
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** Saturdays from July 2 – Sept. 3, 2011) • Closed Sundays

Town of Southwick website: www.southwickma.org

Library page on Town website: www.southwickma.org/library

Unofficial Library website: www.southwicklibrary.info

MA Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC): www.ma.gov/mblc

MA Library System (MLS): <http://www.masslibsystem.org/>

State of MA website: www.ma.gov

This enhanced 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

The next regular issue of ***Library Links*** will be in September 2011.

As a result of the passage of the FY 2012 Town budget over the coming months the *Library* will be replacing some of the carpeting in parts of the facility. In addition new siding will be installed on the outside of the building. Specific timelines are not available, but it is anticipated that major disruption to patrons (library users) will NOT occur. Updates will be provided on this website (as needed).

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Member of the Massachusetts Library System

Ancestry.com Library Edition Available At SPL June 1

Beginning Wednesday, June 1, 2011 the Southwick Public Library will have **Ancestry Library Edition** via ProQuest available on site for its patrons use thanks to the generosity of the *Friends of the Southwick Public Library*. The well-known, online platform will be made available through the library's computers, and boasts featured collections including the U.S. Census Collection, U.K. and Ireland Collection, Birth, Marriage and Death Records, Immigration Collection, Military Collection, Family and Local History Records, Court, Land and Probate Records, and Trees and Message Boards. [Remote access will not be available]

Career Accelerator Offers Personal Branding Webinar

The Southwick Public Library's platform *Job and Career Accelerator* has made available (either in house or remotely) a webinar on branding entitled *Managing Your Personal Brand to Increase Career Opportunities*. It may be accessed on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 2 p.m. through the town's website www.southwickma.org; however, registration is limited and should be done as soon as possible.

The webinar will be conducted by career search expert Miriam Salpeter, and will be an hour long. Interested patrons will need to go to the town's website, link to Southwick Library, and then to *Job and Career Accelerator*.

According to the webinar description, the Salpeter presentation will discuss how job seekers and professionals can manage their brand to achieve career success.

Suntime Reading Details Inside

Friends To Decide On Passes To Area Attractions

The *Friends of the Southwick Public Library* will meet Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the library's Community Room to discuss which area attraction passes they will sponsor for FY 2012. Besides the passes to the Quadrangle museums in Springfield, the Friends sponsored the *Children's Museum* in West Hartford; the *Higgins Armory Museum* in Worcester; the *Mystic Seaport*, in Mystic; *Chesterwood* in Stockbridge; and *The Trolley Museum* at Warehouse Pt.

All patrons of the library are welcome to attend these meetings.

Volunteer Computer Teacher Wanted

The *Southwick Public Library* is looking for a volunteer to teach basic computer skills to patrons who do not as yet have the know how. We are hoping to get a savvy individual with experience in computer work who is willing to teach three one-hour sessions over the course of the summer using our Community Room and tech equipment to interested patrons. We would like one session to be an introduction to computers and *Microsoft Word*. The second session would include using this tool for resumes and the like. The final session would deal with Internet use, creating an E-mail account, and sending E-mails and attachments. If you are interested, simply leave your name and number and a brief description of your background in computers and working with people with a Circulation Librarian.

Suntime Reading Begins June 27!

Travel The World With Adult Suntime Reading

Adult patrons of the *Southwick Public Library* will be able to travel the world finding *Novel Destinations* during the six weeks of their summer reading program which begins Monday, June 27, 2011 at the library. The world destinations theme will be echoed in the weekly, and bonus prizes which will be awarded to those participating during the program.

All an adult patron in good standing has to do is read any fiction or biography selection from the library's collection during an inclusive week. Of course, those dealing with foreign locales are highly recommended reads! Then, fill out a reading form with your name, patron number, and the

June Events

June 8	Friends' Meeting, 7 p.m. [open to the public]
June 13	Suntime Reading Pre-Registration Begins
June 14	Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m. [open to the public]
June 27	Suntime Reading Begins

In the Laporte Gallery

Christine Texeira, Oils

Summer Closings

The library will be closed Monday, July 4.

The library will be closed on Saturdays beginning Saturday July 2, 2011 through Saturday September 3, 2011.

Father's Day Craft

Make a "home run" to Dad's heart this Father's Day with your personalized "baseball-and-mitt" card. Materials for this Father's Day Craft will be available for three days beginning Thursday, June 16th through Saturday, June 18th during regular library hours. All are welcome.

Teen Knitting Project Update

The teens would like to thank everyone (they are too numerous to name) in the community who donated pieces for the baby blanket project. We have enough pieces for at least 10 blankets. The last date to donate sections is May 31st. We are hoping to have some blankets completed sometime in June so we may make a presentation to the *Pioneer Valley Red Cross* Disaster team.

New Materials

New Books

Pacific Glory, by P.T. Duetermann; *Emily Alone*, by Stuart O’Nan; *In the Still of the Night*, by Ann Rule; *Against All Odds*, by Scott Brown; *Sing You Home*, by Jodi Picoult; *One Hundred Names for Love*, by Diane Ackerman; *Cold Wind*, by C. J. Box; *Miss New India*, Bharati Mukherjee; *A Reason to Believe*, by Duval Patrick; *Tabloid City*, by Pete Hamill.

CD Books

Heartwood, by Belva Plain; *Louisa May Alcott*, by Susan Cheever; *Love You More*, by Lisa Gardner; *The Man From Beijing*, by Henry Mankell.

