



November 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 kkiewer@abilitiesfirst.net or ssteelman@abilitiesfirst.com.

empower : abilities Social Club October Activities: Please RSVP to Stacie Amschler @ 417-886-1188

11/01 – Branson Event-Haygood’s Christmas Show @ 2 pm. Cost: \$18 - limited tickets available and must be purchased through Stacie Amschler prior to the event. Dinner at Mels Hard Luck Diner - Bring money for Dinner. Family and Caregivers are encouraged to attend! Limited Transportation is provided, please contact Tina at 417-886-1188 x 213. Please RSVP for the event to Stacie Amschler at samschler@empowerabilities.org or 417-886-1188 x 217.

12/13 – Annual Holiday Dinner! at empower:abilities, 1450 W. Cambridge St. Springfield, MO 65807. Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Limited Transportation is provided for this event, please call Tina at 417-886-1188 x 213. Please RSVP to Stacie Amschler at samschler@empowerabilities.org or 417-886-1188 x 217

Mark Your Calendar

Art Inspired Academy: I Love the Music “A Journey Through Time to Save the Lyrics”, Saturday, November 14th from 2 – 4 pm @ Drury University. Join Art Inspired Academy crew as we celebrate music and try to keep it safe from Miss Twist and her twisters! Join us at Spangler auditorium at Drury University. Tickets are 5.00 and available at the door. General admission seating-doors open at 1:30.

Winter Dreamland Gala 2023: Saturday, December 2nd @ 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



Craft Shows and Fund Raisers

Wednesday, November 1st

Habitat ReStore Christmas Extravaganza @ Habitat ReStore, Spfd from 9 am. Join us on Nov 1st, when the doors of The ReStore will swing open at 9 am sharp to kick off the holiday season with our much-anticipated event, “The ReStore Christmas Extravaganza”! As the holiday spirit takes hold, our shelves will come alive with an enchanting array of artificial trees, holiday decorations, twinkling lights, ornaments, and so much more. It's a festive paradise, a winter wonderland all under one roof. We owe this magical experience to the generosity of our wonderful donors, both from local businesses and our incredible community. Throughout the year, they've contributed an array of Christmas treasures, and now it's your chance to find that perfect piece to make your holiday season extra special. Don't miss out on the joy and cheer—mark your calendars and join us for the grand unveiling of our Christmas Extravaganza!

Thursday, November 2nd

Harvest Moon Paddle Party @ Kimberling Area Senior Center (63 Kimberling Blvd, Kimberling City, MO from 5:30 – 8 pm. Paddle Party is a fundraiser for the Senior Center. It's like part Craft fair, part Bingo and part Auction rolled into one. Bidding paddles are \$3 each or 4 for \$10. Bring rolls of quarters to bid with. There will be a practice round for beginners.

Friday, November 3rd

Poets' Corner Open Mic w/ Rex Ybanez @ Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar, Spfd from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Welcome to my open mic series for poets, writers, and performers at Green Coffee + Affogato every first Friday during Art Walk! Sign up is at 6:30 pm, starts at 7 pm, and ends at 8:30 pm. Slots for five-minute intervals will be available, but please be courteous of others wanting to perform! Halfway through performances, we will take a 10 – 15 minute intermission and reconvene to finish. We strongly encourage authentic self-expression through the written and spoken word. Language is acceptable as long as it isn't hateful or vulgar for vulgar's sake.

Annual Christmas Open House @ Beth's Bake Shoppe and Tea Room, Spfd from 10 am – 5 pm. Please join us for our Annual Christmas Open House. The gift shop & bakery will be open 10 am – 5 pm serving

our delicious lunch 11 am – 2 pm. We will have beautiful Christmas decorations, candles, jewelry, Warmies & door prizes. Warm Wassail will be served.

Saturday, November 4th

2023 Craft and Boutique Show @ Logan-Rogersville Upper Elementary from 8 am – 4 pm. Come shop & help support the Logan-Rogersville FFA Chapter.

Holiday Craft Bazaar @ Walnut Street Christian Church, Spfd from 8 am – 3 pm. Come join us!! We have hand made crafts, stuffed animals, baked goods and a raffle for a beautiful quilt.

