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Library News & Calendar of Events

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SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

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THE MISSION of the Springfield-Greene County Library District is to provide an environment where lifelong habits of learning, self-improvement and self-expression are encouraged and where patrons can meet their educational, informational and recreational needs.

THE LIBRARY responds to the needs of users by providing clean and inviting buildings, well-organized and up-to-date collections, friendly, professional service and well-trained staff.

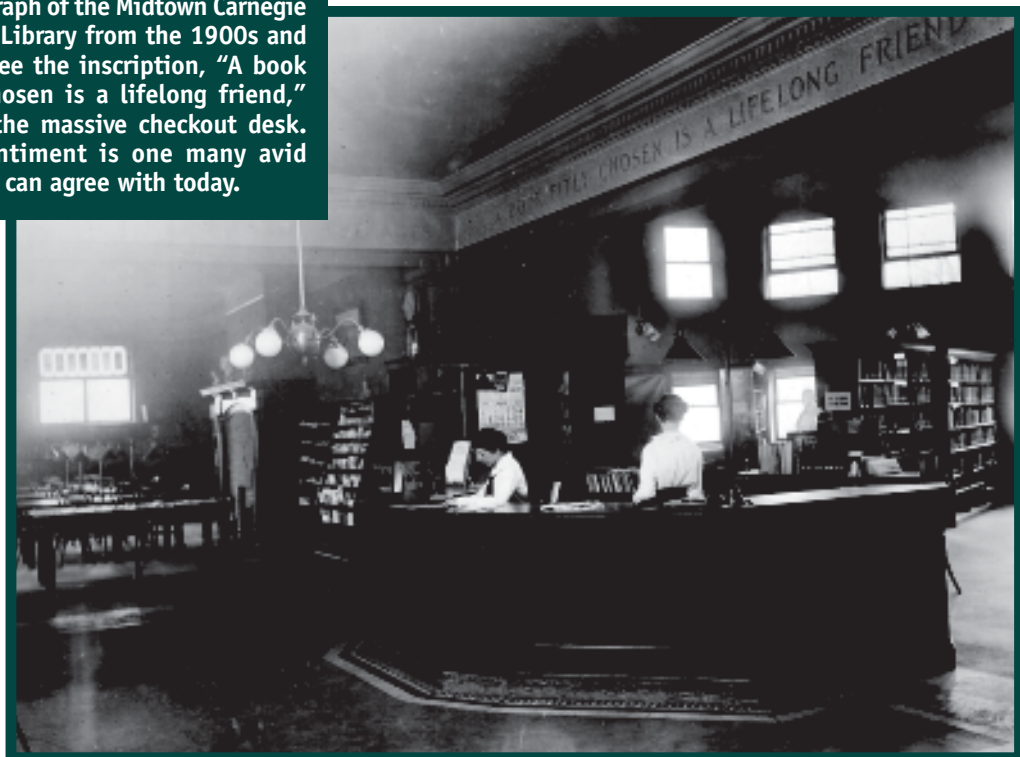


The Year of the Library: The Library Station

Brought to you as a result of the passage of Proposition L in 2002, the Library Station is scheduled to open to the public in July. The new "destination library" at 2535 North Kansas Expressway combines traditional services with additional conveniences and amenities in an inviting and exciting environment. Thematic elements centered around north Springfield's celebrated history of "planes, trains and automobiles" will define the new 36,000-square-foot facility.

LIBRARY MARKS 100 YEARS OF GROWTH IN 2003

The First Decade: Look closely at this photograph of the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library from the 1900s and you'll see the inscription, "A book fitly chosen is a lifelong friend," above the massive checkout desk. The sentiment is one many avid readers can agree with today.



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It was a proud day on September 25, 1903, when the cornerstone was laid for Springfield's first public library at the corner of Central Street and Jefferson Avenue.

At that groundbreaking, Frank B. Williams, secretary of the first Library board, said that he believed the architects would "present to the citizens of Springfield one of the handsome and best public buildings in the state of Missouri, to which the people of the city will feel impelled to point with pride, and that the Board further believes that one of the most useful institutions in the city will prove to be the Carnegie Free Public Library."

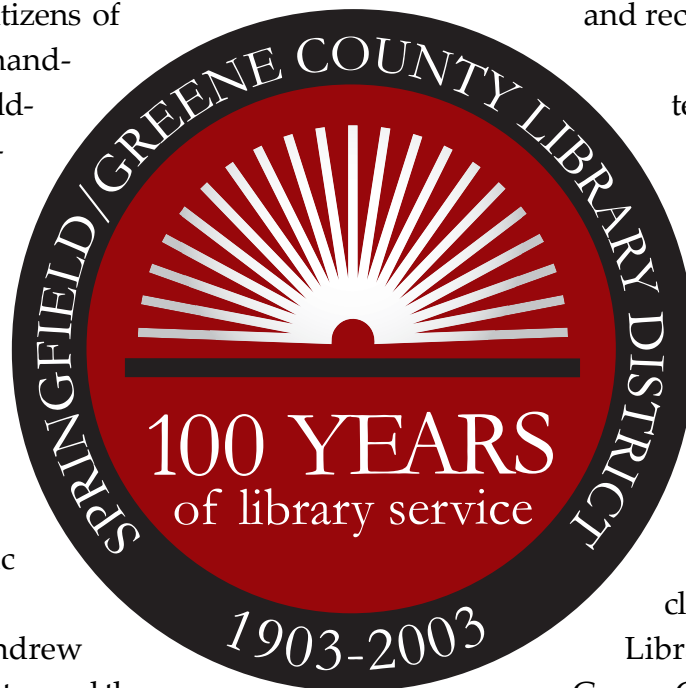
Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie donated \$50,000 toward the construction of the three-story building. The lot on the northwest corner was bought for \$3,250, \$1,000 was spent on books, magazines and newspapers and the foundation of the present Springfield-Greene County Library District opened its doors to the public.

Three years after the turn of this century, that Carnegie Free Public Library, now the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, has been joined by seven more library outlets and the bookmobile, including the award-winning destination library, the Library Center. In July, the new north Springfield facility, the Library Station, will become the second des-

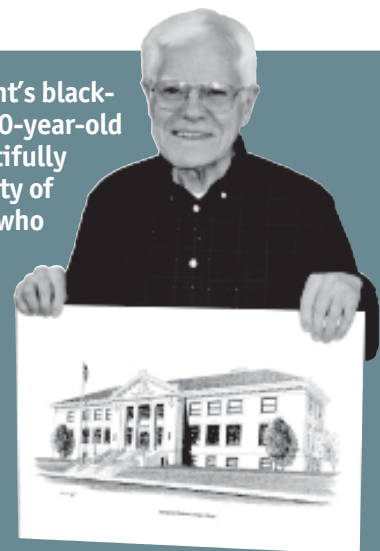
ination library in the system.

