO. 9 am – 3 pm @ Schofield + Gray, 353 E Main Street, Fordland, MO. Admission is \$5.00 at the gate! We can't wait to see you!

### **September 30<sup>th</sup> – T's Disability Acceptance 5k Run.**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/838619664027896> T's Disability Acceptance is hosting their second annual 5k! We had a fantastic outcome in 2022 & cannot wait to host again. All proceeds go to creating a disability inclusive playground on the Northside of Springfield! For more information about our organization, please visit our Facebook page, T's Disability Acceptance. Meet up at Praise Assembly (3535 N Glenstone Avenue, Spfd) 9 am – 11 am.



## **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. Sept 6 - 27 from 9 am – Noon. Register online at [ParkBoard.org](http://ParkBoard.org) or by calling 417-837-5808 before Sept 1.

**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. Sept 6 - 27 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Register online at [ParkBoard.org](http://ParkBoard.org) or by calling 417-837-5808 before Sept 1.

**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. Sept 7 - 28 from 9 am – Noon. Register online at [ParkBoard.org](http://ParkBoard.org) or by calling 417-837-5808 before Sept 1.

**Bowling @ Enterprise Park Lanes from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Mondays Sept 11 – Oct 2 (skip Sept 4).** 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 or [www.ParkBoard.org/AR](http://www.ParkBoard.org/AR).

**Disc Golf with Accessible Rec from 9:30 – 11 am @ Oak Grove Park (4-week sessions) \$20 per session. Sept 5 – Oct 3 (skip Sept 26) on Tuesdays.** Classes will cover basics of the game including rules, short and long throws and good form – all in a fun and supportive environment! Pre-registration required: for questions or registration, call 417-837-5808.

**Accessible Rec Cycling Club from 9 – 11 am @ Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – Fulbright Springs Trail.** A guided bike ride on Springfield Parks trails and Ozark Greenways. Some accessible bikes available or bring your own. Registration required. Call for details. You must be 16 yrs and up with a disability. Pre-Registration required at 417-837-5808 or [www.ParkBoard.org/AR](http://www.ParkBoard.org/AR) FREE



**FREE Class: Adaptive Tennis from 6 – 7 pm, Tuesday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Cooper Tennis Complex Indoor.** Youth and Adults Ages 5 + with a disability. All equipment will be provided, participants will learn basic tennis skills and games, no prior experience necessary, certified tennis instructors will lead the class along with volunteers, and FREE! Register online or by calling Cooper Tennis Complex 417-837-5800.

**Groovin' Abilities (Tuesday Classes from 3:30 – 4:30 pm) \$5 per class. Sept 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> @ Northview Center (305 E Talmage, Spfd).** 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! This class is for anyone age 12 and up with a disability. Call 417-837-5808 with questions & registration. If you can move, you can GROOVE!

**FAST (Fun Accessible Social Time) Talent Show on Tuesday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:30 pm @ Northview Center (305 E Talmage, Spfd).** Calling all superstars! It's time for an Accessible Rec talent show. Come ready to show off your talent on the stage! For anyone 16 and up with a disability. This will be a FREE event! Call 417-837-5808 with questions.

**Accessible Rec Bocce Tournament on Tuesday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:30 pm @ Bocce Courts in Doling Park** (meet inside NV 305 E Talmage, Spfd. Warm up your throwing arm and come enjoy the fall weather with an Accessible Recreation Bocce Tournament! 16 years and older with a disability. Only 16 spots available! Pre-register by Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. Call or email to reserve your spot today! 417-837-5808 or [ctaylor@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:ctaylor@springfieldmo.gov)

**FAST (Fun Accessible Social Time) Halloween BINGO on Tuesday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 6 pm at Northview Center (305 E Talmage, Spfd).** Join us for a special Halloween themed night of BINGO! Costumes welcomed; registration required. Dinner includes pizza and salad. 16 years and up with a disability. \$5/person Call 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-5 pm.** \$17 Adults and Teens, \$14 Adults 60+, and \$12 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.