Holiday Open House & Craft Fair @ Harvest Assembly, Fair Play from 8 am. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and it's our favorite time of the year, CRAFT FAIRS and Shopping galore! So come enjoy the wonderful season, and shop til you drop! We will have food and drinks available all day, as well as door prizes!!! So come early and stay late, or anything in between... Doors Open 8am! Bring your friends and make it a day! The Annual Harvest Holiday Open House and Craft Fair helps support Missions and their organizations each year, and we are so excited to host 30+ Vendors to help support local businesses and small shops giving back as well to our community!

Christmas at the Farm @ 2675 N Farm Road 241, Strafford from 10 am – 2 pm. You are invited to Christmas at the farm. Where memories and family fun is had for everyone. Food Trucks: Coffee, Mexican, BBQ, Hay Rides, Farm Animals, Chocolate covered treats, Permanent jewelry, Photos with Santa Clause, Face painting, Build your own bouquet bar, Free photo backdrops, Mini cakes with cream cheese frosting, Fire pit, Free entry & parking. Professional photos with Santa, only \$15 (no standing in line, text alerts for when you're next!)-Must sign up on sign up sheet upon arrival to secure your spot. Digital copy will be sent via email. You will also have the opportunity to take your own photos of your family with Remi and Stella (Mini Highland and Highpark cows)

Springfield Farms Craft fair @ Springfield Farms, Brookline from Noon. Come out to Springfield Farms for our first Craft Fair. There will be crafts and homemade goodies!!!

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Christmas Bazaar and Rummage Sale @ Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church, Spfd from 8 am 2 pm. We will have lots of Christmas decorations for sale cheap and lots of miscellaneous stuff cheap. Most stuff \$1 or less

Sunday, November 5th

Crosslines Christmas Toy Drive @ Napleton VW, Spfd from 2 pm. We have worked out a way to help Crosslines with a toy drive again this year in cooperation with Napleton VW. They will be collecting the toys in the Napleton VW parking lot from 2 – 4 pm. On Nov 5th. This event will be open to any and all local car clubs. GROOVE is planning to do a 50/50 raffle to benefit Crosslines. A short cruise to lunch first could be planned also.

Tuesday, November 7th

November Craft Class @ 425 N Main Street, Mt Vernon from 12:30 pm. A pumpkin centerpiece from canning rings is the craft of the month. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun!

Healing Hearts @ Willard Community Christian Church from 7 – 9 pm. This is a new group designed to help mothers heal from the loss of a child (no matter the age). This will be a safe space to talk about your loss. Certain dates, certain songs and friends of your child experiencing a milestones; all these things cause pain, and this group will give you an understanding individual ear since we have all been through it. We will start with having a meeting every other week but can expand to weekly if needed. Come out and bond with other mothers going through death of a child. Please call Sheryl with questions at 417-827-2545. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday, November 10th



Christmas Open House 2023 @ Richart's Stone & Garden, Republic from 8 am – 3 pm. Jump into the Christmas season with Richart's Stone & Garden. Enjoy a cozy atmosphere with great refreshments, giveaways, holiday sales & gift wrapping. A great weekend to see what we have to offer while shopping local! We can't wait to see you and a friend.

Saturday, November 11th

7th Annual Fall Craft Fair @ First Baptist Church, Nixa from 9 am – 3 pm. Come out and see some of the finest local crafters and artists in Southwest Missouri! Bake Sale benefitting missions, Food trucks, Sublimated tumblers, Crochet gifts & décor, Doll clothes, Bible bags, Hooded towels, embroidery, Greeting cards, Painted signs, Doll furniture, Seasonal décor, Table runners, scrubbies, dish cloths, baby items, Marble games, Walker totes, Aprons, Quilts, Quilling, Assorted paintings, Acrylic paint jewelry and gifts, and much more! All to benefit The Least of These Food Pantry!

Pie Contest @ The Hive of the Ozarks, Willard from 10 am. Check in your homemade pies at 10 am – 10:45 am. Judging begins at 11 am. Winners announced at noon in 4 categories: Fruit/Cream/Berry/Other. Ribbons & Cash Prizes will be awarded to top winner.

