

# CHAPTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY — SPRING 2023



A photo of the 1903 building during a snow storm this past winter.

## ***A letter from Library Director Priya Rathnam:***

There is an article by James Engell in the *Harvard Magazine*, January–February 2023, that laments the decline of the arts and humanities in the U.S. The author expresses concern, as, “In the last 50 years nationally, the percentage of all bachelor’s degrees conferred that fall in the humanities dropped from above 20 percent to below 10 percent (at Harvard from close to 30 percent to about 10 percent).” The author goes on to say that there is a corresponding increase in interest in computer science, engineering, and applied sciences. This trend could be because most people generally believe that a computer science or engineering degree is a guaranteed pathway to a lucrative job and a prosperous career. Whether this is a myth or based in reality is debatable.

Fareed Zakaria, in his book, *In Defense of a Liberal Education*, talks about the

importance of humanities and the arts in an increasingly globalized society. He contrasts how in ancient Greece and Rome and in the Middle Ages, people studied science to gain abstract knowledge; now people study science because it’s practical. Zakaria quotes Steve Jobs as saying, “It’s in Apple’s DNA that technology alone is not enough. It’s technology married with liberal arts, married with the humanities, that yields us the result that makes our hearts sing.” Amen to that! I believe that a liberal education can help foster creativity, promote critical thinking skills, develop emotional intelligence, hone one’s interpersonal and intrapersonal skills, and help people to apply ethical principles while solving problems.

Even if people pursue degrees in science,

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for recreational reading, library users can select books from a variety of categories: fiction, politics, history, biography, sociology, philosophy, poetry, and literature. A random look at the non-fiction books that were returned on one day revealed a self-help book, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, a biography of Montessori, an account of tennis superstars Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer, a book about America's founders being influenced by the Greeks and Romans, a narrative of immigration patterns of the British to the U.S. between 1629 and 1675, Christmas tales, and Shakespeare's plays. A library's collection allows for eclectic taste, satiates curiosity, kindles the desire for knowledge, and whets the appetite for more books!

The resources and activities at the library enable patrons to expand their intellectual horizons and enrich their lives by learning a new hobby or checking out a telescope, an induction cooker, or a ukulele! Patrons can learn new languages, research their roots, watch a movie and participate in a discussion about it, attend historical lectures and literary programs, or participate in a book club. Children's programs run the gamut of STEM-focused activities to theater, music, arts and crafts, and imaginative play. The public library is the go-to place for everyone who believes in lifelong learning!

Sincerely,  
Priya Rathnam

## THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SPONSORS

The library would like to thank the businesses and individuals who have contributed to the Sunday season from October 2022 to May 2023. For more information about the library's Sunday sponsorship program, please contact the Library Director, Priya Rathnam, at 508-841-8537 or send an email to [prathnam@shrewsburyma.gov](mailto:prathnam@shrewsburyma.gov).

### Providing eight Sundays:

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## Extended Bookstore Hours!

The Friends Bookstore on the lower level of the library is now open extended hours:

**Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.**

**Friday from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday from 1:00–4:00 p.m. (October through May)**

All proceeds go to the funding of library programs!



## TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Join the library's Digital Services Librarian, Sierra Chastain-Rittue, to learn new skills and gain confidence with technology. Please email [schastain-rittue@cwmares.org](mailto:schastain-rittue@cwmares.org) with questions or suggestions.

### Tech Tuesdays: Introduction to Google Suite

*Tuesday, March 7th*  
*6:00–7:30 p.m.*

Attendees will get a brief overview of Google Drive, Google Docs, and Google Sheets. By the end of this class, participants should understand how to create a new document and perform basic word processing, create spreadsheets and simple formulas, and how to upload files to Google Drive for storage. An active Gmail account is required. Basic computer skills recommended. Laptops will be provided.

### Computer Basics

*Thursday, March 16th*  
*3:00–4:30 p.m.*

People who describe themselves as "not being good with computers" and are interested in getting more comfortable with them should sign up for this class. Attendees will learn how to identify the basic parts of a computer, turn a computer off/on, differentiate between software and hardware, use a mouse, and the basics of using a keyboard. Laptops will be provided.

