

Southwick Public Library
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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

Library Links

Southwick Public Library December 2018

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HOLIDAY CONCERT BY DAN KENNEDY

It's time to get the holiday spirit. Come hear your favorite holiday tunes, live! This is a return appearance for Dan Kennedy to the Southwick Library. Join us at the Southwick Public Library on Wednesday, December 5 at 7 P.M. We'll keep those chestnuts roastin' and the sleigh bells ringing. See you there! Free admission and open to the public.

Composer-pianist Dan's music has been heard on over 250 radio stations, as well as Spotify, Pandora, and Music Choice. He has performed at numerous libraries and other venues throughout the United States.

Friends Gift Basket Raffle

Tickets for the Friends' Gift Basket Raffle are on sale now through December 15 until 10:30 a.m. You may purchase 1 ticket for a \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. There are 30 baskets available!!! Baskets are on display at the library.

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS

The Adult Cookbook Club will meet on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. for their Holiday Cookies and Candies Exchange. If you wish to participate, please sign-up at the library's Circulation Desk. Each participant needs to bring 4 dozen cookies or candies. Please make sure to email your recipe to southwicklibrary@comcast.net.

The group will meet in January on Tuesday, January 22nd. Cookbooks will be available starting on December 21.

The Adult Book Discussion group is meeting on Wednesday, December 5 at 1:30 p.m. to share their thoughts on the book *Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg. The group does not meet in January but will resume in February. Our January edition of the Library Links will have information concerning the February discussion.

Adult Color, Chat and Cookies will be meeting in December on Monday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. This is a week earlier than usual. It's time to take a break from all the hustle and bustle that comes with getting ready for the holiday season. All materials will be supplied by the library along with coffee, tea, mulled cider and cookies. No need to register and you don't need to be here at exactly 6:30 p.m.

Inclement Weather Policy

If the library is going to be closed or the opening delayed because of the weather, the information will be posted on the local news stations (CBS, NBC, ABC & Fox). **Library closings are not linked to the regional school district being closed.**

GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree is now up and waiting to be decorated with homemade or newly purchased winter hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. We are collecting items for all ages. The library will be collecting these winter articles of clothing until January 5 and the items will be distributed in our local area by the Department of Children and Family Services. This is the second year that we have had a Giving Tree in the library. Last year, you helped us collect 4 large tightly packed boxes of items to keep others in need warm. Thank you.

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!

Did you know the Southwick Public Library has museum passes that may be checked-out? The majority of the passes offer reduced rates for museum admission. Each museum's pass has its own criteria regarding the number of people, age and the admission discount. We have passes to Amelia Park Children's Museum, Children's Museum of CT, Eric Carle Museum and Mystic Aquarium plus more.

The Friends of the Southwick Public Library also offer passes for their members. A Friends' membership costs \$5.00 for an individual and \$10.00 for a family. If you purchase a membership now, it will be good until the end of 2019.

Friends' passes include the Norman Rockwell Museum, Zoo at Forest Park, Children's Museum at Holyoke and more. Frequently, your savings more than covers the cost of a Friends' membership.

Passes are checked out for two days and the overdue fee is \$5 per day.

December Events

December 3	SPLAT, 2:30 p.m.
December 3-8	Drop-in Craft to Decorate the Library
December 4	Story Yoga, 10:30 a.m.
December 4	Cookbook Club, Cookies & Candies Exchange, 6:30 p.m.
December 5	Book Discussion, 1:30 p.m.
December 5	STEAM Program, 3:30 p.m.
December 5	Holiday Concert, 7:00 p.m.
December 7	Downloading Apps-Instruction, 3-3:30 and 3:30-4 p.m.
December 8	Cookies & Carols Storytime, 11 a.m.
December 10	Adult, Color, and Chat & Cookies, 6:30 p.m.
December 11, 18	Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
December 11	Teen Cocoa & Coloring, 2:30 p.m.
December 11	Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.
December 12	Escape Room, 2:30 p.m.
December 12	Basic Computer, 4-4:30 and 4:30-5 p.m.
December 13	LEGO Club, Grades 3-6, 3:00 p.m.
December 15	Friends Gift Basket Drawing 10:30 a.m.
December 17-22	Drop-In Craft
December 17	Makerspace, 3 p.m.
December 17	Basic Computer, 4-4:30 and 4:30-5 p.m.
December 18	Teen Hangout, 2:30 p.m.
December 19	LEGO Club, K-2, 3:30 p.m.
December 20	Teen Manga Club, 2:30 p.m.
December 21	Downloading Apps-Instruction, 3-3:30 and 3:30-4 p.m.
December 26-29&31	Drop-in Scavenger Hunt
December 27	Bingo for Kids, 3 p.m.

