

Southwick Public Library

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September 2021



Sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. If you read 1 book a night, you will have read 365 books in a year. That's 730 books in 2 years and 1,095 in 3 years. If you consider that most children start Kindergarten at around 5 years, you have more time than you think! Each time your child reaches a milestone we will have a reward (stickers, books, etc.) waiting for them at the Library. Stop by the Children's desk with any questions and to register.

Programs for Adults:



Richard Novak will be displaying his paintings in the galleries for September.

The Trustees of the Southwick Public Library meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the library Community Room.

The library will be closed September 6 for Labor Day. Saturday open hours will resume September 11.

Paint Night– September 1, 6:30pm- Join us for Paint Night (for adults)! You don't have to be an artist to have fun and create a one of a kind piece to take home! All supplies will be provided. We will be creating a fall painting using acrylic paint. Please register in advance as spots are limited!

Book Club (In Person)- September 14, 10am- All are welcome to join! Copies of the book are available at the Library to borrow. Email the library at southwicklibrary@comcast.net to sign up. September's book is "An Irish Country Doctor" by Patrick Taylor.

Author Talk: Hazard Powder– the Powder Hollow Explosion of 1913– September 15, 6:00pm- The story of the rise and fall of the Hazard Powder Company, one of the largest gunpowder manufacturing facilities in the country in the 1800s, is told in detail from its inception to its death in a violent explosion, crisping employees and nearly destroying the nearby town of Hazardville. More than a book about a powder mill explosion. Author Peter Sorensen will lead the talk. Copies of his book "Hazard Power" will be available for purchase.

Craft and Chat (In Person) – September 20, 6:30pm– Join us for an evening of crafting and catching up. All are welcome to join.

Cookbook Club (In Person)- September 28, 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. *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.*

Climate Preparedness Week

September 24-30, 2021

The Southwick Library is now a Climate Resilience Hub meaning the library will provide resources and programs relating to climate preparedness and extreme weather. For more info visit: https://www.climatecrew.org/resilience_hubs.

The Southwick Library has teamed up with several Hampden and Hartford county libraries to offer programming through the week of September 24-30. A variety of programs will be offered, some in person and some virtual. A full listing of events will be available soon on the Southwick Library's website or as a handout at the Southwick Library.

Programs hosted by the Southwick Library:

Western Massachusetts Hilltown Hikers (in person)– September 22, 6:30pm– This presentation will describe the locations of several beautiful and natural public hiking trails that are located in the Southern Hilltowns including waterfalls and natural rock formations. We will also speak about “history hiking” going back to the 18-1900’s early settler development in the hills including the western railroad, mills and mines. Please register with the library.

Hawk Watch– Saturday, September 25 at 9am- Join the Allen Bird Club’s John Weeks atop Granville’s beautiful Blueberry Hill. At this outdoor library program, you’ll enjoy fresh air and soul-centering views while spotting majestic birds of prey as they ride air currents toward their winter migratory homes. Sensible footwear, bug and tick prevention, and the ability to walk up a moderate, quarter mile incline are necessary. Blueberry Hill is on North Lane (off route 57) in Granville and is searchable on Google Maps. All participants must sign a waiver, and those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

(We are also hosting an event for teens– check out the teen page to find out more!)

Teen News



Metal Etching– Make your own custom metal door decor by using saltwater and electricity to etch your design. All materials provided, sign up required. Sept. 9, 2:30-3:30.

Talk Like a Pirate Week- Stop by the library after school the week of Sept. 20-24 for some magnetic pirate poetry and a scavenger hunt in the YA section. If you solve the hunt you will receive a prize!



Outsmarting Disposables for a Better World-As part of Climate Week, Southwick teens are doing our part by learning about single-use disposables and their impact, and alternatives that we can choose every day. We will also be making "edible water bottles" to replace plastic bottles. For students in 7-12 grade, meet in the Community Room from 2:30-3:30 on September 28. Sign-up required.



To sign up for Metal Etching Or Outsmarting Disposables, scan this QR code! You can also check out our teen website, now with tons of resources for you!

You can also call 413-569-1221 ext 3 or go to <https://www.southwickma.org/southwick-public-library/pages/teens>



Children's Room News

Baby Sign Language September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th @ 10:30-11:30. In this 4 week Virtual Baby Sign Language class caregivers will learn how to help give their babies the ability to communicate before he/she can speak. The instructor will review research and benefits, teach and give you a chance to practice several signs, and learn how to teach your baby American Sign Language. For parents/caregivers with pre-verbal children ages 4 months and up. Registration Required with Molly at mencarnacion@cwmares.org.

Pathways for Parents Events (All Virtual and materials provided, registration required):

Yoga Storytime 9/7 @ 10:30am A story with a twist!

STEAM 9/23 @ 4:30pm canvas art.

Emotions and Exercise 9/30 @ 4:30pm

Please register for all Pathways events with Molly at mencarnacion@cwmares.org

Bike Safety for Grades 3-6 9/10 @ 3:30-4:30pm MSRTS a program by MASS DOT will do a bike safety demo as well as a bike and helmet fitting. For Grades 3-6. Please register with Molly at mencarnacion@cwmares.org.

Story Time with Local Author Brittany Blake-Franklin 9/13 5pm Brittany will be sharing her newest book "Pixie-Luna" about a shy, but spunky pup, who is rescued along with her litter and Momma-dog from the streets of Alabama. Please register with Rylee at rseaver@cwmares.org.

Lego Club : We supply the Legos, you supply the creativity. Lego Club is back! Grades 3-6 9/16 @ 3:00-4:00pm & Grades K-2 9/28 @ 3:30-4:30pm.

Talk like a Pirate Day 9/20 All Ages! Drop in any time and make your own pirate puppet. There will also be a packet of activities to take home with you and if you greet the librarian with your best "ARRRRRR, matey!" receive a piece of treasure! Story Time @ 4:00pm (Warning: There be pirates in this story!).



Un-BEE-Lievable Science 9/25 for Grades 3-6 9/25 @ 11:00am-12:00pm

Get ready to dance, move, eat, and think like a bee in this interactive lesson on honeybees! Do you know what the bees that make your honey are getting their nectar from? Bee prepared to try a few different types of honey from local apiaries and test your taste buds. Please register with Rylee at rseaver@cwmar.org

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