

Enhanced Version

# Library Links

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## Southwick Public Library

95 Feeding Hills Road • Southwick, MA 01077 • 413-569-1221  
Official Website: [www.southwickma.org](http://www.southwickma.org)

### Library Hours

Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Thursdays & Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Closed Sundays

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Library Telephone Numbers (413) 569-1221

Circulation Ext. 2  
Reference Ext. 3  
Children's Room Ext. 4

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- *Town of Southwick* website: [www.southwickma.org](http://www.southwickma.org)
  - Library page on Town website: [www.southwickma.org/library](http://www.southwickma.org/library)
  - (Unofficial) Library website: [www.southwicklibrary.info](http://www.southwicklibrary.info)
  - (Unofficial) *Economic Development Commission* [www.southwickma.info](http://www.southwickma.info)
  - *Southwick Cultural Council* [www.southwickma.org/cultural](http://www.southwickma.org/cultural)
  - *MA Board of Library Commissioners* (MBLC): [www.ma.gov/libraries](http://www.ma.gov/libraries)  
A locator of public libraries statewide
  - *MA Library System* (MLS): <http://www.masslibsystem.org/>
  - *State of MA* website: [www.ma.gov](http://www.ma.gov)
  - *U.S. House of Representatives* [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)
  - *U.S. Senate* [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)
  - Visit the "Southwick Public Library Young Adult Department" on [Facebook](#)
  - [Visit the Friends Facebook page](#)

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This enhanced *unofficial* version of **Library Links** includes links to other websites, etc. In addition this version is able to include additions and corrections to the paper document. Copies of this version are available at [www.southwicklibrary.info](http://www.southwicklibrary.info)

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## National Library Week is April 13-19

### Patron Surveys Mark Library Week Observance

The *Southwick Public Library* will mark National Library Week April 13-19 with the administration of surveys that help it determine what direction the library should move in, and what services the patrons value as well as what materials are sought by them. Suggestions in any of those areas are most welcome. The surveys will take a minute to complete, and those handing in completed surveys will be treated to a logoed pen. Surveys will also be available for download from the library link at the town's website [www.southwickma.org](http://www.southwickma.org). It is not necessary to sign the document, and the library thanks everyone who participates in the survey.

### Master Gardener To Speak On Storowton Herb Garden

Master Gardener Thelma Green of Chicopee will be the *Southwick Public Library's* Guest speaker Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 7 p.m. when she will detail her experiences restoring the herbal garden at [Storowton](#) on the grounds of the Big E (Eastern States Exposition) in West Springfield. The presentation, which is sponsored by the [Friends of the Library](#), is free and open to the public. It will discuss the content and maintenance of the garden and herbal gardens generally as well as the soil requirements for various herbs. The conditions needed for potted herbals will also be noted and Thelma will share cookies, vinegar and tea recipes, all made from herbs.

## Friends Prepare For April Book Sale

The Friends of the Southwick Public Library will begin their Book Sale preparation with a Collection Day Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Room entrance to the library. They will meet Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. to discuss work assignments and to iron out sale details. Members will also need to be on hand during regular library hours Monday and Tuesday April 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to collect good condition, recent, books, CD books, musical CDs and DVDs. Donors are asked not to bring magazines, abridged books, games, textbooks or encyclopedias. The group will hold its Friends Only Preview Wednesday, April 30 from 5-7 p.m. Persons may become Friends by paying the \$5 individual membership fee, or the \$10 family (any size) fee either the evening of the preview or before at the Circulation Desk of the library. The Book Sale will follow on May 1, 2, and 3 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) during regular library hours. The library is open Mondays and Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesdays 1-8 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Book Group To Discuss *The Aviator's Wife*

The Adult Book Group of the Southwick Public Library will meet Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. The book is the third for the spring session and will be followed in May with a discussion of Sarah Blake's *The Post Mistress* which will be available for purchase at the discussion or afterwards at the Circulation Desk while supplies last. All library patrons are invited to take part in these discussions.

## Teen Poetry Contest

We are pleased to announce the opening of the Southwick Public Library's Teen Poetry Contest on April 1st! Poems will be accepted through 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the rules may be picked-up at the library's Reference Desk or you may use the online link at [www.southwickma.org/library](http://www.southwickma.org/library). Entries may be dropped off at the Reference Desk anytime between April 1<sup>st</sup> and 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Teens, search your collection of poems you have written or pick-up a pencil/pen or start using your computer keyboard and create a new one.

