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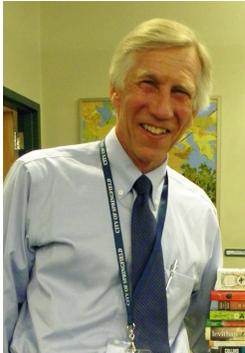
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Director's Welcome



Hello and welcome to *Highlighted & Handpicked*, SPL's brand new way of connecting with you. This is a quarterly e-newsletter full of program announcements, staff recommendations, and maybe a little bibliographic gossip to boot. Because we believe that our success is based on our relationship with our patrons

and our community, we want *Highlighted & Handpicked* to reflect that philosophy. First we want you to see this as an expression of our mutual love of, and curiosity about, the world we live in and how we aid and abet each other in that exploration. Then we want this newsletter to insinuate itself into your psyche so that it becomes a part of

our relationship with you, not simply a letter about it. A library is truly an expression of its community and as such I'm hoping each of you see something of yourselves—your vision and values—in the content of this missive. So, please enjoy and let us know what you think!

- Rob Everett,
Library Director

Talk, sing, read, write, play — make a reader every day!

Talk, sing, read, write, play—these five practices are the center of the Ready to Read Grant received by Springfield Public Library to provide early literacy opportunities to our community.

“The Ready to Read Grant program administered by the Oregon State Library has provided funding for 20 years to local libraries. They can work with other organizations to help every Oregon child be ready to start school and retain their reading skills over the summer,” says State Librarian MaryKay Dahlgreen.

SPL received \$7,177 to improve services to children. These funds will be

used to update our parent information center with an interactive, bilingual early literacy bulletin board. This



same information will also be available online at our [interactive blog](#) which will include resources for parents, care providers and preschool teachers. Research-based early literacy

handouts will be provided to help educate parents as they encourage their children in early literacy activities.

We will also create interactive early literacy centers in the library, host literacy events, put together new theme backpacks for check-out and provide early literacy boxes for child care centers.

Each month, our library story times will include a focus on one of the Ready to Read practices, and we will provide abundant additional opportunities for talking, singing, reading, writing and playing.

With our community partners, we'll be making readers everyday!

- [Library Home](#)
- [Catalog](#)
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Recommended adult NEW fiction



Four Friends

by Robyn Carr

Four friends take a look at marriage; examining the challenges and heartaches along with the joys and pleasures. They are determined to find their stride, learning what it means to be a wife, mother & friend.

Walking on Water

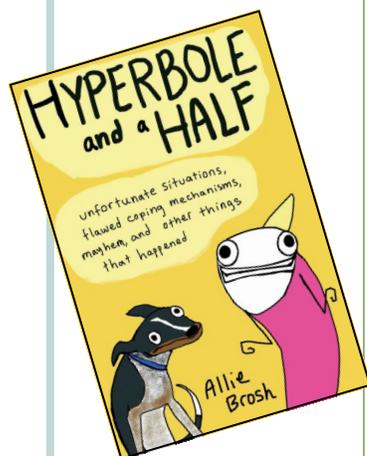
by Richard Paul Evans

This is the fifth book in the 'Walk' series. Hero Alan Christoffersen must say goodbye and learn some important lessons as he comes to the end of his cross country walk from Seattle to Key West.

Corsican Caper

by Peter Mayle

Loveable sleuth extraordinaire Sam Levitt is back in another beguiling romp through the South of France. In his latest, Levitt investigates a case of deadly intrigue among the Riviera's jet set.



From blogs to books — check 'em out

These titles began in the blogosphere and became published in print.

Humor writing, cooking, everyday life; it's all here. Check out the bestselling books by these bloggers.

Hyperbole and a Half by Allie Brosh hyperboleandahalf.blogspot.com/

Pioneer Woman Cooks

by Ree Drummond
thepioneerwoman.com/

Humans of New York

by Brandon Stanton
humansofnewyork.com/

Let's Pretend This Never

Happened by Jenny Lawson
thebloggess.com/

A Lifetime of Secrets:

a PostSecret book
by Frank Warren
postsecret.com

Julie and Julia: My Year of

Cooking Dangerously
by Julie Powell
juliepowellbooks.com/blog.html

Raspberry Pi @ the library

Teens are going techy this spring at the Springfield Public Library.

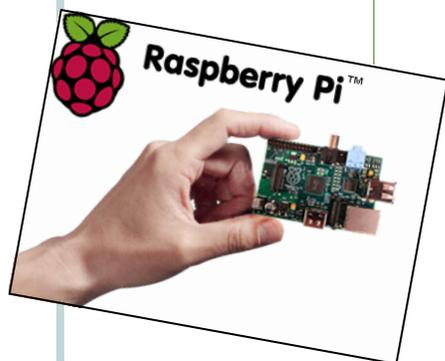
We were awarded one of ten national mini-grants given by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and Best Buy to pur-

chase ten Raspberry Pi project computers and two Makey-Makey boards, plus fun add-ons to learn and play with computer programming.

Teens can create their own computer games, animation, or even a banana piano. The possibilities are endless.

The fun begins during Teen Tech Week on Friday, March 14th (also known as Pi day) at 3:30 in the library. More workshops will be scheduled throughout the spring and summer for teens and kids, too.

Keep an eye on the [teen calendar](#) and come code with us!





STEAM is the theme in the Children's Department

STEAM stands for: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math. We are making STEAM programming and book selection a priority for 2014 to support the STEAM initiative in Springfield schools and for the educational benefit of all our young community members.