Holiday Antique and Gift Market @ Schofield + Gray, Fordland from 9 am – 3 pm. Come kick off the holiday season with us at our Holiday Antique and Gift Market! We are a small pop-up market with unique antique, vintage, holiday, 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. Admission is \$5.00 at the gate! We can't wait to see you!

Rountree Holiday Bazaar @ Rountree Neighborhood, Spfd from 10 am. – 8 pm. Get in the holiday spirit in Rountree!! Shop local, shop early, eat, drink and be merry and visit Santa!!!! All the corner shops will

be festive and bright. Follow for more details!! Santa and sleigh rides will be at Ellecor Design from 12 – 5 and Christmas tree lighting at 6:30.

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Sunday, November 12th

A Christmas Market @ 1024 State Road AA, Fair Grove from 9 am – 4 pm. We are providing our local town with a one stop shopping event for all their shopping needs! Christmas will be approaching shortly after this event, so make sure you leave without anything left on your shopping list! We are planning for over 30 vendors, a couple food options, possibly live music & MORE!

Tuesday, November 14th

Art Inspired Academy: I Love the Music “A Journey Through Time to Save the Lyrics”, Saturday, November 14th from 2 – 4 pm @ Drury University. Join Art Inspired Academy crew as we celebrate music and try to keep it safe from Miss Twist and her twisters! Join us at Spangler auditorium at Drury University. Tickets are 5.00 and available at the door. General admission seating-doors open at 1:30.

Christmas Garland Workshop @ 14 Mill Market, Nixa from 7 – 8:30 pm. Join us on November 15th at 7 PM for a festive evening at 14 Mill and Wisner Bar! 🌲 ✨ Get into the holiday spirit with our Christmas garland workshop, where supplies are included in the ticket price of just \$15 per person. Unleash your creativity as we provide everything you need, from dehydrated fruits to fragrant herbs and spices, to craft your very own country Christmas decor. Decorate your home with a touch of rustic charm and add a personal, handmade touch to your holiday season. But hurry, tickets are limited, so make sure to secure your spot for this wonderful evening of crafting and holiday cheer. Don't miss out on the chance to make your Christmas extra special with your very own handmade garland. See you on the 15th! Tickets: www.14millmarket.com/product/Christmas-Garland-Workshop-November-15th-7pm

Friday, November 17th

Ozark Community Craft Festival-INDOORS @ Ozark Community Center from 11 am – 6 pm.

Handcrafted items. Free admission. Get some of your Christmas shopping done at this fun event 130+ booths. Hosted by Cosmopolitan Club of Ozark. Unique Gifts. FREE Admission.

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Frisco Trail Craft Show @ Willard High School from 8:30 – 2:30 pm. Over 80 vendors. Start your Christmas shopping early! This is a large craft show event featuring amazing vendors from all over southwest Missouri! It is a great time to get started on your Christmas shopping while also supporting Willard’s Youth Baseball Program!

Mayor's Tree Lighting Holiday Show 2023 @ Park Central Square from 6 – 8:30 pm. 5-8:30 p.m. – Free ice skating at Jordan Valley Park, 6-9 p.m. – Free horse-drawn carriage rides at Park Central Square (southwest corner), 5:30 p.m. – Central High School Choir, 6 p.m. – Children are invited to join Mayor Ken McClure on stage at Park Central Square for Holiday Storytime: the reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Free books while supplies last courtesy of the Mayor's Commission on Children, 6:10 p.m. – Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at Park Central Square on the Holiday Express Train, 6:20-7 p.m. Live performances on the Park Central Square stage, 6:45 p.m. – Swearing in of future soldiers into the U.S. Army., 6:30-9 p.m. – Santa Land opens on Park Central Square – selfies with Santa and Mrs. Claus; free Holiday Express Train rides, Cookie Factory open; Jingle Bell Station open., 7-7:45 p.m. – Pre-recorded holiday television special on Me TV and broadcast into Park Central Square on the jumbo screen. 7:45 p.m. – Santa, Mrs. Claus and special musical guests join Mayor Ken McClure, KY's Paul Adler and Maria Neider and Cora Scott for the countdown and lighting of the official Mayor's Christmas tree. 7:55 p.m. OFFICIAL LIGHTING 8-8:30 p.m. Talented local performers via video on the jumbo screen and continued opportunity to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at Santa Land in Park Central Square.

