

## Southwick Public Library

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# Library Links

**August 2023**

**Western Massachusetts Hilltown Hikers** –August 16, 6:00 pm-  
Western Massachusetts is far off the beaten path...which is its Advantage-far from the urban hustle and bustle. The sleepy hilltowns nestled in hollows and along wild and scenic rivers are an unspoiled wilderness of nature and wildlife. Old growth forests and trees along long ago abandoned roads still stand over one hundred years old. Exotic plants and birds thrive including bald eagles. Bobcat and moose wander the vast protected open spaces with no threat from man or automobile. The Hilltowns are an outdoor museum of history. Many state forests and conserved properties contain relics of early colonial settlements, factories, and transportation including electric street railways, the first stage coach turnpikes and the Western Railroad. Cemeteries from the 1700's are now forested but the stone walls still stand. Saw mills, tanneries and dams are still very distinguishable. Join us to listen and learn about the great historical finds we have made over the years including monuments, caves, lost cemeteries, quarries, ancient ruins and more.



***Please call or email to register and reserve a seat!***

## Programs for Adults:

Springfield Museum Art  
Students will be  
displaying in the  
Laporte Gallery.



*The Trustees of the Southwick Public Library meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. (At this time, there will be no August meeting. If an August meeting needs to be scheduled, the agenda will be posted accordingly).*

*The Friends of the Library meet the second Wednesday at 5:30pm. Next meeting in Sept.*

**Book Club-** Tuesday, August 8 @ 10am- August's book is "She's Come Undone" by Wally Lamb. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. All are welcome to join.

**Resist Watercolor Art-** Adult Craft -August 18, 10:30 am. Resist Art is using two mediums that normally don't get along well to create art. Join us to create a beautiful watercolor design using resist art techniques. Registration required as supplies are limited.



**Craft & Chat** -August 21, 6:30 pm-Enjoy an evening of crafting and catching up. We will have coloring books and supplies, but you're welcome to bring any craft project that you're working on.

**Cookbook Club & Author Visit**-August 22, 6:30 pm.- We will be having a special western Massachusetts author, Tinky Weisblat, join us to discuss her cookbooks. We will have a selection of cookbooks to choose your recipes from. Each participant is asked to make one regular sized recipe so everyone can taste. If you'd like to attend, please contact the library at 413-569-1221 or email southwicklibrary@comcast.net. Email the library your recipe name. Please be advised neither the food served at the cookbook club, and prepared at home kitchens, nor the facilities have been inspected by the state or local public health agency.

**Who Knew? Roadside Revelations in Western Massachusetts with Robert Weir**-August 23, 6:00 pm-Robert Weir, author of *Who Knew? Roadside Revelations in Western Massachusetts* will join us to discuss his book. There's quite a few curious roadside oddities in Western Massachusetts-and you can visit them yourself! Weir's book is full of stories of tall tales and weird oddities you can find in your travels in Western Massachusetts. Please call or email to register. Copies of Weir's book will be for sale after the program (\$20, cash only).

# Career Resources at the Southwick Public Library

The Southwick Public Library is pleased to offer Brainfuse-an online resource you can access from the library or from home with your Southwick Library card. JobNow offers a wide range of resources including resume help, interviewing tips, and information on unemployment. You also have access to live job search, interview, and resume help coaches every day from 2pm-11pm. If you need help with JobNow, give us a call and we can make a time to show you around.

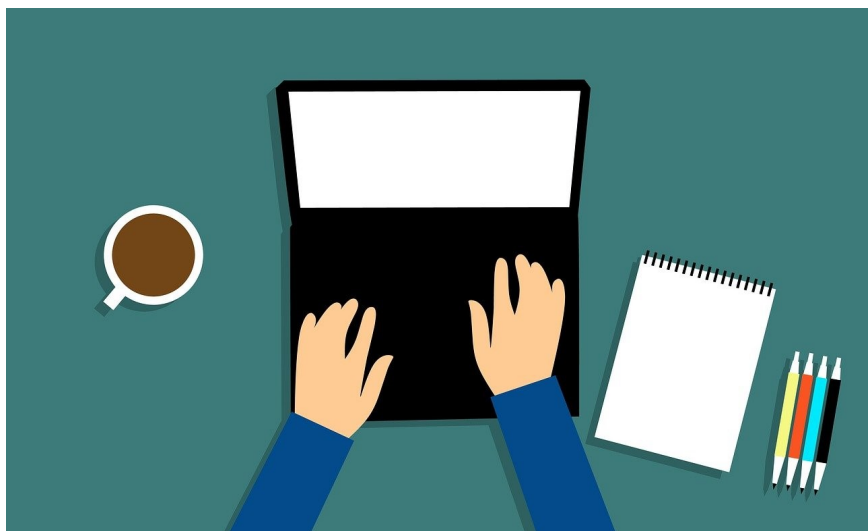
**Starting in August!** Virtual 50+ Jobseekers Networking Group: If you are unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, re-entering the job market after a long employment gap, or recently retired and looking for your "Encore Career", this networking group program is perfect for you! Remember, 85% of jobs are found through networking! Join us in a professional forum for networking with peers in a safe and comfortable environment conducive to developing new relationships and developing skills and strategies to help in your career transition. Each meeting features a new topic. Meetings include a presentation and interactive workshop on topics relevant to career transition, guest speakers, access to hiring managers, small group breakout rooms to network, and 1-on-1 coaching guidance. Each biweekly meeting is facilitated by Deborah Hope, MBA, PCIC, an experienced executive career coach.

