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MAY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Messy Science! A Homeschool Event – 10:30 a.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. Wear your old clothes and prepare to do messy science at the library! We'll do some hands on science activities together, some of them outside if weather permits. For homeschooling children in K-6th grade. Young children should be accompanied by a caregiver.

The Floating World: Japanese Woodblock Prints – 2 p.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. In this informal lecture and discussion, discover the history and culture of a unique art form that emerged in Japan in the 17th-19th centuries: ukiyo-e, translated as "pictures of the floating world". Peruse a collection of authentic prints and reproductions, and get a detailed look at the process behind these influential works of art. This is one of many programs celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Slime Science – 4 p.m. – Hillyard Library, 4005 N. Cook. We'll learn about the role of slime in nature, and explore several recipes for slime! For children in grades K-6. Young children should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Beyond Jam – 6:30 p.m. – East Side Library, 524 S. Stone. Learn how to use fruits in a unique and tasty way. Flavors burst and blend together: fruit, nuts, and other additions add dimension. Conserves, marmalade, and compotes using fruit will be featured.

Indian Trail Yarn Circle – 6:30 p.m. – Indian Trail Library, 4909 W. Barnes. Bring your crochet and knitting projects and enjoy a little conversation and coffee. Alison, our resident crocheter, will host.

Riot Night 2007: Russia, Estonia, and the Bronze Soldier of Tallinn – 6:30 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. On April 26, 2007, a massive riot broke out in the Estonian capital when it was announced that a controversial Soviet-era monument was slated for removal. Please join historian Dr. Kevin C. O’Connor of Gonzaga University for a discussion about history, monuments, and the relationship between Russia and its Baltic neighbors. This program is part of the Library's celebration of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Girls Brick Build – 4 p.m. – Indian Trail Library, 4909 W. Barnes.Calling all girls! Join us on the third Wednesday of the month through May for a fun STEM challenge using LEGO© bricks, followed by a free-build time. We'll display our favorite creations in the library. For girls ages 6-12.
Movie Night: The Namesake – 5:45 p.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. American-born Gogol, the son of Indian immigrants, wants to fit in among his fellow New Yorkers, despite his family’s unwillingness to let go of their traditional ways. Kal Penn, Irrfan Khan; PG-13; 125 minutes. This film is part of the programming for Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Introduction to Buxton Scout – 2:30 p.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. In downtown Spokane, small businesses and entrepreneurs now have access to one of the nation’s most powerful consumer analytics’ platforms, Buxton Scout. Buxton Scout uses data gathered from millions of customer transactions around the country to determine purchasing habits and lifestyle trends for a geographic area.

Come Give Your PC a Tune-Up! – 3 p.m. – Hillyard Library, 4005 N. Cook. You will receive a brief explanation of how hardware and software work and how they impact performance. Take advantage of professional knowledge and free tools to improve the performance of your older or new devices. Information provided is applicable to MAC, Linux, and even Android devices but the focus will be on Windows operating systems. Attendees are encouraged to bring their portable device (such as a laptop) in with them for step-by-step participation in the class—at the very least, bring a USB thumb drive to take a copy of the tools and worksheet home with you. Registration strongly encouraged.

Chess Club – 4 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Join us for some chess practice and meet others interested in the game. Beginners welcome. A chess instructor will be on site.

Friday, May 18, 2018

Messy Science! A Homeschool Event – 10:30 a.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Wear your old clothes and prepare to do messy science at the library! We’ll do some hands on science activities together, some of them outside if weather permits. For homeschooling children in K-6th grade. Young children should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Kids Flix: Born in China – 4 p.m. – East Side Library, 524 S. Stone. Join us to watch the Disneynature film, Born in China! We’ll make a panda plate and color pictures. Rated G. 1 hour 21 minutes. Young children should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Asian American and Pacific Islander Parent’s Forum on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention – 10 a.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. Representatives from Frontier Behavioral Health, Spokane Public Schools, and other community organizations will share information with parents on youth and mental health. Topics such as depression and suicide prevention will be addressed. Hosted by Eastern Washington University College of Social Sciences and Spokane Regional Health District in collaboration with Asian Pacific American organizations in the Spokane area.

Travel Light with eBooks – 10:30 a.m. – Indian Trail Library, 4909 W. Barnes. Carry all your summer vacation reads on your mobile device! No overdue or lost book fees! We’ll cover downloading eBooks and audiobooks. Bring your device (fully charged) and your Amazon or Apple username and password. Pre-registration is suggested.
Ironclad Art Competition – 2 p.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. Come and see the final winning pieces for the Ironclad Art Competition, a metal and wood art competition to encourage young people and military veterans to pursue careers in the skilled trades.

