



Library News

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WGBY Winter Film Screenings

South Hadley
Public Library

WGBY, public television for Western Massachusetts, has produced some terrific local programming with ties to South Hadley. Join us on the second Thursday of each winter month to screen the following films:

Focusing on the Range (January 10th) takes a captivating look at the Mount Holyoke and Mount Tom ranges shot from multiple angles throughout the year.

The Great Flood of 1936: The Connecticut River Story (February 14th) chronicles the greatest disaster ever recorded along the Connecticut River,

making 430,000 people homeless and leaving over \$500 million worth of damage in its path (\$6.5 billion in today's dollars).

From Tee to Green: The History of The Orchards (March 13th) chronicles the story of the Donald Ross designed golf course in South Hadley. Constructed in 1922 by local industrialist Joseph Skinner for his daughter Elisabeth, the Orchards has long been referred to as a perfect gem.

This is an afternoon matinee series—all films start at 1:00 in the multi-purpose room. Each film runs less than one hour long, with time for discussion and memories. Popcorn and soda will be provided.

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for our updated
online calendar of
events!



Tax forms will be available at the library beginning in January, as they are received from the IRS and state.

New Reference Databases

Looking for help with school assignments? The library now has access to three new reference databases. **African-American History Online**, **American History Online**, and **American Women's History Online**. Each have thousands of entries—topical entries, biographies, maps, timeline entries, primary source

documents, and images which are hyperlinked and allow you to follow a path to related entries. Your library card number is your key to log in to these authoritative resources from home, school, or office. These databases are made possible through the library's membership in the C/WMARS library network.

SHPL By The Numbers... year-end statistics

- 156,148—Total number of materials checked out; an increase of 6% from the previous year
- 13,876—Materials requested & processed from other libraries for local residents
- 8,373—Registered library cards
- 2,909—Attendance at public programs
- 137—Adult, teen, and youth programs offered to the public
- 1.3%—Amount of town budget allocated to the South Hadley Public Library



Wireless Internet
Access throughout
the library!

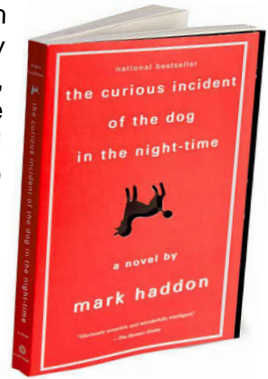
SHPL Readers Circle Book Discussion Group

- * January 14—*The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
- * February 11—*The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield
- * March 24—*the curious incident of the dog in the night-time* by Mark Haddon
- * April 14—*Waiting* by Ha Jin

Books will be available at the library approximately one month before the group meets. Meetings start at 6:30 in the multi-purpose room.

New members always welcome—Please join us for a relaxed discussion and the occasional literary insight!

South Hadley Reads began in 2002 as a cooperative effort of The South Hadley Public Library, The Odyssey Bookshop, Mount Holyoke College, Gaylord Memorial Library and the South Hadley Senior Center, with local corporate sponsorship. It is intended to engage the community in a common reading of a selected book each year. Join us in March for a community-wide reading of Mark Haddon's *the curious incident of the dog in the night-time*. A book discussion will be held March 24th at the library with other events to be announced.



Are you reading what we're reading?

Winter Fun in Youth Services

If it's winter in the Youth Room then that means lots of fun for children and teens. On those cold days and evenings there will be many activities in the library to keep the kids warm and dry.

On the slate for January will be the return of Andy Morris-Friedman presenting four weeks of chess club. Wednesdays January 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 3:30PM – 5:00PM Andy will be teaching kids the fine art of playing chess. All ages are welcome but children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up is at the door each week.

Tuesday, January 15th at 3:30PM will be a winter craft workshop. Participants will be making milk carton bird feeders. Winter is long for the birds and this is a great way for kids to help them and enjoy watching them at the same time. Sign up in the Youth Room for this

program. Children should bring one clean empty half gallon cardboard beverage container to the program.

February and March in the Youth Room always means one thing – parties! On Monday, February 4th at 6:00PM we will have our annual Mardi Gras party for children. Then in March on Monday the 10th at 6:00 is our annual beach party. As in years past we encourage attendees to come in their beach attire. Wearing Hawaiian shirts, leis or bathing suits are always welcome – if you dare!

As always there is weekly preschool Story Time on Thursdays at 10:30AM.

For more information about these and other programs please see Meg Clancy, Youth Services Librarian or check the Youth Room bulletin board on the ramp for the current month's activities too!



**KIDS CHESS CLUB—
Wednesdays in January**



Don't forget that the library has discount admission passes for the Holyoke Children's Museum, Springfield Quadrangle Museums, Hancock Shaker Village, Norman Rockwell Museum, and Massachusetts State Parks. Pick up a brochure for further details!