Closings

December 24 & 25

Closing at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 31

Closed Jan. 1, 2019

In the Laporte Gallery

Ellen Westerlind, acrylic painting

In the Reading Nook

Joan Bernard- Fairies

Teen Events

New Materials

New Adult Books

Past Tense: a Jack Reacher Novel/Lee Child; *Nine Perfect Strangers*/Liane Moriarty; *Fire & Blood*/George R. R. Martin; *Tony's Wife*/Adriana Trigiani; *Beauchamp Hall*/Danielle Steel; *Little*/Edward Carey and *The Spy and the Traitor: the Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War*/Ben Macintyre.

New Adult DVDs

Crazy Rich Asians-PG13; *Delicious Series 1* and also Series 2-NR; The Crown Season 2-NR; Bel Canto-NR; Star Trek Discovery Season 1-NR and Alpha-PG13

New Business Books

Dare to Lead: Brave Work, Tough Conversations, Whole Hearts/Brene Brown; *Home Business Tax Deductions: Keep What You Earn*/Stephen Fishman and *This is Marketing*/Seth Godin

New CD Books

The Reckoning/John Grisham; *Look Alive Twenty-Five*/Janet Evanovich; *The Death of Mrs. Westaway*/Ruth Ware; *The White Darkness*/David Grann; *Brief Answers to the Big Questions*/Stephen Hawking; *Becoming*/Michelle Obama and *The Last Time I Lied*/Riley Sager.

New Items in YA

Fiction:

Bridge of Clay, by Markus Zusak. *The Wicked King*, by Holly Black. *Stronger, Faster and More Beautiful*, by Arwen Elys Dayton. *A Very Large Expanse of Sea*, by Tahreh Mafi. *When Elephants Fly*, by Nancy Richardson Fischer. *Wildcard*, by Marie Lu. *A Map of Days* by Ransom Riggs. *Queen of Air and Darkness* by Cassandra Clare.

Graphic Novels:

That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime v.3 & v.4, by Fuse. *Grand Theft Horse* by G. Neri.

Audiobooks:

The Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas, *Muse of Nightmares*, by Laini Taylor. *One of Us is Lying*, by Karen McManus

New in the Children's Room

Surprise!, by Caroline Hadilaksono; *Can I Be Your Dog?*, by Troy Cummings; *The Wind Called My Name*, by Mary Louise Sanchez; *Angel and Bavar*, by Amy Wilson; *Knights vs. Dinosaurs*, by Matt Phelan; *Everlasting Nora*, by Marie Miranda Cruz; *In Your Shoes*, by Donna Gephart; *I'm Tough*, by Kate McMullan; *Lost and Found Cat*, by Doug Kuntz; and *Wicked Nix*, by Lena Coakley.

SPLAT in Action

Make book displays for the holidays! Pair a book and CD that belong together and decorate! Other display ideas that have been suggested by our Advisory Team are movie theater themed, or holiday comfort food. Gather to decorate the YA section – get creative and make it yours! Meet up from 2:30-3:30 in the YA section on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Light refreshments provided. For students in 7-12th grade.

Cocoa and Coloring

Chat, listen to music and have some hot cocoa! As a winter special, we will have a hot cocoa bar with marshmallows, whipped cream, candy canes, and sprinkles. We will have all the coloring sheets, gel pens, and colored pencils that you'll need to take part in this relaxing activity. Students in 7th-12th grade, drop by the Community Room at 2:30-3:30 on Tuesday, December 11.

Teen Hangout

Make touch screen gloves to keep your hands warm while you text this winter! Materials provided. Play video games or Giant Jenga, listen to music and just snack and relax after school! Students in 7th-12th grade, stop by the Community Room 2:30-3:30 on Tuesday, December 18.

Harry Potter Escape Room

Don't miss out on this live action escape room! Lord Voldemort has broken into the room and has left the most revealing of secrets. Do the lowly Muggles have what it takes to decipher the clues and BreakOut? Students in 7th-12th grade, meet up from 2:30-3:30 in the Community Room on Wednesday, December 12th.

