



April 2024 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: Classes starting in April listed on Page 2

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 or ssteelman@abilitiesfirst.com.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Meet & Greet @ The Hive in Willard, Friday, April 5th from 5 – 7 pm. *The Hive is hosting Drawings by Trent. If you live in the Springfield Missouri area, Trent wants to meet YOU! They'll have Trent's illustrated book, Drawn to Be You there, as well as Trent's coloring books and EXCLUSIVE Spring/Summer Tour Shirt (Pre-Order Online Soon)! Come get some amazing food, have a cup of great coffee and say hi to Trent and get your picture taken with him. This is a FREE event but we do have VIP Tickets Available which include a custom drawings, early access to the event, a signed book and one tour shirt!*

Autism Information Blast Resource Fair! @ Battlefield Mall JCPenney East Entrance on Saturday, April 6th from 10 am – 3 pm. Explore area resources for all ages and stages of life. Everyone is welcome to attend no matter what your disability. Vendors have an autism service or provide autism inclusion, but they all have many things to offer! No matter your diagnosis or reason for attending there will be something for everyone. Some of the providers listed are Unified Martial Arts, Hearo, Missouri Bear Power, MPACT, Champion Athletes of the Ozarks, Easterseals Midwest, Springfield Regional Office – DMH, Eternal Image Photography, Camp Barnabas, empower: abilities, Infinity Academy, Achieve of SW MO, and Emergent Learning Center. **See you on the 6th!**

Art Inspired Classes Starting in April!

Summer Painting Child- Students will complete various Summer themed paintings. Students will have the option of participating in a seated class at the Springfield Art Museum or participating through Zoom online. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival for seated and Zoom participants will have their supplies doorstep delivered. Class will meet 6 times on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30pm, April 10th to May 29th (no class April 24th or May 22nd). The seated classes will be held at the Springfield Art Museum at 1111 E Brookside Drive, Springfield MO. This class allows 8 seated and 8 zoom students.

Summer Painting Adult- Students will complete various Summer themed paintings. Students will have the option of participating in a seated class at the Springfield Art Museum or participating through Zoom online. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival for seated and Zoom participants will have their supplies doorstep delivered. Class will meet 6 times on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:30pm, April 10th to May 29th (no class April 24th or May 22nd). The seated classes will be held at the Springfield Art Museum at 1111 E Brookside Drive, Springfield MO. This class allows 8 seated and 8 zoom students.

Texture Painting Child- Students will complete various acrylic paintings with a focus on texture. Students will have the option of participating in a seated class at the Springfield Art Museum or participating through Zoom online. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival for seated and Zoom participants will have their supplies doorstep delivered. Class will meet 6 times on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30pm, April 11th to May 30th (no class April 25th or May 23rd). The seated classes will be held at the Springfield Art Museum at 1111 E Brookside Drive, Springfield MO. Class is limited to 8 seated and 8 zoom students.

Texture Painting Adult- Students will complete various Summer themed paintings. Students will have the option of participating in a seated class at the Springfield Art Museum or participating through Zoom online. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival for seated and Zoom participants will have their supplies doorstep delivered. Class will meet 6 times on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30pm, April 10th to May 29th (no class April 24th or May 22nd). The seated classes will be held at the Springfield Art Museum at 1111 E Brookside Drive, Springfield MO. This class allows 8 seated and 8 zoom students.

Summer Pastel- Students will complete various summer themed oil and chalk pastel drawings in this seated class. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Classes will meet for 6 weeks on Fridays from 5-6:00pm from April 12th to May 17th. The class will be held at The Discovery Center at 438 E St. Louis, Springfield MO Class is limited to 10 students.



Springfield Greene County Park Board

AR Leather Stamping with Tandy Leather @ Northview Center (305 E Talmage, Spfd, MO, Tuesday, April 2nd from 9:30 – 11 am. For anyone 16 and up with a disability. Fee: \$5 & \$10 projects available. Please register by calling 417-837-5808.

AR Pickleball @ O'Reilly-Tefft Gymnasium (1408 E Pythian St, Spfd), April 3rd – April 24th from 1:30-2:30 pm for a Fee of \$25/Session. Come learn the basics of Pickleball! Paddles and balls provided. Program held at O'Reilly-Tefft Gymnasium for ages 16 years and up. Please register today by calling 417-837-5808.

FAST BINGO + Pizza @ Northview Center (305 E Talmage, Spfd, MO), April 9th from 3:30 – 6 pm. \$5 Fee includes dinner of pizza and salad. *Water fountains & soda vending machine available \$. For anyone 16+ with a disability. Pre-registration required! Call 417-837-5808 or email mwinzen@springfieldmo.gov. Register by April 2nd.

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. **April 3rd – 24th from 9 am – Noon. Register online at ParkBoard.org or by calling 417-837-5808.**

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. **April 3rd 1 24th from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Register online at ParkBoard.org or by calling 417-837-5808.**

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. **April 4th – 25th from 9 am – Noon. Register online at ParkBoard.org or by calling 417-837-5808.**

Bowling @ Enterprise Park Lanes from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Mondays March 18th – April 8th. 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.**

Groovin' Abilities! Come rock out with Jen Keet and Accessible Rec! Groove is a unique way to make dance easy, accessible, and fun for everyone! It's healthy movement for all – so, see you on the dance floor! **Tuesday classes from 3:30 – 4:30 pm, \$5 per class (Classes April 16th & April 30th)** Anyone age 16 and up with a disability and their family and friends at the Northview Center (305 E Talmage, Springfield, MO 65803) No pre-registration required – Just show up ready to have a good time! No transportation will be provided for this program. **Call with questions at 417-837-5808.**

Disc Golf @ Oak Grove Park April 30th – May 21st on Tuesday from 9:30 – 11 am. Come out and see more beautiful parks while gaining a new skill with AR! Disc Golf is a great way to stay active and enjoy the great outdoors! For individuals 16 yrs and up with a disability. Classes will cover basics of the game including rules, short and long throws and good form while all in a fun and supportive environment. \$20/4 week session. Register online or call 417-837-5808 to register. Pre-registration is required.

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

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

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

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

The Miracle League @ Miracle League Ball Field (Dan Kinney Park, 2701 S Blackman Rd, Spfd, MO) Spring (Mid-April – May, 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.**



Monday, April 1st



April Fool's Day

Homeschool Days @ Wonders of Wildlife from April 1st – April 5th from 10 am – 7 pm daily. Homeschool Days offer an opportunity to experience the wonder at each of our Conservation Attractions at a discounted rate, exclusively for students! Tickets can only be purchased in person at the ticket counter. **Come visit us April 1st - 5th and explore WOW for an incredible price. Student tickets are \$18 and adult/chaperone tickets are \$25. No more than one chaperone/guardian is allowed per 2 students. You will receive a 10% discount at Fish Tales Cafe, Shipwreck Snack Bar and gift shop. *This offer is not available on weekends or holidays. Learn more at: wondersofwildlife.org/homeschool**

The Lactation Club – Breastfeeding Support Group – Mommy & Me Yoga with Earth Child Yoga @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 6 – 7:30 pm. Join us for our breastfeeding support group. Moms that are breastfeeding or pumping and their babies are welcome. No partners please. Bring your baby for a weight check, get your questions answered by one of our lactation consultants, or just come to connect with other moms. No registration required. For April, Earth Child Yoga SWMO will lead us in Mommy & Me yoga. Please bring a mat or blanket. We will also have some blankets if you forget. We will meet in The Women's Center Conference room within the Turner Center, Suite 130.

Bob Dylan @ 849 E Cherry St, Spfd from 7 pm. Bob Dylan Live in Springfield, MO! Bob Dylan is back for The North American Tour in 2024! Don't let it happen without you! [#BobDylan](https://www.tntickets.com/artist/bob-dylan) Tickets: www.tntickets.com/artist/bob-dylan

Tuesday, April 2nd

Wednesday, April 3rd

National Walking Day @ City of Spfd from 7 am – 8 pm. Enjoy FREE group walks on National Walking Day (Wed., April 3, 2024), emphasizing the benefits of walking: reducing stress, improving cardiovascular health and boosting mental clarity. All ages welcome! Several times/locations available: Chesterfield, Dan Kinney & Doling Parks* | 30-minute group walks, 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Chesterfield and Doling Pools* | Water resistance walks, 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; SPARC after-school programs | 30-minute group walks, parents invited!; Ewing Sports Complex | 2-mile group walk to Cruse Dog Park and back, 4-5 p.m. Dogs welcome!; or Lost Hill Park | 45-minute twilight group hike and campfire, 8 p.m. *Admission is FREE to family center events, no membership required. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Register online or call for more information: [ParkBoard.org/Events](https://www.parkboard.org/events) | 417-864-1332

Spirit of Independence Public Program: Lecture with Dr. Marlin Barber @ Springfield Art Museum from 6 – 7:30 pm. Please join us for an evening of conversation with Dr. Marlin Barber. Using the exhibition theme "What does

independence mean to you?" as the starting point, this lecture will address how Black Americans and Black Missourians have expressed what freedom and liberty meant to them through their stories and artistic creativity. Dr. Barber is a senior instructor of history at Missouri State University. Free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

Everything About Bread: Focaccia @ 540 W McDaniel Street, Spfd from 6 – 8 pm. Come join us at Italian Kitchen on West McDaniel Street in Springfield, MO, USA for a hands-on experience learning all about focaccia bread! Our expert baker, sous chef Jennifer Morris, will guide you through the process of making this delicious Italian bread from scratch. From mixing the dough to baking to perfection, you'll leave with the skills to impress your friends and family with your bread-making abilities. Don't miss out on this opportunity to indulge in the world of bread! The cost of the ticket includes the class, dinner, and the whole focaccia that you'll take home. The event is BYOB. Tickets: \$50 via Eventbrite.

