

## **Southwick Public Library**

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# **Library Links**

## **Summer Reading is Here!**

The Summer Reading Program at the Southwick Public Library is back June 26-August 6! This program is a fun way to enhance your leisure summer reading and get those school summer reading assignments completed. Earn chances to win prizes by reading, completing challenges and attending unique, fun-filled events. Prizes include gift certificates to your favorite restaurants and entertainment in Southwick. Check our Facebook page, Teen Blog and Southwick Public Library website to see more information. Sign up for the program at [southwickma.beanstack.org](http://southwickma.beanstack.org) or download the Beanstack app. Log reading hours and select your prize options using Beanstack as well.



## Special Summer Activities



Laura Geryk will be displaying her paper collages in the galleries for the month of July.

*The trustees meet the second Tuesday at 7pm. The Friends meet the second Wednesday at 7pm.*

*The Library will be closed Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.*

**Pox, Pus, and Creeping Miasma: Death in Colonial New England (Virtual)**– June 30, 6:30pm– Presented by Dennis Picard. This event will be held virtually. Please email [southwicklibrary@comcast.net](mailto:southwicklibrary@comcast.net) to sign up. Life was precarious in early New England. Another equal danger to health was the state of medicine and its understanding of what caused – and how to cure - some of the more common and serious of those afflictions. Dennis Picard will share a bit about the symptoms, causes and treatments endured by those living in the Pioneer Valley and greater region.

**Intro to Family History Research (Virtual)**- July 7, 7pm- There is so much to look at- how do you begin researching your family history? Let us fill you in on the basic steps to getting started. We'll cover where to begin, how to organize your research, and we will cover the common types of records and documents you'll run into. Let us get you ready and inspired to dive into your family's past. This program will be offered virtually, please email [southwicklibrary@comcast.net](mailto:southwicklibrary@comcast.net) to sign up.

**Book Club (In Person)**- July 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](mailto:southwicklibrary@comcast.net) to sign up. July's book is "The Lost Girls of Paris" by Pam Jenoff.

**Craft and Chat (In Person)** – July 19, 6:30pm– Join us for an evening of crafting and catching up. All are welcome to join.

**New England Legends with Jeff Belanger (Virtual)**- July 20, 6:30pm- Gather 'round the virtual campfire with Jeff Belanger, one of New England's premiere storytellers! For over 20 years, Jeff has been exploring the unexplained. He seeks out history, folklore, ghosts, monsters, and legends all over the world and in your backyard. New England Legends offers a tour of haunts, monsters, aliens, and weird history from our region. Based on Jeff's popular weekly podcast and his Emmy-nominated television series on PBS and Amazon Prime, the program presents highlights from his own adventures and work. The bizarre is closer than you think! This program will be offered on Zoom. Please register by emailing [southwicklibrary@comcast.net](mailto:southwicklibrary@comcast.net).

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**Cookbook Club (In Person)**- July 27, 6:30pm- Select a recipe from this month's book and let us know what you plan to prepare. Join us the evening of to taste everyone's creation. Please email your recipe to [southwicklibrary@comcast.net](mailto:southwicklibrary@comcast.net). Please be advised: Neither the food served at cookbook club, and prepared in home kitchens, nor the facilities have been inspected by the state or the local public health agency.




**Metalsmithing (In Person)**- August 9, 6:30pm- Back by popular demand! We are offering a session of the metalsmithing class with Heather Beck for adults! Space is limited. Please call the library at 413-569-1221 to sign up for a spot.


This workshop allows you to design and create your own copper bookmark to take home! Learn about the structure of metal, how to create drawings in metal and use letter stamps to create textures and words on the bookmarks. Stamp your favorite quotes or names on them, or do beautiful landscape drawings on your bookmark!



## Teen News



**Franken-Stuff Lab-** Artist- Instructor Molly Shaughnessy-Encarnacion of Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts is here to guide you through this fun creation lab. Mix and match stuffed animals of your choice to create your own cute or creepy creature. T-rex arms on the body of a penguin with the head of a lion? The possibilities are endless. These make a cool gift or keepsake. All materials are provided. Meet in-person at the library June 30 from 1:30-3:00. Sign- up required in advance. Email [southwicklibrary1@comcast.net](mailto:southwicklibrary1@comcast.net) to RSVP.



