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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

WE'RE CELEBRATING FROM APRIL 9TH-21ST. JOIN US!



Open House for National Library Week You're invited to our Open House celebrations! In honor of National Library Week, we'll provide light refreshments and free swag. The Friends of the Library will supply officially branded library bookbags, for sale at each branch. Stop by the library and see what's new - we just may surprise you! April 19th | 2-4 PM | All locations | All Ages

MULTI-BRANCH PROGRAMS

Register to Work at MGM! Want to get a job at the casino? MGM Springfield will conduct its hiring using an online program known as SkillSmart. Now you can get help setting up a SkillSmart profile in our drop-in sessions. Once you have SkillSmart profile, you will receive notifications on job openings, educational opportunities, and other important MGM Springfield employment updates. No registration required. Presented in collaboration with Opportunity Services, Inc. Central Library Rice Hall: Mon. April 3rd from 2-3 PM. Mason Square: Fri. April 14th from 3-4 PM. Sixteen Acres: Tues. April 18th from 4-5 PM

Poems for Peace What are the hopes and dreams that all people, everywhere, share? What wishes do you have for our planet and its people? Come to any Springfield City Library location during open hours and write a poem or note to your neighbors on Earth. Decorate a cutout of a kid just like you, and pass your poem of peace on. All artwork and notes will be collected and displayed at a special "I'm Your Neighbor" event at the Central Library on Sunday, April 30th. April 1st-29th | During open hours | All locations | All ages

Music Together Join us for music and movement. Registration is required, call 413-886-5158. Adult must accompany children. Presented in collaboration with Home City Families. East Forest Park: Tuesdays from April 25th – May 23rd, 1:30-2:30 PM. Forest Park: Tuesdays from March 7th – April 11th, 10:30-11:30 AM. Sixteen Acres: Saturdays from April 1st – April 29th, 1-2 PM. Ages birth-5 years



Knot Just Knitters Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, or crewel, this is the place for you. New members are welcome and current members are willing to teach. Some yarn and needles are provided; donations are welcome. Many finished items are donated to charitable causes. East Forest Park: Fridays, 1-2:30 PM. East Springfield: Fridays, 10-11:30 AM. Indian Orchard: Mondays, 1:30-3 PM. Sixteen Acres: Wednesdays, 1:30-3 PM.

The Magic of PJ PJ Pinsonnault's magic has been described as incredible, mind-blowing, hilarious, and unbelievable. He is one of the premiere sleight-of-hand artists in New England. Forget what you know about magic and magicians. You have never seen anything quite like this. Wednesday, April 19th. Sixteen Acres: 1-2 PM. East Springfield: 5-6 PM. Ages 10-19

ASTRONOMY IN APRIL

Galaxy Tie Dye You don't have to be a master crafter to create a shirt that is out-of-this-world. Make your own galaxy design on a white tee shirt you bring from home, or use one of ours. Space is limited; first come, first served. Brightwood: Wed. April 26th from 3:30-4:30 PM. Mason Square: Thurs. April 27th from 6-7 PM. Teens

Launch an Astronaut into Space! How far can you launch an astronaut using one cup, one astronaut, one spoon, six Popsicle sticks, two rubber bands, two feet of tape and two feet of string? Weather permitting we will be on the lawn. East Springfield: April 21st, 1:30-3:30 PM. Indian Orchard: April 20th, 1:30-3:30 PM. Ages 7+

Cosmic Crystal Stars! Make a beautiful crystal star out of Borax and pipecleaners. We will make them on Tuesday and you can pick them up on Friday or Saturday. Space is limited so please come early. Indian Orchard: Tuesday, April 18th from 1:30-3 PM. Mason Square: Thursday, April 6th from 4-5 PM. Ages 9+

Constellation Craft Drop by the Children's Department and decorate your own star to put on our night sky wall. Mason Square: April 24th-28th | During open hours

Star Party, Star Gazing Join us at the Mason Square Branch for a night of stargazing! Alan Rifkin of the Springfield STARS Club will bring telescopes to the branch so that adults and children of all ages can get a close-up look at the craters of the moon, galaxies, satellites, and stars. Learn about telescopes and some basic astronomy. No prior experience necessary. If it's cloudy or rainy that evening, Alan will give a presentation on the Great American Solar Eclipse. The eclipse, occurring on August 21st, is the first total eclipse since 1991! Thursday, April 27th | 6-7 PM | All Ages

