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February
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Monday-Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

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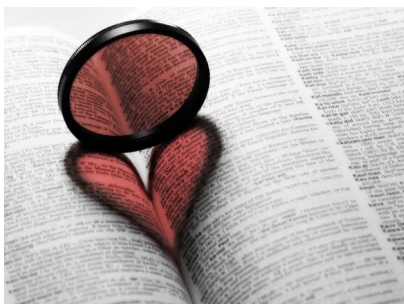
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42nd Annual Allegheny County Chess Tournament for Grades K-8

The Sewickley Public Library will host a chess tournament for children in Kindergarten through 8th grade on **Saturday, February 7 from 1PM to 4PM**. It will be broken into two divisions: the junior division for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade and the senior division for children in 5th through 8th grade. All skill levels welcome! The first place winners from both divisions are invited to participate in a county-wide tournament. Last year, our winners in the various divisions were: **Senior Division** – 1st Place: Noah Adalbert and 2nd Place: Dylan Arnett; **Junior Division** – 1st Place: Ritvik Mahapatra and 2nd Place: Mohamed Elsayed. Congratulations everyone! **You must register to participate in the tournament.**



February Book Lovers Book Sale

Stock up on books for your late winter reading! Sponsored by the Friends of the Sewickley Public Library with all proceeds benefiting the Library. The sale will run from **Friday, 2/13 to Sunday, 2/15**. Sunday is Bag Sale Day! Fill a bag for \$5!

February is Library Lovers Month!

Will you be our Valentine? Leave us messages in our various valentine jars. We'll share our favorite responses.

Share Your Love with the Soldiers

It's almost Valentine's Day! On **Thursday, February 12 at 7PM**, take a minute and share some love overseas by writing a letter or making a card to send in a care package to brave military men and women. Caroline Ydstie from Letters to Soldiers will be here to share her stories and show us how to share our support!

Libraries of the 21st Century: Allegheny County Libraries

By Board Member Tom Szuba

In 2014, after many months of studies, the 21st Century County-City Library Service Committee concluded that libraries in Allegheny County are important and highly valued. The study was initiated by the Allegheny County Library Association (of which Sewickley Public Library is a member) and the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to address important shifts in library services in the face of decreasing funding.

The county report identified these common attributes for the 45 libraries across Allegheny County:

- Public Libraries are important and highly valued.
- Shifts in technology, user behavior, and educational priorities are changing the work of libraries.
- Not all Allegheny County libraries meet state standards for library service.



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- Funding for county-wide services provided centrally, such as shipping and technology, are not keeping up with costs.
- Increased demands on local government and municipal budgets impact local funding for libraries.
- Some municipalities provide no direct support for library service.

To address the issue of equitable access to library services for all residents of Allegheny County, the panel made a several recommendations:

- Establish baseline standards for library service in Allegheny County.
- Combine the county-wide services of the Allegheny County Library Association, District Services, and the eiNetwork into one integrated entity.
- Identify and secure new and equitable funding sources for all library service in Allegheny County.

The Sewickley Public Library Board of Directors is also considering what a library of the 21st Century looks like. We agree that the Sewickley Public Library is important to, and highly valued by, our community—including patrons from Sewickley, throughout the Quaker Valley School District, and other communities in the vicinity. We strive to provide state-of-the-art services while working within our existing budget. As we move into 2015, however, it is our hope to increase fundraising so that we can continue to be a treasure to our community while becoming a shining example of a 21st Century Library. Please join us in these efforts.

Need Some New Reads? Try Matchbook

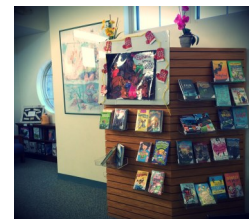
This personalized book suggestion service is available for all ages and can be accessed at

www.sewickleylibrary.org/matchbook

Changes in the Children's Department

Stop by the Children's Department and discover some differences. Thanks to the Massey Family we have some new bookcases at the front of the department. We are striving to make that area friendlier for our elementary age children. There is some comfortable seating in front

of the bookcases and there will be displays highlighting popular materials. Come, make yourself at home. In the process, we have moved the easy readers to the beginning of the fiction section. Fiction will follow alphabetically by author. Let us know what you think.



2014 Tax information

2014 Tax Forms are expected to arrive by February 1.

We expect to receive our usual amount and variety of PA Tax forms. This year, the IRS has made the decision to send us considerably fewer forms and booklets.

