

SOUTH HOLLAND *Living*

March | April 2020



Spring Reading at the Library



New Resident Breakfast

"WELCOME TO A VILLAGE LIKE NO OTHER"

APRIL 4, 2020

9:00AM

South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170th St.

Call 708.339.8753

or email

cmarshall@southholland.org

to add your name

to the guest list.

Complimentary Breakfast

Raffle Prizes

Local Vendors

Presentation from Mayor Don De Graff

FROM YOUR MAYOR



Dear South Holland Residents and Friends,

We live in an era in which the way we receive information and entertainment changes rapidly. New electronic devices are being introduced every year, along with ever-changing trends in content consumption. These days, our gaze is directed more at our smartphones than at books or newspapers. Even so, one traditional institution remains strong and steadfast: the public library.

As you will see in the story presented in this issue, the South Holland Public Library is no exception. It is a true cornerstone in our community, and perhaps what is most impressive is its ability to not only keep hard-copy books as its staple, but also to evolve with the times, continuously offering new digital technology and services that our residents truly use and need.

April 19-25 is National Library Week. Whether you are a longtime South Holland resident or a new resident, if you haven't yet visited our Village's great library, I encourage you to do so that week. I'm certain you will be hooked after one visit.

If you are a new resident, we've provided some great resources in this issue for you to get connected and feeling comfortable in no time. I also hope to see you at the New Resident Breakfast on April 4!

As we look toward the promise of springtime, and the beauty and renewal that it brings, may we do so with hearts of gratitude, for our country, our families, and for the wonderful Village of South Holland that we call home.

Don A. De Graff
Mayor

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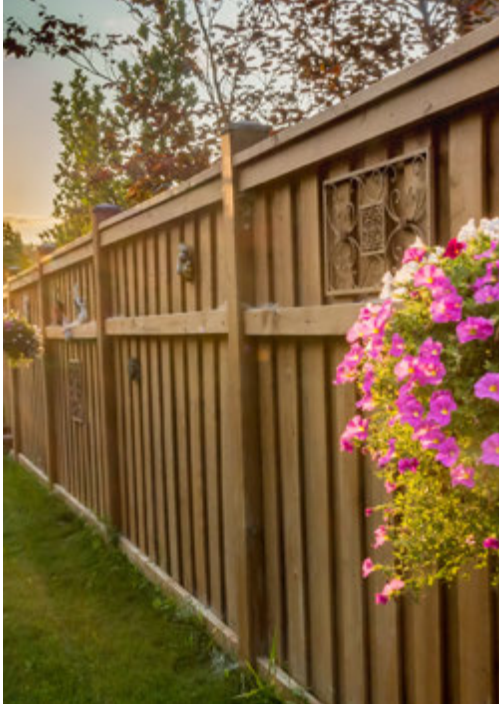
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DID YOU KNOW?

LEARN ABOUT THE VILLAGE ORDINANCES THAT HELP KEEP SOUTH HOLLAND A CLEAN, BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY.



Did you know...

... that South Holland parks are to remain pet-free? Dogs leading the blind are permitted, however.

... that garbage containers should be placed on the curb no earlier than 4 p.m. on the day before scheduled pickup, and should be removed from the curb by 8 p.m. on the day of pickup?

... that if you would like to build a fence on your property, you must first obtain a permit? Visit the Customer Service Center at Village Hall (16226 Wausau Ave) for a permit application.

For more information about snow removal and Village ordinances, call the Building and Code Department at 708.210.2900.



WE'RE HIRING!

The Village of South Holland has job openings for the following departments:

- Police Department
- Recreational Services
- Code Enforcement
- Public Works

Visit southholland.org to view job descriptions and to apply.

VILLAGE NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND SOUTH HOLLAND



RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS

The first Electronic Recycling event of 2020 is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 from 8 a.m. to noon in the rear parking lot of the South Holland Public Library (16250 Wausau Ave). This is a service available to South Holland residents only.

Electronic waste refers to electronic devices that are broken, outdated, discarded, or at the end of their useful life. This includes cell phones, laptops, desktop computers, monitors, tablets, PDAs, televisions, printers, fax machines, scanners, and many other electronic devices. It is illegal in the State of Illinois to dispose of these items in the trash or by setting them out on a curb, so we provide this service twice a year (March and October) for our residents.



WATER RATE UPDATE

The following rates will apply to water consumed beginning January 1, 2020 and payable on the March 2020 bill.