Healing Hearts: Grief Share Group for Moms who have lost their children @ The Library Station from 7 - 9 pm. A support group for grieving mothers, organized by grieving mothers, for all stage of grief in losing a child. We all have experienced different paths to where we are, but we are there for each other because no momma should ever have to experience the loss of a child and not have support. It's a grief that endures with each passing year, no matter how long.

Thursday, April 4th

Champions Gala @ University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center from 6 pm. The Missouri Sports Hall of Fame will host its inaugural Champions Gala, benefitting both Special Olympics Missouri and Champions Committed to Kids, with the ceremony set for 6 PM on Thursday, April 4 at University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in downtown Springfield. The event will also feature an appearance by special guest Peyton Manning, a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. In addition to a special pre-dinner VIP Reception, the Champions Gala will include a plated dinner, plus recognition of both Special Olympics Missouri and Champions Committed to Kids. The event will culminate with a special Q&A with Peyton Manning. As part of the Hall of Fame's new charitable initiative, a portion of the proceeds from the Champions Gala will benefit Champions Committed to Kids, a Springfield-based charity that gives children who are fighting chronic illnesses or a disability a chance to feel what it's like to be part of an athletic team while building lifelong friendships. Special Olympics is the Hall of Fame's statewide charity partner for 2024 and will be featured at (and benefit from) the Champions Gala, as well as the Hall of Fame's four statewide Enshrinement Ceremonies throughout the year. Tickets: www.mosportshalloffame.com/events/missouri-sports-hall-of-fame-champions-gala

Trey Lewis @ Midnight Rodeo from 7 pm. Trey Lewis is bringing his Trouble Maker Tour to Midnight Rodeo with special guest Stephen Paul! Ages 18+ Tickets: www.stubwire.com/t/a9sii35f9o

Friday, April 5th

Jurassic Quest @ Springfield Expo Center from April 5th – 7th (Noon – 7 pm daily) Jurassic Quest is ROARING into Springfield, MO from April 5 - 7th! DON'T MISS: LIFE-SIZE, SKY-SCRAPING DINOSAURS, ONE-OF-A-KIND WALKING DINOSAUR RIDES, LIFE-SIZE T.REX SKULL, INCREDIBLE FOSSILS, including REAL T.rex teeth and Triceratops horn. Come join us from April 5 - 7th at Springfield Expo Center in Springfield, MO! CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO FIND TICKET PRICES AND PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE:

<https://jurassicquest.shop/springfield-mo> Purchasing tickets online before the event guarantees entry in case of sell out. We are Jurassic Quest, the largest & most realistic traveling dinosaur experience in North America! Jurassic Quest is the ONLY place where your family can experience: The largest and most realistic Dinosaur Exhibit on tour, featuring true-to-detail (and size!) dinosaurs, including a 60 foot long, sky-scraping Spinosaurus, our 80 foot long Apatosaurus, and our gigantic LIFESIZE T.rex. Our one-of-a-kind interactive Baby Dinosaur Show and Raptor Training Experience, Opportunities to meet and greet loveable baby Dinosaurs like Tyson the T.rex, Cammie the Camarasaurus, and Trixie the Triceratops - plus their Dino Trainers, Walking Dinosaur rides & Stationary Dinosaur

rides, including some of the largest rideable dinosaurs in North America! Dino Bounce Houses & Bungee Pull, Ready, Set, Quest! Take on The Quest at Jurassic Quest, an interactive challenge that leads adventurers through 10 clues within the experience! Finish all the activities & earn a reward! Fossil digs, Jurassic Jeeps, Crafts & Coloring Station, Fossil Experience, "Tricera-tots" (a soft play space for our littlest dino lovers), and MORE! **CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE JURASSIC QUEST EXPERIENCE & WHAT OUR FANS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT US:** <https://www.jurassicquest.com/about-us>

Live Music Friday w/Isaac Kenneth @ 2137 W Republic Rd, Spfd from 5 pm. Join us on Friday, April 5th for live music with the incredible Isaac Kenneth! Music will be from 5-7 pm so you can enjoy Happy Hour and music at the same time! Stay tuned for some great specials the night of the event! See you there!

April First Friday: TD Scott & Birdhouse Auction @ 214 W Phelps St, Suite 101, Spfd from 6 – 10 pm. In our Main Gallery, we have the opening reception of "Ozark" by T.D. Scott. Explore the sweeping vistas, cascading waterfalls, verdant valleys, and majestic rock formations inspired by the Ozarks within T.D. Scott's encaustic wax creations. Silent bidding for the 18th Annual Birdhouse Auction starts at 6pm and will continue through May's First Friday. 100% of the proceeds from the auction will directly benefit Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO's mission; helping homeowners achieve strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Local artists have donated their time and talent to create these beautiful birdhouses! In our Lower Level Gallery, we have the opening reception of the Glendale Alumni Exhibition featuring over 20 alumni from Glendale High School.

Sharkcuterie & Wood Burning Class @ Wonders of Wildlife from 6 – 9 pm. We're teaming up with 417 Charcuterie for a night of food and fun! Whether you're looking for a girls' night out or a date night, this event is the perfect opportunity to enjoy some food and learn a few new skills. After burning your own wood board, you'll learn how to arrange the perfect charcuterie with an expert-eye guiding your hand. One drink and hors d'oeuvres are included! Boards will be held for 7-14 days after class to apply stain and oil. Learn more: wondersofwildlife.org/events

Hold Fast Fridays – Allie and Grace @ Hold Fast Brewing from 7 – 9 pm. Hold Fast Fridays is back with the music of Allie and Grace - a mother / daughter duo with voices that will knock your socks off! Join us in the taproom for more of your favorites - great craft beer and great music.

Psychobilly Cadillac @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 8 pm. Join us for a night of all your favorite country hits from yesteryear and today! Only \$10 at the door!!

Saturday, April 6th

Cherry Blossom Kite & Pinata Festival @ Springfield Botanical Center (2400 S Scenic, Spfd) from 11 am – 5 pm. FREE event. Welcome Spring and celebrate culture with Springfield Sister Cities! This free event for all ages highlights Springfield's sister city relationship with Isesaki, Japan and Tlaquepaque, Mexico. Activities: Bring a kits to fly on the great lawn or purchase a kite kit to build and decorate one at the event. Kids can line up to whack a pinata nearby. Browse our vendors and mini market featuring Japanese and Mexican snacks, candy, beverages and souvenirs. Listing of performers online facebook.

CCW Course @ 610 E Battlefield Rd, Suite B, Springfield from 8 am – 5:30 pm. This course is a complete guide to understanding the basics of firearms ownership, safety, and nomenclature, and how it applies to home- or self-defense. After this class, students will feel confident to act as their family's first line of defense in the event of a home invasion or other critical incident. Lessons Include: Developing a Personal and Home Protection Plan, Self-Defense Firearms Basics, Shooting Fundamentals, The Legal Use of Force, and Violent Encounters and the Aftermath. This is the last CCW course we will have in Springfield before we move to our new location in Long Lane. Tickets: www.training.usconcealedcarry.com/class/ccw-concealed-carry-permit-course/5a676f0e-eb1f-11eb-9516-0242ac120003

Native Plant Sale @ Springfield Conservation Nature Center from 9 am – 1 pm. Many homeowners are discovering the benefits of landscaping with native plants. These plants are naturally adapted to their surroundings and provide better habitat for butterflies, songbirds, and other local wildlife. Homeowners can learn more about using native plants at the Native Plant Sale and Gardening Demonstrations that will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 6 at the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) Springfield Conservation Nature Center. Visitors can buy native plants from two area businesses that sell native plants. This event will also feature gardening demonstrations by nature center staff. Call 417-888-4237 for more information or stop by the Springfield Nature Center to get an event flyer. People can also get information about the plant sale at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/.../EventDet.../199034> The event is free and open to all ages. No registration is required. The nature center is in southeast Springfield at 4601 S. Nature Center Way. More information about native plants can also be found at grownative.org.

Club Z! ACT Boot Camp @ Springfield Catholic High School from 9:30 am – 1 pm Set your student up for success with our ACT Boot Camp! Only \$99. Registration Deadline: Registration closes Wednesday, April 3, 2024. This three-and-a-half-hour interactive session will teach: How to manage your time and maximize your score, How to avoid test-taker traps, Specified strategies for each section of the test, How to avoid careless mistakes, and How guessing on certain questions can actually IMPROVE your score. Each student will receive: Small-group instruction from a qualified ACT coach and Materials & Refreshments. Open to all students 8th grade and above taking the ACT. \$25 per ticket donated to the Springfield Catholic Home and School Club! Students should bring their #2 pencils, and ACT-approved calculators.