THERE WILL BE NO 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ INSTRUCTION BOOKLETS or Schedules A, B, C, etc.

You can obtain these forms yourself via the following methods. We cannot print free copies of these booklets.

- IRS.gov/Forms – to view and download
- IRS.gov/orderforms – to order tax products to be delivered by mail
- 1-800-829-3676 – to order tax products to be delivered by mail

The forms that they do send us will be located in the Copy Room (Assistive Technology Center) as soon they come in. If you don't want to wait, you can print your forms from the IRS and PA Tax Websites.

Thank You to This Month's Donors

Memorial Donations

Hartley P. Walker, in memory of Kenneth Cormack.

The Behme Family, in memory of Duane Foy.

The Robby Hague Memorial Scholarship Fund, to the Friends of Sewickley Public Library, in memory of Robby Hague.

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Stephen and Teresa Tunick, in memory of Justin Restauri.

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The Winter Reading Program for Adults Starts February 16

Why should Summer Reading have all of the fun? Curl up with a good book and read the whole winter long! Help us reach our community goal of reading 2,015 minutes between **February 16 and March 30**. Sign up now at

www.sewickleylibrary.org/winter-reading-program

WINTER READING PROGRAM 2/16-3/30

Children's Department - February 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: Feb. 25 @ 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.

Dance Party - Thursdays: 6:45PM - Toddlers and Preschoolers with a caregiver come and dance the night away!

Please Register for the following programs unless otherwise noted.

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.

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

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

Pokemon League-Two Thursdays: February 5 & 19, 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.

No Registration. All-Ages, Ages 5 and under, with Adult.



Magic Tree House Club – Saturday, February 7, 10 - 11:30 AM – Visit 1906 San Francisco's trolley cars, Golden Gate Park,... and earthquakes and fires!! We'll also find the 4th special kind of writing for Morgan's Library, make a craft, and enjoy a light snack. Grades K – 3.

42nd Annual Allegheny County Chess Tournament - Saturday, February 7, 1 - 4 PM - Please see page 1 for more information.

Dog Tales – Sunday, February 8, 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 Bingo - Monday, February 9, 7 - 7:45 PM - Come one, come all for Valentine Bingo! Prizes! Fun! Love! Family Program.

SpyMasters - Tuesday, February 10, 7 - 8 PM – Increase your SpyMaster skills in Undercover Communications. Create a blind code. Perform a dead drop. This new program is for you! Grades 3– 5.

Chess Night – Wednesday, February 11, 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.

Toddler & Pre-K Fitness – Saturday, February 14 & 28, 10 – 10:30 AM - We will stretch, move around, groove to some games, and have fun together. No need to register! Ages 2 – Pre-K, with Care Provider.

Make Your Own Valentine's Candy – Saturday, February 14, 2 – 3 PM - Want to make something personal for that special someone? We will make special candies, chocolates, and an origami box to hold all your treasures. \$1.00 for materials fee per child. Grades 1 – 5.



Black History Month Celebration! - Sunday, February 15, 2 - 3 PM - Celebrate the rich heritage of African Americans through games, make-and-takes and stories. Family Program.

PJ Story Time: Pets – Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 - 7:15 PM - Let's share

stories, songs, and rhymes all about pets.

We will make a pet-themed craft and

enjoy a yummy snack. If possible, bring in a picture of your pet(s), or your favorite animal, for show-n-tell and wear your jammies to join in the fun! Family Program.



Pre-School Math and Science- Measuring- Friday, February 20, 1 - 1:45 PM - We will explore various ways to measure. Ages 2-5, with caregiver.

American Girl: Samantha – Saturday, February 21, 2:30 - 3:30 PM – Prepare for Women's History month with Samantha and her Aunt Cornelia by celebrating the women in your own family and creating a keepsake for the future. Bring your favorite doll and invite a friend to come along! Grades K – 5.

Young Scientists - Tuesday, February 24, 7 - 8 PM –Can you believe what you see? Explore night vision and enjoy optical illusions... and discover the science behind them! Grades 3– 5.

Fabulous Fridays! – Friday, February 27, 4 - 5:30 PM - Stop in anytime to the Children's Department to create a make & take craft. No need to register! All Ages.

Puppet Happening Show by Tom Sarver and Michael Cuccaro - Saturday, February 28, 2 PM OR 3:30 PM - Shows are free, but please call the children's department for a reservation. Seating begins 15 minutes before show time. Shows run approximately 30 minutes. Puppeteers will be available for Q & A after the shows. Ages 5 and Up.