Water: \$8.64 per 1,000 gallons for the first 25,000 gallons, \$7.94 per 1,000 gallons for the next 100,000 gallons, \$7.81 per 1,000 gallons for the next 125,000 gallons. The minimum charge for water is \$17.28.

Sewer: \$0.38 per month plus \$0.47 per 1,000 gallons used

Garbage: \$26.24 per month (\$27.84 beginning June 1, 2020)

You can pay your water bill in one of three ways: online at southholland.org, via direct debit, or in person at the Customer Service Center (16220 Wausau Ave, Building A).



VEHICLE STICKERS

Any vehicle registered to a South Holland address is required to have a South Holland vehicle sticker. This applies whether the vehicle is parked on the street, in a driveway, or garage. The 2020-21 vehicle stickers are available starting May 1 and must be displayed before July 1.

Sticker Prices

Passenger Car: \$40

Truck and motor home: \$55

Truck C and higher: \$95

Motorcycle: \$20

Those 65 years and older receive a 50 percent discount. Late fees are incurred beginning on July 1.

VILLAGE NEWS

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WE'LL PICK IT UP

Beginning April 1 (and continuing through November), pickup of yard waste will take place on the same day as your regular garbage collection. You must use the toter designated for yard waste. When the toter is full and there is still more waste to dispose of, you may use brown paper yard bags.

To request special pickup of outdoor landscape debris, contact the Public Works office at 708.339.2323.



PLANTING IN THE PARKWAYS

The Village of South Holland, a Tree City USA designated community, has a 50/50 Parkway Tree Program, where the Village pays up to half the cost (\$150 maximum) for the purchase and planting of a new tree. The homeowner pays the remaining costs. To participate in the program, residents must fill out an application (available at southholland.org and at Village Hall). The program is allotted a limited budget per year, so applications are received on a first come, first served basis.

Also, if there are low-hanging or overgrown branches on trees in the parkway of your property, it is the homeowner's responsibility to trim it. There must be a 7-foot clearance for pedestrians and cyclists. For more information, visit southholland.org or call the Public Works office at 708.339.2323.

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2020 CENSUS

Beginning in March, everyone living in the U.S. will be asked to complete the 2020 Census survey. This is the decennial effort to conduct a population count of everyone in the United States. The number of people who complete the survey determines the amount of funding our community receives. Specifically, data from the Census are used to ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals and fire departments, so there is a direct benefit for those who participate. Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. Once you receive it, you can respond online, over the phone, or via mail. The survey is only nine questions and takes just a few minutes to complete. We will report more information about the Census over the coming months at southholland.org and on our Village Facebook page.

SOUTH HOLLAND SPORTS



SOUTH HOLLAND SHARKS SWIM CLUB

The South Holland Sharks is a swim club for kids who want to train to swim competitively. Swimmers must be able to swim a full length of freestyle and backstroke, and should also be able to tread water for one minute.

AGES: 5-17 years old as of April 27

WHEN: April 27-June 4

DAYS: Monday-Wednesday

TIMES: 5:30-7:00pm

COACHES: Melinda, Elliot and Kyndall

WHERE: Thornwood High School Pool, 17101 South Park Ave

FEES: \$270 for South Holland residents / \$280 for non-residents

Register at the South Holland Community Center or at southholland.org

SOUTH HOLLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration is open for the South Holland Little League and Softball 2020 season.

There are no tryouts; all children ages 4-13 are welcome to play. Register at southhollandlittleleague.org.

CO-ED BASEBALL

Ages 4-10: \$175

Ages 11-13: \$275

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Ages 4-10: \$175

Opening Day for the South Holland Little League is Saturday, April 18 at Veterans Memorial Park. All are invited to attend and cheer on our young ball players!

OUT AND ABOUT

FACES FROM EVENTS AROUND THE VILLAGE



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

Photos by Lawrence Bickerstaff

The Village hosted its annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at First Reformed Church in early January. The service included music by guest artist Isaac Tarver, the South Holland Master Chorale, and Rev. Dr. Ozzie E. Smith, Jr.; plus a dance tribute, speaking by First Reformed pastors Jim Oord and Corey Buchanan, and an accompanying art contest. A reception followed the service, where guests enjoyed food and fellowship and signed a pledge to commit to carrying out Dr. King's legacy.



