
Southwick Public Library

95 Feeding Hills Road • Southwick, MA 01077 • 413-569-1221

Official Website: 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

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
 - Library page on Town website: www.southwickma.org/library
 - (Unofficial) Library website: www.southwicklibrary.info
 - (Unofficial) *Economic Development Commission* www.southwickma.info
 - *Southwick Cultural Council* www.southwickma.org/cultural
 - *MA Board of Library Commissioners* (MBLC): 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
 - *U.S. House of Representatives* www.house.gov
 - *U.S. Senate* www.senate.gov
 - Visit the "Southwick Public Library Young Adult Department" on [Facebook](#)
 - [Visit the Friends Facebook page](#)

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

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Updated as of 7/18/2013

Enhanced Version

Library Links

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June 2013

Member of the Massachusetts Library System

Senior Computer Classes Set At Southwick Library

Seniors, have you been wondering how you can get the computer skills you need to communicate with family and friends, make vacation plans, research medical concerns or just find out more about an interest you have? Well, this four-session program is for you! It is *free* and open to all senior patrons in good standing at the *Southwick Public Library*, and will be held from *10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.* in the library's Community Room *June 27*, and *July 11, 18 and 25*. Space is limited so seniors should register early at the library or call 569-1221. They should plan to attend all four sessions. These include: *introduction and mousing skills; basic search and navigation techniques; URLs, directories, search engines, and bookmarks; and browser management, tabs and windows and online etiquette.*

Instructor Shirley A. Keech will bring an 8-station mobile mini lab for the onsite training. However, patrons with their own laptops are encouraged to bring them to learn on. With over 20 years experience in adult education and online research, Keech was formerly with the *Western MA Regional Library System (WMRLS)*, and is now an independent consultant specializing in online education for adults. [This program is full]

Children Begin Suntime Program With "Dig Into Reading" Theme

The 2013 *Dig Into Reading* Suntime Reading Program at Southwick Public Library is full of fun for kids ages 2 through entering 6th grade! Pre-registration begins Monday, **June 10** and the program runs **from June 24-August 2**. With coupons for free stuff at area businesses, weekly prize drawings, weekly crafts and more special events this year, the program is better than ever!

“Beneath the Surface” YA Sun Time Reading 2013

The *Young Adult Department* will be offering special programs throughout our Suntime Reading Program, Grade 7 in Sept – 12th Grade, “Beneath the Surface, June 24TH – August 2nd”. In addition, after you register each time you visit the library and have read a book from the library you will be given a chance for our weekly prize drawing. Teens will also collect a coupon from a local business. Earn an extra chance by answering our weekly trivia contest question. Ask at the *Reference Desk* for more details about our special programs, Registration starts June 10th.

Special Programs are:

- ***June 26th 2:00-3:00PM Teen Rain Forest Reptile Program-learn about animal rescues and meet some of the rescued reptiles.***
- ***On July 16th 1:00-2:30 PM - Painting with wool.;***
- ***July 24th 2-5PM Watercolor Painting;***
- ***July 30th 11:00-Noon- Chinese Cooking.;***
- ***Aug.21 2:00-3:00PM Book Discussion.***

Adults Explore” Groundbreaking Reads”

The *Southwick Public Library* will kick off its Adult Suntime Reading Program “*Groundbreaking Reads*” Monday, June 24, 2013 by inviting all adult library patrons to take a chance on winning the first weekly prize by filling out one entry form for each book they completed that week from the library’s collection. To be eligible for the program prizes, patrons in good standing need to be sure the selection they enter is from our fiction or biography section. CD books are okay.

Each Friday of the six-week program, one patron’s name will be chosen from the participants to receive a themed-related prize. Also, one special Bonus Prize will be awarded from among all the losing entries on the Friday of the program. Good Luck!

June Events

June 4	Story Walk 11 a. m.
June 10	<i>Pre-Registration</i> begins-Suntime Reading
June 12	Friends Meeting, 7 p. m.
June 12 -15	Father’s Day Craft
June 24	Suntime Reading Begins
June 26	Trustee Meeting, 7 p. m.
June 26	Teen Rainforest & Reptile Program, 2 p.m.
June 27	Senior Computer Classes Begin, 10:30 a. m.

July - August Children's Events

July 16--	Felt making workshop (Grades 4-6) 10:30 a.m.
July 17—	Alex the Jester—Meet a real court jester! (All Ages) 1:30 p.m.
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***In the Laporte Gallery:
Woodland Elementary School
Art Students***

New Adult CD Books

The Accursed, Joyce Carol Oates; *Gone Girl*, Gillian Flynn; *The Paris Wife*, Paula McLain; *The Post Mistress*, Sarah Blake;

New Adult DVDs

Flight (R), Hitchcock (PG-13), Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13), Zero Dark Thirty (R), Skyfall (PG-13)

New Young Adult

Soldier Dog, Sam Angus; *Mila 2.0*, Debra Driza; *The reluctant assassin (WARP series)*, Eoin Colfer; *The Lucy variations*, Sara Zarr and *Icons*, Margaret Stohl.

