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January 2015

Monday-Thursday	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**The Library will close at 5PM on Wednesday, December 31st and reopen at 9AM on Friday, January 2nd.**

### Pre-School Open House For Parents of Pre-Schoolers Wednesday, January 14, 7 – 8:30 PM

Parents interested in learning more about pre-schools and day care centers in the Quaker Valley area are invited to attend our annual Pre-School Open House. Representatives from these facilities will be available to answer questions about their programs. This is a unique opportunity for area parents to investigate educational opportunities for their children. Fall registration for many of these schools begins in February. Stop in to meet the teachers and learn about your options. No registration.



### Help us Celebrate National Handwriting Day this month with Two Programs!



The purpose of National Handwriting Day is to alert the public to the importance of handwriting. National Handwriting Day is a chance for all of us to re-explore the purity and power of handwriting. Join certified graphologist Val Weil on **Saturday, January 24 at 1PM** to celebrate this important day. Participants will fill out decorative scrolls and be inducted into the John Hancock Club for a \$5 fee. Scrolls will be displayed in the library cases on the first floor. Ages 7-18 and their friends and family. On **Wednesday, January 28 at 6PM** Val will be back with Signatures and Scribbles. Teens will learn about developing a unique signature and what it says about them. Please "Sign" up at the Reference Desk.

### Save the Dates:

#### Adult Winter Reading Program!

Why should Summer Reading have all of the fun? Curl up with a good book and read the whole winter long! Set your own goal of reading minutes between February 16 and March 30. All participants who reach their goal will be eligible to win a great prize. You can read anything whether it's a blog, the newspaper, or a bedtime story to your toddler. Sign up now and you'll be notified when the program starts. Visit [www.sewickleylibrary.org/winter-reading-program](http://www.sewickleylibrary.org/winter-reading-program) to sign up today!



#### Storytelling through Digital Photography

This nine-week program, designed for older adults, will start on Monday, March 16. Please see the February newsletter for information on registering. This free class will be limited to 15 participants. This program is sponsored by Lifetime Arts and Creative Aging.

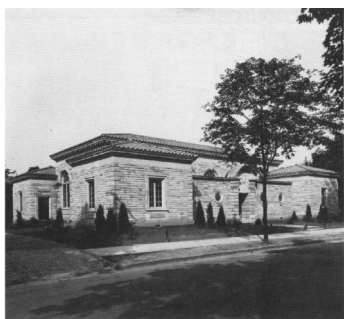
## Patron Acts of Kindness

By Circulation Supervisor, Jan Jashinski

I have witnessed many acts of kindness from loyal Sewickley patrons over the years as a clerk and also as circulation supervisor. One story was so heartwarming that I wanted to share it with everyone. I received a phone call from a patron explaining that it was her 40th birthday and to help make her day special and memorable, she decided to perform 40 acts of kindness. One of her acts of kindness was to pay off a random patron's fine anonymously. I loved this idea and searched for the perfect patron who would benefit and appreciate this act of kindness. Recently a young adult patron lost a Sewickley book. He was so sincere and unhappy about the missing book but was unable to pay for it at that time. Here comes my random act of kindness patron! I informed her of the situation and she was very eager to help this young man by paying for his replacement book. I so enjoyed calling this young man and letting him know that a stranger had paid for his missing book. He was so grateful and appreciative!

## The Partnership between the Library and the QV School District

By Board Member, Sarah Heres



Our community has always enjoyed a unique relationship between the local library and the school district. The Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker Valley School District evolved forty-three years after our beautiful

library building was dedicated. In 1923, Mr. William L. Clause donated, in memory of his wife Elizabeth Ann, the original library to serve the people of the entire valley. "In presenting this library, it is my desire that it should be the property of the entire valley, yet under the existing conditions, there is no way this can be done, as there is no way the matter can be handled except to deed it to the School District of the borough of Sewickley. Of course if the boroughs ever become consolidated, or if the school districts are ever consolidated, that would

solve this problem," stated Mr. Clause. His generous gift provided the original building at 500 Thorn Street. Prior to Mr. Clause's gift the library used a variety of rented spaces in the Sewickley borough.

For many years local financial support for the library came from the Sewickley, Edgeworth and Osborne boroughs. In 1956, a new regional school district, the Quaker Valley School District, was established to serve the educational needs of students from eleven local boroughs. Ten years later, the new school district became the single taxing body which Mr. Clause had desired to provide local funding to the library. The school district provides close to 50% of the income revenue for SPL and three members from the QVSD school board serve on the library board.

The relationship between the school district and the library goes beyond the financial tax structure as both entities share a mission to support lifelong learners. Numerous library programs provide continuing education opportunities to our adult community. At the student level, collaboration between school librarians and their counterparts at Sewickley Public Library bring many programs to our community such as Battle of Books, Summer Reading Programs, and hosting guest speakers.

