

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 April 2019

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SPRING = THE FRIENDS' BOOK SALE

Its spring, which means the Friends' Book Sale is almost here! The library will be collecting books, DVDs and CDs on Saturday, April 27th from 10a.m. – 1 p.m. and also Monday & Tuesday, April 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Preview night for members of the Friends will be on Wednesday, May 1 from 5-7 p.m. Not a member of the Friends yet? You may join that night. The fee is \$5.00 for an individual and \$10.00 for a family. Your membership is good until December 31, 2019. The sale will be open to the general public on Thursday and Friday, May 2-3 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on Saturday, May 4th from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Money raised by the Friends of the Southwick Public Library is used to pay for library programs and purchase materials/equipment for the library.

Cottage Garden Colors Presentation

The Southwick Public Library is pleased to have Sally Killips present her *Cottage Garden Colors* program on Wednesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in the library's Community Room. A distinct style, a cottage garden is an informal design that uses traditional materials, dense plantings, and a mixture of ornamental and edible plants.

Sally was the garden designer for Meadow View Farm in Southwick for many years before she retired. She currently freelances as a designer and gives talks on a variety of garden-related subjects. This free program is open to all and no registration is required.

National Library Week

National Library Week is April 7- 13. The theme of library week for 2019 is Libraries = Strong Communities! Your local library offers free access to books, DVDs, music CDs, books on Cds, magazines and museum passes. We also offer online resources for your family and a business center that helps support your career goals and to help support entrepreneurship. Our library offer opportunities to all our patrons.

The library will conduct its annual survey the week of April 8-13 and April 15-20. A small gift will be given to those that complete the survey. Information collected from our annual surveys was instrumental in the creation of the library's new 5-Year Strategic Plan. A copy of our plan may be found online at www.southwickma.org/library. In April starting on the 7th there will also be a copy of our survey on this website which you may print. You will need to turn in your completed, printed survey at the library.

Ongoing Monthly Adult Programs

Socrates' Café This group had its inaugural meeting in March. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16 in the library's Community Room at 6:30 p.m. The topic this month is "Is truth absolute or relative". The group is facilitated by David Meczywor. Socrates Café is an opportunity for ordinary people to wrestle with the Big Questions, in a discussion. Alternative viewpoints are encouraged and explored. All discussion takes place in an atmosphere of respect and encouragement. People from all walks of life, are encouraged to attend and contribute their unique views.

Adult Color, Chat & Cookies will meet on Monday April 22 at 6:30. This group is open to all adults. There is no fee for this program. All materials are supplied as well as cookies, tea, and coffee. No registration is required. This is a stress-free and fun activity. It doesn't matter if you do more chatting than coloring!

Adult Cookbook Club will meet on April 23 at 6:30 p.m., Cookbook Club will be sampling recipes they made from the cookbook *Christopher Kimball's Milk Street: the New Home Cooking*. Recipes are connected to the PBS popular cooking program Milk Street. Prior to the meeting on Tuesday, April 23, please email (southwicklibrary@comcast.net) with the subject Cookbook Club your first two choices of the recipe you'd like to make. The library will contact you to let you know which recipe to bring or if you need to make another selection. This helps to prevent us from having duplicate items being prepared. New adult members are always welcome to pick-up a cookbook and sign-up at the Circulation Desk.

Please be advised: *Neither the food served at cookbook club, and prepared in home kitchens, nor the facilities have been inspected by the state or the local public health agency.*

Adult Book Discussion Group will discuss the book *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn on April 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room. After the meeting, the book *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman, which will be discussed at the May 1 book discussion, will be available for sale. Participants do not need to purchase the book. Books are available through interlibrary loan.

I Did Not Know That!

The library now has baby changing stations available in both the Ladies Room and the Men's Room. The library would like to thank the Friends of the Southwick Public Library for funding the purchase of one of the two stations.