**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.

**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.

**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)

**The Miracle League @ Miracle League Ball Field (Dan Kinney Park, 2701 S Blackman Rd, Spfd, MO) Fall (Early Sept – Late Oct times vary. Fee: \$30 per player.** Registration is now open. Spring and Fall leagues held at the Betty and Bobby Allison Miracle League Ball Field in Dan Kinney Park. Leagues for youth and adults with disabilities. Scholarships may be available. Volunteer coaches and buddies are needed, training is provided! Registration now open. Miracle League Ball Field 417-837-5808. Ages 5 years and up with disabilities.

## This Month in Parks (September)

### September 5<sup>th</sup>

**Dog Swim** – Dogs take over Fasnicht Pool before it closes for the season (no humans allowed in the water.) Bring your furry friend for an evening of swimming, barking and scampering around the pool. All dogs must be 4 months or older and have proof of vaccination record from a licensed veterinarian for Rabies, Parvo, Distemper and Bordetella. Proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park. Registration required by Fri., Sept. 1. 4 – 7 pm @ Fasnicht Pool. \$8/Dog-human pair; \$3/Additional human.

### September 7<sup>th</sup>

**Kayaks and Coffee** – Pink and golden sunrises, active wildlife and cool morning air are a few rewards for early risers on this guided kayaking experience. Meet at the Boathouse before an hour-long paddling session around Lake Springfield, followed by coffee and pastries in the Lake Room. Bring cameras or binoculars to spot waterfowl and eagles. Register by day before. Ages 8 years and up (8-14 with an adult only) Lake Springfield Park (891-1550. 6:30 – 8:30 am \$30 per person.

### September 8<sup>th</sup>

**Bat Flights** – Exciting facts and fun information on Gray Bats, Tri-Colored Bats, and the potential to observe the twilight flight of Endangered Gray Bats from Sequiota Cave. Meet at cave entrance, no registration required. Sequiota Park 417-833-8647. All ages. 7 pm FREE

### September 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Japanese Fall Festival** – A three-day celebration of Japanese culture and Springfield's sister city, Isesaki, Japan, featuring performances, food, activities, vendors and more. Presented by Springfield Sister Cities Association.

### September 23<sup>rd</sup>

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual DogFest** – A canine extravaganza! Everyone, including the family dog, is invited for a free fun and activities at Chesterfield Park. DogFest features dog agility demonstrations, expert seminars, police K-9's, therapy dogs, a dog fashion show, games for the dogs and canine-related vendors and nonprofits. 10 am – 2:30 pm @ Chesterfield Park (2511 W Republic Road, Spfd) [www.parkboard.org/dogfest](http://www.parkboard.org/dogfest) FREE

September 29<sup>th</sup>

**Ritter Springs Camping Weekend** – A fun overnight campout at beautiful Ritter Springs Park, Includes kayaking, hiking, outdoor games, dinner, breakfast and more. Some camping equipment available for rent. Youth scholarships may be available. Register by Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. Ritter Springs Park 417-833-8647. For all ages. Friday @ 5 pm thru Saturday @ Noon. \$10/Person.



Macaroni KID Events -- <https://springfieldmo.macaronikid.com/events>

Springfield Missouri Events -- <https://www.springfieldmo.org/events>

417 Magazine -- <https://calendar.417mag.com>

Facebook Events – <https://www.facebook.com/events/>

Finley Farms, Ozark – <https://finleyfarmsmo.com>

Springfield Greene County Park Board – [www.parkboard.org](http://www.parkboard.org)

Moxie Cinema Mornings – [www.moxiecinema.com/films/moxie-mornings](http://www.moxiecinema.com/films/moxie-mornings)

It's All Downtown – [www.itsalldowntown.com/calendar?id=4467150084@long\\_events=1&full-0&ajaxCalendar=1&mo=7&yr=2023](http://www.itsalldowntown.com/calendar?id=4467150084@long_events=1&full-0&ajaxCalendar=1&mo=7&yr=2023)

Community Partnership – <https://cpozarks.org/our-programs/>

Dream Center – <https://www.springfielddreamcenter.com/calendar>



## Springfield Greene County Library

**Tiny Tots Storytime** - for infants-36 months

**Friday, September 01: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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

**Friday, September 01: 11:15am - 12:15pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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.