**Murder Mystery Party-**Foul Play Murder Mystery Co. is here to host a virtual game, "Wanderstar." Meet up in "The Frontier Star System" at a watering hole that attracts smugglers, gamblers, merchants and crew members. A dust storm has everyone on lockdown, and a murder mystery surrounding a buried treasure must be solved. Can you unravel the clues? This game will be held 3-5 P.M. on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration required - email [southwicklibrary1@comcast.net](mailto:southwicklibrary1@comcast.net) to RSVP.

**Animal Print Tie Dye-** July 14, 2-3pm- Learn how to make a tiger or zebra stripe tie dye pillow case. All materials provided. You can also create your own design and choose to bring your own clean white shirt if desired. You can pick up your washed and dried item at the library 48 hours later. Sign up required. For students entering 7-12 grade in the fall.

**Hogwarts: Choose Your Own Adventure Trivia-** July 19- 2:30-3:45pm- Play to win this Harry Potter Trivia Game! Trivia Brothers is hosting this virtual game. You can choose where you want the story to go. Play individually or in teams, one device to answer questions per team (using a phone, tablet or computer). No special app is needed. Must be entering 7-12 grade in the fall.

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**Pizza & Pages Book Club-** July 28, 1:30-2:45- We will be reading "Turtles All the Way Down," by John Green. You will receive a copy of the book when you sign up, which is free as long as you attend the meeting. Meet outside for a pizza-picnic, book discussion and games. Rain date August 3.

To sign up, email [southwicklibrary1@comcast.net](mailto:southwicklibrary1@comcast.net).

## Children's Room News

**Animal Trivia (Virtual)**– June 28 at 6pm on Zoom– How well do you know animals? Can you tell an animal by its call or prints? Whose stripes are those?! Put your knowledge to the test! Winners earn an awesome prize and bragging rights! This will be held virtually. You can compete solo, with family or friends, or make your own team before the day of. Bonus points if your team has a cool animal-themed name!

**Keep Me Posted Book Club-** “Keep Me Posted” Book Club: When you sign up for this book club you will receive a copy of the book *Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo. In a few days, you will also receive a mysterious letter in the mail. Do NOT open the letter unless the envelope says it's time. Follow the instructions – you'll feel like you're in the book! The book is free as long as the activities are completed. Grades 3-6. Sign up no later than July 12.

**Forest Park Zoo on the Go (Virtual)**- July 8, 2pm- The Zoo In Forest Park's Zoo On The Go: Meet a variety of different ambassador animals that live in the zoo. Learn about their adaptations, behavior, habitats, diets and their status in the wild. Animal ambassadors could include mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, and arthropods. This program will be held virtually.

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**Animal Adaptations (Virtual)**- July 21, 10am- Join the Children's Museum Easton virtually as they investigate the science of hibernation and migration of animals from local ecosystems (and some afar). Discover how important migration is to the survival of many species with fun and exciting activities!

There will be kits of materials to pick up before the program. We will let participants know when they are ready.

**Animal Adventures (Virtual)**- August 6, 2pm,- **all ages!**- Join Animal Adventures and meet a selection of their animals! It will be a surprise to see which animals are featured! Meet the animals and see them up close on camera, hear stories, and learn all about them.

**To register for any of these programs, please email**

**[southwicklibrary@comcast.net](mailto:southwicklibrary@comcast.net).**



## Summer Pet Photo Contest!

Is your pet cute? Of course they are! Send in your pet photos to get entered into the contest! We will be collecting photos from July 12-July 23. Email your picture to [southwicklibrary@comcast.net](mailto:southwicklibrary@comcast.net) or drop it off in person. Make sure to include your pet's name and any special details you want to share about them!

Voting for the best photo runs from July 26-July 30. Come in any of those days and cast your vote! The winning pet will receive a special prize!



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