Both facilities were renovated from former vacant retail stores at reasonable cost to the taxpayers and both combine the book-centered attributes of traditional libraries with the conveniences and the newest technology of the 21st century to provide for you and your family's educational, informational and recreational needs.

One hundred years after the people—with Andrew Carnegie's help—made the momentous decision to support a public library, that system is still going strong, experiencing steady growth and improvement. We're not done yet, but we would like to immodestly declare this "The Year of the Library" in Springfield and Greene County and ask you to join us at two celebrations, one in July at the new Library Station and another at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library in September.



A Labor of Love: Artist Bill Wright's black-and-white illustration of the 100-year-old Midtown Carnegie Branch beautifully captures the architectural majesty of the three-story structure. Bill, who has drawn numerous Springfield landmarks since his retirement nearly 20 years ago, donated the piece to the Library. "I think that the Library benefits all of us so very much. Anything we can do to support it is really worthwhile. It really gave me great pleasure to contribute this way," said Bill.



Attending a Program at the Library?

- Some programs require registration and some don't; consult the program listings.
- Register by phone; we can't accept e-mail registrations.
- If you've registered for a program and cannot attend, cancel your registration, so others may take your place.
- Age ranges listed for programs are guidelines, but consider a young child's attention span if bringing him or her to a program for older children.
- Children less than three years old must be accompanied by an adult.
- Registration for storytimes is good for the whole session, which may range in length from two to six weeks.
- Child care centers must make special arrangements to bring a large number of children to a program.
- Parents aren't required to register for programs they are attending with their children.

Calendar of Events

Ash Grove Branch Library

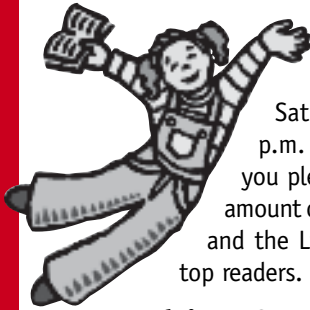
101 East Main • Ash Grove, Missouri
For information or registration, call 751-2933.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Storytimes

Fridays, for ages 2-5.

- March 7-14, 10 a.m. Registration starts February 25.
- March 28-April 11, 10 a.m. Registration starts March 17.
- May 2-9, 10 a.m. Registration starts April 21.



Second Annual Read-A-Thon

Saturday, March 22, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. for ages 1-12. Come and go as you please; the number of books and amount of time you read will be recorded and the Library will award prizes to the top readers.

Bedtime Stories

Tuesday, April 22, 6 p.m. for ages 2-10. Wear your pajamas and come to the Library for bedtime stories, lullabies and a snack. Registration starts April 14.

Brentwood Branch Library

2214 Brentwood Boulevard • Springfield, Missouri
For information or registration, call 874-8130.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Juvenile Arthritis Awareness

Saturday, March 1, 2 p.m. Justine Buschman, Juvenile Arthritis Coordinator for Southwest Missouri, will present an informative, interactive program about juvenile arthritis. Registration starts February 18.

Literary Sleuths: Mystery Book Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Join the literary sleuths for coffee, cookies and mysterious reads and help select what book the group will read next.

- March 5: **The Beekeepers Apprentice, or, the Segregation of the Queen** by Laurie R. King.
- April 2: **Murder on the Orient Express** by Agatha Christie.
- May 7: **One for the Money** by Janet Evanovich.

Foreign Film Festival

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8 and May 13, 7 p.m. A series of award-winning films including the 2001 Cannes Palm d'or winner, the 2001 Sundance Film Festival Audience Award winner and the 1988 Best Foreign Language Film Academy Award winner.



Brown Bag Travelogue

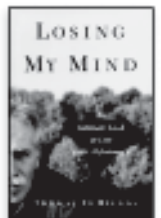
Wednesdays, noon; bring a sack lunch.

- March 19: **Mayan Ruins: Traveling in Guatemala.** Clark Underwood will present slides of his life in Guatemala while he was in the Peace Corps and of his travels in Mexico and Belize. Registration starts March 3.
- April 16: **India: Ancient and Mysterious.** Richard Grosenbaugh shares his travels through India, from Delhi to Jaipur, Agra and Khajuraho. Registration starts April 1.
- May 21: **Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.** Bill and Lee Longman share a slide presentation exploring the cultures of these exciting islands in the sun. Registration starts May 5.

Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

- March 25: **Losing My Mind: An Intimate Look at Life with Alzheimer's** by Thomas DeBaggio. A representative from the Southwest Missouri Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will lead the discussion of this first-person account of Alzheimer's.



■ April 22: **Bondwoman's Narrative** by Hannah Crafts. This autobiographical novel follows the flight of a female slave who escapes from a plantation in North Carolina to find freedom in the North.



■ May 27: **1984** by George Orwell. Though written in 1949, this cautionary tale of a man caught in a political nightmare continues to be filled with relevance and the power to disturb our complacency.



Clutter and the Practice of Feng Shui

Tuesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. Sharon Cates, feng shui practitioner, will explain what constitutes clutter and how it relates to the ancient Chinese philosophy of feng shui. Registration starts March 11.



Scrapbooking 101

Saturday, April 12, 2 p.m. Bring three to four photos and we'll provide the materials for you to make a simple scrapbook to take home. Registration starts March 17.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

It Doesn't Have to Rhyme

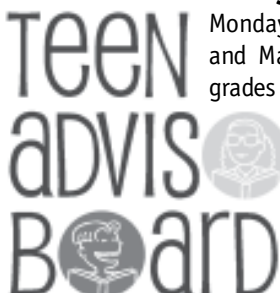
Thursday, March 13, 3:30 p.m. for grades 7-12. Part creative writing, part image-making/brainstorming session, this poetry workshop will teach about basic writing techniques and different types of poetry. Registration starts March 3.

Movie Night

Fridays, March 14, April 11 and May 9, 7-9 p.m. for grades 6-12. Come after closing time for a movie and popcorn. Pick up a ballot at the information desk and vote on the movie to be shown. Participants will not be allowed to leave before 9 p.m. unless a parent or guardian picks them up.

TAB: Teen Advisory Board

Mondays, March 31, April 28 and May 19, 3:30-5 p.m. for grades 6-12. TAB's mission is to make the Library a better place for young adults. Members meet monthly to help decide what



books, music and movies the Library purchases, help plan and carry out programs and share ideas on library services. Applications to join TAB are available at the information desk.



Goofy Gardens

Thursday, April 24, 3:30 p.m. for ages 12-16. Create your own goofy garden by decorating a planter and planting seeds. The fun begins when the plants sprout! Registration starts March 24.

