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*Great stories start here.*

December  
2014

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 be closed on Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25. The Library will close on Wednesday, December 31 at 5PM.**

**Light Up Night at the Library is Friday, December 5 from 6:00PM - 9:00PM**



Visit the Library to warm up, enjoy refreshments, listen to some music, and make a take-home craft during Light Up Night. On the Main Floor from 6-7PM we'll enjoy a performance by the Quaker Valley Elementary String Ensemble led by Chris Burgh. In the Children's Department we will celebrate our annual Trim-a-Tree Party and a visit from Mrs. Claus and her elf from 6-8PM. From 7-9PM join us in the Reference Area for crafts and a showing of the 1983 cult-classic Christmas film *A Christmas Story*. We triple-dog dare you to bring a friend!

### Great Stories Start Here and Our New Logo by Board Member Larry Castner

Making information available and accessible is one of the central roles of a great library. There is no doubt that Sewickley Public Library is a great library. Library Journal, the premier library magazine for librarians, rated Sewickley Public Library (SPL) as one of the best in the region, in the state and in the country. Our patrons, both by their support and use of the library, made this recognition possible.

The library Board of Directors, in honor of the 15th anniversary of the Expansion and Renovation Project of 1999, thought it was time to evaluate and remake the library image. First we redesigned the library logo. It's an updated and refreshed version of the logo that we began using 15 years ago. The logo features the beautiful architecture of our building with the doors, open to welcome visitors, represented by a book.

Second, we developed a new tagline that you will see on all of our publications and website: "Great stories start here". To kick-off our library story-telling theme, look for a story about the Library from a member of the Board or staff each month in our newsletter. There are also many great stories about the Library that live with our patrons, so we would love to publish your stories as well. What great story do you have about the Library? What great book did you check out from the Library that resonated with you? What program did you attend here that you enjoyed? How did a librarian help you? What connection did you make with help from the Library that made a difference? You can share your story on our website or at the Great



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Stories Wall in the Library. Help us tell our story by telling us your favorite library story.

We are still committed to keeping everyone informed about the Library's new programs, books, media and technology. Library events and articles will still be available on the website, in our newsletter and more. We want to continue to build upon our already strong relationships between the Library and its supporters.

*We're listening ... what's your story?*

## OASIS Teaching Volunteers Needed!



*discover life after 50*

OASIS is a non-profit organization which provides training and course materials for technology classes aimed at people who are 50 years old or older. The OASIS program has been a great success so far.

We started offering OASIS classes in July

2013. Since then, we have been able to offer classes on a variety of topics, from the absolute beginner courses "Getting Acquainted with the Computer" and "Exploring the Internet" to classes on social media, digital photography, Google services, genealogy, and eBay.

We limit the number of students in each class to four (at the most) in order to allow all students one-on-one time with the instructor. The classes are casual and fun, and asking questions along the way is always encouraged. Most students say that they learned new computer skills and feel more confident using computers after taking an OASIS class. OASIS volunteer Mike Carelli said "I see people from our classes, who were previously hesitant to use a computer, using the PCs in the library."

The response to these classes has been overwhelmingly positive. While all of our classes teach important skills, our social media, Internet, and email classes may have the greatest impact on our students, as 81% of them said that they will use the information they learned to stay in touch with family and friends. The most common "complaint"

that our students have is that they wish to see longer classes, held more often.

This program would not be possible without the work of our fantastic volunteers: Mike Carelli, Joe Davies, Ron Kolda, and Cindy Koval. On class surveys, our instructors are consistently rated as "excellent" in knowledge of subject matter, presentation skills, and the level of respect and patience that they show their students. We hope to be able to recruit more volunteers in order to offer classes more often. Cindy Koval said that "Leading a class provides many learning opportunities as well. While assisting others to venture into the online world you expand your own knowledge. It's a very relaxed and supportive atmosphere."

If you are interested in volunteering to teach OASIS classes, please visit us at the library and complete a volunteer application. If you are interested in taking a class, please complete the survey inside our OASIS brochure at the circulation desk.

