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PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

**DECEMBER 2016**

*Great stories start here.*

*Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker Valley School District*

**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 December 2 to prepare for Light Up Night. The Library will be closed on Saturday, December 24 and Sunday, December 25.**

## **Light Up Night 2016 is Friday, December 2**

Visit the Library from 6PM to 9PM to warm up, enjoy a cookie, and make a take-home craft during Light Up Night. In the Children's Department we will celebrate our annual Trim-a-Tree Party. There will also be a holiday movie and a paper craft table for teens and grown-ups near the Reference Desk. Enjoy music ensembles from Chris Burgh's QVSD Youth Ensemble and more.



## **A Cat Lady Christmas**

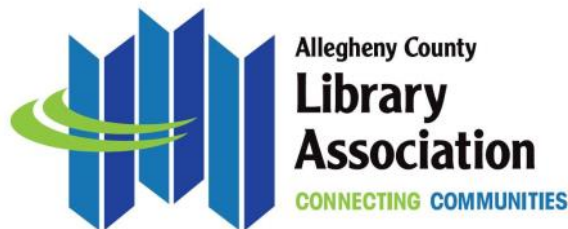
Join us on **Thursday, December 8 at 7PM** to help your CAT celebrate the season with an hour of CHRISTMAS CAT CRAZINESS! Create crafty presents for your kitty, while enjoying cat-themed snacks, favorite cat videos, a fun, furry photobooth and MORE! Ages 10 and Up. Please, no furry friends!

## **What is ACLA and Why is it "One Thing I Love about SPL"?**

**By Board President Larry Castner**

The mission of the Sewickley Library is to be a center for lifelong learning. An ambitious goal but we get lots of help through the other libraries in Allegheny County. We belong to a federated library system of 45 public libraries delivering service in more than 70

locations called the Allegheny County Library Association, or ACLA for short. Member libraries include the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, which has 19 locations, and 44 other libraries and their branches located outside the City of Pittsburgh throughout Allegheny County. Each library is independent and has its own board of directors. As a consortium, ACLA members share a countywide catalog, jointly offer downloadable books, audios, and videos as well as online databases, and provide a diverse calendar of programming events and more.



So when I go onto the computer catalog to find that new bestseller, I may end up getting that book not from the extensive collection of the Sewickley Library but from a library in Monroeville or Mt. Lebanon. And to make it sweeter, there is no charge for the delivery. As a lifelong resident of Southwestern Pennsylvania, I am always amazed when folks actually cross a river or go through a tunnel. But that is often what happens to get me my book.

But the ACLA consortium is also the way that online books and audio are made available to everyone the county. It would be cost-prohibitive for each library to maintain multiple copies of the best seller I want to read in all formats – hard cover, paperback, ebook and eaudio as well as the movie that was made from that book. But with the collective buying power of all of the libraries in Allegheny County, Sewickley Library can make all formats available to our patrons. This particularly makes sense with e-resources and databases. With input from the ACLA members, ACLA acquires the e-resources and manages to make them available to everyone in the County. While this can sometimes mean a short delay to get the latest Lee Child novel, I always have several books in my queue and find that I usually don't have a long wait. I love to download audio books to my iPod to listen to when walking my dogs or out on a bike ride. Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't give a big shout out to our great Library staff who is always ready to help folks learn how to use their new technology. So when you get that new tablet for the holidays, you should plan to schedule a sit down with a Librarian who will help you figure out how to make best use of your new gift.



## **A Change in Direction**

**By Director Carolyn Toth**

In 2009 Sewickley Public Library (SPL) was asked by the Allegheny County Library Association to oversee the management of the Sto-Rox Library. At the time, the Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA) was not in a position to assist in the management of libraries. Since SPL is considered by ACLA to be a stable, highly functioning library in our region, we were asked if they could utilize some of our expertise and resources to assist in managing the Sto-Rox Library. After negotiating a contract for services and fees, the SPL Board of Directors agreed to do so. Since 2010 the Sewickley Public Library Board and staff have been guiding and shepherding the Sto-Rox Library by overseeing their operations including but not limited to finances, management, cataloging and operations. However, at the end of this year SPL and the Sto-Rox Library will be ending our relationship.

Sto-Rox will be shifting to ACLA's Library management services effective January 1, 2017. As an SPL Board member notes, under SPL guidance the Sto-Rox Library has money in the bank to assist them with a move to a newer building and two more part time paid staff members (for a total of four) than they had in 2010. SPL was pleased to be able to assist our neighbors by guiding their growth and to keep library services flowing for the McKees Rocks /Stowe Township area for six years. We wish the Sto-Rox Library continued success.



# **STO-ROX LIBRARY**

# Children's Department - **DECEMBER** 2016

Don't forget to order your holiday travel kits, grandparent kits or boredom buster kits to enhance your holiday season with materials to keep the family happy.

