

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

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

- *Town of Southwick* website: www.southwickma.org
- Library page on Town website: www.southwickma.org/library
- *Facebook page* <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Southwick-Public-Library/353414831610?v>
- (Unofficial) Library website: www.southwicklibrary.info
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- *Southwick Cultural Council* www.southwickma.org/cultural
- *MA Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC)*: www.ma.gov/libraries A locator of public libraries statewide
- *State of MA* website: www.ma.gov
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Southwick Public Library December 2017

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Holiday Gift Basket Raffle

When visiting the library, you will notice a display of 24 gift baskets. The Friends of the Southwick Public Library are holding their Holiday Gift Basket Raffle! Baskets were donated by local businesses, members of the Friends group and by a few patrons. Raffle tickets are on sale now! You may purchase 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Tickets will be available through December 16th and the drawing will be held the morning of December 16th. You do not need to be present to win. Winners will be contacted by phone.

Mr. Vinny's Shadow Puppet Show Fun for the Whole Family

On Wednesday, December 27th at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Vinny, half of the hugely popular Toe Jam Puppet Band, comes to us with his silly and surprising solo shadow puppet show. Hilarious and high-energy, this interactive program is sure to be a crowd-pleaser. This program is playful, imaginative and fun for the whole family. Registration is not required to attend.

Giving Tree

Our giving tree is up and we already have 10 hats on it. Help us decorate our tree! The tree will be trimmed with donated new hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. The items may be purchased or handmade. All the collected items will be donated to help people in our local area.

Adult Programs in December

The **Adult Book Discussion** group will meet on Wednesday, December 6th at 1:30 p.m. to exchange views on the book *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. This is the last book in the library's fall book discussion series. The group will not meet in January, but the spring book discussion series will start on February 7th. Books for the February discussion will be available at the Circulation Desk starting on Wednesday, January 3rd.

The **Cookbook Club** will have a Cookie/Candy exchange on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. It is necessary to register in advance for this program. You may register at the Circulation Desk. Each participant will make 4 dozen of a favorite cookie or candy. Recipes should be emailed to the library at southwicklibrary@comcast.net or a copy may be dropped-off 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.***

The monthly **Adult Color, Chat and Cookies** will meet at its usual time of 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 11th. There is no need to register. All materials are provided plus there will be coffee, tea and cookies available to munch on while coloring and chatting.

Holiday Book Sale

Did you know that the library has an ongoing book sale section? We do! The library is having a sale now through December 23rd. Hardcover books that normally sell for \$1.00 are on sale for 50 cents. Next time you are in the library, see what books are available. The area also has a selection of DVDs and music CDs available for sale. Not sure where the book sale area is? You just need to ask a staff member and they will be happy to show you.

December Events

- December 4-9 Drop-in- make a decoration for Children's Room
- December 5 Story Yoga 10:30 a.m.
- December 5 Cookbook Club Cookie/Candy Exchange, 6:30 p.m.
- December 6 Adult Book Discussion, 1:30 p.m.
- December 7 Teen SPLAT Meeting, 2:30 p.m.
- December 9 Cookies and Carols Storytime, 11:00 a.m.
- December 11 Adult Color, Chat and Cookies, 6:30 p.m.
- December 12 Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
- December 12 Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- December 13 Teen Hangout, 2:30 p.m.
- December 13 Friends Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- December 14 LEGO Club, Gr.3-6, 3:00 p.m.
- December 18-23 Holiday Drop-in Craft
- December 19 Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
- December 19 Teen Coloring and Cookies, 2:30 p.m.
- December 20 LEGO Club K-2, 3:30 p.m.
- December 21 Teen Holiday Movie, 2:30 p.m.
- December 27 Mr. Vinny's Shadow Puppets, 3:30 p.m.
- December 28 Board Game

December Closings

*The library will be closed
December 25, 26, 2017 and January 1, 2018*

In the Laporte Gallery
Irsun Russell, watercolors

In the Reading Nook
Dan Beresford, wildlife carvings

Inclement Weather Policy

If the Southwick Public Library needs to close or delay its opening due to inclement weather, the announcement will be sent to local television channels CBS, ABC, FOX, & NBC. Please note, the library's closing is separate from the decision to delay or close schools.

NEW MATERIALS

New Adult Books

Artemis/Andy Weir; *Into the Drowning Deep*/Mira Grant; *Uncommon Type*/Tom Hanks; *Strange Weather*/Joe Hill; *End Game*/David Baldacci; and *The House of Unexpected Sisters: No 1. Ladies' Detective Agency* /Alexander McCall Smith.

New Adult DVDs

The Glass Castle-PG13; Atomic Blonde-R; This is Us. The Complete First Season; The Crown. The Complete First Season; Grantchester. The Complete Third Season-NR; Endeavour. The Complete Fourth Season; The Durrells of Corfu. Second Season-NR

New CD Books

Midnight Line/Lee Child; *Typhoon Fury*/Clive Cussler; *Sleep No More*/P. D. James; *Hardcore Twenty-Four* / Janet Evanovich; *Origin*/Dan Brown and *You Don't Have to Say You Love Me*/Sherman Alexi.

