
Southwick Public Library

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Official Website: www.southwickma.org

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

Library Telephone Numbers (413) 569-1221

Circulation Ext. 2 Reference Ext. 3

Young Adult Ext. 3 Children's Room Ext. 4

- *Town of Southwick* website: www.southwickma.org
 - Library page on Town website: www.southwickma.org/library
 - *Library Teen Blog* <http://southwickpubliclibraryteens.blogspot.com/>
 - *Facebook page* <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Southwick-Public-Library/353414831610?v>
 - (Unofficial) Library website: www.southwicklibrary.info
 - (Unofficial) *Economic Development Commission* www.southwickma.info
 - *Southwick Cultural Council* www.southwickma.org/cultural
 - *MA Board of Library Commissioners* (MBLC): www.ma.gov/libraries
A locator of public libraries statewide
 - *MA Library System* (MLS): <http://www.masslibsystem.org/>
 - *State of MA* website: www.ma.gov
 - *U.S. House of Representatives* www.house.gov
 - *U.S. Senate* www.senate.gov
 - Visit the *Friends* [Facebook page](#)
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www.southwicklibrary.info

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Enhanced Version

Library Links

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January 2015

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Concert by Pianist Dan Kennedy

Amherst, Massachusetts composer, recording artist Dan Kennedy will play a Contemporary Solo Piano concert at the Southwick Public Library on Wednesday, January 21st at 7 P.M.. Classically trained at the Oberlin and New England Conservatories, Dan will play an original coffeehouse-style set influenced by classical, jazz, and folk music. His music has been heard on over 200 radio station and he has worked with two Grammy winning producers. Dan's album INTUITION was produced by Grammy winner Corin Nelsen, peaked at #7 on the ZMR Top 100 Chart and was named a Top 10 Album of 2012 by John P. Olsen. This concert is free and open to the public.

Adult Book Group's Selection is Available

Books for the Adult Book Discussion Group of the Southwick Public Library are ready for pick-up while supplies last at the *Circulation Desk*. The book by Dennis Lehane, *The Given Day*, is set in Boston at the end of the First World War. "It is the story of two families – one black, one white swept up in a maelstrom of revolutionaries and anarchists, immigrants and ward bosses, Brahmins and ordinary citizens, all engaged in a battle for survival and power. Coursing through the pivotal events of a turbulent epoch, it explores the crippling violence and irrepressible exuberance of a country at war with, and in the thrall of, itself."—publisher. The discussion is scheduled for 1:30 P.M. on Wednesday, February 4th.

January is the time to renew your [Friends of the Southwick Library](#) Membership for the year 2015.

Reminder: Stop in to pick-up your new Southwick Public Library card if you haven't already done so.

Southwick Public Library's Donation to Our Community Food Pantry

Thanks to the library's staff and our patrons the library presented a check to [Our Community Food Pantry](#) for \$255.50. One day a month, the staff pays to dress down. This money along with the money the staff donated in lieu of having a holiday grab bag and donations by our patrons made this possible. The donation was presented at [WGGB's Force 40](#): Southwick gathering at Town Hall on December 12th.

Teen Cupcake Competition

January 27 is National Chocolate Cake Day and what better way to celebrate than with a cupcake competition? Join us on January 27 from 3-4pm at the Southwick Public Library. Bring your sweet tooth and your creativity. This program is open to teens in grades 7-12. We will have all the supplies you need. If you're interested in attending, please give us a call or stop by and let us know so we have enough supplies to go around.

Teen Lounge

Join us January 7 from 3-4pm for our next Teen Lounge. We will have the Wii system set up, food, and crafts. This month we'll be making Sharpie Mugs. Open to all teens in grades 7-12.

Teen Book Club

Join our new teen book club at the Library. We meet once a month to discuss a book. At the end of each meeting, we will vote on next month's book. Our first meeting is January 20 from 3-4 pm and we will be reading "Shadow and Bone" by Leigh Bardugo. Stop by to pick up your copy of the book today!

Calling all Teen Volunteers!

Do you want to make a difference at your library? Join the new *Teen Advisory Board* (TAB) at the Southwick Public Library! The TAB will meet once a month beginning in February. Participating counts for volunteer hours and looks great on resumes and college applications. Depending on interest, TAB members will help plan and run events at the library, create book displays, write book reviews, plan community service projects, and more. Do you have a great idea?