April Events

April 1	April Fools Teen Hangout , 2:30 p.m..
April 2	One-on-One Basic Computer, 4-5 p.m.
April 2	Story Time Yoga, 10:30 a.m..
April 3	Adult Book Discussion, 1:30 p.m.
April 8	Makerspace Monday, 3 p.m.
April 9, 16, 23	Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
April 9	Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.
April 10	S.P.L.A.T., 2:30 p.m.
April 10	Friends Meeting, 7 p.m.
April 11	LEGO Club, Gr. 3-6, 3 p.m.
April 12	One-on-One OverDrive Training, 3-4 p.m.
April 13	Saturday Storytime, 11 a.m.
April 16	Exploding Seed Grenades, 2:30 p.m.
April 16	Socrates Café, 6:30 p.m.
April 16	One-on-One Basic Computer, 4-5 p.m.
April 17	LEGO Club, Gr.K-2, 3:30 p.m.
April 18	Rainforest Reptiles Gr K-Up, 1:30 pm.
April 18-20	Easter Drop-in Craft
April 22-27	Poetry Creation Station
April 22	Adult Color, Chat, & Cookies, 6:30 pm
April 23	Cookbook Club, 6:30 p.m.
April 24	Cottage Garden Colors. 7 p.m.
April 25	Manga Club Ramen Challenge, 2:45 p.m.
April 26	One-on-One OverDrive Training, 3-4 p.m.

Library Closed: April 15 – Patriots' Day

In the Laporte Gallery

Carolyn Avery, oils

In the Reading Nook

Nancy Zdun

Cardmaking

NEW MATERIALS

New Adult Books

Deep Harbor/Fern Michaels; *Dark Tribute: an Eve Duncan Novel*/Iris Johansen; *The Cornwalls are Gone*/James Paterson and Brendan DuBois; *The Last Second*/Catherine Coulter and J.T. Ellison; *The Fifth Doctrine*/Karen Robards; and *Run Away*/Harlan Coben.

New Adult DVD

Mary Queen of Scots-R; Blackkkklandsman-R; The Favourite-R; Green Book-PG13; Instant Family-PG13; & Fantastic Beasts: the Crimes of Grindelwald-PG13

New Business Books

Lost and Founder: a Painfully Honest Field Guide to the Startup World/Rand Fishkin; *The Meaning Revolution: the Power of Transcendent Leadership*/Fred Koffman; *Nolo's Quick LLC: all you need to know*

New Adult DVD

Boy Erased-R; The Wife-R; The Girl in the Spider's Web-R; Bohemian Rhapsody-PG13; A Star is Born-R; Blackkkklandsman-R; Mary Queen of Scots-R & Can You Ever Forgive Me-R

New CD Books

The House of Broken Angels/Luis Alberto Urrea; *Celtic Empire: a Dirk Pitt Novel*/Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler; *I Owe You One*/ Sophie Kinsella; *Something in the Water*/Catherine Steadman; *Broken Bone China*/ Laura Childs and *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing*/ Hank Green.

New Teen Fiction

The Tesla Legacy by K.K. Perez, *That's Not What I Heard*, by Stephanie Strohm, *Waiting for Fitz* by Spencer Hyde, *What We Buried* by Kate Boorman, *Superman: Dawnbreaker* by Matt de la Pena, *Four Dead Queens* by Astrid Scholte, *The Great Unknowable End* by K.E. Ormsbee, *The Past and Other Things That Should Stay Buried*, by Shaun David Hutchinson

New in the Children's Room

Baby Day, by Jane Godwin; *Birds*, by Lemniscates; *A Good Day for Ducks*, by Jane Whittingham; *How to 2*, by David Soman; *I am Just Right*, by David McPhail; *Izzy Gizmo*, by Pip Jones; *The Jelly Donut Difference*, and by Maria Dismondy; *Little Rabbit*, by Nicola Killen; *Picture the Sky*, by Barbara Reid and *When Sadness is at Your Door*, .by Eva Eland.

New Children's DVDs

How to Train Your Dragon (PG); *The Nutcracker and the Four Realms* (PG); *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* (PG)

Teen Events

April Fool's Teen Hangout- Set up funny, harmless pranks to play on your friends, like the "spilled drink" and the "cake pop." Learn about the greatest pranks ever pulled. Meet after school on Monday, April 1 from 2:30—3:30. No sign up required, for students in 7-12th grade. For further information, please call 413-569-1221 ext. 3.

SPLAT– Help plan our teen events for May-June! Many of our best ideas such as tie dye, giant Jenga, candy sushi, and many others have been brainstormed by teens. Participating in SPLAT looks good on resumes and applications, and even counts as community service hours! Students in 7-12th grade should meet Wednesday, April 10 from 2:30-3:30. No sign up required, light refreshments provided. For further information, please call 413-569-1221 ext. 3.

