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## 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

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# *Library Links*

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September 2009

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## **“Mark Twain” Will Make September Appearance at Southwick Library**

Richard Clark, an actor extraordinaire, will become Mark Twain, America’s foremost humorist, Tuesday, September 15, 2009 during his 7 p.m. performance in the Community Room of the Southwick Public Library. The performance is free, open to the public, and funded by the Southwick Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

The program, billed as “And now...Mark Twain!”, will take a delightful look at the life and work of the well-known personage during this one-person play. The performance is full of wit and wisdom and the special brand of storytelling that made Twain a legend in his time. Clark invites his audience to laugh along with him at the foibles, follies and fantasies of a bygone era in America.

Clark of Boylston, Massachusetts has acted for 30 years and for a number of years has focused on presenting one-person shows for community audiences throughout New England. He has worked professionally in New York Theater and on television and has appeared in numerous New England regional theatres.

## ***Friends to Hold Fishing Tournament & Plan Annual Meeting, Book Sale***

The Friends of the Southwick Public Library’s (FSPL) 13<sup>th</sup> annual “Fish for Friends” benefit will be held Sunday, September 27, 2009 at the North Ramp of the Congamond Lakes beginning at 7 a.m. Linda Golfieri, chair of the tournament, has provided entry blanks, which can be obtained at the library, at \$100 per team with a 50% payback & prizes, and 50% donation to FSPL. There will be an optional \$10 per team Lunger Pool with 100% payback. *(continued on page 2)*

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The Friends will also hold a September 9, 2009 meeting at 7 p.m. in the Community Room to make final plans for their annual meeting in October featuring a brief business meeting, a speaker, and refreshments.

Additionally, volunteers are being sought for the October Book Sale which is set to begin with a Collection Day for the public on Saturday, October 24, 2009 in the library's Community Room that will be followed on Thursday, October 29 with a "Friends' Only" Preview from 5 until 8 p.m. Then on Friday and Saturday, October 30 and 31 the sale will be held during the library's regular operating times. Those with questions or wishing to volunteer may contact Book Sale Chair, Lee Hazelton, at: [inthejog@yahoo.com](mailto:inthejog@yahoo.com). Interested patrons are always invited to attend the Friends' meetings or participate in their activities.

## ***Starship Adventure was a Blast at Southwick Public Library***

Southwick Public Library was the place to be this summer as The ***Starship Adventure @ Southwick Public Library*** Suntime Reading Program ran from June 29 through August 8 with our highest pre-registration numbers to date. Twenty-four young readers in the Children's Room were awarded prizes in our weekly drawings. By reading books checked out from the library and visiting the library, all participants received special coupons for free stuff from local businesses including: Blossoming Acres Farm, the Summer House, The Daily Grind, Notch Travel Centre, Mrs. Murphy's Donuts, Southwick McDonalds and Big Y. We send our heartfelt thanks to these businesses for their support.

**Thursday Craft Days** and the **Moon Rock Scavenger** hunt were big hits with kids in the Children's Room, with a total of 118 and 134 kids participating, respectively. Moon rocks for this event were designed by an enthusiastic group of teens.

Special thanks to the Southwick Cultural Council for funding six special events for kids and Teens including two **Theatrical Make-Up Workshops** with Patti Bessette, **Mad Science: Up, Up and Away**, a visit from **Mother Goose** for the preschool set, and, as a grand finale, two sessions with **Frisbee Champion Todd Brodeur**.

Nine kids entering 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grades discussed the book *Sign of the Beaver* over lunch with Mrs. Storozuk for the **Brown Bag Book Discussion**

## ***September Events***

September 1-4 Back-to-School Drop-in Craft  
September 2 Adult Book Discussion, 6:30 p.m.  
September 8 Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.  
September 9 Friends Meeting, 7 p.m.  
September 15 "And now...Mark Twain", 7 p.m.  
September 15, 22 & 29 3-5's Storytimes, 10:30 a.m.  
September 19 Saturday Storytime, 11 a.m.