Adult DVDs

Crazy Heart (R), *The Kids Are All Right* (R), *The Proposal* (PG-13), *Secretariat* (G).

Children’s DVDs

Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2 (G), *Hachi* (G), *Wallace & Gromit: Shaun the Sheep* (NR), *Thomas & Friends: Wobbly Wheels & Whistles* (NR)

New – Young Adult

The Emperor of Ninhon-Ja (book 10 Ranger’s Apprentice), by John Flanagan; *Okay for Now*, by Gary D. Schmidt; *Kick*, by Walter Dean Myers and Ross Workman; *Flip*, by Martyn Bedord; *Ruby Red*, by Kerstin Gier; and *Entwined*, by Herbie Brennan.

New Children’s Audio Books

Million Dollar Throw, by Mike Lupica; *Agent Q, or the Smell of Danger*, by M.T.Anderson; *Tia Lola Stories*, by Julia Alvarez; *Rabbit Ears Storybook Classics*, read by Meryl Streep and Tracey Ullman; *The Birthday Ball*, by Lois Lowry; *The Emerald Atlas*, by John Stephens; *One Day and One Amazing Morning on Orange Street*, by Joanne Rocklin; *A Blossom Promise*, by Betsy Byars; *Wolf Pie*, by Brenda Seabrooke and *Museum of Thieves*, by Lian Tanner.

name of the book 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 to receive a prize from the forms in the entry box located at the Circulation Desk. Also, one Bonus Prize winner will be selected from among the losing entries. Good luck!

YA Sun Time Reading 2011 You Are Here Grade 7 in Sept. – 12th Grade

The theme for this year’s Sun Time Reading Program for teens is *You Are Here*. Registration will start on June 13th and the program will begin on June 27th. If you register between June 13th and June 25th you will be able to put in a chance for the first weekly drawing on June 27th. Each time you visit the library and have read a book from the library you will be able to submit a chance for our weekly prize drawing. Prizes include movie tickets, iTunes gift cards, etc.

Register at Reference Desk for YA Special Programs including:

July 19th 2 – 3 p.m. Minute to Win-It Challenge

July 26th 11:00 a.m.. Rainforest Reptiles –All Ages

July 28th 2:00-3:00 p.m.. Day of the Dead Celebration- sugar skulls, etc.

August 2nd 1:00- 2:00 Book discussion- Snack provided

Kids! Join the *One World, Many Stories* @ Southwick Public Library 2011 Suntime Reading Program

Travel the world from Southwick Public Library this summer as *The One World, Many Stories @ Southwick Public Library* Suntime Reading Program runs from June 27 through August 5, with pre-registration beginning on June 13. 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 visiting the library, all participants may receive special coupons for free stuff from local businesses including: *the Summer House, The Daily Grind, Notch Travel Centre, Blossoming Acres Farm* and more!

Special Events include: Thursday Drop-In Craft Days, Bedtime Storytime, Drumming Away the Blues, Cheryl Melody’s Multicultural Music and Puppets, Rainforest Reptiles, Motoko & Eshu Bumpus with stories from Africa and Japan, a Brown Bag Book Discussion for fifth and sixth graders, and new ways to win bonus chances!

Note: *Novel Destinations, You are here* and *One World, Many Stories* are sponsored by the *Southwick Public Library, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Library System & the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners.*

Teen Poetry Contest Results

The Southwick Public Library received 16 entries for the Teen Poetry Contest. Wendy Smith took first place for her poem “Beast”. Second place was awarded to Rachel Grzelak for her poem “Perfect”. Both were awarded iTunes gift cards.

There is a thin veil
Between the wish you have
And hope you lost
A bright flash before the darkness settles in.
 I saw her then
 Eyes flashing with strength
 Pulling me out of the endless depths
And locking my heart in her unknowing grasp.
 I am one who shouldn't be loved
 An animal with a human soul
 Caged for a fool child's carelessness
 Begging forgiveness from those who would shun me.
 So I made her a deal
 A dying man's wish
 And she stayed for her father,
 Though he begged her to leave me.
And slowly the magic of her soul
Warmed my own stone heart
And when she begged to go
The words of denial stopped fast at my lips.
 She left me then
 As the others had
 And when the heathens came
I had no heart left to fight their swords.
 And so I once more plunged
 So close to the edge of giving up
 So ready to jump away
 Into an endless pit of flame
But once again that veil
Pulling me back to life
A soft voice crying out
Beggings the skies themselves for hope.
 The curtain lifted away.

Beast

And I was freed.

I am one who shouldn't be loved.
She is one who is loved by all.
I am a monster lurking in shadows.
She is a bird soaring the skies.

And yet here she sits by my side.

My Beauty, my love.

Free to roam, and yet she stays.

And is that not the greatest joy of all?

For I am one who shouldn't be loved.

But yet, somehow, I am.

The world has turned ashes to roses.

And the veil has turned to starlight.

“Perfect”

He's perfect... I guess.

At least they make him seem perfect.

With all the awards and crowns he's given,

How can't he be?

They set him high on the pedestal,

As I gaze below.

I know he's not perfect,

And I know I'm not perfect.

No one is perfect.

So why does everyone think he is?

Why isn't anyone else up there? Why him?

I know he's not perfect,

He can't dance and he doesn't like mushrooms!

He's not perfect.

I am not perfect.

No one is perfect.

He's just above average.

That's the way I see him.

Jimmy, my above average

not perfect brother.

Jimmy, my hero.

My hero who doesn't have to be

“Perfect”