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~ Media Advisory ~

2017 TEEN POETRY WRITING CONTEST

Fantastic Poetry

Teens, grades 6-12, help us celebrate National Poetry Month in April with a Teen Poetry Contest. Use your imagination and write a fantastic poem. You may use any poetic form and the text of the poem should not surpass 40 lines. All entries must be submitted to the Springfield Public Library before 6 p.m., Saturday, April 15. Winners will be announced at our Pizza and Poetry event at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 25.

THERE WILL BE TWO DIVISIONS: 1) Middle School 2) High School. One first prize and two honorable mentions will be awarded in each division.

For the complete rules and the official entry form visit the library or go to the Springfield Public Library website teen page wheremindsgrow.org/teens.html.

Winning poems will be displayed in the Library and on the Library's website: wheremindsgrow.org

What: Teen Poetry Contest

When: Entries due by 6 p.m., Saturday, March 15

Where: Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR

Additional Information: LuCinda Gustavson, 541.726.2287, lgustavson@springfield-or.gov

Teen Program at Springfield Public Library

Mutant Peeps and How to Mangle Them

It is Peep season. Time to turn those adorable little squishy treats into zombies, Peepachus, Peep-kabobs, Peep sushi and more. Teens join us at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 11 in the Library Meeting Room at the Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR. This event is free and intended for teens.

The Library offers a weekly gathering for teens at 4:30 p.m., every Tuesday. Join us to hang out, enjoy a snack, learn new skills and have fun.

What: Teens on Tuesday: Mutant Peeps and How to Mangle Them

When: 4:30 p.m., April 11

Where: Library Meeting Room, Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR Additional Information: LuCinda Gustavson, 541.726.2287, lgustavson@springfield-or.gov

Teen Book Club

Steelheart, by Brandon Sanderson

Get your book geek on with other book lovers at our teen book club. Join us at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 in the Library Conference Room at Springfield Public Library. We will be discussing *Steelheart* by Brandon Sanderson. Stop by the library to sign up and get a free copy, while supplies last. All attendees will receive a free copy of the next month's book. This event is free and intended for teens.

The Library offers a monthly book club for teens at 4:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Join us to talk books, make new friends, enjoy a snack, and have fun.

What: Teen program: Teen Book Club When: 4:30-5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 13

Where: Library Conference Room, Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR **Additional Information:** LuCinda Gustavson, 541.726.2287, <u>lgustavson@springfield-or.gov</u>

Mixed Media Art Class

Explore the Art of Japan

Kids and tweens (ages 7-12) are invited to bring their families to this month's art class at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 15 to learn about the art of Japan and create their own lino-prints and/or watercolor paintings! This is a monthly art class sponsored by the Springfield Arts Commission. The program is completely free and open to the community. There is no registration required, and the adults get to create, too!

What: Mixed Media Art Class: Exploring Japan

When: 10:30 a.m., Saturday April 15

Where: Library Meeting Room, Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR

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