Interesting stats: The *Southwick Public Library* recorded 56,253 Circulations in 2012, and noted 9841 patrons and 52,073 volumes. An additional 3502 References and 3007 Computer Uses were tallied. We saw 518 people become new patrons in 2012, and noted that an astounding 45,436 persons had entered through our doors during 2012 averaging 3786 for each month of the year.

***The library will hold its Saturday Summer Closings
June 29 – August 31***

In the Reading Nook
Springfield Museum School Artists
Suntime reading is:

**Sponsored by the MRLS , Southwick Public Library, the
Boston Bruins & MBLC**



Teen Poetry Contest Winners Announced

The *Southwick Public Library's* Young Adult Department is pleased to announce the winner of our Teen Poetry Contest is **Joshua Roy** for his poem "*The Hammer*". Joshua won a *Barnes & Noble* gift card. We appreciate the poems submitted by all the talented teen poets. We are excited to share his poem with you.

The Hammer

The sound shatters the air,
A hammer wielded with care,
That subdues, corrects, and molds away,
To what extent I can scarcely say.

The brazen arms grip it tightly,
And bring it streaking down so mightily.
In the room, dusty and glowing red,
The blazing coals inside are fed.

The hammer head, it never stalls,
In sparks and flames it steadily falls,
To bend, shape, and form the metal,
On which someday a price will be settled.

Then, at last, the tradesman's brand,
Is pressed into the piece by hand,
The piece soon to be in a far off land,
Is laid aside where shadows lurk,
This after all, was the hammer's work.

Friends To Plan August Book Sale

The *Friends of the Southwick Public Library* will meet Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 7 p.m. to plan a book sale which begins with book collections in the Community Room August 5-7 during regular library hours. This, their second annual end of the summer sale, was scheduled as a result of the success of last year's summer sale, and will feature a Friends Only Preview from 5-7 p.m. August 8 followed by the sale Friday, **August 9** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, **August 10** from 9 a.m. to noon. Patrons interested in becoming Friends will note the cost remains at \$5 for an individual membership, or \$10 for a family, any size, and may be paid at the preview or before at the Circulation Desk.

Library, Friends Offer Museum Passes/Discounts

The *Southwick Public Library* and its Friends Association have 15 area passes/discounts available for check out to its adult patrons in good standing. Each pass is allowed out for two days, may be checked out by a family once per month, and are \$ 5 per day past due.

The library's passes/discounts include: the *Springfield Museums*, *Amelia Park Children's Museum*, *The New Children's Museum in West Hartford* and *Roaring Brook Nature Center*, *Eric Carle Museum*, *Connecticut Trolley Museum*, *MA State Parks Pass*, *Connecticut Science Center*, and the *U.S.S. Constitution* in Boston.

The *Friends of the Library* passes/discounts include: the *Basketball Hall of Fame*, *Magic Wings*, *Mystic Seaport*, *New England Air Museum*, *Zoo at Forest Park*, *Holyoke Children's Museum*, and *Norman Rockwell Museum*.

New in Children's Room

Everyone can learn to ride a bicycle, by Chris Raschka; *How to bicycle to the moon to plant sunflowers*, by Mordicai Gerstein; *Ball*, by Mary Sullivan; *Pet project : cute, cuddly viscous verses*, by Lisa Wheeler; *Peanut and Fifi have a ball*, by Randall de Seve; *If you want to see a whale*, by Julie Fogliano; *Elvis and the underdogs*, by Jenny Lee; *The 13-story treehouse*, by Andy Griffiths; *The runaway king*, by Jennifer A. Nielsen; *Calvin Coconut: Extra Famous*, by Graham Salisbury.

Story Walk At Southwick Public Library

Sign-up for a StoryWalk/Pond Walk with your preschooler on Tuesday, June 4 at 11 a.m. at Southwick Public Library. You will enjoy walking and reading as you go, followed by a frog craft in the Community Room. For more information and to register for the StoryWalk, visit or call the Children's Room at 569-1221 ext. 4..

Father's Day Craft

Make Dad happy on his special day with a Father's Day card you make yourself! Come on Wednesday, June 12th through Saturday, June 15th to the Children's Room during regular library hours for this fun craft.

Lion Storytime

Children and their parents/care-givers are invited to come to the Children's Room on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. when we will have Justine Witek, our special guest and Lion's Club member, present a wonderful lion storytime for you. You may bring your stuffed lions with you and wear pj's if you like.

New Children's DVD's

Adventure Time (PG), Babar: School Days (NR), The Water Horse (PG), You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown (NR).

