
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

Town website: www.southwickma.org

Library pages on Town website www.southwickma.org/library

Unofficial Library website: www.southwicklibrary.info

Library Links

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Member of the Western Mass Regional Library System (WMRLS)

Tough Budgets Dictate Increase In Fines

The Trustees of the Southwick Public Library, mindful of projected town budget decreases, recently voted to increase fines for circulating print and audio materials from 5 cents per day overdue to 10 cents, effective January 4, 2010.

This decision came in the wake of the library's receiving budgetary information for FY'11 beginning July 1, 2010 which included a 10% decrease from the operating budget of FY'10, which in turn represented a 6.9% decrease from FY'09.

"We really need the additional funds at this time to be able to come close to supplying new materials on the shelves at a rate our patrons have come to expect from us," said Anne Murray, Director of the library. She added, "All CW/MARS libraries, and many of the smaller libraries already charge 10 cents or even more per day overdue."

Friends to Discuss Brochure: Library Budgetary Support

The Friends of the Southwick Public Library will meet in special session on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 to discuss the production of a brochure outlining their proposed sponsorship of area museums. They will also entertain suggestions on how to best support an increase in the currently proposed 10% library budget decrease.

The group, which holds its annual membership drive in December by providing bookmarks containing their membership forms for distribution at the library's Circulation Desk, invites all library users to become Friends and attend their monthly meetings. The fees have not changed in more than 10 years, and are: \$5 for a single member, and \$10 for a family, any size.

Here's How To Win A New Set Of Encyclopedias For Your Family

An adult patron of the Southwick Public Library will win a set of Compton's Encyclopedias for his or her family this holiday season! This exciting contest involves writing a one-page, typed, and double-spaced (up to 250 words) essay explaining: "*How my family would benefit from owning a set of encyclopedias.*" Entries will be accepted from adult patrons in good standing from Monday, December 7, 2009 through Thursday, December 31, 2009, and need to have the patron's name, address, phone number and Southwick Public Library card number on the essay's flip side. The winning entry will be announced Monday, January 7, 2010.

This new 2008 multi-volume set, which was presented to the library as a gift, is published by Encyclopedia Britannica, and appeals to older students and adults.

Compton's has been characterized as the perfect learning resource for every family with its dramatic visuals, engaging text, and detailed diagrams. The American Library Association calls it "a solid reference, useful for background information on a variety of topics.

Reference Information 24/7

It is late at night and the library is closed and you need some information. What do you do? You may access quality information through the library's section of the Town of Southwick's website: www.southwickma.org.

You will have access to quality reference materials, magazine and newspaper articles, literary information including literary criticisms, science, art and health information. To log-in you will need a special access number in lieu of your Southwick Public Library card number. Call now or get the access number at the Reference Desk. Additional information on library events may be accessed from our website: www.southwicklibrary.info.

Tony Earley's The Blue Star Spotlighted

The adult Book Discussion Group of the Southwick Public Library will meet Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Tony Earley's book *The Blue Star*, the final discussion in the group's fall session. The spring session will begin the first Wednesday of February. The new selection will be ready for purchase at the Circulation Desk beginning January 4, 2010 while supplies last. Participants are asked to bring ideas for the books to be included in the spring session's selections.

December Events

December 1-5
December 2
December 7-31
December 9
December 15
December 21-23
January 7, 2010

Winter Decoration Drop-In Craft
Adult Book Discussion, 6:30 p.m.
Encyclopedia Contest Entries Due
Friends Meeting, 7 p.m.
Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.
Drop-In Christmas Craft
Encyclopedia Winner Announced

***The Library will be closed
Christmas Holiday, December 24, 25 and 26
New Years Day, January 1, 2010***

In the Laporte Gallery

Evelyn Dean Casey, mixed 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.

Library Inclement Weather Policy

When Southwick Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Library will be closed in the morning. The Library will then review the weather conditions for a possible 1:00 p.m. opening or a possible 4 p.m. opening Monday through Wednesday.

NEW MATERIALS

Adult Books

The Vintage Caper, by Peter Mayle; *Love and Summer*, by William Trevor; *The Brutal Telling*, by Louise Penny; *Southern Lights*, by Danielle Steel; *Have A Little Faith*, by Mitch Albom; *Permission Slips*, by Sherri Shepherd; *Her Fearful Symmetry*, by Audrey Niffenegger; *Look At The Birdie*, by Kurt Vonnegut; *206 Bones*, by Kathy Reichs; *Alex Cross's Trial*, by James Patterson; *True Blue*, by David Baldacci.
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Adult CD Books

Death & Honor, by W. E. B. Griffin; *The Scarcrow*, by Michael Connelly; *Unaccustomed Earth*, by Jhumpa Lahiri; *The War Within*, by Bob Woodward.

Adult DVDs

Benjamin Button, (PG-13); Doubt, (PG-13); No Country for Old Men, (R); Soul Men, (R).

Children's DVDs

Nancy Drew, (PG); Scooby-Doo, (PG); The Sword In The Stone, (G); The Tale of Desperaux, (G); Santa Buddies (G).

New In Children's Room

Dancing Through Snow, by Jean Little; *The True Gift: a Christmas Story*, by Patricia MacLachlan; *No Castles Here*, by A. C. E. Bauer; *Wild River*, by P. J. Peterson; *The 39 Clues Series*, by various authors; *The Little Red Elf*, by Barbara Barbieri McGrath; *The Lion and the Mouse*, by Jerry Pinkney; *Gingerbread Pirates*, by Kristin Kladstrup; *Horrid Henry's Christmas*, by Francesca Simon; and *Captain Nobody*, by Dean Pitchford

New Young Adult

Food, girls, and other things I can't have, by Allen Zadoff; *Rapture of the deep: being an account of the further adventures of Jacky Faber, soldier, sailor, mermaid spy*, by L.A. Meyer; *Demon King (A seven realms novel)*, by Chinda Williams Chima; *Samurai 7 (Vol. 1 & 2)*, *Splendor (a Luxe novel)* and *Betraying season*, by Marissa Doyle.

CHILDREN'S ROOM & TEEN NEWS

Decorate the Library for Winter

Visit the Children's Room on Tuesday through Saturday, December 1-5 and make a snowman to leave at the library for our winter decorations. Personalize your snowman with your name and the name of your favorite winter story before or after you color it with markers. Materials for this craft will be available during our open hours in the Children's Room.

Christmas Craft

Visit the Children's Room to make a craft to take home for Christmas during our open hours on Monday through Wednesday December 21, 22 and 23. There is no pre-registration

Teen Movie Ticket Winner

During Teen Read Week in October, teens visiting the library were invited to fill-out a fun survey for a chance to win a free movie ticket. We learned that more teens would like to travel to the future then back in time, and they would bring their cell phones with them! The lucky movie ticket winner is Tim Reardon.

Special Collection: Read with Confidence at Southwick Public Library

Southwick Public Library invites you to browse through our **Read with Confidence** collection located in the back stacks of the Main Library. This special collection focuses on easy to read materials with an adult interest level, and includes abridged versions of classics and other fictional works, as well as useful information on subjects like: paying taxes, looking for a job, buying insurance, becoming a United States citizen and having a baby. In addition, there are audio kits available for check-out so you may listen as you read the story.

Originally established to enhance a local Adult Literacy Program, a number of the titles in this collection were purchased with funding from a grant from the Southwick Tolland Community Partnership. Southwick Public Library continues its ongoing effort to provide materials for busy patrons with varied interests, reading skills, and time constraints. We look forward to seeing you soon at Southwick Public Library.