Amp'd Up in the Ozarks – Car Show at The Man Show 2024 @ Ozark Empire Fair from Noon – 5 pm. We'd love to see all of our friends at 417 Coffee & Cars make it over after their kickoff earlier in the day! Starting car season 2024 the right way. While you're out, schedule a shoot with L.C. Shoots, One. Nine Media, or others on the scene to get those silky shots of your pride and joy. Cars, BBQ, Music, Beer, and so much more - don't miss out. More info on our website! <https://www.ampdupintheozarks.com/> Going to the 417 Coffee & Cars Kick-off earlier that morning?!? Sweet! Some of us will be there too and we'll be riding up to Amp'd as it winds down. We want to create a WHOLE day to kick off show season with a full day of cars, trucks, bikes, and anything that moves you. Tickets \$20 www.eventbrite.com/e/ampd-up-in-the-ozarks-tickets-776421526687

FREE Intro to Improv @ Springfield Studio 1 from 2 – 4 pm. Learn some new skills or brush up on some old ones. This class will cover some essentials of being able to think on your feet, connect with others, and get wildly creative. Sign up now to reserve your spot in the workshop as space is limited. Tickets: www.forms.gle/FofW9d3ic9ZstwtY8

Sunday, April 7th

Route 66 Record Show @ Relics Event Center from 9 am – 3 pm. The largest record show in Southwest Missouri! Over 50 tables of music! Thousands of LPs, CDs, 45s, 78s, music memorabilia and more! If you like vinyl records, you will LOVE this show! Admission: \$5

Spring Sound Bath with Madeline Mowery @ Essential Yoga Studio from 6 – 8 pm. Offerings for the evening include a variety of hot tea, guided meditation, crystal healing, community connection, and Restorative Yoga by candlelight, followed by a sound bath using a variety of instruments to support our physical and energetic bodies. Accessible and open to all. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your yoga props and your favorite blanket. Please sign up in advance via the ticket link (or MindBody). If registration link is not available, all spots have been booked and the event is full. Tickets: www.essential-yoga.com/events

Monday, April 8th

The Harlem Globetrotters @ Great Southern Bank Arena from 7 pm. Get ready for an action-packed basketball extravaganza with The Harlem Globetrotters! Join us for an electrifying display of athleticism, skill, and

entertainment as this iconic team takes the court, dazzling audiences with their signature tricks, dunks, and humor. Tickets: www.ticketshelper.com/tickets/5931637/the-harlem-globetrotters-tickets-mon-apr-8-2024-great-southern-bank-arena

Back to Work Breastfeeding Success @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 6 – 7:30 pm. Learn how to prepare you, your baby, and caregivers for your successful return to work including, maintaining milk supply, pumps and parts, breastmilk storage, and bottle feeding. Plan to attend in the first month of your maternity leave. Support person welcome to attend. Offered in-person or virtually. Two breasts pumps will be on display for those attending in-person to practice assembling parts and adjust settings. Classes are for those delivering at CoxHealth. Register online at www.coxhealth.com/events or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664, option 2. Registration ends 3 days before the class.

Tuesday, April 9th

Life Line Screening @ Springfield Grace Church of The Nazarene from 10 am. Lifeline Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings. A package of four screenings to identify cardiovascular disease and other chronic conditions will be offered: Carotid artery ultrasound that scans the carotid arteries for buildup of fatty plaque-one of the leading causes of strokes. Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound screening for an abdominal aneurysm that could lead to a ruptured aorta. Heart Rhythm Screening (AFIB) A quick and easy test using a 6-lead EKG placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat. Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening-Evaluates for PAD in the lower extremities, which increases the risk of cardiovascular disease. Schedule your appointment today and receive special package pricing. Register by calling toll free 1-866-964-1386, text the word "circle" to 797979, or register online at <https://llsa.social/HC>

John Mellencamp "Live and In Person Tour" @ Juanita K Hammons Hall from 8 pm. Don't miss the John Mellencamp "Live and In Person 2024" tour concert at the Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield, MO on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Get the best seats before they are gone using the "TICKETS" link on this page! Find a great event and bring a smile to a friend or loved one with tickets from the MyCityRocks Ticket Exchange! We often have exceptionally good deals for people looking for premium seats and suites, and even tickets for events that are sold-out at the original box office. Cheap and discount tickets below face value are sometimes available. The MyCityRocks Ticket Exchange has filled nearly 100,000 ticket orders since 2005, and we currently have more than 40,000,000 tickets in inventory in our marketplace to sports, concert and theatre events all over the world. MyCityRocks provides a 100% guarantee that tickets purchased through our ticket exchange are authentic and valid for entry. We also offer a 100% Money Back Guarantee if the event is cancelled entirely with no rescheduled date (excludes shipping). Tickets: www.tickets.mycityrocks.com/results-ticket

Wednesday, April 10th

Rivers to Reef Book Club @ Wonders of Wildlife from 10 – 11:30 am. Explore the farthest reaches of our world without leaving Southwest Missouri at the Rivers to Reef Book Club – an all new event at Wonders of Wildlife! Enjoy lively discussions about books focused on conservation – both fiction and not. Connect with other book lovers and dive into captivating stories of nature, survival and wildlife. Quarterly meetings allow for a deeper dive of the readings and will help cultivate a spirited and involved conservation. Join us this April for a "Lobby Wars" book club – inspired by the boats in the lobby of the aquarium. Read either "Old Man and the Sea" by Ernest Hemingway and/or "Tales of Fishes" by Zane Grey. You'll enjoy a riveting discussion and then travel to the lobby to view both boats. Registration ends April 8th at 11:59 p.m. Learn more: wondersofwildlife.org/events

Natural Childbirth @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 5:30 – 9 pm. For parents hoping to achieve an un-medicated birth, attend this class instead of Prepared Childbirth. Discusses techniques for managing pain (breathing, relaxation, positioning) and what to expect in Labor and Delivery. Support Person encouraged to attend. Class ends with a tour of our Labor & Delivery and Women & Newborn units. Offered in-person or virtually. In-person attendance benefits

include hands-on help with position changes, utilizing our birthing balls and massage tools, support person can try on an empathy belly, we have a uterus/fetus display, & in person tour. Classes are for those delivering at CoxHealth. Register online at www.coxhealth.com/events or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Plan to attend Registration ends 3 days before class.

Girls Night Out @ Blue Room Comedy Club from April 10th & 11th (6 – 8:30 pm nightly) The #1 Ladies Night Event Is Coming to Springfield on Wednesday April 10th & Thursday April 11th!
Tickets: <https://www.blueroomcomedyclub.com/>

Thursday, April 11th

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

The Cadillac Three @ Midnight Rodeo from 7 pm. The Cadillac Three returns to Midnight Rodeo. Ages 18+
Tickets: www.stubwire.com/t/lxycd9o5gt

Friday, April 12th

Baby Party @ Flourish Family Doulas from 10 – 11 am. Join us for our monthly Baby Party! Come visit with other parents and our care providers. We'd love to support you and ohhhh and ahhhh over your baby! Coffee and Tea provided. We'll circle up in the yoga room with our babies and build community! The cost is \$5 per family. We have been filling up, so please sign up that you are coming. Tickets: www.bookflourish.as.me

HBA Home & Outdoor Living Show @ Ozark Empire Fairgrounds from April 12th – 14th The HBA Home Show has been a tradition for over 40 years in Southwest Missouri, and this year it promises to be even better with its new venue, the Wilson Logistics Arena at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. This exciting change offers a spacious modern setting perfect for this highly anticipated community event.

Let's Build a Terrarium!!! @ 59 S Main St, Fair Grove from 5:30 pm. Greener Spaces is partnering with The Prickly Antique and Monroe Coffee Co. to help you build your own terrarium! **We encourage everyone to bring their own container no bigger than 6 inches at the base, and at least 6 inches tall. The top should be big enough to get your hand into. Wide mouth mason jars, small fishbowls, and clear glass storage containers are all good option. ** We will have a selection of glass containers on hand for an extra charge if you don't have one. We will provide gravel, screen, soil, plants, moss, and fairy garden items for your terrarium. Come on out and join us for a fun filled Friday evening!!
Let's Build a Terrarium!!

Uncle Buster @ Galloway Station from 7 – 10 pm. No Cover! Uncle Buster brings the classic rock and blues rock party back to Galloway Station! Let's rock the house!

Saturday, April 13th

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

Plan to attend during the last trimester of your pregnancy, but call around 20-25 weeks to register for the best availability. Registration ends 3 days before the class.

Fassnight Creek Day @ Springfield Art Museum from 9 am – 1 pm. Please join us on Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 AM to learn more about the naturalization of Fassnight Creek at the Museum and how you can be involved with this and other outdoor projects at the Museum. Participants will enjoy coffee and a one-hour presentation that will include an update on the Fassnight Creek naturalization project, future maintenance plans, and volunteer opportunities with the Museum. The presentation will be followed by a clean-up of Fassnight Creek. Participants joining in the clean-up should dress appropriately in old clothes they don't mind getting dirty, and sturdy, closed-toed shoes. Work gloves, sunscreen*, and bug spray* are recommended. The Museum will provide grabbers and bags.

Stinging & Biting Insects @ Botanical Garden of the Ozarks from 10 am – Noon. Are bug bites your enemy? Join Dr. Don Steinkraus, an emeritus Professor at the University of Arkansas, as he discusses biting and stinging insects, why and how they do what they do, how they cause pain and health issues, how to control and avoid them. Learn about arthropods including wasps, bees, ants, mosquitoes, horse flies, ticks, chiggers, and spiders. \$15 Members / \$25 Non-Members. Tickets: www.bgozarks.org/event/stinging-biting-insects

SpringFest Party Multicultural Event @ 2463 W Sunshine, Spfd from 10 am – 4 pm. We're thrilled to announce our upcoming Spring Party multicultural event happening on April 13th! This event is all about celebrating the diversity of our community and providing a fun experience for all residents of Springfield and its surrounding areas. We'll have a live DJ spinning tunes to keep the vibe lively throughout the afternoon. Get ready to dance and enjoy a day filled with great music! Plus, there will be free activities for the kids, including games, face painting, and more. The little ones will have a blast while parents soak in the festive atmosphere! And of course, don't miss out on the amazing variety of food and other vendors available at the event. From delicious international dishes to artisanal goods, there will be something to satisfy every palate! Don't miss this unique event in Springfield! Invite your friends and family and join us in celebrating the arrival of spring in a truly special way. We can't wait to see you for a day of fun and celebration! Don't miss out!

Springfield Improv Comedy Class Level 1 @ Springfield Studio 1 from 2:30 – 4:30 pm. This class is designed for everyone, both performers and those looking to learn some skills for their job, their relationship, and their life. Learn the fundamental tools of improvisation in a fun, interactive, and engaged way. We will get creative and unleash the talents in all of us. We will get active, get on stage and play. This is a seven-week class meeting every Saturday from 2:30PM to 4:30PM. The seven-week class is just \$150. If you need assistance paying for class, we have a limited number of scholarships available.

40 SUN ORBITS World Tour @ Nathan P Murphy's from 6:30 – 9 pm. Forty years as the band DISTANT RELATIVE and we are celebrating with a 40th anniversary world tour kicking off on April 13, 2024 at the place where it all started forty years ago, Nathan P. Murphy's. Come out and celebrate with us and get your DR fix as we play that creative and improvisational music we have been creating and you have been enjoying for four decades now. Always a great and wonderful time with some beautiful people!