## Upcoming dates/sessions:

- ⇒ August 2 @ 9:30am or August 9 @ 6:00pm– Networking and Transferrable Skills
- ⇒ August 16 @ 9:30am or August 23 @ 6:00pm– Create Your “Career Story” Pitch

Sessions run through December with many themes from networking to resumes and beyond– sign up for one, a few, or all!

The Zoom room opens 30 minutes before the start of the program for general networking (optional).



# Teens

## **\*8/10 Teen Ice Cream Making**

Join us to make home-made ice cream in the community room at 2 pm! Registration required.



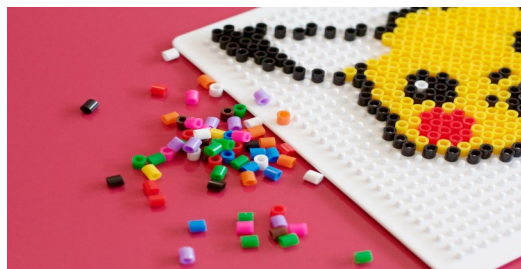
## **\*8/15 Summer Bracelet Craft**

Join us for a fun activity making bracelets and other jewelry. Registration required.



## **\*8/31 Teen Fun with Fuse Beads 2:15 pm**

Join us in the community room to make fun designs with fuse beads. Registration required.

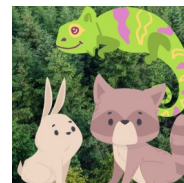


# Children's Room News



**To Register, please call Molly or Dayna (413)-569-1221 x4 or email [mencarnacion@cwmares.org](mailto:mencarnacion@cwmares.org) or [dlovell@cwmares.org](mailto:dlovell@cwmares.org)**

**\*This symbol means this is a Summer Reading Event. Earn tickets for the raffle by attending this event.**



**Outdoor Story Yoga 8/1 @10:30am**



Bend, breathe, and stretch with Lisa in this movement based storytime provided by Pathways for Parents. Weather permitting we meet outside on the lawn.

**\*Zoo at Forest Park 8/4 @ 1:30pm**

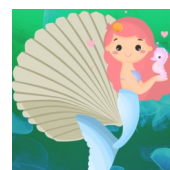
Wildlife on Wheels is coming to the Library! Come meet some interesting creatures up close and learn all kinds of new facts about their habits and habitats. Registration required.



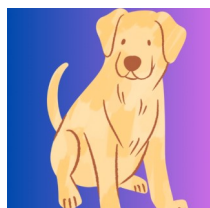
**Toddler Storytime: "Monkey Business" 8/10 @10:30am**

Recognized practices; Movement, singing, and interactive story experiences build early literacy skills. Approx. 20 minutes. Siblings welcome! Registration is encouraged.

**Mix It Up Storytime: "Mollusks and Mermaids"**



8/15@6:30pm. For ages 2-5. Come in your pajamas! Bring the whole family! 20-30 minutes of movement, songs, and stories. Includes a craft to make or take home. Registration is encouraged.



**Wagging Tales 8/17 @10:30am**

Bella the Library dog is coming to visit. She loves to make new friends! Come and sit with her for a story, or read her a few pages from your favorite book.

**Drop-in Crafting 8/22 11am-7pm**

A drop in craft will be available in the Children's Room while supplies last. Stop in and create with us!

**Outdoor Story Yoga 8/24 @10:30am**



Bend, breathe, and stretch with Lisa in this movement -based storytime provided by Pathways for Parents. Weather permitting we meet outside on the lawn.

Check out our new dramatic play area in the Children's Room- Our Farmer's Market is open for business! You can pick, sort and sell veggies now through the end of August. Don't forget to vote for your favorite veggie for a chance to win a prize!



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Monday & Tuesday 10am-8pm

Wednesday 1pm-8pm

Thursday & Friday 10am-5pm

Saturdays 10-1

