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May 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spokane, Washington – All Spokane Public Library programs are free of charge and disabled access is available.

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Daniel Bennett Group Jazz Concert – 3 p.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. The Manhattan-based Daniel Bennett Group was nominated "Best Jazz Group" in the Hot House Magazine NYC Jazz Contest. The sound is modern jazz, fused with American folk, world music, and experimental classical music. The band has released six critically-acclaimed albums and Daniel Bennett is also very active in the New York City musical theater scene.

Monday, May 2, 2016

Fascinating Japanese Culture – 6 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Mukogawa students will present and discuss 12 different aspects of Japanese culture as compared with American culture. Come find out about this very modern ancient country. Explore a new culture and learn about your own! Great for all ages.

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Poetry Reading with Tim Greenup and Ellen Welcker – 6 p.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. Scablands Lit and the Spokane Public Library present a reading with two local poets, Tim Greenup and Ellen Welcker, to celebrate their forthcoming poetry collections from fledgling local publisher Scablands Books. Come celebrate local literature with us and hear these wonderful poets read on the second floor of the Downtown Library!

Education Savings Strategies – 6:30 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Many experts believe the best college funding strategy is a consistent investment strategy. Come learn the five essential steps a family should take to prepare for a child's college education. Plus, learn the various types of college savings plans as well as the tax and investment options unique to each. *Refreshments provided

Gardening Through the Seasons: Spring – 6:30 p.m. – Hillyard Library, 4005 N. Cook. What should you be doing in the garden this spring? Join Master Gardener Kurt Madison to get your questions answered.

Organic Vegetable Gardening – 6:30 p.m. – Indian Trail Library, 4909 W. Barnes. Learn the ins and outs of organic vegetable gardening with Master Gardener Marilyn Lloyd.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

May the Fourth Be With You! – All Day – All Branches. Help us celebrate Star Wars Day by dropping in and making a cool R2D2 or BB8 craft. All materials provided.

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Tech Skills Tutors – 11 a.m. – Hillyard Library, 4005 N. Cook. Need a little one-on-one help with computer basics, Microsoft Word, using the Internet, or email? If these times aren't convenient, call your branch and ask to "Book a Librarian" at a time that works for you. Registration highly recommended.

Friday, May 6, 2016

21st Century Library Community Conversations – 11 a.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. In 2015, Spokane Public Library began a system-wide study in order to coordinate services, facilities, and resources with emerging community needs. Join us as we discuss our 21st century library.

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Make a Mother's Day Card – All Day – All Branches. Drop in anytime today to make a Mother's Day card!

May Day Origami – 11 a.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. April showers bring May origami flowers! Join us to create beautiful paper flowers.

How Many World War II Aircraft are Left and Where Can I See Them? – 2 p.m. – Hillyard Library, 4005 N. Cook. A slide presentation by aviation author and airshow photojournalist Dennis Bergstrom.

May Day Origami – 11 a.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. April showers bring May origami flowers! Join us to create beautiful paper flowers.

Monday, May 9, 2016

Basic Beginnings in Genealogy – 6:30 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Who, in American history, are YOU related to? Why did your ancestors come to America? Join Donna Potter Phillips, President of the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, who will show you how to find those answers!

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

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How Many Planets in Our Solar System? A Tour of the "New" Solar System – 6:30 p.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. We were taught there were 9 planets in our solar system but now there are... 8? 13? Astronomy educator Dan Bakken will share the "New" Solar System with us, including discoveries from the recent fly-by of Pluto by the New Horizons NASA probe. For ages 10 and up.

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Lunchtime Book Group: Let the Great World Spin – 12 p.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. An informal, brown-bag lunch and book discussion. This month we are discussing *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann. In the Downtown Library, Meeting Room 1B.

Connected Learning: eBook Self-Publishing – 1:30 p.m. – East Side Library, 524 S. Stone. The world of self-publishing is rapidly changing and the options can be overwhelming. In this session we will go over a few basic tips and present what some of the best options out there for creating an e-book. Registration highly recommended.

Tween Craft Club: Minecraft Papercraft – 4 p.m. – Indian Trail Library, 4909 W. Barnes. Join us to build Minecraft papercrafts! For 5th-8th graders.

Knights and Princesses: A Fun Family Learning Event – 4 p.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. Come hear stories about knights and princesses from members of the Spokane Renaissance Faire. We'll also learn about Renaissance life hands-on! Young children should be accompanied by a caregiver. For ages 5 and up.

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Thursday, May 12, 2016

Introduction to Podcasting – 3 p.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. Learn how to create and manage a podcast!

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Eggcellent EggBot Adventure – 4 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Drop in for this afterschool workshop to learn to use our EggBot art robot and Inkscape software. We will be creating designs on ping pong balls. Space limited to first come first served. For kids in grades four on up. Funding provided by the Washington State Library and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Retirement Income Strategies – 10:30 a.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. This class will assist retirees or those close to retirement with developing a personal retirement income strategy designed to last a lifetime. Retirees will learn which income sources are best designed to cover multiple risks. Tim Devlin is a Senior Advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors in Spokane specializing in retirement income.

Container Vegetable Gardening – 10:30 a.m. – East Side Library, 524 S. Stone. There are a number of easy vegetables that can be grown in simple containers. Urban gardening is the key to fresh vegetables for anyone. Come learn how with Master Gardener Marilyn Lloyd!

Hillyard Library Crafternoon – 2 p.m. – Hillyard Library, 4005 N. Cook. We're opening our meeting room to crafters to enjoy each other's company as we work! Bring your project and your conversation, and we'll offer light refreshments. We'll also have adult coloring pages and a simple craft available for those who don't bring a project. This month: scratch art CDs!

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Ojos de Dios – 3 p.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. Create these traditional decorations from Mexico using yarn, fabric, mixed media and natural materials.

The following is our schedule of weekly programs.

Sundays:

Game Day! –Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. Come in anytime during open library hours on Sunday (1-5 p.m.) for Game Day. We will have an assortment of board games available for use in the library.

Mondays:

Digital Skills Assistance – 11 a.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. Do you need help learning to use an electronic device? Would you like to learn how to use a 3D printer? Or, do you need to update and modernize your resume and online presence? If so, we are here to help! Just stop by our Media Lab and we will help you!

Tuesdays:

Toddler Storytime – 10 a.m. – Hillyard Library, 4005 N. Cook. Ages 18 mo. to 3 yrs.
Toddler Storytime – 10 a.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. Ages 18 mo. to 3 yrs.
Preschool Storytime – 10:30 a.m. – Hillyard Library, 4005 N. Cook. Ages 3 to 5.
Preschool Play & Learn – 10:30 a.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. Ages 3 to 5.
Build! – 3 p.m. – Indian Trail Library. Each week we'll put out simple and complex building toys so children of all ages can participate. Come exercise your imagination and engineering abilities at the library.

Wednesdays:

Toddler Storytime – 10 a.m. – East Side Library, 524 S. Stone. Ages 18 mo. to 3 yrs.
Toddler Storytime – 10 a.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. Ages 18 mo. to 3 yrs.
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Thursdays:

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Toddler Storytime – 10 a.m. – Indian Trail Library, 4909 W. Barnes. Ages 18 mo. to 3 yrs.
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Fridays:

Family Storytime – 10 a.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Storytime for the whole family!

About Spokane Public Library

Spokane Public Library delivers high quality education for all – opportunities to read, to learn, and discover the world. In accomplishing our mission, we keep in mind certain values that contribute to creating an open and welcoming place where all people can use the services of the library freely.

For general information about the library, please go to our website at www.SpokaneLibrary.org or call us at 509-444-5300.

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