

The Bookmark January 2009

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Library Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday and Saturday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

You've got homework? We've got help!

The Sewickley Public Library now subscribes to Live Homework Help from 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM everyday. Live Homework Help is a free online service connecting students to a real live tutor via the Internet. It is designed for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade, college introduction level students and adult learners. Students at the Library can simply logon to the Sewickley Public Library's Website, click on the Live Homework Help icon as shown to the right, enter their grade level and the subject they need help in and within a few minutes will be connected to an expert tutor. Help is available in math, science, social studies or language arts. You can also connect to this service from your home computer. Just go to the Library's Website (www.sewickleylibrary.org), click on the Homework Help logo, and enter your library card number to begin. If you'd like to learn more about the program, please call the library at 412-741-6920 or visit the Website at www.sewickleylibrary.org.



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Books-on-Wheels

Books-on-Wheels is our special program designed to put library materials into the hands of folks who are homebound. This monthly visit from a library volunteer with specially selected materials is available to residents living within the boundaries of the Quaker Valley School District. Individuals with a need for the delivery service, either ongoing or temporary, are welcome to call the Library and speak to a Reference Librarian to be included in this service. Thank you to our volunteers, Felicity Nash, David King and Linda Martin for all they are doing to assist our library patrons.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library have many fundraising efforts throughout the year. One of their activities is stocking the bookshelves in the Colbert Reading Room. These items are specially selected from the donations the Library receives. Throughout the year, categories of books, such as cookbooks, art books, children's books or holiday items are offered at special sale tables. We are grateful to the Friends volunteers for sorting, categorizing and displaying these items so well. The next time you visit the library, peruse the sale shelves, a gem just might be waiting there for you!

Attention Collectors!

Randi Morgan, our Display Case Coordinator, is looking for interesting and unusual collections that might be shown in our display cases. To contact Randi, please leave your name, contact information, and a brief description of the collection at the Reference Desk.

Adult Services & Programs

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

French Conversation Group, Mondays at 1:30 PM Resumes from Holiday Break on Monday, January 12th

Parlez-Vous Français? This group is open to all with at least an intermediate speaking and listening ability in French. No registration is required.



Spanish Conversation Group Please call the Reference Desk for the January Schedule.

Brush up on your language skills in our new Spanish Conversation Group. Led by a native Spanish speaker, it is open to all with at least an intermediate speaking and listening ability in Spanish. No registration is required.

Wii Sports for Seniors

2 Mondays, January 5 & 26, 10:30AM - 12:00 PM

Join us twice a month as we bowl, golf, play tennis, box and play baseball. The Library's Nintendo Wii system is a new generation of video gaming where participants use a remote control device to mimic the action the sport would require in real life. Don't worry about being unfamiliar with the Wii remote, a librarian will be on hand to show you how to play all of the various games. Just show up with a friend or two and play away! Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required.

Knitting Circle

Monday, January 5, 7:00 PM

Our knitting group meets on the first Monday of each month. Bring your current project and learn new tips and techniques. All ages and skill levels are welcomed. No registration is required.

Tech Help for Non-techies

Saturday, January 10, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

"How does this thing work?" Did your family or friends get you a gift this year that you can't quite figure out? You know they were only trying to be nice, but trying to figure these things out can be so frustrating. No need to fret: this year, tech help can be found at the library. On Saturday, January 10th, teens and librarians will be at the library ready to answer all of your questions about that new device you have. Whether it be a new digital camera, an iPod, or car GPS we'll be able to help you get that contraption working for you. No need to register, just show up with your gadget and we'll troubleshoot it with you.

Backyard Composting

Tuesday, January 13, 2:30 to 3:30 PM

Back by popular demand! This presentation by the Pennsylvania Resources Council covers everything you ever wanted to know about composting and possibly more! Participants will receive an Earth Machine Compost Bin at the end of the session. Sponsored by the Village Garden Club of Sewickley. Cost of the class is \$40 per person, couples are charged \$50 but only receive one bin. Space is limited, prepayment at registration is required. Make checks payable to PRC. You can also register directly through the PRC at www.prc.org

Microsoft Excel (Making Financials Easier) 1 & 2

2 Tuesdays, January 13 & 20, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Whether it's balancing your check book, putting together the family budget or generating charts for work, Microsoft Excel is the program for you. Improve the way you turn your data into information using powerful tools to analyze, communicate and share your results. Microsoft Excel is a spreadsheet program that will enable students to track & manage data, addresses, financials, and more. Students will learn how to use Excel to create simple spread sheets, perform detailed calculations, sort data and even create colorful charts and graphs. Prerequisite: Basic Computers Parts 1&2 or equivalent knowledge. These computer classes are designed specifically for individuals over the age of 50, but all are invited. Instructors from Silver Scholars will lead participants through classes that are fun, interactive, and easy to understand. To enhance learning, all classes are limited to 10 students, so register early. Your \$25 fee reserves your space and is due upon registration.