January Events

Jan 6, 13,& 20th	Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
Jan 7th	Teen Lounge, 3:00 p.m.
Jan 8th	Lego Club (gr 2-6), 3:30 p.m.
Jan 17th	Saturday Story time 11:00 a.m.
Jan 20th	Teen Book Club 3:00 p.m.
Jan 20-24th	Children's Room Bracelet Craft
Jan 21st	Dan Kennedy Piano Concert, 7p.m.
Jan 27th	Teen Cupcake Competition, 3p.m.
Jan 13	Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.

In the Laporte Gallery: Michelle Sutton -Photography

In the Reading Nook

Sue Satterlee: Handcrafted, hand painted jewelry & 1" scale miniatures & her Wee Folk Collection

January Closings

The Library will be closed
January 19th - Martin Luther King Day
January 1 - New Year's Day

Come share it with us! Open to all teens in grades 7-12. Applications for the TAB are available at the library and will be available late December through January. February's meeting time will be announced at a later date.

Children's Room News

Tuesday Storytime is Fun for 2-5 Year Olds!

Warm up in the Children's Room at January Storytime with Miss Margo. Meet us in the Children's Room on Tuesdays, January 6, 13 and 20 at 10:30 a.m. Meet the "Hug Machine." Make a craft. Meet a friend. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. For more information and to pre-register your 2-5 year old, visit or call the Children's Room at 413-569-1221x4.

Join Lego Club for Kids in Grades 2-6

We have LEGOS! If you are in Grades 2-6, come and build with us at LEGO Club fun on Thursday January 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Bring a friend to work together or build by yourself. Share your love for creating with LEGOs at Southwick Public Library.

Make a Bracelet

Get rid of winter blues by making a beaded bracelet when you visit the Children's Room January 20-24 during our open hours. Using pony beads and yarn, you can thread the bracelet and wear it or give it to a friend. Materials will be available all week during our open hours.

Saturday Storytime in January

Welcome the New Year at the Southwick Public Library on Saturday, January 17th at 11 a.m. with our first Saturday Storytime of 2015. That's when children and their parents/care-givers will listen to stories about the changes we go through as the seasons change and how these changes in the weather make us feel. Rain or sun, stories are fun! There will be a take-home craft for the children to make. Registration for this program is not necessary.

For more information about Children's Programming at Southwick Public Library, visit or call the Children's Room at 413-569-1221x4.

New Material

Adult Books

Betrayed: a Rosato & Dinunzio novel, Lisa Scottoline; *Godless*, Ben Peek; *Girl next door*, Ruth Rendell; *Drop*, Dennis Lehane; *Golem of Hollywood*, Jonathan Kellerman; *Accidents of marriage*, Randy Susan Meyers, *Quarter for the end of time*, Johanna Skibsrud; and *Sabotage*, Matt Cook.

Adult CD Books

Tom Clancy support and defend, Mark Greaney; *Parcells (a football life)*, Bill Parcells; *World order*, Henry Kissinger; *Leaving time*, Jodi Picoult; *Havana storm*, Clive Cussler; *Personal: a Jack Reacher novel*, Lee Child; and *The Job*, Janet Evanovich .

Adult DVDS

Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13), Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13), The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG), The Giver (PG-13), 22 Jump Street (R), and Maleficent (PG)

New in the Young Adult Collection

Blue Lily, Lily Blue by Maggie Stiefvater, *The Family Romanov* by Candace Fleming, *Of Scars and Stardust* by Andrea Hannah, *The Devil's Intern* by Donna Hosie, and *Hardball* by Steve Barwin

New Juvenile Fiction

Beyond the Laughing Sky, by Michelle Cuevas; *Friendship Over*, by Julie Sternberg; *The Contract*, by Derek Jeter; *The Doll People Set Sail*, by Ann M. Martin; *Dory Fantasmagory*, by Abby Hanlon; *The Fairy Tale Matchmaker*, by E. D. Baker; *Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor*, by John Scieszka; *The Good, the Bad and the Beagle*, by Catherine Lloyd Burns; *Hunter Moran Digs Deep*, by Patricia Reilly Giff; *Mister Max: Book of Secrets*, by Cynthia Voigt; and *The Map to Everywhere*, by Carrie Ryan.

Addendum to *Library Links*

The following are additions to the paper version of *Library Links* and are **not** part of the official document produced by the Library and is not produced using public funds or staff.

✓ **New Blog For Teens**

The Library staff have created a new **blog spot** for teens to share information on activities and events of interest to teens. This addition is a move from the Facebook page for young adults the library has had for several years. As a result the existing **Facebook** page is now for library users of all ages. Links to both are available at the top of this document.