Body Art

Thursday, May 22, 3:30 p.m. for grades 6-12. We'll provide the materials for you to make temporary tattoos with henna, stencils and stamps. Registration starts May 5.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Storytimes

Registration starts February 10:

Mondays, March 3-17, April 7-21

■ 10 a.m. for babies ages 3-12 months

■ 11 a.m. for age 1

Registration starts March 17:

Tuesdays, March 4-18, April 8-22

■ 10 a.m. for age 2 ■ 11 a.m. for ages 3-5

Dinner and a Movie

Thursdays, March 6, April 3 and May 1, 6 p.m. for preschool-grade 6. Bring your dinner and join us for a family movie.

Bilingual Storytime/ Las Horas de Cuento Bilingue

Saturdays, March 8, April 5 and May 3, 2 p.m. Bilingual storytime is presented in Spanish and English for children of all ages. *Las Horas de cuento bilingue se presentan en espanol e ingles para ninos pequenos de todas las edades.*



Arthur Meets the President with Ozarks Public Television

Saturday, March 15, 2 p.m. for ages 4-12. Karen Kelly from Ozarks Public Television will read from an *Arthur* book, show a video clip and lead games and other activities surrounding Arthur and his trip to meet the President of the United States. Registration starts March 3.

Yuk It Up at the Library

Wondering what to do this summer?

Plan to

"Laugh It Up" at



the Library. Kids are invited to join the 2003 Summer Reading Club, starting June 7 through August 16.

Read books, do fun

activities and

complete a game card.

You can win

books, a coupon book for free and discounted things to do and tons of other prizes. Watch for details in the next issue of *Bookends*.

Teens: Get Ready to Book Your Summer

Attention all teens grades 6-12.

Win swag and other prizes when you

"Book Your Summer" at the Library. Keep track of your reading

and not only can you instantly win prizes, you also earn the

chance to have your name entered in drawings. Pick up a

Summer Reading Record at any Library beginning June 7,

and "Book Your Summer" through August 16.

Clean Up on Deals at the 2003 Spring Book Sale

A favorite pastime of Springfield bibliophiles is coming soon. The 2003 Friends of the Library spring book sale will be held May 10-18 at a location to be announced.

The Friends of the Library—book sellers extraordinaire since 1985—made an astonishing \$80,000 in 2002. Last year's spring sale brought in nearly \$59,000 with a three-day fall sale making \$21,000. The profits from the 2002 book sales went to fund:

- **Wee Read**, a joint project of the Friends, Parents as Teachers and the Library, that teaches parents the importance of early childhood reading.
- **The Library Express**, a vehicle that will go on the road to present storytimes and other classes.
- **Children's and teens summer reading programs**.
- **Read To Grow**, in conjunction with the SMS women's basketball team.

Calendar of Events

Brentwood Branch programs continued

Meet Kaya, an American Girl

Tuesday, March 25, 4 p.m. for grades K-5. Travel back in time to 1764 and meet Kaya, the newest girl in the "American Girl" series. We'll watch a video and make a horse blanket design craft. Registration starts March 10.

Meet Pluggy the Red Cross Robotic Fire Plug

Saturday, March 29, 2 p.m. for ages 3-12. In honor of American Red Cross Month, Debbie Branson will bring "Pluggy" to teach about fire safety and prevention. Registration starts March 10.

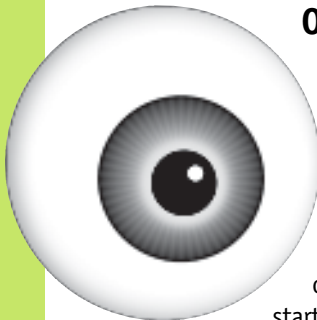


Tissue Paper Collage

Saturday, April 19, 2 p.m. for grades K-5. Jan Bennicoff from the Springfield Visual Arts Alliance will demonstrate the construction of tissue paper collages. Materials will be provided. Registration starts March 30.

Optical Illusions

Tuesday, April 29, 4 p.m. for grades K-5. Various optical illusions will be presented to dazzle, confuse, bemuse and boggle the mind's eye. We'll discuss the art of Escher, Dali and Duchamp and create our own optical illusions. Registration starts April 14.



Fair Grove Branch Library

81 South Orchard Boulevard • Fair Grove, Missouri
For information or registration, call 759-2637.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy on the Web

Tuesday, March 11, 2 p.m. Learn how to locate Internet sites for genealogical research and how to search for family histories using online databases and government records. Registration starts February 24.



CHECK OUT KIDSPACE ON THE LIBRARY'S WEB SITE:
<http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/kids/kids.htm>

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Ductigami

Tuesday, March 25, 2 p.m. for grades 6-12. Materials will be provided for you to make cool crafts like a CD holder or a wallet out of duct tape. Registration starts March 11.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Wiley's Diary

Saturday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. for grades 4-6. Fair Grove resident Wendy Bodanske will read her book "Wiley's Diary" and talk about adopting abandoned animals. Registration starts March 1.

Storytimes

Tuesdays, April 1-22, 11 a.m. for ages 2-5. Registration starts March 18.



Celebrate Mother's Day With Dad

Thursday, May 8, 6:15 p.m. for grades 1-5. Bring Dad to the Library and hear stories, sing songs and make a Mother's Day gift. Registration starts April 24.

Kearney Branch Library

630 West Kearney • Springfield, Missouri
For information or registration, call 874-8140

ADULT PROGRAMS

Free Tax Help From VITA

Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Individuals with low-to-moderate incomes, those with disabilities, the non-English speaking and the elderly will receive free help preparing and e-filing basic income tax returns from IRS-trained volunteers with the SMS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

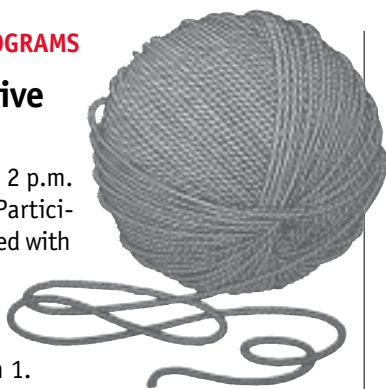
Scrapbooking New Baby's Moments

Monday, April 21, 7 p.m. Sandy Harrell will share ideas on creating a keepsake book for the new baby in the family. Bring a 4"x6" baby photo. Making life books for adopted children will also be covered. Grandparents are welcome. Registration starts April 7.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Getting Creative With Yarn

Saturday, March 15, 2 p.m. for grades 6-12. Participants will be provided with yarn and other materials to create cool crafts. Registration starts March 1.



Animé Film Fest

Thursday-Friday, March 27-28, 2 p.m. for grades 6-12. Come in and watch Animé, a style of animation developed in Japan.