Marshmallow Constellations Have you ever seen the Big Dipper in the night sky? How about Orion? Visit and build your favorite constellations with mini marshmallows and toothpicks. Mason Square: Saturday, April 29th | 11 AM - 3 PM | Children's Workroom | Children



Movies at Mason Square *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* Rated PG-13. In this thrilling continuation of the epic space opera, ex-stormtrooper Finn (John Boyega), scrappy desert dweller Rey (Daisy Ridley), and droid companion BB-8 get caught up in a galactic war. Popcorn provided! Mason Square: April 13th | 5:30-8 PM | Mason Square Community Room

BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH

359 PLAINFIELD STREET, 413-263-6805

Teen Advisory Board Calling All Teens! Meet and share ideas about improving library programming for teens, plan events and book discussions, give input for materials selection, and other fun activities. Light refreshments served. Monthly on 1st Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Teens



Bilingual Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, a craft, and playtime. No registration required. Adult must accompany children. Space is limited to 12. Presented in collaboration with Home City Families. Every Wednesday | 1:30-2:30 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Ages 12 months-6 years, siblings welcome.

Hora de cuentos bilingües Acompáñenos para cuentos, canciones, actividades, y tiempo para jugar. No requiere inscripción previa. Un adulto debe acompañar a los niños. Plazas limitadas a 12 niños con un adulto. Presentada con la colaboración de Home City Families. Los miércoles | 1:30 a 2:30 PM | Salón Comunitario | Para niños de 12 meses a 6 años de edad, y los hermanos son bienvenidos.



LEGO Club Do you love LEGOs? Join us for building fun! Share your ideas and brick vision with other LEGO lovers- let your imagination run wild! Every Thursday | 4-5 PM | Children

Tabletop Tennis Tabletop tennis, anyone? Teens are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun playing tabletop tennis/ping pong. Two or four players can play at a time. Play for bragging rights or just for fun; plus it's a great workout! Paddles, balls, nets and tables provided. Meets monthly. Wednesday, April 12th | 3-4:30 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Teens

Game ON! Video Gaming for Teens Drop in and play your favorite Wii games in the community room! Snacks will be provided. Monthly on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 3:00-4:30 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Teens



Tasty Tuesday Experience a new flavor and learn how to make a tasty snack! Monthly on 3rd Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Brightwood Community Room | Teens

CENTRAL LIBRARY

220 STATE STREET, 413-263-6828

Art Central: Photography of the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club On display in Art Central are photos of the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club, including shots of their youth lessons, rowing on the Connecticut River, the perennially popular Dragon Boat Festival, and more. March 1st - April 27th | During open hours



Funded in part by the Friends of the Library. Led by Barbara Foster, Career Development

Counselor at Holyoke Community College.

Interview with Confidence Preparation is key to handling a job interview well. In this workshop, participants will practice how to handle those difficult questions and learn how to deal with various types of interview styles and formats including telephone and Skype interviews. Saturday, April 1st | 10 AM-12 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults

Job Search Strategies Employees need a variety of strategies to succeed in today's challenging job market. Networking, attending job fairs, performing informational interviews, and using your social media network can all help. How to stay motivated despite the challenges is also covered in this interactive workshop and more. Saturday, April 8th | 10 AM-12 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults



Family Storytime at the Central Library Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. No registration required. Every Saturday | 1:30-2:30 PM | Children's Program Room | Ages 3-10, siblings welcome

Literary Spotlight: Creative Readings by Local Authors Featured writers offer a sampling of their creative writing in brief segments, some of which will be accompanied by slide-show visuals. Following the scheduled readings will be an open mic as time allows. Refreshments and free attendance raffle compliments of the Friends of the Library is offered for all who attend. For a complete list of participating authors, please visit: <https://goo.gl/vkFuzG> Saturday, April 2nd | 1-3 PM | Central Library Community Room



Sandtray Play at the Children's Room Play with miniatures in a personal-size sandtray and make up your own stories. Monday, April 3rd | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library Children's Program Room | Ages 3-12



Experience with a keyboard and mouse is needed for success in these workshops. Attend and earn a chance to win the April Hi!Tech raffle.

