

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 February 2018

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Denim Dahlia Workshop at Southwick Public Library

It may be winter, but that doesn't mean we can't think about spring and flowers. On Saturday, February 10th at 10:30 a.m. the Southwick Public Library will hold a Denim Dahlia Wall Art Craft Program for adults. Amber Ladley, of Happily Upcycled, will help participants use denim (& often discarded) materials to create beautiful dahlias during the two-hour workshop. All materials necessary for your creations will be provided. **Class size is limited.** Registration is required. To register call the library's Circulation Desk at 569-1221 ext. 2 or register when you visit the library.

Boston Bruins' PJ Drive

The Southwick Public Library will be participating in the Boston Bruins' PJ Drive again this year. The PJ Drive runs from February 1st-March 15th. The library will have a box near the Reference Desk for patron donations of **new** pajamas for infants, children and teens. The staff will help promote the program by dressing in pajamas on Tuesday, February 20th.

Friends Group to Plan Book Sale-Also Sit 'n Stitch Group Meeting

The Friends Group will be meeting on February 14th at 7 p.m. in the library's Community Room to make plans for their annual book sale. All are invited to attend the meeting. The sale is scheduled for May 3-5 with a Friends Preview night on May 2nd. Look for book collection dates in the April edition of the Links.

The Friends Group also sponsors a Sit 'n Stitch Group. This group is open to all adults that quilt, crochet, knit etc. They will meet on February 28th at 6 p.m.

Cookbook Club Gets Cooking With *The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook*

The Cookbook Club will be cooking recipes from *The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook* by Deb Perelman. Deb is a food blogging phenom, home cook, mom, photographer, and celebrated author of SmittenKitchen.com. The group will meet on Tuesday February 27 at 6:30. Copies of the cookbook are available at the Circulation Desk. Please make sure your name is added to our list of participants. Once you have chosen your 1st and 2nd choice recipes, email the information to southwicklibrary@comcast.net and we will advise you which one to prepare.

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.*

Adults Are Invited to Color and Be Calm

The monthly Adult Color, Chat & Cookies will meet on Monday, February 12th at 6:30 in the Southwick Public Library's Community Room. This is a stress-free activity. No registration. Drop-in anytime between 6:30 p.m. and prior to the library's closing at 8 p.m. All materials are supplied plus tea, coffee, water and cookies! Bring a friend and relax.

Hidden Figures Topic of Book Discussion

The Adult Book Discussion Group is meeting on Wednesday, February 7th at 1:30 p.m. to exchange thoughts on Margot Lee Shetterly's book *Hidden Figures*. All adults who have read the book and are interested in participating are welcome to attend.

Copies of the March selection, *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Page, will be available for purchase after the discussion. The publisher summarizes this title as follows: "Growing up in the tiny settlement of Great Harbor amid a small band of pioneers and Puritans, Bethia Mayfield yearns for an education that is closed to her due to her gender. As soon as she can, she slips away to explore the island's glistening beaches and observes its native Wampanoag inhabitants. At twelve, she encounters Caleb, the young son of a chieftain, and the two forge a secret friendship that draws each into the alien world of the other." Copies will also be available for purchase at the Circulation Desk following the discussion. You may also check-out the library's copy or request a copy through interlibrary loan. The group will meet in March on the 7th.

February Events

- February 1 SPLAT, 2:30 p.m.
- February 3 Take Your Child to the Library Day, 11 a.m.
- February 7 Adult Book Discussion, 1:30
- February 7 Teen Winter Olympics Celebration, 3 p.m.
- February 7 Pajama Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
- February 10-14 Valentine's Day Drop-In Craft
- February 10 Happy Upcycling, 10:30 a.m.
- February 12 Adult Color, Chat & Cookies, 6:30 p.m.
- February 13 Story Yoga, 10:30 a.m.
- February 13 Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.
- February 14 Teen Hangout, 2:30 p.m.
- February 14 LEGO Club, K-2, 3:30 p.m.
- February 14 Friends Meeting, 7 p.m.
- February 15 LEGO Club Gr. 3-6, 3:00 p.m.
- February 20 & 27 Tuesday Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
- February 21 Kids Scrapbooking, 2 p.m.
- February 22 Board Game Day
- February 26 Makerspace Creation Station, 3:00 p.m.
- February 27 Cookies & Coloring for Teens, 2:30 p.m.
- February 27 Cookbook Club, 6:30 p.m.
- February 28 Sit 'n' Stitch, 6 p.m.

February Closings

*The library will be closed
Presidents' Day, February 19*

In the Laporte Gallery

James Johnson-Corwin, watercolors

In the Reading Nook

Dan Beresford, wildlife carvings

NEW MATERIALS

New Adult Books

The Mitford Murders/Jessica Bellowes; *Fall from Grace*/Danielle Steel; *City of Endless Night*/ Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child; and *The Woman in the Window*/A.J. Finn.

New Adult DVD

Dunkirk-PG13; *Game of Thrones, Season 7*-TV-Mature Audience; *Victoria & Abdul*-PG-13; *Stronger*-R; *The Mountain Between Us*-PG13 and *IT*-R

New CD Books

Operator Down (A Pike Logan Thriller)/Brad Taylor; *Men Without Women*/Haruki Murakami; *Little Fires Everywhere*/Celeste NG; *Happiness in this Life*/Pope Francis and *American Wolf: a True Story of Survival and Obsession in the West*/Nate Blakeslee.

