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Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker Valley School District

The Library will be closed on Friday, January 1 and Monday, January 18.

Pre-School/Kindergarten Open House For Parents - Wednesday, January 13, 7 – 8:30 PM

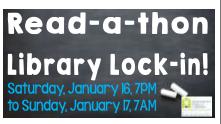


Enroll now for Parents interested in learning more preschool about pre-schools, day care centers, and Kindergartens in the Quaker Valley area are invited to attend our annual Open House. Representatives from these facilities will be available to answer

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.

Read-a-Thon Library Lock-In! - Saturday, January 16, 7PM - Sunday, January 17, 7AM

A SLEEPOVER at the library – MINUS the sleep! Bring some books (or borrow ours), plus blankets and comfy clothes, and spend the night



reading away in the cozy library after-hours. This program is for all ages but children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult. The library will provide food and games to keep you going during scheduled breaks. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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 January 16 - February 29. All participants who reach their goal will be eligible to win a great prize. You can

David A. Murdoch

Sewickley Public Library Visionary and Leader The Sewickley Public Library lost an important friend, supporter, and advocate of the library on November 24, 2015:

David A. Murdoch.

Mr. Murdoch believed in libraries for the purpose of improving each individual through education and knowledge. He was Chair of the Capital Campaign and Vice President of the Board of Trustees during the 1998-1999 major expansion and renovation project that created, within the Quaker Valley School District, a highly distinctive and nationally recognized public library.



His leadership, vision and dedication to libraries, and his enthusiasm for the Sewickley Public Library, in particular, has impacted not only the lives of all who have worked here, but countless thousands of other people who have crossed the library's threshold. So much of what I do as the Director of the Sewickley Public Library is in response to Mr. Murdoch's philosophy of libraries. Even as libraries continue to evolve from quiet, book lending institutions to social, technologically driven organizations, the key element Mr. Murdoch impressed upon me was that "the library is the keystone of the Community." As the "keystone" to our community, the library's mission is to offer the best educational and informational opportunities to everyone, with the goal of closing the gap between the information-rich and the information-poor. Mr. Murdoch's vision provided ample space for people, programs and book and media collections for everyone in a beautiful, highly functioning facility.

David Murdoch's vision and legacy will continue to impact the Quaker Valley region for years into the future.

Carolyn A. Toth, Executive Director

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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 to sign up today!



Youth Art Show & Craft Fair on Saturday, JANUARY 30th - 1PM-4PM Join us for an art show and craft fair dedicated to teens in Grades 6-12 -Visit with the artists and crafters, view their work, even buy some to take home! <u>Are you an artist or crafter in grades 6-12? Interested in exhibiting?</u> <u>Apply by January 25!</u>

The Battle of the Books is back!!

This exciting annual program has battles for students in 4th through 12th grades, each with its own reading list. Visit <u>http://sewickleylibrary.org/programs/bob/</u> to get more information as it becomes available.

4th Gr Battle Informational Meeting –Wednesday, January 27, 7PM

5th Gr Battle Informational Meeting – Thursday, January 28, 7PM

6th Gr Battle – Tuesday, February 23, 7 PM

7th & 8th Gr Battle – Wednesday, February 24, 7PM

High School Battle – Tuesday, March 1, 6:30PM

5th Gr Battle – Wednesday, March 30, 7PM @ Edgeworth Elementary

4th Gr Battle – Tuesday, April 5, 7PM @ Osbourne Elementary

Sewickley Genealogy Group – Wednesday, January 13, 7PM

Join other family history detectives and plan to attend the new Sewickley Genealogy Group's meetings. Both beginners and experienced family history lovers are welcome. Marianne Wagner will coordinate the group in learning how to research various web sites and public records, prepare family trees, and track down that illusive great grandfather. Please Register via vanbrugh1600@gmail.com or 412-741-3400.

Welcome to our library By Joel Swanson, Board of Directors

I am the newest in a long line of your friends and neighbors to serve on the Board of Directors of Our Sewickley Public Library. "Our" is not actually part of the official name, but it should be. I assume that anybody reading the Sewickley Public Library newsletter is a fan, but as the library has grown and changed and responded to our community's needs, you and I may look at our library in slightly different ways. So, a little bit about how I got here.

When I think back on my quarter century attachment to our library I can only vaguely recall how it used to look prior to the renovation and expansion of 1998-1999. The library that I grew up with (in New Jersey) was constructed in the late 1960's and didn't really have much character. The first thing I noticed was how charming and intimate the Sewickley Library was; being in the center

of our town is really convenient as well. With four children to entertain, our family found the library quickly and spent a lot of time in the children's section. Apparently we took up enough time and space so that when the Friends of the Sewickley Public Library (FOSPL), our most excellent volunteer support group, started the book sales my wife was tapped to volunteer for the sales. Translation: My wife, four children and I spent many quality hours together setting up book tables, helping at the sale and then bringing bags of books home to read on the last day (\$5 a bag!). Helping with the book sales has become something of a family tradition; my kids still help when they are in town and I still can't resist bringing home more books than I can possibly read.





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From book sales to Battle of the Books, my whole family developed into pretty big readers but I, like many of you, work more than I read. I also have a pretty hefty commute to work. I have become a power user of our audiobook section. When my oldest son was twelve he would re-read the same book several times so I suggested that after every third book he could pick something that would be a stretch for him. I was pretty proud of my clever plan until he looked at me and said "That's a pretty good idea Dad. What are you reading?" Busted. For better or worse my brother-in-law, a college professor, had just been to visit. I don't



know what came over me, I told my son that I was getting ready to read some Aristotle. Fortunately our library has Aristotle. It was painful at first but I got through it and now I do a steady rotation of a completely fun audiobook, a stretch book and then one of "The Great Courses" lecture series (which I highly recommend if you have not already tried one). Our library, with the interlibrary loan system, keeps my hour long commute a lot more interesting and the highways of America a little bit safer.

And now, these many years later, and as a member of the Board of Directors, I look at the library in an additional way. We work to maintain and upgrade the library to serve as a center for learning, educating, and creating for generations. We will strive to respond and adapt to the changing technologies and needs of our community while keeping the same charm and intimacy that make the Sewickley Public Library "Our" library.



Check out these pictures from our December programs!!

Want to make a donation? There are many ways to help! If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the library there are many ways to do so. You can donate via PayPal, donate materials, designate a Gift Book as a memorial or honor book, or donate to the Endowment Fund. For more information, visit our donation page at <u>www.sewickleylibrary.org/donate/</u>



Children's Department - January 2016

Weekly Programs (No Registration)

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: Jan. 20 @ 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!

Children's Department Programs *Please Register for the following unless otherwise noted.*

Lego Mini-Fig Exchange – Tuesday, January

5, 7 - **8PM** - It's Lego Night at the library, with a twist! Stuck with three cheerleaders? Five skydivers? Bring the LEGO Minifigures you'd like to trade (and an adult, to assure



fair trades) and get some new Minifigures for your collection! We'll also build, of course! Grades K-5.

Chess Night – Wednesday, January 6, 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.

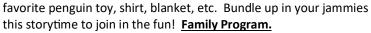
All-Star Saturday Storytimes – Saturdays, January 9 & 23, 10:30 -11AM - On the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month come to our new special storytime! There will be a unique theme each time, including music, rhymes, and activity/craft. For January, 'Alphabet Mix-Up' will be on the 9th and 'Food Bonanza' will be on the 23rd. After our literary adventures, stay to play and make new friends! No need to register! <u>All Ages with care provider.</u>

Doc McStuffins Movie & Craft – Saturday, January 9, 2 – 4PM - Dottie "Doc" McStuffins is on our big screen fixing toys and dolls with her magical stethoscope. We will watch a few episodes and then make a movie-themed craft. <u>All Ages.</u>

Dog Tales – Sunday, January 10, 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 call to register for a 15 minute time slot to read to a dog. <u>Ages 4 & up with Adult.</u>

PJ Story Time: Waddle, Waddle Penguins -

Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 - 7:15PM - Penguins have waddled all the way from Antarctica to join us for stories and songs. Before craft and snack time, share your



Pre-School/Kindergarten Open House For Parents - Wednesday, January 13, 7 - 8:30PM – Please see the front page of the newsletter for more information.

Math and Science Fun: Let's Build- Friday, January 15, 1 - 1:45PM - Learn about math and science while exploring a variety of building materials. <u>Ages 2-5 with caregiver.</u>

American Girl: Wintertime With Caroline - Saturday, January 16, 1



- **2PM** - Join us for some wintertime fun! American Girl doll Caroline Abbott grew up with some pretty harsh winters by Lake Ontario in the early 1800s, and she's ready to show us how to have fun even when it's cold out! We'll make some winter hand muffs for our dolls... and a mini ice rink that you can take home! At the end of the hour, we'll have some hot cocoa and gingerbread cake, Caroline's favorite snack. <u>Grades K-5.</u>

Young Scientists - Tuesday, January 19, 7 - 8PM - "Objects at rest will stay at rest and objects in motion will stay in motion in a straight line unless acted upon by an unbalanced force." This is one of Sir Isaac Newton's Laws of Motion, and we'll explore what exactly he means by making a balloon rocket car! <u>Grades 3-5.</u>

Fabulous Fridays! – Friday, January 22, 4 - 5:30PM - Stop in anytime to the Children's Department to create a make & take craft. No need to register! <u>All Ages.</u>

Winter Science Experiments – Saturday, January 23, 2 - 3PM - Fall in love with science this winter as we try some exciting experiments. We will explore cold temperatures, ice, and snow while staying inside warm and cozy. Just in-case, wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. <u>Grades K-2.</u>

LEGO Bingo - Monday, January 25, 7:30 - 8:30PM - LEGO + Bingo! Who could ask for a better theme!? Family Program.

It's a Disaster! - Tuesday, January 26, 7 - 8PM - Most kids have read the *I Survived* series by Lauren Tarshis, so why not spend an evening at the library digging deeper into the real historical events the books are based on? We'll use iPads to explore the sinking of the Titanic. By the end of the evening, you'll be asking yourself this question-could I survive? <u>Grades 3-5.</u>

Battle of the Books 4th Grade Meeting - Wednesday, January 27, 7PM - Please see page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

Battle of the Books 5th Grade Meeting - Thursday, January 28, 7PM - Please see page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

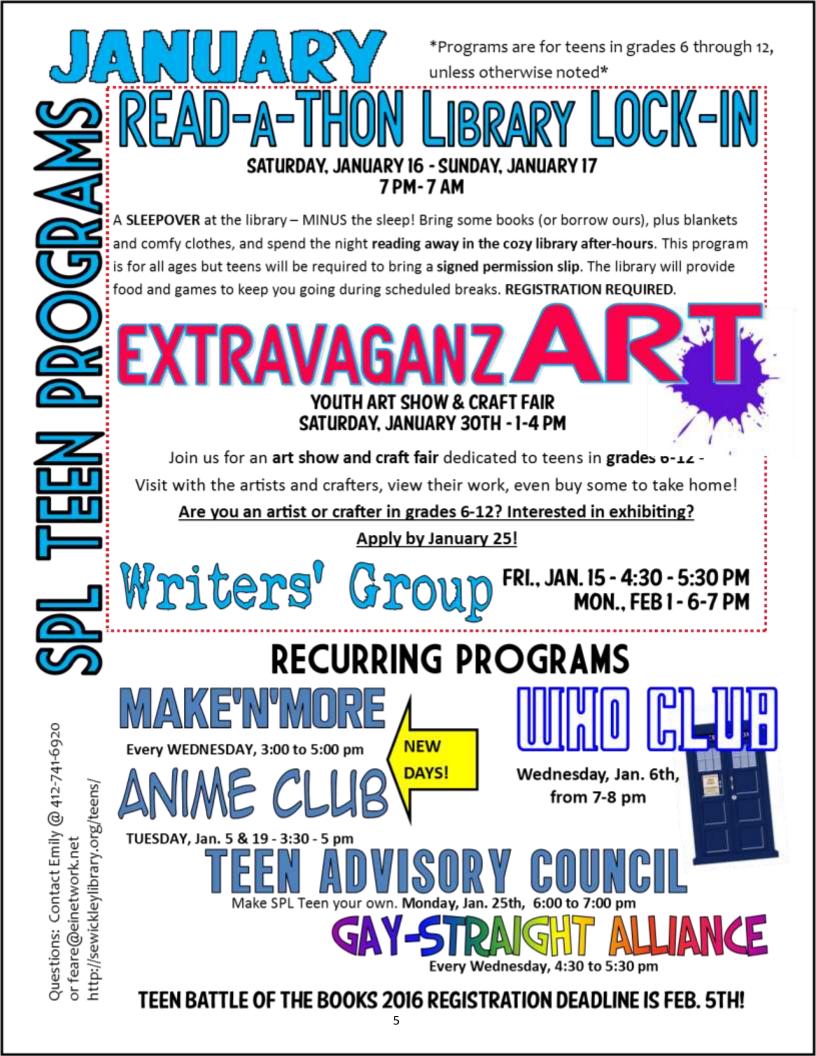
What's Cooking? Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup -- Saturday, January 30, 11 - 12:30PM -

There's absolutely nothing better than grilled cheese and tomato soup on a cold winter's day. Join us in the library as we head to the kitchen to learn how make our own grilled cheese and tomato soup for lunch. As we eat, we'll read a book (spoiler alert: it



may or may not feature grilled cheese and tomato soup) and make a simple craft. Grades K-5

Shopkins Trade and Make and Take – Sunday, January 31, 2 - 3PM - Did you get some Shopkins for the holiday? Want to trade? <u>All</u> <u>Ages.</u>



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.

Tame Your Sugar Monster - Tuesday, January 5, 7:00PM

– Food Coach Kathy Parry will discuss the dangers and addictive nature of sugar and how your



habit may be aging you. She will also let you know how much sugar is okay and the top 12 ways to kick your sugar habit. An enlightening and non-judgmental evening. Kathy is the author of The Ultimate Recipe for an Energetic Life. Please register.

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.

1/8 - It Happened One Night - A spoiled heiress, running away from her family, is helped by a man who is actually a reporter in need of a story. (1934, NR, 105min.)

1/15 - The Lost Weekend - The desperate life of a chronic alcoholic is followed through a four

day drinking bout. (1945, NR, 101min.) 1/22 - From Here to Eternity - In 1941 Hawaii, a private is cruelly punished for not boxing on his unit's team, while his captain's wife and second in command are falling in love. (1953, NR, 118min.) 1/29 - A Man for All Seasons - The story of Thomas More, who stood up to King Henry VIII when the King rejected the Roman Catholic Church to obtain a



divorce and remarriage. (1966, NR, 120min.)

Query Club/Sewickley Public Library Speakers' Series -Monday, January 11, 7PM - You are welcome to join us to



listen to stimulating talks and enjoy refreshments during an intermission break. This Month's topics: Women Spies of the American Civil War -- Lynne Schneider and Kim Philby and the Cambridge Five -- Mary Wear.

Conversation Salon - Wednesday, January 13, 10AM - This interesting group of adults meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Coffee and great discussions!

Sewickley Genealogy Group – Wednesday, January 13, 7PM - Please see page 2 for more information.

Cinema Circle Film Screening - Thursday, January 14, 6PM - Walkabout - Two young siblings are stranded in the Australian Outback and are forced to cope on their own. They meet an Australian boy on "walkabout": a ritual separation from his tribe. (1971, R, 100min.)

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The Graves' Disease and Thyroid Foundation Meeting -Tuesday, January 19, 6:30PM January is thyroid

awareness month nationally. Connect with fellow patients and family



members who have been diagnosed with hyperthyroid, hypothyroid, and thyroid cancer. Learn about patient education, resources, and wellness information from the Graves' Disease and Thyroid Foundation.

Reiki Healing Exchange - Wednesday, January 20, 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, January 21, 6PM - Join us for a new forum focusing on foreign, independent, and lesser-known films. This month's films: In Darkness and Walkabout.

Got Photos? Get Organized! – Saturday, January 23, 9:30AM-12:00 Noon - Professional Organizer, Sandra Lane, and Shelley Murray, of Forever, will share basic tips on how to organize your box of photos as well as digital photos from your devices. An introductory Forever.com account will also be offered that will include free digitization of your printed photos. For additional information and to reserve a place, please call 412-841-7169.

Coloring Outside the Lines – Monday, January 25, 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.

January Book Groups

Mystery Book Group - Tuesday, Get Lit - Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7PM Jan. 12, 7PM - River of Darkness at China Palace - The by Rennie Airth.

Brown Bag Book Group -Thursday, Jan. 21, 11:30AM -The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

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Geography of Bliss by Eric Weiner

Fourth Tuesday Book Group -Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7PM - All the *Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

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