



## Celebrating Creativity at the Southern Pines Public Library

Meet area authors and illustrators at the fourth-annual Festival of Pages of the Pines on **Saturday, May 3**, from 10 am-2pm. This event is family-friendly, with children's authors stationed in the kid's area of the library. Books for adults will be available in a variety of genres, including inspirational, memoir, mystery, and more! Authors will have books available for purchase.

**Sunday, May 4 from 2:30-4:30pm**, Nicole Torres, certified creative resilience coach, will be offering a presentation on the importance of creativity to emotional and mental health. After her one-hour presentation, stay for a hands-on creative activity. This event is open to the public, but space is limited!

### New Events for Teens

All month long, tweens and teens are invited to pick up a **Mini Art Show Take and Make Kit**. Stop by the library, pick up a kit, and create your own art work. Want to share your masterpiece with the library community? Turn it in anytime before May 31 and we will display it in our mini art gallery.

Introducing: **Teen Book Chat & Chill** at Swank! Share your favorite books, discover new ones, and connect with other teens who love to read. Bring your favorite book to share or just bring yourself! Enjoy a discounted coffee courtesy of Swank while we chat. **Tuesday, May 20, 5-6 pm**. This event is for ages 13+ and will meet at Swank Coffee Shoppe, 232 NW Broad St. Registration is encouraged, please visit our website [www.sppl.net](http://www.sppl.net).



**PAGES OF THE PINES**  
A FESTIVAL OF BOOKS  
CELEBRATING LOCAL AUTHORS

## May is Electrical Safety Month

Follow these tips from SPFD to avoid being shocked by electrical hazards:

- Never daisy chain extension cords and power strips. Fires often start when too many things are plugged into a single outlet, overloading it.
- Don't plug appliances (especially ones that generate heat) into power strips or extension cords. Extension cords are designed for temporary use.
- Keep furniture from pinching cords. Pinched electrical cords expose wires causing short circuits or overheating.
- Give electrical systems a tune up every ten years. Small upgrades and safety checks can prevent larger problems.
- Don't charge your cell phone in bed. Covering phones with pillows or blankets while they charge prevents air from cooling the batteries and can lead to a fire.
- Call 911 immediately if you have warning signs such as arcs, sparks, or short circuits. Other warning signs include hearing a sizzling or buzzing sound or smelling a vague odor of something burning.

## 2024 Water Quality - High Marks **A+**

Southern Pines completed all required monitoring in 2024 and did not detect any violations of contaminant levels. We monitor in compliance with regulations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. The system has over 11,500 connections and provides water to more than 40,000 people using 247 miles of water lines. We closely monitor capacity to ensure we can serve all existing customers and also allow for future growth. Southern Pines routinely monitors for over 100 contaminants in our drinking water. Some include:

Turbidity: the measure of cloudiness, which is a good indicator of how effective our filter system is

Fluoride: additive which promotes strong teeth

Copper and lead: from corrosion of household plumbing systems and erosion of natural deposits

Chlorine: water additive to control microbes

In addition to the contaminants listed above, we also test daily for different compounds which indicate appearance, taste, and odor. Some of these include alkalinity, color, carbon dioxide, hardness, iron, and pH.

To learn more use the QR code here or visit [sopinesnc.info/quality](http://sopinesnc.info/quality).



# May

## IN SOUTHERN PINES

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#fortheloveofsopines #southernpinesway



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^Activity requires advance registration.

Questions? Need to register? Call us!

Library 910-692-8235

Parks & Recreation 910-692-2463

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
1	Thu	3:30pm	Little U Preschool Storytime, weekly (ages 3.5-5)	SPPL
1	Thu	All Day	Mini Art Show Take and Make Kits (tweens and teens) all month	SPPL
3	Sat	10am	Nature Connection (all ages)	WWSP
3	Sat	10am-2pm	Pages of the Pines Local Author Festival	SPPL
4	Sun	2:30pm	Creative Resilience Workshop (adults)	SPPL
7	Wed	10am	Active Adventures for Little Ones (ages 2-5)^	REC CTR
7	Wed	11:15am	Homeschool Fun Zone (ages 5-13)^	REC CTR
7	Wed	5:30pm	Baking for Kids (ages 9-14)^	WH
9	Fri	6pm	Parent's Night Out - Count Down to Summer (ages 4-13)^	TH
10	Sat	10am	The Saturday Catch - Fishing 101 (ages 5-16)^	RSVR PK
10	Sat	2:30pm	Space Trivia (Adults)	SPPL
13	Tue	6pm	Town Council Business Meeting	DCC
14	Wed	11am	Tech Hour (Adults)	SPPL
14	Wed	5:30pm	Book Chat & Chill with SPPL at Hatchet Brewing	Hatchet Brewing
16	Fri	7pm	Family Camp Out (all ages)^	DTP
16	Fri	8pm	Movie in the Pines (Despicable Me 4)	DTP
17	Sat	10:15am	Saturday Storytime (ages birth-5)	SPPL
18	Sun	2:30pm	STEAM Sunday: LEGO Block Party	SPPL
20	Tue	5-6pm	Teen Book Chat & Chill with SPPL @ Swank Coffee Shoppe (ages 13+)	SWANK
20	Tue	11:59pm	Sand Volleyball Registration Closes (ages 18 & up)^	online
20	Tue	11:59pm	Summer Basketball Registration Closes (ages 10-16)^	online
26	Mon	All Day	TOWN OFFICES CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	ALL
27	Tue	3pm	Town Council Work Session	SPPD

### Spring is here: more time to enjoy being away from home, sharing time with family and friends!

Here are a few personal safety times from the Southern Pines Police Department.

- Be alert to your surroundings and the people around you, especially if you are alone or it is dark.
- Whenever possible, travel with friends.
- Stay in well lighted areas as much as possible
- Do not respond to conversation from strangers on the street, continue walking.
- Be careful when wearing items that may impede your vision or hearing (i.e. Air Pods).
- Walk close to the curb. Avoid doorways, bushes, and alleys where someone could hide.
- ALWAYS carry your cell phone and call 911 immediately when needed.
- See something, say something! Call us @ 911 or 910-692-7031 to report anything that looks suspicious!



### FACILITIES & ADDRESSES

**DTP:** Downtown Park | 145 SE Broad St.

**SPPL:** So. Pines Public Library | 170 W. Connecticut Ave.

**REC CTR:** Recreation Center | 160 Memorial Park Ct.

**RSVR PK:** Reservoir Park | 300 Reservoir Park Ct

**WH:** Whitehall | 490 Pee Dee Rd.

**SPPD:** Police Department | 450 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

**TH:** Train House | 482 E. Connecticut Ave.

**DCC:** Douglass Community Center | 1185 W. Pennsylvania Ave

**WWSP:** Weymouth Woods State Park | 1024 Fort Bragg Rd.

**SWANK:** Swank Coffee Shop | 232 NW Broad St.



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