

October 2022

Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

9AM - 9PM 9AM - 6PM 9AM - 5PM 1PM - 5PM

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## Great stories start here.

#### The library will be open 1-3 PM on Sunday, October 23 in preparation for Savoring Sewickley



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## Explore Folk Magic in Early Western PA

## Library Welcomes Author of "The Witch of the Monongahela"

In the ancient hills and misty hollows of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, generations of locals have passed down stories of a woman with mysterious magical powers. People came from near and far to seek healing and protection through her strange rituals. Some even believed she could fly. Named Moll Derry and nicknamed the Witch of the Monongahela, her legend has been documented by writers and folklorists for more than two hundred years.

We invite you to join author Thomas White on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 pm to learn about the many versions of Moll Derry as he separates fact from fiction and recounts the history of folk magic and witchcraft in Western Pennsylvania.

White is the university archivist and curator of special collections in the Gumberg Library at Duquesne University. He is also an adjunct lecturer in Duquesne's History Department and an adjunct professor of history at La Roche University. White is the award-winning author of several books, including Legends and Lore of Western Pennsylvania, Forgotten Tales of Pennsylvania, and Ghosts of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Register online at sewickleylibrary.org.

# 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 |
Fine! 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 thirty-minute 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

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**

Saturdays | 10:30am-12pm

Reack! (No program on 10/29)

It's a Block Party! PLAY, BUILD,

READ and LEARN together with blocks.

Develop hand-eye coordination and

learn STEAM concepts. Birth-age 6.



#### **SEWICKLEY STORYWALK**

#### October 1 - 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.

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 be entered in a drawing that will be held on October 16, after the fall StoryWalk.

"The Scarecrow" by Beth Ferry

**AUDUBON GREENWAY** (160 Magee Rd)

"Full of Fall" by April Pulley Sayre

#### FERN HOLLOW NATURE CENTER

(1901 Glen Mitchell Rd)

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

"Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn" by Kenard Pak

#### MARY ROBERTS RINEHART NATURE

PARK (1412 Beaver St)

"The Very Last Leaf" by Stef Wade

#### **OHIO TOWNSHIP NATURE**

**CENTER** (325 Nicholson Rd)

## FAMILY STORY TIME AT OHIO TOWNSHIP NATURE CENTER

Jime Mon | Oct 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 10am

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.

#### **PARACHUTE PLAY**

#### Rack! Fri | Oct 7 | 11-11:30am

Thirty minutes of activities that includes music, creative movement and fun, all with one colorful parachute!

Ages 2-5, with adult.

#### FALL CRAFT TO-GO KITS of

#### Sat | Oct 8 | 9am

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

#### **DOG TALES**

#### Back! Sun | Oct 9 | 2-3pm

Certified Therapy Dogs LOVE to be read to! Come pick out a picture book of your choice and snuggle up with a furry reading companion. Join us for a 15-minute time slot to read to a dog. **GRADES K-5.** 

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## STORIES IN ART WITH SWEETWATER CENTER FOR THE ART

#### Mon | Oct 10 | 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.







## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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#### **LEGO CLUB**

#### Thurs | Oct 13 | 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 Department at any time during Lego Club to show off your skills! Grades 1-5.

#### **TODDLER DANCE PARTY**

#### Sat | Oct 15 | 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 | Oct 16 | 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.

#### **TECH PARTY DROP-IN**

#### Thurs | Oct 27 | 6:30-7:30pm

If you love playing with different types of technology toys, this party is for you! Hex bugs, Snap Circuits, Ozobots, and more. Can't be here right at 6:30? No problem! Stop in with an adult anytime during this hour-long party to play with technology based toys. Grades 2-5.

### 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LIBRARY HALLOWEEN **FASHION SHOW**

Sat | Oct 29 | 11am - 1pm

Come join us after the Halloween Parade to walk the Red Carpet! Trickor-Treat at the library, take a photo-op with pumpkins & dance to some spooky Halloween music! No registration required!

Drop-In **Family** Program.



### Booktacular **Pumpkins on Display**

Looking for some fun activities this Halloween season? We invite families to decorate a pumpkin to be part of our

Booktacular Pumpkin Patch display in the library's Children's Department through the end of the month.