Tuesday, November 21st

Healing Hearts @ Willard Community Christian Church from 7 – 9 pm. This is a new group designed to help mothers heal from the loss of a child (no matter the age). This will be a safe space to talk about your loss. Certain dates, certain songs and friends of your child experiencing a milestones; all these things cause pain, and this group will give you an understanding individual ear since we have all been through it. We will start with having a meeting every other week but can expand to weekly if needed. Come out and bond with other mothers going through death of a child. Please call Sheryl with questions at 417-827-2545. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, November 22nd

Special Evening – Holiday Market! @ Farmers Market of the Ozarks from 4 pm. Prepping for the holiday season? Join us for our evening market!

Thursday, November 23rd



Friday, November 24th



National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation @ Gillioz Theatre from 7:30 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm and Show at 7:30 pm. Tickets: www.etix.com/ticket/p/5908980/fall-classicsnational-lampoons-christmas-vacation-2023-springfield-gillioz-theatre

Storytime with Scuba Claus @ Wonders of Wildlife @ 6 pm – 7:15 pm. Tis the SEASON for wonder! Scuba Claus is coming to town! We are decking the halls at Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium and diving into the holidays with splashy lights, hot cocoa, and a reading of "Christmas Eve at the Aquarium with Scuba Santa" from Mrs. Claus. Be WOW'd as Scuba Claus and his helper, Peppermint, go out to sea and dive in the Great Barrier Reef spreading Christmas cheer in a magical underwater wonderland. Learn more on our website: wondersofwildlife.org/holidays

Saturday, November 25th

417 Craft Crawl @ Farmers Market of the Ozarks, 2144 E Republic St, Spfd from 9 am. It's "Shop Small Saturday"! Find the perfect handmade holiday gifts with local artisans!

Pet Photos with Santa @ All Pet Supplies North from 9 am – 3 pm. That festive time of year is rapidly approaching, and that means you-know-who is coming to town!! Santa will make his first stop at All Pet Supplies North on Saturday, November 25 and his next is at All Pet Supplies South on Saturday, December 2. Bring your pets, naughty or nice, for a visit with Santa with professional pet photography by UTurn Studios. We have a variety of prints, digital images and our popular holiday cards available. To schedule your appointment, call the location of your choice: For November 25 at All Pet Supplies North, 2845 West Kearney, dial (417) 865-6800. For December 2 at All Pet Supplies South, 1611 W Republic Rd., dial (417) 877-4711. Stay tuned here on the event page for updates, details and the backdrop reveal!

Monday, November 27th

Pets, Paws, and Love @ CC Links, 1548 N Commercial Rd, Nixa from 6 – 7 pm. Do you enjoy puppy love? Need a stress relief? Harleigh, Flynn, and Jasper will be visiting CC Links to give just that! Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/r8dudf0SK1>



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. Nov 1 - 22 from 9 am – Noon. Register online at ParkBoard.org or by calling 417-837-5808 before Oct 27.

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. Nov 1 - 22 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Register online at ParkBoard.org or by calling 417-837-5808 before Oct 27.

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. Nov 2 - 30 from 9 am – Noon. Register online at ParkBoard.org or by calling 417-837-5808 before Oct 27.

Bowling @ Enterprise Park Lanes from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Mondays Nov 6 - 27. 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.

Tandy Leather Stamping, Tuesday, Nov 7 @ Northview Center (305 E Talmage, Spfd. 9:30 – 11 am. Participants ages 12 and up with a disability, as well as their family, friends, and staff are welcome to purchase a project and join us! Registration required. Fee: \$5-\$10 per project. Pre-registration required for registration or questions, call 417-837-5808. Check out the 16 oz Travel Cups available for \$10. Makes a great Christmas present.