Exploding Seed Grenades– Make seed bombs that explode when you throw them! Wildflowers will sprout in a few weeks where the bombs landed. For students in 7-12th grade. Meet Tuesday, April 16th at 2:30. No sign up required. For further information, please call 413-569-1221 ext. 3.

Manga Club Ramen Challenge– Use the ingredients provided to make the best batch of ramen in the group! Creator of the tastiest ramen wins a box of mochi (Japanese ice cream). If you would like to participate but have food restrictions, please inquire with Heather at the Reference Desk about arranging alternative ingredients for your bowl. Manga Club is a friendly, welcoming group and anyone in 6-12th grade interested in participating in the challenge is welcome to attend. Meet Thursday, April 25, from 2:45-3:45. *Sign– up required.* For further information or to sign up, please call 413-569-1221 ext. 3.

Children's Room News

Makerspace Monday

What is Makerspace Monday? It is a time for kids in grades 3-6 to make something fun. In past weeks we have made bath fizzies, tie-dye shirts and crystals. On Monday, April 8 from 3-4 p.m., we will make after school snacks! You can also try our 3D pen and littleBits connectors. Please register in the Children's Room for this special event.

Saturday Storytime

Children, accompanied by their parents/caregivers, are invited to come to the Children's Room on Sat., April 13th at 11a.m. for a Bunny Storytime, Our own Lori Gagnon will bring in her family rabbit, Raven, for all to enjoy. We will listen to stories about rabbits and do a bunny craft. There is no registration for this program.

Bedtime Storytime on Children's Book Week

Children, accompanied by their parents/caregivers, are invited to come to the Children's Room on Wednesday evening, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. for Bedtime Storytime to celebrate Children's Book Week.

We will read about animals on the move and do an easy craft. There is no registration for this program.

Easter Craft

Children of all ages are invited to come to the Children's Room on Thursday, April 18th through Saturday, April 20th to make an Easter wreath. Materials for this craft will be available during regular library hours..

Rainforest Reptiles Return to Southwick Public Library

Rainforest Reptile Shows will be at Southwick Public Library on Thursday, April 18 at 1:30 p.m. (school vacation week). Meet a variety of reptiles and amphibians at this interactive family program. This one-hour program will introduce you to the wonderful world of these amazing creatures including snakes, a frog and even an alligator! Learn how many of these fascinating animals have adapted to live in their environment. You will have the opportunity to have a hands-on encounter with at least one of the animals. This program is made possible because of funding from Friends of the Southwick Public Library. *For more information, visit or call the Children's Room at 413-569-1221x4.*

Southwick Public Library Combined LEGO Clubs in April

Southwick Public Library's LEGO Club for grades 3-6 will meet on Thursday, April 11 from 3-4: p.m. Kids in kindergarten through grade 2 will have fun building their LEGO creations on Wednesday, April 17 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. using our LEGOs. You may choose to work alone or with a friend. We are looking forward to seeing your LEGO creations.

Ransom Poetry Creation Station

In honor of National Poetry Month, we will set up a "Ransom Poetry Station" in the Children's Room Kids can make up poems by using cut-out words and sticking them onto a page to make their own original poem. You can leave your poem on display at the library or take it home. Materials will be available the week of April 22-27.

Parenting & Home Education Collections for Parents & Educators

Southwick Public Library has two special collections in the Children's Room. The Parenting Collection is marked with a yellow-green sticker on the spine. These titles are for parents looking for answers to difficult questions such as "How can I answer the question, 'Where do babies come from?'" ; "How do I get my child to stop sucking her thumb?"; "How do I talk to my teenager about drugs?" and much more! There is also information on autism, type 1 diabetes, bullying, nutrition and keeping safe.

The Home Education Collection, originally set aside for people who are educating their children at home, has a wealth of information, from how to teach your children to read, to making slime, preschool activities, Common Core math and science. There are also videos on The Way Things Work, taking tests, grammar and math. Parents and teachers can use this collection to supplement what their kids are learning in school. Homeschoolers and preschool caregivers will also enjoy these resources. These titles have a round dark blue sticker on the spine.

Southwick Public Library continues to serve our patrons with collections that benefit everyone.

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.