It Doesn't Have To Rhyme

Thursday, April 10, 4 p.m. for grades 7-12. Part creative writing, part image-making/brainstorming session, this poetry workshop will teach about basic writing techniques and different types of poetry. Registration starts March 31.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Storytimes

- Tuesdays, March 4-18 and April 8-22, 10 a.m. for ages 1-2; 11 a.m. for ages 3-5.
- Thursdays, March 6-13, 11 a.m. for babies 3-12 months old.

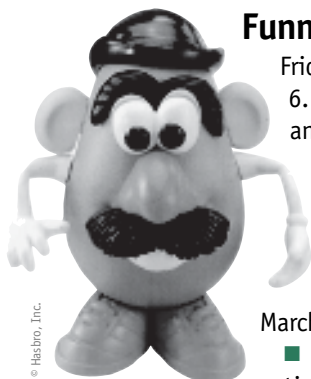
Dinner and a Story

Thursdays, March 13 and April 10, 6 p.m. for ages 2-6. Bring your dinner—fast food or something from home—and join us for a family evening of stories, songs and a craft.

Funny Food Fridays!

Fridays, 4 p.m. for grades K-6. Hear stories, make crafts and eat a snack!

- March 14: **Potatoes.** Registration starts February 28.
- April 11: **Pancakes.** Registration starts March 28.
- May 9: **Cheese.** Registration starts April 25.



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May Day Storytime

Thursday, May 1, 10 a.m. for ages 1-5. Come to the Library for a special May Day storytime.

The Library Center

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For information or registration, call 874-8110.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Ozarks Genealogical Society Computer Workshops

Mondays, 7 p.m.

- March 3: **Hidden Features of PAF 5,** Janice Nusbaum. Auditorium.
- April 7: **AniMap Software: A County Boundary Historical Atlas,** Lynn Shelley. Meeting rooms A&B.
- May 5: **Searching U.S. and European Genealogy Websites,** Shirley Scott and Victor Kohman. Auditorium.

All You Need to Know to Start Gardening

Saturday, March 8, 2 p.m. in the auditorium. Master Gardener Doyle Jones will outline preparations necessary to start a vegetable garden.



Left: Homeschool Choirs of Springfield.

Below: Rick Anderson and Colin Cameron



Chapter & Verse: Music on a Sunday Afternoon

Sundays, 2 p.m. in the auditorium.

- March 9: **Music from Home:** Featuring the Homeschool Choirs of Springfield, directed by Kelly Sapp; Pure Joy directed by Kim Logan; and Springfield Homeschool Bands directed by Sherry Slater.
- April 13: **Red Haired Boy:** Rick Anderson and Colin Cameron will perform old-time fiddle and folk tunes.
- May 18: **A Celebration of Scotland:** Music and dance from the Celtic Society of the Ozarks.



Members of Celtic Society of the Ozarks

Library Cards: Always a Bargain

• **Non-Resident Library Cards—** Library cards are free for Greene County residents or those who pay Greene County property taxes. Those who live outside of Greene County can purchase a family card for just \$50 a year, granting them the same privileges enjoyed by Greene County residents.

• **Visitor's Cards—** Staying temporarily in Greene County? Purchase a Visitor's Card, \$15 for three months of unlimited Library usage.

• **Company Cards—** Company Cards make it easier for your employees to access the wide range of business resources the Library has to offer.

• **Student Library Cards—** College students living in Greene County with permanent residences elsewhere can get a card valid for the school year at no charge.

Discover What's in the Bag

Discovery Bags are science, math and health kits for classrooms and home instruction. This tote, brought to you in conjunction with the Discovery Center of Springfield, is full of books, videos and CD-ROMs that can be used by teachers of elementary and middle school students in a way that best suits their different needs and learning styles.

Parents can check the bags out for three weeks and use them with their children to reinforce classroom learning at home.

Search "Discovery Bags" as a title or subject on COOLcat, the Library's online catalog.



Calendar of Events

Library Center programs continued

Ozarks Genealogical Society Meetings

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

- March 12: **Lewis & Clark Trail**, Dr. John Moore.
- March 26: **Researching Your Native American Ancestors**, Ed Loonsfoot.
- April 9: **Camera Equipment 2003**, Jerry Stokes.
- April 23: **Beginning Genealogy**, Kathy Bloomer.
- May 14: **Usual and Unusual Records from the County Courthouse**, Robert Neumann.
- May 28: **What Will Your Grandchildren Know About You?**, sharing session.

Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 1 p.m. in meeting room A.

- March 12: **Heart of Darkness** by Joseph Conrad. A tale of the jungle, exploitation and a young man's search for reality based on the author's own experiences as the captain of a West African river steamer in 1890.
- April 9: **Enemy Women** by Paulette Jiles. Set in the Missouri Ozarks during the Civil War, Jiles's story focuses on the trying times of 18-year-old Adair Colley.
- May 14: **Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress** by Sijie Dai. Two young city men are sent to a small mountain town to be "re-educated" during Mao's Cultural Revolution where they both fall in love with the local tailor's beautiful daughter.



Winter Blues? Try a Game!

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. in meeting rooms A&B. Treat yourself to a history of traditional games and take time to play them. Presenters are James T. Sheldon, President of Westwind Simulations, and Martee Robinson, Coordinator of Complementary Alternative Medicine, Cox Health Systems.

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL The Business of Arts and Crafts

Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m. in the auditorium. Learn how to sell your creations, get tips on successful home-based businesses and marketing strategies. Co-sponsored by the Springfield Regional Arts Council, the featured presenter is Kelley Still, program coordinator for Drury University's Arts Administration Program. Other pre-

senters will represent Women in Communications, SCORE and the Best of Missouri Hands. Registration starts March 3.

Intro to Heraldry

Monday, March 17, 1 p.m. in the auditorium. What is the difference between a crest and a coat-of-arms? Local History Librarian Todd Wilkinson will present a brief introduction to heraldry with a strong emphasis on heraldry in the British Isles and the numerous myths associated with it.



Mouse Basics

Mondays in the computer lab. Get hands-on practice in the basics of using a computer mouse.

- March 17, 2 p.m. Registration starts March 3.
- April 14, 7 p.m. Registration starts March 31.
- May 12, 2 p.m. Registration starts April 28.

Soul of a Poet

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Members of the SMS English Department will read from their original writings.

- March 18: Poet Stephanie Farris and author W.D. Blackmon.
- April 29: Poet Brandon Funk and author Nancy Walker.



Clockwise: Stephanie Farris, W.D. Blackmon, Nancy Walker.

Hot Headlines at High Noon

Wednesdays, March 19, April 16 and May 21, noon in meeting room B. The SMS Humanities Department will host a program on a current hot topic or headline.

Internet Basics

Wednesdays in the auditorium. See a demonstration of popular web sites, including the Library's, learn searching and e-mail basics and how to integrate the Internet into your daily life.