The Sewickley Public Library is one of only two in Pennsylvania that receives its local funding from the school district instead of local municipalities. We are certain that the school district and Sewickley Public Library will continue to work cooperatively on behalf of our lifelong learners throughout the Quaker Valley area.

## AtoZDatabases: Search Jobs, Businesses or Mailing Lists

The Premier Job Search, Reference, and Mailing List Database. The database includes 2.3 million job listings, 30 million business & executive profiles, and 1.1 million healthcare professionals. Ideal for sales leads, mailing lists, market research, employment opportunities, finding friends and relatives, and much more! To get started visit:

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# Children's Department - January 2015

## Weekly Programs (No Registration)

**Babies and Books - Tuesdays: 9:30AM, 10:15AM & 1PM** - Nursery and action rhymes, books and songs for children up to 24 months, with caregiver. Please, no older children.

**Evening Edition:** Jan. 28 @ 6:30

**2-Year-Old Storytime - Wednesdays: 9:30AM & 10:15AM** - A half hour of fingerplays, songs, and stories for 2-year-olds with an adult. Please, no older children.

**Pre-School Storytime - Thursdays: 9:30AM & 1:30PM** - Ages 3-6 without a caregiver, meet for 45 minutes of stories, songs, and finger plays.

*Please Register for the following programs unless otherwise noted.*

**Chess Night – Wednesday, January 7, 7 – 8 PM** - Kings, Queens, Rooks, Knights, Bishops, and Pawns everywhere for everyone to play! All skill levels welcome! Bring a chess set if you're able. **Grades K-8.**



**Pokemon League- Two Thursdays: January 8 & 22, 4-5:30 PM** - Trade, Battle, Win! Join us twice a month for the new Pokemon League. Fun By the Pound will be selling cards. **All-Ages, Ages 5 and under, with Adult.** No Registration.

**Toddler & Pre-K Fitness – Saturday January 10 and 24, 10 – 10:30 AM** - GET MOVING in the library. We will stretch, move around, groove to some games, and have fun together. No need to register! **Ages 2 – Pre-K, with Care Provider.**

**Scooby Doo Movie & Craft – Saturday January 10, 1:30 – 3:30 PM** - Warm up in the library with some popcorn and a “Rooby... Dooby... Doo” movie. Following the movie will be a movie-themed craft. **All Ages.**

**Dog Tales – Sunday, January 11, 3 – 4 PM** - Certified Therapy Dogs LOVE to be read to but we need children to read to them! While snuggling and petting a dog, choose a picture book we provide and read to your furry reading companion. Please register for a 15 minute time slot to read to a dog. **Ages 4-10, with Adult.**

**Family Happy New Year Bingo – Monday: January 12, 7 - 7:45 PM** - Everybody wins and everyone has fun! Who could ask for anything more! Bingo, Library-style! **Family Program.**



**SpyMasters - Tuesday, January 13, 7 - 8 PM** – Are you interested in deciphering cryptic clues, learning surveillance skills, decoding messages and building gadgets used in real spy operations? This new program is for you! **Grades 3–5.**

**Pre-School Open House For Parents of Pre-Schoolers - Wednesday, January 14, 7 – 8:30 PM** - More information on Page 1.

**Math and Science Fun: Winter Beauty - Friday, January 16, 1 - 1:45 PM** - Learn about math and science with stories and fun activities, including the planting of paperwhites. **Ages 2-5 with care giver.**

**Magic Tree House Club – Saturday, January 17, 2:30 - 3:30 PM** – Try to survive a tornado with pioneers on the Midwestern prairie while we attempt Morgan’s 3rd task: seek writing that is “something to learn.” **Grades K – 3.**

**Happy Birthday, Dr. King! – Sunday, January 18, 2 – 3 PM** - Celebrate the birthday of the man who was a pastor, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement through stories and activities. Birthday cake, too! **Family Program.**



**Young Scientists - Tuesday, January 20, 7 - 8 PM** –Break apart molecules with ordinary kitchen ingredients to create a geyser. Beware: this can get messy! **Grades 3– 5.**

**PJ Story Time: Winnie the Pooh – Wednesday, January 21, 6:30 - 7:15 PM** - “A tubby, little cubby, all stuffed with fluff” will be our theme for sharing stories, songs, rhymes, and craft time. Bring your “Willy nilly silly old bear,” or favorite toy, and wear your jammies to join in the fun! **Family Program.**

**Fabulous Fridays! – Friday, January 23, 4 - 5:30 PM** - Stop in anytime to the Children’s Department to create a make & take craft. No need to register! **All Ages.**

**National Handwriting Day - Saturday, January 24, 1 -3 PM** - More information on Page 1. **Ages 7-18.**

**Perler Bead Workshop – Sunday January 25, 2:30 - 3:30 PM** - Colorful little beads can be arranged into tons of shapes and patterns. Make any pattern, character, or creation before adding some applied heat (done by an adult) to make it melt and stick together. **Ages 5 & Up.**

**American Girl–Saturday January 31, 2:30 - 3:30 PM** – Join us for a fun-filled afternoon with games, a craft and a special treat! Bring your favorite doll and invite a friend to come along! **Grades K – 5.**

**The Battle of the Books is back!!**

4th and 5th graders who are interested should have an Allegheny County Library card, form a team of 5, and attend the appropriate informational meeting. Signup sheets will be available at the Children’s Department or at your school library starting January 5.