## **Holiday Raffle**

Stop by the Children's Department to pick up a ticket for our "Holiday Raffle Basket," included in the basket is a Fire HD7, 7 books & a Willy Wonka & Chocolate Factory DVD Blu-Ray. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of books for the Children's Department. Raffle will be drawn on December 20th. Raffle Items worth over \$128.00

## **Save the Date for These 2017 Programs!**

Pre-School Open House -Wed., 1/18, at 7PM

4th Grade Battle of Books Info Meeting- Thurs., 1/26, at 7PM.

5th Grade Battle of the Books Info Meeting-Tues., 1/31 at 7PM.

## **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.

**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.*

**Green Programs are for School-Aged Children**

**Purple Programs are for Families**

**Blue Programs are for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschool Children.**

**Light up Night Open House Trim the Tree! - Friday, December 2, 6-9PM**— Help decorate the Children's Department by making ornaments to trim our trees. [ALL-AGES.](#)

**Holiday Wreath Making - Monday, December 5, 4-5:30PM** - The Watershed Association and the Village Garden Club of Sewickley will show us how to make our own holiday wreaths, from grapevine frames, using fresh evergreens. To further decorate your wreath, you might want to bring a bow or a small holiday decoration. [GRADES 3-8](#)

**Mighty Math – Mondays, December 5, 12 & 19, 6:45-7:15PM** - Early math concepts for toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers! Lots of fun with numbers and more! [TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS, WITH A CAREGIVER.](#)

**Lego WeDo - Tuesday, December 6, 7-8PM** - Lego Night, with a twist! Experiment with Legos and technology! Learn more about programming and robotics. [GRADES 3-5.](#)

**Chess Night - Wednesday, December 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-5.](#)

**Pre-School Science Fun – Friday, December 9, 1- 1:45PM** – Create Holiday cards using shapes and patterns. [AGES 3-5 WITH A CAREGIVER.](#)

**Holiday Great Escape, Friday, December 9, 7-8PM** - Can you escape? For the first time ever, we're hosting a special after-hours holiday themed "Great Escape," Bring your friends, complete the challenge, and enjoy some treats. [GRADES 4 & 5.](#)

**Gingerbread House Fun - Saturday, December 10, 1 - 2PM or 2:30-3:30PM** - 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. \$2.00 materials fee per house. [FAMILY PROGRAM.](#)

**Dog Tales - Sunday, December 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 CAREGIVER.](#)

**Christmas Cards & Letters to Santa, Monday, December 12, 4-5PM** - Have fun making Christmas cards to give loved ones & learn the techniques to properly address an envelope to Santa at the North Pole. Afterwards, we'll share some hot cocoa and cookies. [GRADES 3-5.](#)

**Lego WeDo - Tuesday, December 13, 7-8PM** - Lego Night, with a twist! Experiment with Legos and technology! Learn more about programming and robotics. [GRADES K-2.](#)

**Baby & Toddler Sensory Time - Wednesday, December 14, 6-7 PM** - Stop in at any time during this hour long sensory experience! Babies and toddlers can play and explore our various sensory stations that will encourage your little one's curiosity and sense of wonder through touch, sight and sound. [BABIES & TODDLERS WITH CAREGIVER.](#)

**American Girl: Holiday Tea - Saturday, December 17, 1-2PM OR 2:30-3:30PM** - Dress in your holiday finest, bring your best manners and favorite doll (any doll), and enjoy savory traditional treats from bygone eras. Please bring your own tea cup if able. There is a \$1.00 materials fee for this program. *Registration required by December 12.* [GRADES K-5.](#)

**Young Scientists: Marshmallow Engineering - Tuesday, December 27, 7-8PM** - Build a Marshmallow tower with mini marshmallows and toothpicks! Or a marshmallow catapult! Or whatever you want... as long as it's with marshmallows! [GRADES 3-5.](#)

**Holiday Movie Madness!!!** - Looking for something to do between Christmas and New Year's? Join us for an afternoon of holiday movies & popcorn! [FAMILY PROGRAM.](#)

**Tuesday, December 27, 1PM - Mickey's Christmas Carol - G**  
**Thursday, December 29, 1PM - Santa Buddies – G**

**Holiday Magic Show, Wednesday December 28, 11:30-12:30PM** - AL MAZING is coming back to our library. He will present fantastic magic with age appropriate comedy, audience interaction, and a show the whole family will love. [FAMILY PROGRAM.](#)

**Twelve Before Twelve - Saturday, 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.](#)



# SPL TEEN IN DECEMBER

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12,  
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

## HOLIDAY ESCAPE ROOM

TEST YOUR WITS AND ESCAPE BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH (7-9 PM)

### A CAT LADY CHRISTMAS

THURS, DEC. 8 (7-8 PM)



Help your CAT  
celebrate the season  
with an hour of  
CHRISTMAS CAT  
CRAZINESS!

