The Library will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents Day.

43rd Annual Allegheny County Chess Tournament - Saturday, February 6, 1 - 4PM

The Sewickley Public Library will host the 43rd Annual Allegheny County Chess Tournament for children in Kindergarten—8th grade. There will be two divisions: the Junior division for Kindergarten—4th grade and the Senior division for 5th—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: Bruce David and 2nd Place: Ben Black; Junior Division – 1st Place: Ritvik Mahapatra and 2nd Place: Angelina Chen. Congratulations everyone!

Friends of the Library Book Lovers Book Sale is back!

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, 2/12 to Sunday, 2/14. Sunday is Bag Sale Day! Fill a bag for $5!

My Library Story

By Board Member Sarah Stoessel Heres

We each have our own library story. Where was your first library experience? Many first time library experiences happen as a very young child. A parent, grandparent, caregiver, relative or friend takes the small hand of a child and opens the doors to a lifetime of visiting libraries. My first library was at the corner of Montana Avenue and 17th Street in Santa Monica, California. Built in 1960, the library was an expansion of the Santa Monica Public Library system established in 1895 -- some years after Sewickley was organized as a library. How remarkable to discover that Pittsburgh philanthropist Andrew Carnegie provided a $12,500 grant in 1903 for the Santa Monica Public Library system to erect a library building. In Pittsburgh, we’ve seen Mr. Carnegie’s commitment to public libraries; it turns out that he impacted communities across the country as well.

As a child, I spent many afternoons and weekends visiting the local library, borrowing books and enjoying the quiet and relaxed setting with every visit. During my high school years I spent many hours studying and making use of the resources of the Concord, Massachusetts Free Public Library. This community is also well known for its literary residents, Thoreau, Emerson and Alcott. Wherever I’ve lived, the local public library has always been a welcoming, familiar place, ready to lend me books and resources, in a safe and comfortable setting.

What takes place in these treasured library spaces is still very much the same as my first visit, yet also much more. Gathering for a story hour, using reference services, checking out a best seller, or spending time in a quiet yet public space has expanded to include activities that use words such as innovation, collaboration and technology. Today and throughout our lives, local libraries, including our Sewickley Public Library, play a vital role in the daily lives of citizens, people like you and me.
2015 Tax Forms Information

2015 Tax Forms are expected to arrive by February 1.

You can also 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 the IRS and Pennsylvania send the Library 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.

Special Thanks Deserved

The Children’s Department would like to thank the Village Garden Club and the Watershed Association for providing materials for the Holiday Wreath Making program in December. It was a great success!

The Teen and Adult Departments would like to thank the Vanguard Theater for donating two tickets to Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens on the film’s opening night. The tickets were given away as a grand prize to the winners of the trivia contest at the Star Wars Xmas party on December 13. They would also like to thank Jennifer Berg for help with set up before the program and Big Shot Bob’s House of Wings in Coraopolis for donating the Vader Taters (Bacon Ranch Cheese Tots).

Memorial Donations

Jeffrey and Patrick Greene,
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**We would like to thank everyone who gave to the Library in memory of David Murdoch in December:**

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**We would also like to thank everyone who gave to the Library’s Annual Campaign in December:**

Frances Amatucci

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Children’s Department Programs

Make Your Own POP-UP Valentines Cards – Saturday, February 13, 3 – 4PM - Create your very own POP-UP Valentines cards for that special someone this year. We will go over a few simple techniques before you go craft-crazy on your cards. Make as many as you can. Grades 3-5.

Dog Tales – Sunday, February 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 and up with Adult.

Do You Wanna Build a Snowman? – Tuesday, February 16, 7 – 8PM - Stop by the library for some hot chocolate and stay for a craft—we’ll be building a snowman out of marshmallows! Family Program.

PJ Story Time: Fractured Fairy Tales – Wednesday, February 17, 6:30 – 7:15PM - You will be BLOWN AWAY by these ‘BrOkEn’ fairy tales in our stories and songs. Enjoy making a craft and eating a snack while being bundled up in your jammies! Family Program.

Learn to Code with iPads - Tuesday, February 23, 7 – 8PM - Learn to code with iPad (even if you’ve never coded before in your life!) Coding is what makes it possible to create computer software, apps, and websites. It’s becoming an important skill to have, and we’ll learn how to do it with coding apps designed for kids! Limited space available. Grades 3-5.

Fabulous Fridays! – Friday, February 26, 4 – 5:30PM - Need something to do late Friday afternoon? Stop in anytime to the Children’s Department to create a make & take craft. No need to register! All Ages.

Paper Beads Galore – Sunday, February 28, 2 – 3PM - We will supply the materials, you bring your hands to make as many paper beads as you can for bracelets, necklaces, keychains, etc. Make it for yourself or someone else. Grades 3-5.

Family Programs

Chess Night – Wednesday, February 3, 7 – 8PM - 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.

43rd Annual Allegheny County Chess Tournament - Saturday, February 6, 1 - 4PM - Please see page 1 for more information. Grades K – 8.

Healthy Bodies and Minds! – Sunday, February 7, 2 - 3PM - Healthy food stories and exercise! Have your New Year’s resolutions to get fit fallen by the wayside? No worries! Let’s start again! Family Program.

Valentine Bingo – Monday, February 8, 7:30 – 8:30PM - Do you LOVE Bingo? If so, you will want to be here for our Valentine’s Day edition! Please register. Family Program.

