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## **Money Smart Week Kicks Off @ Springfield Public Library**

The Springfield Public Library is participating in Money Smart Week, a national initiative to offer free programs to community members to improve their financial situation and learn about personal finances. Community members are welcome to attend the in-person workshops and take advantage of the free online, self-paced courses.

**Dealing with the Debt Monster** provides information to help community members develop strategies for controlling and eliminating debt. The Prosperity Program of Goodwill Industries of Lane and South Counties is offering this program with grant funding from United Way. This workshop is from 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, April 24 in the Library Meeting Room, 225 Fifth Street in Springfield.

**Medicare 101** workshop from 1-3 p.m., Tuesday April 25 in the Library Meeting Room, 225 Fifth Street in Springfield, provides an overview to Medicare Parts A, B, and D as well as Medicare Advantage/Part C plans and Medigap Supplements. Participants will also learn about fraud prevention, enrollment periods, prescription drug plans and programs available to help low-income beneficiaries with Medicare costs. Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance will present.

**Save Money by Budgeting** workshop starts at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 25 in a room TBD at 225 Fifth Street in Springfield. Community members are invited to a presentation on budgeting from Certified Financial Planner Aimee K Butler.

**Finding the Right Career** workshop is from 11 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, April 26 in the Library Meeting Room, 225 Fifth Street in Springfield. Will Summers, workforce analyst from the Oregon Employment Department, will present on career trends in Oregon and available for questions.

**Ready, Set, Start your Business** workshop is from 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, April 26 in the Library Meeting Room, 225 Fifth Street in Springfield. Cover the basics of beginning a business and decide if this is the right career move for you. The Lane Small Business Development Center is providing this workshop.

**Social Security 101** workshop is from 1-2 p.m., Thursday, April 27 in the Library Meeting Room, 225 Fifth Street in Springfield. Learn more about Social Security programs and how to qualify for them from Kimberly Herrmann, public affairs specialist with the Social Security Administration.

**Talk with a Financial Professional** workshop is from 3:30-5 p.m., Thursday, April 27 and again from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Friday, April 28 in the Library Conference Room, 225 Fifth Street in Springfield. Meet one-on-one with a volunteer from the Financial Planners Association for a free 30-minute personalized session to review individual financial goals and strategies to meet them. Sessions are limited to eight. Please register in advance at the Library or by calling 541.726.3766 to reserve your time and check in with Library staff when you arrive at your appointment. Mid-Willamette Valley Chapter of the Foundation for Financial Planning is providing this pro bono financial planning opportunity for our community.

All programs are free and open to the community. Please register in advance at the Library or by calling 541.726.3766. For more information about Money Smart Week go to [moneysmartweek.org](http://moneysmartweek.org)

**What:** Money Smart Week

**When:** April 22-29

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

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