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Where Minds Grow

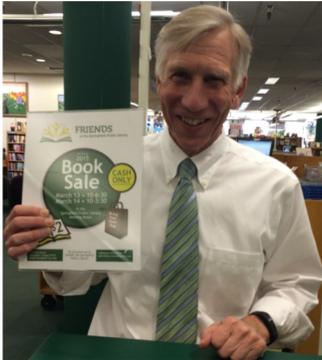
# Highlighted & Handpicked

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Springfield Public Library Newsletter

## Literacy, Culture, Community



Rob Everett,  
Library Director

Literacy, culture, community. That's what we do. No other agency in Oregon, public or private, does more to ensure that our preschoolers enter school "ready to read" than the public library. We also keep children reading throughout the year—even when school is not in session. And, we keep teens actively involved during their middle and high school years, instilling within them both the skill and the desire to read and to learn.

Our library strives to be the center of a vibrant cultural

life in Springfield, whether it is an online novel-writing workshop or showing classic motion pictures on the big screen at the Wildish Theater, we want to foster an active, engaged, thinking, and enriched community. People come to us to see themselves, understand their neighbors, and envision a world beyond our city.

We support our community while we help create it. We are where citizens with no computer skills come to learn the basics and where those who have skills but no broad-

band access come to look for work, apply for a food handler's card, buy a plane ticket, and stay in touch with their families.

Every day, we help people find the relevant in the unmediated landslide of information that is the internet. We help guide them to focused, accurate, and timely information no matter the source. Please join us at the library, for an everyday celebration of our community.

**Book Sale Alert!**  
FRI & SAT, March 13-14  
FRIENDS of the LIBRARY  
book sale in City Hall

## "A Year of Stories" Returns to the Library

In today's busy and digitally-charged world, we often forget the power of face-to-face spoken word performance. Information is everywhere, but through good storytelling we can expand understanding of that knowledge, of our world, of ourselves. Storytelling is the most basic form of teaching and learning. Fables and fairy tales, folklore and mythology—stories illustrate in an interesting and timeless manner the concepts of right and wrong, good and bad. Stories entertain, solicit emotions and instruct.

Join us for "A Year of Stories" at Springfield Public Library. Through a generous grant from the Lane County Cultural Coalition, we will be able to provide a series of monthly storytelling events for children, teens and adults in 2015 that will consist of a combination of professional

storytellers, workshops, and staff presentations. All events will take place at the Springfield Public Library.

Storytellers are not often accessible in our daily lives, especially trained storytellers, those who have the power to take us on a journey into another time or place. Through the "Year of Stories", the Springfield Public Library will bring storytelling and wonderful storytellers not readily accessible in our area, to library audiences. In addition, youth will be able to learn in-depth about the art of storytelling through a workshop.



LANE COUNTY  
CULTURAL COALITION  
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### Upcoming Year of Stories

Thur, Mar 5 @ 4:30pm

**UofO student Carolina**  
with stories from Mexico

Sat, Apr 25 @ 1pm

**Carmen Bernier Grand** for our  
Día de los Niños celebration

Sat, May 23 @ 3pm

**Alton Chung**, World War II stories  
All ages

Tues, June 23 @ 2pm

**Vikki GasKo Green**, ventriloquist  
Hero stories

Sat, July 25 @ 2pm

**Habiba** with West African Stories  
All ages

Aug 24, 26 and 28 @ 2pm

Teen storytelling workshop and event  
with **Jonathan Siegel**

Sept TBA

Back-to-School Stories with your  
favorite librarians

Sat, Oct 17 @ 3pm

**Christopher Leebrick**,  
Tell Tale Heart (Teens & Adults Only;  
it's scary!)

Sat, Nov 14 @ 3pm

**Esther Stutzman**,  
Native American Stories, All ages

Sat, Dec. 12 @ 3pm

**Rabbi Boris Dolin**, Peace Stories  
All ages

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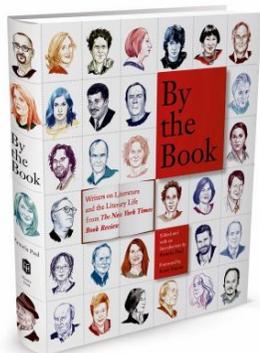


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## Reading List Revelations



“*By the Book*” is a weekly column in the *New York Times Book Review*. Each week features a short interview with an author, or sometimes an artist or musician. The focus is on books and the way books formed the morals, philosophies and perspectives of these artists.