4th Gr Meeting: **Wednesday, February 4, 7PM**

5th Gr Meeting: **Thursday, February 5, 7PM**

4th Gr Battle: **Wednesday, April 8, 7PM**

5th Gr Battle: **Thursday, April 9, 7PM**



# JANUARY

\*Programs are for teens in grades 6 through 12, unless otherwise noted\*

## REMIX NIGHT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 - 6-9 PM

A **PARTY** that is all about **REMIXING & RE-MAKING!**

Remake a **computer fan** into a **spin art machine!** Remix a **digital video** or **song!** Use **found objects** to tell a new story! And **MORE!**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** \$3 registration fee - covers materials and food.

## No One Told Me! Seminar

What Every Family Needs to Know About Preparing for the Future

MONDAY, JANUARY 26 - 6-8 PM

Learn how to help your child: narrow down major & career choices, find a school, prepare for a college visit, search for scholarships and understand merit & financial aid. **\$20 covers seminar and book. Registration REQUIRED.**

## Writers' Group

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH - 4:30 - 5:30 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH - 6-7 PM

## RECURRING PROGRAMS

### MAKE'N'MORE

Every Tuesday, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

### ANIME CLUB

Wednesday, Jan. 7 & 14- 3:30 - 5 pm

### WHO CLUB

Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 7-8 pm



### TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Make SPL Teen your own. Monday, Jan. 12, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

### JAM SESSION

Sunday, Jan. 18, 1:00-3:00 pm

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2015 TEAM REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE BY 2/6/14!**

# Adult Programs - January 2015

**OASIS Computer Classes** - These classes are currently being scheduled. Please call for information about which class is right for you and how you can sign up.

**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.

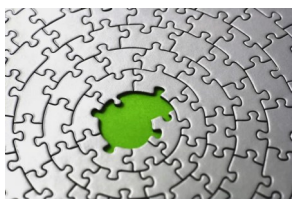
**Need Resume Help?** Call the Reference Desk to make an Appointment with local resume expert Bob Ryan.

**Write Now! - Every Friday, 10:30AM - 12PM** - 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 Afternoon Movies - Every Friday, 3 - 5PM** - Join us every Friday for an old classic or a new flick. Surprise picks this month! No Movie 1/2.

**Sahaja Meditation - Every Saturday, 11AM - 12PM** - Enjoy the silence, peace, and stress release that is always free.

**Puzzle Sundays - Two Sundays, January 4 & 18, 1 PM** - We'll have a puzzle set up in the 1st Floor



Fiction Room two Sundays a month. Come see how much of it you can get done. At the end of the day, the puzzle will be stored for

next time. Do you have some puzzles you'd like to donate? Drop them off at the Reference Desk. No missing pieces please!

**Mystery Book Group - Tuesday, January 13, 7PM** - Please stop at the Reference Desk to order a copy of this month's selection, *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier .

**Conversation Salon - Wednesday, January 14, 10AM** - This interesting group of adults meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Coffee and great discussions!

**Brown Bag Book Group - January 15, 11:30AM** - Bring your lunch and join the discussion led by Rosa Lamour Dorman and Librarian Mary Jean Voigt. This month's book is *Where We Belong* by Emily Giffin and can be ordered at the Reference Desk.

**Poetry Workshop - January 20, 7:00-8:15** - Shirley Stevens, published poet, retired teacher and workshop leader, will present a workshop in which we read poetry models and create our own poems. Bring an object or photograph to the workshop which represents some part of you or represents some facet of your life. Please Register.



**Reiki Healing Exchange – Wednesday, January 21, 6:30PM** - Learn more about Therapeutic Touch and experience a relaxing, peaceful evening. A \$5.00 donation for the library is requested.

**Healthy Aging Exercise - Beginning on Monday, January 26, 10AM - 11AM** - Join us for an eight week exercise program. Barbara Starr, Certified Exercise Instructor by the Arthritis Foundation, will lead participants with exercises that enhance flexibility and strength. A \$10 fee is payable upon registration.

**Teen Reads for Everyone – Monday, January 26, 7PM – 8:30PM** - Please stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a copy of this month's selection, *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. This program is for Teens AND Adults.

**Fourth Tuesday Book Group - Tuesday, January 27, 7PM** - You are invited to join us for lively discussions and interesting insights into a wide variety of books. Stop at the Reference Desk to request a copy of this month's selection, *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

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