FEBRUARY

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

MAKE A BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK



SURVEYS DUE BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP BY FRIDAY, FEB. 13TH



We've got the perfect proposal for you: Sign-up for Blind Date with a Book and receive a mystery **FREE BOOK** to take home and enjoy. Your perfect match will be waiting for you in the Teen Department on Friday, February 13th- Just in time for VALENTINE'S DAY! Registration required.

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♥ BattleSHIPS

THURSDAY, FEB 19 - 7-8 PM

Who are you shippin'? Destiel? Captain Swan? Troyler? Olicity? Stydia? Nominate your favorite would-be couples from TV, movies, books, YouTube, and MORE. We'll have a tournament to officially declare the GREATEST SHIP OF THEM ALL. Plus MILKSHAKES!



Writers' Group

FRIDAY, FEB. 13TH - 4:30 - 5:30 PM
MONDAY, FEB. 23RD - 6-7 PM

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Make'n'More

Every Tuesday, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

ANIME CLUB

Wednesday, Feb. 4 & 18- 3:30 - 5 pm

WHO CLUB

Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 7-8 pm



TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Make SPL Teen your own. Monday, Feb. 9, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

JAM SESSION

Sunday, Feb. 22, 1:00-3:00 pm

BOB 2015 Dates are: 6th Grade - 2/24, 7th & 8th Grade - 2/25 & HS 3/4

Adult Programs - February 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 at the Reference Desk.

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

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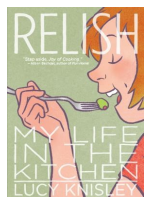
This Month's Programs

Puzzle Sundays - Two Sundays, February 1 & 15, 1 PM - We'll have a puzzle set up in the Reference Area 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!

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.

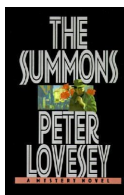
Friday Afternoon Movies - Every Friday, 3 - 5PM - Join us every Friday for an old classic or a new flick. Surprise picks this month!

Sahaja Meditation - Every Saturday, 11AM - 12:30PM - Enjoy the silence, peace, and stress release that is always free.



Teen Reads for Everyone - Monday, February 9, 7PM - 8:30PM - Please stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a copy of this month's selection, *Relish: My Life in the Kitchen* by Lucy Knisley. This program is for Teens AND Adults.

Mystery Book Group - Tuesday, February 10, 7PM - Please stop at the Reference Desk to order a copy of this month's selection, *The Summons* by Peter Lovesey.



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

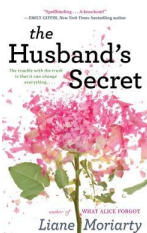
eFiling 101: Introduction to Electronic Tax Filing -

Wednesday, February 18, 1 - 3 PM - Having a difficult time finding paper tax forms and booklets? Electronic filing might be an easier option than you think! Join us for an introduction to electronic tax filing. We will review the options available to you and what you'll need to file your 2014 taxes. This will include information on Federal, State, and Local income tax filing. We'll discuss security and technology concerns. 1-on-1 assistance will be available after the class. We are not able to offer personal tax advice. Please register.



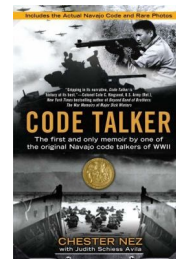
Reiki Healing Exchange - Wednesday, February 18, 6:30PM - Learn more about Therapeutic Touch and experience a relaxing, peaceful evening. A \$5.00 donation for the library is requested.

Brown Bag Book Group - Thursday, February 19, 11:30AM - Bring your lunch and join the discussion led by Rosa Lamour Dorman and Librarian Mary Jean Voigt. This month's book is *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty and can be ordered at the Reference Desk.



Pennwriters Workshop: In a Word, with Candace Banks - Saturday, February 21, 10AM - IN A WORD is an interactive workshop that explores the virtues of economy and brevity as techniques you can use to help make the most of your every word, whether you're depicting characters, character interaction and relationships, thickening your plot, describing a setting or creating a "gotcha" moment that will grab your readers. Bring a notebook and a couple pages of your own writing and, if you like, an example or two of economy and brevity at work in your own favorite writers. Please Register.

Fourth Tuesday Book Group - Tuesday, February 24, 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, *Code Talker* by Chester Nez.



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The Schillo Girls.

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