What did James Patterson read as a child? His response: “I don’t remember being read to as a kid, or actually being a child at all.”

And would it surprise you that prolific author Joyce Carol Oates, when asked when and where she likes to read, said, “Anywhere!”

Sixty-five of the first interviews have been collected to create *By the Book: Writers on Literature and the Literary Life*, which is available from our library.

Read it to find books for your “to-read” list. Read it to find out what your favorite authors are really like. Read it if you love books!

## Catalog Updates

You may have noticed a subtle change in our [library catalog](#). We recently upgraded to include some helpful features for browsing and finding library material.

A couple of items of note to share: all downloadable titles can be included in your search — so if you want to find an item in any format, including ebooks

and downloadable audiobooks, you can search it all from the new catalog.

Another feature allows the catalog to be used more like a “google” search. And for example, if you type in an author’s name slightly wrong, our new catalog will help you get where you need to be with a “Did you mean?” feature.



Teen Advisory Board members and librarian LuCinda Gustavson at the library’s Yule Ball in January, an event inspired by the Harry Potter books.

## Teen Book Award Winners — Two to Know

### Your Printz Has Come

Most people are aware of the prestigious Caldecott and Newbury awards for exemplary picture books and children’s literature, but did you know teen literature has a similar award? Each January the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, announces the Printz Award given to the best example of teen literature published in the previous year. The award is based on literary merit and strives to reflect the diverse world our teens live in. All types of

literature are considered: fiction, nonfiction, poetry, graphic novels and anthologies.



This year’s Printz winner is *I’ll Give You the Sun*, written by Jandy Nelson and published by Dial Books.

It tells the story of inseparable twins Noah and Jude who are torn apart by a family tragedy that transforms their intense love for each other into intense anger. The timelines twist and turn around each other in beautifully orchestrated stories of love and longing.

The Printz Committee also chose four honor books this year. They are: *And We Stay*, by Jenny Hubbard; *The Carnival at Bray*, written by Jessie Ann Foley; *Grasshopper Jungle*, written by Andrew Smith and *This One Summer*, a graphic novel written by Mariko Tamaki.

### Springfield Author Wins Award

One of Springfield’s own, William Ritter, won the prestigious Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Award for his teen



novel *Jackaby*. Set in Fiddleham, New England in 1892, it begins during Abigail Rook’s first week on the job as assistant to the charismatic and eccentric paranormal detective R.F. Jackaby. Fresh off the boat, Abigail is thrown into a world of myth, mystery, intrigue and excitement.

For these and other great books, browse the library’s catalog online or use our new phone app called Bookmyne (see more a few newsletter articles down) or just stop by and talk to one of our friendly librarians. We love talking books.



# ART in NATURE!

## SPRING BREAK at Springfield Public Library



We're very excited about this year's Spring Break @ Springfield Public Library. Generously funded by the [Springfield Utility Board](#), we have a weeklong series of art and science themed programs running from Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Each morning, University of Oregon's Science on Demand! is presenting 1.5 hour sessions which have been designed specifically for our event. Topics

include "When Nature Goes Crazy!" and "Nature before Facebook & Twitter".

In the afternoons, we are pleased to present three special guests and two unique programs. On Monday, Marianne Walker is presenting a workshop based on the artwork of Eric Carle. Children will be able to create work to take home and to contribute to a mural that will be displayed in the library. On Tuesday, Librarian Taylor Worley is helping children to create "Ephemeral Art" (art from nature that disap-

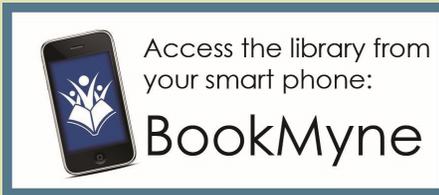
pears when nature takes it back). On Wednesday, the Oregon Coast Aquarium is presenting a very special program in the lobby of City Hall. Then, on Thursday, the Museum of Natural and Cultural History presents their "Patterns in Nature" program. Finally, Librarian LuCinda Gustavson challenges children to stretch their brains with a "Snap Circuit & Lego CHALLENGE!" event.

