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OF THE QUAKER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 2023

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

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The library will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day



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Library Hosts Celebratory Open House

150th Anniversary Kicks-Off Feb 7th

We're turning 150! Did you know we're the oldest library in Allegheny County? Come see us on the exact date of our founding 150 years ago to buy a T-shirt with one of our anniversary designs, upgrade your Library card to our new 150th logo design, and maybe get a free gift while supplies last. We'll also take a walk down memory lane with the unveiling of our exhibit of Library history where you can learn where in Sewickley we were located before our present building, who our Library is dedicated to, how much a librarian earned in 1876, and who was The Sewickley Library Society? We'll have plenty of vintage photographs on display so you can see how your Library has changed and grown throughout its history.

Can't make it that day? No worries. The history display will be up for several weeks, and t-shirts and library cards will be available throughout the year. We're just getting started on our year-long celebration. Happy Anniversary to SPL!

Go on a Blind Date with a Book



The Sewickley Public Library Adult Department is bringing back the Blind Date with a Book challenge! Take a book home without knowing its title. Is it love at first sentence? Maybe you need several reading sessions to know if you're compatible. Will you find your perfect book match?

How it works: Stop by the display in the library lobby and read the brief descriptions on the front of the book wrappers. Don't peek! Choose one to take home and check it out. Don't forget a "Rate Your Date" bookmark!

After you've checked out the book, unwrap it to officially meet your date. Give the book a chance but if things don't work out, simply return it. No hard feelings.

Fill out your "Rate Your Date" bookmark and return it with your book. We want to hear all the details! The Blind Date with a Book display will be available **February 1 - 14th**. Go ahead...take a chance on book love.

(For details about the Teen Blind Date with a Book program, see page 4!)

Navigating Disinformation in Our Lives



Disinformation - intentionally misleading false information - threatens our health, undercuts our security, and undermines our democracy. The Sewickley Public Library invites you to join us for a special series of programs focused on navigating the disinformation we are presented with in our day to day lives. The library will host four presenters to address the topics of: personal and financial security, election information, health and wellness information, and news and social media.

Navigating Disinformation Series Upcoming Programs:

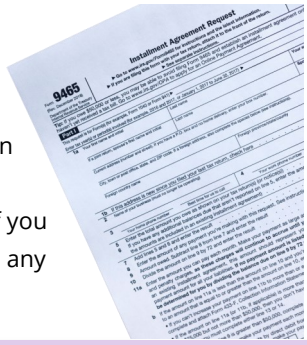
Election Disinformation: How to Identify It, What to Do About It, Why It Matters | Wednesday, February 22nd | 1-3pm

Stop the Spread: How to Recognize and React to Health Misinformation
Wednesday, March 22nd | 1-3pm

Navigating Misinformation in News and Social Media
Thursday, April 20th | 7-9pm

This program is a collaboration between the Sewickley Public Library and the University of Pittsburgh Disinformation Lab. ***Registration for each program is required.***

2022 Tax Forms



The library will have the Federal Tax Form 1040 and instructions available in bulk this year. Library users can print any additional tax forms or instructions at a discounted rate of $0.05/page. Please see a Librarian if you need assistance finding the online forms or if you have any questions.

Winter Book Sale

Gear up for some great reading during these grey & gloomy winter days! The Friends of the Sewickley Public Library's Winter Book Sale has you covered with fiction and non-fiction books, children's books, movies, music and more! The Friends of the Sewickley Public Library's **Winter Book Sale** will be held:

Friday, February 10
from 9am - 5:30pm
Saturday, February 11
from 9am - 4:30pm
Sunday, February 12
from 1 - 3:30pm

For an extra savings, Sunday is Bag Day – shoppers can fill one of the provided bags with as many items as they can fit for only $5! All proceeds benefit the Sewickley Public Library of the Quaker Valley School District.



QV Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is now open on the Quaker Valley School District website. To register your Kindergarten child(ren) for the 23-24 School Year (Fall 2023), the child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2023. Visit qvsd.org to register.

Please note: Kindergarten Roundup is a separate event for registered kindergarteners held in February. More info about Kindergarten Roundup will be sent to the families who have completed the online registration.





CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

FAMILY STORY TIME AT OTNC

Mon | February 6, 13 & 27 |10am

We're 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.**

SPHERO PROGRAM

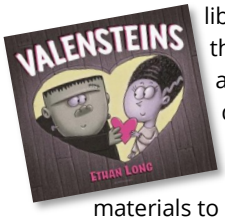
Tues | Feb 7 & 21 | 6:30–7:30pm

Learn how to program these small robot balls using coding and play. Children will use block based programming to control their robot. **Registration required. Must attend both the 2/7 & 2/21 sessions. GRADES 2-5.**

STORIES IN ART WITH SWEETWATER CENTER FOR THE ART

Thurs | Feb 9 | 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 as children are introduced to different artistic styles and given the opportunity to use various art mediums and materials to create their own masterpieces based on our storybook theme! This month's book: *Valensteins* by Ethan Long. **GRADES 2-5. Registration required.**



GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT STORYTIME WITH ALT

Mon | Feb 6 | 4:30–5:30pm

Join us for a special storytime with Allegheny Land Trust all about the Great Backyard Bird Count. We'll read bird book, learn about popular birds in Western PA, and make a bird feeder for your own backyard! We will also learn how to count birds for the Great Backyard Bird Count! **Registration required. Family program.**



DOG TALES

Sun | Feb 12 | 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. Registration required.**

LEGO CLUB

Thurs | Feb 16 | 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 | Feb 18 | 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 | Feb 19 | 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.**

PARACHUTE PLAY

Fri | Feb 24 | 11-11:30am

Thirty minutes of activities that includes music, creative movement and fun, all with one colorful parachute! **AGES 2-5, WITH ADULT. Registration required.**

WINTER CRAFT TO-GO KITS

Sat | Feb 25 | 9am

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

GROSS, BUT GREAT

Mon | Feb 27 | 4:30–5:30pm

Who's been running around in your backyard? Well, with the help of Miss Julie over at Allegheny Land Trust, we'll explore the wild world of tracks, scat and signs of animals! Before you know it, you'll be an expert tracker! The best part - it's gonna be a little gross! **Registration required.**

STORYTIMES & WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Tuesdays | 10am, 11am & 1pm

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 3 ½ - entering Kindergarten, without a caregiver. **Weekly registration required.**

FAMILY BLOCK PARTY

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.**

SPL TEEN IN FEBRUARY

Make a Blind Date with a Book 2023

Find your perfect BOOK match this February!

Complete the survey - www.tiny.cc/blinddate2023 - and receive a FREE BOOK ON VALENTINE'S DAY!

Take & Make MONDAY

New project kit twice a month!

Monday, Feb. 13 & 27

All HEART Everything

Tuesday, Feb. 14 (3-4:30 pm)

Heart-shaped pizzas! Heart cookies! Heart-shaped games! HEARTS!

ANIME CLUB

Tuesday, Feb. 7 & 21 @ 3:30

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



Marble Run MARIOKART

Thursday, February 23 @ 6:30 pm

Build your track then race against other teams. Ready. Set. GO!

JAM SESSION

Saturday, Feb. 18 (1-2 pm)

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

TikTok Kitchen

Thursday, Feb 2 & 16 (3:30 pm)

Viral recipes come to life!

Find out if those video treats are just as delicious in real life.

ADULT PROGRAMS



Find our 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. No need to sign up; 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! 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.

CONVERSATION SALON zoom
Wed | Feb 1 | 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 | Feb 1 & 15 | 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 | Feb 2 | 7pm
Gather monthly to read, reflect, & 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. February's theme: *Judge Not*

EVENING FRENCH
Mon | Feb 6| 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.

CARDMAKING CLASS
Wed | Feb 8 | 10am-12pm OR 1-3pm
We're playing with paper hearts and traditional Valentine colors to make 3 cards to show your love to your favorite people. Pull up a chair and get your fingers inky! Class size limited. **Registration required.** $10 material fee payable at class.

FALL IN LOVE SPEED DATING
Fri | Feb 10 | 7-9pm
(See details on page 8!)

DIY CRAFTS FOR ADULTS
Tues | Feb 14 | starting at 10am
Want to try a new craft 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.

TECH ASSISTANCE MEETUPS
Wed | Feb 15 | 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

ACADEMY AWARD MOVIE VIEWING & OSCAR POLL
Fridays | Feb 17 - Mar 10 | 2-4pm
Join us for free screenings of four of this year's Oscar nominated films! *(See details on page 8.)*

ELECTION DISINFORMATION: HOW TO IDENTIFY IT, WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT, WHY IT MATTERS
Wed | Feb 22 | 1-3pm
This program will explore what disinformation means for the 2024 elections and addresses how we as citizens can come together to mitigate disinformation and build resiliency and trust. *Presented by Beth Schwanke, executive director of Pitt Cyber and its Pitt Disinformation Lab.* **Registration required.**

INTRO TO WORDPRESS
Wed | Feb 22| 12-2pm
Learn how to use WordPress to create customizable websites. WordPress is a free, open software that was primarily for blogging but is now used by amateurs and professionals to build websites.
Registration required.