### Special Edition!

#### Tech Tuesdays: 3-D Printing Basics

*Tuesday, March 21st*  
*6:00–7:30 p.m.*

Attendees will gain an understanding of how 3-D printing works, its capabilities, and its limitations. Learn how to use TinkerCAD, a free 3-D modeling software, to find, design, and alter 3-D models. Then, learn how to bring them to life with the library's 3-D printing team! Basic computer skills recommended. Laptops will be provided.

### Read, Listen, and Watch with hoopla

*Monday, April 3rd*  
*3:00–4:00 p.m.*

What's all the hoopla about hoopla?! Looking for an alternative to Libby? A library card lets patrons download and stream with hoopla from the comfort of their own home. Participants should bring their devices (smartphone, tablet, laptop) to learn how to borrow digital books, audio, movies, and television series using hoopla.

### Get Started with Libby

*Friday, April 7th, 2:30–3:30 p.m.*  
*Thursday, May 11th, 5:30–6:30 p.m.*

Want to have access to the library's digital books, audiobooks, magazines, and more, anytime and anywhere? Libby can help! Participants should bring their devices (smartphone, tablet, laptop) to get familiar with the Libby app.

### Tech Tuesdays: Microsoft Word: Long Documents

*Tuesday, April 11th*  
*6:00–7:30 p.m.*

Attendees will learn how to add page breaks, chapter titles, a table of contents, page numbers, headers, and footers, as well as how to add styles for a consistent appearance. Laptops will be provided.

### Tech Tuesdays: Get Started with Python

*Tuesday, May 2nd*  
*6:00–7:30 p.m.*

Attendees will learn what Python is and ways it can be used, how to write and run Python code using IDLE, basic coding concepts, and additional resources available to expand their skills outside of class.

**Space is limited.  
Registration is required for  
these programs.**

# ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

## Meditation for a More Balanced Life

*Tuesday, April 11th*  
7:00–8:00 p.m., Virtual

People all over the world are tuning into meditation to help them lead more peaceful and healthy lifestyles. Scientific studies have proven that the practice of meditation provides a deep relaxation to the body that helps reduce stress and tension. Meditation is the key to a more balanced life. Participants will learn a simple and natural method of meditation that will help enhance their lives. Please join Ajili Hodari, Esq., long-time meditator, for this powerful program.

## Unlike Any Other: The Life and Times of Bathsheba Spooner

*Thursday, April 13th*  
7:00–8:00 p.m.

Join Ed Londergan, author of *Unlike Any Other*, a biographical novel about Bathsheba Spooner, for this talk about Spooner's life and times. Bathsheba Spooner was the daughter of Timothy Ruggles, a general in the French and Indian War and a leading loyalist in Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War. Like her father, Bathsheba was smart, strong-willed, and a staunch British loyalist. Forced to marry a man she did not love, Bathsheba withstood her husband's abuse for years until a young Continental soldier entered her life. When this well-heeled mother of three small children discovered she was pregnant with the soldier's child, her thoughts quickly turned to murder.

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## The Disappearance of Dr. Parkman: Blood and Ivy at the Harvard Medical School

*Saturday, April 15th*  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

The 1849 murder of Dr. George Parkman in Boston stands as one of the most sensational trials of the 19th century. This case has it all: a grisly murder, a dismembered corpse, a wealthy victim, a respected suspect, a questionable lead witness for the prosecution, and unusual court proceedings. This case established the legal standard of "proof beyond a reasonable doubt," adopted by our justice system. Join retired Justice Dennis J. Curran, a Massachusetts trial judge for 15 years, to discuss this legally historic case.

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## American Sign Language — 25 Signs Anyone Can Do

*Saturday, March 18th*  
11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

In this workshop, participants will learn 25 basic signs in American Sign Language (ASL). The emphasis is to build a usable sign language vocabulary and learn "Do" and "Do Not Do" tips to successfully interact with persons who are Deaf.

Please be aware that this class is taught in the native ASL and will not have sound. In addition, classes are hands-on and activity focused.

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## Youthful Aging, Ageless Consciousness Through Meditation

*Thursday, March 23rd*  
7:00–8:00 p.m., Virtual

Matthew Raider, MD, has practiced and taught geriatric medicine for the last 30 years. He will present a threefold method of maintaining youthful function in advancing age. Dr. Raider will discuss the medical evidence regarding exercise, diet, and meditation for modifying the aging process.