**Local History Roundtable**

**Friday, September 01: 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)**

Join fellow history lovers in a roundtable discussion of Ash Grove's history and share projects you've been working on.

**Teen Night!** - for grades 6-12

**Friday, September 01: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70)**

If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts, live action role-playing and more.

**First Friday Art Walk**

**Friday, September 01: 6:30pm - 9:00pm, Park Central Branch Library**

Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit.

**Craft & Tell**

**Saturday, September 02: 10:30am - 11:30am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

Work on a craft project of your own while chatting with fellow crafters. If you enjoy fiber arts, needlework, drawing or crafts that are portable, quiet and don't make a mess, this group is for you!

**LEGO Brick Saturdays** - for all ages

**Saturday, September 02: 10:30am - 11:30am, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

Bring the whole family to our LEGO brick free-for-all and challenge yourself to build something together.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Tuesday, September 05: 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

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.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Tuesday, September 05: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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**

**Tuesday, September 05: 10:00am - 11:00am, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

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.

**Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 05: 10:00am - 10:30am, J.R. Martin Park - 300 E Hines St, Republic, MO 65738**

Young children are invited to enjoy stories, songs and activities at a special outdoor storytime.

**Meet the Computer**

**Tuesday, September 05: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Computer Training Center**

Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 05: 10:30am - 11:30am, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

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**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 05: 10:30am - 11:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

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.

**Library Playdate - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 05: 10:30am - 11:30am, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)**

Get to know other kids and families while taking part in activities to encourage socialization and cooperative play.

**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 05: 11:15am - 12:15pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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.

**Spooky Friends Book Club - "How To Sell a Haunted House"**

**Tuesday, September 05: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70)**

Ghosts, goblins, gore and so much more to read about in our horror book club.

**Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 05: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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.



**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Wednesday, September 06: 10:00am - 10:30am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

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**

**Wednesday, September 06: 10:00am - 11:00am, Republic Branch Library - Community Room**

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**

**Wednesday, September 06: 10:30am - 11:30am, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)**

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**

**Wednesday, September 06: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

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**

**Wednesday, September 06: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library**

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.

**Maker Space Orientation**

**Wednesday, September 06: 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Maker Space**

Learn about the equipment available in the Library's Maker Space, watch demonstrations and view sample projects. This equipment tour will cover basic operations, safety, design resources and tips.

**What's Up Wednesdays - for grades 6-12**

**Wednesday, September 06: 3:00pm - 4:30pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library**

You never know what might happen on the first Wednesday of the month in the Teen Room. We'll surprise you with crafts, board games, karaoke or maybe a trip to the Maker Space.

**Japanese Magical Journey with Yasu Ishida - for all ages**

**Wednesday, September 06: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70)**

Take a journey to Japan with storyteller Yasu Ishida through traditional stories and music.

**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Thursday, September 07: 10:00am - 10:30am, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library**

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.

**For the Love of Reading! - for infants-age 6**

**Thursday, September 07: 10:00am - 10:30am, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library**

Your favorite librarians will share the books, songs and activities they're loving at the moment. In the Children's Department.

**Finding Files**

**Thursday, September 07: 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Computer Training Center**

Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

**The YA Book Crew - for ages 15-25, "In the Hall With the Knife"**

**Thursday, September 07: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)**

Discuss young adult books with fellow young adults, chatting about three mysteries in honor of the spooky season.

**Reading Pals - for grades K-5**

**Thursday, September 07: 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Republic Branch Library - Community Room**

Practice your reading skills with our furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Registration required.

**Playing Together - for infants-age 6**

**Thursday, September 07: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

Come together for stories, songs and activities with library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers.

**Bricks and Books Club - for grades 3-6, "Amulet: The Stonekeeper"**

**Thursday, September 07: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

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.

**Feel Good Fiction - "The Music of Bees"**

**Thursday, September 07: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15)**

Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion.

**Lucile Morris Upton: The Story of an Ozarks Newspaperwoman**

**Thursday, September 07: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100)**

Author Susan Croce Kelly will share the career and contributions of journalist Lucile Morris Upton.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Friday, September 08: 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

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.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Friday, September 08: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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 - for age 55 and older, "The Alchemist"**

**Friday, September 08: 10:30am - 11:30am, Northview Center - 305 E. Talmage St.**

Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults.