New Teen Fiction

American Panda by Gloria Chao, *Belles* by Dhonielle Clayton, *Disturbed Girl's Dictionary* by Noniega Ramos, *Heart of Ash* by Kim Liggett, *Nexus* by Scott Westerfield, *Queen's Rising* by Rebecca Ross, *Shadowson* by S. Jae-Jones, *Shatter* by Aprilynne Pike, *Tempest and Slaughter* by Tamora Pierce, *Tess of the Road* by Rachel Hartman

New Teen Graphic Novels

Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang, *Speak: the Graphic Novel* by Laurie Halse Anderson, *Star Wars: Jedi of the Republic - Mace Windu* by Matt Owens

New Early Readers

Cooking with the Grinch, by Tish Rabe; *Alvin's New Friend*, by Loren Forte; *A Family Mystery*, by Sarah Hernandez; *Miguel's Music*, by Liz Rivera; *Mouse Loves Snow*, by Lauren Thompson; *Rappy Goes To Mars*, by Dan Gutman; *Brave Bat Girl!* By Christy Webster; *Showdown in Space*, by Courtney Carbone, *I Am Thankful*, by Suzy Capozzi.

New Children's DVDs

Curious George: Be My Valentine and Despicable Me 3

Southwick Library Patrons & Staff Help Families

In 2017, Southwick Public Library patrons and staff donated a total of \$459.24 worth of food to Our Community Pantry. The library also collected 41 pairs of new pajamas for the Boston Bruins PJ Drive during February & March. In December, the library donated \$290 to Our Community Pantry. The funds were collected from the staff that pays to dress down one day a month and in lieu of a staff gift exchange during the holidays. We also had our first Giving Tree. The tree added a nice festive touch to the library and was decorated with newly purchased or handmade gloves, hats, mittens and scarves. Thanks to our patrons and the staff, we were able to give the Department of Children and Families 4 tightly, packed boxes of warm winter items.

Teen News

Winter Olympics Celebration for Teens

On Wednesday, February 7th at 3 PM, teens in grades 7-12 are invited to celebrate the 2018 Winter Olympics! Come watch Cool Runnings (PG) and make an Olympics-themed craft! Refreshments will be served. Any questions? Visit the Library or call 413-569-1221.

Teen Advisory Board (SPLAT)

SPLAT (Southwick Public Library Advisory Team) will be meeting on Thursday, February 1st from 2:30-3:20pm. 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 413-569-1221x3.

Teen After-school Hangout

Grades 7-12 can stop by the February Hangout on Wednesday, February 14th from 2:30-3:30pm. Play a game on our new PS4 or Wii and have a snack! At this month's hangout we will be making Valentine's Day themed tissue paper votives. 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 February 27th from 2:30-4:00 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 413-569-1221x3.

Teen Volunteer Training

Teen Volunteer Training for anyone in grades 7-12 will be here before you know it! Teen volunteers commit to volunteering one hour a week for a few months (longer if you would like). Volunteers help with shelving, organizing, preparing book and bulletin board displays for the young adult area, and other activities as needed. There will be an interview session for new applicants on Tuesday, March 6th at 3:00pm. Anyone chosen for a volunteer position will need to attend the training session on Wednesday, March 7th at 3:00pm. You may pick up an application at the reference desk or at the office and library at Southwick Regional School. For further information, please contact the reference desk at 413-569-1221 ex.3.

Children's Room News

Bake Up Some February Storytime Fun

Kids ages 2-5 years old will hear yummy stories about baking for the family and bedtime (If you want, wear your pajama's on the 20th and bring your favorite snuggle toy for this one.) We will meet in the Children's Room on February 20 and 27 at 10:30 a.m. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. For more information visit or call the Children's Room at 413-569-1221x4.

February Story Yoga at Southwick Pubic Library

Southwick Public Library will host Story Yoga on Tuesday, February 13 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.

Pajama Storytime in February

Children and their parent/caregiver are invited to come to the Children's Room on Sat. February 7th at 6:30 p.m. for our Pajama Storytime. Children may wear their pajamas while they listen to some favorite stories. There will be a craft to take home, too. There is no registration for this program.

Take Your Child to the Library Day Storytime

Celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day" by joining the fun at Saturday Storytime on February 3rd at 11 a.m. Learn about the library and all that's available to you here. You can even make a craft to take home. Children must be accompanied by their parent or caregiver. There is no registration for this program.

Valentine's Drop-In Craft

Children of all ages are invited to come to the Children's Room on Saturday, February 10th and Monday through Wednesday, February 12-14 to make a Valentine's Day character. Material for the craft will be available during regular library hours.

Scrapbooking Workshop with Kathy McKenna

Kids in grades 3-6 will learn the joys of Scrapbooking with Super Scrapbooker Kathy McKenna on Wednesday, February 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room. A photo album and materials will be provided for you to make a beautiful keepsake that you decorate and customize yourself. You just need to bring-in 8-12 of your own photos to put into the album. You must pre-register for this creative program which has limited seating and is open to girls and boys. For more details, visit or call the Children's Room at 413-569-1221x4.

Board Game Day

Visit Southwick Public Library with your family or friends on Thursday, February 22, and have fun playing our new board games! You can choose from Yahtzee, Candy Land, Yeti in My Spaghetti, Clue, Operation and more. Take a break from your electronics and enjoy the fun and interaction of the board game experience.

Creation Station

Make something fun and try something new each month at Makerspace Creation Station. This month we will meet in the Community Room on Monday, February 26 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Build a marble maze. Try Little Bits. Play Jenga. Or just hang out with your friends.

Lego Club Fun

LEGO Club for children in kindergarten through grade 2 will meet on Wednesday, February 14 at 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-6 will meet on Thursday, February 15 at 3:00 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.