



The Bookmark

December 2009

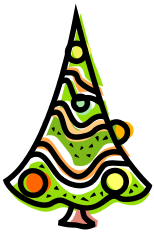
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Friends of the Library Holiday and Gift Book Sale

In December, visit the Friends of the Library's mini book sale table featuring gift books and holiday favorites. Throughout the year, the Friends carefully select and display books and other media items for sale in the Colbert Room. This ongoing fundraiser supports Library programs and is supplied through the donations of books and audio/visual materials the Library receives. When cleaning out your book shelves or media cabinet, remember the Friends. Your donation may be tax deductible. Request a donation form at the Circulation Desk when dropping off your items.



Light Up Night Friday, December 4, 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Visit the Library during Light Up Night to warm up, enjoy refreshments on the first floor and make ornaments at our Trim-a-Tree Party in the Children's Department. We will have live music performances with talented young musicians. Back again this year is a craft table for teens and grown-ups near the Reference Desk. If you are interested in volunteering to help with crafts or refreshments, contact the Reference Desk, 412-741-6920.

News from the Director

As we look forward to the new year, the Library is facing funding cuts from two sources. The financial stresses we are facing are caused by a 52% (\$51,700) reduction in state funding and a \$17,000 reduction in funding from the Regional Asset District due to a change in the financial distribution formula. We are looking to reduce our expenditures by a total of \$68,700 in 2010. We anticipate even more revenue loss in 2011.

In recent months, the Library Board of Directors has been examining every opportunity for additional income and scrutinizing the expenses. In anticipation of declining revenues, the Library has already made many cost savings adjustments from an already lean budget. These cost savings measures include switching utility, trash, health benefits, payroll and telephone companies. Other contractual services have been re-negotiated. The Library Board has imposed a hiring freeze. Other cost savings options the Library Board is considering are closing one day a week or some other form of reduced hours, reducing staff, and a reduction in the materials and programming budgets of each department.

Unfortunately, the Library will have to reduce some services to the public. For our patrons, the first effect you'll see is that we will open later in the mornings beginning January 2, 2010. The library will open at 10:00 AM instead of 9:30 AM, Monday through Saturday. For now, Sunday hours will remain the same.

We are dedicated to providing our patrons with the best services and materials available and to maintaining the standards which made us a nationally recognized Library Journal Star Library. Please consider writing to your legislators to restore library funding for all libraries in Pennsylvania.

Adult Services & Programs

All programs are free, unless otherwise stated.
For information call 412-741-6920.

Not-Your-Typical Holiday Movies Bring a friend and enjoy the refreshments! *No registration is required*
You've seen *A Christmas Story*, *Miracle on 34th Street* and *It's a Wonderful Life* a million times each.
Here's your chance to see some "holiday" movies that you may have missed.

We're No Angels **Tuesday, December 1, 2:00 PM** 1955, Not Rated, 105 minutes
Three convicts escape from Devil's Island and arrive at a nearby French colonial town. Their plan to steal supplies and clothing from the local store is ruined after they take a liking to the store's owner, especially his attractive daughter. Featuring Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray, Peter Ustinov, Joan Bennett, Basil Rathbone, and Leo G. Carroll.

The Shop Around the Corner **Tuesday, December 8, 2:00 PM** 1940, Not rated, 99 minutes
Bickering co-workers in a gift shop in pre-World War II Budapest don't realize they're lonelyhearts penpals. Featuring Margaret Sullavan, James Stewart, Frank Morgan, and Joseph Schildkraut.

The Holiday **Tuesday, December 15, 2:00 PM** 2006, Rated PG-13, 136 minutes
Two successful yet unhappy women connect through a home-swapping website, and decide to trade houses for the Christmas holiday in a mutual effort to forget their man troubles. Featuring Kate Winslet, Cameron Diaz, Rufus Sewell, Edward Burns, Jude Law and Jack Black.

The Bishop's Wife **Tuesday, December 22, 2:00PM** 1947, Not Rated, 109 minutes.
An angel appears answer to the prayers of a harried young bishop. The bishop's efforts to raise money for a new cathedral have endangered his marriage. When the angel enters the bishop's household hoping to end the problems plaguing the family, the bishop's neglected wife becomes infatuated with him. Featuring Cary Grant, Loretta Young, David Niven, Monty Woolley, James Gleason, and Elsa Lanchester.

Home Energy Audits **Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 PM** *Please register*
Learn what a home energy audit is and how it can save you money on your utility bills and increase the comfort in your home. Speakers are trained and certified BPI/RESNET Building Performance Professionals.

Spanish Conversation Group **Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 - 7:30 PM** *No registration is required*
Monday, December 7, 10:30 - 11:30 AM *No registration is required*
The Spanish Conversation Group is open to all with at least an intermediate speaking and listening ability in Spanish.