**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Friday, September 08: 11:15am - 12:15pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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.

**Downtown Game Night**

**Friday, September 08: 5:00pm - 7:00pm, Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar - 431 S. Jefferson Ave.**

Drop in to play board and card games, and treat yourself to a coffee or affogato. Choose from our selection of games or bring your own.

**Teen Night! - for grades 6-12**

**Friday, September 08: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70)**

If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts, live action role-playing and more.

**Saturday LEGO Brick Challenge - for grades K-12**

**Saturday, September 09: 9:30am - 6:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library**

Drop by the Teen or Children's Department anytime on the second Saturday of the month and take the LEGO Brick Challenge. This month we're building something that flies. Materials will be provided.

**Heirloom Seed Saving Basics**

**Saturday, September 09: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Midtown Community Garden - 1471 N. Benton Ave.**

Learn how to harvest and save pea, bean and tomato seeds from your garden in this hands-on seed saving demonstration. Seating is limited; registration required.

**Never Too Old for YA - "Grave Mercy"**

**Saturday, September 09: 10:30am - 11:30am, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join the group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly-released titles.

**Geezerfest: The Final Chapter**

**Saturday, September 09: 5:30pm - 9:00pm, Library Center**

Dance and sing the night away as we commemorate Geezer's final show inside the Library Center.

**Homeschool STEAM Days - for grades K-6**

**Monday, September 11: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

Add some pizzazz to your curriculum with STEM Kits, featuring a different kit each month.

**Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Monday, September 11: 6:30pm - 7:00pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

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**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Tuesday, September 12: 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

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**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Tuesday, September 12: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 12: 10:00am - 11:00am, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

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.

**Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 12: 10:00am - 10:30am, J.R. Martin Park - 300 E Hines St, Republic, MO 65738**

Young children are invited to enjoy stories, songs and activities at a special outdoor storytime.

**Learning Windows 10 and 11**

**Tuesday, September 12: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Computer Training Center**  
Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 12: 10:30am - 11:30am, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

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**Mystery Book Club - "The Widows of Malabar Hill"**

**Tuesday, September 12: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Community Room - Upper Level (60)**

Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone.

**Flying Needles**

**Tuesday, September 12: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)**

Work on your latest knitting and crochet projects with fellow fiber artists.

**Game On - No Batteries Required - for grades 6-12**

**Tuesday, September 12: 3:15pm - 5:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library**

Learn a new board game or pick up an old favorite in the Teen Room. Staff will be there to help you. Snacks will be provided.

**Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale - Friends Preview Night Sale**

**Tuesday, September 12: 4:00pm - 8:00pm, E-Plex at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds - 3001 N. Grant Ave.**

Every Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Library sale holds surprising treasures for lovers of books, movies and music (CD and vinyl!), and the Fall 2023 Book Sale won't disappoint.

**Evening Book Discussion - "Victory City"**

**Tuesday, September 12: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

**Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 12: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Wednesday, September 13: 10:00am - 10:30am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

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**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Wednesday, September 13: 10:00am - 11:00am, Republic Branch Library - Community Room**

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**Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale**

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**Wednesday, September 13: 10:30am - 11:30am, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)**

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**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Wednesday, September 13: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

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**

**Wednesday, September 13: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library**

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 - "The Violin Conspiracy"**

**Wednesday, September 13: 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Library Center - Community Room B (30)**

Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

**Book Discussion - "I Have Some Questions for You"**

**Wednesday, September 13: 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library**

Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

**Willard Page Turners - "The Caves of Steel"**

**Wednesday, September 13: 2:30pm - 3:30pm, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

Chat about books that you can't seem to put down.

**Conversation Circles - Work and School**

**Wednesday, September 13: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center**

Meet new people while you practice your English skills in conversation circles led by Dr. Suneeta Thomas, Missouri State University Assistant Professor of English.

**FilmStubs - "St. Elmo's Fire," rated R**

**Wednesday, September 13: 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Moxie Cinema - 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101**

Both novice and seasoned cinephiles are welcome to join our free viewings of classic and cult films at The Moxie, with discussion after the films. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.



