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Youth & Teen Programs from the Springfield Library For the March 30-April 4, 2015

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

The Springfield Library Presents Lyrical Fun for Kids and Teens

CHILDREN'S POETRY CELEBRATION!

April is National Poetry Month and we are celebrating with a special, month-long event here at Springfield Public Library. Children from ages 2-14 are invited to create their very own poems (pick up an entry form at the children's desk) and display them in the children's area on our special "poetry trees". We will proudly display all entries! We are awarding lots of prizes for our favorites (such as "Best Toddler Poem", "Best Booger Poem" and more!) and will be sharing the poems on social media all month. Poems may be submitted between March 30 and April 25, 2015.

What: Children's Poetry Celebration!

When: Submit poems between Monday, March 30 and Saturday, April 25, 2015 and view the growing display. Complete display with awards viewable from April 27 – May 2, 2015.

Where: Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: wheremindsgrow.org/programskids.html, or contact Taylor Worley at (541) 726-3766

2015 POETRY WRITING CONTEST FOR TEENS

Teens are invited to "Think Outside the Box" and submit a poem to the Springfield Public Library Teen Poetry Contest.

Teens, grades 7-12, help us celebrate National Poetry Month in April with a Teen Poetry Contest.

Think Outside the Box and write a poem on any topic and in any format. Just keep it clean and non-perishable. While entries are not restricted to a print format, the text of the poem should not surpass 40 lines. All entries must be submitted to the Springfield Public Library before 5pm on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

THERE WILL BE TWO DIVISIONS: 1) Grades 7-9th; 2) Grades 10-12th. One first prize and two honorable mentions will be awarded in each division.

For the complete rules and the official entry form visit the library or go to the Springfield Public Library website teen page wheremindsgrow.org/teens.html.

Winning poems will be displayed in the library and on the library's website.

What: Springfield Public Library's 2015 Teen Poetry Contest

When: Deadline for submissions is Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 5pm

Where: Enter at the Springfield Public Library; rules and submission forms are available online at wheremindsgrow.org/teens.html

Additional Information: Contact LuCinda Gustavson, 541-726-2287

Teen Poetry Writing Workshop Springfield Public Library

Teens, write poetry for fun and money. Scott Crowley will teach you how to write winning poems in preparation for the library's Teen Poetry Contest in April. Learn about different forms of poetry and how to write them. Join us at the Springfield Library at 4:30pm on Monday, March 30, 2015 to learn all about it. The event is free and intended for teens.

The Library offers a weekly gathering for teens and/or tweens every Monday at 4:30pm.

What: Teen Poetry Writing Workshop

When: Monday, March 30, 2015 4:30-5:30pm

Where: The Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: Contact LuCinda Gustavson at 541.726.2287

INTRODUCING THE SPRINGFIELD READING PATROL

We invited preschoolers and gradeschoolers to join us on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 4pm in the Springfield Public Library Window Corner for some special stories read to you by Officer Jared Quinones of the Springfield Police Department! Officer Quinones will be providing a storytime each month on the last Tuesday after school. Experience some of your favorite picture books with this very special storyteller.

What: Springfield Reading Patrol

When: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 4pm

Where: Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: wheremindsgrow.org/programskids.html, or contact Taylor Worley at (541) 726-3766

PRESCHOOL FUN WITH ART & SCIENCE AT THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

“April showers bring May flowers” and also make rainbows. Learn about the science of light and color through fun stories, songs and hands-on activities. Join us on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 10:30am in the Springfield Library Meeting Room. Children should come dressed for messy craft projects and be accompanied by a caregiver. The program is free. All supplies will be provided by the library. It is for children ages 3-6.

What: Preschool Fun with Art & Science

When: Thursday, April 2, 2015, 10:30-11:15am

Where: Library Meeting Room, Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: wheremindsgrow.org/programskids.html, or contact LuCinda Gustavson at (541) 726-2287

MAKE & TAKE ART @ THE LIBRARY

Join us on Friday, April 3, 2015 from 2-3pm in the Library Meeting Room to create a fantastic project inspired by Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros. This is a great program for all ages, preschoolers (with an adult’s help, of course) all the way through middle school. No registration is required.

What: Make & Take @ the Library

When: Friday, April 3, 2015 from 2-3pm

Where: Springfield Library Meeting Room

Additional Information: wheremindsgrow.org/programskids.html, or contact Taylor Worley at (541) 726-3766

READ IT! A PARENT & TWEEN BOOK CLUB AT THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Connect with your tween through reading and books.

Parents, connect with your 4th through 6th grader at our Read It! Parent/Tween Book Club. We will be meeting Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 2:30pm. in the Library Conference Room. This month’s book is *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt. The Tuck family, doomed or blessed with immortality, wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can. When ten-year-old Winnie Foster stumbles on their secret, the Tucks take her home and try to explain why living

forever is less a blessing than it might seem. Pick up a free copy of the book at the library. Read the book together at home and join us for the discussion. It's fun, it's free and everyone gets a copy of next month's book to take home!

What: Read It! A Parent/Tween Book Club

When: Saturday, April 4, 2015 2:30-3:30pm

Where: Library Meeting Room, Springfield Public Library

Who: 4th-6th graders with an adult

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