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FLAVOR ADDICTS RIBBON CUTTING

Photos by Julia Perla Huisman and Aaron Mosley

South Holland is now home to a specialty popcorn store, Flavor Addicts Gourmet Popcorn, at 641 E. 162nd Street. The store celebrated its ribbon cutting with Mayor Don De Graff, Village officials, and members of the South Holland Business Association. Flavor Addicts is a family-owned business that features more than 20 unique sweet and savory flavors of fresh popcorn.



Mayor's Coffee

**Thursday, March 12
7:00pm**

**South Holland Community Center
501 E. 170th Street**

**Come meet Mayor Don De Graff
and enjoy coffee and refreshments!**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 6

DADDY/DAUGHTER MASQUERADE BALL

6:30-9pm, South Holland Community Center, 501 E 170th St.

Dads and daughters (ages 3-14) are encouraged to come dressed to impress to enjoy an evening that includes food, dancing, pictures and more. All daughters must be accompanied by their father or favorite man for a spectacular evening. Register at the Community Center.

March 7 and April 4

COFFEE WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS

8:30am, Fire Station 1, 16230 Wausau Ave.

Residents can meet and talk with members of the South Holland Fire Department on the first Saturday of every month.

March 12

MAYOR'S COFFEE

7pm, South Holland Community Center, 501 E 170th St.

Residents can hear from and speak with Mayor Don De Graff and enjoy coffee and refreshments.

March 26

SOUTH HOLLAND BUSINESS EXPO

8:30am, South Holland Community Center, 501 E 170th St.

Shop and support local businesses and organizations by attending the South Holland Business Association's Business and Community Expo. Explore a diverse array of products and services, network, gather information, and sample products all in one convenient location. The event is free and open to the public and features prizes and giveaways.

March 28

SOUTH HOLLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

7-11am, Fire Station No. 1, 16230 Wausau Ave.

The Fire Department's annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast include a breakfast meal, fellowship, raffle, and a chance to meet the firefighters. Tickets are \$8 per person; children 4 and under are free. Proceeds benefit the SHFD Memorial Fund.

April 4
NEW RESIDENT BREAKFAST

*9am, South Holland Community Center,
501 E 170th St.*

New residents to South Holland are invited for a complimentary buffet breakfast, raffle prizes, a brief presentation about what South Holland has to offer, and a chance to visit with South Holland clubs and organizations. New residents interested in attending can email to cmarshall@southholland.org or call 708.339.8753.

April 4
EASTER EGG HUNT

11am, Veterans Memorial Park, 500 E 160th Place

Children are divided into five age groups and will hunt for eggs filled with candy. Pre-registration is required; register at the South Holland Community Center.

April 17
GOOD FRIDAY

Most South Holland municipal buildings and administrative office will be closed. Police and fire services will be available as usual.

AT THE LIBRARY

**VISIT THE SOUTH HOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (16250 WAUSAU AVE)
FOR THESE FUN SUMMERTIME EVENTS!**

MARCH 9
SENIORS CONNECTING: GAME DAY

1 pm

Want to spend the afternoon playing Scrabble, checkers, or card games with other seniors? Stop in and join us. Light refreshments will be served.

MARCH 18
YOUTH EVENT WITH CONGRESSWOMAN ROBIN KELLY

5:30PM

Congresswoman Robin Kelly's Congressional Youth Cabinet (which consists of high school and middle school students) will read to elementary school students and explain the legislative process.

MARCH 19
HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY

7 pm

Health of the brain and the body are connected. Learn ways to keep your body and brain young at any age. Registration required.

APRIL 9
FINANCIAL GOAL SETTING

7 pm

A representative from Neighborhood Housing Services will show you how you can build your financial profile.

FAITH IN

Motion

SHINE YOUR LIGHT!

By Dr. Renee Allison of New Life House of God

Have you ever driven down a dark road or street or even walked into your home or apartment and the lights were off? One thing we don't typically do is curse the darkness; instead, we use our power to turn on the light!

Our power and authority to turn on a light didn't originate with us but with our creator God. Genesis 1 gives us a snapshot of this fact: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Darkness was on the earth and God said let there be light, and there was light—one to rule the day and another lesser light to rule the night—and God said it was good.