All week long children will receive incentives for participating in programs and will be able to earn entries into a grand prize drawing worth \$50!

The Science & Art Spring Break series at SPL is all about STEAM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math—the skills at the core of education. We try to teach and inspire creative problem solving, collaboration, and scientific inquiry.

So if you are looking for something fun, educational, and unique to do during your child's spring break this year, join us at the library!

## We've Got an App for That!



Access the library from your smart phone:

### BookMyne

We're excited to now provide an app for your phone

or tablet where you can manage your library interactions — BookMyne.

BookMyne allows you to search the catalog while you're on the go and create reading

lists linked directly to the catalog. Log into your account to renew your items and see everything you have checked out. You can also browse recommendations and scan barcodes to see if we have a book you want in the library.

Simply visit the [iTunes app store](#) or [Google play store](#) to download the free BookMyne app to your device. Have your library card and PIN ready in order to complete your login.

## New Look for the Springfield Public Library Foundation

The Springfield Public Library Foundation recently unveiled their new logo and will be launching a brand new website this spring!

The new website, [foundation.wheremindsgrow.org](#) (it's not yet active), will fea-

ture expanded information about the Foundation, their mission, their members, and the library programs they support, as well as the ability to collect donations online.

Look for an official announcement of the website launch coming soon



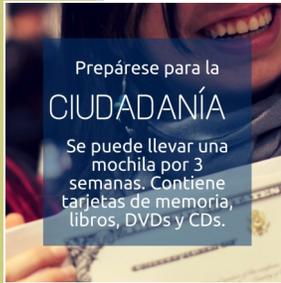
on the Library's social media sites.

Would you like to learn more about the Foundation, but can't wait until the new website launch-

es? Learn more at the [Foundation's current page](#) on the Library website.

## New theme kits for adults & kids!

### ¡Nuevos kits temáticos en español para los niños y los adultos!



Throughout the year we will be introducing several new theme kits for families and children. These cover a variety of topics including: *comida, colores y formas, monstruos, contando los números, insectos, un bebe nuevo en la casa.* These family and children theme kits contain multiple books on each subject, music and games or toys.

In addition, we have one Citizenship Test Preparation kit for Adults that contains booklets, flash cards and videos in English and Spanish.

One theme kit can be checked out at a time for three weeks.

En los meses que vienen, vamos a introducir kits temáticos para las familias y los niños. Algunos de los temas incluyen: *comida, colores y formas, monstruos, cantan-*

*do los números, insectos, un bebe nuevo en la casa.* Estos kits contienen libros, música, juegos y juguetes que tratan de un tema específico.

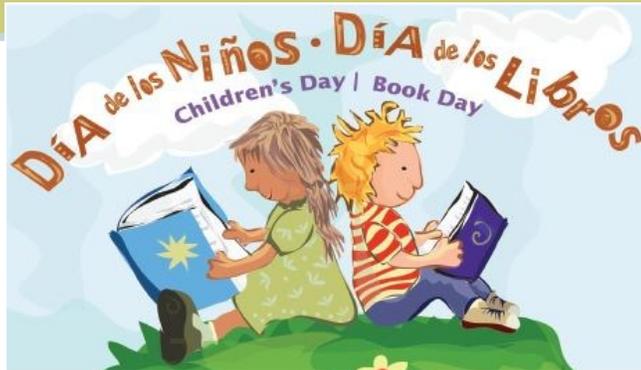
Además, los adultos pueden prepararse para el examen de la ciudadanía con el kit que contiene tarjetas de memoria, libros, DVDs y CDs en inglés y español.

Se puede llevar un kit a la vez por tres semanas cada vez.



### Celebrate Día! Fun for the whole family: Saturday, April 25, 1-4pm

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 storytime by bilingual author and entertainer Carmen T. Bernier Grand. 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](#).

### ¡Celebra Día! Que se divierta toda la familia: el sábado, 25 de abril, 1-4pm

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 programa familiar de cuentos bilingües con la autora Carmen T. Bernier Grand. Serán muchas actividades divertidas 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](#).



## Apply for a Heritage Arts Grant

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 21,

2015. For more information, visit the [Arts Commission's website](#).



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