### **iPhone Class for Seniors**

**Thursday, September 14: 10:00am - 12:00pm**, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)

If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each session.

### **Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Thursday, September 14: 10:00am - 10:30am**, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

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.

### **Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale**

**Thursday, September 14: 10:00am - 8:00pm**, E-Plex at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds - 3001 N. Grant Ave.

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### **Book Discussion - "Carrie Soto Is Back"**

**Thursday, September 14: 2:00pm - 3:00pm**, Republic Branch Library - Community Room

Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

### **STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday - for ages 6-12**

**Thursday, September 14: 2:00pm - 3:00pm**, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70)

Develop creative, problem-solving skills through exciting STEAM activities and challenges.

Registration opens on Friday, September 1 2023 at 9:00am

### **Internet Basics**

**Thursday, September 14: 2:00pm - 4:00pm**, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Computer Training Center

Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

### **Teen Writer's Guild - for grades 6-12**

**Thursday, September 14: 3:30pm - 5:00pm**, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

Get inspiration and support from fellow writers as you create, share and publish your works. In the Teen Room.

### **Exploring Languages - for age 15-adult**

**Thursday, September 14: 4:00pm - 5:45pm**, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)

Have you ever wanted to learn another language? Join us each season as we explore a different language. For fall, we're continuing American Sign Language. All levels of experience are welcome.

### **Downtown Book Club - "Olga Dies Dreaming"**

**Thursday, September 14: 6:00pm - 7:30pm**, Downtown Springfield Association - 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120

Join us 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.

### **Cosplay Crash Course - for grades 6-12, The Lord of the Rings**

**Thursday, September 14: 6:00pm - 8:00pm**, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)

Get tips for creating your own cosplay from items you may already have on hand.

### **Make a Mood Page - "A Magic Steeped in Poison"**

**Thursday, September 14: 6:30pm - 8:00pm**, Library Station - Santa Fe Community Room (50)

Discuss and make a mood page inspired by the young adult fantasy "A Magic Steeped in Poison" by Judy I. Lin or any book of your choosing. Materials will be provided.

**Books and Boards - "Better Living Through Birding" & Wingspan**

**Thursday, September 14: 6:30pm - 8:00pm, Village Meeple Board Game Cafe - 1570 E. Battlefield Road, Suite F**  
Board games and books make the perfect pairing! Chat about our monthly title while learning to play a board game related to the book.

**Fall Book Buzz**

**Thursday, September 14: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**  
Find out the latest buzz on new and upcoming titles from our librarians.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Friday, September 15: 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

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**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Friday, September 15: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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**Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale**

**Friday, September 15: 10:00am - 8:00pm, E-Plex at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds - 3001 N. Grant Ave.**

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**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Friday, September 15: 11:15am - 12:15pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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.

**Superhero Afternoon - for grades 6-12**

**Friday, September 15: 3:00pm - 5:00pm, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

Munch on snacks while watching some of our favorite superhero movies, rated PG.

**Teen Night! - for grades 6-12**

**Friday, September 15: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70)**

If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts, live action role-playing and more.

**The Baldknobbers: Terror in the Hills**

**Saturday, September 16: 9:30am - 12:30pm, Republic Branch Library - Community Room**

Author and storyteller Tim Ritter will discuss the vigilante group that brought mayhem to the Ozarks.

**Life-Size Games - for grades 5-12**

**Saturday, September 16: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library**

Join us outside to play giant versions of family-favorite games. We'll move indoors if it rains, so be prepared to play games, rain or shine.

**Silly Grandpa with 'Supe' Granda - for all ages**

**Saturday, September 16: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Center - Auditorium (100)**

Move and groove as Michael 'Supe' Granda of the Ozark Mountain Daredevils performs songs as Silly Grandpa.

**Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale - Half Price Day**

**Saturday, September 16: 10:00am - 5:00pm**, E-Plex at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds - 3001 N. Grant Ave.

