
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

Library Links

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May 2009

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TV Artist To Demonstrate Library Painting Creation

Susan Tilton Pecora, who is the featured artist on the PBS affiliate WGBY TV program “Reflections Through Watercolor,” will give a painting demonstration showcasing the creation of a watercolor painting of the Southwick Public Library on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the library’s Community Room. Pecora will sketch and paint the building while explaining the process of creating a painting at the family program supported in part by a grant from the Southwick Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Pecora began offering this program to libraries in 2008, and to date has completed seven paintings of libraries from the area including Agawam, Amherst and West Springfield, and a library in Queechee, VT.

Besides her television work and library paintings, Pecora has painted on location all over the country and in many parts of the world. Her watercolor paintings combine a unique blend of architecture and nature.

She was commissioned to create images featured in the 2001 Farm Aid calendar and has been a “Featured Artist” for WGBY’s Gallery Collection Auction and continues to be part of the station’s annual fundraiser. She has given demonstrations to art associations throughout New England.

Her work can be seen, or purchased at R. Michelson Galleries of Northampton and Amherst, Kiley Court in Provincetown, MA, and Gallery on the Green Woodstock, VT.

Friends Set Meeting To Plan Fall Event

The Friends of the Southwick Public Library will hold a meeting Wednesday, May 13, 2009 in the library's Community Room at 7 p.m. to plan a fall fundraising event. All interested Friends are invited to attend and share their ideas.

The Friends will also discuss the profits from their recent Book Sale and how they may best be used for the betterment of the library.

Cultural Council Celebrates 10th Art Show With Library Display

The Southwick Cultural Council celebrates the 10th anniversary of its annual juried Fine Arts Exhibition, which took place this year on April 18-19, with a display of an array of information, and photos commemorating the event and the council. The display is available for viewing April through June 2009, and is located in the Southwick Public Library's display case housed in the Reading Nook area of the library.

Museum/ Park Passes Available For Check Out

With summer's quick approach, and families looking for interesting things to do in the area at low or no cost, a stop at the Southwick Public Library to borrow a pass to an area museum or park would provide recreation and entertainment while saving money during these tight economic times.

The library has been fortunate to secure passes to five museums and the Massachusetts State Parks Pass. Three passes for the Springfield Museums were gifts of the Friends of the Southwick Public Library, while the Southwick Granville Tolland Community Partnership provided the pass to the Amelia Park Children's Museum. Also, the library's Gift Account provides passes to the Holyoke Children's Museum, the Norman Rockwell Museum and the Eric Carle Museum.

The passes are available to library patrons in good standing for two days, and are loaned on a first come, first serve basis with your library card.

May Events

May 5, 12, 19	3-5's Storytime, 10:30 a.m..
May 6	Adult Book Discussion, 6:30 p.m.
May 6	Healthy Smile Storytime , 6:30 p.m.
May 8&9	Mother's Day Drop-In Craft
May 11-16	Children's Book Week
May 13	Friends' Meeting, 7 p.m.
May 19	Art Demonstration, Family, 7 p.m.
May 28	Zoo-On-the-Go, 10:15 & 11 a.m.

***The Library will be closed
Saturday, May 23 and Monday May 25, 2009
In observance of Memorial Day***

In the Laporte Gallery

Bernadette Johnson, oil paintings

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.

His Illegal Self Is Subject Of May 6 Book Discussion

The adult Book Discussion Group of the Southwick Public Library will complete its spring session on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 with a discussion of Peter Carey's *His Illegal Self* at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room. All interested adult patrons are welcome to attend, and bring ideas for future book selections.

The group will resume operating with their fall session beginning Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room, and the September selection should be ready for pick up at the Circulation Desk and payment Monday, August 3, 2009 while supplies last

NEW MATERIALS

New Adult Books

Handle With Care, Jodi Picoult; Execution Dock, Anne Perry; In A Gilded Cage, Rhys Bowen; True Detectives, Jonathan Kellerman; Confessions Of A Shopaholic, Sophie Kinsella; The Makedown, Gitty Daneshvari; The Long Fall, Walter Mosley; Pursuit, Karen Robards; Long Lost, Harlan Coben; Life Sentences, Laura Lippman.

New Adult CD Books

Beverly Hills Dead, Stuart Woods; Tipperary, Frank Delaney; The Secret, Between Us, Barbara Delinsky; Stone Cold, David Baldacci.

New Adult DVDs

Get Smart (PG-13), Hancock (PG-13), Milk (R), Swing Vote (PG-13).

Children's DVDs

Barbie & The Diamond Castle (NR), Nim's Island (PG), The Royal Diaries, Stanley: Spring Fever (NR)

New – Young Adult

If I stay, **Gayle Forman**; *Something wicked (a Horatio Wilkes mystery)*, **Alan Gratz**; *Cold skin*, **Steven Herrick**; *Max (Maximum Ride ; #5)*, **James Patterson**; *Revolations (a Blue Blood novel)*, **Melissa De La Cruz**; *Bloodhound (Beka Cooper; book 2)*, **Tamora Pierce** and *All the broken pieces*, **Ann E. Burg**.

New Parenting

The creative family: how to encourage imagination and nurture family connections, by Amanda Blake Soutle; *And baby makes four: a trimester-by-trimester guide to a baby-friendly dog*, by Penny Scott-Fox; *Boys should be boys: 7 secrets to raising healthy sons*, by Meg Meeker; *Beyond time-out*, by Beth A. Grosshans; *A child's journey out of autism: one family's story of living in hope and finding a cure*, by Leeann Whiffen; *The vaccine book: making the right decision for your child*, by Robert W. Sears; *Take back your family: a challenge to America's parents*, by Rev Run and Justine Simmons with Chris Morrow; *Alphabet kids from ADD to Zellweger Syndrome*, by Robbie Woliver.

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Healthy Smile Bedtime Storytime

Children ages 2-5 years old and their parents and caregivers are invited to come to Southwick Public Library on Wednesday May 6th at 6:30 p.m. to meet dental hygienist Mary H. who will show us what we can do to have a healthy smile. This informative program promises to be fun as children learn how to take care of their teeth. This will be a Bedtime Storytime so children may come dressed in their pajamas. There will be a related craft after the program. Registration is not needed.

3-5's Storytime is Tuesdays at Southwick Public Library

May Storytime is a treat for 3-5-year-olds at Southwick Public Library on Tuesdays in May 8, 15, and 22. Children will listen to stories, sing songs, and help with feltboard stories with a few surprises along the way. Pre-registration is required for this program. For more information, visit or call the Children's Room at Southwick Public Library at 569-1221 x6.

Pre-School Forest Park Zoo-On-The-Go Program

Give your preschooler an up close and personal experience with some of the animals from the Forest Park Zoo. Join us at the Southwick Public Library on Thursday, May 29th for one of our two identical programs presented by Forest Park Zoo on the Goat 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Advanced registration is necessary due to limited space.

The visit by Forest Park Zoo-on-the-Go is funded with a grant from the Southwick Tolland Granville Community Partnership.

Mother's Day Craft

Make Mom's day! You can do it by surprising Mom with your very own unique creation made at the Southwick Public Library. Material will be available in the Children's Room during regular library hours on Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th.

Get Ready for *Starship Adventures* @ your library Suntime Reading Program

The *Starship Adventures* at your library Suntime Reading Program at Southwick Public Library begins on June 29, 2009 With pre-registration beginning June 15 in the Children's Room See our June Library Links for more details.