- March 19, 2 p.m.
- April 2, 7 p.m.
- May 14, 7 p.m.

Scratching your head?
Pick our brains instead...

Ask a Librarian.

We'll find the answer.

Navigating Our Passages: The Corps of Discovery Negotiates a Course Across America

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

■ March 19: **Women in the Age of Jefferson.** Led by Dr. Holly Baggett, Professor of Women's History at SMS.



■ April 16: **First to the Pacific: Alexander MacKenzie, Canada's Forgotten Explorer.**



Clockwise: Holly Baggett, Todd Wilkinson, Eric Leonard.

Todd Wilkinson, President of the Celtic Society of the Ozarks, will discuss the life and times of the Scottish-born explorer.

■ May 21: **Arkansas Post and the Louisiana Purchase.** Eric Leonard, Arkansas Post National Memorial Park Ranger, will discuss one of the first European settlements in the Louisiana Purchase.

21st Century Management Tips from the Non-Profit Prophet

Wednesdays, 9 a.m., March 26 and April 23 in meeting room B, May 21 in the auditorium. Heads of nonprofit organizations who face financial and other obstacles will get advice on successfully meeting their missions.

Free Tax Help from VITA

IRS-trained volunteers with the SMS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program provide help preparing and e-filing basic income tax returns at no charge for individuals of low-to-moderate income, those with disabilities, the non-English speaking and the elderly.

■ Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

■ Tuesday, April 15, 2-8 p.m.

Intro to COOLcat, the Library's Computer Catalog

Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m. in the computer lab. Learn to use COOLcat to look up library materials, place holds, view your library record, renew items and Ask a Librarian. Registration starts April 1.

Genealogy on the Web from Home

Thursday, April 24, 10 a.m. in the computer lab. Learn how to research family history using Internet sites that can be accessed from home. Registration starts April 17.

Genealogy on the Web from the Library

Thursday, April 24, 2 p.m. in the computer lab. Learn to use AncestryPlus.com and Heritage Quest Online at the Library for genealogical research. Registration starts April 17.

Funding Information Center Orientation

Friday, April 25, 9 a.m. in the computer lab. Researchers, especially nonprofits, will get background on foundations, including the Library's Funding Information Center and Internet resources.

Investment Info from Mergent/Moody's

Wednesday, April 30, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Mergent (formerly Moody's) has been publishing detailed stock and bond information since 1900. Mergent's Paul Hazlett will show participants how to get the most out of web-based FISonline, which tracks over 27,000 domestic and foreign companies. Registration starts April 15.

Remember When with Memory Bags

These multi-sensory kits are great for programs. Themes include school days, fairs, farms, pets, automobiles and the decades of the 20th century.

The 19 Memory Bags contain slides, tapes, videos, manuals, booklets and things to touch. Choose a portion of the materials for one short program, or use it for a whole series of programs. Adapt the pieces to make the program just right for your group or use the same kit over and over for an always-new discussion.

Find the kits under the subject heading "bi-folkal", or ask a librarian to put one on hold for you.



National Library Week: April 6-12

A Celebration of Ozarks Writers

Sunday, April 6, in the Library Center concourse. In recognition of National Library Week, representatives from various local writers' groups will exhibit their published works and discuss the craft of writing and their organizations.

Meet the Authors of Ozark Writers Inc.

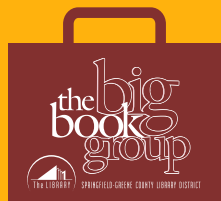
Saturday, April 12, 2 p.m. in the auditorium. Ozark Writers Inc. is an organization of six nationally known, published and award-winning authors formed to promote and publicize the literature of the Ozarks. The writers are Vicki Cox, Jane Hale, Betty Cracker Henderson, Ellen Gray Massey, Carolyn Gray Thornton and Shirleen Sando.



The authors of Ozark Writers Inc. Above: Vicki Cox, Jane Hale and Betty Cracker Henderson. Below: Ellen Gray Massey, Carolyn Gray Thornton and Shirleen Sando

Need Several Copies of the Same Book for Your Reading Group?

Check out the Library's Big Group Bags, enough copies for everyone and they can be checked out for a month. Each burgundy tote holds eight copies of one book, selected because it's a favorite of book groups. Also included is a Reading Discussion Guide. Search "Big Book Group Bag" as a title or "Book Discussion Groups" as the subject on the Library's online catalog.



Calendar of Events

Library Center programs continued

Family History Research

Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m. in the auditorium. Basic research techniques will be reviewed along with an introduction to printed materials, microfilm and Internet resources at the Library.

Advanced COOLcat Searching

Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m. in the computer lab. Learn how to use COOLcat's advanced search tools to limit, save and export results in this 90-minute hands-on workshop. Registration starts May 3.

Springfield Garden Council Garden Show and Seminars

Friday, May 30, 1-8 p.m. and Saturday, May 31, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The Springfield Garden Council will exhibit various types of horticulture including houseplants, annuals, perennials, bulbs and floral designs. Hourly seminars on May 31 will cover everything from herbs and table arrangements to water gardens.



YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Ductigami

Saturday, March 1, 2 p.m. for grades 6-12. Materials will be provided so you can make cool crafts, like a CD holder or a wallet, out of duct tape.



Teen Night After Hours

Fridays, 9-10:30 p.m. for ages 12-16. The Library will be open for music, prizes, crafts, karaoke, games, free Internet access and a Discovery Center video conference. Participants may not leave before 10:30 p.m. unless a parent or guardian picks them up.

- March 7: Celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
- April 4: Celebrate Shakespeare's birthday and experience "human magnetic poetry."
- May 2: '70s Night. Break out your funkiest bell bottoms and grooviest beads.

Body Art

Saturday, April 26, 2 p.m. for grades 6-12. Materials will be provided to make temporary tattoos with henna, stencils and stamps. Registration starts March 31.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Storytimes

Registration starts February 24:

- Mondays, March 3-17
 - 10 a.m. for ages 1-2
- Tuesdays, March 4-18
 - 9:15 a.m. for age 1
 - 10 a.m. for age 2
 - 11 a.m. for age 3
 - 2 p.m. for ages 4-6
- Wednesdays, March 5-19
 - 9:15 a.m. for age 2
 - 10 a.m. for age 1
 - 11 a.m. for age 3
- Thursdays, March 6-13
 - 10 and 11 a.m. for ages 3-12 months

Registration starts March 24:

- Mondays, April 7-21
 - 10 a.m. for ages 1-2
- Tuesdays, April 8-22
 - 9:15 a.m. for age 1
 - 10 a.m. for age 2
 - 11 a.m. for age 3
 - 2 p.m. for ages 4-6
- Wednesdays, April 9-23
 - 9:15 a.m. for age 2
 - 10 a.m. for age 1
 - 11 a.m. for age 3
- Thursdays, April 3-10
 - 10 and 11 a.m. for ages 3-12 months

Friday Night Fun

Fridays, March 7, 21, April 11, 25, May 9 and 23, 7 p.m. in the story hour room. The whole family will enjoy this program filled with stories, songs and smiles.