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**Foreign Film Discussion - "Life Is Beautiful," rated PG-13**

**Saturday, September 16: 10:30am - 12:00pm**, Park Central Branch Library

Watch our monthly foreign film selection in advance then meet to discuss with other cinephiles.

**Librarykins Playgroup - for kids ages 3-7 and their caregivers**

**Saturday, September 16: 11:00am - 12:00pm**, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)

Make new friends while you play, read and learn at the library.

**Supermarket Smarts for Kids - for grades 3-7**

**Saturday, September 16: 1:00pm - 3:00pm**, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Maker Space

Young chefs and adult caregivers work together to learn how to shop for and prepare nutritious recipes.

**STEAM Explorers - for ages 6-12**

**Saturday, September 16: 2:00pm - 3:00pm**, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70)

Develop creative, problem-solving skills through exciting STEAM activities and challenges.

**Outsmart College Scams With the Better Business Bureau**

**Saturday, September 16: 4:00pm - 5:00pm**, Library Center - Auditorium (100)

Learn how to spot and avoid scams targeting those seeking to attend college with Pamela Hernandez, regional director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau.

**Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale - \$1 and \$5 Bag Day**

**Sunday, September 17: 1:00pm - 5:00pm**, E-Plex at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds - 3001 N. Grant Ave.

Every Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Library sale holds surprising treasures for lovers of books, movies and music (CD and vinyl!), and the Fall 2023 Book Sale won't disappoint.

**FALLing for Crafts - for ages 5 and older**

**Monday, September 18: 10:30am - 11:30am**, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)

Celebrate the cooler weather by making fall crafts and decorations. Materials and snacks will be provided.

**We Love Comics - for grades 1-3, "Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea"**

**Monday, September 18: 4:00pm - 5:00pm**, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)

Explore how art and story work together in graphic novels perfect for emerging readers. We'll have snacks and a related activity for each monthly book selection.

**Board Game Academy - Photosynthesis**

**Monday, September 18: 6:00pm - 8:00pm**, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)

Master a new or classic game with experienced instructor and library staffer Adam Slempp.

**Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Monday, September 18: 6:30pm - 7:00pm**, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)

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.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Tuesday, September 19: 9:30am - 10:00am**, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)

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.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Tuesday, September 19: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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**

**Tuesday, September 19: 10:00am - 11:00am, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

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

**A Curious Celebration - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 19: 10:00am - 11:00am, Strafford Branch Library**

Celebrate the birthday of H.A. Rey, creator of Curious George! We'll read books about our favorite swinging primate and even have monkey-inspired crafts and activities.

**Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 19: 10:00am - 10:30am, J.R. Martin Park - 300 E Hines St, Republic, MO 65738**

Young children are invited to enjoy stories, songs and activities at a special outdoor storytime.

**Internet Safety**

**Tuesday, September 19: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Computer Training Center**

Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 19: 10:30am - 11:30am, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

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**

**Tuesday, September 19: 10:30am - 11:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

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**

**Tuesday, September 19: 11:15am - 12:15pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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.

**Ash Grove Bibliophiles - "Ban This Book"**

**Tuesday, September 19: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)**

Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

**Cookbook Book Club - Fall Foods**

**Tuesday, September 19: 3:00pm - 4:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

Whatcha got cookin'? Try a recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone's recipes turned out. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged!

**Dabbling In Art - for age 15-adult**

**Tuesday, September 19: 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)**

Join us for an evening of sketching and drawing! Whether you're a beginner or a professional, try your hand at something new, learn from others and have a creative time. Materials will be provided.

**Teen Volunteer Council Recruitment Dinner - for grades 8-12**

**Tuesday, September 19: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

Learn how you can make a difference at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch as a teen volunteer.

Registration opens on Tuesday, September 5 2023 at 9:00am

**Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 19: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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.

**Books on Tap - "Bunny"**

**Tuesday, September 19: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Wire Road Brewing Company - 4453 S. Timbercreek Ave., Battlefield**

Brewing offbeat discussions about books that aren't in the mainstream.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Wednesday, September 20: 10:00am - 10:30am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

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**

**Wednesday, September 20: 10:00am - 11:00am, Republic Branch Library - Community Room**

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.