Mystery Book Group: *A Great Deliverance*

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Tuesday, January 13, 7:00 PM

Our mystery book group meets on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss this popular genre and their book of the month. Stop at the Reference Desk to request a copy of this month's selection by Elizabeth George. No registration is required.

Conversation Salon

Wednesday, January 14, 10:00 AM to Noon

Come prepared to share ideas and opinions with this lively group of adults. New participants are always welcome. This group meets on the second Wednesday of each. No registration is required.

More programs →

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Tips for Transitioning to a Healthier Diet

Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 PM

Rosemary Traill, a certified Macrobiotic Health Counselor and Cooking Instructor, will discuss tips for transitioning to a healthier diet and explore the nutritional benefits and healing properties of a plant based diet. Samples of her favorite winter stew will be available for attendees to try. Please Register.

SeniorNet Computer Education Program

Tuesday, January 20, 1:00 or 2:00 PM

Barry J. Lipson, of SeniorNet, hosts these question and answer computer sessions tailored for new computer users. Space is limited to 3 participants per class. Please Register.

Frozen Assets

Wednesday, January 21, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Gaynor Grant of Sweetwater Cooking (formerly the Sewickley Cooking Studio) presents a sample of one of classes she teaches at her facility on East Carson Street. In Frozen Assets, a class for cooks with a busy lifestyle, students come to the South Side classroom and prepare a week's worth of meals at one time, which are then taken home ready for the freezer. At the Library, Gaynor will demonstrate how some of these dishes are prepped and prepared. *A \$5 materials fee, due at registration, covers the cost of the samples participants will enjoy tasting.* For information on Sweetwater Cooking's full schedule of classes, visit their Website at www.sweetwatercooking.com.

The Brown Bag Book Group

Thursday, January 22, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Bring your lunch and join the discussion led by Rosa Lamour Dorman and Librarian Mary Jean Voigt. This month's book, *Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague* by Geraldine Brooks, can be ordered at the Reference Desk. No registration is required.

Thursday Matinee: *Mamma Mia!*

Thursday, January 22, 2:00 PM

Join us for this romantic musical comedy you may have missed at the theaters. The story of a bride-to-be trying to find her real father told using hit songs by the popular '70s group ABBA. Rated PG-13. Runtime: 109 minutes. No registration is required.

AARP Safe Driver Refresher Course

Tuesday, January 27, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

The course is designed to help you tune up your driving skills and update your knowledge of the rules of the road. Learn about normal age-related physical changes, and how to adjust your driving to allow for these changes. Participants can qualify for an auto insurance premium reduction or discount. *This 4-hour refresher course is available only to those who have taken the AARP Driver Safety Course within the past 35 months.* Each individual over age 50 insured on a joint automobile policy must attend the class in order to receive the discount. You must present your certificate or proof of completion of the previous 8 hour class in order to take this one day program. Check with your insurance carrier. Payment is due upon registration and will hold your place in the class. Cost is \$14.00. AARP members showing proof of membership receive a \$2.00 discount, for a final cost of \$12. Make checks payable to AARP. For more information you may also call the instructor, William Pearson, at 412-427-3084.

The Fourth Tuesday Book Group

Tuesday, January 27, 7:00 PM

Join us for lively discussions and interesting insights into a wide variety of books. Request a copy of this month's selection, *March* by Geraldine Brooks, at the Reference Desk. No registration is required.

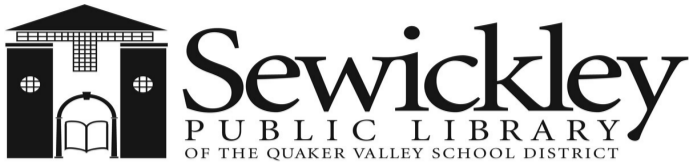
Memorial Books & Gift Books



A donation was made in honor of
Elliot Mooney on his sixth birthday.

