
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 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

Library Links

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April 2011

Member of the Massachusetts Library System

Friends to Focus on April Book Sale

Friends of the Southwick Public Library will meet Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the library to discuss the upcoming book sale which begins Saturday, April 23 when a Book Sale Collection Day will be held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Community Room of the library. The meeting will discuss volunteer opportunities, and the group invites interested persons to attend the meeting, or contact the Book Sale Chair Lee Hazelton at 569-3673 or at lhazelton@crocker.com.

Anyone with books, CDs, CD books or DVD's in lovingly used condition may drop them off at the Community Room door on the 23rd. Please do *not include* magazines, abridged books, textbooks or Encyclopedias in the donations.

The collection day will be followed on Thursday, April 28 from 5-8 p.m. with a Friends Only Preview. Anyone may become a friend that evening, or may pick up a membership form at the Circulation Desk anytime. Membership is just \$5 for a single, or \$10 for a family, any size.

The Preview will be followed by the open sale on Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, during regular library hours, 10 a.m. – 5p.m. and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., respectively

Patron Survey Highlights Library Week Apr. 10-16

The *Southwick Public Library* will be celebrating *National Library Week*, April 10-16, 2011 with an adult survey designed to spur feedback on library materials and services. Library officials then compare these results with past years to see how the library is faring in these areas. Any adult completing the quick survey will receive a holder emblazoned with this year's National Library Week slogan: "*Libraries: The Heart Of Every Community.*" The survey may be obtained at the library, or downloaded from the library's website: www.southwickma.org, and then brought to the Circulation Desk on or before April 16.

Library Schedules April Blood Pressure Clinic

Do you know your blood pressure? The *Southwick Public Library* is joining forces with Stephanie M. Graves-Harrison, the Admissions & Marketing director of Governor's Center, Westfield, Thursday, April 14, 2011 from noon to 3:30 p.m. to get you the answer to that question with a free Blood Pressure Clinic. The clinic is open to anyone over the age of 13, and will be held in the library's Community Room.

Graves-Harrison has been conducting monthly clinics at the General Sheppard Apartments in Westfield, and has conducted them at other libraries in the area.

According to her, "the clinics allow us to let people know their risks and have them go to see their primary care physician for a follow up," she concluded.

Tyler's Noah's Compass To Be Discussed

The Adult Book Discussion Group of the Southwick Public Library will meet Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Anne Tyler's *Noah's Compass*.

During the discussion, or afterwards at the Circulation Desk while supplies last, participants may purchase the May 4, 2011 selection – Jeannette Walls' *Half Broke Horses*. *Booklist's* Donna Seaman gave the work a starred review calling it "Hugely entertaining and provocative...[A] triumphant novel of a fearless, progressive woman who will not be corralled."

All adult patrons are invited to participate in these discussions.

Library to Conduct Pantry Food Drive

The *Southwick Public Library* will hold a food drive for the [Community Food Pantry](#) servicing Southwick, Granville and Tolland April 4-15, 2011.

Patrons of the library are asked to be as generous as they can be as the pantry recently obtained 501(c)(3) status (non-profit) and is no longer financed through state grants. This means that the overhead of running the facility now falls to the pantry itself. There will be a collection box by the *Circulation Desk* for the pantry's wish list items. These include: paper towels and toilet paper as well as peanut butter, canned hams, healthy cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, tuna, and canned fruits, vegetables and soups.

Easter Craft

Children of all ages are invited to come to the Children's Room on Thursday, April 21st through Saturday, April 23rd to get ready for Easter by making and decorating their own Easter card. Materials for this Easter craft will be available during regular library hours.

Red Cross Disaster Team Baby Blanket Project

Teens are continuing to work on their pieces for our baby blankets for the *Pioneer Valley Red Cross Disaster Team*. We already have enough pieces for one blanket! The 7th-12th graders will meet on Monday, April 4th from 2:30 – 4 P.M. We have also been thrilled to receive pieces knitted by the public. Anyone that would like to help may drop off their knitted pieces at the library's Reference Desk. Each knitted piece should be 7" x 9" with a gauge of 5 stitches per inch. We will continue to work on blankets until the middle of June. Keep up the great work!

Marmalade Puppets at the Library April 1st

Marmalade Puppets will be at the library Friday, April 1st at 10:30. Dr. Marmalaid has traveled the world helping animals in distress. She will introduce the children to many puppet friends: a gorilla with a tummy ache; a dinosaur that sings; and many more. The children in the audience will become her assistants. This program is sponsored by Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant.

Teen Poetry Contest

In celebration of April as National Poetry Month, the Southwick Public Library will be holding a teen poetry contest for 7th-12th graders. A set of rules may be picked-up at the library's Reference Desk. Entries may be dropped off at the Reference Desk during regular library hours anytime until April 30th at 1 p.m.

Teen Center Open on Wednesday April 13th

7th-12th graders are invited to visit the Community Room on Wednesday, April 13th from 3-4 P.M. Teens will have access to our Wii system, board games or may chat with their friends.

Children's Room News

It's Spring! Time for April Storytime for 2-5 year olds!

Learn how to measure with an inchworm. Meet a friend. Make a craft and sing a song at April Storytime on Tuesdays, April 5, 12, and 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room at Southwick Public Library. Pre-registration is needed for this program and children ages 2-5 years old should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Create your own Story @ Southwick Public Library During National Library Week

National Library Week is an annual celebration of the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

Come in anytime during the week of April 11-16 to write your own story on a die cut paper book. You can create your own story by writing about yourself, your likes and dislikes, etc. Then bring it home or leave it at the library for display. Materials will be available in the Children's Room during regular library hours.

Saturday Storytime Celebrates National Library Week

On Saturday, April 16th at 11 a.m. children (ages 2-5 years old) and their parents/caregivers are invited to celebrate National Library Week by listening to stories about libraries and making their own little book for their craft. Registration is not necessary.

New Adult DVDs

Killers (R), Capitalism! A Love Story (R), Letters To Juliet (PG), Wall Street (PG-13).

New Children's DVDs

Hoodwinked (PG), Olivia Takes Ballet (NR), Treasure Island (PG), Barbie – A Fashion Fairytale (NR).

April Events

April 4	Teen Baby Blanket Project 2:30 – 4 p.m.
April 4-15	Food Drive
April 5, 12, 19	Tuesday Storytime, 2-5's, 10:30 a.m.
April 6	Adult Book Discussion, 6:30 p.m.
April 10 – 16	<i>National Library Week</i>
April 12	Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.
April 13	Teen Center 3 – 4 p.m..
April 13	Friends Meeting, 7 p.m.
April 14	Blood Pressure Clinic, 12 -3:30 p.m.
April 16	Saturday Storytime 11a.m.
April 23	Book Sale Book Collection Day, 10 – 1 p.m.
April 21, 22, 23	Easter Craft
April 23	Drop off books for the Book Sale 10 – 1 p.m.
April 28	<i>Friends Only</i> Book Sale Preview 5 – 8 p.m.
April 29, 30	Book Sale, Regular Library Hours

In the Laporte Gallery

Patricia Phillips, photography

Closing

The Library will be closed Monday, April 18, 2011 in observance of Patriot's Day