So we see that light is good and it originated with God. It wasn't man's idea to turn on the light; light was God's answer for the darkness! Light is the power that expels or eliminates the darkness. John 1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

God's light can shine right through the darkness of circumstances and show us the way to a better day. Sometimes, because of situations or the cares of life we don't allow the revelation of God's word to lead us and guide us but the Bible suggests, in Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to my path." Even in the darkness God can shine the light of His word and help us move forward in life. We all have tests and trials that are trying to overwhelm us, but we must remember, God's answer to the darkness is still to shine the light!

Isaiah 60 says, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen

upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee." Shining the light can cause men to identify the God that you are serving and be drawn to Him.



Dr. Renee Allison

Now, how do we apply this principle to today's modern society? After all, aren't there many forms of light? We again refer to the word of God. Matthew 5:14-16 says, "You are the light of the world. . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The light that believers possess is the life that comes through having a relationship with the Father through Jesus Christ. It is not based on the filament or conducting wire in the light bulb, but the power that flows through the believer comes from being connected to God the Father. This light brings revelation and delivers from dark situations. His light doesn't just illuminate a room or space but it illuminates our hearts and our lives. This light shines right through the darkness and though the darkness can't understand it, it continues to shine! God has called us as believers in this hour to SHINE THE LIGHT! Shine the light of His presence, His goodness, His kindness, His mercy and His love. You are the light of the world; therefore, Shine the Light! 🔥

Dine

SOUTH HOLLAND

SIGNATURE SWEETS FACTORY

By Carrie Steinweg
Photos by Michelle Hamstra



Marcus Freeman and his mother Marilyn run Signature Sweets Factory.

Marcus Freeman likes to eat, which led to his interest in cooking. In fact, it's a passion—one that led him to go into business as a baker at age 19. Now at 25, he owns his own bakery cafe, Signature Sweets Factory, and has become known as one of Chicagoland's most creative cake and sweets makers. His South Holland storefront at 514 E. 162nd Street opened in 2017.

Nothing is standard or run-of-the-mill at the bakery, where you'll find cookie-bottom cream filled cupcakes, butter cookies made with imported Irish butter, and fried banana pudding featuring homemade pudding, whipped cream and wafers. "Everything is from scratch. We don't use processed cookies from a grocery store on top," says Freeman.

Perhaps most unique are the cinnamon roll flavors—Hennessy peach cobbler, sweet potato pie, strawberry shortcake, honey bun, lemon cream pie. Two flavors are available in the cafe each week.

Freeman has been featured on Windy City Live, VH1, ABC7 News and WGN TV's morning show highlighting his products that are sold in retail stores throughout the Chicago area. You'll find his cookies and cake jars in four Mariano's stores and about 24 Jewel stores.

During his childhood, Freeman spent a lot of time in the kitchen with his grandmother, mother and aunt. His aunt is the one who really taught him



the basics, he says, and she and his mother continue to be an influence in his business. His mother Marilyn is the chief executive officer of the business and his aunt works in the kitchen baking with him. He also spent two years attending Kendall College in Chicago.

Freeman enjoys fulfilling orders for custom cakes. He says his most unique one was a topsy-turvy Dr. Seuss cake that gave the appearance that the layers were sliding off. It was set on a spinning cake stand and was part of a larger sweets table for a baby shower.

"I like to eat and mix things together. I always had an interest in that," he says. "I used to work at a retail store and would take a lot of my creations to co-workers. I like to share and feed people. I was about 16 when I first starting dabbling." Freeman later started baking and decided to make that his focus, even though he says he doesn't have much of a sweet tooth himself.

He has returned to his cooking roots with a lunch-style cafe menu that was added about a year ago. The menu includes salads, sandwiches and soup. Freeman is a believer in finding your niche and doing what you do very well. So, his menu is intentionally kept smaller to focus on quality over quantity. He serves one soup—smoked turkey enchilada—and is working on a second variety to introduce soon.

When it comes to the rest of the lunch menu, Freeman grinds his own seasonings to use on meats to ensure freshness. Among the menu items are jerk chicken (that can be ordered in a salad, panini or wrap) and a cajun seafood salad with his French Quarter seasoning blend applied to chicken, shrimp and andouille sausage.

As warmer weather approaches, ice cream will be back on the menu, with two to four flavors available. His top seller is the rainbow confetti sherbet with several layers of flavors, all made with real fruit.



Signature Sweets offers many of their products for retail sale.

As much as Freeman is focused on high-quality ingredients and creative, from-scratch preparation, he says there's one aspect of his business that he considers more important than the food. "Our number one priority is customer service. We want everyone to be completely satisfied," he says. "I believe you should treat every customer as if they were your grandmother."