**Exploring Genealogy - Missouri State Archives' Newest Database**

**Wednesday, September 20: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Center - Auditorium (100)**

Reference Services Manager at Missouri State Archives Christina Miller will instruct how to use the new County and Municipal Records Database.

**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Wednesday, September 20: 10:30am - 11:30am, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)**

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**

**Wednesday, September 20: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

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.

**Conversation Circles - Hobbies**

**Wednesday, September 20: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center**

Meet new people while you practice your English skills in conversation circles led by Dr. Suneeta Thomas, Missouri State University Assistant Professor of English.

**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Thursday, September 21: 10:00am - 10:30am, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library**

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 - Castles, Car Rides, Ships and Shores**

**Thursday, September 21: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon as we go on a road trip through Scandinavia.



### **Google Tools**

**Thursday, September 21: 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Computer Training Center**  
Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

### **Book Discussion - "The Book Thief"**

**Thursday, September 21: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40)**  
Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

### **"Bill Virdon: A Life in Baseball"**

**Thursday, September 21: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100)**  
Explore how Bill Virdon made a lasting impact in the world of baseball with David Jerome, author of "Bill Virdon: A Life in Baseball."

### **Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Friday, September 22: 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**  
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.

### **Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Friday, September 22: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**  
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.

### **Wee Crafts - for ages 3-6**

**Friday, September 22: 10:30am - 11:30am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**  
Join us for wee crafts in celebration of Hobbit Day!

### **Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Friday, September 22: 11:15am - 12:15pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**  
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.

### **Movie Afternoons - for age 13-grade 12**

**Friday, September 22: 3:30pm - 6:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library**  
Celebrate Hobbit Day with "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," rated PG-13, and themed snacks. In the Teen Room.

### **Teen Anime Night - for age 14-grade 12**

**Friday, September 22: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70)**  
Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided.

### **Ozarks Railroads**

**Saturday, September 23: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Station - Santa Fe Community Room (50)**  
Learn about the history of our local railways with the Railroad Historical Museum.

### **Guided Nature Walk - for families with kids in grades K-5**

**Saturday, September 23: 10:30am - 11:30am, Brookline Park - 2696 E. Sawyer Road, Republic**  
Join us for a walk through the woods with a local naturalist and stories read by library staff to celebrate National Public Lands Day and the first day of fall.  
Registration opens on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 9:00am

**Playing Together - for infants-age 6**

**Saturday, September 23: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

Come together for stories, songs and activities with library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers.

**Afternoon Movie at the Library - for all ages, "Jumanji," rated PG, 1995**

**Saturday, September 23: 11:30am - 2:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library**

Bring a friend and munch on popcorn while we watch a fun and classic movie based on popular board games! Popcorn will be provided.

**Three Sisters Cooking Demonstration**

**Saturday, September 23: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, The Fairbanks - 1126 N. Broadway Ave.**

Learn how to make flavorful recipes with ingredients from a Three Sisters garden.

Registration opens on Saturday, September 9 2023 at 9:00am

**Celebrate Hobbit Day! - for all ages**

**Saturday, September 23: 5:00pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100),Community Room A (20),Community Room B (30),Story Hour Room (45)**

Honor the birthdays and many adventures of Bilbo and Frodo with music, a costume contest and an adventure to save Middle Earth.

**Reading PALS - for grades K-5**

**Monday, September 25: 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Fair Grove Branch Library**

Iggy the French Bulldog will be visiting the library to listen to kids practice their reading skills.

Registration opens on Monday, September 11 2023 at 9:00am

**Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Monday, September 25: 6:30pm - 7:00pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

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 - "Legends & Lattes"**

**Monday, September 25: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15)**

Discuss trending books made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers.

**Bagels with the Better Business Bureau - AI: The Pros and Cons for Your Business**

**Tuesday, September 26: 8:00am - 9:00am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

Pamela Hernandez, Regional Director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau, will teach you about business over bagels and coffee.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Tuesday, September 26: 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

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.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Tuesday, September 26: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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**

**Tuesday, September 26: 10:00am - 11:00am, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

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.

**Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 26: 10:00am - 10:30am, J.R. Martin Park - 300 E Hines St, Republic, MO 65738**

Young children are invited to enjoy stories, songs and activities at a special outdoor storytime.