Groovin' Abilities (Tuesday Classes from 3:30 – 4:30 pm) \$5 per class. Nov 7th & 21st @ 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) Zoo to You! on Tuesday, Nov 28th from 3:30 – 4:30 pm at Northview Center (305 E Talmage, Spfd). Join us for accessible rec and zoo staff for a special animal presentation where you will get to experience up close animal encounters! For anyone ages 16+ and their families. FREE, but spots are limited! Please Register by Nov 22nd 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



This Month in Parks (November)

November 1st & 4th

Little Farmers: Turkeys -- Little farmers discover turkeys through crafts, story time and activities. Adult must accompany student. Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-837-5949. Ages: 2-5 years with an adult. 10 – 11 am, Fee: \$10/Student.

November 6th

Camp Roar and Score (fossils, Caves and Tennis Galore! – For ages 5 – 10 years @ Doling Park from 9 am – 2 pm.

November 21st

The Roseann Bentley Musical Playground – Please join us for the dedication at Phelps Grove Park (950 E Bennett St, Spfd). 3 pm.

November 23rd

29th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk – Thanksgiving Day in Downtown Springfield, MO.

Nov 24th – Dec 31st

Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden – Bring the whole family to walk Gardens Aglow, a botanical-themed light festival in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. Friends of the Garden donates half of the Gardens Aglow admission proceeds to the maintenance fund for the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, sponsored by [Simmons Bank](#). The remaining admission proceeds further Friends of the Garden’s mission to support the Springfield Botanical Gardens. More than 200,000 festive lights accent the unique structures and landscaping of the Stroll Garden and capture the winter beauty of nature. Light features include RGB lights, light tunnels, firecracker lights, framed installations, water feature lights, up lighting, and string lights. Light features are made possible by the Friends of the Garden, [Springfield-Greene County Park Board](#), [Mr. Electric](#), [Hogan Land Title](#), Rosalie O’Reilly Wooten, [Heavy Metal Christmas](#), [Iris Society of the Ozarks](#), [Springfield Herb Society](#), Ozarks Daylily Society, and [Ozark Regional Lily Society](#). New frames this year were designed and made by [Kodiak Trailers](#), Bill Fullerton, and Parks Construction Crew. Each evening from 5 – 8:30 pm. 2400 S Scenic, Spfd.



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

Moxie Cinema Mornings – 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

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

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



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Wednesday, November 01: 10:00am - 11:00am, [Donuts & Death Q&A with Grady Hendrix](#) (Hurts Donut - 1111 E. Republic Road #164). Grab a donut and sit down with author Grady Hendrix to discuss all things haunted. Registration required.

Wednesday, November 01: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, [Conversation Club](#), (Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15)). Is English your second language? Practice your English speaking skills and meet new people in a casual setting. Adult and student speakers of all languages are welcome.

Thursday, November 02: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, [The Death of a President, November 22, 1963](#), (Library Center - Auditorium (100)). Researcher and historian Keith Garrison will use historical context to discuss the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Thursday, November 02: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, [Bricks and Books Club - for grades 3-6, "Squished"](#), (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.

Thursday, November 02: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, [Feel Good Fiction - "Harry's Trees"](#), (Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15)). Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion.

Friday, November 03: 9:30am - 10:00am, [Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#), (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.

Friday, November 03: 10:30am - 12:00pm, [Playing Together - for infants-age 6](#), (Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)). Come together for stories, songs and activities with library staff and our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers.

Saturday, November 04: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, [Writer's Workshop - for grades 4-8](#), (Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)). Want to be a writer? Have some stories in progress? Get tips, writing prompts, and new ideas by sharing your work with others.

Monday, November 06: 1:00pm - 4:00pm, [Crafternoon - for grades K-6](#), (Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)). Spend the afternoon crafting and creating. Materials will be provided.

Monday, November 06: 6:30pm - 7:00pm, [Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6](#), (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.

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Tuesday, November 07: 10:30am - 11:00am, [Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6](#). (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.

Tuesday, November 07: 1:00pm - 2:30pm, [Writer's Workshop - for grades 1-3](#). (Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)). Want to be a writer? Get some tips, writing prompts and new ideas to get you started.

Tuesday, November 07: 3:00pm - 4:30pm, [Writer's Workshop - for grades 3-6](#). (Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)). Want to be a writer? Share your writing and get some tips, writing programs and new ideas to get you started.

