

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SPOTICUS!

Join us online for special videos to celebrate Spoticus's birthday:

Wednesday, August 26 - 9:30am  
Cupcake Stencil Art

Thursday, August 27 - 9:30am  
Pop-Up Cards

Friday, August 28 - 9:30am  
Birthday Candle Garland

Saturday, August 29 - 9:30am  
Easy Dog Treats

These videos will be on our social media sites: Facebook and Instagram. We hope you can make it and join in the fun all week long! Learn more at: <http://spotic.us/birthdayweek>

WE'D **WOOF** FOR YOU TO JOIN US!

Online Dog Storytime  
Tuesday, August 25, 9:30am  
Learn more at:  
<http://spotic.us/dogstorytime>



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Your  
Story\*

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is going on now throughout August! You can retroactively log your points from June - July!  
<https://spotic.us/SR2020>

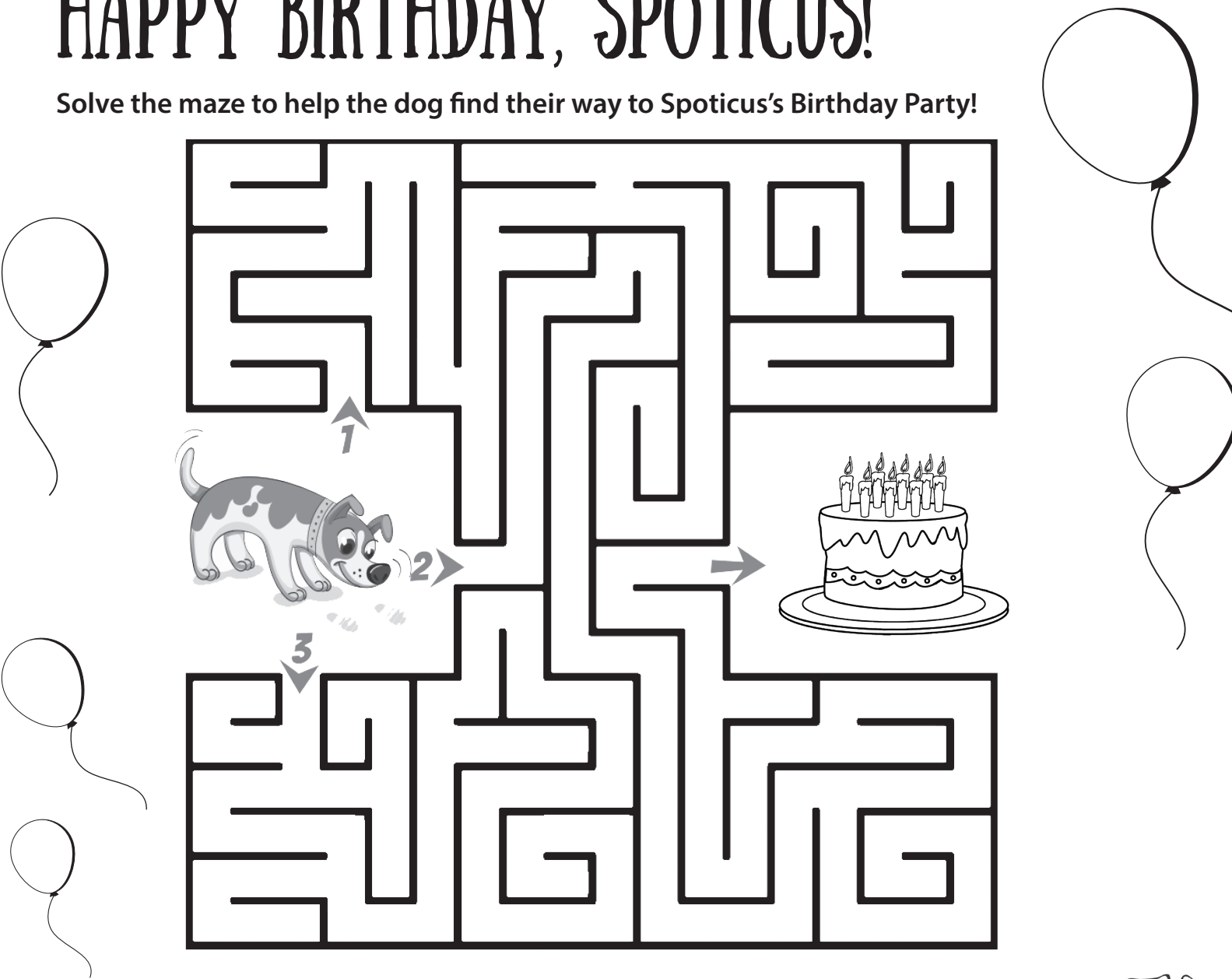
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Have questions? Need your materials via our Curbside Pick-Up? Give us a call at (405) 231-8650.



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Solve the maze to help the dog find their way to Spoticus's Birthday Party!



## SEND SPOTICUS a BIRTHDAY NOTE

Children can write Spoticus and he will send them a postcard back! Letters or postcards for Spoticus should be sent to:

Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library  
Attn: Spoticus  
300 Park Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Spoticus misses seeing you at the library and out in the community; he can't wait to connect again soon via snail mail!

### DON'T HAVE A STAMP?

You can email Spoticus too!