Gaining Confidence with the Web Learn how to find the websites you want, use search engines effectively, work with web forms, and

more. April 4th | 10:30 AM - 12 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults

Use the Web Like an Expert Learn improved searching strategies and get stronger search results. We'll also cover importing web pictures into your social media and how to manage email efficiently. April 11th | 10:30 AM - 12 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults

Examining Your Health Online Finding reliable information on the web can be tricky with aggressive advertisements and hard-to-detect biases. Learn how to identify some of the best health and medical information online in this interactive workshop. April 14th | 10:30 AM - 12 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults

The Web for Fun and Entertainment In this workshop we'll take a look at some of the leading recreational websites like Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram as well as the library's free services for accessing online movies, music, and more. You'll need a library card in good standing and an active email account in order to take full advantage of this workshop. April 20th | 10:30 AM - 12 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults

The Web and Work: Finding the Job You Want This workshop reviews online job advertisements, where to find them, and how to take advantage of their many features. We'll also review the library's online resources for jobseekers. April 27th | 10:30 AM - 12 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Adults

Videogaming for Teens Come to the library to enjoy some snacks and play some games on the Wii. Bring your own Wii games if you like. Wednesday, April 5th | 3-4:30 PM | Central Library Community Room | Teens ages 11-19

Gaming Club Play computer games and make friends at the Gaming Club! We will be playing games that encourage collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. The games included in this program are Minecraft, Roblox, Scratch, and Makey Makey. Limited to 10 kids. Sign in begins at 5:15 p.m. weekly. Every Wednesday from March 22nd – May 17th | 5:30-6:30 PM | Central Library Computer Lab | Ages 8-12

Afterthoughts, a Book Discussion Group

This month the group will read and discuss the 2012 memoir *Sidonia's Thread: The Secrets of a Mother and Daughter Sewing a New Life in America* by Hanna Perlstein Marcus, as well as 2009 novel *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea. We select a new book to discuss every month. Library copies of the book are available at the 2nd Floor Welcome Desk. Come join us for a lively discussion and meet others who also enjoy reading. New members are always welcome. Monthly on 2nd Tuesdays | 12-1 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults

BYOB, a Book Discussion Group

BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) and share your recent reads at this lively and long-running book group, and gain exposure to new authors, titles, and genres. We're always open to new members - join us! Monthly on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays | 10-12 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults

Pastel Paint the 45-Million-Dollar Flower

Join Greg Maichack as he leads a free painting workshop on pastel painting flowers, using an easy-to-follow model. Good for even the beginner, this guided workshop will give learners a realistic painting to take home. Sponsored in part by the Springfield Cultural Council. Saturday, April 15th | 11 AM - 1 PM | Central Library Community Room | Adults | Register online

Scavenger Hunt at the Children's Room Pick up a clue sheet, search the room for the answers, bring the sheet to the desk, and claim your prize! April 18th-23rd | During open hours | Central Library Children's Room | Children

DIY Buttons for Teens

Make a statement with buttons you've made yourself using the library's new button making machine. Clips from old comics, fingerprint art, and Sharpies make cool buttons, and be sure to add a quote of your choice. Wednesday, April 19th | 2-4 PM | Central Library – Rice Hall | Teens ages 11-19

Rotunda Rhythms Presents *The Cabaret Art of Vickie Phillips*

A master of her craft, Vickie Phillips has been entertaining audiences coast-to-coast for decades with her cabaret show, featuring selections of great American standards. On piano is Springfield pianist Michael Rheault, composer of *The Birth* and *Fabulous!* Free attendance raffle, compliments of the Friends of the Library. April 23rd | 2-3 PM | Central Library Rotunda

 **Maker Lab for Teens** Teens, here's a chance for teens to be a "maker" as you experiment with technology tools, craft materials, and hands-on activities of all kinds. Something different every month -- check out this group if you like to design, build and create! Monthly on 3rd Wednesdays | 3-4:30 PM | Central Library Community Room | Teens ages 12-19