## Save the Date for These 2015 Programs!

### Pre-School Open House

Wednesday, Jan. 14 @ 7PM

### 4th Grade Battle of Books Info Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 7PM.

### 5th Grade Battle of the Books Info Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7PM.

### 6th Grade Battle of the Books

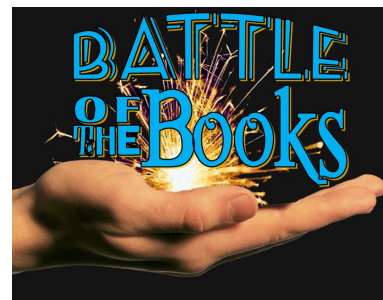
Tuesday, Feb 24 at 7PM

### 7th & 8th Grade Battle of the Books

Wednesday, Feb 25 at 7PM

### High School Battle of the Books

Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30PM



Check out this list of all of our library programs for December 2014. Get more information and register for programs at [www.sewickleylibrary.org/programs](http://www.sewickleylibrary.org/programs)

© Family/Kid Programs

† Teen Programs

◇ Adult Programs

∞ All-Ages Programs

Tea ©

Alone ◇

10:30-Write Now ◇

**Sun. December 7**

5:00-Secret Santa Book Giveaway Deadline†

**Mon. December 8**

6:00-Cookie Swap ∞

7:00-Family Holiday Bingo ©

**Tues. December 9**

9:30-Babies ST ©

10:15-Babies ST ©

1:00-Babies ST ©

3:00-Make N' More†

6:00-Guardians of the Galaxy ∞

6:30-Family Game Night ©

7:00-Mystery Book Group ◇

**Wed. December 10**

9:30-2's Storytime ©

10:00-Conversation Salon ◇

10:15-2's Storytime ©

6:30-PJ Storytime ©

7:00-Doctor Who Christmas ∞

**Thurs. December 11**

9:30-Preschool ST ©

1:00-UFO Projects ◇

1:30-Pre-School ST ©

6:45-Dance Party ©

**Fri. December 12**

10:30-Write Now ◇

3:00-Afternoon Movies: Home

**Sat. December 13**

11:00-Meditation ◇

1:00-Gingerbread House Fun ©

2:00-Gingerbread House Fun ©

**Sun. December 14**

3:00-Dog Tales ©

**Mon. December 15**

6:00-Teen Advisory Council†

7:00-Teen Reads for Everyone ∞

7:00-Name That Tune ©

**Tues. December 16**

9:30-Babies ST ©

10:15-Babies ST ©

1:00-Babies ST ©

3:00-Make N' More

7:00-DIY Christmas†

7:00-Young Scientists ©

**Wed. December 17**

9:30-2's Storytime ©

10:15-2's Storytime ©

3:30-Anime Club†

6:30 Reiki Healing Exchange ◇

6:30-Babies ST ©

**Thurs. December 18**

9:30-Preschool ST ©

11:30-Brown Bag Book Group ◇

1:30-Pre-School ST ©

6:45-Dance Party ©

**Fri. December 19**

**Fri. December 19 (cont'd)**

3:00-Afternoon Movies: White Christmas ◇

**Sat. December 20**

11:00-Meditation ◇

**Sun. December 21**

1:00-Jingle Jam Session†

3:00-Frozen Celebration ©

3:30-Holiday Talent Show Tryouts ©

**Mon. December 22**

7:00-Sewickley's Got Talent ©

**Tues. December 23**

3:00-Make N' More†

**Wed. December 24**

5:00-Library Closes

**Thurs. December 25**

LIBRARY CLOSED

**Fri. December 26**

10:30-Write Now ◇

4:00-Fab Fridays ∞

**Sat. December 27**

11:00-Meditation ◇

**Tues. December 30**

11:00-Al-Mazing ©

3:00-Make N' More†

**Wed. December 31**

11:00-12 Before 12 ©

5:00-Library Closes

**Mon. December 1**

2:00-Sewickley Herald Access 101 ◇

**Tues. December 2**

9:30-Babies ST ©

10:15-Babies ST ©

1:00-Babies ST ©

3:00-Make N' More†

4:00-Wreath Making ©

**Wed. December 3**

9:30-2's Storytime ©

10:15-2's Storytime ©

3:30-Anime Club†

7:00-Chess Night ©

**Thurs. December 4**

9:30-Preschool ST ©

1:30-Pre-School ST ©

6:45-Dance Party ©

**Fri. December 5**

10:30-Write Now ◇

3:00-Afternoon Movies: Elf ◇

6:00-Light Up Night Open House ∞

**Sat. December 6**

9:30-Pennwriters

11:00-Meditation ◇

2:00-American Girl



# Children's Department - December 2014

## Monthly 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: Dec. 17 @ 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 note: Pre-School Story Time on Thursday December 18th is: Holiday Story Time. Please bring ½ dozen cookies to share.

