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~ Media Advisory ~

Springfield Public Library's SPRING BREAK @ the LIBRARY is "Art in Nature"

A week of amazing science and art programming for children with incentives and prizes!

The Springfield Public Library will offer STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) programming the week of March 23-27, 2015. Our Spring Break "Art in Nature" program supports the library's goal of enhancing STEAM education for our local students through fun and creative activities.

Schedule of Events:

Monday, March 23rd

10:30am-12:00pm – Science on Demand presents "Science & Art in Nature"

1:00-2:00pm – Marianne Walker presents an "Eric Carle Mural Workshop"

Tuesday, March 24th

10:30am-12:00pm – Science on Demand presents "When Nature Goes Crazy!"

1:00-2:00pm – The Library presents "Ephemeral Art for Kids"

Wednesday, March 25th

10:30am-12:00pm – Science on Demand presents "Nature's Weird Needs"

1:00-2:00pm – Special program by the Oregon Coast Aquarium!

Thursday, March 26th

10:30am-12:00pm – Science on Demand presents "Nature before Facebook & Twitter"

1:00-2:00pm – The Museum of Natural & Cultural History presents "Patterns in Nature"

Friday, March 27th

10:30am-12:00pm – Science on Demand presents "Nature's Believe It or Not"

1:00-2:00pm – The Library presents “Snap Circuits & Lego CHALLENGE!”

Registration is recommended for morning programs to ensure seating. Registration is not available for afternoon activities and seating is first come first serve. Register by calling 541-726-3766.

All children who participate in at least one morning program will receive a free book. Additionally, each child who participates in an afternoon program will also receive a free book! (That’s up to two books per child.)

Each time a child participates in a program, reads for 15 minutes in the library, or visits the library, they earn raffle tickets towards the week’s grand prizes which include books, art kits, and a prize basket worth over \$50.00.

Generous donations from the Springfield Utility Board and the Springfield Arts Commission make Springfield Public Library’s “Art in Nature” Spring Break Program possible.

What: Spring Break at SPL: “Art in Nature”

When: March 23-27, 2015; varying times & activities

Where: Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: wheremindsgrow.org/programskids.html, or contact Taylor Worley at 541-726-2243. Call the library at 541-726-3766 to preregister.

ADDITIONAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Teen Maker Space at the Springfield Public Library *Life Size Games*

Games are fun. Big games are more fun. We will be using the Raspberry Pi computers and MaKey MaKey boards to build life size games that beep, flash and sing. Come be part of the creative process. It’s free and all supplies will be provided. Best for teens ages 12 and up. Snacks will be served.

The Library offers a monthly Maker Space program to give teens the opportunity to learn, play and be inspired by technology in a creative environment.

What: Teen Maker Space, monthly program

When: Monday, March 23rd, 4:30-5:30 pm

Where: The Springfield Public Library

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

SENSORY STORYTIME @ SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us for a fun and interactive storytime specially designed for young children with special needs and their friends and family!

On Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 10:30am, come to the Springfield Public Library for our monthly "Sensory Storytime" with Debby Laimon. This is a fun and interactive storytime specially designed for young children with special needs and their families. Through a combination of movement, songs, books, games, and poems, children with special needs participate in the joy of literacy activities in a community setting. "Sensory Storytime" follows a predictable schedule and incorporates a variety of sitting and standing activities. In addition, sensory activities are integrated throughout the storytime, such as bubbles and musical instruments. Finally, interaction with materials is encouraged through the use of felt stories, lift-the-flap books, and interactive touch books.

What: Sensory Storytime

When: Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 10:30am

Where: Springfield Library Children's Area

Additional Information: For more information see wheremindsgrow.org/kids.html, or contact Emily David at (541) 726-2235.

Baby & Me Playtime

A brand-new program for babies and their caregivers!

We are happy to present our brand new program for babies and their parents or caregivers: Baby & Me Playtime! From 10am-12pm on Friday, March 27, 2015, the Children's Window Corner will be transformed into a baby-friendly play area complete with board books, toys, instruments, and other manipulatives. This is a great time to get out of the house, socialize baby, and meet some other great parents! We encourage you to drop by for ten minutes or stay for the whole two hours, whichever is best for you and baby. This program is geared towards our youngest patrons, but we encourage older brothers and sisters to play along. We'll see you soon!

What: Baby & Me Playtime

When: Friday, March 27, 2015 from 10am-12pm

Where: Children's Window Corner, Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: wheremindsgrow.org/kids.html, or contact Taylor Worley at tworley@springfield-or.gov or 541.726.2243.

SPANISH LANGUAGE STORYTIME AT THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY

Families are invited for a Saturday Cuentos storytime.

Join us on Saturday, March 28 at 11:00am for interactive bilingual stories, songs and a craft. We will be reading *cuentos de monstrous* or fun (not scary) monster stories! See our event calendars for more details. Families of all ages are welcome!

What: Cuentos / Bilingual Story time in Spanish

When: Saturday, March 28, 11:00 am

Where: The Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: Contact Kristen Curé at (541) 726-2232

Cuentos de Favoritos en Español en La Biblioteca de Springfield

Se invite las familias a los Cuentos Sabatinos en Español.

Acompáñenos el sábado, 28 de marzo, a las 11:00am para cuentos bilingües, canciones y manualidades. Vamos a leer algunos de nuestros cuentos divertidos de monstruos. Lea nuestro calendario de eventos para más información. ¡Se invita a las familias con niños de todas las edades!

Que: Cuentos Sabatinos Bilingües en Español

Cuando: Sábado, 28 de marzo, 11:00 am

Donde: La Biblioteca Pública de Springfield

Para más información se puede comunicarse con Kristen Curé al (541) 726-2232