Springfield Improv Presents March Edition @ Springfield Studio 1 from 7 – 8:30 pm. Springfield Improv presents a night of funny. It is two show in one night. First up, the amazing short form Improv show QC Shorts, featuring fast paced scenes directed by your audience suggestions. Followed by, That's It! to round out the night with hilarious long form Improv involving a series of scenes all based off that initial suggestion from you, the audience. Purchase Early Tickets for only \$10. Day of Tickets \$15. Tickets: [www.square.link/u/4\(nqtOXj\)](http://www.square.link/u/4(nqtOXj))

Tangled Up In Blue – A Tribute to Bob Dylan @ 1900 W Sunset, Spfd from 7 pm. Welcome to Tangled Up In Blue - A Tribute to Bob Dylan! Join us for a night filled with the iconic music of the legendary Bob Dylan. Get ready to immerse yourself in the poetic lyrics and soulful melodies that have touched generations. The event will take place at The Riff on Sat Apr 13 2024 at 7 PM . Don't miss out on this unforgettable tribute to one of the greatest musicians of all time. See you there! This group will entertain you with top quality songwriting and a variety of styles featuring

great energy, and three part harmonies! The group performs mostly original songs from their album Upside Down that comments on life from Donny's own unique perspective as an Ozarks native who experienced the San Francisco lifestyle of the early 70s and then returned home to his roots. They will also surprise you with classic covers ranging from Country to Rock and Americana. Sheila Davis contributes an emotionally powerful vocal with a touch of soul, blues and R&B.

Sunday, April 14th

Laughter Yoga & Sound Bath with Sarah & Hanna @ Essential Yoga Studio from 1 – 3 pm. Laughter Yoga is a creative and playful way to reduce stress, invoke joy, connect with others, and remember the inner child. It is an easily accessible, silly way to support the flow of endorphins and qi within the mind and body. Certified through Laughter Yoga University in Bangalore, India, Sarah has been serving "laughter medicine" for more than two years. Sarah says Laughter Yoga has helped her gain access to a lighter perspective on life and improved ability to process trials and tribulations with a light heart. Her aura holds a frequency of nonjudgment and vibrancy of youth that sets the tone for a fun, safe, and intimately connecting experience. After laughing our tushies off, we'll settle in to an energetically healing sound bath as led by Hanna. Hanna sings and plays a variety of musical instruments, including crystal singing bowls, a steel tongue drum, and rain stick. Dress comfortably and bring an open mind and any props you'd like to use. Hot tea, water, and limited props available for use in-studio too. This event is \$30 for non-members and \$25 for members of Essential Yoga Studio. Please book your spot in advance via the ticket link or MindBody app. Tickets: www.essential-yoga.com/events.

Monday, April 15th

Tuesday, April 16th

6 Week Yoga Boot Camp with Shane Knox & Ann Mills @ 5133 S Campbell Ave, Suite 102 from 6 pm. Dress comfortably and bring an open mind and any props you'd like to use. Hot tea, water, and limited props available for use in-studio too. This event is \$30 for non-members and \$25 for members of Essential Yoga Studio. Please book your spot in advance via the ticket link or MindBody app. **Yoga & Pints – Beer Yoga @ 4 By 4 Brewing – Galloway from 10:30 – 11:30 am.** Join us each Sunday at 10:30 for Yoga & Brews! For \$15 you get a 1 hour Vinyasa yoga class and 1 pint of beer! There will be opportunities to sip within poses in-class. Plus, after class, stick around and enjoy 10% off your tab the rest of the day!

Wednesday, April 17th

Baby Basics @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 6 – 9 pm Learn infant care basics (bathing, diaper changes, swaddling, cord care, circumcision care), safe sleep, car seat safety, when to call the pediatrician, and calming a fussy baby. Offered in-person or virtually. In-person attendance will allow for hands-on practice changing a diaper, changing clothes, and swaddling a baby doll. Classes are for those delivering at CoxHealth. Register online at www.coxhealth.com/events or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Registration is required and ends 4 days before the class or when full.

Shaun Munday @ Best of Luck Beer Hall from 6 – 8 pm. Shaun Munday is a one-of-a kind talent and blends soul-drenched vocals with show-stopping bass guitar technique. Website: <https://shaunmunday.com/>

Thursday, April 18th

Prepared Childbirth – Part One @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 5:30 – 9 pm. This is a two-part class. This event shows Part One and you would attend Part Two the following week during the same time. A one-day Saturday class is also available. See separate event for details. In this class, you and your support person will learn what to expect before, during and after childbirth. Content includes late pregnancy expectations, the process of labor and birth, pain

relief and comfort measures, medical interventions, cesarean sections and newborn and postpartum care. Includes tour of Labor & Delivery and Women & Newborn. Offered in-person or virtually. In-person attendance benefits include: hands-on help with position changes, utilizing our birthing balls and massage tools, support person can try on an empathy belly, & we have a uterus/fetus display. Classes are for those delivering at CoxHealth. Register online at www.coxhealth.com/events or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Plan to attend during the last trimester of your pregnancy, but call around 20-25 weeks to register for the best availability. Registration ends 3 days before class.

Creating an American Identity Public Program: Slow Viewing @ Spfd Art Museum from 6 – 7 pm. Join us for Slow Viewing of "Watershield," by Emmi Whitehorse, on view in "Creating an American Identity." Slow Viewing is a supportive practice for anyone who wants to develop their skills of interpretation, observation, and discussing art. Guests spend an hour carefully observing and speaking about the works on view, resulting in a deeper understanding of how they and others relate to the artwork and to each other. This program is facilitated by artist Shauna LeAnn Smith. This program is free, but space is limited so registration is required: <https://www.sfgmuseum.org/.../Detail/2024-Slow-Viewing-219>.

Friday, April 19th

Deep Feet 1 Basics @ Wellness Collective Studios from 6 pm. This is our introductory course to Ashiatsu Barefoot Bar Therapy. Therapists will have lots of "feet on" time in this 3-day comprehensive class. Barefoot Curriculum includes prone and supine, seated and standing Ashiatsu Techniques. Our methodology is western focused and includes cross-fiber friction, effleurage, petrissage, compression as well as some trigger point and myofascial techniques. The emphasis during this course will be on body mechanics, barefoot application, contraindications, certification, and bar construction. Therapists will gain enough knowledge and confidence to offer up to a 90-minute full body Ashiatsu treatment. Tickets: www.deepfeet.com/locations/springfield-mo

Shaun Munday @ Vino Cellars from 5 – 7 pm. Shaun Munday is a one-of-a kind talent and blends soul-drenched vocals with show-stopping bass guitar technique. Website: <https://shaunmunday.com/>

Dance Alchemy with Madison @ Essential Yoga Studio from 7:30 – 9 pm. Join Essential Yoga Studio as we welcome Madison Morrigan on Friday, April 19 from 730-9p for an evening of exploration and healing. This will be a monthly event and we're honored to provide the space for your expression! Dance Alchemy creates space to explore being in a body outside structured and prescribed standards. Rooted in choice, this class supports you to melt frozen spaces in the body, alchemize stuck emotions, express healthy aggression and create space for joy, play and freedom by exploring authentic, instinctual and emergent self-expression. All genders are welcome. You can participate at your own level of comfort and choose how you want to move your body, even if that means laying down and simply taking in the music. We will start with 15 minutes of facilitated movement with the Alignment Sequence™ to establish bodily safety and presence, followed by 60 minutes of ecstatic dance, ending with a guided meditation and an optional closing circle. Tickets: www.essential-yoga.com/events

Saturday, April 20th

Potter's House-Steve Proffitt Legacy 5K + Fun Run @ The Potter's House from 9 am. Want a fun opportunity to gather with friends and family this spring, run (or walk) a 5K in the heart of Springfield, all while supporting a local cause? We're excited to let you know that the 2nd Annual Potter's House-Steve Proffitt Legacy 5K + Fun Run is right around the corner. Join us Saturday, April 20th at 9am. In person and virtual registration is NOW open below! Whether you're a runner, walker, student, alumni or friend of Potter's House, we'd love to have you join us as we come together for our 2nd annual 5K! This is also a great yearly opportunity to celebrate the life + ministry of co-founder Steve Proffitt. Let's come together to support the future of Potter's House. Spread the word + get registered today! <https://runsignup.com/.../PottersHouseCelebration5K...> Interested in being a race-day sponsor? We need you! Stay tuned!

Babysitting Basics @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 9 am – Noon. For ages 11-14 interested in babysitting. Learn about caring for children at different developmental stages, the basics of child safety & infant care, first aid and age-appropriate activities. \$15 per person. Parents drop children off for this class. Two educators will be present during class. Snack will be provided, please let us know about any allergies. Held in-person or virtually. In-person attendance will allow for a more hands-on experience including a craft, practice with a baby doll, a relay race, and snack. Call The Women's Center to register at 417-269-4664, option 2. Registration is required for all classes and ends three days before the class or when class is full.

Tasting & Tapas: Spain/Springfield @ 2137 W Republic Road, Spfd from 6 pm. Immerse yourself in the rich flavors of Spain as we explore a curated selection of wines paired perfectly with delectable tapas, featuring live music from special guest, Michael Signorelli. Tickets are \$40 per person, including gratuity. Reserve your spot now for an unforgettable evening. Give our Springfield store a call at (417) 883-8466 or snag your tickets online. Limited availability, so don't wait!

Sunday, April 21st

Yoga on the Farm @ Gooseberry Bridge Farm, Rogersville from 10 – 11:30 am. Nestled in rural Rogersville, only 20 minutes from Springfield, Gooseberry Bridge Farm is home to so many farm families with babies this time of year: tiny piglets, goat kids, and baby bunnies! Plus, the tulips are in bloom and the flower garden is starting to take off! Participants will engage in a 45-minute gentle yoga practice near the flower field and have 45 minutes post-practice to nestle in with the babies. Gooseberry Bridge Farm also has an array of dried flower wreaths and décor, baked goods, and adorable accessories available for purchase onsite! Dress comfortably, being mindful of weather-appropriate gear and for playing outside with animals. Ages 12+ welcome with parent participation and their own reservation. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please sign up in advance via the ticket link.