Second Saturday Surprise

Saturdays, March 8, April 12, May 10, 11 a.m. in the story hour room.

Will there be a puppet show? A craft? Games? You never know, but no matter what, there will be great stories and lots of laughs.



The World of Beatrix Potter

Saturday, March 22, 2 p.m. in the story hour room for grades K-5. Find out about the fascinating life of the author of "Peter Rabbit" and meet some of the real live animal friends who inspired her stories. Registration starts March 10.

Blast from the Past

11 a.m. in the story hour room for grades K-6. Registration starts March 17.

- Tuesday, March 25: **Vikings.** Fierce and fascinating, Vikings stormed the shores of many lands.

■ Thursday, March 27: **Medieval Times.** Lords and ladies, knights, merchants and serfs will all be part of this medieval festival.

Poetry in Motion

Saturday, April 5, 11 a.m. in the story hour room. Listen to some of the funniest poems around—you will never think of poetry in the same way again!



Judy Moody Mania

Saturday, April 26, 2 p.m. in the story hour room for grades 2-4. Explore your moods with the high-spirited, funky Judy Moody. Make a collage and answer Judy Moody trivia questions based on the books by Megan McDonald.

Registration starts April 14.

Sleeping with Bedbugs and Other Great Adventures

Thursday, May 1, 4 p.m. in meeting room B for grades 5-8. Former professor and elementary school teacher Louise Jackson will give a program based on her recent book, "Gone to Texas: Adventure or Bust."

Angelina and Alice

Saturday, May 3, 2 p.m. in the story hour room for ages 3-8. Spend an afternoon of fun with Angelina the ballerina and her best friend, Alice. Performances by Sonshine Marionette and Tumbling Troup and Sports Acro Team. Registration starts April 21.

Song and Dance at the Library!

Wednesday, May 7, 10 a.m. in the story hour room for infants to age 6. Come to the library for music and dancing. Registration starts April 28.



Wild Animal Safari

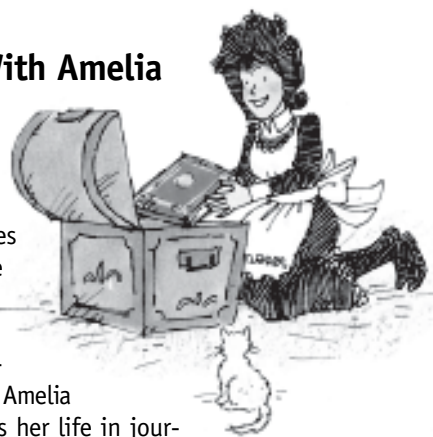
Tuesday, May 13, 10 a.m. in the story hour room ages 2-6. Come to a wild animal party where we will sing, dance and read about some of the wildest creatures of all. Registration starts May 5.

All About Fairies

Wednesday, May 21, 11 a.m. in the story hour room for ages 4-6. Find out if fairies are real, what they look like and where they live and make a fairy house to take home. Registration starts May 12.

Writing With Amelia

Saturday, May 24, 2 p.m. in the story hour room for grades 3-5. Spend the afternoon with the spunky, nine-year-old writer Amelia who chronicles her life in journals. Create your own secret notebook and engage in other Amelia-like activities based on the books by Marissa Moss. Registration starts May 12.



Midtown Carnegie Branch

397 East Central • Springfield, Missouri
For information or registration, call 874-8150.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Free Tax Help from VITA

Saturdays, March 1 and April 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. IRS-trained volunteers with the SMS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will provide help preparing and e-filing basic income tax returns at no charge for individuals of low-to-moderate income, those with disabilities, the non-English speaking and the elderly.

Genealogy on the Web from Home

Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m. in the Edge Community Technology Center. Learn how to research family history using Internet sites that can be accessed from home. Review using links, URLs and search engines to locate genealogical information online. Registration starts February 26.

Genealogy on the Web from the Library

Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. in the Edge Community Technology Center. AncestryPlus.com and Heritage Quest Online are available at library facilities for research. Learn how to navigate these sites and how to print, save and share information on your family. Registration starts February 26.

Dial-A-Story
874-8152

Bring Home Toys for Girls and Boys

The Library's Toy Bags contain educational play-things that help young children develop pre-reading and pre-writing skills. They're fun, too.

Browse through the Library's online catalog to see photos of each toy in the collection. Each Toy Bag can be checked out for three weeks. The collection is indexed under the subject heading "Toys" in COOLcat, the Library's online catalog.



Expecting? Or Know Someone Who Is?

Check out the Library's Baby Bags, for the latest information on pregnancy, childbirth and infant care. These bags contain all the must-reads for busy parents-to-be, and like Library books, can be checked out for three weeks.

Search "Baby Bags" as the subject or title in COOLcat, the Library's online Catalog.

Partially funded by Ferrell-Duncan Foundation Clinic.



Calendar of Events

Midtown Carnegie Branch programs continued

Springfield's Historic Past

Monday, May 5, 7 p.m. To kick off Historic Preservation Week, David Eslick will present a program on Springfield's history through photographs and postcard images.



Celebrating 100 years of Library service: Springfield's Midtown Carnegie Branch Library as depicted in this postcard circa 1908 from the archives of the Springfield-Greene County Library Local History and Genealogy Department.

Ozarks History on the Internet

Tuesday, May 13, 1 p.m. in the Edge Community Technology Center. Local History Librarian Michael Glenn will give a guided tour of full-text resources for local history research on the Library's Local History and Genealogy web page, with emphasis on materials created by the Library. Registration starts April 30.

ADULT/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Handmade: A Craft How-To Series



All materials will be provided.
 ■ Tuesday, March 4, 3 p.m. **Quilting:** Begin a basic quilt project with members of the Ozark Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Registration starts February 18.

■ Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. **Beading:** Learn the basic techniques for making beautiful beaded necklaces or bracelets. Registration starts March 3.

■ Thursday, April 17, 3 p.m. **Watercolor:** Learn basic watercolor painting techniques with Springfield artist Susan Baldwin. Registration starts April 7.

■ Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m. **Frame It:** Make a simple mat and frame for paintings, photographs or sketches. Registration starts April 14.

■ Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m. **Antique Jewelry:** Create replicas of actual antique jewelry featured in some of the world's great museums. Registration starts April 23.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

4th Annual Edible Book Festival



Tuesday, April 1, 3 p.m. for grades 7-12. Come to the Library armed with ideas about how to turn your favorite book title into an "edible book." Participants will be provided with food items to turn their ideas into mouth-watering culinary works of art. At 4 p.m. all of the books will be viewed and beverages will be provided for the book eating! Registration starts March 24.