## Teen Happenings in April

Hopefully, spring weather will have arrived by now but even if it hasn't a spring craft will be available in the *Teen Lounge* on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

## April Events

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| April 1, 8, 15  | Storytime, 10:30, 6:30 a.m.                 |
| April 2         | Book Discussion, 1:30 p.m.                  |
| April 3, 10, 17 | Welcome Baby, 10:30 a.m.                    |
| April 8         | Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.                     |
| April 9         | Friends' Meeting, 7 p.m.                    |
| April 10        | Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.                        |
| April 16        | Teen Writing Group.,2:30 p.m.               |
| April 16        | Herb Gardening Program, 7 p.m.              |
| April 17-19     | Easter Craft                                |
| April 23        | Childrens' Cut, Color, Paste Jrnl., 2 p.m.  |
| April 23        | Teen Altered Books, 6:30 p.m.               |
| April 26        | Collection Day, 10 a.m. [For the Book Sale] |
| April 30        | Friends Only Preview, 5 p.m. [Book Sale]    |

***In the Laporte Gallery:***  
*Steven Lewis, framed posters*

***In the Reading Nook***  
*Springfield Museum School Artists*

***April Closings***  
The Library will be closed  
Monday, Apr. 21 in observance of Patriots' Day.

from 3-4 p.m. The Wii system will be available for gaming and there will be a snack to enjoy. All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited.

The next meeting of the **Teen Writing Group** will be held on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:00 in the library's Community Room. New members are always welcome. This group is open to all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. The group will start for high school students at 2:30 p. m. and middle school students may join-in immediately after school.

## NEW MATERIALS

### ADULT BOOKS

*Hostage*, Kay Hooper; *The Dead In Their Vaulted Arches*, Allen Bradley; *Standup Guy*, Stuart Woods; *Andrew's Brain*, E. L. Doctrow; *Command Authority*, Tom Clancy; *The Invention Of Wings*, Sue Monk Kidd; *Hazardous Duty*, W. E. B. Griffin; *The Star Of Istanbul*, Robert Allen Butler; *Bull River*, Robert B. Parker; *In The Blood*, Lisa Unger.

### ADULT DVDs

We're The Millers (R), Elysium (R), Jack Reacher (PG-13), White House Down, (PG-13).

### CHILDREN'S DVD's

Best Buddies (NR), Alpha & Omega (PG), Eggstravaganza (NR), Barbie In The Pink Shoes (NR).

### CHILDREN'S BOOKS

*Pick a Circle, Gather Squares*, by Felicia Sanzari Chenesky ; *How to Hide a Lion*, by Helen Stevens ; *A Snicker of Magic*, by Natalie Lloyd; *Timmy Failure, Now Look What You've Done*, by Stephan Pastis; *Peek-a-Boo Bunny*, by Holly Surplice ; *Superhero Joe and the creature next door*, by Jacqueline Preiss Weitzman; *Spelling Trouble*, by Frank Cammuso ; *Yellow is My Color Star*, by Judy Horacek ; *Dinosaurs On My Street*, by David West; *Maple*, by Lori Nichols.

## Children's Room News

### Tuesday Storytime

Southwick Public Library's Tuesday Storytime for children ages 2-5 years old will meet in the Children's Room on April 1, 8 and 15 at 10:30 a.m. Laugh at silly stories, make a little music, hear about "The Little Red Hen." Take home a craft you make yourself. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Please register in the Children's Room or call 413-569-1221x4 to join the fun.

### Join the LEGO Club Fun at Southwick Public Library

LEGO Club will meet on Thursday, April 10 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Kids in grades 2-6 may register in the Children's Room to use our new LEGOs to

meet "building challenges", share ideas and have fun. For more information and to pre-register for LEGO building fun, visit or call the Children's Room at 413-569-1221x4. (Parents please note: the Library closes at 5 p.m. on Thursdays and LEGO Club members must be picked up before closing.).

### Spring Saturday Storytime

Spring Saturday Storytime will really be hoppin' with stories about bunnies, frogs, dogs and ducks! Children and their parents/caregivers are welcome to hop along with us on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11a.m. in the Children's Room. A make-and-take craft will be available later.

## Southwick Public Library Host "Welcome Baby" Sessions for New Parents

Southwick Public Library will host Pathways for Parents "Welcome Baby" series for first-time parents of infants under 12 months of age on Thursdays April 3, 10, and 17 from 10:30 till noon. This free program includes infant sign language, infant massage, and calming music, movement and yoga for both parents and infants. To register for this program, visit or call the Children's Room at (413) 569-1221x4.

## National Library Week Scavenger Hunt

Celebrate National Library Week April 14-19 by finding the storybook characters hidden around the Children's Room. You will match the name to the characters you find to the character list available at the Librarian's desk. When you get them all correct, enter to win a \$10 Summer House gift certificate. One prize will be awarded, and the winner's name will be posted in the Children's Room on Tuesday April 22. For more information, visit or call the Children's Room at 413-569-1221x4.

