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**“SONGS OF THE SEA” and “TEARS OF JOY PUPPET
THEATER”
COMING TO SPRINGFIELD**

MUSES: Present sea shanties and traditional Celtic music

Springfield Public Library continues their Author and Music Series with special guests, *The Muses* presenting “Songs of the Sea” on **Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m.** Share in an evening of sea shanties and sea lore. The set focuses primarily on the lives of sailors aboard the whaling and shipping vessels, but also drifts into the realms of legend and love.

The Muses add new life to old songs as well as adding original material to the Celtic repertoire. Tanya Brody and Matthew Gurnsey play a plethora of exotic instruments ranging from bodhran and concertina to harp and hammered dulcimer, psaltery and pennywhistles, to name just a few. Since the moment they chose to blend their voices in song, they began captivating the hearts of every audience from Hawaii to Maine, Vancouver to Florida, at concerts and main-stages at Scottish Games and Celtic Festivals. *The Muses* perform with a ferocity and a strength of heart that embodies the music they love so dearly.

Seeking the return of traditional Celtic folk songs (and a stage overflowing with instruments and vibrancy), *The Muses* breathe new life into a music that will never die.

The Springfield Library Foundation is the generous sponsor for the “Author and Music Series.” Admission is free. Takes place in the Library Meeting Room.

What: The Muses’ “Songs of the Sea” concert at Springfield Public Library

When: Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm

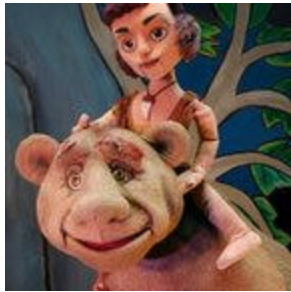
Where: Springfield Public Library, Library meeting room

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TEARS OF JOY PRESENTS “The Jungle Book”

Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre will present, “The Jungle Book,” during spring break. The performances will be **Thursday, March 26, at 1:00** and again at **3:00**. Explore the Indian jungle with Mowgli as he searches for his family. Does he belong with the monkeys, the wolves, or the people? The audience will participate as members of the wolf pack as this powerful play unfolds.

Portland-based Tears of Joy Puppet Theater will be here as part of the Springfield Library’s on-going Puppet Festival. Festival events are free and are for all ages. The puppet shows will be performed at the Wildish Theater, 630 Main St. The shows are sponsored by Pacific Continental Bank and are produced by the Springfield Public Library.



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When: March 26, at 1:00 and again at 3:00

Where : Wildish Theater, 630 Main St.

Additional Information: Contact Barbara Thompson, 726.3766