AAII: Getting Started in Investing **Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 PM** *No registration is required*
This session's topic is Master Limited Partnerships- High Yields and Low Taxes. MLPs are partnerships that trade on stock exchanges, but pay no direct taxes. MLPs offer a unique opportunity for serious investors to accumulate high yields while deferring taxes into the future. Presented by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Association of Individual Investors.

H&R Block Tax Talk **Thursday, December 3, 1:30 PM** *Please register*
A Representative from H&R Block will be available to answer tax related questions. Learn how current events and laws could impact your tax and financial situation. Attendees will receive a \$35 H&R Block gift certificate.

Knitting Circle **Monday, December 7, 7:00 PM** *No registration is required*
Our knitting group meets on the first Monday of each month. All ages and skill levels are welcomed.

Wealth & Wisdom: The Financial Curve of Life **Tuesday, December 8, 10:30 AM** *Please register*
Thomas Young, of the Wealth & Wisdom Institute, presents a seminar on cash flow strategies and money management.

Moon Feast with the Green Chefs **Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 PM** *Please register*
Sewickley's Green Chefs, Kitty Leatham and Kate Jeffe, host a cooking series based on the cookbook, *Full Moon Feast: Food and the Hunger for Connection*, by Jessica Prentice. The menu for the Moon of Long Nights features comfort foods and includes: New England Clam Chowder, Organic (Local) Sausage with Potatoes and Cabbage, Homemade Cranberry Sauce and Flaming Christmas Pudding made with Dates, Suet and Brandied Hard Sauce (Kitty's recipe handed down from her great-grandmother). A \$20.00 materials fee covers a feast of flavors. Recipes will be available.



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- Mystery Book Group** **Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 PM** *No registration is required*
This book group meets on the second Tuesday of the month and welcomes new members. Stop at the Reference Desk to request a copy of this month's selection: *Sand Sharks* by Margaret Maron.
- Conversation Salon** **Wednesday, December 9, 10:00 AM to Noon** *No registration is required*
Come and share ideas and opinions with this lively group of adults who meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
- Documentary Days: *King Corn*** **Wednesday, December 9, 10:30 AM** *No registration is required*
Join us for coffee, pastries, and this week's film, *King Corn*, a fun and crusading journey into the digestive tract of our fast food nation where one ultra-industrial, pesticide-laden, heavily-subsidized commodity dominates the food pyramid from top to bottom corn. Fueled by curiosity and a dash of naivete, college buddies Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis return to their ancestral home of Greene, Iowa to figure out how a modest kernel conquered America. 2007, Not Rated, 90 minutes.
- Thursday Matinee: *Julie & Julia*** **Thursday, December 10, 2:00 PM** *No registration is required*
This newly released film features Amy Adams as an amateur chef who decides to cook every recipe in Julia Child's cookbook in order to chronicle it online over the course of a year. The film shifts between present day and post-war Paris when Julia Child (Meryl Streep) begins her cooking career. Rated PG-13. 123 Minutes
- French Conversation Group** **Monday, December 14, 1:30 PM** *No registration is required*
Our French Conversation Group is open to all with at least an intermediate speaking and listening ability in French.
- SeniorNet Computer Education** **Tuesday, December 15, 1:00 or 2:00 PM** *Please register*
These computer sessions are tailored for new computer users and are hosted by Barry J. Lipson of SeniorNet.
- Documentary Days: *Food, Inc.*** **Wednesday, December 16, 10:30 AM** *No registration is required*
Join us for coffee, pastries, and this week's film, *Food Inc.*, the revealing, surprising and often shocking truths about what we eat, how it's produced, and who we have become as a nation. 2009, PG, 93 minutes.
- Science Café** **Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 PM** *No registration is required*
Inquiring minds interested in current scientific topics and popular science books are invited to this monthly meeting.
- The Brown Bag Book Group** **Thursday, December 17, 11:30 AM** *No registration is required*
Bring your lunch and join the discussion led by Rosa Lamour Dorman and Librarian Mary Jean Voigt. This month's book, *Not Becoming My Mother and Other Things She Taught Me Along the Way*, by Ruth Reichl, can be ordered at the Reference Desk.
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Memorial Books

Ann Behrer, in memory of **Robby Hague**
Marsena S. Neil, in memory of **Kathryn W. Kruse**
Pat & Judie Vescio, in memory of **Sonny Schurman**
Pat & Judie Vescio, in memory of **Colin Wise**

Gift Books & Donations

Dennis, Susan, Emma and Ella Patton, in honor of the **Scott Peters Family**
The Nancy Hutchinson and Helen Berman, in honor of **Audrey Werner on her birthday**
The Child Health Association of Sewickley, in honor of **CHA New Active Members, September 2009**
The Child Health Association of Sewickley, in honor of **Susan Kaminski, Co-Chair, House Tour, 2009**
The Child Health Association of Sewickley, in honor of **Marguerite Park, Director, True Love's Kiss, 2008**

Anthony Floro donated artwork

Children's Department

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Contact Us

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Please Register for Programs for Children and Families



Holiday Wreath Making Grades 3-8 Tuesday, December 1, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

The Sewickley Nature Guides and the Village Garden Club of Sewickley will help us make holiday wreaths from grape vines and evergreen. To further decorate your wreath, you might want to bring a bow or a small holiday decoration.