Kids Flix: Mulan – 2 p.m. – Hillyard Library, 4005 N. Cook. A Chinese maiden disguises herself as a man so that she can fight invading Huns. During an ambush, Mulan proves herself to be a brave and fearless leader. Rated G. 90 minutes. Coloring pages and a snack will be provided.

Dancing with Northwest Hula! – 3 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Learn more of the culture of hula and the deeper meaning behind the songs of Hawaii. This program is one of many Spokane Public Library events celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Learn the Art of Japanese Calligraphy – 3 p.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. Shuji is the art of beautiful script, much admired and honored in the same way as the most beautiful paintings. Please join us and become skilled in this ancient art! Brushes, ink, and paper will be provided. This program is part of Spokane Public Library's celebration of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Reading with Riley – 1 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Come practice your reading. Riley, a Pet Partners certified reading dog, will be here to listen to you read. For kids in grades 3 to 5. Registration is required.

India at a Glance – 3 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. This presentation by Sreedharani Nandagopal will give a brief overview of India followed by a performance of classical South Indian dancing. She will also teach how to create simple Mandalas or Rangolis - repeated geometric designs called Tessellations - and also how to wear a saree! Lastly there will be an opportunity to learn the steps for a folk dance from South India. This program is one of many celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Monday, May 21, 2018

Reading with Riley – 6 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Come practice your reading. Riley, a Pet Partners certified reading dog, will be here to listen to you read. For kids in grades 3 to 5. Registration is required.

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Ozobot Dance Party! – 4 p.m. – Hillyard Library, 4005 N. Cook. Come teach an Ozobot cool moves using Ozoblockly coding! For 2nd-8th graders. Younger children need to be able to read basic instructions, and should bring a caregiver to assist them. Registration required - parents should register children only.

Author Talk: Niki Tschirgi’s Adoption Journey – 6:30 p.m. – East Side Library, 524 S. Stone. Through fostering, private adoption, open adoption, and foster-to-adopt, Niki recounts the lonely and grievous road of infertility, her and her husband's decision-making process to choose adoption, the hard work and perseverance to get licensed to be foster parents, and the finalization of six adoptions.
Great Writers and the Great War: Literature as Peace Activism – 6:30 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Can literature and the arts really prevent war? Many British writers in the peace movement of the 1930s thought so. Their experiments in writing peace activist fiction are the basis for this presentation, which draws many of its examples from the vibrant period before World War II when hopes were high that war itself could be abolished. Telling stories and making art were more than just leisure activities or entertainment—the fiction produced by these politically engaged writers of the 1930s was meant to change people’s lives, convince them of the irrationality of war, and imagine new possibilities for peacemaking. Though these peace activist writers failed to prevent war—the disasters of Nazism proved too immense—this moment of pre-war optimism has much to teach us. Discover this idealistic period with author and Whitworth professor Charles Andrews, who leads a discussion about creative nonviolence and peacemaking through art, lessons we might carry into the 21st century.

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Movie Night: Snow Flower and the Secret Fan – 5:45 p.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. A story set in nineteenth-century China and focusing on the life-long friendship between two girls who develop their own secret code as a way to contend with the rigid social norms imposed on women. Bingbing Li, Ji-hyun Jun, Vivian Wu; PG-13; 122 minutes. This film is part of the programming for Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Thursday Brick Build – 4 p.m. – Hillyard Library, 4005 N. Cook. Children and families are invited to a fun afternoon with LEGO® bricks on the fourth or last Thursday of each month through May. Build whatever you like or accept our monthly challenge! We’ll display our favorite creations in the library. For children ages 5 and up, with their families.

Friday, May 25, 2018

Movie: The Secret Life of Pets – 4 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Two mismatched mutts get lost in NYC due to their feuding, and must find their way home. During their journey, they encounter a vicious bunny who plans to lead a group of abandoned pets on a mission of revenge against humanity. PG. 90 minutes.

Saturday, May 26, 2018

Indian Trail Book Club: The Jump-Off Creek – 10:30 a.m. – Indian Trail Library, 4909 W. Barnes. Join us to discuss The Jump-Off Creek, by Molly Gloss. A reading group favorite, The Jump-Off Creek is the unforgettable story of widowed homesteader Lydia Sanderson and her struggles to settle in the mountains of Oregon in the 1890s. Come into the Indian Trail Library to sign up for the book club and to pick up a copy of the book (ten copies are available, first come first served.) Discussion questions will be emailed the week before the discussion. Coffee and tea will be provided.