Living by Your Design: Human Design with Alyssa Marie @ 1343 E Montclair St, Spfd from 1 – 3 pm. Human Design could be the most accurate, comprehensive tool for self-understanding and personal development available to us today. Combining modern science with ancient wisdom, Human Design outlines how YOU are UNIQUELY designed to thrive in this life. It not only leads to self love and awareness, but it equips you with tangible tools and strategies to design your happiest, healthiest, most successful and aligned life. In this workshop, Alyssa Marie will teach the most important aspects of your Human Design. She will cover each of the Energy Types, Strategies and most common Authorities. She will then lead you through a reflection process to gain clarity on your purpose and changes you could make to bring more ease and magnetism into your life. You will be provided with a physical copy of your unique Human Design body graph (as long as you give your birth details in advance, as prompted during registration). Registrants will receive a Google Form to complete upon registration confirmation. Dress comfortably; this workshop is being provided in a yoga studio setting and seating will primarily be on the floor (mats, blankets, and bolsters available for comfort). A few chairs are also available. Complementary hot tea and water provided. Tickets: www.essential-yoga.com/events

Celtic Woman Tickets @ Juanita K Hammons Hall from 3 pm. Get the best seats before they are gone using the "TICKETS" link on this page! Find a great event and bring a smile to a friend or loved one with tickets from the MyCityRocks Ticket Exchange! We often have exceptionally good deals for people looking for premium seats and suites, and even tickets for events that are sold-out at the original box office. Cheap and discount tickets below face value are sometimes available. Tickets: www.tickets.mycityrocks.com/results-ticket

Monday, April 22nd

Earth Day



2024 Earth Day Clean-up @ Lake Springfield Park and Boathouse from 1 – 5 pm. Celebrate Earth Day by making an impact on our beloved James River and Lake Springfield at this annual cleanup. CHECK-IN: Check-in begins at 12:00-1:00 pm for ALL participants. After a safety talk and distribution of bags and gloves, attendees will be participating in: 1) A shoreline clean-up at Southwood Access, Springfield Lake Clay Henshaw Memorial Access (fishing piers), and Tailwaters Access. 2) Paddle to remote shorelines of Lake Springfield. 3) Float a 4.75-mile section of the James River from Crighton Access to Southwood Access*. *For experienced floaters only due to cooler water temperatures and other hazards. Bring your own boat. Tickets: www.jamesriverbasin.com/calendar/2024-earth-day

Supporting Your Partner @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 6:30 – 8 pm. FOR PARTNERS ONLY. Partners will learn how to provide support before, during, and after childbirth and how to adjust to their new role. Held in-person or virtually. Classes are for those delivering at CoxHealth only. Register online at www.coxhealth.com/events or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664, option 2. Registration ends 3 days before class.

Tuesday, April 23rd

Preschool Learning @ Wonders of Wildlife from 10 am – 12:30 pm. Join us for another Preschool Adventures Learning in Science class this April! Bees are an essential creature in our ecosystems! Join us for this PALS program and learn what all the buzz is about through hands-on activities, story time, and un-bee-lievable fun facts! Due to growing popularity for our preschool learning classes, we now offer classes at the below times: • 10-11 a.m. – SOLD OUT • 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Learn more: wondersofwildlife.org/homeschool

Breastfeeding Basics @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 6 – 8 pm. Discussion topics include the importance of breastfeeding, latch and positioning, preventing nipple pain, signs baby is getting enough milk, and collecting and storage of milk. Support person encouraged to attend. Offered in-person or virtually. Two breasts pumps will be on display for those attending in-person to practice assembling parts and adjust settings. Classes are for those delivering at CoxHealth. Register online at www.coxhealth.com/events or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Registration ends 3 days before class.

Wednesday, April 24th

Thursday, April 25th

Pacific Northwest Pairing Dinner @ 2137 W Republic Rd from 6 pm. Experience the flavors of the Pacific Northwest at our exclusive pairing event, featuring live music from special guest Michael Signorelli! Join us for an evening celebrating the region's diverse terroir and outstanding craftsmanship. Indulge in 4 wines paired with 4 courses, showcasing the quality and variety of this unique viticultural haven. Tickets are \$65 per person, including gratuity. Reserve your spot online or by calling our Springfield store at 417-883-8466. Don't miss this chance to savor the essence of the Pacific Northwest!**Ladies Night @ Contender eSports from 7 – 10 pm.** FREE gaming for all ladies every Tuesday @ 3010 S National, Spfd. 417-414-0806. Tickets: www.shopvinocellars.com

Friday, April 26th

Relic is back @ Carrie's from 8 pm. Relic is back at Carrie's @ Classic Rock from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

Saturday, April 27th

Witchcraft & Wizardry @ Clued Upp Games from Noon – Midnight. Embark on a captivating journey through Springfield, MO on Saturday April 27th, 2024 with Witchcraft & Wizardry: Murder by Magic! Perfect for groups of families and friends, each ticket to this extraordinary outdoor experience allows up to 6 adults to become detectives

in a magical murder mystery set in a realm of sorcery and spells. Along the way, you'll hunt for clues, solve perplexing puzzles, and uncover the secrets of the city like never before. Get ready for an unforgettable adventure and be the first to crack the case! <https://www.cluedupp.com/products/mbm-springfield>

Annual Spring Yard Sale Fundraiser – a Multi-Family Sale Benefitting PCPK, @ 2434 E Battlefield Rd from 7 am.

With over 30 families at PCPK, this yard sale is going to be HUGE! You can expect a great variety of clothing, collectibles, household items, and baby/kid gear! Want to get a sneak peek of what will be at the sale? Click "going" to this event, and you'll get a notification when we post videos and photos of the items for sale. The sale will start at 7:00 am sharp - no early birds! Sale will be held at 2434 E Battlefield Road at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in southeast Springfield, MO. We will have *A lemonade stand run by some of our students, *Freshly popped popcorn *Yard games. Come and shop some great deals while having fun!

OLC Presents LINKS 'Fore' LITERACY @ Bill and Payne Stewart Golf Course from 7:30 am – 1 pm. Ozarks

Literacy Council is throwing a 4-person scramble with a shot gun start. Help support OLC with your sponsorship <https://forms.gle/upipY97UyUmUcEQL6> or team

registration! <https://forms.gle/ZhtbuFBYtnaGvpuTA> \$400 per team. Sponsorships available! 417-616-0505 🇺🇸 Cook out lunch and soft drinks provided. 🇺🇸 Limit of 25 teams, so register now!

Master Gardener Plant Sale 2024 @ Mizumoto Japznese Stroll Garden from 8 am. Join the Master Gardeners of Greene County for their annual plant sale! Located at the Mizumoto Japanese Garden Pavilion within the Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park 🌿

Sale includes house plants, annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, bulbs, grasses, vines, ground covers, shrubs and trees. 🌿 FREE admission, prices vary per plant. Held RAIN OR SHINE. Arrive early for best selection!

Master Gardeners accept cash, credit cards or check.

Other plant and garden groups also sell items near the Gray/Campbell Farmstead (some groups may not accept credit cards).

Call 417-874-2963 for more information or visit MGGreene.org/PlantSale

Indoor Triathlon 2024 @ Chesterfield Family Center and Park from 8 -9 am. Registration is NOW OPEN for the

Chesterfield Family Center 6th Annual Indoor Triathlon 🚴🏍️🏃 taking place on Sat., April 27, 2024. This competition is based on distance traveled in a designated amount of time. One-hour triathlon with a 10-minute swim, 30-minute spin bike ride and 20-minute treadmill run. REGISTER NOW in person at the center or online. Medals will be awarded to the top three males and females. All participants receive a t-shirt. Register by Thurs., April 18. Chesterfield Family Center 417-891-1616. Age: 16 yrs. and up. Time: Begins at 8 a.m., arrive early to be sorted. Fee: \$40/Member, \$50/Non-member

MO Concealed Carry Weapons Permit Class @ Bass Pro Shops from 9 am – 5 pm. This 8-hour Missouri Concealed Carry Weapons Permit (CCW) class is a comprehensive training course designed to educate individuals on the laws and regulations surrounding the carrying of concealed firearms. The class covers essential topics such as the use of force, firearms safety, and the proper handling and storage of firearms, as well as the specific laws and requirements for obtaining a permit in Missouri. <https://legalheat.com/class-dates/class-date-322604/>

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

option 2. Plan to attend during the last trimester of your pregnancy, but call around 20-25 weeks to register for the best availability. Registration ends 3 days before the class.

2nd Annual Draft & Craft Fair @ 417 Taphouse from 11 am – 3 pm. Join us for the 417 Taphouse's Draft and Craft Fair. All kinds of crafts ranging from baked goods, big ass candles, to homemade greeting cards, gorgeous paintings and one of a kind cutting boards, all paired with delicious craft beer. And....it's right before Summer! Entry Fee: FREE! Cash and Card accepted per vendor.