Winter Reading Program Start

Cozy up by the fire with a good book this winter, and get raffle tickets for a chance to win a prize! Southwick Public Library Teen Winter Reading Program works like this - for each hour you read (maximum of 5 hour per week), you can get an entry to put in for your choice of three prizes. You can enter your hours read by filling out a raffle ticket at the library OR by filling out the Google Form available on our website, Facebook page, and Teen Blog (if you enter hours online, you will be asked to note which prize you want your raffle entries for). Prizes will be raffled off at the end of the program. You can enter hours beginning December 17th, and the last day to enter hours is by 5 p.m. on January 18th. Winners will be announced on Monday, January 21st.

Manga Club

Try out our Anime Studio Debut 10 to create your own animation on the computer. Talk manga, play trivia, decorate fans, and try some Japanese snacks! Students in 6th-12th grade, meet in the Community Room from 2:30-3:30 on Thursday, December 20th.

Children's Room News

Decorate the Library for Winter

Visit the Children's Room anytime from December 3-8 and customize a penguin to help decorate the library for winter. All materials will be provided so that you can create a one-of-a-kind penguin pal to hang up in the Children's Room. You can make skis, snowboard, hat, etc. to make it special and unique.

Story Yoga for Kids at Southwick Public Library

Southwick Public Library will host Story Yoga on Tuesday, December 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room. This special monthly series encourages children ages 2-5 accompanied by a parent or caregiver to learn the benefits of yoga through a story, some yoga poses and a simple craft. Please register in the Children's Room or call us at 413-569-1221x4 to participate in this event.

Jon "the Music Man" O'Neil's STEAM Program Comes to the Library

Children's entertainer extraordinaire Jon "the Music Man" O'Neil will bring his STEAM program to Southwick Public Library on Tuesday, December 5 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Kids in Kindergarten through grade 3 will learn about the science of vibrations and sound. See and hear an original handmade percussion instrument. Make your own rhythm vibrations. This interactive program has been rescheduled to this December date, and is supported by a grant from Pathways for Parents. For more information and to sign up for this event, visit or call the Children's Room at 413-569-1221x4. Or stop in the day of the program.

2-5 year olds Have Fun at Southwick Public Library's Tuesday Storytime

You will love Storytime for 2-5 year olds at Southwick Public Library on Tuesdays December 11 & 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Room. Listen to stories about winter. Mix-in a fun make-and-take craft and a song for a good time. Sign up by visiting or calling the library at 413-569-1221 ext. 4, or just stop in the day of the event

Create Something Amazing at Southwick Public Library's LEGO Clubs

Southwick Public Library's LEGO Clubs will meet in the Community Room for building fun in December. Kids in grades 3-6 will meet on Thursday, December 13, from 3:00-4:00 p.m., and kids in K-2 will meet on Wednesday, December 19 from 3:30-4:30. Build what you want using our LEGOs and your imagination, or work on a special challenge each monthly session. Enjoy a snack at the end of the session while we share our creations.

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Holiday Saturday Storytime at Southwick Public Library

Children, along with their parents/caregivers are invited to come to the Children's Room on Saturday, December 8th at 11 a.m. to have fun at our Cookies and Carols Storytime. Listen to stories and make a craft. Sing along with Mrs. Judd. Registration is not required for this program.

Holiday Craft

Children of all ages are invited to come to the Children's Room for our Christmas Drop-In Craft. Materials will be available from Monday, December 17th through Saturday, December 22nd.

Makerspace Monday Workshop for Kids in Grades 3-6

Kids in grades 3-6, join us after school on Monday, December 17 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. for Makerspace Monday. In this month's special activity, we will set-up crafting stations so you can make a variety of items, from beaded keychains or zipper clips to seasonal cards. You can also try out our Little Bits, or play Apples to Apples, if there is time. Sign-up in the Children's Room for the free program by visiting or calling 413-569-1221 extension 4. Or just drop-in that day to learn something new and fun.

School Vacation Activities

Stop-in during our open hours from December 26-29 and December 31 to try out our **Scavenger Hunt!** See if you can find all of the "hidden" snowmen. You could win a container of candy!

On Thursday December 27, join us for **Kids' Bingo!** We will be playing Bingo from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Join in the fun when you stop in.

For more information about Children's Programming at Southwick Public Library and to register for storytime and LEGO Club, visit or call the Children's Room at 413-569-1221x4.