Janet Farnz, in memory of **Albert Batcheler**
Joe and Sally Allen, in memory of **Lucille Campbell**
Jean McIntosh, in memory of **Lucille P. Campbell**
EM Jewelers, in memory of **Jane F. Canter**
Martini Book Club, in memory of **Dean Dunkle**
Sewickley Village Condo Association,
in memory of **Perry M. "Pete" Gwaltney, Jr.**
EM Jewelers, in memory of **Jeffrey L. Hart, Sr.**

The Jeffe Family, in memory of **Kristopher King**
Sewickley Village Condo Association,
in memory of **G. Christian Lantzsch**
The Jeffe Family, in memory of **Marion B. McGurk**
Carol and Mario Peluso, in memory of **Edna Murdoch**
Carolyn Toth, in memory of **Edna Murdoch**
Bobby, Shadley, Alex, Elsa & Mary Grace Gordon,
in memory of **Joan Rose**



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9:30 AM - 9:00

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Special Programs in January No Registration Required

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Gather your team and prepare for great books!

The Battle of the Books is back!

4th Grade Informational Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 7:00 PM

5th Grade Informational Meeting

Wednesday, January 28, 7:00 PM

This exciting annual program has separate battles for students in 4th and 5th grades, each with its own reading list. Each team must have five members and a team manager who is over 18 years of age. Registration forms will be available in the Children's Department and at local school libraries starting January 2nd. Completed forms should be returned to the Sewickley Public Library Children's Department as soon as possible. As space is limited, teams will be taken on a first received basis. Teams and managers should attend the appropriate informational meeting, where the book lists will be distributed. **Students must have a library card and need to bring it with them to the first meeting.** The 4th Grade Battle is Wednesday, April 15th and the 5th Grade Battle is Thursday, April 16th.

Weekly Storytimes for Preschoolers No Registration Required



Babies & Books

Tuesdays at 9:45 & 10:30 AM

Nursery and action rhymes, books and songs for children up to 24 months, with a caregiver. *Please, no older children.*



Two-Year-Old Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:45 & 10:30 AM

A half hour of fingerplays, songs, and stories for 2-year-olds with a care provider. *Please, no older children.*

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:00 AM & 1:30 PM

Children ages 3-5 meet in the Storytime Room for 45 minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays.



Need a quick bedtime story?

Call Dial-a-Story 412-741-2667

Anytime day or night!

See the next page for
Programs for Children and Families



Programs for Children and Families

Please Register Children's Department Direct Dial Number 412-741-0937



**Winter Frolics!
Storytime**
Saturday, January 3, 11:00 – 11:45AM

Come in out of the cold for warm winter fun! Join us for stories, a craft, and maybe even some hot chocolate!

Chess Practice
Grades 1-5



2 Sundays: January 4 & 18, 2:00-3:00 PM
Pawns, knights, kings and queens! Learn how to play chess or practice your moves on the chess board. Bring a chess set if you can. Novices and experts are welcomed to join in the fun! A great way to get ready for our Annual Chess Tournament scheduled for February 14th.

Afterschool Wii
Grades 4-6
Tuesday, January 6 3:30PM – 4:30 PM



Join us for double the Wii action, double the Wii fun, as we play on not 1 but 2 Wiis! Play Cranium, Winter Sports, Cooking Mama, Mario Kart and more!

Martha Speaks Grades K-2
Thursday, January 8, 6:30 PM
Listen to stories about your favorite dog, Martha!
Make a craft and play a game, too.

Computers for Preschoolers Ages 3-6 & Caregiver
Saturday, January 10, 11:00 AM – Noon

Learn the basics of computers for preschoolers, ages 3-6. Visit innovative websites for preschoolers and learn about Internet safety for families with small children.

Beads, Beads & More Beads... Grades 1-5
Saturday, January 10, 2:00-3:00PM
Create your own fantastic jewelry, key chains or animals with beads. Bring a friend.



American Girl: Meet Felicity Grades K-2
Sunday, January 11, 2:00 PM
Go back in time and meet Felicity, an American Girl, through games and crafts and a story. Bring your doll, if you like!