As demand has picked up with retail store orders, Freeman has had to cut back the cafe hours to keep a good balance. Current store hours are Thursday and Friday from 11am-5pm and Saturday from 1-5pm. As summer approaches, he expects to expand hours. He also is working to slowly expand the lunch menu.

Catering is also available, featuring everything on the regular menu plus other southern specialties like macaroni and cheese and sweet potato casserole. He has catered for a number of large events with venues that include the American College of Surgeons and the Chicago House of Blues. 🔥

SIGNATURE SWEETS FACTORY
514 E 162nd St
708.394.3580
signaturesweetsfactory.com
Thurs-Fri 11am-5pm, Sat 1-5pm

NEW TO SOUTH HOLLAND?

We've got you covered

If you have recently moved to South Holland from another community, welcome! We are pleased to have you! As you may have noticed already, South Holland is a unique community, in all the best ways. Situated in the heart of the south suburbs of Chicago, it is bustling and full of energy, but it's also a small town with a tightknit community of residents who care deeply about their village and their neighbors.

It is important to Mayor Don De Graff and the South Holland Village Board and Administration that all new residents feel welcomed here and that you have all of the information you need to get acclimated and connected. We have a few resources that will help you in this regard...

1) NEW RESIDENT PACKET

This is a packet of information that lists all of the pertinent categories and services that new residents should know (garbage pickup, Village department locations and phone numbers, etc.). You should have received a packet when you visited Village Hall to sign up for your water bill. If you did not, or if you've misplaced it and would like another one, please stop by Village Hall, 16226 Wausau Ave, and visit the Customer Service Center, which is in Building B.

2) NEW RESIDENT BREAKFAST

On April 4 at 9 a.m., all new South Holland residents are invited to a complimentary breakfast where they will meet Village leaders and learn more about South Holland. There will be a time to visit with Village departments and local organizations who will be on site to give away products and inform new residents of their services. During breakfast, there will be a brief presentation from Mayor Don De Graff and others who will share need-to-know items as well as their insight as to why South Holland is "a village like no other." The event will conclude with a raffle, where we are giving away an Amazon Echo, among other prizes.

If you are interested in attending the event, please



RSVP by emailing event coordinator Crystal Marshall at cmarshall@southholland.org or by calling 708.339.8753.

3) VILLAGE RESOURCES

The Village administration uses the following platforms to publicize Village events, initiatives, and overall information:

- **Southholland.org** – Our website is host to a bevy of information, anything from upcoming events to the curbside recycling schedule to all Village codes and ordinances.
- **Email newsletter** – While on the website, sign up for our weekly newsletter, which publicizes happenings around town plus news you need to

know. At southholland.org, visit the spot on the righthand side of the home page that says "Join our E-Mail List," or simply email julia@southholland.org to be added to the list.

- **Social Media** – Find us on Facebook (facebook.com/VillageofSouthHolland) or Instagram @_southholland_. Here we post announcements as well as photos and videos from our many events.

- **Banners** – We promote the Village's special events with banners at Town Center Commons on South Park Ave, the Police Department on South Park Ave, the Community Center on 170th Ave, and on the east and west sides of the bridge on 170th Ave.

- **Digital Signs** – We post notices of upcoming events and info on the large LED sign at Village Hall on Wausau, as well as on TV screens in the lobbies of the Community Center, Customer Service Center, and Police Department.

- **South Holland Living** – South Holland is one of the few municipalities in the south suburban region that publishes its own magazine. Every two months, *South Holland Living* is sent to all residents. It is filled with stories about local residents and businesses, as well as information from Village Hall, a calendar of events, and photos from recent events.

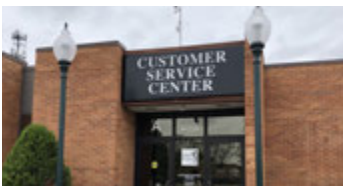
SOUTH HOLLAND'S Hidden Gems

THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS ARE MORE "GEM" THAN "HIDDEN," BUT EITHER WAY, THEY ARE DESTINATIONS TO VISIT WHEN YOU HAVE THE CHANCE.