Wednesday, November 08: 1:00pm - 2:30pm, [Book Discussion - "The House Is on Fire"](#). (Library Center - Community Room B (30)). Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

Wednesday, November 08: 7:00pm - 9:00pm, [FilmStubs - "Hello, Bookstore," not rated](#). (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.

Thursday, November 09: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, [Cosplay Crash Course - for grades 6-12, The Hunger Games](#). (Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)). Get tips for creating your own cosplay from items you may already have on hand.

Thursday, November 09: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, [Books and Boards - "Redshirts" & The Captain is Dead](#). (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.

Sunday, November 12: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, [Second Sunday Concert - Melinda Mullins](#). (Library Center - Auditorium (100)). Come and enjoy live music with us on the second Sunday of each month.

Monday, November 13: 6:30pm - 7:00pm, [Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6](#). (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.

Tuesday, November 14: 9:30am - 10:00am, [Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#). (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.

Tuesday, November 14: 10:30am - 11:00am, [Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6](#). (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.

Tuesday, November 14: 4:00pm - 6:00pm, [National Adoption Month - for preschool-grade 6](#). (Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)). Celebrate National Adoption Month with stories and activities. Materials will be provided. Presented in partnership with Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri.

Tuesday, November 14: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, [Books on Tap - "The Lathe of Heaven"](#). (Wire Road Brewing Company - 4453 S. Timbercreek Ave., Battlefield). Brewing offbeat discussions about books that aren't in the mainstream.

Wednesday, November 15: 10:00am - 11:00am, [Exploring Genealogy - Genealogy Problem Solving](#). (Library Center - Auditorium (100)). Certified Genealogist® Patti Lee Hobbs will use genealogical puzzles to demonstrate the types of resources and methodologies applicable to research.

Thursday, November 16: 6:30pm - 8:00pm, [NaNoWriMo - for grades 6-12](#). (Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)). Stretch your writing skills and work on your NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) project. Get writing tips and prompts and share your ideas with other writers.

Friday, November 17: 9:30am - 10:00am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months. (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.

Friday, November 17: 10:30am - 11:00am, Itty Bitty Science - for ages 3-6. (Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)). Dress to get messy and discover your inner scientist as we explore, build and create.

Saturday, November 18: 3:30pm - 6:30pm, Panem Survival Skills - for age 13-grade 12. (Library Center - Auditorium (100)). Get ready for the movie release of "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" with a showing of "The Hunger Games," rated PG-13, and learn survival skills.

Monday, November 20: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, We Love Comics - for grades 1-3, "Fritz and Cleo Put a Party on It". (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.

Monday, November 27: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, TikTok Made Me Read It - "Fourth Wing". (Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15)). Discuss trending books made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers.

Thursday, November 30: 4:00pm - 5:30pm, Crafty Tween Afternoon - for grades 4-8, Vision Boards. (Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)). Come together to work on craft projects, trade ideas and meet fellow crafters. Supplies will be provided.

Thursday, November 30: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Teen Craft Night - for grades 6-12, Vision Boards. (Library Center - Story Hour Room (45)). Come together to work on craft projects, trade ideas and meet fellow crafters. Supplies will be provided.



Local Resources



ARC of the Ozarks (www.thearcoftheozarks.org) 417-864-7887
C3A Autism Support (C3ASPF@gmail.com)
Champion Athletes (www.championathletes.org) 417-890-1599
Discovery Center (info@discoverycenter.org) 417-862-9910
Down Syndrome Group of the Ozarks (www.ozarksdsg.org) 417-885-9905
MPACT – Missouri Parents Act (www.missouriparentsact.org) 800-743-7634
Missouri Job Center (417-887-4343 and 417-874-2730)
Empower Abilities (www.empower.org) 417-886-1188
Southwest Missouri Autism Network (www.swmoautismnetwork.org) 417-890-1399
Special Olympics Young Athletes (417-624-5505) Ages 8 and under
Special Olympics Springfield Missouri (spingfieldmospecialolympics@gmail.com)
Springfield-Greene County Park & Recreation (www.Parkboard.org/AR) 417-837-5808