

SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

April library programs for exploring, reading, learning, growing

Spokane, WA | March 20, 2025 – Spokane County Library District (SCLD) announces April library events and workshops for all ages, adults, teens, kids, and families.

For All Ages

The **iNaturalist: City Nature Challenge** gives people of all ages a chance to learn how to use the iNaturalist app to take photographs and submit nature sightings, just in time for Earth Day 2025.

During the presentation **Daughter of Dachau: Sharing the Voice of Her Father**, Clarice Wilsey outlines the discovery of her father's letters and reads graphic excerpts that her father wrote from the Dachau concentration camp, where he and 26 other physicians treated survivors after their liberation.

For Adults

During the Horizon 2050 Workshop: Long-Range Transportation Planning for Spokane County, everyone is invited to learn about transportation data, identified regional needs, and major projects as well as share their thoughts about local transportation needs and participate in educational transportation activities.

The popular Ice Age Floods Institute presentations return with two new topics in April: <u>Mapping the</u> <u>Pacific Northwest's Glacial Legacy</u> and <u>How the Ice Age Floods Changed the Course of the Palouse</u> <u>River</u>. Adults and families with tweens and teens can take a trek with the <u>Medical Lake Geology Walk</u> to learn about the lake's history and natural science and to help take water samples and pick up trash. Discover <u>Edible Native Plants & How to Grow Them</u>.

April's online author talks include the highly acclaimed, *New York Times* bestselling author <u>Jodi Picoult</u>, Smithsonian Gardens Greenhouse Horticulturalist <u>Matthew Fleming</u>, and bestselling author of action and suspense <u>Gregg Hurwitz</u>.

Bring gently used arts and crafts supplies and exchange them for something that other community members have brought to the <u>Crafting & Art Supply Swap</u>. Those who are curious can also try out a variety of creative technology during <u>Maker Open Hours in The Lab</u> at North Spokane Library.

Gain a basic foundation for what an estate plan entails and why it is important during **Estate Planning Basics**. Our new **Take-and-Shred Event** helps people to safely dispose of documents containing their personal information with our partner DeVries Business Services.

Stop in to a <u>Memory Café</u> for music, games, and activities, held monthly at Spokane Valley Library and weekly at North Spokane Library. Try these helpful workshops and classes: <u>Homebuyer Education</u>



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Seminar, A Matter of Balance: Preventing Falls, Dementia Friends Information Session, Medicare programs, and WorkSource Drop-In Help for job seekers.

Small Businesses & Entrepreneurs

Learn how to <u>Elevate Your Marketing Using Canva Videos & Reels</u>, with help from a SCORE Spokane mentor, in this online workshop for small businesses, entrepreneurs, and startups. Renowned leadership coach, researcher, and author <u>Liz Wiseman</u> discusses her bestselling book <u>Impact Players: How to Take</u> <u>the Lead, Play Bigger, and Multiply Your Impact</u> and how its contents could impact career trajectories.

Teens

Teens can explore interests and have fun at these upcoming events: <u>CapCut Magic: Turn Video Clips</u> <u>into Stories</u> (ages 13–17); <u>Junior Maker Drop-In Hours</u> (ages 8–16); <u>Teen Hang Out & Create</u> (grades 7– 12); and more. Visit <u>scld.org/teens-events</u>.

Kids & Families

It's not too late to sign up for the <u>Game Quest Reading & Activity Challenge</u> (ages 2–14) to earn prizes for reading and completing activities.

Comienza con tu familia el hábito de leer juntos en <u>Noche de Lectura Familiar / Family Reading Night in</u> <u>Spanish</u> para niños de 6 a 10 años y sus familias.

During <u>Library Ninja Warrior Competition</u> (grades K–5), kids can outsmart and outmaneuver fellow competitors in library challenges. Design a bug catcher to use at home and in a yard or garden, during <u>3D Printing: Bug Catchers</u> (kids 8+ & their adults) and then submit the design to be 3D printed at the library. Dig into some dirt at <u>Gardening for Kids</u> (grades K–5). Plus learn about plants and their lifecycles and take home a plant starter to care for and watch grow. Find even more kids and family events at <u>scld.org/just-kids-events</u>.

Young children enjoy stories and activities at our weekly <u>Play & Learn Storytime</u> programs. Parents and caregivers can watch <u>Picture Book Chat</u> to see some of the best new books that early learners enjoy reading with them.

Spokane County Library District provides resources, experiences, and places that empower people to learn, explore, and succeed. The District operates 10 libraries that include Airway Heights, Argonne, Cheney, Deer Park, Fairfield, Medical Lake, Moran Prairie, North Spokane, Otis Orchards, and Spokane Valley as well as the mobile library LINC. District library cards are free to Spokane County residents.

For more information about our libraries and programs, please visit <u>scld.org</u> or call 509.893.8200.