Poetry Reading Celebrate National Poetry Month with this reading by some of the Valley's most visible poets. View a full list of participating poets at: <https://goo.gl/0tMDIO>. Refreshments will be offered compliments of the Friends of the Library. Saturday, April 29th | 1-3 PM | Central Library Rotunda | Adults

 **I'm Your Neighbor** Living together in diverse neighborhoods allows us to come together, celebrate our similarities, and appreciate our differences. Activities include a reading of the book, *I Am New Here* by Anne Sibley O'Brien; an art project exploring *Our Grandmothers/Nuestras Abuelas*; and more. Art and notes from the Library's Peace Poem project will be on display. Refreshments will be served. April 30th | 1-3 PM | Central Library Community Room | Children

EAST FOREST PARK BRANCH 122 ISLAND POND RD. 413-263-6836

 **Books & Brew Book Club** Cure your mid-week blues with a lively brew at Nathan Bill's Bar and Restaurant. This program is intended for 20-30-somethings, but all are welcome! For our April meeting, we will be discussing *Modern Romance* by Aziz Ansari. Copies of this book are available for pickup at the East Forest Park Library. First Wednesday of every month | 7:30-8:30 PM | Nathan Bill's at 110 Island Pond Rd, Springfield, MA 01118 | Adults aged 21+

Teddy Bear Clinic MedExpress Urgent Care's Teddy Bear Clinic, a free community outreach program, teaches children about healthcare treatments and healthy habits. No need to have a stuffed friend; a MedExpress employee will bring their own teddy helper to the clinic. April 5th | 4-5 PM | Children

 **Infant/Toddler Storytime** Join us for stories, songs, movement, and a craft. No registration required. Adult must accompany children. Fridays from March 3rd – May 26th | 10:30-11:30 AM | Ages 6-36 months, siblings welcome

 **Fan Fiction Writing Group** This group is for fans of popular movies, TV series, books, manga, and comic books who want to create stories about their favorite characters in their favorite universes. Members

will be supplied with writing prompts and have a chance to get positive feedback if they want to share their work. Monthly on 1st and 3rd Fridays | 4-4:45 PM | Teens

 **Crafting with Delphine -- It's a Grownup Thing** By popular demand we will offer a series of craft programs for adults, led by our creative staff member, Delphine. Craft project to be determined by attendees' request. Saturday, April 8th | 12:30-2:30 PM | Adults

Book Bingo Come to the library after school and play Bingo for Books! Winners can choose from a variety of books. Snacks will be provided. Wed. April 12th | 4-5 PM | For grades K - 5; tweens & teens are welcome too

 **Comic Book Creation for Teens and Tweens** Do you love comic books, graphic novels or webcomics? Did you ever want to create your own? Come work on your project with fellow enthusiasts. Snacks will be provided. Monthly on 2nd Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM | Ages 8-19 | Register online

 **Teen Book Club** Are you a teen interested in discussing books? Check out our Teen Book Club This month we will be discussing Marissa Meyer's novel, *Cinder*. This novel will appeal to fans of fairy tales and sci-fi alike! Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk. Snacks and drinks provided. Monthly on 3rd Saturdays | 12-1 PM | Teens

Teen Advisory Board Would you like to make change in the library? The Teen Advisory Board will meet right after Teen Book Club every month. Come talk about things YOU would like to see happen in the library, such as advising on which books and media to purchase for young adults, as well as brainstorming different ideas for programs. Excellent snacks will be provided. Monthly on 3rd Saturdays | 1:15-1:45 PM | Ages 11-19

 **Paint and Plant a Flower Pot** Welcome spring by painting your own flower pot. Participants will learn about plants, decorate a flower pot, and plant flower seeds to grow their very own garden. Take it home and watch it grow! All supplies provided. Wednesday, April 19th | 3:30-5:30 PM | Family event

 **Afterthoughts, a Book Discussion Group** This month the group will read and discuss *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert. We select a new book to discuss every month. Library copies of the book are available at the branch. Come join us for a lively discussion and meet others who also enjoy reading. New members are always welcome. Last Wednesday of every month | 5:30-6:30 PM | Adults