New Teen Fiction

Love Letter of Abelard and Lily by Laura Creedle, *Plague Land* by Alex Scarrow, *Rules of Rain* by Leah Scheier, *Something Eternal* by Joel T. McGrath, *Three Sides of a Heart: Stories about Love Triangles* by Natalie C. Parker, *Truth Beneath the Lies* by Amanda Searcy

Teen Graphic Novels

Ms.Marve Vol. 8: Mecca by Willow G. Wilson, *Promised Neverland, Vol.1* by Kaiu Shirai, *Your Name, Vol. 2* by Makoto Shinkai

New Juvenile Fiction

Thunder Horse, by Eve Bunting; *Jake the Fake Keeps It Real*, by Craig Robinson; *Winter Dance* , by Marion Dane Bauer; *Shelter*, by Celine Claire; *Tru and Nellie*, by G. Neri; *Red Again*, by Barbara Lehman; *Babies Can Sleep Anywhere*, by Lisa Wheeler; *Beanstalker and other Hilarious Scary Tales*, by Kiersten White; *One Cozy Christmas*, by M.Christina Butler; *Little Red Ruthie: a Hanukkah Tale*, by Gloria Koster; *A Christmas for Bear*, by Bonny Becker; and *Snow Scene*, by Richard Jackson.

New Children's DVDs

Americano; Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Long Haul (PG); The Horse Dancer; A Mermaid's Tale; Oddball; The Emoji Movie (PG); and Smurfs: the Lost Village.

Teen Events

Teen Advisory Board (SPLAT)

The Teen Advisory Board has been renamed SPLAT (Southwick Public Library Advisory Team) and will be meeting on Thursday, December 7th from 2:30-3:30pm. At SPLAT we will brainstorm events to put on at the library for teens, create themed book displays, and discuss ways to make the library better for you! SPLAT is a great activity you can add to your resume or college application! For further information, please contact the reference desk at 413-569-1221 ex.3.

Teen After-school Hangout

Grades 7-12 can stop by the Holiday Hangout on Wednesday, December 13th from 2:30-3:30pm. The Wii system will be set up and our 3Doodler 3D Printing Pen will be available to try. At this month's hangout we will have a variety of board games to try (including *Settlers of Catan* and *Pandemic*), courtesy of Shurtleff Children's Services! For further information, please contact the reference desk at 413-569-1221 ex.3.

Coloring and Cookies for Teens

Grades 7-12 can come in on December 19th from 2:30-3:30 to color, chat, and have some cookies! We will have all the coloring sheets, gel pens, and colored pencils that you'll need to take part in this relaxing activity. For further information, please contact the reference desk at 413-569-1221 ex.3.

Holiday Movie for Teens

Christmastime comes once a year! Teens can start their holiday celebrations by coming in on December 21st at 2:30 to see *ELF* (PG). Watch the modern day Christmas classic about Buddy (Will Ferrell), who was accidentally transported to the North Pole as a toddler and raised to adulthood among Santa's elves. One day he leaves home in search of his real father and finds himself in New York City! Refreshments will be served.

Children's Room News

Tuesday Storytime is Fun for 2-5 Year Olds!

Sign up in the Children's Room for December Story time fun. Meet in the Children's Room on December 12 & 19 at 10:30 a.m. to hear some new stories. Sing a song, make a craft and more. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. For more information visit or call the Children's Room at 413-569-1221x4.

Story Yoga meets in December

Southwick Public Library will host *Story Yoga* on Tuesday, December 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room. Children ages 2-5 accompanied by a parent or caregiver will 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. *Story Yoga* is funded by Pathways for Parents.

Decorate for December

Stop in to the Children's Room anytime during our open hours from December 4-9 to make a Gingerbread person or a mug to hang up to decorate the library. Help us to have enough to surround the library with winter warmth. All materials will be available here to make your work of art.

Cookies and Carols Storytime in December

Cookies and Carols Storytime will be celebrated on Saturday, December 9th at 11 a.m. in the Children's Room. Come and join the fun as we listen to stories, sing Christmas Carols, make a craft and enjoy delicious cookies to usher in this joyous holiday season. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration for this program is not necessary. Just come and enjoy!

Christmas Drop-in-Craft

Children of all ages are invited to come to the Children's Room during the week of December 18 through December 23 to make a sweet craft. Materials will be available to make a candy cane ornament for your Christmas tree during regular library hours.

Lego Club Fun

LEGO Club for children in grades 3-6 will meet on Thursday December 14 at 3:00 p.m. Kindergarten through grade 2 will meet on Wednesday December 20 at 3:30 p.m. Both groups will meet in the Community Room. Bring a friend to work together or build by yourself. Share your love for creating with LEGOs at Southwick Public Library.

Board Game Day during School Vacation Week

Visit Southwick Public Library with your family or friends on Thursday, December 28, and have fun playing our new board games! You can choose from *Apples to Apples*, *Candy Land*, *Pictionary*, *Scrabble*, and more. Take a break from your electronics and enjoy the fun and interaction of the board game experience.

Baby Gift for New Parents

Congratulations to Southwick parents of babies born July 1, 2017 through now! We have a gift bag for you to welcome your little one! The gift bag includes a board book, a bookmark and magnetic photo frame to display your baby's photo, all in a waterproof bag. Come into the Children's Room anytime during our regular library hours to pick up your free gift.

For more information about Children's Programming at Southwick Public Library, visit or call the Children's Room at 413-569-1221x4.