Goofy Gardens

Thursday, May 15, 3 p.m. for ages 12-16. Learn to create your own goofy garden by decorating a planter and planting seeds. The fun begins when the plants sprout! Registration starts April 15.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Storytimes

Registration starts February 10:

- Mondays, March 3-17, 10 a.m. for age 2; 11 a.m. for ages 3-6.
- Tuesdays, March 4-18, 10 a.m. for age 1; 11 a.m. for ages 3-12 months.

Registration starts March 17:

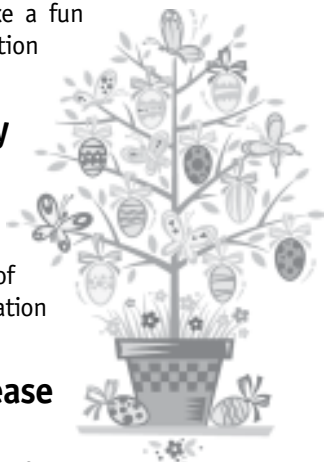
- Mondays, April 7-21, 10 a.m. for age 2; 11 a.m. for ages 3-6.
- Tuesdays, April 8-22, 10 a.m. for age 1; 11 a.m. for ages 3-12 months.

Springtime Crafts for Preschoolers

Monday, March 31, 10 a.m. for ages 2-6. Materials will be provided to make a fun springtime craft. Registration starts March 17.

EGGstraordinary Crafts

Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m. for grades K-6. Learn to make a variety of crafts using eggs. Registration starts March 31.



Mother May I, Please and Thank You

Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m. for pre-school-grade 6. Bring Mother to the Library to celebrate Mother's Day while learning about manners. Registration starts April 28.



Visit the bookmobile and note its newly refurbished interior.

Outreach/Bookmobile

4653 South Campbell • Springfield, Missouri
For information, call 874-8120, ext. 3.

BOOKMOBILE STOPS

MONDAYS

- **Strafford**, 2-6 p.m.
- **233 E. Norton Road**, 6:30-7 p.m.

There will be no Bookmobile service on Memorial Day, May 26.

TUESDAYS

- **South Tower**, 770 South, 2-2:25 p.m.
- **Madison Tower**, 421 W. Madison, 2:30-2:55 p.m.
- **Stillwell Columns**, 525 S. Campbell, 3-3:30 p.m.
- **1300 W. Loren**, 4-4:45 p.m.
- **John B. Hughes**, 2100 N. Clifton, 5-5:30 p.m.
- **Walnut Grove**, 6-7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

- **Glenwood Manor**, 2540 N. Delaware, 3:30-4 p.m.
- **811 N. Cedarbrook**, 4:15-4:45 p.m.
- **Wildan and Cinderella**, 5-5:30 p.m.
- **Turners Station**, 5:45-6:15 p.m.
- **Glenwood and Downing area**, on Holland, 6:45-7:15 p.m.

THURSDAYS

- **Bois D'Arc Elementary School**, 3:15-3:45 p.m.
- **Meadows**, Highway EE, 4-4:30 p.m.
- **Lulwood and Tarkio**, 5-5:45 p.m.
- **Springfield Farms Community**, 6-6:30 p.m.
- **Battlefield Community**, 5021 S. State Highway FF, 6:45-7:15 p.m.

WALKING BOOKS: For free delivery of Library materials to the homebound, call 874-8117.

Republic Branch Library

1264 U.S. Highway 60 East • Republic, Missouri
For information or registration, call 732-7284.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

■ **March 18: Like Water for Chocolate: A Novel in Monthly Installments with Recipes, Romances and Home Remedies** by Laura Esquivel. Set in turn-of-the-century Mexico, this poignant, funny story of love, life and food proves that all three are interdependent.

■ **April 15: A Thousand Acres** by Jane Smiley. Dark secrets surface after a property transfer and the family's careful world unravels with a grim inevitability.

■ **May 13: Bel Canto** by Ann Patchett. This novel tells the story of 58 international captives, their captors and the bonds they forged, a gentle reminder of the transcendence of beauty and love.



How to Choose the Perfect Family Dog

Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.
Joan Guertin, canine behavior consultant/trainer, will talk with families about the best way to choose the perfect family dog. Registration starts March 10.

Genealogy on the Web

Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m. Learn how to locate Internet sites for genealogical research and search for family histories using online databases and government records. Registration starts April 4.

Intro to COOLcat, the Library's Computer Catalog

Tuesday, April 29, 7 p.m. Learn to use COOLcat to look up library materials, place holds, make suggestions, view your library record, renew items and Ask a Librarian. Registration starts April 14.

Here's to Your Health!

Half the battle of maintaining good health is knowledge and information. Finding knowledgeable health resources doesn't have to be a fulltime job, if you know where to go.

Holly Peacock, librarian at St. John's Regional Health System's Community Health Library, and Library Center Librarian Mary Harrison will team up to give you an overview of health resources available in the libraries and in the community.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 24, in the auditorium at the Library Center.

What is Leo the Library Lion Reading?



Lemony Snicket: The Unauthorized Autobiography by Lemony Snicket. *E Snicket* (Ages 9 and older)

What is it with Lemony Snicket and how has he managed to burst onto the bestseller lists since the release of **The Bad Beginning** in 1999? This "Unauthorized Autobiography" takes a look at the fervor that surrounds him, covering everything from the reasons why his obituary was published in *The Daily Punctilio* (even though he is still very much alive) to the ever-pressing question of why he has dedicated his life to the Baudelaire orphans. The "Unauthorized Autobiography" is a lot of fun and takes the reader deeper into the satirical humor and mystery that surrounds both Snicket and the Baudelaire orphans.

Calendar of Events

Republic Branch programs continued

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Goofy Gardens

Thursday, March 13, 4 p.m. for ages 12-16. Create your own goofy garden by decorating a planter and planting seeds. The fun begins when the plants sprout! Registration starts March 6.

Teen Night After Hours:

Digital Night!

Friday, April 11, 6-8 p.m. for grades 7-12. The Library will be open after hours for a special night of teens-only activities with lots of digital and Internet fun. Participants may not leave before 8 p.m. unless a parent or guardian picks them up. Registration starts April 1.



Mosaic Madness

Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. for grades 7-12. We'll provide the materials and show you how to make a mosaic stepping stone for Mother's Day. Registration starts April 12.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Storytimes

Registration starts February 18:

- Tuesdays, March 4-25, 10 a.m. for ages 1-2.
- Wednesdays, March 5-26, 10 a.m. for ages 3-5.

Registration starts April 14:

- Tuesdays, May 6-20, 10 a.m. for ages 1-2.
- Wednesdays, May 7-21, 10 a.m. for ages 3-5.

