
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

www.southwickma.org/library www.southwicklibrary.info

Library Links

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Member of the Western Mass Regional Library System (WMRLS)

AAA DriveSharp Program Available For Check Out

Twenty-five patrons of the Southwick Public Library will be able to download to their computers the AAA DriveSharp software training program clinically proven to help you think faster, focus better, and react quicker on the road. Patrons may check out the CD-ROM for a one week period beginning March 1, 2010 from the Circulation Desk; however, it is non-renewable and will be charged at \$1 per day overdue.

DriveSharp strengthens the brain's ability to process what it sees cutting your risk of a car crash in half. It also increases your useful field of view by 200%, allowing you to notice more in your peripheral vision. It gives greater confidence in driving at night, in congested traffic, and in new places, and allows you to stop 22 feet sooner when driving 55 mph.

J. Peter Kissinger, President/CEO of AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety notes that those of the AAA Foundation "are always looking for ways to make the roads safer. We believe DriveSharp is an exciting new product to achieve just that."

Local Author to Discuss *Black Squirrel Ball* At Southwick Library Event on March 3

Amy Liptak Caruso of Southwick will be the speaker on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Southwick Public Library where she will book talk her recent first novel: *The Black Squirrel Ball*. Liptak will discuss how she combined local history, her imagination, and her family's tales involving Stanley Park in Westfield to write the mystery.

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In the book, Samantha Cummings, who is professionally frustrated, quits her mediocre financial services job to coordinate the 40th Black Squirrel Ball. Little did she know at the onset that she would also be facilitating the investigation of a 40-year-old mysterious death.

The Caruso talk will take the place of the library's monthly book discussion for March. Participants of the discussions may pick up and pay for the April 7, 2010 selection: *The Longest Trip Home*, by John Grogan at the library's Circulation Desk while supplies last. It is described by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* as: "Entertaining, funny, and, best of all, always honest at its core."

All are invited to attend the talk which will be followed by a question and answer period and a book signing. Also, new book discussion participants are always welcome.

Friends To Plan April Book Sale

The Friends of the Southwick Public Library will meet Wednesday, April 14, 2010 to finalize plans for their April book sale which will begin with a book collection on April 24. Donors are asked to keep in mind that the books be in good condition, and that their selections contain no abridged books, encyclopedias, magazines or games.

Volunteers are needed for the set up on April 28 from 6-8 p.m.; the Friends Only Preview on April 29 from 5-8 p.m.; and for the Book Sale April 30 and May 1 during the regular library hours. Please e-mail Lee Hazelton, Book Sale Chairman, at inthejog2@yahoo.com if you can volunteer to help out during any of these times, or for the May 1 clean up.

New Teen Volunteers Trained

In February, Young Adult Librarian Diane Caruso trained six new teen volunteers. Starting in March, these volunteers along with some previous volunteers will be scheduled each week to help with shelving books and other special projects. In June, they will each receive a certificate verifying the number of hours they worked. This program is open to all 7th-12th graders. Participants must complete 2 days of training to qualify. The next training session will occur in October.

March Events

March 3	Adult Book Talk, 6:30 pm
March 3	Dr. Seuss Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
March 9	Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.
March 9 16,& 23	3-5's Storytimes, 10:30 am
March 16 & 17	St. Patrick's Day Drop-In-Craft .
March 22-27	Spring Drop-In Craft
March 23	Wildflowers of the Northeast Program, 6:30 p.m.

In The Display Case

American Legion Post 338 memorabilia through March 2010

In the Laporte Gallery

David Goss, acrylics on canvas & paper

John Root To Speak On

Wildflowers of the Northeast

The Southwick Public Library, through the generosity of its Friends Association, will present *Wildflowers of the Northeast* just in time for spring! John Root, a naturalist and educator, will deliver the informative, free program Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the library.

His power point presentation will feature close-up images of wildflowers in a range of magnifications as well as photographic portraits. It will be followed by a question and answer period.

His aim is for participants to become familiar with the distinguishing characteristics of the most common wildflower families, and learn how to apply this information to identify herbaceous plants in the field. Illustrated pamphlets with descriptions of plant families, informative websites, and a bibliography for further study will be distributed at the conclusion of the program.

NEW MATERIALS

Adult Books

Kisser, by Stuart Woods; *Door Open*, by Ian Rankin; *The Burning Land*, by Bernard Cornwell; *The Merry Wives Of Maggody*, by Joan Hess; *The Wolf At The Door*, by Jack Higgins; *Wild Child*, by T. C. Boyle; *The Brightest Star In The Sky*, by Marian Keyes; *Point Omega*, by Don DeLillo; *Matters of Class*, by Mary Balough; *Worst Case*, by James Patterson.

Adult CD Books

Compulsion, by Jonathan Kellerman; *Die For You*, by Lisa Unger; *Dune Road*, by Jane Green; *No Less Than Victory*, by Jeff Shaara.

Adult DVDs

Angels and Demons PG-13), Mrs. Palfrey At The Claremont, (NR), Taken (PG-13), Terminator Salvation (PG-13).

Children's DVD

Little Einstein: Flight Of The Instrument Fairies (G), Ice Age: Dawn Of The Dinosaurs (PG), Sounder (G), Swiss Family Robinson (G).

New Young Adult

Salt (The salt trilogy, vol. 1), by Maurice Gee; *After ever after*, by Jordan Sonnenblick; *Incarceron*, by Catherine Fisher; *The Rock and the river*, by Kekla Magoon; *The Dark days of Hamburger Halpin*, by Josh Berk; and *The Sable Queen (Redwall series)*, by Brian Jacques.

New Juvenile Fiction

Runaway Twin, by Peg Kehret; *Gullible Gus*, by Maxine Rose Schur; *The Last Newspaper Boy in America*, by Sue Corbett; *Encyclopedia Brown, Super Sleuth*, by Donald J. Sobol; *The Dream Stealer*, by Sid Fleischman; *Winter Shadow*, by Richard Knight and Richard Johnson; *The Missing, Book 2: Sent*, by Margaret Peterson Haddix; *January Joker*, by Ron Roy; *Never Walk in Shoes that Talk*, by Katherine Applegate.

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Dr. Seuss Bedtime Storytime

Dr. Seuss Bedtime Storytime will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, March 3rd. This program for 2-5 year olds and their parents/caregivers will feature Guest Reader Lynda Daniele, Trustee Emeritus, reading some favorite Dr. Seuss stories. There will be an easy craft available. Children may wear their pajamas for this evening read. Registration for this program is not necessary.

3-5'S Storytimes

Join the fun at Storytime for three to five year olds at Southwick Public Library on March 9, 16 & 23 from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Learn a new song, make a fun craft, meet some new friends and, of course, hear some good stories. We will share stories about spring and more. Pre-registration is needed for this program.

For more information or to pre-register for children's programs, visit or call the Children's Room at 569-1221.

St. Patrick's Day Craft

On Tuesday March 16th and Wednesday March 17th children of all ages are invited to come to the Children's Room to make a St. Patrick's Day craft during the library's regular hours.

Decorate the Bulletin Board for Spring

Write the name of the last book you read on a flower you may pick up in the Children's Room. We will hang it on our Bulletin Board to welcome spring.