## Author Mia Mask Discusses *Black Rodeo: A History of the African American Western*

*Wednesday, March 29th*  
7:00–8:00 p.m., Virtual

African American Westerns have a rich cinematic history and visual culture. Professor and author Mia Mask examines the African American Western hero within the larger context of film history by considering how Black Westerns evolved and approached wide-ranging goals.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library.

## The Importance of Bees!

*Saturday, April 8th*  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

Join local beekeeper and Auburn resident John Hedley, one of over 1,000 members of the Worcester County Beekeepers Association (a leader in beekeeping education for over 100 years), as he discusses interesting and important topics relating to bees and our environment. John will present on starting a beehive, collecting honey, the physical structure of a hive, bee chores in and out of a hive, the bee colony and its organization, and the importance of pollination.

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## From Ireland to America

*Saturday, March 11th*  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

Presented by beloved local musician Roger Tincknell, "From Ireland to America" is a festive music program celebrating traditional Irish music and culture. The concert includes a variety of traditional Irish and Irish-American songs and instrumentals. Lovely Irish ballads, work songs, and familiar Irish sing-alongs are interspersed with lively jigs and reels instrumentals.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

## An America Divided: Can We Live with One Another? with *The New Yorker* Staff Writer Emma Green

*Tuesday, March 14th*  
7:30–8:30 p.m., Virtual

Join Emma Green in this exploration of the ways that Americans are divided: politically, religiously, economically, in our communities, and even in our families. What has caused these ruptures and what are some ways for us to come back together? Pulling from the many people she has spoken to over the years, as well as her articles on the Federalist Society, the Supreme Court, and Affirmative Action, Emma will lead participants in this difficult but essential discussion.

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## Project Mishoon: An Underwater Archeological Project of the Nipmuc People

*Thursday, March 16th*  
7:00–8:30 p.m.

Come learn about the efforts of the Nipmuc People to investigate and excavate three mishoonash (traditional dugout canoes) that have been discovered at the bottom of Lake Quinsigamond (between Worcester and Shrewsbury), the historical significance of the mishoonash to the Nipmuc, as well as the science behind the process to recover and preserve the mishoonash. Presented by Cheryl Stedtler, Project Mishoon Director.

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## Indoor Mushroom Growing

**Thursday, April 20th**  
7:00–8:00 p.m., Virtual

Fact: gourmet mushrooms can cost \$30 per pound in the store! Learn how to grow mushrooms using limited space with presenter Isaiah Chavez, an accomplished mushroom farmer from Colorado.

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## Deeper Into Meditation

**Thursday, May 4th**  
7:00–8:00 p.m., Virtual

Join Eileen Carlotto, long-time meditator, for this deep and engaging meditation workshop. Eileen will guide participants through the journey of meditation, demonstrating the most natural and effective techniques. She will give suggestions for deepening and stabilizing meditation practices, and there will be an opportunity to practice this technique during the session. Achieve a lasting state of peace and happiness found through no outer experience. For new or advanced meditators.

## Abraham Lincoln and Massachusetts

**Saturday, May 6th**  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

Abraham Lincoln's origins bring to mind Illinois, Indiana, and even Kentucky, where he and his immediate forebears lived. Surprisingly, the 16th president also had strong and compelling connections to Massachusetts. Participants will hear that story and how Lincoln's family heritage provided a backdrop for what was to come. A key event in Lincoln's life was an 1848 trip to Massachusetts, which, as Lincoln himself described it, was his "first trip over the mountains," made while he "was still picking the hayseed out of [his] hair."

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**Registration is required for most programs.**

## Basics of Hydroponics

**Thursday, May 18th**  
7:00–8:00 p.m.

Grow all kinds of plants without soil from the comfort of home. Participants will learn to use water and nutrients to supply their families with veggies and herbs all year long.