Learn more at: <http://spotic.us/penpal>



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Sudoku | Medium

		6			4	9		
	8		2	1		6		
				6	7			3
6								9
8	7						5	4
9								2
4			1	9				
		9		3	5		2	
		2	7			3		

8				9	1	5		
5			7			8	9	1
1		4					8	
	9	6		1		7	3	
	8					9		4
9	6	8			3			2
		3	1	7				9

Answers:

2	5	6	3	8	4	9	1	7
3	8	7	2	1	9	6	4	5
1	9	4	5	6	7	2	8	3
6	2	5	4	7	1	8	3	9
8	7	3	9	2	6	1	5	4
9	4	1	8	5	3	7	6	2
4	3	8	1	9	2	5	7	6
7	1	9	6	3	5	4	2	8
5	6	2	7	4	8	3	9	1
6	1	9	3	8	5	4	2	7
8	4	7	2	9	1	5	6	3
5	3	2	7	4	6	8	9	1
1	7	4	5	3	9	2	8	6
2	9	6	8	1	4	7	3	5
3	8	5	6	2	7	9	1	4
9	6	8	4	5	3	1	7	2
4	2	3	1	7	8	6	5	9
7	5	1	9	6	2	3	4	8

Your family can join Spoticus online this week for various birthday events! Learn more at: <http://spotic.us/birthdayweek>

## Zoom Poetry Slam! - August 24

Join us on Zoom for an informal poetry slam! Meet and mingle with fellow amateur authors, read your work out loud, and share your inspiration. This is an environment in which local authors can network, share their writing, and offer each other moral support and constructive criticism. <http://spotic.us/zoompoetry>

## The Urban Poets - August 31

Are you an amateur, a seasoned poet, or somewhere in between and looking for someplace to express your talent? Local poets have an opportunity to read their own work or just sit and listen to the work of other budding poets. This is a recurring event and takes place on the last Monday of each month. Registration is required to receive the link. <http://spotic.us/urbanpoets>

## FALL Gardening



Did you know some of the best vegetables in Oklahoma are produced during the fall? Join Julia Laughlin with Oklahoma County Extension to learn the basics of fall gardening including what to plant and tips for caring for your plants. Handouts will be provided. Registration required to receive the Zoom link. <http://spotic.us/gardening>

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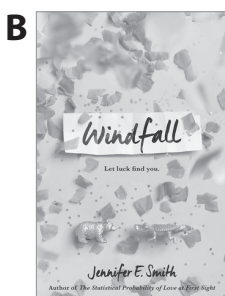


# Three Cheers for the Birthday Book

Match the book blurb with the titles below that feature a birthday in the story!



**1** A girl gives her crush a lottery ticket for his birthday and he wins the jackpot - a heart-warming, gorgeous novel from Jennifer E. Smith, author of *The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight*.



**2** In this moving dual narrative, we meet Morgan and Eric every birthday from the age of 13, as Eric figures out who he is, as Morgan decides to live as her true self, and as they realize they are inextricably part of each other. A beautiful LGBTQ+ love story by the bestselling #ownvoices author of *If I Was Your Girl*.



**3** Lena Duchannes is unlike anyone the small Southern town of Gatlin has ever seen, and she's struggling to conceal her power, and a curse that has haunted her family for generations.

Answers: A3, B1, C2

## Writing Prompt!

Write about a teenager attending a birthday party. Is it their party, or a surprise for someone else? Is there a surprise guest?

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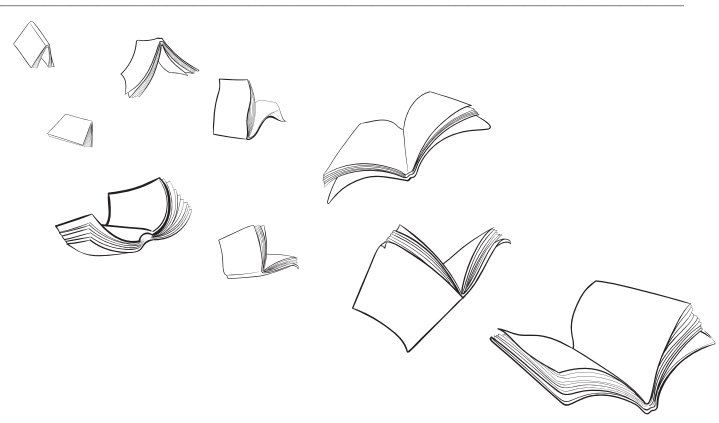
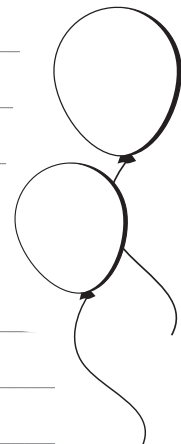
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## Teen Short Story Contest

Are you interested in writing? Submit your very own short story for a chance to earn prizes! Submission deadline is September 4th, 11:59PM.



Join us on September 10th at 6:00PM for a virtual Short Story reading where you will have the option to read your story aloud to your peers. Participation in the reading is optional and does not affect your submission to the short story contest.

### Guidelines:

- 1. All participants must be between the ages of 12-18
- 2. All stories must not exceed 2500 words
- 3. All stories must be originally authored by the teen participant
- 4. Stories can be co-authored with other participants
- 5. Participants can submit up to 2 short stories

To register and submit your story for the contest, please contact [askalibrarian@metrolibrary.org](mailto:askalibrarian@metrolibrary.org).