LET'S TALK ABOUT MURDER zoom
Mon | Feb 27 | 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: **TAINTED LOVE.** No need to register. Meets in-person in the Community Room & virtually via Zoom with this link: tiny.cc/ltamfeb23

BOOK GROUPS

Mystery Book Group
Tues | Feb 14 | 7pm
Clark and Division by Naomi Hirahara

Brown Bag Book Group zoom
Thurs | Feb 16 | 11:30am
Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

Fourth Tuesday Book Group
Tues | Feb 28 | 7pm
TBA

zoom *Virtual option available* *At-home craft kit*

February 2023

Find & register for all of our events online at sewickleylibrary.org/events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
WINTER READING Now through March 24th sewickleylibrary.org/winter 			**1** 10:00 Convo Salon 10:00 2&3's ST 10:30 Knitters Group 11:00 2&3's ST	**2** 9:30 Wise Walks 10:00 Preschool ST 2:00 French Convo 3:30 TikTok Kitchen 7:00 Tea & Inspo	**3** 10:00 Write Now!	**4** 10:30 Family Block Party 11:00 Meditation
5	**6** 10:00 Family ST at OTNC 4:30 Bird Count Storytime 6:30 Evening French	**7** 10:00 Mother Goose 11:00 Mother Goose 1:00 Mother Goose 3:30 Anime Club 6:30 Spheros	**8** 10:00 2&3's ST 10:00 Cardmaking 11:00 2&3's ST 1:00 Cardmaking	**9** 9:30 Wise Walks 10:00 Preschool ST 2:00 French Convo 6:30 Stories in Art	**10** 10:00 Write Now! 7:00 Library Lovers Speed Dating  ***Book Sale (Feb 10-12)***	**11** 10:30 Family Block Party 11:00 Meditation
12 2:00 Dog Tales ***$5 Bag Day!***	**13** 10:00 Family ST at OTNC 12:00 Take & Make	**14** 10:00 Mother Goose 10:00 DIY Crafts 11:00 Mother Goose 1:00 Mother Goose 3:00 HEART Everything 7:00 Mystery BG	**15** 10:00 2&3's ST 10:30 Knitters Group 11:00 2&3's ST 12:00 Tech Meetup	**16** 9:30 Wise Walks 10:00 Preschool ST 2:00 French Convo 3:30 TikTok Kitchen 6:30 LEGO Club	**17** 10:00 Write Now! 2:00 Awards Movie Screening	**18** 10:30 Family Block Party 10:30 Toddler Dance Party 11:00 Meditation 1:00 Jam Session
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Library Lovers Speed Dating



Love is in the air and we're giving you another chance to meet your match among the stacks at Library Lovers Speed Dating!

Building from the success of our first two Speed Dating events, this program 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.

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/vdayspeeddating.

Cozy Up with Winter Reading 2023

Why let summer have all the fun? Join the 2023 Winter Reading Program and log your reading for chances to win grand prizes. Set your own goal of reading minutes between **January 23 – March 24, 2023**. Log your entries online by entering the minutes you read each day. Use the handy *Beanstack App* to track your reading sessions, earn milestone badges, and access your account details. Winter Reading is open to everyone - babies, children, teens and adults. There are two age-levels: **Kids** (0-11 years) and **Adult & Teen** (12+ years). Visit www.sewickleylibrary.org/winter to get started!



SPL is Now Fine-Free!

Have you heard the news? The Sewickley Public Library wants to make sure *everyone* has access to library books, movies, and resources - regardless of circumstances. So we've removed the barriers that can keep folks away from the library!

The Library no longer charges late/overdue fines on any of items we lend. Books, movies, audiobooks, music - you will not be fined if you return them late. By going fine-free, SPL aims to get both our patrons and materials back in the library to better serve our entire community. For more information about SPL's Fine Free program, visit sewickleylibrary.org/fine-free.



Academy Award Nominee Film Viewing & Oscar Poll

Join us on Friday afternoons starting February 17th as we screen four of the ten Academy Award nominated films prior to awards ceremony night! Enjoy a cinema-like experience on our 86" screen, with popcorn and beverages provided. Screenings start at 2:00pm on Fridays, February 17 - March 10. Film titles TBA.

Take part in our Oscar winner projection poll for a chance to win a $25 gift card to The Lindsay Theatre!