***The Library will be closed  
Monday, September 7  
In observance of Labor Day***

## ***In the Laporte Gallery Pioneer Valley Art Group, various media***

*Artists who are interested in exhibiting their original work in the Laporte Gallery may pick up an application at the circulation desk or for more information, email [Jeanine.laporte@comcast.net](mailto:Jeanine.laporte@comcast.net).*

## ***Ice Bound Is Book Group's Topic***

The adult Book Discussion Group will begin its fall session with a discussion of *Ice Bound*, by Jerri Nielsen in place of the previously publicized *Kabul Beauty School*, which will be discussed later in the session. The Nielsen book will be taken up Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room. Nielsen, whose married name was Fitzgerald, spent her last years in Southwick, but wrote the book about her Antarctic adventure after spending time there some 10 years ago.

The group will make its next selection, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer, available for purchase at the *Ice Bound* discussion, and at the Circulation Desk thereafter while supplies last. It is set for discussion on October 7, 2009 at the same time and place.

All interested adult library patrons are welcome to attend these book discussions.

## NEW MATERIALS

### Adult Books

*Mommywood*, by Tori Spelling; *Seducing an Angel*, by Mary Balogh; *Secret Son*, by Laila Lalami; *Love or Something Like It*, by Deidre Shaw/ *Road Dogs*, Elmore Leonard; *Wicked Prey*, by John Sandford; *The Winner Stands Alone*, by Paulo Coelho; *Cold Choices*, by Larry Bond; *Into the Beautiful North*, by Louis Alberto Urrea; *Gone Tomorrow*, by Lee Child; *Finger Lickin Fifteen*, by Janet Evanovich; *Twenties Girl*, by Sophie Kinsella; *Daniel X: Watch the Skies*, by James Patterson; *Strangers*, by Anita Brookner; *Matters of the Heart*, by Danielle Steel; *Rogue Forces*, by Dale Brown; *The Castaways*, by Elin Hilderbrand; *Sacred Hearts*, by Sarah Dunant; *Burn*, by Linda Howard.

### Adult CD Books

*By the River Piedra I Sat Down*, by Paulo Coelho; *Stranger In Paradise*, by Robert B. Parker; *Remember Me*, by Sophie Kinsella; *The 19<sup>th</sup> Wife*, by David Ebershoff.

### Adult DVDs

Baby Ma Ma (PG-13); The Lives of Others (R); Revolutionary Road (R), Transformers (PG-13).

### Children's DVD's

Bee Movie (PG), Bolt (PG), Enchanted Tales (G), The Spiderwick Chronicles (PG).

### New Young Adult

*Wolf Island*, by Darren Shan; *Princess of the Midnight Ball*, by Jessica Day George; *Tenth Grade bleeds*, by Heather Brewer; *Teen's Guide to creating Web Pages and Blogs*, by Benjamin Selfridge; *Splendor : a Luxe novel*, by Anna Godbersen; and *Siege of Macindaw (Ranger's Apprentice series)*, by John Flanagan.

### New Juvenile Fiction

*Also known as Harper*, by Ann Haywood Leal; *Counter Clockwise*, by Jason Cockcroft; *Wild things*, by Clay Carmichael; *Rissa Bartholomew's declaration of independence*, by Linda Comerford; *Where the mountain meets the moon*, by Grace Lin; *A recipe 4 robbery*, by Marybeth Kelsey; *Julia Gilliam: and the quest for joy*, by Alison McGhee; *The case of the cryptic crinoline: an Enola Holmes mystery*, by Nancy Springer, and *Faith, Hope and Ivy June*, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor.

Young adult specialist Diane Caruso led a **Pizza and Pages** discussion of the Red Kayak, by Priscilla Cummmings, as they all munched on Pizza.

