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~ Media Advisory ~ BANNED BOOKS READ-OUT EVENTS!

To celebrate free speech and honor defenders of First Amendment rights, the Springfield Public Library will support two Banned Books Read-Out events. Admission is free and open to the public.

On Friday, October 2, from noon to 4:00pm, students from the Academy of Arts and Academics will be celebrating Banned Books Week with a read-out of Sherman Alexie's young adult novel "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian" in the Springfield City Hall lobby. On Saturday, October 3, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., hear the Banned Books Read-Out at Springfield Public Library, 225 5th Street, inside Springfield City Hall.

The Banned Books Read-Out events will feature community members reading aloud passages from books that have been challenged or banned. Everyone is invited to stop by to listen, borrow targeted books from the library, and pin on free "I Read Banned Books" buttons.

Many people are under the impression that attempted censorship is a thing of the past or that "it doesn't happen here." In fact, individuals and groups continue to request -- or demand -- that public and school libraries remove or restrict access to particular books, music, films, and other resources.

For information about recent censorship attempts in Oregon, visit the ACLU of Oregon website: www.aclu-or.org/bannedbooks or the Oregon State Library's Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse website: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/LD/pages/intellectual.aspx>

What: Banned Books Read-Out events

When: Friday, October 2 12:00-4:00pm --and--
Saturday, October 3, 1:00-2:00pm

Where: Springfield Public Library, 225 5th Street, inside Springfield City Hall

Additional information: Contact Thea Evenstad at (541) 726-2238 or tevenstad@springfield-or.gov

Teen Banned Books Week Scavenger Hunt

At the Springfield Public Library

Race through the library (very quietly and slowly of course) to find the books somebody else thinks you should not read. You might be surprised by what you find. Prizes to the finishers. Best for tweens and teens ages 10 and up. Snacks will be served.

The Library offers a weekly program at 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday to give teens and/or tweens an opportunity to learn, create and play.

What: Teen Banned Books Week Scavenger Hunt

When: Tuesday, September 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Where: The Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: Contact LuCinda Gustavson at 541-726-2287

PRESCHOOL FUN WITH ART & SCIENCE AT THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

SURPRISE!

Surprise! We will have a fun time with surprising books, songs and an art activity. Join us on Thursday, October 1st at 10:30 a.m. in the Library Meeting Room. Children should come dressed for messy craft projects and be accompanied by a caregiver. The program is free. All supplies will be provided by the library. This program is intended for children ages 3-6.

What: Preschool Fun with Art & Science

When: Thursday, October 1, 2015, 10:30-11:15 am

Where: Library Meeting Room, Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: wheremindsgrow.org/programskids.html, or contact LuCinda Gustavson at (541) 726-2287

Curious Kids Storytime

Fables & Rhymes

Join us for our after-work storytime on Monday, September 28th at 6:30pm. This week we're exploring the funny, often silly, world of fables and rhymes. Curious Kids is a new storytime this season and we're thrilled to be featuring songs, stories, and from around the world that spark your family's imagination.

What: Curious Kids Storytime

When: Monday, September 28th 2015 at 6:30pm

Where: Children's Area, Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: wheremindsgrow.org/programskids.html, or contact Taylor Worley at tworley@springfield-or.gov and 541.726.2243

Springfield Reading Patrol

Stories with Officer Jared Quinones

Officer Jared Quinones is back for more stories on Tuesday, September 29th at 4:00pm here at Springfield Public Library. Join Officer Jared for some silly books and games. Officer Jared usually reads for about twenty minutes and then talks with the kids after. Join us!

What: Springfield Reading Patrol

When: Tuesday, September 29th, 2015 at 4:00pm

Where: Children's Area, Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: wheremindsgrow.org/programskids.html, or contact Taylor Worley at tworley@springfield-or.gov and 541.726.2243

Lego Club

Brick Building Bash!

Our monthly Lego Club is here again! Join us for two hours of free-building fun on Friday, October 2nd from 2:00-4:00pm. This day is an early release for Springfield School District, so we have entertainment covered. Children of all ages are welcome and our bricks range from tiny-tiny to giant! Display your creations during the month of October in the library.

What: Lego Club

When: Friday, October 2nd, 2015 from 2:00-4:00pm

Where: Children's Area, Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: wheremindsgrow.org/programskids.html, or contact Taylor Worley at tworley@springfield-or.gov and 541.726.2243

Mixed Media Art

Basket Weaving for Kids

Our exploration of art continues on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:30am with basket weaving! Kids ages 7-12 are invited to grab a favorite adult and join us in this creative program. We're using contemporary materials to learn how Native Oregonians made their famous baskets. Don't worry if you don't finish at the program; you'll have enough material to take home and finishing your woven creation.

What: Mixed Media Art: Basket Weaving for Kids

When: Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 from 10:30am-12:00pm

Where: Library Meeting Room, Springfield Public Library

Additional Information: wheremindsgrow.org/programskids.html, or contact Taylor Worley at tworley@springfield-or.gov and 541.726.2243