Young Scientists: Valentine’s Day - Tuesday, February 9, 7 – 8PM - Join us for a special edition of Young Scientists, just in time for Valentine’s Day! We’ll make crystal hearts with borax, and create magic inflating conversation hearts using alka seltzer! Grades 3 - 5.

All-Star Saturday Storytimes – Saturdays, February 13 & 27, 10:30 – 11AM - On the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month come to our new special storytime! There will be a unique theme each time, including music, rhymes, and activity/craft. For February, ‘Hugs & Kisses’ will be on the 13th and ‘Funny Ha-Ha!’ will be on the 27th. After our literary adventures, stay to play and make new friends! No need to register! All Ages with care provider.

Parachute Play – Mondays: 6:45 - 7:15PM
Ring around our big parachute! Music and songs and a lot of fun! Toddlers and Preschoolers, with a caregiver.

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. 24 @ 6:30PM

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 unless otherwise noted.
FEbruary

Make A Blind Date With A Book

Surveys Due by Monday, February 8th
Books Available for Pick-up by Friday, Feb. 12th

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 on Friday, February 12th—Just in time for Valentine's Day!

Registration required.

Humans vs. Zombies
Valentines Day of the Dead

Saturday, February 13th- 7-9 PM

Humans vs. Zombies is back and just in time to celebrate the holiday with plenty of heart and BRAAinNNNSSS.
Can you survive a zombie invasion?
Or will the zombies chew-chew choose you??
Play as a human or a zombie! Registration Required!

Writers' Group

Friday, Feb. 12th - 4:30 - 5:30 PM
Monday, Feb. 29th - 6-7 PM

RecurrIng Programs

Make 'n' More
Every Wednesday, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Anime Club
Tuesday, Feb. 2 & 16 - 3:30 - 5 pm

Who Club
Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 7-8 pm

Teen Advisory Council
Make SPL Teen your own. Monday, Feb. 22, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Gay-Straight Alliance
Every Wednesday at 4:30 pm

Bob 2016 @ QVMS:
6th Grade - 2/23  7th/8th Grade - 2/24  HS - 3/1
Spanish Speaking Group – Every Monday, 10:30AM - Informal Spanish conversation group for all speaking abilities. ¡Vamos a hablar español!

Query Club/Sewickley Public Library Speakers’ Series – Mondays, February 1 & 22, 7PM - You are welcome to join us to listen to stimulating talks and enjoy refreshments during an intermission break. 2/1 - Spy Planes by Larry Knotts and Corporate Spies by Sandy Inman. 2/22 - George Washington’s Spies by Mary Anne Riley and Edward Snowden by John Orndorff.

Tai Chi for Health Review – February 9 - March 1, 11AM - Keep up your Tai Chi skills over the winter. Come for a review of the basics with instructor Pat Farkas. $10 fee covers all of the sessions. Please Register.

Cinema Circle Film Screening - Thursday, February 4, 6PM – Tokyo Story - An old couple visit their children and grandchildren in the city; but the children have little time for them. (1953, NR, 136min.)

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 Afternoon Movies - Every Friday, 3:00PM – During the months of January and February we will be watching Academy Award Winners. 2/5 - The Sting - In Chicago in September 1936, a young con man seeking revenge for his murdered partner teams up with a master of the big con to win a fortune from a criminal banker. (1973, PG, 129min) 2/19 - Chariots of Fire - Two British track athletes, one a determined Jew and the other a devout Christian, compete in the 1924 Olympics. (1981, PG, 125min.) 2/26 - Life is Beautiful - When an open-minded Jewish librarian and his son become victims of the Holocaust, he uses a perfect mixture of will, humor and imagination to protect his son from the dangers around their camp. (1997, PG-13, 116min.)

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

Puzzle Sundays - Every Sunday - Help us finish the puzzle in the Reference Area.

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

Sewickley Genealogy Group – Wednesday, February 10, 7PM - Both beginners and experienced family history lovers are welcome. Please Register via vanbrugh1600@gmail.com or 412-741-3400.

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

Cinema Circle Film Discussion – Thursday, February 18, 6PM - Join us for a new forum focusing on foreign, independent, and lesser-known films. This month’s film: Tokyo Story.

Mensa Admissions Testing - Saturday, February 20, 2PM - Take the official Mensa Admission Test to see if you qualify. Mensa is an international society whose only qualification for membership is a score in the top 2 percent of the general population on a standardized intelligence test. $40 Administrative fee for testing. You must register by emailing Robin at wpamensatest@gmail.com.

Coloring Outside the Lines – Monday, February 22, 1PM - Come sit by the fire with a cuppa and color to your heart's content. Meets at 1PM on the Fourth Monday of every month. Colored pencils, coloring pages, and tea will be provided.

February Book Groups

Mystery Book Group - Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7PM - Wish You Were Here by Rita Mae Brown

Get Lit - Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7PM at Sidelines Beer House – Winter’s Bone by Daniel Woodrell

Brown Bag Book Group – Thursday, Feb. 18, 11:30AM - Still Life by Louise Penny

Fourth Tuesday Book Group - Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7PM - Winterdance by Gary Paulsen
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Eat At Bruegger’s and Help Raise Funds for the Library
Sewickley Bruegger’s and the Friends of the Sewickley Public Library are getting together to raise money for the Library. You can help the Library, just by eating at Bruegger’s on select Saturdays! Fundraisers will take place on the first Saturday of every month. All you have to do is bring a coupon to Bruegger’s on the fundraising Saturday and 15% of your total purchase will go to the Friends of the Sewickley Public Library. Now, it’s really easy to help your Library just by eating a bagel. Don’t forget to bring a coupon and eat at Bruegger’s.

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