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Reminder of Springfield Library's Month-Long Poetry Celebrations!

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 nonperishable. 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

Youth & Teen Programs from the Springfield Library For April 27-May 2, 2015

Poet Tree at Springfield Public Library

We're thinking outside of the book and taking poetry to the people. Meet us on the fountain plaza to fill the trees with ribbons & rhyme by creating poetry banners, flags and mobiles. All materials will be provided. Join us at 4:30pm on Monday, April 27, 2015. The event is free and intended for tweens, teens and adults.

The Library offers a weekly gathering for tweens and/or teens every Monday at 4:30. Join us to hang out, enjoy a snack, learn new skills and have fun.

What: Poetry Tree at Springfield Public Library

When: Monday, April 27, 2015, 4:30-5:30pm

Where: The Springfield Public Library in the Fountain Plaza

Additional Information: Contact LuCinda Gustavson at 541.726.2287

Join the Springfield Reading Patrol!

We invite preschoolers and gradeschoolers to join us on Tuesday, April 28, 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 with Officer Quinones

When: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 4pm

Where: Springfield Public Library

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

BUG OUT with the Science Factory at SPL

Creepy, crawly, slimy, COOL!

Join us Friday, May 1, 2015 at 2pm in the Library Meeting Room for a super fun, hands on experience with the Science Factory! Today's theme is BUGS and boy, are you in for a treat. All ages are welcome, but remember that children under age nine need an adult with them during this program. Our Science Factory Program should last about one hour. See you then!

What: Science Factory Presents: BUGS!

When: Friday, May 1, 2015 at 2pm

Where: Library Meeting Room

Additional Information: Contact Taylor Worley, (541) 726.2243 or tworley@springfield-or.gov

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, May 2, 2015 at 2:30pm in the Library Conference Room. This month's book is *Young Fredle* by Cynthia Voigt. Fredle is an earnest young mouse suddenly cast out of his cozy home behind the kitchen cabinets—into the outside. It's a new world of color and texture and grass and sky. But with all that adventure comes danger and a new way of seeing the world. Pick up a free copy of the book at the library. Read the book together at home and join us for the discussion.

What: Read It! A Parent/Tween Book Club

When: Saturday, May 2, 2014 2:30-3:30pm

Where: Library Meeting Room, Springfield Public Library

Who: 4th-6th graders with an adult

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