Register to pick up a pumpkin in the Children's Department on **Friday, October 14** at 10:00am. Then take your pumpkin home to decorate as your favorite picture book character. Use paint, paper, ribbons, glitter, stickers or other adornments - and of course inspiration from your favorite stories - to decorate a superb squash. (Carved pumpkins get messy fast in the library, so we recommend saving the carving for your pumpkins at home!)

> Drop your decorated pumpkins off at the Children's Department on

> > Friday, October 21 to be included in our Booktacular pumpkin display! Pumpkins will be displayed through October 31. Please register; space is limited. One pumpkin per family, please.



#### Free Streaming with Kanopy

Did you know that Sewickley Public Library card holders have access to Kanopy - an award-winning video streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically acclaimed movies, documentaries, and kids favorites? Access more than 30,000 independent and documentary films with no fees or commercials through your library account, including The Great Courses, PBS Kids, and thousands of independent films. Users get 10 downloads per month on their account.

Interested in kids' content? You're in luck! There are unlimited views in the Kanopy Kids collection which includes popular titles from PBS Kids and language learning tools. Content from The Great Courses collection is also available with unlimited views so watch as much as you want without hitting your limit.

Watch Kanopy through a web browser, on the Kanopy app, or through a streaming TV channel like Roku, Apple TV or Fire Stick. To get started using the Kanopy service, visit sewickleylibrary.org/kanopy

# SPLTEEN IN OCTOBER SCREAM SCENE 2022

**SATURDAY, OCT. 22 (8-10 PM)** 

Join us for our favorite after-hours party of the year.

CANDY SCAVENGER HUNT! Costume contest! Games!

TAROT READINGS! Ghost hunting! FOOD! & MORE!

# Take & Make Monday

New project kit twice a month! October 10 & 24

# ANIME CLUB

Tuesday, Oct. 4 & 18 (3:30-4:30)

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



## FEAR STREET SEWICKLEY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 & 21 @ 7 PM

Take a HAUNTED WALKING TOUR of SEWICKLEY and learn all the scary secrets of the town!

# TikTok Kitchen

**Thursday**, **Oct.** 13 & 27 (3:30 pm)

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

## Wednesday, Oct. 12 & 26 3:30 pm

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

## JAM SESSION

Saturday, Oct. 29 (1-2 pm)

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



#### 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

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

#### **MEDICARE 101**

#### Tues | Oct 4 | 2:30pm

Join us for a Medicare 101 Educational event. Learn about Medicare Parts A, B, C & D. Who pays first? What are benefits under Original Medicare? What is Medicare Advantage (hint: Part C)? What are Medicare Supplements or Medigap? How are prescriptions covered? This is an educational event provided by Erin Hart, licensed insurance broker specializing in health care options for seniors.

#### Please register.

#### SPOTTED LANTERN FLY INFO SESSION

#### Tues | Oct 4 | 6:30pm

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is a growing invasive threat in PA, and sightings and impacts in Allegheny County have increased over the past four years. It feeds on over 70 plants, including timber and

agricultural products, causing substantial economic damage across the state and mid-Atlantic. Join Allegheny County Conservation District for a Spotted Lanternfly information session where participants will get an overview of Spotted Lanternfly history and lifecycle, as well as best practices to manage the species on your property. Registration requested.

#### **CONVERSATION SALON Zoom**

#### Wed | Oct 5 | 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 | Oct 5 & 19 | 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.

#### **TEA & INSPIRATION**

#### Thurs | Oct 6 | 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. October's theme: The Human Spirit

#### **BEYOND BEGINNERS: INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT WORD**

#### Wed | Oct 12 | 1-3pm

This workshop goes beyond the basics in Microsoft Word, focusing on advanced

options for a more dynamic document. Registration required.

#### SPANISH CONVERSATION zoom

#### Wed | Oct 12 & 26 | 2-3pm

Looking to practice your Spanish speaking skills? Join our new Spanish convo group! Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. meets in-person and online. Register for the Zoom link.

#### **FEAR STREET: SEWICKLEY**

#### Fri | Oct 14 & 21 | 7pm

Back by popular demand! Join local historian Meghan Snatchko on a walking tour exploring the scary secret history of Sewickley! Haunted locales, true crime and cryptids, all waiting to be discovered in your backyard. For ages 8 and up, registration required.