South Holland Community Center – 501 E. 170th St

This building is the heart of the community. Home to a full gym and pool, it serves as a fitness center but is also host to hundreds of programs for people of all ages. Programs range from health to sports to self-help. The Community Center also has rooms of all sizes available for rent, and several Village sponsored events take place there. For more information, visit the Community Center or click on the program directory on the homepage of southholland.org.



Customer Service Center – Village Hall, 16226 Wausau Ave, Building A

The Customer Service Center at Village Hall is the place to go for all payments, permits, licenses, vehicle stickers, garage sale permits, etc. The friendly staff at the center will ensure that your questions are answered and that you get what you need from the Village. When you arrive at the Village Hall campus, be sure to look for signs for the Customer Service Center, which is on the northwest part of the campus.



Veterans Memorial Park – 500 E 160th Place

While all of South Holland's parks (31 total!) are beautifully maintained and provide value, our signature park is Veterans Memorial. This immaculately designed park is not only picturesque but also has top-of-the-line amenities that include a picnic pavilion, playground, gazebo, walking/running path, baseball and softball fields, and a beach volleyball court. It is also home to a war memorial commemorating South Holland residents who have served our country. Veterans Park is the location for many of the Village's outdoor events throughout the year, and residents can host their own events there as well for a fee. Simply call our Recreational Services department at 708.331.2940. 🔥

ONE STOP

Shop

SOUTH HOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY CHANGES WITH THE TIMES

By Bob Bong
Photos by Michelle Hamstra

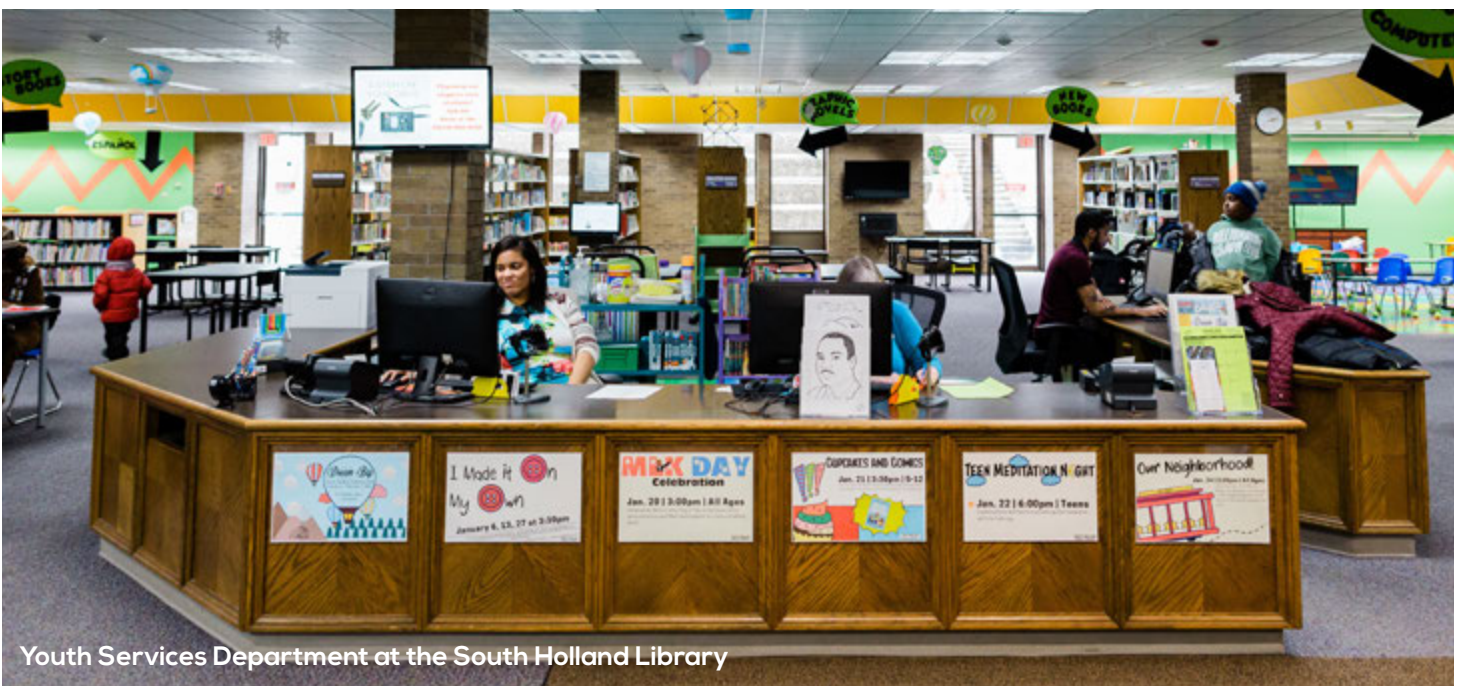
The South Holland Library was created in 1961 and moved into its current home at 16250 Wausau Ave. in 1972. Since then, it has continuously changed with the times.