Unlock the Secrets of the Rubik's Cube Have you ever wondered how to solve a Rubik's cube? Come learn how to crack the code and beat the cube from our resident Rubik's Cube expert, Zach. At the end of our program we will have a timed Rubik's Cube Challenge! Bring your own Rubik's Cube or use the ones we will provide. Sat. April 29th | 12:-1:30 PM | Ages 11-19

EAST SPRINGFIELD BRANCH 21 OSBORNE TERRACE, 413-263-6840

 **BYOB, a Book Discussion Group** BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) and share your recent reads at this lively book group. Gain exposure to new authors, titles, and genres. We're always open to new members - join us! Monthly on 1st Wednesdays | 12-1:30 PM | Adults

Podcast Club for Teens What's more fun than a good podcast? Finding other fans to discuss it with! This club will highlight a new podcast each month, listen to one episode and then discuss. You'll also have the chance to suggest your favorite podcasts to the club! All podcasts, fiction and non-fiction alike will be considered for meetings. Monthly on 1st Wednesdays | 4-5 PM | Recommended for ages 14-20

 **Family Storytime** Join us for stories, no registration required. Wednesdays, March 1st – May 31st | 5:30-6:30 PM | Ages 5-9, siblings welcome

Magic The Gathering Club Join us for a monthly club of Magic the Gathering players to meet and enjoy playing. Bring your own cards, or use the cards we will have provided for players. Don't know how to play? That's okay, our club leader Aaron is ready to teach you! Monthly on 2nd Wednesdays | 4-5:30 PM | Teens

 **Family Craft Night** Come join us for a variety of fun-filled craft activities! Wednesday, April 12th | 6:30-7:30 PM | All Ages

Blackout Poetry Turn recycled pages into works of art. We will provide markers and pages from old books, magazines, and other written media. Create your own poetry by blacking out words and sentences you don't want to use. Take your creation home, or have it displayed. April 18th-21st | During open hours | Teens

American Girl Club Based on the American Girl books, this free club is for ages 6 to 14. Come make a craft and enjoy a snack based on the time period of the girl chosen each month. Monthly on 3rd Wednesdays | 6:30-4-5 PM | Ages 6-14 | Preregistration encouraged

 **No Cooking Cooking Class** Have you ever gotten home to discover you're hungry, but you just don't have the time to cook? Join us and learn

some delicious and healthy recipes that don't require cooking. You'll get to taste each dish, and everyone will receive copies of the recipes. Thurs. April 20th | 3:30-4:30 PM | Teens

 **An Unfortunate Event Tea** Join us for a most abhorrent afternoon of unfortunate tea. Much like the Baudelaire children, you will experience tedious trivia, gruesome games, foul food, and maybe even a paper cut. Feel free to come dressed in your gloomy best. Saturday, April 22nd | 12:30-2 PM | Teens

FOREST PARK BRANCH 380 BELMONT AVENUE, 413-263-6843

Meet Author Karen Dachsel Meet author Karen Dachsel, born in Springfield. She will read from her children's books and lead guests in an activity. Sat. April 1st | 11:45 AM- 12:45 PM | Program Den | All ages

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

Game On! Drop in and play your favorite tabletop and Wii games! Snacks provided. Monthly - 1st Thursdays | 4:30-6 PM | Forest Park Community Room | Ages 12-18

 **Toddler Storytime** Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, and playtime. No registration required. Adult must accompany children. Presented in collaboration with Home City Families. Tuesdays from April 11th – May 30th | 10:30-11:30 AM | Children's Program Den | Ages 1-3 ½, siblings welcome

 **LEGO Club** Join your fellow builders in conquering a LEGO building challenge! Monthly on 1st Tuesdays | 4-5 PM | Ages 5-14

 **Tasty Tuesday** Experience a new flavor and learn how to make a tasty snack! March 21st | 3:30-4:30 PM | Program Den | Ages 12-18

 **Afterthoughts, a Book Discussion Group** This month the group will read and discuss *The Widow* by Fiona Barton. We select a new book to discuss every month. Library copies of the book will be available at the branch. Come join us for a lively discussion and meet others who also enjoy reading. New members always welcome. Monthly, 1st Thursdays | 2:30-4 PM | Forest Park Program Den | Adults