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

**Holiday Wreath Making - Tuesday, December 2, 4 - 5:30PM** - The Watershed Association and the Village Garden Club of Sewickley will help us make holiday wreaths from grapevine frames and fresh evergreens. To further decorate your wreath, you might want to bring a bow or a small holiday decoration.  
Grades 3 - 8



**Chess Night - Wednesday, December 3, 7 - 8PM** - Do you enjoy playing chess? We'll briefly discuss the rules of the game and then get right down to playing! All skill levels welcome! Bring a chess set if you're able. Grades K - 8

**Light up Night Open House Trim the Tree! - Friday, December 5, 6 - 9PM** - Help the Children's Department by making ornaments to trim our trees. This year, we will host Mrs. Claus and her Elf for stories and photos. All-Ages

**American Girl Afternoon Tea - Saturday, December 6, 2 - 3PM** - Dress in your holiday finery, bring your best manners and your favorite doll (any doll). Enjoy tasting the difference between scones, Sally Lunns and other traditional treats. Invite a friend to come along! **Registration requested by December 1st. Grades K - 5**

**Family Happy Holiday Bingo - Monday, December 8, 7 - 7:45PM** - Everybody wins and everyone has fun! Who could ask for anything more! Bingo, Library-style! Family Program

**Family Game Night-Back by Request! - Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 - 8PM** - Bring your favorite game or choose one of ours... from Aggravation to Yahtzee, you're sure to find a "winner" and make some new friends. Family Program

**PJ Story Time: Snow - Wednesday, December 10, 6:30 - 7:15PM** - Let's share stories, songs and rhymes all about Snow. We'll make a snow-related craft and enjoy a delicious snack. Come in your jammies and bring a friend to join in the fun! Family Program

**Gingerbread House Fun - Saturday, December 13, 1PM or 2PM**



- 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 \$2.00 for materials fee per house.**

Caregivers should accompany younger

children

**Dog Tales - Sunday, December 14, 3 - 4PM** - 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**

**Holiday Name that Tune! - Monday, December 15, 7 - 8PM** - How well do you know the music of the season? Come rock around the proverbial Christmas tree and test your skills! Prizes! Please register. Family Program

**Young Scientists - Tuesday, December 16, 7 - 8PM** - As the Winter Solstice approaches join us for some icy science! We will build, and dissect, an iceberg and engineer our own snowflakes. Grades 3 - 5

**Frozen in December Celebration - Sunday, December 21, 2 - 3PM** - Stories about Princess Anna and Queen Elsa. Crafts, too! Toddlers and Preschoolers, with a caregiver



**Holiday Talent Show Tryouts - Sunday: December 21, 3:30 - 4:30PM - You're a star!** Show the Village your skill! A night of talent featuring you! Do you juggle? Tell jokes? Are you a magician? Singer? Dancer? Come and practice for the big show on Monday, December 22 at 7:00PM. Grades K-6

**Sewickley's Got Talent! - Monday, December 22, 7 - 8PM** - The dude in your math class is a magician! The girl who sits in front of you in English can really sing! You will be blown away by the talent right here in our community! Come and see your friends and neighbors showcase their talents! Family Program

**Fabulous Fridays! - Friday, December 26, 4 - 5:30PM** - Stop by the Children's Department anytime to create a make & take craft. *No need to register!* All Ages

**Al Mazing is Back! - Tuesday December 30, 11:30 - 12:30PM** - Pittsburgh's very own magician, Al Mazing, will present great magic, age appropriate comedy, audience interaction, and a show the whole family will love. This program is presented in memory of James R. Phipps through the Logsdon Family Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation. Family Program



**Twelve Before Twelve - Wednesday, December 31, 11AM - 12:30PM** - Ring in the New Year at the library! Join us for a very special New Year's Eve party as we celebrate twelve hours early! There will be activities, stories, and food for the whole family! Family Program

Special Thanks to Robinson's Home and Garden & Safran's Supermarket. They provided the Children's Department with pie pumpkins for our 5th Annual Pumpkin Patch Extravaganza.

Vacation/Boredom Buster Kits- Let us customize a package of materials for you to enhance your vacation, here or there, this holiday season. Call us for more details.

# DECEMBER



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

## Secret Santa Book Giveaway

**SIGN UP AND MAKE YOUR SELECTION BY WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17**

**Make a Blind Date with a Book meets Secret Santa!**

Wanna get your friend something extra special? Select a **BOOK** from our giveaway stash! Wrap it and we'll help you get it to them!