South Holland Library director Robin Wagner says that libraries are still very relevant in 2020, but she does acknowledge that today's library is a lot different from the ones our parents used. "What we have found is that people want traditional items such as books and magazines along with modern technology like computers and fax machines," says Wagner, who has been at the library since June 2016.

"The South Holland Library definitely makes an impact on the residents," she says. "We have a steady stream of patrons both young and old. We are a 'go to' place for people to get their work done.

"We are very popular after school. We have study rooms downstairs that provide a safe environment for students to read, do homework or play games.

"Libraries are evolving," says Wagner. "In 2018, we started offering mobile Wi-Fi hotspots. People can check



Youth Services Department at the South Holland Library



The library offers an interactive play space for kids.

them out and use them at home or when traveling and they need access for their computers or tablets. They are extremely popular. Last summer, we added 10 more hotspots for a total of 20."

Also popular are Roku boxes for patrons who want to stream videos or movies or TV shows. E-readers are available, but Wagner says they rise and fall in popularity. "Sometimes they are all sitting there and at other times they are all checked out."

E-books, however, have become very popular, especially audio books, says Wagner. "We have seen that pick up in popularity over the past four or five years. Patrons can download the book to whatever device they have and listen to it."

Younger patrons can partake of the library's video game collection. "We have a huge collection of video games," says Wagner. "We have put a lot of money into that. We have the latest systems and the most recent games. What's funny is that the age for gamers keeps going up as they get older. We get kids, teens and young adults all playing games."

Also popular are music CDs and movies. "We carry both DVDs and Blu-Ray movies," says Wagner. "Some patrons will come in and put a hold on new releases before they even come out, so they can get first crack at them. People are on top of things like that." Besides technology, the South Holland Library also constantly updates and changes its programs to go along with time-tested ones, such as story times for preschoolers. "We have family evenings and Saturday programs for families," Wagner says. "We partner with the Museum of Science and Industry for a monthly STEM program. That includes free trips



to the museum. In fact, it's been so popular we have expanded it to include coding and robotics."

Teen programs include game nights with kids playing PlayStation 4 games or Nintendo Switch games. "We also offer role-playing games and movie nights."

Adult programs include Do It Yourself classes once a month, computer classes, learn a new language classes, movie nights and health and wellness programs.

SOUTH HOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

16250 Wausau Ave

708.527.3150

shlibrary.org

Mon-Thurs 10am-9pm; Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-5pm

MEET YOUR

Librarians



ROBIN WAGNER
Library Director

Length of time worked at SHPL:
3½ years

Best thing about working at the library: Working on improving the building for the residents of South Holland. We have upgraded

lighting and installed an ADA elevator, among other things. Our next step is to do a facility analysis to determine what we do in the next several years.

Favorite book: *The Blue Nowhere* by Jeffery Deaver. It was written in 2001 but to me, it predicted the trends in computers with privacy, hacking and stalking. It blew me away and I recommend it all the time.

Why people should visit SHPL:

Because we provide what you need! Computers, books, DVDs, music, programs and most of all, great customer service. We provide semi-private study spaces, a great Youth Services Department, and computer classes. And if you we don't have what you need, we can track it down and get it to you within days. And it is all free!



LINDA CARUSO
Head of Public Services

Length of time worked at SHPL:
5 years

Best thing about working at the library: I like helping people find library materials to fit their needs. It doesn't matter if it's to learn

something new or to read or listen to something entertaining.

Favorite book: One title is impossible to choose! I've always loved to read. As a child I liked mysteries and dog stories. Now I read just about anything. I prefer novels over non-fiction, but I try to keep up with best-selling non-fiction titles.



NANCY NOSEK
Public Services Librarian

Length of time worked at SHPL:
As a degreed librarian, since September 1989. However, I also worked here for a few years as a clerk after graduating from high school.

Best thing about working at the library: We have patrons who appreciate the help we can offer, and our co-workers help make it an enjoyable place to work.

