

Southwick Public Library

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April 2021

Library Links

Early African American Composers: Ragtime, Blues and Jazz– April 28, 7pm on

Zoom- Black composers were on the forefront of American popular music; ragtime itself was the combination of African syncopation over a European march beat and formed the basis for the development of blues and jazz. Growing up as the children of former slaves, many black composers and musicians had to navigate – and even perpetuate – racism in popular entertainment as they grew their careers. We'll look at composers such as Shelton Brooks and Scott Joplin, and also some leaders in the field such as W.C. Handy, "father of the blues," and Ernest Hogan, "father of ragtime" who once got stuck in Sydney, Australia after a tour gone wrong. From there we'll head over to share music from Handy's groundbreaking "Blues Anthology."



Email southwicklibrary@comcast.net to register.

Please note: As COVID-19 progresses through the spring, our hours and services may change. Any updates, news, or announcements about schedule changes will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

You are also welcome to call for hours and updates.

Special Activities for April

All programs below are offered virtually



Judith Bayliss will be displaying her watercolors for April in the Laporte Gallery.

The trustees meet the second Tuesday at 7pm. The Friends meet the second Wednesday at 7pm. Both meet on Zoom.

For trustees info, see the agenda. For the Friends invite, email the library.

Southwick Library & Senior Center's Book Club— April 13, 10am- All are welcome to join! Copies of the book will be available at the Library to borrow. Email the library at southwicklibrary@comcast.net or call the Senior Center or Library (413-569-1221) to sign up for the book club. If you have technology questions about Zoom, the library is happy to help! April's book is "The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford.

Craft and Chat – April 12, 6:30pm– Join us for an evening of crafting and catching up on Zoom. All are welcome. To register, email southwicklibrary@comcast.net.

Cookbook Club: "The Beginner's Guide to Edible Herbs"— April 27, 7pm- Pick a recipe from the cookbook. Make the dish at home and join us on Zoom to talk about your recipe. Email southwicklibrary@comcast.net for the Zoom login info. Copies of the cookbook are available for pickup at the library!

Don't forget, we are on live chat Mondays and Fridays from 10am-noon and Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm. Find our chat on our website at southwickma.org/library!



Southwick Library's new Seed Library kicks off April 12!

Stop by after April 12 to check out our new seed library. We have a variety of seeds to choose from. Take a packet home and start your own garden! We have flowers, herbs, and everything in between.

To get you in the gardening spirit, check out one (or all!) of our upcoming events! (These events will all be held virtually).

Gorgeous Gardens of New England– April 1, 6:30pm- This lively virtual presentation features a beautiful slideshow of favorite public and private gardens in our region. Learn about the fascinating history of these gardens and some valuable tips on garden design and techniques for photographing flowers and gardens. Join us on this enchanting visual journey. Email southwicklibrary@comcast.net to sign up.

The Tastiest Spring Ever with Chef Rob Scott– April 10, 3pm- Join Chef Rob Scott on Facebook Live (search for Simply Creative Chef Rob Scott on Facebook). He will be making a fantastic feast. Email the library at southwicklibrary@comcast.net to get the recipe and ingredients list. We will be making:

1. Spring Fusilli with asparagus and colored tomatoes
2. Asian orzo chicken salad with fresh vegetables and an Asian sauce
3. Spring blueberry cheesecake Galette

Cooking and Gardening with Herbs– April 21, 6:30pm- Herbs enhance a recipe far beyond what a sprinkling of salt and pepper can do. They add flavor, color, and give recipes their cultural identity. Chef and gardener Liz Barbour will take you on a slide presentation tour through her cottage sized edible gardens and explore all the way you can use herbs as part of an edible landscape. Following her presentation, Liz will create 2 healthy recipes using herb combinations that you can purchase and grow in your own garden. Email southwicklibrary@comcast.net to sign up.

For Kids– the week of April 12-April 17, we will have “seed bomb” kits available for you to take home and make and spread some beautiful wildflowers! Kits are limited- first come, first serve.



Teen News

Nature Print Take Home:

Create photo-like images in minutes! Place stencils, flowers, rocks or other items on the paper, then watch as the sunlight magically creates the designs! Pick up your paper on a first come- first serve basis at the library while supplies last, the week of April 12-17. For students in 7-12 grade.



Virtual Parent Trainings sponsored by the Southwick Library and Pathways for Parents

To register please email Pathwaysforparents9@gmail.com

Sensory Training for Parents & Caregivers— April 7, 7pm- Join Nicole Landry in this Zoom training for parents and caregivers. In this training you will learn about how a "Sensory diet" can benefit your child and review "seeker" and "avoiding" behaviors. Suggestions and specific activities shared for you and your child to engage with. Nicole has a background in working with children with autism as well as working with families to decrease problematic behaviors.



Children's Room News

Story Yoga– April 6, 10:30am– Miss Lisa is back for more story yoga on Zoom! Ages 2-5, accompanied by a parent or guardian. Funding for this program is provided by Pathways for Parents. To sign up, please email Pathwaysforparents9@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom invite.

Take Home Craft Kits: Drop by the library April 1st-5th to pick up a fun Easter craft kit that you can complete at home! All kits will contain materials to create the craft, but materials like tape or glue will not be provided.

Virtual Storytimes: Have you been missing storytime during this time away from the library? Now you can watch storytime from the comfort of your home! Visit our Facebook page on April 13th and 20th at 11 a.m. for a live storytime video. Videos will remain on Facebook for a week so make sure to watch before you miss it!

STEAM Activity: Dino Eggs- Join Miss Jane in this fun, interactive and engaging STEAM zoom group. The library will let you know when kits are ready for pickup! Grab your kit and join us on Zoom to follow along. This program is made possible thanks to Pathways for Parents! Registration is required. Email the library at southwicklibrary@comcast.net to sign up.

Superhero Virtual Escape Room: Do you have what it takes to be a superhero? Test your strength, skills, and smarts by cracking codes and solving puzzles to save the day! Starting on April 26th, this virtual escape room will be available on our website in the Children's Virtual Library and on our Facebook page.



Now is the time to join or renew your Friends of the Southwick Public Library membership. The Friends group works to provide funds for programs, resources, and services at the library. Renewal forms can be found on the Southwick Library's website or at the library.

Thank you for your continued support!

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