
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 website: www.southwickma.org/library

Unofficial Library website: www.southwicklibrary.info

Regional Library system website: www.wmrls.org

Unofficial EDC website: www.southwickma.info

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June 2010

Member of the Western Mass Regional Library System (WMRLS)

Library Friends To Have Access To Six Area Attractions

The Friends of the *Southwick Public Library* have come up with an entertaining way to have more library patrons become *Friends*. As of June 1, 2010, they expect to have available at the Circulation Desk of the library six passes to area attractions including: *Chesterwood*, Stockbridge; *The Children's Museum*, West Hartford, CT; *Higgins Armory Museum*, Worcester; *Mystic Seaport*, Mystic, CT; *The New England Quilt Museum*, Lowell; and the *Trolley museum*, Warehouse Pt., CT.

Any library patron in good standing who has a *Friends* membership may take advantage of these passes on a first come, first served basis. The passes will be checked out free of charge on a two-day circulation with a \$5 per day overdue charge. Each may be checked out once a month per family so as to make them available to as many patrons as possible.

Friends memberships are still \$5 for an individual, or \$10 for a family any size, and may be purchased at the Circulation Desk.

GOING GREEN AT SOUTHWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY 2010 Suntime Reading Program For All Ages

Suntime reading runs for everyone from June 28 through August 6 with pre-registration for children and teens beginning June 14.

FOR KIDS (Ages 2-Grade 6)

Southwick Public Library is the place to be this summer for the *Going Green at Southwick Public Library* Suntime Reading Program where twenty-four young readers in the Children's Room will be awarded prizes in our weekly drawings. By reading books checked out from the library and

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visiting the library, all participants may receive special coupons for free stuff from a number of local businesses

Special Events include: **Wingmasters Birds of Prey*** and **Bubble Man Keith Johnson***, **Kite-Making Workshop****, **Thursday Drop-In Crafts**, **Bedtime Storytime**, **Tie-Dye Tee Shirt Workshop**, and a **5th & 6th Grade Brown Bag Book Discussion**.

FOR TEENS (Grades 7-12) “tnk grEn at your library”

Teens entering 7th-12th grade in September are invited to join in the fun this summer at the Southwick Public Library and be part of our **tnk grEn at your library** program. Once the program starts and you have registered, you may enter in our weekly prize drawings. Each time you visit the library and have read at least one book from the library, you may submit a chance. Some of the prizes being awarded are free movie tickets, iTune gift card, and Big E tickets. You will also collect coupons from local businesses for free items.

Registrants also have a chance to register at the Reference Desk to participate in the special programs listed below:

July 17th 1:30-2:30P.M. Kite making workshop**

July 22nd 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. Learn a new way to tie dye with markers
Bring a t-shirt.

August 3rd 1:00-2:00 p.m. Teen Book Discussion –Snack provided

August 5th 11:00-Noon Family Program – Secret World of Bubbles
All Ages*

August 17 1:00-2:15p.m. Manga & Comic Art Workshop with Andy Fish *

*Funded by the Southwick Cultural Council, a local agency and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency

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FOR ADULTS (18 & over)

Read a book and get a prize. This could be the scenario for anyone of our Adult patrons who elects to take part in our eighth annual “Suntime” Reading Program set to begin Monday, June 28, 2010.

Here’s all you have to do:

- First be a *Southwick Public Library* patron in good standing.
- Next, read any fiction or biography selection from our collection in an inclusive “Suntime” Reading week.
- Then fill out a reading form with your name, patron number, and the name of the book from our collection that you completed, and hope for the best! (One form per book please.)

Each Friday of the six-week program, one patron’s name will be chosen from the participants to receive a special library prize.

June Events

June 1 & 15	2-5’s Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
June 14	Suntime Reading Pre-registration Begins
June 17-19	Father’s Day Drop-In Craft
June 28	Suntime Reading Begins for Everyone

In the Laporte Gallery

Judith Bayliss, watercolor

Library Friends Set June 9 Meeting

The Friends of the Southwick Public Library will meet June 9, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the library to discuss their new area attractions passes initiative and their Federal status. This will be the final meeting of the group before their summer break. They will resume meetings on the second Wednesday of September at the same time and place to discuss their October book sale. Patrons of the library are always welcome to attend Friends meetings.

Book Group To Pick Up Fall Selection August 2

The Adult Book Discussion group may pick up and pay for the first fall session discussion selection, not decided upon as of yet, August 2, 2010 at the Circulation Desk while supplies last. The group will discuss it at their Thursday, September 9, 2010 session which begins in the Community Room at 6:30 p.m. This day change from the group’s regular first Wednesday of the month meeting is necessitated by the scheduling of the *Celebrating America* Clarence Darrow Program set for Wednesday, September 8 at 7 p.m. All patrons of the library are welcome to join these discussions.

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New Materials

ADULT BOOKS

A Matter of Class, by Mary Balogh; *The Last Time I Saw You*, by Elizabeth Berg; *Imperfect Birds*, by Anne Lamott; *The Black Cat*, by Martha Grimes; *Cat Of The Century*, by Rita Mae Brown; *Fragile Beasts*, by Tawni O'Dell; *Days Of Gold*, by Jude Deveraux.

ADULT CD BOOKS

The City, by China Mieville; *The News From Paraguay*, by Lily Tuck; *Open*, by Andre Agassi; *The Vintage Caper*, by Peter Mayle.