Mrs. Judd hosted a reading of *My Race Car*, by Michael Rex for **Bedtime Storytime** with guest reader Josh Gagnon. After storytime kids were invited to sit in a 1948 Ford F150 hot rod, owned by Southwick resident Matthew Alaimo.

Families also enjoyed the two movies in our **Family Film Series**, *Space Buddies* and *WALL-E*.

Thanks to all of our supporters and to the Children and Teens in Southwick and surrounding communities, who made this year's Suntime Reading Program our best ever program.

**The numbers are all in for this year's Adult Suntime Reading** and participation is the highest it's been in the seven years it's been in existence boasting 310 entries over the six week program-a 77% increase over last year's 239!

The program saw seven tote bags full of logoed, themed prizes and materials being awarded in the categories of Going Green, Stargazing, Scrapbooking, Cooking, Out of This World, Being Fit, and a Bonus Prize (which featured goodies donated by The Notch Travel Centre, and books). The winners were: Michele Parrow, Lori Clarke, Sandy McGann, Donna Koloski, Beth Waitt, David Baker, and Lois Davis.

The *Starship Adventure at your library* Suntime Reading Program is sponsored by Southwick Public Library, and the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems.

## ***Value Line Now Available***

Value Line, universally recognized as a premier investment tool, is now available to patrons of the Southwick Public Library by simply asking the Reference Librarians to see the two binders which house the periodical instrument. Patrons may peruse the materials at their leisure and/or make copies of pertinent information. The binders cannot be taken from the library.

Value Line is composed of more than a dozen print products which are used by more than half-a-million investors for timely information on stocks, mutual funds, special situations, options, and convertibles.

## Teen Poetry Contest Winning Poem

### In My Mother's Arms

by Madeline Hatt/Peloquin

In my mother's arms  
She holds me tight  
Her tears falling to my scalp  
Memories rushing through my mind  
Bad thoughts not yet forgiven  
No words to explain the fear  
I stand there motionless  
In my mother's arms  
I cannot explain this feeling.

Anger is creeping about my body  
But love is beginning to overshadow  
So what's making me feel this way?  
Is it the fact that it was she who left me?  
Or is it the dishonesty I once knew?

I know they say forgiveness is key  
But it is hard for me to forgive  
When it was I who was left shattered

I was left to weep among the stairs  
And it was you who took off running  
Leaving your five children behind  
It was a mistake hard to forgive

You left us with the one who could be least trusted  
And because you left our lives were ruined  
The wounds in our heart may have healed  
But they left scars that refuse to let us forget the past

Here I am, now in a new family I can call my own  
But everything changes with one glimpse of a letter  
You expect me to forgive the blunders you once made  
But ten years cannot heal the broken heart

All this I want to say to you  
But my mouth will not open  
So I stand there in silence  
In my mother's arms  
Who I once knew to love  
But now cannot forgive.

## Teen Poetry Contest First Runner-Up.

### UNTITLED

by Jenna Klinkowski

As she sits there in the crowded room  
The loud sounds seem to fade, as she slowly drifts away  
Back to that night when her whole life changed  
The images becoming real again  
Seeing and feeling everything, as if it was that night all over  
Just as the tears fall from her eyes  
She slowly starts to cry  
Because now she finally knows he cared for just one thing  
No care for what was on her mind, but just to find what he wanted  
She now knows he's not going to be there  
Cause he really doesn't care

## CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

### September Storytimes

Join us for Storytimes for 3-5 year-olds at the Library on Tuesdays September 15, 22 and 29 at 10:30 a.m. to hear stories about apples, autumn and more. Pre-register by calling or visiting the Children's Room.

Our first **Saturday Storytime** of the fall season will be on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Children ages 2-5 years old and their parents and caregivers are invited to come to the Children's Room at 11:00 a.m. to listen to seasonal stories and do a simple craft. Registration is not necessary.

### Back-to-School Craft

Stop by the Children's Room anytime during the week of September 1-4 to make a "Do Not Disturb" sign for your room. Craft materials will be available during our open hours all week.