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For more information about these programs and more:

Sign up for the library's Wowbrary newsletter to see what's new at <https://tinyurl.com/3ywrj2wa>

Check out the Adult Services online events calendar at <https://tinyurl.com/45ncjyyu>

Check out the complete online events calendar for library programs at <https://tinyurl.com/49pnwvus>

Follow the library on Facebook at <https://tinyurl.com/nd864ejj>

Follow the library on Instagram @ShrewsburyLibrary

## Ongoing Programs

### English Conversation Circle

Four weekly sessions are offered: *On Zoom on Tuesdays from 3:00–4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., in person at the library on Wednesdays from 10:30–11:30 a.m., and in person at St. Anne's Church on Fridays from 10:00–11:00 a.m.* These sessions are for adults who wish to practice their English conversational skills. The facilitators make the sessions engaging, interactive, and fun. To register, send an email to [splreference@cwmar.org](mailto:splreference@cwmar.org).

### Spanish Conversation Club

¿Buscas un espacio informal en el que puedas practicar tu Español y aprender más de las múltiples culturas que hablan este idioma? Únete a nuestro club de conversación *la mayoría de los martes a las 6:00 p.m.* en la biblioteca pública de Shrewsbury.

Are you looking for a casual space in which you can practice your Spanish and learn more about the multiple cultures of those who speak that language? Join our Spanish Conversation Club *most Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.* at the Shrewsbury Public Library.

## Memory Café

The library's Good Day Memory Café meets on the *first and third Friday of the month from 2:00–3:30 p.m.* A memory café is a welcoming place for people living with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia and their care partners. Facilitators and volunteers enliven the meetings with conversation, music, or other activities to entertain guests.

## Virtual 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

Massachusetts Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seekers Group now has two sessions! One session meets on the *first and third Wednesday of the month from 9:30–11:30 a.m. on Zoom*. The other session meets on the *second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:00–8:00 p.m. on Zoom*.

Those who are unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career, re-entering the job market, or are recently retired and looking for their "encore career," should consider joining this group.

## Movie Discussion Club Virtual via Google Meet

Join the library's new, fun, relaxed group for adults who enjoy all forms of cinema on the *first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.* The movie of the month is available to watch on one of the library's streaming platforms such as hoopla or Kanopy, and is based on a monthly theme.

From Academy Award-winning blockbusters to low-budget schlockers, participants will have a great time chatting about all things movies! Watch the movie before the meeting and register for the virtual discussion on the library's online calendar. Please email [dvolke@cwmar.org](mailto:dvolke@cwmar.org) for details.

## Book Clubs

### Shrewsbury Readers In Person

This group is about good books and good discussion and meets on the *first Thursday of the month from 6:30–7:30 p.m.* New members welcome; to register, please email [prathnam@shrewsburyma.gov](mailto:prathnam@shrewsburyma.gov) or call 508-841-8537.

### Reading Glasses Virtual via Google Meet

This book group for adults in their 20s and 30s meets monthly. New members welcome; to register, please email [splreference@cwmar.org](mailto:splreference@cwmar.org).

# Children's Room

## Ongoing Programs

### Infant Explorers

*1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.*

A program for the library's littlest patrons to explore the world around them! This sensory program will have children 0–2.9 years old explore through touch, sight, and sound. This program is intended for caregivers to engage 1-to-1 with their child. Admittance tokens required.

### Courtyard Storytime

*2nd Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.*

Join Miss Sonja for singing, dancing, and stories in the fresh air. No registration or tokens needed. Geared toward kids ages 1+. In the case of inclement weather, the program will be canceled.

### Book Beats

*Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.*

A lively early-literacy music and movement program for ages 2–4 years with a caregiver. Siblings welcome. Admittance tokens required.

### Babies, Books, and Bubbles

*Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

Enjoy songs, fingerplays, and books with the littlest listeners. Babies from birth to age 2 are welcome along with their caregivers. Admittance tokens required.

### Wiggle Words

*Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.*

Come to the library for singing, dancing, and stories. For walkers up to 3 years with a caregiver. Siblings welcome. No tokens required.

### Tinker Time

*Fridays at 10:30 a.m.*

Tinker Time is a fun, hands-on learning program for older toddlers and preschoolers. Together parents and children can explore a variety of age-appropriate STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) and early-literacy stations. This is a drop-in program. No registration is required, but please note that space is limited.

### StoryWalk®

Visit the StoryWalk® at Lake Street Park (430 Lake Street in Shrewsbury) and stroll through a new picture book every month. Don't forget to look for additional special activities while there!

