The Library will be CLOSED on Tuesday, 12/24 and Wednesday, 12/25.
The Library will CLOSE at 5 on Tuesday, 12/31.

⭐⭐⭐⭐ SEWICKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY IS ONCE AGAIN A STAR LIBRARY ⭐⭐⭐⭐
Library Journal has named Sewickley Public Library a 3 Star Library. In LIGHT of this news, we want to thank each and every one of you who support and use the library. In the words of Carl Sagan, “We are all star stuff.” We wouldn’t be a star library if it weren’t for the help, patronage, and donations that we receive from staff, volunteers, and the community as a whole. Thank you for helping to make us SHINE!

LIGHT UP NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
Visit the Library from 6-9 to warm up, enjoy refreshments, and make a take-home craft during Light Up Night. In the Children’s Department we will make ornaments to trim our Library trees and have live performances by talented musicians. There will also be a take-home craft table for teens and adults near the Reference Desk.

NOW: YOUR SMARTPHONE = YOUR LIBRARY CARD
The library has just installed new scanners at the circulation desks (1st & 2nd Floors) and on the Self-Checkout. These scanners are equipped to scan your library card barcode when it is displayed on a smartphone screen. There are a few apps that have been around for while that we recommend. You can download either KeyRing or CardStar by visiting the app store on your device. If you need any help with accessing these apps or any other aspect of your smartphone tablet, you can make a Tech Café appointment at the Reference Desk. You can also CLICK HERE for links to download the apps.

GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT @ YOUR LIBRARY

HOLIDAY ITEMS ON DISPLAY
The library will once again be displaying all of our holiday materials on a table in the 1st Floor Fiction Area. Stop by and browse our Holiday DVDs, Music, and Books. Make sure you have everything you need to entertain your family and friends during this joyous season.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOLIDAY SALE TABLES
Don’t forget to visit the Friends of the Sewickley Public Library Christmas sale tables. There are lots of lovely books and Christmas items that would make great gifts at very reasonable prices. So keep checking the tables as the are being restocked all the time! As always, the proceeds of these sales benefit the Library.
Adult Programs & Services - December 2013

**OASIS Computer Classes** - January classes are being scheduled now. Please pick up a brochure of available classes at the Reference Desk.

**Tech Café Appointments** - Have a feisty phone? Has your eReader gone eRidiculous? Schedule one-on-one help with a librarian. Call the Reference Desk for details.

**Need Resume Help?** Call the Reference Desk to make an Appointment with local resume expert Bob Ryan.

**Write Now!** - Every Friday @ 10:30AM - Have you ever resolved to write in a daily journal, or record your family’s story, yet found the good intentions slipping away? Achieve your writing goals.

**Friday Movies @ 2PM**

**12/6 - Babette’s Feast:** At once a rousing paean to artistic creation, a delicate evocation of divine grace and the ultimate film about food, this is a layered take of a French housekeeper with a mysterious past who brings quiet revolution to a circle of starkly pious villages in late 19th century Denmark—in the form of one exquisite meal. [1986/1 hr. 44 min.]

**12/13 - Beasts of the Southern Wild:** Hushpuppy, an intrepid 6 year old, lives with her father, Wink, in the Bathtub, a Delta community at the edge of the world. Wink’s tough love prepares her for a time when he is no longer there to protect her. Threats to their way of life come in real and legendary ways and Hushpuppy faces down her father’s failing health, a hurricane and creatures of legend to salvage the life she loves. [2012/94 min.]

**12/20 - Big Fish:** The adult son of a dying man tries to learn more about his father by reliving the stories and myths he spun for his son. [2004/125 min.]

**12/27 - The Boy in the Striped Pajamas:** Set during World War II, and told from the perspective of innocence, this film is both shocking and heartwarming. Bruno, the 8 year old son of the commandant at a concentration camp, is adventurous and lonely. He finds a friend in a Jewish boy on the other side of the camp fence. Neither boy knows that their friendship is forbidden—and no one could foresee its consequences. [2009/94 min.]