**StoryWalk® Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 26: 10:00am - 10:30am, J.R. Martin Park - 300 E. Hines St., Republic**

Walk through the StoryWalk® "Squirrels Leap, Squirrels Sleep" by April Pulley Sayre as part of a special Stories in the Park. Meet at the Amp, and we'll walk through together.

**Microsoft Word Basics**

**Tuesday, September 26: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Computer Training Center**

Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 26: 10:30am - 11:30am, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

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**

**Tuesday, September 26: 10:30am - 11:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

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**

**Tuesday, September 26: 11:15am - 12:15pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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.

**Teen Game Night - for grades 6-12**

**Tuesday, September 26: 3:30pm - 5:30pm, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

Join us for board game, card game and team game fun. Snacks will be provided.

**Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Tuesday, September 26: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Wednesday, September 27: 10:00am - 10:30am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

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**

**Wednesday, September 27: 10:00am - 11:00am, Republic Branch Library - Community Room**

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**

**Wednesday, September 27: 10:30am - 11:30am, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)**

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**

**Wednesday, September 27: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

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**

**Wednesday, September 27: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library**

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.

**Conversation Circles - Cooking and Family Gatherings**

**Wednesday, September 27: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center**

Meet new people while you practice your English skills in conversation circles led by Dr. Suneeta Thomas, Missouri State University Assistant Professor of English.

**iPhone Class for Seniors**

**Thursday, September 28: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100)**

If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each session.

**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Thursday, September 28: 10:00am - 10:30am, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library**

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 Final Girl Support Group"**

**Thursday, September 28: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Library Station - Santa Fe Community Room (50)**

Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

**Microsoft Excel Basics**

**Thursday, September 28: 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Computer Training Center**

Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

**Mitigate & Prepare for Fall Weather and Other Hazards**

**Thursday, September 28: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70)**

Stay prepared for fall weather with staff from the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management.

**Get Slimed! - for grades K-5**

**Thursday, September 28: 3:00pm - 5:00pm, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40)**

Try out different slime recipes at prepared stations, choosing which one you like best. Dress for a mess. Materials will be provided.

**Exploring Languages - for age 15-adult**

**Thursday, September 28: 4:00pm - 5:45pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25)**

Have you ever wanted to learn another language? Join us each season as we explore a different language. For fall, we're continuing American Sign Language. All levels of experience are welcome.

**Crafty Tween Afternoon - for grades 4-8, Finger Knitting**

**Thursday, September 28: 4:00pm - 5:30pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

Come together to work on craft projects, trade ideas and meet fellow crafters. Supplies will be provided.

**Banned Book Club - "Beloved"**

**Thursday, September 28: 5:30pm - 6:30pm, BookMarx - 325 E. Walnut St.**

Read books that have recently been in the news for being banned or challenged. We'll discuss the book, the reasons it was banned or challenged and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom.

**Teen Craft Night - for grades 6-12, Macramé**

**Thursday, September 28: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

Come together to work on craft projects, trade ideas and meet fellow crafters. Supplies will be provided.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Friday, September 29: 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)**

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.

**Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months**

**Friday, September 29: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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**Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6**

**Friday, September 29: 11:15am - 12:15pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30)**

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.

**Teen Night! - for grades 6-12**

**Friday, September 29: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70)**

If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts, live action role-playing and more.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Resource Fair**

**Saturday, September 30: 1:00pm - 4:00pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70), Santa Fe Community Room (50)**

If you're a grandparent raising grandchildren, join us to learn more about the services available to you in our community.

**Maker Space for Businesses, Nonprofits and Organizations**

**Saturday, September 30: 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - Maker Space**

Make the Library's Maker Space work for you and learn how to create conference booth materials, merch, swag and other items that help your business stand out.





## Local Resources



**ARC of the Ozarks ([www.thearcoftheozarks.org](http://www.thearcoftheozarks.org)) 417-864-7887**  
**C3A Autism Support ([C3ASPF@gmail.com](mailto:C3ASPF@gmail.com))**  
**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 Young Athletes (417-624-5505) Ages 8 and under**  
**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**