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

The SPL is taking part in this exciting national literacy program for kids ages 0+ and their families. Participants read to their child, log reading activity, and win free books and a t-shirt upon completion! For more information and to register, visit the library's website at <https://tinyurl.com/bdz34jpe>.

### Holi Take-Home Craft

*Thursday, March 2nd*

Kits available starting at 10:00 a.m.

### The Three Little Pigs Children's Concert

*Saturday, March 4th*

*3:00 p.m.*

A musical rendition of the *Three Little Pigs* for flute and percussion. Program designed for ages 3–8, but all ages welcome. This musical storytime is a great opportunity to get to know musical instruments alongside the telling of a familiar story. No registration required.

### All Ages Trivia

*Mondays, March 6th, April 3rd, and May 1st*

*6:00 p.m.*

Make a team and head to the library for trivia and pizza! The themes in order are animals, Disney, and Star Wars. Check the library's online calendar for details and to register.

### Bluey Party

*Saturday, March 11th*

*10:00 a.m.*

Celebrate the Heeler family with games, activities, and crafts! Geared for kids ages 2+. No registration required.

**Registration is required for most programs.**

### Engineer a Story: Leprechaun Traps

*Monday, March 13th*

*6:00 p.m.*

Listen to a story, then follow the engineering design process to figure out a solution! Share ideas, edit a design, and if time allows, build it! For grades 1–5. Registration required.

### Pi Day

*Tuesday, March 14th*

*4:00 p.m.*

Celebrate Pi Day with a Table Top pie-eating contest and some activities all about 3.14!

### Spring into Reading Book Challenge

*Begins Tuesday, March 21st*

Throughout spring, kids are encouraged to log minutes they read on Beanstack to win cool virtual badges and real life prizes! Check out the library's website for more details.

### Mud Storytime at Lake Street Park

*Monday, March 27th*

*10:00 a.m.*

Join Miss Roxanne and Miss Sonja for muddy storytime fun! Activities will include songs, stories, and a take-home craft. No registration required.

### Spring Egg Hunt

*Saturday, April 1st*

*9:00 a.m. sharp!*

Bring a basket and head to the library to find the eggs! For kids of all ages. Please check out the online calendar for details.

### Autism Awareness Craft

*Sunday, April 2nd*

*2:00 p.m.*

Celebrate World Autism Awareness Day by making puzzle piece magnets. For kids ages 3+, while supplies last.

### Delicious Destinations: Passover

*Tuesday, April 4th*

*3:00 p.m.*

Join Miss Rashmi on this half day of school and learn how to make (and enjoy eating) snacks for Passover. For kids in grades 2–4. Space is limited. Registration required.

## Ramadan Storytime

*Thursday, April 6th*  
4:00 p.m.

Join Dr. Noor Ali for stories and activities celebrating Ramadan! Admittance tokens required.

## Pokémon Trading

*Tuesday, April 11th*  
6:00 p.m.

Bring Pokémon cards to the library and spend an evening trading! For traders of all levels. No registration required.

## Seed Starting with the Shrewsbury Garden Club

*Wednesday, April 19th*  
12:00 p.m.

Learn how to start a garden from seeds! Plant a variety of seeds and learn how to care for them until they go outside.

This program is sponsored by the Shrewsbury Garden Club. Registration required.

## Elephant and Piggie Storytime

*Thursday, April 20th*  
3:00 p.m.

Gerald and Piggie are coming to the library for a special storytime! This program is geared for kids ages 3+, but all are welcome. Admittance tokens required.

## Mother's Day Jewelry Making

*Wednesday, May 10th*  
7:00 p.m.

Moms, leave the kids at home and head to the library for jewelry making. Each participant will be able to make two pieces of jewelry to bring home. Registration is required.

## Sherlock Holmes Scavenger Hunt!

*Monday, May 15th, through Friday, May 26th*

There's a mystery in the library that kid detectives need to solve! Head to the Children's Room and try to crack the case.

## Pajama Storytime

*Tuesday, May 23rd*  
6:30 p.m.

Come to the library for a fun evening of bedtime stories, songs, and a simple craft. Wear jammies and bring a favorite sleepytime pal or blanket! For preschoolers and their families. Registration required.