Poetry Cafe Do you have a favorite poem? Do you write poetry? Bring your favorite verse and help us celebrate National Poetry Month and National Library Week! Refreshments and a cafe ambiance will be provided compliments of the Friends of the Library. All poems must be family friendly. Thursday, April 13th | 6-7:30 PM

Naruto Scavenger Hunt After a recent mission, Naruto has gone missing! Use your manga knowledge and ninja library skills to follow the clues, solve his disappearance, and claim your prize. April 18th-20th | During open hours | Teens

Continuing The Artist's Way Journey This is an in-depth exploration of the book *Finding Water: the Art of Perseverance*, by Julia Cameron. The series extends the ideas developed in an earlier workshop series called *The Artists' Way*, though new and returning members are equally welcomed. Led by Phyllis St. George, poet and editor. Wednesdays, April 20th – July 13th | 2-4 PM | Adults | Register online

MadLab Have some fun exploring science, technology and the arts at our monthly club for curious and inventive kids. Saturday, April 20th | 4:30-5:30 PM | Ages 6-12

 **Maker Lab: Blackout Poetry** Drop in and try out a new project, including arts and crafts, sewing, and technology. Show off your “maker” skills and learn from other teens. Monthly on 4th Thursdays | 4:30-5:30 PM | Forest Park Program Den | Ages 12-18

Minecraft Club Come to the Library's new Minecraft Club to build, play, and create--and battle zombies, of course. This club meets every month. Sat. April 22nd | 1-2:30 PM | Forest Park Program Den | Ages 12-18

INDIAN ORCHARD BRANCH

44 OAK STREET, INDIAN ORCHARD
413-263-6846

 **Community Room Ribbon-Cutting** Join us in officially opening our community room! April 12th | 1:30-3:30 PM

Indian Orchard Minecrafters Join us for Minecraft, where we mine, craft, and trade Minecraft tips! Space limited to 8 participants so come early. Fridays | 2:30-4:30 PM | Ages 10+

Indian Orchard Minecrafters – Saturday Group Minecraft players of all skill levels are welcome to bring their laptops or use one of the library's computers to build and play. Saturdays | 1-2:30 PM | Ages 10+

 **Not Your Ordinary Coloring Club for Teens** School getting you stressed? Join our Coloring Club! We supply the artist quality crayons, pencils and pens, and coloring pages to spark your creativity. Wednesdays | 4-7 PM | Teens

Messy Mondays for Wee Ones! We will finger paint and use kinetic sand and clay. We will have smocks but please wear clothes you can get dirty. Mondays | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM | Ages 3+, siblings welcome

 **LEGO Questers of Indian Orchard** Become a LEGO Quester by completing 52 LEGO Quests (or build your own). Space is limited to 15 Questers. Tuesdays | 4-5 PM | Ages 7-12

LIBRARY EXPRESS at PINE POINT 204 BOSTON ROAD, 413-263-6855

 **LEGO Club** Join us each week as we have fun while strengthening creativity and engineering skills with LEGOs. Wednesdays | 5-5:45 PM | Ages 5-10

Pine Point Minecrafters Come build and explore your own world with Minecraft! Have fun while developing creativity, problem solving, and collaboration. 1st and 3rd Friday of every month | 3:30-5 PM | Ages 8-18

Introduction to Computers, Part 3 Learn the basics of word processing and formatting resumes, signs, handouts, and other documents. *Experience with a keyboard and mouse is needed for success in this workshop. Participants earn a chance to win this month's programming raffle.* Wednesday, April 5th | 1-2:30 PM | Adults | Register online

MASON SQUARE BRANCH 765 STATE STREET, 413-263-6853

Games Group Tabletop Games. Board Games. Card Games. Join us for an afternoon of fun! Bring your own game or try one of ours. No experience necessary. Saturdays | 12-2 PM | Teens & Adults

 **Preschool Storytime** Join us for stories, songs, movement, and playtime. No registration required. Adult must accompany children. Wednesdays | 10:30-11:30 AM | Mason Square Community Room | Ages 3-5, siblings welcome

 **LEGO Club** Let your imagination run wild! Thursdays | 5-6 PM | Children

 **Color My World, an Adult Coloring Group** Feeling like you need to de-stress? Want to do something creative? Just need a break? Come down to the library and color. We'll provide beautiful adult coloring sheets and colored pencils. Got kids? Our LEGO Club will be running from 5-6 PM. Thursdays | 5-7 PM | Children's Workroom | Adults

Drop-In Resume and Writing Assistance Need help writing or proofreading a resume, cover letter, essay, or scholarship application? Come get one-on-one writing assistance. Starting from scratch? We'll get you set up on a computer. Already have something written out?