## Vacation Week Event for Teens & Kids in Grs.ades 3-6

On Wednesday, April 23 at 2:00 p.m. , kids in grades 3-6 can turn discarded books and magazines into journaling treasures using collage and highlighting techniques at the Cut-Color-Paste Workshop at Southwick Public Library. Due to limited space, you must pre-register in the Children's Room.

Teens will enjoy retooling someone else's words to express themselves in the Altered Books Workshop on Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. You will learn several techniques, including embellishing, collaging and blacking out to make a book entirely new and entirely you. Due to limited space, you must pre-register in the Children's Room or at the Reference Desk. Each session will run for about 1.5 hours.

Funding for these two creative programs is generously provided by a grant from the [Kiwani's Club of Greater Westfield, Inc.](#)

## Addendum to *Library Links*

The following are additions to the paper version of *Library Links* and are **not** part of the official document produced by the Library and is not produced using public funds or staff.

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### ✓ Follow on Senior Computer Training

Pending funding the Library plans on providing a series of workshops on using a computer. This would be for senior citizens and would be a follow on to the materials covered in the sessions held last year. The sessions would be held during Summer or Fall 2014. More information will be provided in *Library Links* if funding is secured.

### ✓ Online Access to The Republican and other newspapers

Library users in the four counties of western Mass. now have online access to more than 10 regional newspapers for one year. The funding is courtesy of the *Mass. Library System*, *UMASS*, the *Springfield Public Library* and several other organizations. Pending funding this resource will be available in future years. The newspapers include *The Republican* and the *Berkshire Eagle*. Access is available using a library computer or for access from your computer at home or on the road contact the Reference Department staff at the library. The effort to make this happen was the result of efforts by volunteers with the *Western Mass. Library Advocates*. A link is available from the Library page on the town website.

### ✓ Library Building Updates

The carpet replacement project is expected to take place in the Summer of 2014. this will include the most heavily used areas of the building. The Children's room carpeting was replaced several years ago. The insulation project has resulted in significant savings of natural gas during the winter heating season (installed in late January). This has also improved the temperature in the building and allowed for energy savings when the building is closed. This is expected to save money for the town in future years depending on the cost of natural gas at that time.

### ✓ Non-town Funding for the Library

Each year the Library applies for funds from area charities and foundations to support programs and materials for children, adults and senior citizens. Based on the amount of available funds and the number and amount of requests by others the Library is usually able to obtain small amounts in this way. These organizations include Westfield based non-profits, the [Mass. Board of Library Commissioners \(MBLC\)](#)<sup>i1</sup> a state agency, the [Friends of the Southwick Public Library, Inc.](#), [a local 501(c)(3) charitable organization], the [Southwick Cultural Council](#)<sup>2</sup> and recently the Westfield Kiwanis. Several programs during the year were funded by the [Southwick Cultural Council](#).<sup>ii</sup> A number of programs annually are funded by the Friends. Please consider supporting these organizations in their respective fund raising activities. This includes book sales and other events and activities. Watch this space, *Library Links* or local media outlets for more information.

The funds from the MBLC are used in part to purchase computers, shelving and other capital items not funded by the Town of Southwick. This year it also includes replacement of the computer server in the Library as well as replacement of several computers. It is subject to the annual appropriation by the State Legislature. The first half of the MBLC funding for FY 2014 was received.

Training and other resources for friends groups and library trustees are provided in part by the [Mass. Library Trustees Association \(MLTA\)](#), the [Mass. Friends of Libraries \(MFOL\)](#) and the [Western Mass. Library Advocates](#). Several members of the **Friends** attended the *Annual MFOL/MLTA Conference* in Worcester in November 2013 and have brought back ideas for potential use in Southwick.

### ✓ C/W Mars membership

*(April 2014 Update) The proposed Library budget for fiscal year 2015 has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen as per instructions to all town departments, etc. The proposed budget includes funding for C/W Mars at the regular library rate. This will allow library users access to C/W Mars features not currently available. In order to allow this to happen is approval of the budget at the higher level than the current year. The*

*finalized budget will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting in May.*

The adoption of a change in membership in *C/W Mars* will involve a change of software which will impact the look and use of software by the public and library staff. New library cards may also be involved for those with only an existing Southwick Public Library card. Details to follow. The current membership level for the Southwick Public Library "online affiliate" is eliminated as of June 30, 2014.

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<sup>i</sup> Funded by the State Legislature through the State budget process. *Approximately* \$ 10,000 per year provided by the MBLC . In prior years this was as high as approximately \$ 15,000.

<sup>ii</sup> Funded **in part** by the State Legislature through the State budget process and **in part** by the Town of Southwick. (\$ 1,500 municipal appropriation)