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Minecraft Boot Camp *at Springfield Public Library*

Use our new Raspberry Pi 2.0 computers to learn how to write computer code in Python and create your own Minecraft elements. This is an intensive three day coding class appropriate for ages 14 and up. It will be held during Springfield School District's Fall Break for secondary students on November 5th, 6th and 7th from noon to 2:00 pm. Space is limited, so advance registration is suggested.

What: Minecraft Boot Camp

When: Thursday, November 5th, Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th from noon to 2:00

Where: The Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: Contact LuCinda Gustavson at 541.726.2287

AZTEC FLUTE WORKSHOP at the SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY

Youth and adults are invited to make and decorate clay Aztec flutes in the shape of skulls

The Springfield Public Library will hold a workshop for youth and adults to sculpt and decorate clay Aztec flutes in the shape of skulls, with local artist Samuel Becerra. Becerra (south in the north project), a local artist, musician and sculptor, offers this workshop in celebration of the Mexican Day of the Dead and pre-Columbian art. The making of clay skulls and clay flutes in the shape of skulls is part of an Aztec cultural tradition dating back to the 14th century. Join us on Tuesday, November 3 at 4:30 to make yours. **The event is free for ages 10 to adult and all materials are supplied.** Preregister to reserve a spot at the library or call 541-726-3766. Walk-ins will be accepted as space allows.

What: Aztec Flute Workshop

When: Tuesday, November 3, 4:30 p.m.

Where: The Springfield Public Library

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

Taller de Flautas Aztecas en La Biblioteca de Springfield

Jóvenes y adultos están invitadas a crear y decorar flautas aztecas de barro en la forma de calaveras

La Biblioteca Pública de Springfield ofrece un taller de dos días en que jóvenes y adultos pueden esculpir y decorar flautas aztecas de barro en la forma de calaveras con el artista Samuel Becerra. Becerra (south in the north project), artista, músico y escultor ofrece este taller para celebrar el día de los muertos mediante el arte precolombino. Jóvenes van a hacer una flauta de barro única en forma de calavera y a la misma vez aprender de esta tradición mexicana que remonta a los años 1300 de la cultura azteca. **El evento es gratis para las edades 10 años a adulto y todos los materiales están provistos.** Puede registrarse en la biblioteca o a llamar 541-726-3766.

Qué: Taller de Flautas Aztecas de dos días

Cuándo: Martes, 3 de noviembre, 4:30 pm

Dónde: La Biblioteca Pública de Springfield

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

PRESCHOOL FUN WITH ART & SCIENCE at Springfield Public Library

Weaving

In and out, up and down, back and forth. Let's learn about the art of weaving with fun books, songs and an art activity. Join us on Thursday, November 5th at 10:30 a.m. in the 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. This program is intended for children ages 3-6.

What: Preschool Fun with Art & Science

When: Thursday, November 5, 2015, 10:30-11:15 am

Where: Library Meeting Room, Springfield Public Library

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

NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH PROGRAMS

The Springfield Library will host programs to support NaNoWriMo

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) and it is your time to write your novel! NaNoWriMo is a month-long event that encourages kids and adults to tackle the challenge of writing a novel in November. Participants pledge to write 50,000 words in a month, starting from scratch and finishing by November 30. In 2014, over 325,000 participants wrote novels.

This fall, the Springfield Library will be one of several hundred libraries, bookstores, and community centers opening their doors to novelists as part of the *Come Write In* program. In addition, Springfield Library will be hosting programs to support the efforts of fledgling authors.

What is NaNoWriMo?

Informal Q & A session

Tuesday, October 20 from 7:00-8:00pm

Library Meeting Room

What does the month-long NaNoWriMo event entail? What can I expect? How can I participate and have a good time? Get all of your NaNoWriMo questions answered at this informal question and answer session facilitated by Liz Pratt, NaNoWriMo Municipal Liaison for Eugene/Lane County. Free and open to the public.

Weekly Write-In Workshops

Every Saturday in November

November 7, November 14, November 21, and November 28, 2015 from 1:00-3:00pm

Library Conference Room

Co-hosted by Wordcrafters in Eugene, the write-in is a gathering of writers and NaNoWriMo participants who are working on current creative writing projects. There may be timed writings to keep focused and brief discussions to resolve issues with characters, settings, or plots. Participants should bring writing materials and a current writing project. Free and open to the public.

More about National Novel Writing Month can be found here: <http://nanowrimo.org/>

More about Wordcrafters:

Wordcrafters provides writers and readers opportunities to strengthen their craft, deepen their connection with literature, and share their knowledge with each other and with future generations. Wordcrafters offers an annual writing conference, year-round writing classes and retreats, young writers camps and workshops, and Writers in the Schools. Check out <http://wordcraftersineugene.org/> for more information.

What: NaNoWriMo programs at the Springfield Library

When: NaNoWriMo Informal Q & A Session Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 7:00-8:00pm; Weekly Write-In Workshops, Saturdays, Nov. 7, Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Nov. 28, 2015 from 1:00-3:00pm

Where: Q & A Session in the Library Meeting Room; Weekly Write-In Workshops in the Library Conference Room located at 225 5th St. Springfield, OR 97477

Additional Information: Contact Thea Evenstad, tevenstad@springfield-or.gov or 541-726-2238

SPANISH LANGUAGE STORYTIME AT THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY

Families are invited for a Saturday Cuentos storytime.

Join us on Saturday, November 7 at 11:00am for interactive bilingual stories, songs and a craft. We will be reading *cuentos de la música* or, Musical Stories! See our event calendars for more details. Families of all ages are welcome!

What: Cuentos / Bilingual Storytime in Spanish

When: Saturday, November 7, 11:00 am

Where: The Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: <http://wheremindsgrow.org/programskids.html> or Contact Kristen Curé at (541) 726-2232

Cuentos Sabatinos Bilingües en Español en La Biblioteca de Springfield

Se invite las familias a los Cuentos Sabatinos en Español.

Acompáñenos el sábado, 7 de noviembre, a las 11:00am para cuentos bilingües, canciones y manualidades. Vamos a leer cuentos de la música. 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, 7 de noviembre, 11:00 am

Donde: La Biblioteca Pública de Springfield

Para más información: <http://wheremindsgrow.org/latina.html> o se puede comunicarse con Kristen Curé al (541) 726-2232

Curious Kids Storytime

GO WILD!

Families are invited to join us on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30pm in the Children's Area of the Springfield Public Library for our Monday night storytime, Curious Kids. This week we are exploring the wild, wild world around us. We feature stories about a wild child, wild weeds, and wild animals. This storytime is ideal for preschoolers and young elementary school students, but everyone is most welcome.

What: Curious Kids Storytime: GO WILD!

When: Monday, November 2nd, 2015 at 6:30pm

Where: Children's Area, Springfield Public Library

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