New Adult Books

The Great Thief, Orson Scott Card; *Dear Life*, Alice Munro; *Mary Cain*, Marisa Silver; *The Burgess Boys*, Elizabeth Strout; *Hellhole: Awakening*, Brian Hebert; *Tapestry Of Fortunes*, Elizabeth Berg; 2312, Kim Stanley Robinson; *The Mystery Of Mercy Close*, Marian Keyes; *Secrets From The Past*, Barbara Taylor Bradford; *The Key Is Love*, Marie Osmond; *Unintended Consequences*, Stuart Woods; *The Whiteness Of The Whale*, David Poyer; *Sidney Sheldon's Tides Of Memory*, Tilly Bagshawe; *The Perfect Proposal*, Katie Fforde; *The Interestings*, Meg Wolitzer; *Daddy's Gone A Hunting*, Mary Higgins Clark; *Don't Go*, Lisa Scottoline; *Z*, Anne Fowler.

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 (except for Library press releases). *Library Links* is not published in July or August.

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Press Release

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For more information

Call Margo Storozuk at 413-569-1221 ext 4

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Also DIY crafts for all ages every Thursday in the Children's Room. Get-in on the Scavenger Hunt the week of July 8-12. (Note, registration is necessary for participation in some of these programs.)

So Dig Into Reading this summer at Southwick Public Library where everyone is a winner when they keep on reading! For more information, visit or call us at 413-569-1221 ext 4.

Southwick Public Library Summer Opportunities for Kids Information Binder

Southwick Public Library has a binder with Summer Opportunities for kids. If you are looking for day camps, college for kids, or sports and arts opportunities for your children this summer, visit the Children's Room to peruse the listings. For more information, or to add your listing to the binder, visit or call the Children's Room at 413-569-1221 ext 4.

Southwick Public Library Offers Baby Kits for New Parents

Southwick Public Library welcomes you and your new baby with a free gift including a board book, water proof bag and more. Visit us in the Children's Room to pick up for free gift, and congratulations on your new baby!

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End of press release

✓ Library Budget Update for July 1, 2013

The FY 2014 budget provides for *no increase* in staffing for the Library but a continuation of the carpet replacement program and sufficient municipal funding to meet state certification requirements. The FY 2014 budget was approved at the *Annual Town Meeting* on May 21, 2014 by the residents of the town. The Library will probably be unable to increase hours for the public. This is a request that has been made for multiple years. As a result of resident approvals on May 21, 2013 the building insulation project is moving forward which when completed will improve the heating and air conditioning in the building. The partial carpet replacement program is expected to continue in the new fiscal year.

✓ New Library Trustee Joins Board at June Meeting

Southwick voters on May 14 reelected *Carol Geryk* as a library trustee for another 3 year term. She is a former teacher in the Southwick School System. In addition *Christopher Grabowski* was elected to a 3 year term as a library trustee. He previously served on the board until 2001. Both trustees' terms begin at the end of the *Annual Town Meeting* on May 21. Additional information on Mr. Grabowski will be provided when it becomes available. During the Annual Town Meeting *Nancy Zdun* was honored for her service as a member of the Board of Trustees. Her term ended at the *Annual Town Meeting*. The June Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday June 26, 2013.

✓ **Strategic Planning Committee**

The *Southwick Public Library* has created a committee to begin the process of developing a new *five year plan*. The [current plan](#) ended in 2012. For the month of May a [Library Survey](#) was available for completion by residents regarding the Library. All were welcome to take the survey. It was available at the *Circulation Desk* at the Library, it was available at the **Annual Town Meeting** and online (for downloading and printing) at www.southwicklibrary.info. In addition a link was available at the same website to complete the survey online (no paper or printing involved). The survey was also available at the *Cultural Council's 14th Annual Art Show* on May 4 - 5. Thank you to the more than 100 area residents that completed the survey.

In the coming months the Library will continue to improve service, programs and communications to the public based *in part* on the surveys. Expanded hours, additional programs, etc. are *subject to available funds* from either the town or other sources. No sources of additional funds have currently been identified.

✓ **Non-town Funding for the Library**

Each year the Library applies for funds from area non-profits 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 \(MBLC\)](#)¹ a state agency, the [Friends of the Southwick Public Library, Inc.](#), [a local 501(c)(3) charitable organization], the *Southwick Cultural Council*² and others. Several programs in the coming months are funded by the [Southwick Cultural Council](#). 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.

The funds from the MBLC are used in part to purchase computers, shelving and other capital items not funded by the Town of Southwick.

¹ 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.

² Funded **in part** by the State Legislature through the State budget process and **in part** by the Town of Southwick. (\$ 1,500 municipal appropriation)

This year it also includes replacement of the computer server in the Library as well as replacement of several computers. The level of state funding through the MBLC for fiscal year 2014 is not known at the time. It is subject to the appropriation by the State Legislature which is still in process.

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](#).