Favorite book: Today? That is something that's always changing, but I periodically re-read several: *The Little Women* stories by Louisa May Alcott; *Katherine* by Anya Seton; several of the *Discworld* series by Terry Pratchett. A new favorite series is the *Owen Archer* series by Candace Robb.

Why people should visit SHPL: There are many reasons people need a Library, and we have a friendly, knowledgeable staff who are willing to help figure things out.



CHRIS BUETOW
Public Services Librarian

Length of time worked at SHPL:
26-plus years

Favorite book: So many books, so little time. I can talk to you about favorite authors and genres, books I've reread or binged on, but I honestly can't say I have ONE favorite book. At least not yet.

Why people should visit SHPL: Where else can you find fun material right next to educational material and all kinds of different opportunities to learn and grow, with a fantastic, helpful staff?



JOSH MABE

Public Services Librarian

Length of time worked at SHPL: I am brand new! I have just worked here for about 2 months [at time of printing] and I'm very excited to be working for the people of South Holland.

Best thing about working at the library: Definitely the patron interactions. I love a challenging question or research project, so please don't hesitate to ask me anything.

Favorite book: *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat* by Oliver Sacks. This book is a hugely entertaining collection of medical case studies by the famous neurologist, who is also a brilliant and sympathetic writer.



CHRISTYN RAYFORD

Head of Youth Services

Length of time worked at SHPL: 5 months

Best thing about working at the library: My favorite part of my job is working with the children and families and seeing their excitement for the library and the

things we do for them.

Why people should visit SHPL: There's literally something for everyone here. You can find new things, learn skills, make friends, or just have a safe place to go away from home. Libraries are bridges to your community.



SUE SCHLICHER

Youth Services Librarian

Length of time worked at SHPL: 30 years

Favorite book: I don't have just one favorite book. I like the books written by Rick Riordan.

Why people should visit SHPL: Libraries are very different from when they were growing up. We offer much more than just books.



BRYAN NUNNALLY

Youth Services Librarian

Length of time worked at SHPL: 2 years

Best thing about working at the library: I love working with the kids and getting them involved.

I also enjoy getting to know and helping people on a daily basis.

Favorite book: *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



ELIZABETH DE JONG

Head of Circulation Services

Length of time worked at SHPL: A long time! I started as a page when I was a teenager, but then came back and worked part-time for many years before becoming full-time in 2005. So, I'd say around 18 years (give or take

a couple years).

Favorite book: Some of my favorites include *Break Out* by Joel Osteen, *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers, *Roaring Lambs* by Bob Briner and *Success* and the *Self-Image* by Zig Ziglar.

Why people should visit SHPL: Your local library offers a wide variety of materials from popular fiction and bestsellers, music CDs, to current movies and TV series, books on CD, downloadable materials, console games for all ages, Rokus and hotspots. We have an excellent, knowledgeable staff that loves to help you find the materials you are looking for, for self-improvement or just for fun! 🔥

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 19-25

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role that libraries play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. Stop by during this week to meet the SHPL librarians in person and learn more about what the library has to offer!

Memorial Day Parade



Monday, May 25, 2020

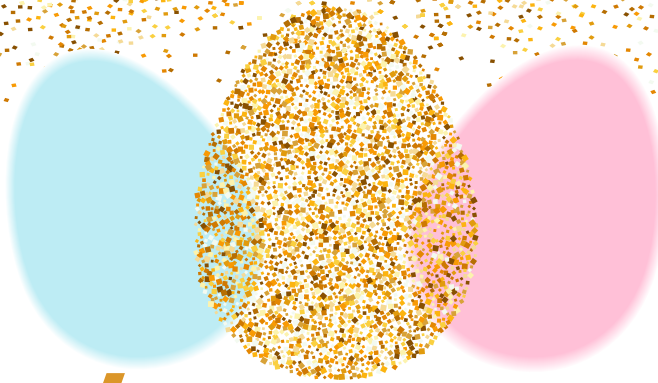
Take time to remember and honor military personnel who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces at South Holland's Annual Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony! We encourage all schools, churches, businesses, and civic groups to participate in the parade.

To enter the parade,
email cmarshall@southholland.org or call 708.210.2904.

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FREE to South Holland Children (ages 1-10 years)

**Pre-registration (with proof of residency) is required
at the South Holland Community Center.**

**Registration ends on March 30
or whenever spots are filled.**



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