The Japanese American Experience in Spokane During World War II – 2 p.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. Join us for a discussion of the experiences of Spokane area Japanese Americans during World War II. Through footage from an oral history collaboration between KSBS and the Hifumi En Society called the Omoide project, this presentation will highlight the unique role the Inland Northwest played for Japanese Americans during this period. This is one of Spokane Public Library’s events celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
Movie: Top Gun – 3 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. A maverick Navy fighter pilot romances his instructor in an elite training program. Rated PG. 110 minutes. For tweens, teens, and adults.

A Korean Culture Presentation from the Spokane-Jecheon Sister City Association – 3 p.m. – Indian Trail Library, 4909 W. Barnes. The Spokane-Jecheon Sister City Association will present traditional Korean songs and dances performed by students from the Spokane Korean Language School. There will also be a reading of Korean folk tales for children and traditional Korean costumes that children can try on and wear for photos. Korean cultural artifacts also will be displayed. This program is part of Spokane Public Library's celebration of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

An Introduction to Vietnam – 3 p.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. Please join the Vietnamese-American Senior Association in a presentation on the culture of Vietnam. Featured will be the history, legends, music, and dress of this beautiful and ancient country. The Vietnam War will also be discussed. This program is one of Spokane Public Library's events celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Memorial Day – Library Closed – Shadle and South Hill Library.

Monday, May 28, 2018

Memorial Day – Library Closed – All branches.

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

A Journey from Bhutan – 6:30 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Please join Pingala and Kamal Dhital for a discussion about the cultures of Bhutan and Nepal. They will discuss Bhutan's history, its way of life, becoming refugees, life and struggle in the camps, coming to America, and their experience here and future expectations. This is one of Spokane Public Library's final programs celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

World Travels: China – 6:30 p.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. International scholar Lance Rhoades offers a look at China, past and present, as seen through his experiences working at universities in its two largest cities: Beijing and Shanghai. This program is one of Spokane Public Library's presentations celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Movie Night: Whale Rider – 6 p.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. A small Maori village faces a crisis when their leader's heir dies at birth and is survived only by his twin sister, Pai. With remarkable grace and courage, Pai summons the strength to both challenge and embrace a thousand years of tradition in order to fulfill her destiny. Keisha Castle-Hughes (Oscar-nominated role); PG-13; 101 minutes. This film is part of the programming for Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
Thursday, May 31, 2018

Chess Club – 4 p.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Join us for some chess practice and meet others interested in the game. Beginners welcome. A chess instructor will be on site.

Kid's Flix: Mulan – 4 p.m. – East Side Library, 524 S. Stone. A Chinese maiden disguises herself as a man so that she can fight invading Huns. During an ambush, Mulan proves herself to be a brave and fearless leader. Rated G. 90 minutes.

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:
Appy Hour Digital Support – 11 a.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. Do you need help with your electronic device? We can help you modernize your online presence, understand your smartphone, learn Microsoft programs or download applications to your tablet.

Tuesdays:
Toddler Storytime – 10 a.m. – Downtown and South Hill Libraries. Ages 18 mo. to 3 yrs.

Preschool Storytime – 10:30 a.m. – Downtown Library, 906 W. Main. Ages 3 to 5.
Preschool Play & Learn – 10:30 a.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Ages 3 to 5.

Build! – 3 p.m. – East Side and South Hill Libraries. 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. – Hillyard and Shadle Library. 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.

Thursdays:
Toddler Storytime – 10 a.m. – Shadle and South Hill Libraries. Ages 18 mo. to 3 yrs.
Preschool Play & Learn – 10:30 a.m. – Shadle and South Hill Libraries. Ages 3 to 5.
Build! – 3 p.m. – Build! – 3 p.m. – Hillyard and Shadle Libraries. 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.

Fridays:
Toddler Storytime – 10 a.m. – Downtown, East Side, and Indian Trail Libraries. Ages 18 mo. to 3 yrs.
Preschool Storytime – 10:30 a.m. – Downtown and East Side Libraries. Ages 3 to 5.
Preschool Play & Learn – 10:30 a.m. – Indian Trail Library, 4909 W. Barnes. Ages 3 to 5.
Saturdays:

Family Storytime – 10 a.m. – South Hill Library, 3324 S. Perry. Storytime for the whole family!
Family Storytime – 10:30 a.m. – Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley. 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](http://www.SpokaneLibrary.org) or call us at 509-444-5300.

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