Save the document to your email or bring it to the library on a flash drive. Limit 6 pages. First come, first served. Fridays | 2:30-4 PM | Adults

Meet Award-Winning Children's Book Illustrator Frank Morrison Children and families are invited to drop in and meet award-winning children's book illustrator and fine artist Frank Morrison. Hear his inspirational story from graffiti artist to dancer to painter. Participate in activities, a book reading, book signings, and demonstrations of Mr. Morrison's work. Light refreshments will be served. Saturday, April 7th | 3-7 PM | Mason Square Community Room | All ages

Bring Your Soil for Testing This Soil Health program is part of the Springfield Food Policy Council's ongoing gardening workshop series. Please see their website for additional information: www.springfieldfoodpolicycouncil.org. *The Soil Health and Growing Seeds programs are funded in part by Health in the Square, a grant received from the National Library of Medicine.* Thursday, April 13th | 5-6:30 PM | Mason Square Community Garden (or inside if weather is bad)

Art. Design. Coding: a Creative Coding Club for Teens Create your own digital works of art! Use computers to make animations, create a paint editor tool, and learn how technology is used in the art world. Bring your friends! No previous computer experience is necessary. Call Ellen at Mason Square to sign up, 413-263-6853. April 18th-21st | 1-3 PM | Teens

SIXTEEN ACRES BRANCH

1187 PARKER STREET, 413-263-6858

Katherine Kraver Author Talk Katherine Kraver will read from her newest book, *The Boy with the Red Shoes*. The program will also include crafts, a slide show on the author's travels and writing process, and a book signing. \$1.00 from the sale of each of her books will be donated to The Red Cross to help children. Saturday, April 1st | 1-2 PM

 **Neighborhood Playgroup** Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, a craft, and playtime. No registration, just drop in anytime during the program. Adult must accompany and supervise children. Thursdays from now through May 25th | 10:30 AM-12:30 PM | Ages birth-5 years, siblings welcome

The Artist's Way Discussion and Workshop [13-week series] This is an exploration of the book *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron. For more information, visit the Library's website. Thursdays through April 13th | 2-4 PM | Adults | Register online

 **LEGO Fun** LEGO fans, drop in on Monday afternoons for freestyle building, meeting new friends, and browsing the library's many LEGO themed books. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Mondays | 1:30-4:30 PM | Ages 5-10

 **Family Storytime** Join us for stories, songs, and crafts. No registration required. Adult must accompany children. Presented in collaboration with Home City Families. Tuesdays from March 7th – May 30th | 1:30-2:30 PM | Sixteen Acres Community Room | Ages birth-5 years, siblings welcome

Chess Club for Teens Drop in and practice your chess moves - or to learn to play chess for the first time! Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Ages 9-19

 **Jubilant Jewelry Making** Design and create earrings or a bracelet using findings, beads, wire and elastic. Monthly on first Tuesdays | 3:30-5 PM | Ages 9-19; children 7-9 accompanied by an adult are welcome | Register online

 **U.S. History Book and Media Discussion Group** Join us in discussing important issues concerning American history. Members are encouraged to share with the group any conversation-provoking history book that they are reading. We will also view critically-acclaimed documentaries on a number of history topics. Refreshments will be served. Monthly on 3rd Tuesdays | 6:15-7:15 PM | Sixteen Acres Community Room | Adults

Teen Readers Advisory Panel Teens, here's your chance to share ideas about improving library programming for teens, plan events, give input for materials selection, and other fun activities. Light refreshments will be served. Last Tuesday of every month | 4:15-5:45 PM | Sixteen Acres Community Room | Teens

Recyclables Maker Lab Earth Day was last week but let's keep the momentum going! Join us for creative fun when you make something new out of recycled materials. Saturday, April 29th | 9-10:30 AM | Ideal for ages 8-12, but all youth and families are welcome



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