Homeschool Happening
Grades 1-5
Monday, January 12, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Homeschoolers are invited to join us for lunch in the library! We'll study owl specimens from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Bring your lunch and we'll supply drinks.

Just for Kindergarteners
Kindergarteners
Thursday, January 15, 3:00 – 4:00 PM



A special storytime just for kindergarteners! We'll start with a snack and finish with stories and a craft that every child is sure to enjoy!!



Games, Games, Games Grades 1-5
Friday, January 16, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

Looking for someone to play a board game with? Come to the library for an afternoon of games. We will play Mexican Train Dominoes, UNO and others.

Chugga Chugga Choo Choo Family Storytime
Saturday, January 17, 11:00 – 11:45AM

All aboard for fun! Get on board the Library Express as we read, sing, and make a craft about trains!

Kids Can Cook
Grades 3-5
Tuesday, January 20, 5:30 – 7:00 PM



In partnership with China Palace and in honor of the Chinese New Year Celebration on January 26th, let's cook Chinese! Join us as we make, then eat, our dinner, featuring food from the Far East! A \$1 material fee is required.

PJ Storytime: Snowman Party! Family Storytime
Wednesday, January 21, 6:30 – 7:15 PM



Come in from the cold and party with some cool characters – snowmen! We'll share stories, songs, and make a delightful snowman craft! Wear your jammies and bring a stuffed friend!

Reader's Theater
Grades 3-5
Thursday, January 22, 7:00 PM



Want to be an actor or actress? Join our acting troupe! We will practice and perform

Wii for Teens
wed. Jan. 7
3:30pm

ANIME CLUB
EVERY TUESDAY
5-6PM

Books on Film
Thursdays, 5-7pm

- 1/8 Bridge to Terabithia
- 1/15 The Dark Knight-Pg-13
- 1/22 The Clique-PG
- 1/29 Your Choice!

NATIONAL SCIENCE FICTION DAY

Get a science fiction book or movie from the library to celebrate!

JANUARY SECOND



JANUARY TEEN PROGRAMS

@ SEWICKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Teen Advisory Group
wed. January 14
4pm

NEW! Wii for Tweens

4th-6th Graders, this is for you! Join us in the Community Room for double Wii action—2 Wii's! You'll be able to choose from the following games:

- Wii Guitar Hero!
- Wii Cranium
- Wii Winter Sports
- Wii Cooking Mama
- Wii Mario Kart
- And more!!!

Bring Your Friends!

Tuesday, January 6 3:30pm



Comic Book Making Workshop

Bring your favorite comic books to this workshop! We'll discuss how the drawings and words work together to tell the story. Then, we'll start our own comics. Don't worry if your drawing skills aren't the best—most comic books have an author and an illustrator. Partner up with someone at the workshop!

Wednesday, January 21 4pm



Need Volunteer Hours?

Can you use new gadgets? Cameras, phones, navigation systems? Come to the library and help people who have received these items as holiday gifts learn how to use them!

Interested in helping?
Contact Kelly at
rottmundk@einetwork.net
or 412-741-6920

Saturday
January 10, 1-3pm



OWL PELLET DISSECTION

THURS, JANUARY 8
3:30PM

NEED I SAY MORE?
PLEASE REGISTER AT THE REFERENCE DESK FOR THIS PROGRAM!

Homeschool Happenings

Monday, January 12 11:30-1pm

Join us this Monday as we learn about owls and what they eat by dissecting owl pellets—the regurgitated remains of an owl's meal! Please register at the Reference Desk!

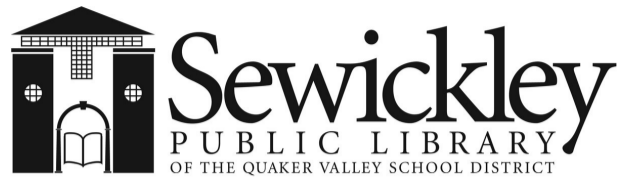


Want chess at the library?

Get in touch with Kelly at
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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAM SIGN UP SHEETS ARE DUE BY 9PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26

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Allegheny Regional Asset District



Mission Statement

The mission of Sewickley Public Library is to serve as a center for lifelong learning by providing free access to informational, educational, cultural and recreational library resources that address the interests and needs of the children and adults in the Quaker Valley region.

January 2009

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