Create crafty presents  
for your kitty, while  
enjoying cat-themed snacks,  
favorite cat videos, a fun, furry  
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### TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

MONDAY, DEC. 19 - 6-7 PM

MAKE A DIFFERENCE @ YOUR LIBRARY

### ANIME CLUB

TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 6 & 20  
3:30 - 5 PM



### Young Writers' Group



FRI, DEC. 9 - 4:30 - 5:30 PM

### Cook It!

PREP IT. COOK IT. EAT IT!

THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 8 & 22  
4-5 PM



## ADULT PROGRAMS - DECEMBER 2016

**Senior Computer Club - Every Thursday, 11AM** - Join Norm Mast for the weekly Senior Computer Club (SCC). Designed for those who are interested in expanding their knowledge of computers and the Internet, this club welcomes all adults and seniors to participate.

**Write Now! - Every Friday, 10:30AM** - Conducted by Jeanne Zell, participants enjoy writing from suggested prompts in an encouraging and supportive atmosphere.

**Totally 80s Christmas! - Every Friday, 3PM** - Get in the Spirit of the Season with these rad films.



**12/2 - National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** - The Griswold family's plans for a big family Christmas predictably turn into a big disaster. (PG-13, 1989, 1hr. 37min.)

**12/9 - Scrooged** - A selfish, cynical T.V. executive is haunted by three spirits bearing lessons on Christmas Eve. (PG-13, 1988, 1hr. 41min.)

**12/16 - Gremlins** - A boy inadvertently breaks three important rules concerning his new pet and unleashes a horde of malevolently mischievous monsters on a small town. (PG, 1984, 1hr. 46min.)

**12/23 - Prancer** - A farm girl nurses a wounded reindeer she believes is one of Santa's, hoping to bring it back to health in time for Christmas. Her holiday spirit inspires those around her, something her disheartened father is having trouble understanding. (G, 1989, 1hr. 43min.)

**12/30 - Ghostbusters II** - The discovery of a massive river of ectoplasm and a resurgence of spectral activity allows the staff of Ghostbusters to revive the business. (PG, 1989, 1hr.48min.)

**Sahaja Meditation - Every Saturday, 11AM** - Enjoy the silence, peace, and stress release that is always free. **No Meeting 12/24.**

**Coffee and Crafting - Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10AM** - Join

library staffer Heather Summers for a craft demo and project to 'test the waters' of a new hobby without the substantial investment. And coffee of course! This month: Holiday Cards!

Learn how to make beautiful custom Holiday cards that your friends and family will be sure to cherish this season. Make up to 3 cards for a Materials fee of \$10 that is payable the day of the program. Please Register.



**Spanish Conversation Group - Tuesdays, Dec. 6 & 20, 6:30PM** - A basic and intermediate Spanish conversation group is meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. The group will be led by a native speaker.

**Cinema Circle Foreign Film Club - In a Better World** - The lives of two Danish families cross each other, and an extraordinary but risky friendship comes into bud. But loneliness, frailty and sorrow lie in wait.

**12/7 Film Screening @ 6PM, 12/21 Film Discussion @ 7PM**

**A Cat Lady Christmas - Thursday, December 8, 7PM** -

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**Microsoft PowerPoint for Beginners - Monday, Dec. 12, 10AM** - We will learn the basics of getting started with Microsoft PowerPoint and how to make effective slide shows.

**Coloring Outside the Lines - Mondays, Dec. 12 & 26, 1PM**

- Come sit with a cuppa and color. Colored pencils, coloring pages, and tea will be provided.

**Query Club/Sewickley Public Library Speakers Series -**

**Dec. 12, 7PM** - The theme for the 2016-2017 season is "Art and Culture." "Marginalized Art" by Bob Ryan and "Natural History Museums" by John Orndorff.



Refreshments are served during an intermission break.

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

**Senior iPad/iPhone Club - Wednesday, Dec.14, 11 AM** -

The Senior iPad Club is designed for older adults who are interested in expanding their knowledge of iPads and iPhones. We welcome all adults and seniors to participate.

Please bring your own device if you already own one. Please Register.