STEAM kicks off with our *Spring Break Arts and Science Extravaganza*. During spring break week, youth are invited to participate in fun workshops every day – come play with lasers, make a volcano,

construct and launch a rocket and create beautiful prints using vegetables. There will be fun make-and-take activities in the children's areas all week and books will be given away at the workshops.

Our sponsors, SUB and the Springfield Arts Commission, help make this fun-filled spring break possible.

Also, watch for monthly STEAM-related programming and projects. You can find a complete list of our programming on the library's

[monthly calendar](#). The Friends of the Springfield Library donated the funds for our monthly STEAM programming.

In addition, we are overhauling our children's non-fiction collection, weeding out books that are past their prime and adding new, engaging books in all subject areas. The Springfield Library Foundation is helping fund the update of this collection.

Spotlight on The Big Read: *The Great Gatsby*

The BIG READ is a program sponsored by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for a one book, one community reading extravaganza!

During the month of March, F. Scott Fitzgerald's, *The Great Gatsby*, will be feted all

over Eugene and Springfield.

Join [book discussion groups](#) in English or Español. Or [watch the 2013 film adaptation](#) at the Springfield Library.

We have free copies of the book to give away while supplies last!

[Additional programs](#) and events will be happening in Eugene, from Charleston dance instruction to hands-on Cubism for kids & teens.

Check out [our links](#) for a listing of fun, Gatsby-esque events in Springfield and Eugene this spring!

Featured Volunteer: Haley Songchild

Haley Songchild started volunteering for the Springfield Library in 2011. Besides regular shelving duties, she has jumped in to sign-up families at our Summer Reading Kick-off and assist our users in Library2Go downloadable book classes.

After graduating from college, Haley says: "I wanted a career that I was passionate about, that served the community in some way, and that I could

enjoy. I started volunteering at the Springfield Library to see if the library environment was what I was looking for. My first day out on the floor I knew I'd be working in libraries for the rest of my life."

Haley recently graduated with her MLIS (Master's in Library and Information Science). While she still volunteers at the Springfield Library, she recently accepted a position at the Eugene Library as a Library Assistant I.

"I still haven't decided what specialty I'd like to pursue in the library field, but I'm fairly certain I'll stay in public libraries, helping with programs or finding that perfect book for someone."

One of Haley's other passions is fiction writing. "One day I hope to publish a book and see my name on the shelf."

When that day comes, we'll be happy to add it to our collection. Thank you, Haley!

Thank you to our STEAM sponsors!



Fun fact: Haley won the Springfield Library's first teen short story contest that began in 2008.



FRIENDS

of the Springfield Public Library

5th Annual BOOK SALE!

**Friday,
March 14
10-6:30**

**Saturday,
March 15
10-3:30**

If you enjoy the feel of a print book in your hands and also a heck of a deal, join us for the Friends of the Springfield Library's **5th Annual Book Sale** on March 14th and 15th.

The event is held in the Springfield Library Meeting Room and overflows into the City Hall Lobby.

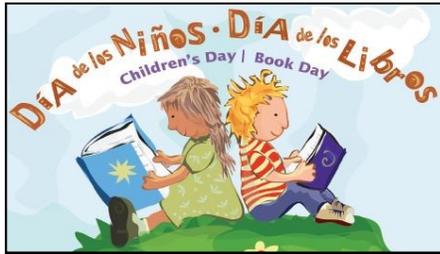
No book costs over \$2. And it is cash only, folks; no checks or cards can be accepted.

Be sure to bring your own bag, box or bin to haul your treasures home!

Books for sale include donations and library discards.

All proceeds of the sale go to benefit the Springfield Public Library.

For additional information or to join the [Friends of the Springfield Library](#), email them at: spfd.library.friends@gmail.com



Celebrate Día! Fun for the whole family Saturday, April 26, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m

**¡Celebra Día! Que se divierta toda la familia:
sábado, 26 de abril, 1:00 – 4:00p.m.**

The whole family is invited to Springfield Public Library's free *El día de los niños/El día de los libros*—Children's Day/Book Day celebration. This year, our *Día* celebration will open with a family concert by famed bilingual author and performer [José-Luis Orozco](#). There will be many fun crafts, games and activities for children to do as well as performances by Alma de México folclórico dance, Springfield High School's Mariachi de Sol and

Taller Son Jarocho Eugene. All youth who attend can receive a free book. For more information, see the [library's Día website](#).

Se invita a toda la familia a la celebración de la biblioteca de Springfield del *día de los niños/El día de los libros*. Este año, la celebración iniciará con un concierto familiar del famoso cantador y autor de libros juveniles [José-Luis Orozco](#).

Serán muchas actividades divertidos y manualidades para niños. También, bailarán el grupo folclórico Alma de México y tocarán el Mariachi del Sol de Springfield High School y el Taller Son Jarocho Eugene. Todos los jóvenes que asistan a la celebración pueden recibir un libro nuevo regalado. Para más información, visite a [nuestro sitio del web](#).

Heritage Arts Grants from the Springfield Arts Commission



The Springfield Arts Commission's annual [Heritage Arts Grant Program](#) makes funds available to Springfield groups involved in the cultural life of the city. The goal of

these grants is to encourage community-based public programs, such as, but not limited to: concerts, theater, visual art, dance, or literature. Grants range in amount from

\$100 to \$500. The submission deadline for this spring is April 22, 2014. For more information, see the [Arts Commission's website](#).



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