
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

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March 2009

Member of the Western Mass Regional Library System (WMRLS)

Friends Get First Picks For Chinese Cooking Program

Friends of the Southwick Public Library will have until Monday, March 16, 2009 to sign up for the *Quick-Fix, Low-Fat Chinese Meals & Practical Do-Ahead Ideas* programs featuring the expertise of author and travelling gourmet, Norma Chang who will provide samples of the items prepared for participants. The adult programs, sponsored by the Friends group, are set for two sessions in the Community Room on Thursday, April 2, 2009: from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and from 6-7:30 p.m.

The first 20 Friends of the Library for each program will be signed up on or before the March 16 date, and then the program will be open to the general public to fill the remaining slots. Interested persons should be adult patrons in good standing, and may call the library at 569-1221 to reserve their place.

Norma Chang has several cookbooks to her credit, and conducts programs throughout New York and New England. The *Quick-Fix, Low-Fat Chinese Meals* will illustrate how it is possible to eat well, eat healthy, and not be a slave to the kitchen. Dinners under 30 minutes are do-able.

The enjoyable, interactive, and highly conversational program will give kitchen hints, practical do-ahead ideas, and more. Lemon chicken, fried rice and quick stir-fry vegetables are on the menu for sampling.

Conserving Energy, Saving Money and Breathing Easier Are Topics of March 24 Program

The Southwick Public Library will present “Around the Home in 60 Minutes: Conserve Energy, Save Money, and Breathe Easier” on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 6:30 in the Community Room. The program is free and open to the public. (continued on page 2)

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Laura Kischitz, founder of Peaceful Concepts, www.peacefulconcepts.com, will conduct the program which helps individuals to learn about and take advantage of simple solutions, programs, and technology that results in fuel, electricity and toxin reductions as well as financial savings.

During the program, participants will learn proven techniques to reduce electricity and fuel usage, assistance programs available, alternative energy solutions including tax credits and rebate information, and how to eliminate toxins in the home. They will take away a list of money saving actions to implement which will detoxify their home as well as reduce electricity and fuel use, saving money in the process.

Kischitz is also the co-chairperson of the Town of Bolton Energy Committee, and author of a "Sustainable Living" Column for the Bolton Common and Harvard Post newspapers.

Friends Meeting To Plan Biannual Book Sale

The Friends of the Southwick Public Library will meet Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room to plan their spring book sale which commences with a book collection at the library on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to help out with the sale is asked to attend this meeting.

The group asks that donated items including books, audio books, CD books, CD musical selections, and DVDs be in good condition. No abridged books, encyclopedias, games, or magazines will be accepted for the sale.

The sale will begin with a "Friends Only" preview on Thursday, April 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the library. To join, pick up a membership form at the Circulation Desk or on the night of the preview. The cost still remains at \$5 for a single membership per year, or \$10 for a family one, any size. The sale will be open to the public Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2 during regular library hours.

***Join Friends of the Southwick Public Library
Today!***

March Events

March 4	Dr. Seuss Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
March 4	Adult Book Discussion, 6:30 p.m.
March 10	Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.
March 11	Friends Meeting, 7 p.m.
March 12-14	St. Patrick's Day Make-and-Take Craft
March 19	Story Stars Children's Programs, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.
March 21-22	Spring Craft
March 24	Breathe Easier Adult Program, 6:30 p.m.
March 30	Teen Art Scavenger Hunt, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

In the Laporte Gallery

*Thomas Gibbs Moses,
oils and watercolors*

(from the private collection of his granddaughter, Marilyn Chunglo)

*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.*

SPL Business Center Offers Key Resources

Whether you're looking to start a small business, or need career or financial information, the library's **Business Center** will meet your needs for timely resources including books, magazines, CD books and DVDs.

The center, created as part of the library's new Five-Year Plan, boasts current books dealing with career choice, and business and finance in addition to Business Reference materials.

It also features instructional and leadership CD books, and DVDs as well as biographies of key business people such as Donald Trump and Bill Gates.