✓ **New Computer Monitor Advertising Library Programs**

The library now features a monitor at the *Circulation Desk* featuring a listing of upcoming library programs and other library news. It is provided at no additional cost to the public. It is a repurposing of a surplus library computer. It currently advertises the *Lego Club* and other activities at the library.

✓ **Friends Spring Book Sale**

The **Friends of the Southwick Public Library** are planning for the Spring 2015 Book Sale. This is one of the major fundraising activities of the group which funds a number of programs, passes and other expenses for the Library. Details will be available in *Library Links* and on the Friends Facebook page. Stay tuned.

✓ **Young Adult Programs**

During the month the new *YA librarian* has a number of activities planned. These are further described in the **YA Facebook** page. [Click here](#) to access the information.

✓ **Library to Offer Programs Funded by the local Cultural Council**

During the January 13 monthly Trustees meeting it was announced that the Library has received notification of funding from the *Southwick Cultural Council* for three programs. The programs will be held over the next 6 -9 months. The Cultural Council is funded in part by the *Mass. Cultural*

Council a state agency. Additional information will be provided in Library Links and press release in area media outlets.

✓ **Online Access to The Republican and other newspapers**

Library users in the four counties of western Mass. now have online access to more than 10 regional newspapers for one year. The funding is courtesy of the *Mass. Library System*, *UMASS*, the *Springfield Public Library* and several other organizations. Pending funding this resource will be available in future years. The newspapers include *The Republican* and the *Berkshire Eagle*. Access is available using a library computer or for access from your computer at home or on the road contact the Reference Department staff at the library. The effort to make this happen was the result of efforts by volunteers with the *Western Mass. Library Advocates*. A link is available from the Library page on the town website. The *Boston Globe* and *New York Times* are also available courtesy of state funding.

✓ **State Certifies Southwick Library for 2015**

The **Mass. Board of Library Commissioners** (MBLC) at their November 2014 meeting recertified the Southwick Public Library for 2015. At the same time they approved the first half of state funding for the fiscal year at just over \$ 6,000 for the library. The Governor later in the month cut state spending which will cause a small increase in library funding for the year.

✓ **Town Funding of the Library**

All town departments including the Library have submitted their proposed budgets for next year (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) to the *Board of Selectmen* and *Finance Committee*. Usually budget hearings are held in February with a proposed budget submitted to the public for approval at the *Annual Town Meeting* in May 2015. Dates for the hearings have not been announced. As this information becomes available it will be posted here and on the Southwick Library website. The public is encouraged to attend to support the Library and other departments in order to provide appropriate service to the public.

✓ **Non-town Funding for the Library**

Each year the Library applies for funds from area charities and foundations to support programs and materials for children, adults and senior citizens. Based on the amount of available funds and the number and amount of requests by others the Library is usually able to obtain small amounts in

this way. These organizations include Westfield based non-profits, the [Mass. Board of Library Commissioners \(MBLC\)](#)ⁱ a state agency, the [Friends of the Southwick Public Library, Inc.](#), [a local 501(c)(3) charitable organization], the [Southwick Cultural Council](#)ⁱⁱ and recently the Westfield Kiwanis. Several programs during the year were funded by the [Southwick Cultural Council](#).ⁱⁱ The library submitted several applications to the [Southwick Cultural Council](#) for programs in 2015. A number of programs annually are funded by the Friends. Please consider supporting these organizations in their respective fund raising activities. This includes book sales and other events and activities. Watch this space, **Library Links** or local media outlets for more information.

The funds from the MBLC are used in part to purchase computers, shelving and other capital items not funded by the Town of Southwick. In 2013 it also included replacement of the computer server in the Library as well as replacement of several computers. This Summer several computers will be replaced (as part of the normal rotation) using the state funds. It is subject to the annual appropriation by the State Legislature. The second half of the MBLC funding for FY 2015 is anticipated to be received during the May/June period.

Training and other resources for friends groups and library trustees are provided in part by the [Mass. Library Trustees Association \(MLTA\)](#), the [Mass. Friends of Libraries \(MFOL\)](#) and the [Western Mass. Library Advocates](#).

ⁱ Funded by the State Legislature through the State budget process. *Approximately* \$ 10,000 per year provided by the MBLC . In prior years this was as high as approximately \$ 15,000.

ⁱⁱ Funded **in part** by the State Legislature through the State budget process and **in part** by the Town of Southwick. (\$ 1,500 municipal appropriation)