Earth Day 2024: A Music and Sustainability Festival @ Jordan Valley Park from Noon. Earth Day 2024: The Festival is a one-day, ticketed, plastic-free, leave-no-trace, music and sustainability-awareness festival on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Springfield's Earth Day Music and Sustainability Festival is our yearly music festival held on the Saturday after Earth Day. All funds raised go to help support our local environmental organizations. For questions about volunteering, donating, sponsoring, vending, or playing please email us at www.springfieldearthdayfestival@gmail.com More info at earthdayspringfieldmo.org

Ozarks Beerfest After-Party @ Ozarks Empire Fairgrounds from 4 pm. Join us for the reunion of Nick Ruell and Ned the Band at the Ozarks Beerfest After-Party! After more than a decade, these Springfield legends will reunite to play for charity. From 4-5pm, you can enjoy food, drinks, and live music for only \$10 in advance or \$20 at the door. Tickets are limited, so don't wait! Tickets: www.ozarksbeerfest.com/tickets

Trivia Night! -Everything 80's & 90's @ Emmaus from 6 pm. Shine Inc. is hosting a Trivia Night for our annual fundraiser on Saturday, April 27th. We will have Trivia, Ott's Pasta and an epic fashion show displaying prom dresses from different decades. It will be a night you don't want to miss. All proceeds go towards the non-profit that helps everyone have a night to shine at prom. You can either sponsor a table for \$200 or pay individually for \$30. With your donation, you will receive a meal, a seat at trivia, and provided entertainment. Each table holds 6 players. Sign up today before all the spots are gone. <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../trivia-night-everything...>

Sunday, April 28th



Arbor Day

Trauma-informed Kundalini Yoga Workshop with Anand @ Essential Yoga Studio from Noon – 2 pm. This 2-hour workshop will focus on the meditations and breath exercises in the Kundalini practice that are specifically designed to address commonly know mental health imbalances such as OCD, Depression, Anxiety, PTSD, and more. If you are looking to find solutions for yourself or you are a mental health care professional looking for tools to give your clients for their wellness journey, join Anand in exploring the potency of Kundalini Yoga as a support for our overall mental wellbeing! Dress comfortably; complementary hot tea and water provided. \$25 members of Essential Yoga Studio; \$30 nonmembers. Please book your spot in advance via the ticket link.

International Food Carnaval @ Commercial Street Historic District from Noon – 6 pm. Join us for our first event of the year hosted by the Hispanic Networking Group in the Ozarks on C-Street, happening on April 28th from 12-6 p.m.! 🎉 "International Food Carnaval" will showcase diverse culinary delights from around the world. Admission is free, and we promise an entertaining experience. Come explore a variety of local eateries offering global cuisines. 🍷 Don't forget to bring cash for vendors that may not accept credit cards. This event serves a dual purpose—enjoyment and support for non-profit organizations benefiting the Hispanic community. Your participation, whether through attendance or contributions (monetary, raffle items, or time), is highly valued. Let us know how you'd like to be part of this meaningful occasion. 🌍 Also, if you want to be a vendor or a sponsor for this

event, let us know! Feel free to reach out to Gabriela Verdugo at 915-440-6374 or send us an email to hispanicnetworking417@gmail.com.

Monday, April 29th

Tuesday, April 30th

Springfield Greene County Library

Events - Springfield-Greene County Library (thelibrary.org)

Art Zone (840 W Guin Rd), Nixa MO

www.artzone.com

Creava Studio (1637 E St Louis St), Spfd

www.creavastudio.com

Painting with a Twist (3444 S Campbell), Spfd

www.paintingwithatwist.com

Family Arts Studios (330 S Ave), Spfd

www.formedgallery.com

Lucid TLC Arts (214 N Massey Blve), Nixa

www.lucidtllarts.com

Creative Escape Glass (1700 S Campbell, Suite H), Spfd

www.creativeescapeglass.com

Finley Farms (802 Finley Farms Lane), Ozark

Workshops & Events - Finley Farms near Springfield, MO (finleyfarmsmo.com)



Springfield Greene County Library

[Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Monday, April 01: 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, April 02: 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.

[Plant & Seed Swap](#)

Tuesday, April 02: 10:00am - 11:00am, Ash Grove Branch Library - *Community Room (25)*. Flex your green thumb and grow your plant collection. Bring a plant or seeds of any kind to swap with fellow plant lovers. Remember to bring your own container to travel home with your new plants.

[Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Tuesday, April 02: 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.

[Meet the Computer](#)

Tuesday, April 02: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Computer Training Center*. Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

[Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6](#)

Tuesday, April 02: 10:00am - 11:00am, J. R. Martin Park - *300 E. Hines St., Republic*. Young children are invited to enjoy stories, songs and activities at a special outdoor storytime.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Tuesday, April 02: 10:00am - 10:45am, 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, April 02: 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, April 02: 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, April 02: 11:15am - 12:00pm, 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 - "A Haunting on the Hill"](#)

Tuesday, April 02: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Station - *Santa Fe Community Room (50)*. Ghosts, goblins, gore and so much more to read about in our horror book club.

[Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Tuesday, April 02: 6:30pm - 7:15pm, 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.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Wednesday, April 03: 10:00am - 11:00am, 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, April 03: 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, April 03: 10:30am - 12:00pm, 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, April 03: 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, April 03: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - *Fair Grove Branch*. 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 Open Lab - for age 12-adults](#)

Wednesday, April 03: 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Maker Space*. Stop by for an open lab, ideal for tours, quick projects and experienced makers.

[Voice Your Writing](#)

Wednesday, April 03: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Share a sample of your writing in a casual setting with like-minded individuals.

["Saving Bull Creek"](#)

Wednesday, April 03: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Authors Loring Bullard and Robert Kipfer will discuss their book "Saving Bull Creek." Books will be available for purchase and signing.

[Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Thursday, April 04: 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.

[Zoom, Zoom, Zoom: We're Going to the Moon! - for infants-age 6](#)

Thursday, April 04: 10:00am - 10:30am, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library. Celebrate the sun and moon lining up for an eclipse with a space-themed storytime. In the Children's Department.

[Craft Along with Creativebug - Watercolor Cards](#)

Thursday, April 04: 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - *Fair Grove Branch*. Follow along with a beginner course on Creativebug and learn a new crafting skill. Materials will be provided.

[STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday - for ages 6-12](#)

Thursday, April 04: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Station - *Frisco Community Room (70)*. Develop creative, problem-solving skills through exciting STEAM activities and challenges. Registration required.

[Finding Files](#)

Thursday, April 04: 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Computer Training Center*. Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

[Pre-Eclipse Party - for grades K-9](#)

Thursday, April 04: 3:00pm - 5:00pm, Strafford Branch Library - *Community Room (40)*. Get ready for the upcoming solar eclipse with fun and games, and learn about solar eclipses. Participants will receive a pin-hole projector to view the special event safely.

[STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday - for ages 6-12](#)

Thursday, April 04: 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Library Station - *Frisco Community Room (70)*. Develop creative, problem-solving skills through exciting STEAM activities and challenges. Registration required.

[The YA Book Crew - for age 15 and older, "Impostors"](#)

Thursday, April 04: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - *Community Room (25)*. If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join this group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly-released titles.

[Reading Pals - for grades K-5](#)

Thursday, April 04: 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.

[Bricks and Books Club - for grades 3-6, "Invisible"](#)

Thursday, April 04: 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.

[Get Ready for the Eclipse](#)

Thursday, April 04: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. David Jarkins, NASA Solar System Ambassador and member of the Springfield Astronomical Society, will discuss the facts and features of the upcoming Eclipse.

[Feel Good Fiction - "Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers"](#)

Thursday, April 04: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - *Community Room A (20)*. Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Friday, April 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.

[Storytime Community Connect with Parents as Teachers - for infants-age 6](#)

Friday, April 05: 9:30am - 10:30am, Library Center. Connect with our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers to discover how they can help support your child's growth and development.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Friday, April 05: 10:00am - 10:45am, 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, April 05: 11:15am - 12:00pm, 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, April 05: 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - *Community Room (25)*. Join history enthusiasts in a discussion about the fascinating history of Ash Grove.

[Teen Night! - for grades 6-12](#)

Friday, April 05: 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, April 05: 6:30pm - 9:00pm, Park Central Branch Library. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit.

[First Contact Day: Chat With Star Trek Writer Lisa Klink - for all ages](#)

Friday, April 05: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Virtual. Celebrate First Contact Day with Star Trek writer and story editor Lisa Klink.

[Craft & Tell](#)

Saturday, April 06: 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!

[Family LEGO Brick Day - for all ages](#)

Saturday, April 06: 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.

[First Contact Day: Chat With Comic Artist Megan Levens - for all ages](#)

Saturday, April 06: 10:30am - 11:30am, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Visual Artist Megan Levens will share how she got started in the comic book industry and what it's like to work on some of the most popular fandoms.

[Eclipse Party - for grades K-5](#)

Saturday, April 06: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - *Fair Grove Branch*. Get ready for the eclipse with a special celebration full of stories, crafts and more.

[Teen Art Review With Megan Levens - for grades 6-12](#)

Saturday, April 06: 1:30pm - 3:00pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Bring along some artwork and receive tips and guidance from visual artist Megan Levens. Registration required.

[STEAM Explorers - for ages 6-12](#)

Saturday, April 06: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Station - *Frisco Community Room (70)*. Develop creative, problem-solving skills through exciting STEAM activities and challenges. Registration required.

["Star Trek: First Contact"](#)

Saturday, April 06: 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. We're 39 years away from first contact with the Vulcans, but in the meantime, watch "Star Trek: First Contact," rated PG-13, on our big screen.

[Financial Literacy Month with ProsperU - Building and Repairing Your Credit](#)

Monday, April 08: 8:00am - 9:00am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Understanding and protecting your credit is key to your financial success. Learn the tools you need to build and repair your credit with Rebecca Greene, director of ProsperU at Central Bank.

[Solar Eclipse Viewing on the Square - for all ages](#)

Monday, April 08: 12:00pm - 3:00pm, Park Central Square. Stop by Park Central Square and view the solar eclipse through our oversized pinhole projector. Weather permitting.

[Itsy Bitsy Science Club: Eclipse Party - for ages 3-7](#)

Monday, April 08: 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Celebrate the wonders of the solar system through hands-on STEAM activities for young learners. Participants will also get to participate in a group viewing of the solar eclipse on the front lawn.

[2024 Solar Eclipse Viewing Party - for all ages](#)

Monday, April 08: 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Library Station - *Frisco Community Room (70), Santa Fe Community Room (50), Lobby STAFF ONLY*. Enjoy eclipse-themed crafts and activities, then watch the eclipse together right outside our doors.