**Book selections are Mon-Friday from 3-5 pm. One gift per person.**

## A CHRISTMAS STORY PARTY

**DURING LIGHT-UP NIGHT 2014 - FRIDAY, DEC. 5TH - 7-9 PM**

Including trivia, snacks, a **You'll Shoot Your Eye Out** target range, flag-pole photobooth, light-up Leg Lamp cards, and more!

## DIY CHRISTMAS

**TUESDAY, DEC. 16 - 7-8 PM**

SPARK up your holiday season with a few great DIY projects: **Ugly Christmas Sweater cookies**, **Christmas stockings**, and **light-up ornaments**. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



## RECURRING PROGRAMS

### Make'n'More

Every Tuesday, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

### ANIME CLUB

Wednesday, Dec. 3 & 17- 3:30 - 5 pm



### DOCTOR WHO Christmas



Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 7-8 pm

## TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Make SPL Teen your own. Monday, Dec. 15, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

## JINGLE JAM SESSION

CAROLING! JAM SESSION STYLE. Sunday, Dec. 21, 1:00-3:00 pm

# Adult Programs - November 2014

**OASIS Computer Classes** - These classes are being scheduled all fall. 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.

**Cookie Swap - Monday, December 8, 6PM** - Do you love to bake but hate making a batch for just yourself? Bring two dozen homemade cookies and the recipe and we'll have a cookie swap! Christmas Music, holiday punch, and friendly company will be on hand. Please Register and bring a copy of the recipe.



**Lawn Chair Movie Night: *Marvel's Guardians of the Galaxy* - Tuesday, December 9, 6PM** - You bring a comfy chair, we'll make the popcorn. *Marvel's Guardians of the Galaxy*: A group of space criminals must work together to stop the fanatical villain Ronan the Accuser from destroying the galaxy. Ages 13 and up. (2014, PG-13, 121min)

**Mystery Book Group - Tuesday, December 9, 7PM** - Please stop at the Reference Desk to order a copy of this month's selection, *Murder at Ford's Theatre* by Margaret Truman.

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

**UFO Projects for the Holidays - Thursday, December 11, 1PM** - Do you have a UFO (unfinished object) that you



are hoping to have ready for Christmas or Hanukkah? if so, you can bring it along to the library's BYOP (bring your own project) session in the Community Room on

December 11th anytime from 1-5 p.m. Join us for coffee, tea, cookies, and socializing while we (hopefully) finish a project -- anything you can bring along is fine -- knitting, crocheting, embroidery, scrapbooking, card making -- whatever you have.

**Teen Reads for Everyone - Monday, December 15, 7PM - 8:30PM** - Please stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a copy of this month's selection, *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. This program is for Teens AND Adults.

**Reiki Healing Exchange - Wednesday, December 17, 6:30PM** - Learn more about Therapeutic Touch and experience a relaxing, peaceful evening. A \$5.00 donation for the library is requested.

**Brown Bag Book Group - December 18, 11:30AM** - Bring your lunch and join the discussion led by Rosa Lamour Dorman and Librarian Mary Jean Voigt. This month's book is *Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward and can be ordered at the Reference Desk.



**Sewickley Herald Access 101 - Monday, December 1, 2PM** - Learn how to access the newly digitized Sewickley Herald! Participants will be able to learn as they search for names, address, and other Sewickley news items from yesteryear. Please Register.

**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. **12/5 - Elf** - After inadvertently wreaking havoc on the elf community due to his ungainly size, a man raised as an elf at the North Pole is sent to the U.S. in search of his true identity. (2003, PG, 95min.)

**12/12 - Home Alone** - An 8-year-old boy who is accidentally left behind while his family flies to France for Christmas must defend his home against idiotic burglars. (1990, PG, 103min)

**12/19 - White Christmas** - A successful song-and-dance team become romantically involved with a sister act and team up to save the failing Vermont inn of their former commanding general. (1954, NR, 120min)

**PennWriters Workshop - Saturday, December 6, 9:30AM** - In this workshop, Daniel Foytik will talk about how he turned his passion for storytelling into podcasting as-platform-building. He'll talk about how these strategies can be used to help us writers do the same, as well as help develop your style and confidence as both a writer and public reader of your work. No Need to Register.

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



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family pet and friend.

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in memory of **Scott G. Lockerman**.

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