**Sahaja Meditation** - Every Saturday @ 11AM - Enjoy the silence, peace, and stress release that is always free.

**Craft BeTWEEN the Lines** - Saturday, December 7 @ 11AM - Join some local artists for this new arts and crafts program for Ages 10 and up. This month: A Holiday Art Workshop - students can choose between a variety of materials to create a one of a kind Christmas ornament or small sculpture. Adults are welcome to attend with or without a Tween or Teen. There is a materials fee of $4. Please Register.

**A Doctor Who Holiday Party** - Saturday, December 7 @ 2PM - WHOVIANS! Hop into your TARDIS and JOIN us for A Doctor Who Holiday Party! We’ll watch a recent Christmas Special, make some Who-themed snacks and sweets, and construct our very own SONIC SCREWDRIVERS! Ages 11 and Up. Please register.

**Smart Social Security Decisions** - Tuesday, December 10 @ 6PM - At this workshop, we will Explain the basics of Social Security and what your options are at retirement, review the pros/cons and when each option makes sense, point out the important variables you should be analyzing before you decide, and discuss Hefren-Tillotson’s Masterplan approach to financial planning. Light refreshments will be provided. Please Register.

**Mystery Book Group** - Tuesday, December 10 @ 7PM - Stop at the Reference Desk to request a copy of this month’s selection, *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie.

**Conversation Salon** - Wednesday, December 11 @ 10AM - This interesting group of adults meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Coffee and great discussions!

**“Open Book” Scrabble!** - Wednesday, December 11 @ 1PM - The classic game of Scrabble® promises a cognitive adventure sure to sharpen the mind. We’ll provide a board, or you can bring your own. This event is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

**Lawn Chair Movie Night: Despicable Me 2** - Monday, December 16 @ 7PM - You bring a comfy chair, we’ll make the popcorn. Watch this new Blu-Ray on our HD projector: *Despicable Me 2* - Gru is recruited by the Anti-Villain League to help deal with a powerful new super criminal. (98min, PG.) All-Ages with an Adult.

**Reiki Healing Exchange** - Wednesday, December 18 @ 6:30PM - Learn more about Therapeutic Touch and experience a relaxing, peaceful evening. A $5.00 donation for the library is requested.
December 2013

Save the Date for These 2014 Programs!

Pre-School Open House
Wednesday Jan 15 @ 7PM

4th Grade Battle of Books Info Meeting on Tuesday, Jan 28 at 7PM.

5th Grade Battle of the Books Info Meeting on Wednesday, Jan 29 at 7PM.

Please Register for these programs unless otherwise noted.

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DOG TALES – Sunday December 8, 3-4PM - Come by and snuggle with and read to certified Therapy Dogs. These dogs love to be petted and ESPECIALLY love to be read to by children. Picture books and reading books will be available. Please register for a 15 minute time slot to read to a dog. Ages 4-10, with Adult.

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GINGERBREAD HOUSE FUN FAMILY PROGRAM - Saturday, December 14, 1 OR 2 PM - You supply the imagination—we supply the fixings! Decorate your own graham cracker house, to eat or to save! Please bring a shoebox to transport your creation home and a $2 materials fee. Caregivers should accompany younger children.

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Ugly Christmas Sweater Cookies!
Tuesday, December 17th, from 7-8 pm
It wouldn’t be Christmastime without those tacky and terrific holiday sweaters. Now make your own - IN COOKIE FORM! Adorn your Ugly Christmas Sweater Cookie with snowmen, reindeer, pine trees, or stick with a classic horrible plaid. Super ugly, yet so delicious!
Registration required.

Christmas SAT Crash Course
December 23, 26, 27, 30, 31/ January 2 & 3 - 10 am - 12 pm
It’s so hard to make the time to study for the SAT during the regular school year. How about setting aside some time during Winter Break and joining us for two weeks of heavy duty test prep? Seven sessions, two hours each. $100 covers course and materials. Registration required.
Email Emily - feare@einetwork.net - or call 412.741.6920 for details.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Make’n’More
Every Tuesday, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Anime Club
Wednesday, Dec. 4th & 18th
— 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Boo Club
Christmas Edition!
Wednesday, Dec. 11th - @ 3:30

Teen Advisory Council
Make SPL Teen your own. Monday, December 16th, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Sewickley Sunday Jam Session
Teen musicians ONLY! Sunday, December 22, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Deadline to register for Battle of the Books 2014 is January 31st!
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