[Homeschool STEAM Days - for grades K-6](#)

Monday, April 08: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Willard Branch Library - *Community Room (40)*. Add some pizzazz to your curriculum with the Library's STEM Kits, featuring a different kit each month.

[Board Game Academy - Bunny Kingdom](#)

Monday, April 08: 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, April 08: 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.

[Intro to Autism Awareness: When You Are Concerned](#)

Monday, April 08: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Crystal Allen, ABA Director at The Pediatric Place and providers from Burrell Behavioral Health, will share valuable insight on receiving a diagnosis and support.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Tuesday, April 09: 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.

[Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Tuesday, April 09: 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.

[Learning Windows 10 and 11](#)

Tuesday, April 09: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Computer Training Center*. Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

[Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6](#)

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[Mystery Book Club - "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone"](#)

Tuesday, April 09: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone.

[Flying Needles](#)

Tuesday, April 09: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - *Community Room (25)*. Work on your latest knitting and crochet projects with fellow fiber artists.

[Unlocking the Power of Social Media - A Beginner's Guide for Small Business Success](#)

Tuesday, April 09: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Republic Branch Library - *Community Room*. Dive into the world of hashtags, algorithms and engagement techniques for small businesses with Social Media Strategist and CEO of Morton Marketing 417, Christine Morton.

[LEGO Brick Club - for grades K-5](#)

Tuesday, April 09: 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - *Community Room (25)*. Cultivate friendships through learning, engineering and creativity at our LEGO Brick Club.

[Unicorn Day - for age 3-grade 6](#)

Tuesday, April 09: 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Celebrate National Unicorn Day with themed games, crafts and activities.

[Evening Book Discussion - "What You Are Looking For Is in the Library"](#)

Tuesday, April 09: 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, April 09: 6:30pm - 7:15pm, 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.

[Opioid 101](#)

Tuesday, April 09: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Station - *Frisco Community Room (70)*. David Stoecker, executive director and founder of Better Life in Recovery, will discuss the intricacies of opioids.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Wednesday, April 10: 10:00am - 11:00am, 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, April 10: 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.

[Special Butterfly Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Wednesday, April 10: 10:30am - 12:00pm, Ash Grove Community Garden - *703 W. Industrial Drive, Ash Grove*. Immerse yourself in the beauty of nature with butterfly stories, songs and crafts, and explore the butterfly garden exhibit at the Ash Grove Community Garden for a special storytime.

[Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Wednesday, April 10: 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, April 10: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - *Fair Grove Branch*. 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 - "One Puzzling Afternoon"](#)

Wednesday, April 10: 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Library Center - *Community Room B (30)*. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

[Book Discussion - "The Kiss Quotient"](#)

Wednesday, April 10: 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - *Fair Grove Branch*. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

[Maker Space Open Lab - for age 12-adults](#)

Wednesday, April 10: 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Maker Space*. Stop by for an open lab, ideal for tours, quick projects and experienced makers.

[FilmStubs - "The Host," rated R, 2006](#)

Wednesday, April 10: 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, April 11: 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, April 11: 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.

[Book Discussion - "We Begin at the End"](#)

Thursday, April 11: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Republic Branch Library - *Community Room*. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

[Internet Basics](#)

Thursday, April 11: 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 - "Northanger Abbey"](#)

Thursday, April 11: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Strafford Branch Library - *Community Room (40)*. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

[Downtown Book Club - "Where You See Yourself"](#)

Thursday, April 11: 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.

[Books and Boards: Family Edition - for grades K-adult, "Detective Duck" & Deduckto](#)

Thursday, April 11: 6:30pm - 8:00pm, Village Meeple Board Game Café - 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.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Friday, April 12: 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, April 12: 10:00am - 10:45am, 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 Bandit Queens"](#)

Friday, April 12: 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, April 12: 11:15am - 12:00pm, 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, April 12: 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.

[Downtown Game Night](#)

Friday, April 12: 6:00pm - 8:00pm, 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.

[The Story of BTS: K-Pop's Biggest Stars](#)

Friday, April 12: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Discuss the intricate details of BTS, Grammy-nominated K-pop group.

["Mary Poppins": Feed the Birds - for ages 3-6](#)

Saturday, April 13: 9:30am - 10:30am, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Show the birds you care with homemade bird feeders. Materials will be provided. Don't miss the other "Mary Poppins" programs happening today at the Library Center.

["Mary Poppins": Carousel Horse Race - for grades 2-5](#)

Saturday, April 13: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Join the race by making your own supercalifragilisticexpialidocious carousel horse. Materials will be provided. Don't miss the other "Mary Poppins" programs happening today at the Library Center.

[Spring Play Day - for infants-age 6](#)

Saturday, April 13: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Library Station - *Story Hour Room (30)*. Children and their caregivers are invited to socialize while enjoying unstructured science, art and play-based activities. Dress to get messy!

"Mary Poppins": Let's Go Fly a Kite - for grades 6-8

Saturday, April 13: 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Make your own kite to send soaring up through the atmosphere! Materials will be provided.

People's Garden: How to Grow a Pizza Garden and Cook Pizza - for grades 2 and older

Saturday, April 13: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Community Room - Upper Level (60)*. Learn how to grow a pizza garden and cook personal pizza with the whole family! Registration required.

Card Making

Saturday, April 13: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Celebrate National Card and Letter Writing Month by learning how to make creative cards to send to friends and family.

"Mary Poppins" Sing-Along - for all ages

Saturday, April 13: 4:00pm - 6:30pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Sing along with Mary and Bert and become a screever chalk artist by decorating a chalkboard tile to add to a future library mosaic while watching "Mary Poppins," rated G. Materials will be provided.

Instrument Meet & Greet with the Springfield Symphony - for grades K-5

Sunday, April 14: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Members from the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will perform and show kids how their instruments work.

Second Sunday Concert - The Springfield Community Jazz Ensemble

Sunday, April 14: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Come and enjoy live music with us on the second Sunday of each month.

Cookbook Book Club - Chocolate

Sunday, April 14: 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!

Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6

Monday, April 15: 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, April 16: 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.

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6

Tuesday, April 16: 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.

Internet Safety

Tuesday, April 16: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Computer Training Center*. Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library.

[Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6](#)

Tuesday, April 16: 10:00am - 11:00am, J. R. Martin Park - *300 E. Hines St., Republic*. Young children are invited to enjoy stories, songs and activities at a special outdoor storytime.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Tuesday, April 16: 10:00am - 10:45am, 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.

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[Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Tuesday, April 16: 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, April 16: 11:15am - 12:00pm, 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 - BYOB \(Bring Your Own Book\)](#)

Tuesday, April 16: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - *Community Room (25)*. Whatever we want? Yes! Bring any title you enjoy discussing with others in the community.

[Mindful Doodles - for grades 3-5](#)

Tuesday, April 16: 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library. Relax your body and calm your mind. Explore new doodle techniques and learn about some of our collection's most popular graphic novels. Materials will be provided.

[Dabbling in Art - for age 15-adult](#)

Tuesday, April 16: 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - *Community Room (25)*. Join us for an evening of diamond painting, a unique method of painting without a paintbrush. Try something new, learn from others and have a creative time. Materials will be provided.

[Mindful Moves: Chess & Checkers Club - for grades 4-12](#)

Tuesday, April 16: 5:00pm - 6:00pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Love chess and checkers but only play online? Here's your chance to flex and improve your skills by facing live opponents. Drop in, play some games, have snacks and make new friends.

[Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Tuesday, April 16: 6:30pm - 7:15pm, 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.

[Books on Tap - "Wellness"](#)

Tuesday, April 16: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Wire Road Brewing Company - *4453 S. Timbercreek Ave., Battlefield*. Brewing off-beat discussions about books that aren't in the mainstream.

[Book Discussion - "Hope Dealer"](#)

Tuesday, April 16: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Better Life in Recovery - *1925 E. Bennett, Suite J*. Discuss the "Hope Dealer: A Raw, Real-Life Journey From Addiction To A Better Life In Recovery" with local author David Stoecker. Provided in partnership with Better Life in Recovery.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Wednesday, April 17: 10:00am - 11:00am, 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, April 17: 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 - Researching at the Greene County Archives](#)

Wednesday, April 17: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Learn what is available online and indexed at the Greene County Archives and Record Center with director Connie Yen.

[Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Wednesday, April 17: 10:30am - 12:00pm, 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, April 17: 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, April 17: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - *Fair Grove Branch*. 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 Open Lab - for age 12-adults](#)

Wednesday, April 17: 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Maker Space*. Stop by for an open lab, ideal for tours, quick projects and experienced makers.

[Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Thursday, April 18: 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.

[Scam Awareness for Older Adults](#)

Thursday, April 18: 10:00am - 11:00am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Springfield Better Business Bureau Regional Director Pamela Hernandez will help you recognize and avoid scams targeting older adults.

[Travelogue - History and Architecture in Spain](#)

Thursday, April 18: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in western Spain.

[Google Tools](#)

Thursday, April 18: 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Computer Training Center*. Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

[Writing with Friends - for grades 6-12](#)

Thursday, April 18: 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Strafford Branch Library - *Community Room (40)*. Do you like to write? Meet with others who do, too! Share your current project and ideas, or grab a new prompt and start fresh.

[Financial Aid Updates for College](#)

Thursday, April 18: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Drury GO will discuss financial aid options for students seeking higher education.

["Up South in the Ozarks"](#)

Thursday, April 18: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Dr. Brooks Blevins will explore the lives of those in the past and present who call the Ozarks home.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Friday, April 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.

[Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness - Introduction to Alzheimer's and Dementia](#)

Friday, April 19: 10:00am - 11:00am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Learn from experts in the field and find available resources with Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Friday, April 19: 10:00am - 10:45am, 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, April 19: 11:15am - 12:00pm, 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 Day! - for age 13-grade 12](#)

Friday, April 19: 3:00pm - 5:00pm, Willard Branch Library - *Community Room (40)*. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with a PG-13 or lower-rated movie and a bowl of popcorn to munch on. Popcorn provided.