ADULT DVDs

Gran Torino (R); Harry Potter And The Half Blood Prince (PG); Up (P-G); Valkyrie (PG-13)

CHILDREN'S DVD's

Bedtime Stories (P-G); The Clique (P-G); What Katy Did (NR); The Veggie Tales: Lord Of The Beans (NR).

NEW YOUNG ADULT

Spilling ink: a young writer's handbook, by Anne Mazer; *Pro nail care : salon secrets of the professionals*, by Leigh Toselli; *Alchemy and Meggy Swann*, by Karen Cushman; *Daughters of the sea: Hannah*, by Kathryn Lasky; *Missing in action*, by Dean Hughes; *The Batboy*, by Mike Lupica and *Revolver*, by Marcus Sedgwick

NEW IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Mama, Is It Summer Yet, by Nikki McClure; *Oh, Daddy*, by Bob Shea; *It's Vacation Time*, by Lerryn Korda; *Eli's Lie-o-Meter: a story about telling the truth*, by Sandra Levins; *Joha Makes a Wish: a Middle Eastern tale*, by Eric A. Kimmel; *Dormia*, by Jake Halpern; *Fablehaven*, series by Brandon Mull; *Watch out , World--Rosy Cole is Going Green.*, by Sheila Greenwald; *The last best days of summer*, by Valerie Hobbs; *The Buddy Files: the Case of the Missing Family*, by Dori Hillestad Butler; *The Extraordinary and Unusual Adventures of Horatio Lyle*, by Catherine Webb; and *13 Treasures*, by Michelle Harrison.

The *Going Green @ Southwick Public Library* Suntime Reading Program and “tnk grEn” are sponsored by Southwick Public Library, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Regional Library System and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Library Program Series To Celebrate America

The Southwick Public Library will present a series of five programs celebrating America during FY '11 based on themes suggested from the images of Picturing America, a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant the library received. These programs, which begin with the theme *Our Hard-Won Rights*, will run from Wednesday, September 8, 2010 to Tuesday, March 22, 2011, and are funded by the Friends of the Southwick Public Library.

The September offering is set for 7-8 p.m., and will feature Richard Clark in a dramatic portrayal of the attorney, Clarence Darrow, a celebrated champion of labor and the poor.

On October 13, 2010 from 7-8 p.m. Barbara Giammarino, under the theme *Native Americans' Contributions* will present a program of Native American music, dance and storytelling. Her performance will be preceded by the Friends of the Library's Annual Meeting.

On November 30, 2010 from 6-8 p.m., pastel artist Greg Maichak will hold a workshop featuring the theme *Painting the Landscapes of America*. All levels are welcome, and materials will be supplied.

On February 16, 2011 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kim and Carol Gregory, costumed interpreters, will appear under the theme *America's Leaders*. They will portray friends of George Washington, and will share many facts about the first president, and his life.

Finally, on March 22nd from 7-8 p.m., trumpeter Vin Cassotta will underline the theme *The Sights & Sounds of America* by taking participants through a musical history of the only truly American musical form--Jazz.

All of these programs will be held in the library's Community Room and are free; however the artist workshop will be limited to 25 participants.

***For more information on program times & dates and
Library holiday closings visit our websites
www.southwickma.org and www.southwicklibrary.info***

Teen Poetry Contest Results

The Southwick Public Library is pleased to announce the results of the Teen Poetry Contest. First place was shared by Tara Dowd for her poem “What’s in my locker ...” and by Jordan Reed for her poem “Life cycle.” Both poets received a pair of movie tickets. Honorable Mention was awarded to Joshua DeCoteau-Marshall for his poem “The Real Me”. He received a Southwick Library tote bag with several items bearing the Southwick Public Library logo. The library was pleased to receive many fine entries this year.

What’s in my locker ...

A pizza box that’s rotted through,
My homework that is way past due,
A broken glass from way back when,
And shopping bags, I think there’s 10.

There’s something moving, slimy and sleek
Left over lunch from sometime last week
An old sweaty gym sock to add to my stock
A teacher walking by passed out from the shock.

An overdue library book I found on a rack
(I highly doubt they’ll take it back)
Some spare change: could’ve used that,
But it was hidden under a baseball bat.

The smell’s too strong say a bunch of dead flies,
Better clean out my locker before something else dies
Stuck in the corner is a forged “sick” note
That no one knows my best friend wrote.

And an organizer still new in the box
I don’t need it; my locker rocks!

By Tara Dowd

Life cycle

When I was ten, I realized that I wasn’t thin
I looked in the mirror at my hideous reflection
How it taunted me, it taunts me to this day

When I was twelve, I decided I didn’t like my smile
I’ve been wearing this half-hearted grin for a while
When I was fourteen I decided I’d carry the world
My shoulders have been tense ever since
Atlas himself would feel pity
And this cynicism whips me like a slave

I’ve been day dreaming...
Thinking about who I am
Who I want to be
What I want to be

It cracks me up
This world we have
War...depression...it’s superficial with neglect
People die everyday and they turn a blind eye
I wish I had the answers, but I don’t know why
For how could you know how to take seeing a grown man cry?

At this rate, I’ll bury my dreams in a lake when I’m twenty
And leave them for five year olds with curious minds

I’ve grown to be exactly what I resent
And when I’m forty I might think it’s not too late...

By Jordan Reed

Joshua DeCoteau-Marshall’s poem will appear in the September issue of *Library Links*.