Science for Preschoolers

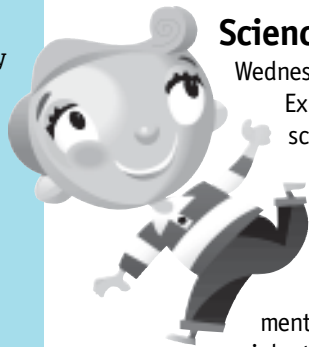
Wednesday, April 9, 10 a.m. for ages 3-5. Explore fun things and learn about science at work in the world. Registration starts March 26.

Art for Preschoolers

Wednesday, April 23, 10 a.m. for ages 3-5. Experiment with messy materials to make something beautiful. Registration starts March 26.

Mosaics For Mom

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. for grades 1-6. Materials will be provided to make a mosaic step-



ping stone for Mother's Day. Registration starts April 12.

POP! Learn Balloon Sculpture

Thursday, May 29, 4 p.m. for grades 4-8. Pop into the Library to learn the twists and turns of balloon sculpture. Registration starts May 12.



Willard Branch Library

East Shopping Center • Willard, Missouri
For information or registration, call 742-4258.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Second Annual Read-A-Thon



Saturday, March 1, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. for ages 1-12. The number of books and amount of time a child reads will be recorded and the Library will award prizes to the

top readers. It's an all-day event, so children can come and go as they please.

Storytimes

Registration starts February 25:

- Thursdays, March 6-13, 10:30 a.m. for ages 1-2, 11 a.m. for ages 3-6.

Registration starts March 17:

- Thursdays, March 27-April 10, 10:30 a.m. for ages 1-2, 11 a.m. for ages 3-6.

Registration starts April 21:

- Thursdays, May 1-8, 10:30 a.m. for ages 1-2, 11 a.m. for ages 3-6.

Bedtime Stories

Thursday, April 24, 6 p.m. for ages 2-10. Wear your pajamas for bedtime stories, lullabies and a snack. Registration starts April 14.

Inquiring mind?

Ask a Librarian.

If you seek, we will find.

**FOR PATRONS IN A HURRY:
EXPRESS CHECKOUT***

Express Checkout at the Library Center is a timesaver for patrons who walk in, find what they need and want to walk out—in a hurry. The machine checks out books, videos, CDs, DVDs, audio books and cassettes. Need help with Express Checkout? Ask a librarian.



Proposition L in Action* THANK YOU, GREENE COUNTY VOTERS! In 2002, you approved an increase in the Library's operating tax levy. Express Checkout Machines are part of the "more technology" component promised to voters. New expanded hours of operations have been in place since last July and new books and media materials continue to be placed on the shelves. And the fourth campaign promise, a new destination library, opens this July.

Two New Products Help You Search Your Family Tree

The Library has two new online products to make searching for your family's roots and researching historical documents easier.

HeritageQuest gives you access to more than 25,000 histories of individuals, families, towns, counties and villages. It contains the U.S. Federal Census records from 1790-1930, obituaries from 150 newspapers across the country and military and bank records, all valuable resources for making positive identification of your relatives.

Ancestry.com includes indexes to Civil War and other military records, immigration records, birth, marriage and death certificates and notices, lineage charts and other documents.

Access these products from the Library's web page by going to *thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org* and clicking on InfoLink.

HEY KIDS!

ENTER OUR 4TH ANNUAL DESIGN-a-BOOKMARK CONTEST

The three first-place winners will be printed on full-color bookmarks to be distributed at the libraries and at community events throughout the year!

All entries will be posted on the Library's web site!

To enter, pick up an entry form at any Springfield-Greene County Library or bookmobile. Deadline for entries: March 15.

Three winners and three runners-up will be selected in each category: Grades K-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

Winners will be announced at a reception to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, during National Library Week at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library.

Questions? Call 874-8120, ext. 216.

ON Display *Art, Crafts & Collectibles*

Ash Grove Branch Library

- **Juvenile Arthritis Month**, March
- **Horse-n-Around**, Rachell Beetler, April
- **Nine Lives: Cats**, Carley Blevins, May

Brentwood Branch Library

- **Like the Impressionists**, Palette Pals, March-April
- **Chickens**, Judi Davis, March
- **Legos**, Joshua Leger, March
- **YU-GI-OH Cards**, Michael Compton, April
- **Horse-n-Around**, Rachell Beetler, April
- **Ladybugs**, Marion DeLong, April
- **Fossils**, Mel Noll, May
- **World of Tarot**, Lisa Eagle Feather, May
- **Ground Zero Photographs**, Bill Higginbotham, May

Kearney Branch Library

- **Scooby Doo Collection**, Samuel Paasch, March
- **Buttons**, Patricia Gammon, April
- **Toy Collection**, Glen Hood, May

The Library Center

- **Paintings**, Linda Telthorst, March
- **Painted Silks and Ceramics**, March
- **Paintings on Rock and Wood**, Jim Hughes, April
- **Paintings**, Sis Engler, May
- **Celebrating 50 Years: Springfield Garden Council**, May

Midtown Carnegie Branch Library

- **Photographs**, Beatrice Wilson, March
- **Kids Get Arthritis Too**, March
- **Watercolors**, Lois Reeves, April
- **Miniatures**, Sho-Mi Mini Club, April
- **Historic Preservation: Springfield and Greene County**, Springfield Landmarks Board, Greene County Historic Sites Board and Preservation Springfield, May

Republic Branch Library

- **Motorcycle Collectibles**, Mike Geren, March
- **Southwestern Collectibles**, Kathy Daniel, April
- **Cowboy Collectibles**, Southwest Antiques, May

Willard Branch Library

- **Hens on a Nest**, Peggy Wills, March
- **Guatemala Memories**, Laura Benham, April
- **Cows on Parade**, Kandie Jones, May



Historic Locust Prairie School is one of nine rural one-room schoolhouses on the Greene County Historical Sites Register. The school was organized December 3, 1853, and the current building was constructed at the turn of the century. In 1853 its first teacher received an annual pay of \$22.78. The building is now used as a community center.

Historic Phenix Marble Quarry was a producer of high-quality finished building stone between 1888 and the mid-1930s. The employing firm built a company town, Phenix, which had cultural and social amenities little known in other rural areas of the county at the time: a library, orchestra, movies and organized social programs. The quarry is now used for crushed stone, but the town itself has disappeared.



See **Historic Preservation: Springfield and Greene County**, an exhibit co-produced by the Springfield Landmarks Board, Greene County Historic Sites Board and Preservation Springfield, during May at the Midtown Carnegie Branch. To kick off Historic Preservation Week, David Eslick will present the program **Springfield's Historic Past** on Monday, May 5, 7 p.m. at the Midtown Carnegie Branch.