[Family Art Night - for grades K-12](#)

Friday, April 19: 4:00pm - 5:30pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - *Community Room (25)*. You're never too old or young to make art! Grab your family and spend quality time together exploring your artistic side. Materials will be provided.

Teen Night! - for grades 6-12

Friday, April 19: 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.

Poetry Workshop with Sha'Diya Tomlin and Dre Hill - for grades 6-12

Friday, April 19: 6:00pm - 8:30pm, Findlay Student Center - *900 N. Benton Ave., Drury University*. Learn about spoken word poetry with poet Sha'Diya Tomlin and storyteller Dre Hill, then perform your pieces for the public on April 20. Registration required.

Swifties Friendship Bracelet Listening Party - for all ages

Friday, April 19: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Celebrate the release of Taylor Swift's newest album, "The Tortured Poets Department," with fellow fans. Make friendship bracelets, sing along and craft your favorite era.

Craft & Chat - for grades 6-12, Recycled CD Art

Saturday, April 20: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - *Fair Grove Branch*. Meetup with fellow crafters, work on a new project and trade ideas. Materials will be provided.

Money Mind - Empowering Young Women Through Finance and Education

Saturday, April 20: 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Young women and families with teens preparing for college will learn financial strategies that can lead to success.

Poetry Workshop

Saturday, April 20: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Celebrate National Poetry Month with poet Robert Stephens and an easy-to-understand workshop on writing free verse poetry that will lead you through the process of having several completed poems.

Wild Bill Hickok and Davis Tutt: A Big Bucket of Ugly

Saturday, April 20: 10:30am - 11:30am, Republic Branch Library - *Community Room*. Explore the lives and history of J.B. "Wild Bill" Hickok and Davis Tutt with author and storyteller Tim Ritter.

Foreign Film Discussion - "The Country Doctor," not rated

Saturday, April 20: 10:30am - 12:00pm, Park Central Branch Library. Watch our monthly foreign film selection in advance then meet to discuss with other cinephiles.

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

Saturday, April 20: 10:30am - 12:00pm, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield - *5242 S. State Highway ZZ, Republic*. Join us for a walk-through Wilson's Creek National Battlefield with reserve staff and stories read by library staff.

Fix-It Fair

Saturday, April 20: 12:00pm - 4:00pm. Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Reading Room (20)*. Get your fixable items repaired by volunteers at the Library's Fix-It Fair.

Supermarket Smarts for Kid Chefs - for grades 3-7

Saturday, April 20: 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. Registration required.

[Workforce Credentials](#)

Saturday, April 20: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Learn about workplace training opportunities that start you in a new profession and add credentials.

[African American Read-In Poetry Slam - for all ages](#)

Saturday, April 20: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Drury University Diversity Center - *803 Drury Lane*. Enjoy light refreshments and hear original poetry performed by the teen participants of the 2024 Poetry Workshop with Sha'Diya Tomlin and Dre Hill.

[Check Mates and Board Game Buddies - for grades K and older](#)

Sunday, April 21: 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Play against your friends or meet a new match with our selection of chess sets and board games. Stop by for a game or three, have a snack and make a new buddy.

[Financial Literacy Month with ProsperU - Budgeting on a Fixed Income](#)

Monday, April 22: 10:00am - 11:00am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Rebecca Greene, director of ProsperU at Central Bank, will analyze common budgeting strategies.

[We Love Comics - for grades 1-3, "Bunbun & Bonbon: Hoppy Go Lucky"](#)

Monday, April 22: 4:30pm - 5:30pm, 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.

[Miniature Tin Box Libraries](#)

Monday, April 22: 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - *Community Room B (30)*. Transform an empty mint tin into your fantasy tiny library, accessorized with little books and decorations. Materials will be provided.

[Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Monday, April 22: 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.

[Bagels with the Better Business Bureau - Level Up Your LinkedIn Skills](#)

Tuesday, April 23: 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](#)

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[Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Tuesday, April 23: 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.

[Microsoft Word Basics](#)

Tuesday, April 23: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Computer Training Center*. Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

[Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6](#)

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[Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor](#)

Tuesday, April 23: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Republic Branch Library - *Community Room*. Local History Associate Michael Price will discuss the records available for studying Civil War soldiers and how to trace their military experience throughout the war.

[Dining on a Dime: Teen Edition - for grades 6-12, Hack Your Ramen](#)

Tuesday, April 23: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library. Victory Mission Food Service Manager Dyllan Dale will demonstrate how to make your ramen even better without adding much more cost.

[Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Tuesday, April 23: 6:30pm - 7:15pm, 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.

[Tree Care 101](#)

Tuesday, April 23: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Learn how to grow and sustain prosperous trees and recognize issues with ISA Board Certified Master Arborist Noel Boyer.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Wednesday, April 24: 10:00am - 11:00am, 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](#)

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[Storytime Community Connect with Parents as Teachers - for infants-36 months](#)

Wednesday, April 24: 10:00am - 11:00am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Connect with our friends from Springfield Public Schools Parents as Teachers to discover how they can help support your child's growth and development.

[Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Wednesday, April 24: 10:30am - 12:00pm, 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.

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[Maker Space Open Lab - for age 12-adults](#)

Wednesday, April 24: 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Maker Space*. Stop by for an open lab, ideal for tours, quick projects and experienced makers.

[Spring Reading PALS - for ages 3 and older](#)

Wednesday, April 24: 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Practice your reading skills with one of our favorite furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Registration starts April 10; call 417-616-0703.

[Learning Opportunities in College](#)

Wednesday, April 24: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Learn how to make earning a degree or learning a trade easier with Drury GO.

[iPhone Class for Seniors](#)

Thursday, April 25: 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, April 25: 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.

[Dementia Conversations](#)

Thursday, April 25: 10:30am - 11:30am, Republic Branch Library - *Community Room*. Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter will discuss tips for starting difficult conversations with family members with dementia.

[Afternoon Book Discussion - "No Two Persons"](#)

Thursday, April 25: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Library Station - *Santa Fe Community Room (50)*. Discuss a wide range of books in various genres, including both fiction and non-fiction titles.

[Microsoft Excel Basics](#)

Thursday, April 25: 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Computer Training Center*. Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

[Banned Book Club - "Crank"](#)

Thursday, April 25: 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.

[DIY Woodland Moments - for grades 6-12](#)

Thursday, April 25: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Welcome spring by creating a fairy garden and pinecone fairies. Materials will be provided.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Friday, April 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](#)

Friday, April 26: 10:00am - 10:45am, 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, April 26: 11:15am - 12:00pm, 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.

[Elementary Poetry Café - for grades 3-5](#)

Friday, April 26: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Explore the fun of poetry through exciting activities, like poetry charades. Feel free to bring your own poems to share and maybe get some snaps!

[Middle School Poetry Café - for grades 6-8](#)

Friday, April 26: 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Experience poetry by engaging in poetry interactives, such as black-out poetry. No writing required, but you can bring poems you've written to share and maybe get some snaps!

[Teen Anime Night - for age 14-grade 12](#)

Friday, April 26: 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.

[High School Poetry Café - for grades 9-12](#)

Friday, April 26: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Express yourself through poetry using entertaining methods such as a poetry slam. No writing is required, but you can bring poems you've written to share and maybe get some snaps!

[Collard Greens & Cornbread](#)

Saturday, April 27: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Maker Space*. Learn how to grow and prepare collard greens with Chris Coker, Weller Community Garden vice president, and taste some delicious cornbread! Provided in partnership with Weller Community Garden. REGISTER

[Dungeons & Dragons - for grades 6-12](#)

Saturday, April 27: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Library Center - *Story Hour Room (45)*. Want to get started with D&D but need help figuring it out? Bring your character and try out a campaign.

[25th Anniversary SpongeBob SquarePants Celebration](#)

Saturday, April 27: 5:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Celebrate the one who lives in a pineapple under the sea and put SpongeBob knowledge to the test with trivia, followed by crafts related to all things Bikini Bottom. Materials will be provided.

[Gifts from the Heart: Mother's Day Edition - for grades 4-12](#)

Sunday, April 28: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Pamper your mother this Mother's Day with something made by YOU! Create Homemade spa treatments, paper flower arrangements and a hand-crafted card. Materials will be provided. REGISTER

[Financial Literacy Month with Prosper U - Tackling Your Debt](#)

Monday, April 29: 10:00am - 11:00am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Credit card debt is at an all-time high and growing. Learn the tools necessary for tackling debt before it gets out of hand with Rebecca Greene, director of Prosper U at Central Bank. REGISTER

[Midtown Teen Book Club - for grades 6-12, "The Shadow Prince"](#)

Monday, April 29: 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Community Room - Upper Level (60)*. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

[Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Monday, April 29: 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.

[Diagnosed with Autism...Now What?](#)

Monday, April 29: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - *Auditorium (100)*. Crystal Allen, ABA Director at The Pediatric Place and providers from Burrell Behavioral Health, will share valuable insight on what to do after receiving an autism diagnosis.

[TikTok Made Me Read It - "Cultish: The Language of Fanaticism"](#)

Monday, April 29: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - *Grafton Conference Room (8)*. Discuss trending books made popular on Book Tok and connect with fellow readers.

[Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months](#)

Tuesday, April 30: 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.

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[Meet the Computer](#)

Tuesday, April 30: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - *Computer Training Center*. Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

[Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6](#)

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[History Explorers](#)

Tuesday, April 30: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - *Community Room (100)*. Members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will explore a fascinating topic from the Revolutionary War.

[Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6](#)

Tuesday, April 30: 6:30pm - 7:15pm, 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.

[Life in Recovery: A Panel Discussion](#)

Tuesday, April 30: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Station - *Frisco Community Room (70)*. Hear from members of the community about their experiences recovering from addiction. Provided in partnership with Better Life in Recovery. This program is part of a series on Addiction & Recovery.

The Creek Rocks in Concert

Tuesday, April 30: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center. Listen to "Wolf Hunter," the first album by The Creek Rocks, featuring renditions of Ozarks folk songs by John Quincy Wolf and Max Hunter.



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