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## **Southwick Public Library**

95 Feeding Hills Road • Southwick, MA 01077 • 413-569-1221

### ***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

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# ***Library Links***

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**January 2009**

*Member of the Western Mass Regional Library System (WMRLS)*

## **Friends' Mailing Supports Library's 2010 Budget**

The Friends of the Southwick Public Library have voted to support the library's 2010 level funded budget rather than the alternative 5% and 10% reduced budget (all three were required by the town) in order to maintain the library's level of service to the community, and to ensure its compliance with state mandates for libraries operating in good standing in Massachusetts.

To this end, the Friends have compiled an informational letter emphasizing the need to support the library's efforts to maintain its budget, as well as to inform the group of upcoming opportunities to attend workshops at the library as first registrants. Post cards within the letter will allow Friends to note their support of the library's budget.

## **SPL Posts New Hours**

Due to patron and energy concerns, the Board of Trustees of the Southwick Public Library has voted to return to Thursday morning openings, scheduling 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. as open hours beginning January 8, 2009. The move was made to conserve energy during the coldest months of the year, and follows patron recommendations to return to earlier hours on Thursdays. The group will re-evaluate these hours during its May 2009 meeting. The library's remaining hours include: Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## ***Longtime Volunteer Honored by Library***

Longtime volunteer Winnie Zarichak, formerly of Southwick and now of Agawam, was recently honored by the staff and Trustees of the Southwick Public Library with a citation for 12 years of outstanding service as a volunteer to the library.

Winnie was a familiar sight on the Processing Desk where she would donate three hours weekly to processing new materials for the library's shelves. This included labeling and stamping books, covering book jackets, and preparing media items as well as performing special projects which could be quite labor intensive. "Her careful, dependable manner of handling the new material is sorely missed," said Anne Murray, Director of the Library, adding, "and we miss her perceptive insights and pleasant nature."

## ***Southwick Library Offers Area Museum Passes***

The Southwick Public Library has free family passes to four area museums available for check out with a Southwick Library Card. These include three passes to the Springfield Museums which were a gift from the Friends of the Southwick Public Library; a pass to the Holyoke Children's Museum; a pass to the Norman Rockwell Museum; and a pass to the Eric Carle Museum.

These passes are available for a two-day check out period on an in-person first come, first serve basis.

## ***Patchett Read Set For February Discussion***

The Adult Book Discussion Group of the Southwick Public Library has set *Run*, by Ann Patchett as their February 4, 2009 discussion topic, and the book may be purchased beginning January 5 at the Circulation Desk while supplies last.

The Patchett book is the first selection in the spring session, and "...is a book that sets out inventively to contend with the temper of our times, and by the end we feel we really know the Doyle family in all its intensity and with all its surprises." The session will run the first Wednesday of each month through May 2009.

All adult patrons of the library are welcome to attend these discussions.

## ***January Events***

January 6, 13, & 20 Time for Twos Storytime, 10:30 a.m.  
January 10 Saturday Storytime, 11 a.m.  
January 13 Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.

### **Library will be closed**

January 1, New Year's Day  
January 19, Martin Luther King Day

## ***In the Laporte Gallery***

*Samuel Clark*

*paintings/drawings/artificial environments*

*Artists who are interested in exhibiting their original work in the Laporte Gallery may pick up an application at the circulation desk or for more information, email [Jeanine.laporte@comcast.net](mailto:Jeanine.laporte@comcast.net).*

***Join or Renew your membership to  
Friends of the Southwick Public Library Today!***

## NEW MATERIALS

### Adult Books

The Snowball, Warren Buffett; Just After Sunset, Stephen King; The Pirate King, R. A. Salvatore; Songs For The Missing, Stewart O'Nan; A Mercy, Toni Morrison; Coyote's Wife, Aimee & David Thurlo; The Bodies Left Behind, Jeffrey Deaver; Blood Memory, Margaret Coel.

### Adult CD Books

Bad Luck & Trouble, Lee Child; Things I Overheard While Talking To Myself, Alan Alda; Sisters, Daniel Steel; Whitethorn Woods, Maeve Binchy.

### Adult DVDs

The Bucket List (PG-13), American Gangster (R), 27 Dresses (PG-13), Lars and The Real Girl (PG-13), The Happening (R).

### Children's DVDs

Kung Fu Panda (PG), Elf Bowling (PG), Dora the Explorer: Dora Celebrates 3 Kings Day, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (G), Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (G).

### New-Young Adult

*Vidalia in Paris*, **Sasha Watson**; *Palace of mirrors*; **Magaret Peterson Haddix**; *Ender in exile*, **Orson Scott Card**; *Freeze frame*, **Heidi Ayrabe**; *Melting Stones*, **Tamora Pierce**; *Isabelle's boyfriend*, **Caroline Hickey**; and *The Smile*, **Donna Jo Napoli**.

### New Picture Books

*Spark the Firefighter*, by Stephen Krensky; *How to make a Cherry Pie and see the U.S.A.*, by Marjorie Priceman; *Jibberwillies at Night*, by Rachel Vail; *Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs Missing Treasure*, by Giles Andreae; *Enigma*, by Graeme Base; *Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes*, by Mem Fox; *Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken*, by Kate DiCamillo; *The Baby in the Hat*, by Allan Ahlberg; *Chicken said, "Cluck."*, by Judyann Ackerman Grant.

## CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

### **Time for Twos Storytime**

Come in from the cold with your two-year-old for Time for Twos Storytime at Southwick Public Library, Tuesdays January 6, 13 and 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room. Children will enjoy stories about winter, bears, and what to wear. With songs, "fingerplays" and a little craft to make and take home, children are sure to have a good time at the library.

Two-year-olds must bring along a participating adult and may pre-register in the Children's Room.

### **Saturday Storytime**

Start the New Year off right with your 2-5 year old and come to the Children's Room on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. for our first SATURDAY STORYTIME of the year. Our special guest, Theresa Wilson, is ready to make your child's imagination soar with her stories. There will be a craft for them to do when it lands! There is no pre-registration for this program. Just come and enjoy!

### **Take a Look**

Each month in 2009, we will feature a different display of materials from our Parenting Collection in the Children's Room. Starting in January with books about babies, parents can learn about different aspects of the 24-hour job of raising children. Future displays will include: fathers, mothers, teens, special needs, play, and more.

### **Coming for Children and Teens in February**

February 3, 10 & 17--3-5's Storytime

February 12-14—Kids' Valentine's Day Craft

February 14--Saturday Storytime

February 19--Kids' program "The Day the Library Went Wild"  
with Jay Mankita, 1:30 p.m.

February 19--Teen Songwriting Workshop with Jay Mankita, 3 p.m.