Family Holiday Bingo Family Program Thursday, December 3, 7:00 PM

Celebrate the season with fun for the whole family!

Light Up Night Family Program Friday, December 4, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Visit us to warm up, enjoy refreshments and make ornaments at our Trim-a-Tree Party. *No registration is required.*



Letters to Santa Family Program Saturday, December 5, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Come after the Sewickley Parade to write a letter to Santa. *No registration is required.*

Drama! Drama! Drama! Grades 4-7 2 Mondays, December 7 & 14, 7:00 PM

Join our Drama Troupe's production of *Merry Christmas, Strega Nona!* Practice on the 7th and perform on the 14th.



Cookie Exchange Family Program Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 PM

Bring 2 dozen cookies and go home with a sampling of all! Please bring the recipe and we'll make copies to share. Extra cookies will be distributed to local families by the Sewickley Community Center.



PJ Storytime: Polar Express Family Program Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 - 7:15 PM

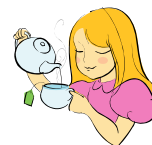
Wear your jammies and listen to stories, sing songs, play games, make a craft and enjoy a snack!

Magic Tree House Christmas in Camelot Grades K-2 Thursday, December 10, 7:00 PM

Join Jack and Annie for more fun, this time in Camelot!

American Girls Holiday Tea Saturday, December 12, 11:00 AM - Noon Grades K-2 Saturday, December 12, 2:00 - 3:00 PM Grades 3-5

Come dressed in party attire to our Holiday Tea. We'll learn how to prepare and serve a proper tea. Bring your doll, a teacup and \$2 materials fee.



Kids Can Cook Grades 3-5 Tuesday, December 15, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Make some fun and festive treats, and then enjoy a little dessert! A \$2 material fee will be charged.

Gingerbread House Fun Family Program 2 Sessions: Saturday, December 19, 1:30 or 2:30 PM

Decorate your own graham cracker house. Bring a shoebox to transport your creation home and a \$2 materials fee. Caregivers must accompany younger children.



Weekly Storytimes for Preschoolers No Registration Required

Babies and Books

Tuesday Morning 9:45 and 10:30
Tuesday Afternoon 1:00 PM
Nursery and action rhymes, books and songs for children up to 24 months, with a caregiver. *Please, no older children.*

Storytime for Two's

Wednesdays Mornings
9:45 & 10:30
A half hour of fingerplays, songs, and stories for 2-year-olds with a care provider. *Please, no older children.*

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, 10:00 AM & 1:30 PM
Children ages 3-5 meet in the Storytime Room for 45 minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays.
Storytime Holiday Party on December 17
Caregivers and siblings are invited. Please bring a half dozen cookies to share.

Please Note: There will be no Weekly Storytimes during the weeks of December 20th & 27th

Save the Dates! Mark Your Calendars for these programs in 2010!

Nursery School Open House
4th grade Battle of the Books Orientation
5th grade Battle of the Books Orientation

Wednesday, January 13th 7:00PM - 8:30PM
Tuesday, January 26th 7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 27th 7:00PM

2009 December Teen Programs

at Sewickley Public Library of the QVSD

THE FLYING CIRCUS A MONTY PYTHON EVENT

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
6-7 PM**

Teens, join us for a raucous Monty Python-themed event! Our activities will focus on the Crunchy Frog Ministry of Silly Walks and Knights of the Round Table sketches.

MP costumes are encouraged!
Please pre-register online at <http://tinyurl.com/splteens>

Xbox Unveiled

Wednesday, Dec 2 @ 3:30 PM

Teens, every month you have been able to come and play the library's Wii. Now come play our new XBOX 360! We'll provide games, but feel free to bring your favorites from home!

Sewickley Public Library's Battle of the Books 2009 information will be available 11/30 in the Teen Department and online at <http://info4bob.blogspot.com>

Questions about programs?
Call 412-741-6920

Light Up Night

FRIDAY DEC. 4 6-9 PM

Drop by SPL for a Light Up Night craft. We'll create wire star decorations that can hang in your house any time of the year! For teens and adults.

Craft Closet Clean-Out

**Wednesday December 9
4-6 PM**

Do you need holiday gifts for friends and family? Stop by the Library between 4 and 6pm for our craft closet clean-out. Use our left-over craft supplies to make gifts and decorations!

DIY Drop-In

Wed. 12/23 12-2PM

Did you miss the Light Up Night craft? Stop by SPL after early dismissal!

ANIME CLUB

Thursday 12/3, 12/10 & 12/17 from 5-6pm!

Teen Movies

MONDAYS FROM 5-7PM

12/7 LAND OF THE LOST
12/21 HP & THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE

