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September 2022

Monday - Thursday 9AM - 9PM 9AM - 6PM Friday Saturday 9AM - 5PM Sunday 1PM - 5PM

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The library will be CLOSED on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.



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Show YOUR Love This Month

Thirty days hath September; browse, borrow, and remember... it's Love Your Library month!

Let us help you reconnect with books, people, activities, and academics as you return to school and routines after the lazy days of summer. We pride ourselves on creating connections that enhance the lives of our patrons, and our mission is not possible without support from our donors. If you love SPL, September is the time to make a gift to our annual fund

when for thirty days the lack Buncher Foundation provides a matching pool of funds to all participating libraries in

Allegheny County. The more we raise, the

larger our portion of those funds. Find out more about Love Your Library, and all the ways you can participate by visiting www.sewickleylibrary.org/ LoveYourLibrary.

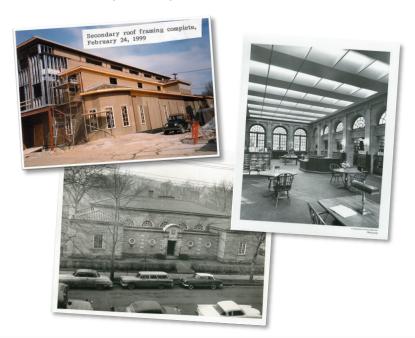
150th Anniversary Celebration Coming Soon

Did you know that Sewickley Public Library is older than the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, the Edgar Thompson Steel Works, the Duquesne Incline, the Smithfield Street Bridge, Kaufmann's department store, Schenley Park, the H.J. Heinz Company, Carnegie Steel, Carnegie Museums, The Pittsburgh Zoo, and Kennywood Park! We were here before all of it!

In 2023, we will celebrate our 150th Anniversary of service, as well as the 100th anniversary of our original library building at the corner of Broad and Thorn that now houses our reference department. In preparation, we are undergoing a \$1.6 million preservation project to replace the original Spanish tile roof, ten historic windows, and installation of a brand-new airconditioning system for the entire library. We expect construction to commence later this year.

We look forward to celebrating this milestone in our history with our patrons, donors and Friends in a year-long series of programs and events beginning February 7, 2023 when we officially mark the 150th anniversary of our founding. We will unveil a commemorative logo, an anniversary-edition library card, a shop full of library swag for purchase, and special programs and events to include amazing Storytimes, conversations about our history and place in the Quaker Valley community, and creative contests for artists and writers alike.

As plans are finalized, you can find updates on our website at <u>sewickleylibrary.org/2023</u>. Bookmark the page and make plans to celebrate your library where *Great Stories Start Here*.



Library Lovers Speed Dating

Fall is the perfect time to find a new partner for adventures, so we're giving you another chance to meet your match among the stacks at Fall Speed Dating!

Building from the success of our first Speed

Dating event last May, this event offers an alternative to the modern dating scene. Whether you're tired of the short lived connections from dating apps or the loud music and crowds of bars and clubs, library speed dating is an opportunity to make new connections with a wide variety of people in the comfort and serenity of the beautiful Sewickley Public Library.

FALL IN LOVE

No flashing lights, no blaring soundtrack, just good people and good conversations. Meet fellow book lovers, make new friends or even a coffee date, while enjoying light refreshments. Open to all, 18+. Registration required. Reserve your space at tiny.cc/fallspeeddating.

Fall Sewickley StoryWalk

September 25 - October 16

Grab the family and take a stroll through any of these spaces and enjoy one of five different Fall themed picture books! A StoryWalk® places pages from a children's picture book along a walking path so that children and their caregivers may enjoy nature and reading together.

AUDUBON GREENWAY (160 Magee Rd)

The Scarecrow by Beth Ferry

FERN HOLLOW NATURE CENTER (1901 Glen Mitchell Rd) *Full of Fall* by April Pulley Sayre

HENLE PARK (the corner of Beaver St & Ferry St) *The Leaf Thief* by Alice Hemming

MARY ROBERTS RINEHART NATURE PARK (1412 Beaver St) *Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn* by Kenard Pak

OHIO TOWNSHIP NATURE CENTER (325 Nicholson Rd)

The Very Last Leaf by Stef Wade

While you are visiting one of the five StoryWalk locations, pick up a *StoryWalk Passport*. Fill out the passport with the title and location of three StoryWalks you visit and drop it off at the Children's Department for a chance to

Children's Department for a chance to be entered in a drawing that will be held on October 16, after the fall StoryWalk. For more information about the StoryWalks, visit sewickleylibrary.org/storywalk.



Virtual Museum Spotlight Series

Beginning in August, the libraries and historical sites that we partner with to provide local Experience Kits will offer free virtual spotlight lectures that showcase the significance of the sites and a few of the remarkable relics found in their collections. In conjunction with these adult programs, the libraries will offer virtual storytime programs with fun and engaging activities for children.



Upcoming Virtual Museum Spotlight Lectures

(Select Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.)

August 23: Duncan & Miller Glass Museum

August 30: Historic Fort Steuben

September 6: West Overton Village Museum & Distillery

September 13: Merrick Art Gallery September 20: Heinz History Center

Upcoming Virtual Museum Storytime Sessions (Select Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.)

August 27: Duncan & Miller Glass Museum

September 3: Historic Fort Steuben

September 10: West Overton Village Museum & Distillery

September 17: Merrick Art Gallery September 24: Heinz History Center

Experience Kits from the Sewickley Public Library can be checked-out for one week at a time. Kits are available in the Children's Department on a first-come, first served basis. For more information, visit our website at sewickleylibrary.org/experiencekits.

Friends' Fall Book Sale

Reading is wonderful any time of the year, but there's something special about curling up with a good book as the air turns chilly. Now is your chance to stock up your fall book collection at the Friends of the Sewickley Public Library's Book Sale this September! Shop the sale for great priced books, children's books, movies, music & more.



Friday, September 9 (9am - 5:30pm)

Saturday, September 10 (9am - 4:30pm)

Sunday, September 11 (1 - 3:30pm)

As always, Sunday is Bag Day! Fill one of the provided bags with any combination of books, DVDs or CDs for only \$5!

All proceeds benefit the Sewickley Public
Library of the Quaker Valley School District.
Plus, all purchases made during at the sale count
toward the Love Your Library match!

Make YOUR Mark This Dot Day

Introducing Sewickley's very own Dot Day - a village wide celebration of the creativity in all of us. Dot Day is an international celebration of art, creativity and courage, based on Peter H. Reynolds' book, *The Dot*.

We are inviting children of all ages to "make their mark" and explore the power and potential of creativity on September 17th, **Dot Day 15143**. Dot Day participants can visit participating stores and areas in Sewickley to learn and explore their creativity and earn their Dot Day sticker.

Leading up to Dot Day 15143, the library's Teen Department will host button-making throughout the week (September 12-16) where teens can create wearable dots to show off their creativity. On the big day, we invite families to join us in the main room of the Children's Department on Saturday, September 17 at 1:30pm for "All Are Welcome Storytime". We will have a read-aloud of the book, "The Dot," as well as other books to inspire creativity, and enjoy some songs and rhymes, too.

After the storytime, we will host a drop-in craft project in our Community Room from 2-3pm. The library will also have sidewalk chalk available Saturday from 1:30-3pm for budding creatives to explore their abilities and decorate the sidewalk in front of the library.

Discover more fun throughout town at <u>sewickleylibrary.org/dotday</u>.





CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Register for programs on our Event Calendar at sewickleylibrary.org/events

STORYTIMES & WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Tuesdays | 10am, 11am & 1pm New Time! Build your baby's reading readiness skills through music, stories, and movement in this nationally acclaimed early literacy program for babies and toddlers. For children 0-3-years old with a caregiver. Weekly registration required.

STORIES FOR TWOS & THREES

Wednesdays | 10am & 11am

Stories, songs, rhymes, and more help build early literacy skills in this thirtyminute class. Children 30 months to 48 months (2 ½ to 4), with a caregiver. Please, no older children. Weekly registration required.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Thursdays | 10am & 11am

Join us for reading, singing, and learning together in this thirty-minute class for preschoolers. Ages 4 entering Kindergarten, without a caregiver. Weekly registration required.

FAMILY BLOCK PARTY

Back! Saturdays | 10:30am-12pm It's a Block Party! PLAY, BUILD, READ and LEARN together with blocks.

Develop hand-eye coordination and learn STEAM concepts.

Birth-age 6.



Reminder -No storytimes September 1 - 5

FALL CRAFT TO-GO KITS of

Sat | Sept 10 | 9am

Stop by the Children's Dept. to pick up a fallthemed Craft To-Go Kit! Supplies and instructions are included. These kits are geared for children preschool to 2nd grade. Available while supplies last.

FAMILY STORY TIME AT OHIO TOWNSHIP NATURE CENTER



Mon | Sept 12, 19 & 26 | 10:00am Sewickley Public Library is hosting a family storytime inside the Ohio

Township Nature Center. Join us for stories, songs, and a craft-kit to go for the whole family. Weekly registration required. Family Program.

STORIES IN ART WITH SWEETWATER **CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

Wed | Sept 14 | 6:30-7:30pm

Join the art educators from Sweetwater Center for the Arts for an art class at the library! This class will combine the art of storytelling with art! During these classes, children will be introduced to different styles of art, and have the opportunity to use various art mediums and materials to create marvelous masterpieces based on our storybook theme! Grades 2-5. Registration required.

LEGO CLUB

Thurs | Sept 15 | 6:30-7:30pm

Put your building skills to work by building awesome LEGO creations. We supply the LEGOs, you supply the creativity. No registration required, just drop into the Children's Dept at any time during Lego Club to show off your skills! GRADES 1-5.

TODDLER DANCE PARTY

Sat | Sept 17 | 10:30am

Little ones learn so much through movement! Join us to dance, jump, shake, clap & more! For children 1-3 years old with a caregiver. Registration required.

CHESS CLUB FOR KIDS

Sun | Sept 18 | 1:30-2:30pm

Brand new to chess and want to learn? How about a seasoned chess master? Come to learn, expand your knowledge, and just have fun in our Chess Club for kids in Grades 1-7. The library will provide some chess sets.

Registration required. **SEWICKLEY STORYWALK**

September 25 - October 16

(See page 3 for details!)

STUFFIE SLEEPOVER AT THE LIBRARY

Fri | Sept 30 | 6:30-7:30pm

Dress in your jammies, bring your favorite stuffie friend and join us for an hour of bedtime stories and stuffed animal shenanigans! When it's time to say goodnight, give your furry friend a hug and kiss and tell them to have a fun sleepover at the library. You get to pick up your stuffie after 1:00pm on Sat, Oct 1 to find out about all the fun they had. Ages 4 & up.

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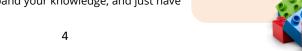
Are you a Master LEGO Builder? Or are you just starting out? Do you want to show off your builds? Then come share your awesome creations for a one-of-akind LEGO Display! Children of all ages can drop off their LEGO Builds from September 15-16 in the Children's Dept. We will showcase them in the LEGO Expo which runs from Saturday, September 17 to Saturday, September 24!

Certificates will be awarded to:

- · The Best Family Master Build
- · Master Builder Junior Division
- · Master Builder Senior Division
- · Best Sewickley Building Look-Alike Build

All Lego Builds must be picked up by Sunday, September 25.







SPETERIN SEPTEMBER

SCARY MOVIE PAJAMA PARTY

Friday, September 30 (7:30-9:30 pm)

Help us kick off the SPOOKY SEASON with an OUTDOOR SCARY MOVIE NIGHT + PAJAMA PARTY

Bring some blankets and your coziest PJs, we'll supply the pizza, snacks... and SCARES

Take & Make Monday

New project kit twice a month! September 12 & 26

ANIME CLUB

Tuesday, Sept. 6 & 20 (3:30-4:30)

Watch a favorite anime movie or series on the big screen - plus snacks, games & more!



INSIDE/OUT

Wednesday, Sept. 14 & 28 3:30 pm

Join us twice a month for activities in the great outdoors... and the great indoors. Activities may include: DIY Pop sockets, zombie barbie laboratory, taste test challenge, stencil art splatter paint, & more!

TikTok Kitchen

Thursday, Sept. 15 & 29

3:30 pm

Viral recipes come to life! Find out if those video treats are just as delicious in real life.

No registration required
Open to all students in grades 6-12



JAM SESSION

Saturday, Sept. 24 (1-2 pm)

Whether you're an accomplished musician or a total newbie, join us for a JAM!

Bring instruments, sheet music, friends or just yourself and get ready to make some music.

No registration required

Open to all students in grades 6-12

ADULT PROGRAMS

Register for programs on our Event Calendar at sewickleylibrary.org/events

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

TAKE A WISE WALK

Thursdays | 9:30-11:30am

Wise Walks is ideal for active 50+ adults who are interested in a lively social exercise program. Meet at the library and walk between 1-3 miles before returning to the library for a healthy snack. There is no need to sign up and new walkers are always welcome!

FRENCH CONVERSATION Zoom

Thursdays | 2-3pm

Do you have an intermediate knowledge of French? Are you looking to improve your conversational skills? Join us for a discussion! This group meets in-person and online. Register for the Zoom link.

WRITE NOW! zoom

Fridays | 10am-12pm

Participants enjoy writing from prompts in an encouraging and supportive atmosphere. This group meets in-person and online. Register for the Zoom link.

SAHAJA MEDITATION

Saturdays | 11am-12pm

Back! Enjoy the silence, peace, and stress release that is always free with this weekly meditation program. Newcomers welcome.

TEA & INSPIRATION

Thurs | Sept 1 | 7pm

Gather on the first Thursday of each month to read, reflect and explore a different inspirational theme each month. Share uplifting quotations gleaned from the world's Scriptures and other wise sources -

> all over a cup of tea and a sweet tidbit. September's theme: Oneness of Humanity

CONVERSATION SALON ZOOM

Wed | Sept 7 | 10am

All are welcome to join this engaging group of adults in-person or virtually for great discussions. Newcomers always welcome! This group meets in-person and online. Register for the Zoom link.

SPL KNITTERS GROUP

Wed | Sept 7 & 21 | 10:30am-12pm

New to the hobby or have years of experience, everyone is welcome! Join us in the library to work on current projects or come to learn tips. Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month.

INTRO TO MICROSOFT WORD

Wed | Sept 7 | 12-2pm

Learn the "ins and outs" of this standard word processing computer program.

Registration required.

BUILDING THE BUDGET CLOSET

Tues | Sept 13 | 7pm

Looking to refresh your wardrobe? Need some help with the fashion fundamentals? Join *Rise Styling's* Liz Thogerson for expert advice on building a functional, stylish & budget-friendly closet. Registration required.

TECH ASSISTANCE MEETUPS

Wed | Sept 14 | 12-2pm

Drop in at the library for help with your phone or tablet device from one of our librarians. No need to register.

12pm - Help with iPhones/iPads 1pm - Help with Android Devices

SPANISH CONVERSATION

Wed | Sept 14 & 28 | 6:30-7:30pm

Looking to practice your Spanish speaking skills? Join our new Spanish Conversation group! Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. No need to register.

EVENING FRENCH ZOOM

Mon | Sept 12 | 6:30pm

Join the conversation with our evening edition of French Conversation! Improve your speaking skills when you join the discussion. This group meets in-person and online. Register for the Zoom link.

RESCUE YOUR PHOTOS & FAMILY STORIES Mon | Sept 19 | 7pm

Many families have boxes of photos, newspaper clippings, memorabilia, slides, film and documents that are trapped in dusty boxes. Let's talk about the best practices of preserving and organizing these items so their stories can be told and shared with the next generation. Shelley Murray of Photo Organizing Services will give an overview of the storage opinions available and recommendations

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BOOK GROUPS



New members always welcome!

Mystery Book Group

Tues | Sept 13 | 7pm The Man Who Died Twice by Richard Osman

Brown Bag Book Group zoom

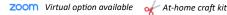
Thurs | Sept 15 | 11:30am Once Upon a Wardrobe by Patti Callahan

Fourth Tuesday Book Group

Tues | Sept 27 | 7pm TBD







ADULT PROGRAMS

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for how to best tell your family story. Both are extremely important to ensure these stories continue to be accessible for future generations. Please register.

DIY CRAFTS FOR ADULTS %

Tues | Sept 20 | starting at 10am

Want to try a new DIY project? Grab one of our DIY Crafts for Adults kits! Find the supplies & instructions you need inside our kits to make your own craft project at home. **CULTS.** No need to While supplies last.

BUYING A HOME IN TODAY'S MARKET

Tues | Sept 20 | 6:30pm

Please join David Read, CRA Loan Officer and Lisa Ragan, Citizens Banker, for an informative presentation on the steps involved with purchasing your new home in today's market. Please register.

LEARN ABOUT WINDOWS 11

Wed | Sept 21 | 1-2pm

Discover how to navigate Windows 11 as you learn about the upgraded options and new features. Registration required.

LET'S TALK ABOUT MURDER

a story to share based on

Mon | Sept 26 | 7pm

Calling all True Crime fans! Join us to talk about murder and other crimes. Come with

this month's theme: register. Meets inperson in the Community Room & virtually via Zoom with this link: tiny.cc/ltamsept22



The Library would like to thank the following for their generous support of this year's Summer Reading Program:

Bruegger's Bagels

Fern Hollow Nature Center

The Friends of the Sewickley Public Library

Fun by the Pound

Leetsdale Recreation Department

Mediterra Cafe

Millie's Homemade Ice Cream

The Penguin Book Shop

Quaker Valley School District

The Sewickley Confectionery

Sweetwater Center for the Arts

SUMMER READING 2022

"OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES" BY-THE-NUMBERS

READING TOGETHER

6,260 books were read to 152 Babies & Toddlers!

TOP READERS

Jeremiah R. Leonidas C. Judah M. Christopher F. Terra R.

KIDS

604 children read for 431,523 minutes this summer!

TOP READERS

Calvin M. Ruby F. Sienna B. Xavier O. Charlotte S.

TEENS

273 teens logged 290,364 minutes!

TOP READERS

Natalie M. Finn M. Trinity Z. Savannah S. Reese B.

ADULTS & SPL STAFF

245 adults & SPL Staff members read for 446,326 minutes!

TOP READERS

Kitty C. Tess R. Nikki S. Ellen D. Karen P.



DONATIONS

Thank you to the following donors for your gifts to the library.

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In Memory of **Dr. Sally Hoover**:

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Love Your Library with an Amazon Fire HD Tablet

Why should the kids get all the fun back-to-school supplies? We think you deserve something shiny and new, too. If you stop by our circulation desk between September 1 - 30 and make an in-person donation of any amount to our *Love Your Library* campaign, you'll receive an exclusive Love Your Library Tote Bag and be entered into a drawing for a new **Amazon Fire HD 10 Tablet!** (*Tote bags available while supplies last*. Prize winner will be drawn September 30th.)

Feeling intimidated about digital devices? No worries! If you're the lucky winner, our librarians will teach you how to use your device to

borrow great books and movies from our ever-growing digital collections. Digital borrowing has become one of the fastest growing areas of interest for our library increasing by more than 70% since the start of the pandemic - and our staff is dedicated to making sure library users can connect to these valuable collections. While the kids are in school, you can find a little me-time to enjoy your favorite



book, movie or tv series.

Back to School with Teachables

Help your kids stay on track this summer with Scholastic Teachables! From printable lessons to games to sand activities, Teachables has everything your kids need to enjoy a productive summer.

This free resource for Sewickley Library cardholders has multi-grade worksheets, practice pages, and educational activities that focus on reading, writing, math, and more to keep kids learning while having fun. Discover more at sewickleylibrary.org/teachables.

Summer Scavenger Hunt Results

We were WOWED by the number of teams (42!) that registered for our Summer Scavenger Hunt and then further amazed by the sheer dedication that so many put into the hunt. SIX teams completed all 107 missions!

We were so impressed that we had to step up our prizes! The **top three winners** were each awarded a \$60 local gift card of their choice:

- Scavenger Hunters
- The Monkeys Uncle
- The Vinaigrettes

Bonus prizes (\$20 gift card to the Sewickley Confectionery or The Ultimate Pastry Shop) were awarded to the following **teams for completing every single mission**:

- Megan Mouas
- Chappell Family
- Rothbauers

But we also have to give a shout out to the final four teams in our top ten:

- McGregors
- Petleys
- No Comment
- Beads and Butterflies

Thank you to all the teams for making our first ever library-wide summer Scavenger Hunt a resounding success!

We never expected this response but we are absolutely thrilled by the results - and we're already cooking up fun things for next year!