#### **5 STEPS TO JUMPSTART YOUR WRITING**

#### Sat | Oct 15 | 1-4pm

Want to write but don't know how to get started? This workshop is for you! Learn a 5-step process that can kick-start your writing projects and help you get ready for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) this November. Please register.

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#### THE WITCH OF THE **MONONGAHELA BOOK TALK**

Wed | Oct 12 | 7pm

Author Thomas White will separate fact from fiction in the many versions of Moll Derry and recount the history of folk magic and witchcraft in western PA. Registration





required.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

# **BOOK GROUPS**



New members always welcome!

#### **Mystery Book Group**

**Tues | Oct 11 | 7pm** *The Postscript Murders* by Elly Griffith

#### **Brown Bag Book Group zoom**

Thurs | Oct 20 | 11:30am

The Last Garden in England by Julia Kelly

#### **Fourth Tuesday Book Group**

Tues | Oct 25 | 7pm

Swing by Philip Beard

Written by a Pittsburgh author, this features two unlikely characters who have their love of the '71 Pittsburgh Pirates in common.



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#### **EVENING FRENCH ZOOM**

#### Mon | Oct 17 | 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.

#### **DIY CRAFTS FOR ADULTS**

#### Tues | Oct 18 | 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. While supplies last.

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#### **FALL CARDMAKING CLASS**

Wed | Oct 19 | 10am-12pm OR 1-3pm Falling leaves, autumn wreaths, and a....squirrel? We're getting a little nutty for October's Cardmaking Class! Class size limited. Registration required to secure your card packet. \$10 materials fee payable at class.

#### **TECH ASSISTANCE MEETUPS**

Wed | Oct 19 | 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

#### LET'S TALK ABOUT MURDER zoom

#### Mon | Oct 24 | 7pm

Calling all True Crime fans! Join us to talk about murder and other crimes. Come with a story to share based on this month's theme: **BIZARRE**. No need to register. Meets in-person in the Community Room & virtually via Zoom with this link: <a href="mailto:tiny.cc/">tiny.cc/</a>

## BEYOND BEGINNERS: INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT EXCEL

Wed | Oct 26 | 1-3pm

This workshop goes beyond the basics of using Microsoft Excel, exploring additional spreadsheet options.



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#### **Upcoming Exhibits this Fall**

From **September 18 - October 17**, the display cases at the library will feature the street photography of Autumn Hyde. Hyde is a photographer, potter, and art educator from Pittsburgh. All of Autumn's images are shot on various black and white and color film stocks and are processed using



Street Photography on display this month

traditional methods. As an avid traveler, her current body of photographic work largely features street photographs and portraiture from her trips. "There is also something so beautiful about capturing people as they are: no studio backdrops, no lighting, and no preparation. This is how we see each other."

Later in the month, explore After Dark Illustrations from illustrator Daniel Senneway. Dan has an interest in "the darker side of night," where he combines peaceful night scenes with his love of folklore and the paranormal. The works mostly depict small towns and iconic locations under the cover of night; captured in quietude. To create these lonely and peaceful moments, Dan utilizes his unique style: strong color contrast and array of cool-toned colors. Dan loves the process and feel of linoleum block prints and developed his own technique to achieve this look digitally, through Photoshop. His body of work is slowly developing a life of it's own as After Dark continuously grows. Catch After Dark Illustrations on display October 17 through the end of November.



### **Friends Welcome Guests Back to Savor the Flavor of Sewickley**

The wait is over! The Friends of the Sewickley Public Library would like to welcome guests back to the library for the 21st Annual Savoring Sewickley event on Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 5:00 - 8:00pm. After being on-hold for the past two years, the Friends are excited to announce the return of the popular event.

Savoring Sewickley features small plates from some of the area's favorite local restaurants, clubs, and caterers. Attendees can enjoy the delicious bites, as well as beer, wine, and soft drinks in a casual atmosphere.

Savoring Sewickley is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Friends - thanks to the generous community support it receives. Proceeds from the event benefit the Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker Valley School District and its efforts to serve the community by providing funds for programming, activities, collection development, and other needs. Visit **savoringsewickley.com** for the full list of this year's participating restaurants and to purchase tickets.