Magazines such as *Business Week*, *Harvard Business*, *The Economist* and the like are available for check out, and the online test prep site *LearningExpress* is available from the library or remotely through www.southwickma.org then linking to the library and *LearningExpress*.

NEW MATERIALS

Adult Books

Things I've Been Silent About, Azar Nafisi; Moments Of Clarity, Christopher Kennedy Lawford; The Great Eight, Scott Hamilton; Dark Of Night, Suzanne Brockmann; The Associate, John Grisham; The Lost Memoirs Of Jane Austen, Syrie James; Blood Sins, Kay Hooper; Captivated & Entranced, Nora Roberts.

Adult CD Books

The Good Guy, Dean Koontz; The Water's Lovely, Ruth Rendell; The Choice, Nicholas Sparks; Write It When I'm Gone, Thomas M. DeFrank; A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini.

Adult DVDs

The Invasion (PG-13), Mamma Mia! (PG-13), Wanted (R), What Happens In Vegas: (PG-13), The Clone Wars (PG-13).

Children's DVDs

Hi! I'm Riff (NR), Ariel's Beginning (G), Daddy Daycare (PG), Xposing The Truth (PG), Horton Hears A Who (NR).

New Young Adult

Jellicoe Road, **Melinda Marchetta**; *Ghosts of Kerfol*, **Deborah Noyes**; *The true adventures of Charley Darwin*, **Carolyn Meyer**; *Hero type*, **Barry Lyga**; *Triple shot Betty in love*, **Jody Gehrman**; and *The Juvie*, **Gordon Korman**.

New Easy Readers

Benny and Penny in Just Pretend by Geoffrey Hayes; *Biscuit and Little Pup* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli; *Bones and the Math Test Mystery* by David A. Adler; *Cork and Fuzz: The Collectors* by Dori Chaconas; *Dodsworth in New York* by Tim Egan.

Teen Scavenger Hunt

Teens in grades 7 through 9 join in an **Art Scavenger Hunt** on March 30 and you could win 2 free movie tickets! To enter, pick up a questionnaire at the Reference Desk. Find the answers by viewing ten classic American art prints which will be on display in the Community Room from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Questionnaires must be returned by 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. Prints were awarded to the library with a *Picturing America* Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Join V. Princ. Rodgers for a Seuss Celebration!

On Wednesday evening, March 4th, at 6:30 p.m. Southwick Public Library is having a Bedtime Storytime for children ages 2-5 years to celebrate Dr. Seuss. Special guest Woodland Elementary School Vice Principal Jonathan Rodgers will read his favorite Dr. Seuss stories. Children may wear their pajamas. A craft will also be available.

St. Patrick's Day and Spring Crafts

Children of all ages won't want to miss the St. Patrick's Day Craft available in the Children's Room on Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Welcome spring on March 21 and 22 with a decoration you make yourself. Craft materials will be available to young patrons to create a make-and-take spring craft that requires use of paper and glue.

***Story Stars* Preschool Program**

Rae Griffiths of Teaching Creatures will be visiting the Southwick Public Library on Thursday, March 19th to present her "*Story Stars*" program. This unique program for young library-goers features Rae reading two specially selected books and then showing one of the featured animal stars from each story. The children will learn about these unique animals and have an opportunity to pet the animals. "Story Stars" will be offered at 10:15-11:00 a.m. and repeated at 11:15-noon. The program is limited to 30 children per session. This will allow an opportunity for each child to pet the animals. You may register for either program in the Children's Room. This program is funded with a grant from the Southwick, Granville, and Tolland Community Partnership.

***How Starbucks Saved My Life* Set For April Book Discussion**

All adult patrons are welcome to join the Adult Book Discussion of Michael Gates Gill's *How Starbucks Saved My Life* at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1. Books may be purchased at the March 4, 2009 book discussion of *Gilead* or thereafter at the Circulation Desk while supplies last.

Gates' book is: "The national bestselling rags-to-riches story of an advertising executive who had it all, then lost it all—and was finally redeemed by his new job, and his twenty-eight-year-old boss, at Starbucks."-from the back cover