## For information about these programs and more:

Sign up for the library's Children's Services e-newsletter for exclusive content at <https://tinyurl.com/2yrf7tyf>

Check out the Children's online events calendar at

<https://tinyurl.com/24auuwdy>

Follow the library on Facebook at

<https://tinyurl.com/nd864ejj>

Follow the Children's Room on Instagram @[SPLChildrensRoom](#)

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Friday Afternoon Doodles

*Fridays, March 3rd, March 31st, and May 12th at 3:00 p.m.*  
Grades 5–12

This Friday, the Teen Room brings the art supplies and teens bring the doodles. Drop in for some unstructured art fun with markers, colored pencils, tissue paper, pom poms, googly eyes, glitter, and whatever else is on the table.

### Friday Afternoon Movie

*Fridays, March 10th, April 7th, and May 5th at 3:00 p.m.*  
Grades 5–12

Celebrate the end of the week by relaxing with a movie and snacks! Movie TBD; stop by the Teen Office with movie suggestions.

### Friday Crafternoon

*Fridays, March 17th, April 28th, and May 26th at 3:00 p.m.*  
Grades 5–12

Celebrate making it through another week of school! Try a fun craft or activity that will change each month. No crafting experience (or talent) necessary, just try it out!

## Friday Videogames

*Fridays, March 24th, April 14th, and May 19th at 3:00 p.m.*  
Grades 5–12

School is over — work off a little steam with videogames! The Teen Room will have some of the most popular multiplayer games for the Nintendo Switch, like Super Smash Bros, Mario Party, and Overcooked. Show up ready to play or just watch!

## All Ages Trivia

*Mondays, March 6th, April 3rd, and May 1st at 6:00 p.m.*  
All ages; Registration required

The first Monday of the month means trivia for the whole family with pizza and prizes! Each month has a different fantastic theme. Check out the online calendar for details.

## Super Smash Bros Tournament

*Tuesdays, March 7th, April 4th, and May 2nd, at 1:00 p.m.*  
Grades 5–12; Registration required

Tournament season is on! Tournaments will feature single-elimination, one-on-one matches in Nintendo's classic fighting game. Earn raffle tickets for participating, and even more for winning! Raffle prizes will be awarded at the end of the season in May — the more teens take part, the better chance they have of winning a prize!

## Improv Skills for Teens

*Wednesdays, March 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th at 7:30 p.m.*  
Grades 7–12; Registration required

Improvisation isn't just for entertainment, students who study improvisation train their minds to think more quickly and creatively in a variety of situations. It's also a ton of fun! A great class for both the seasoned performer and those new to the world of theatre who are looking to try it out.

## Pi Day Extravaganza

*Tuesday, March 14th, at 3:30 p.m.*  
Grades 5–12

Celebrate pie on Pi Day! Drop in for fun with baking pies, pie-eating contests, playing pie games, making pie crafts, and more.

Sign up for the Teen Services e-newsletter at <https://tinyurl.com/yckxtxkj>

See the Teen calendar for more details and registration at <https://tinyurl.com/5n8wn65m>

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## Library Hours

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Fri. 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Sat. 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Sun. 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
(October–May)

## Contact Information

Phone: 508-841-8609  
[www.ShrewsburyPublicLibrary.org](http://www.ShrewsburyPublicLibrary.org)



## TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Teen Advisory Meetings

*Mondays, March 20th, April 24th, and May 22nd  
at 8:00 p.m.*

*Grades 5–12; Registration required*

What is Teen Advisory? It's a way for teens to connect with the library and make their voices heard. It's a chance to see their ideas and opinions come to life. It's an easy way to earn volunteer credit by attending monthly meetings. Join Teen Advisory to meet some new people, eat snacks, and help make SPL's Teen Room (and library) THE BEST!

### Teen Summer Volunteer Info Sessions

*Monday, May 15th, at 8:00 p.m.*

*Tuesday, May 16th, at 4:00 p.m.*

*Wednesday, May 17th, at 3:00 p.m.*

*Thursday, May 18th, at 4:00 p.m.*

*Grades 7–12; Registration required*

Want to volunteer at the library this summer? Come to an info session to learn how! It is important for anyone who wants to be a volunteer to attend an info session, where the library will discuss the volunteer roles available this summer, requirements for applicants, how applying will work, training, scheduling, and more.