### December Book Groups

**Mystery Book Group** - Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7PM - *Murder at the Brightwell* by Ashley Weaver

**Get Lit** - Tuesday, Dec. 20 7PM at - Title: *Holidays on Ice* by David Sedaris at Pizza Roma (upstairs)

**Brown Bag Book Group** - Thursday, Dec. 15, 11:30AM - *In Sunlight in a Beautiful Garden* by Kathleen Cambor

**Foodie & the Feast: A Cookbook Club** - Thursday, Dec. 15, 6:30PM - *Big Bad Breakfast: The Most Important Book of the Day* by John Currence  
Library is serving: Monkey Bread

**4th Tuesday Book Group** - No Meeting this Month



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div>DECEMBER 2016</div>				1 9:30-Pre-school ST 11:00-SCC 1:30-Pre-school ST 6:45-Dance Party	2 10:30-Write Now 3:00-Christmas Vacation 6:00-Light Up Night	3 11:00-Meditation <b>Bruegger's Saturday</b>
4	5 4:00-Wreath Making 6:45-Mighty Math	6 9:30-Babies ST 10:15-Babies ST 10:30-Coffee & Crafting 1:00-Babies ST 3:30-Anime Club 6:30-Spanish Conv 7:00-Lego WeDo	7 9:30-2's ST 10:15-2's ST 6:00-Cinema Circle Screening 7:00-Chess Night	8 9:30-Pre-school ST 11:00-SCC 1:30-Pre-school ST 4:00-Cook It 6:45-Dance Party 7:00-A Cat Lady Christmas	9 10:30-Write Now 1:00-Preschool Science Fun 3:00-Scrooged 7:00-Tween Great Escape	10 11:00-Meditation 1:00-Gingerbread House Fun 2:30-Gingerbread House Fun
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# SPL Stories (continued...)- **DECEMBER** 2016

## SPL Would like to Thank...

- **Friends of Sewickley Public Library** donated \$1,000 to the Children's Department to welcome our new Children's Department Head, Jen Farmerie. Jen has purchased beanbag chairs, board games, puzzles and posters to enhance the activities and to pique the curiosity of children.
- **The Psychic Sisters, Suzanne and Jean Vincent** for sharing their experiences and abilities with a packed Community Room of people near the end of October. The sisters not only regaled the audience with stories of their psychic powers, they were also able to secure several donations to the Friends of Sewickley Public Library and Animal Friends.
- The SPL Board declared September **Rita Crawford Month** to honor her many years at SPL. The library received close to \$1,000 in honor of Rita. The department will be purchasing things to enhance story times such as shakers and a new story time flannel board. Thank you to the many donors who recognized Rita's contributions to the Children's Department and honored her with gifts to the library.



A new game in the  
Children's Department



Scenes from SWAGOWEEN IV

- **Katherine DeStefano, Maureen White Ciampaglia, Brandon Ciampaglia, Lynne Hughes, Caitie Morphew, Kerry Beveridge, Kathy Fear and Anna Novak** for their contributions of time, food and ghoulish expertise for the very popular teen program SWAGOWEEN IV.
- **Jamie Chappell, Teresa Duff, Sarah Davies, and Meghan Snatchko** for their work to make Savoring Sewickley 17 a stellar success. We would also like to thank the community as a whole for their support and our sponsors **Sewickley Eye Group, John & John Attorneys at Law, Dollar Bank, James T. Tallman Attorney at Law, and RAK Medical.**

- **Annie Batyko** who purchased a new bubble blower and bubbles when the library's bubble blower stopped working in the middle of the Children's Department Babies & Books program. She ordered it straight from her smart phone during the story time. Wow!
- QVMS Librarian **Tom Forrest, Kathy Fear and Dana Babal** for their time and efforts in the very successful program, Hamilton: An Epic Sing Along.
- **Tamara Gabriel Latshaw, Tabitha Latshaw, and Kari Latshaw** from **Elemental Magick** for showing patrons how to make Indoor Fairy Gardens. It was Magical!



A Fairy Garden



## December Display Cases

In December, the library's display cases will contain a variety of art and craft pieces, from jewelry to small sculptures, to paintings – and other surprises! Please stop in to see the holiday gift potential! Artists and makers include Randi Morgan, Amy Short, Kathryn Karr and many more.

## FOSPL Table Sales

Get your shopping done at the library! Between now and the end of the year, browse a carefully curated assortment of gift items for sale. Help the Library, help your pocketbook, and make someone happy!



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in memory of **Antoinette Marrone**.

Joan W. Murdoch, in memory of **Antoinette Marrone**.

Quaker Valley School District Board of Directors,  
in memory of **Julie Harrison**.

Quaker Valley School District Board of Directors,  
in memory of **Donald Yates**.

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## Honor Donations

Charles and Stephanie Menzock, in honor of **Rita Crawford**.

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in honor of **Rita Crawford**.

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Thinking of buying a 2017 Bottomless Mug from Bruegger's? If you buy your card at the Sewickley Bruegger's Bagels on a library Saturday with a coupon, 15% of your purchase will go to the Friends of the Sewickley Library. Get the coupons on our website.

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