

CHAPTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY — WINTER '23-'24



The library's November lobby display paid tribute to our veterans in celebration of Veteran's Day.

A letter from Library Director Priya Rathnam:

I'm excited to share that the Shrewsbury Public Library was recently awarded a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for \$30,000 for Creative Communities. LSTA is administered on the federal level by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and in the Commonwealth by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). With this grant funding the Library plans to supplement its existing makerspace technology and offer a host of instructive programs and workshops run by local experts demonstrating to patrons how to use various pieces of newly acquired equipment. The Library is partnering with several local colleges and universities, including Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the College of the Holy Cross, Tufts University and, the UMass Chan Medical School. We will also

be collaborating with the Discovery Museum, and Technocopia, the non-profit makerspace in downtown Worcester.

Our Youth Services librarians already offer a plethora of STEAM programs for children and teens that are very popular with families. We collaborate with STEM Beginnings to offer STEM activities for children ages 3-6; Little Spark Theater to have kids ages 2-5 engage in imaginative play; the Boston Children's Museum to provide kits called Tools for Tiny Hands; Iridium Tutoring Limited to host Coding for Kids; and Buildwave that combines the spirit of an art program, the materials of a building workshop, and the framework of a video game to provide an experience that engages everyone. Children's librarians engage kids with Infant Explorer and Tinker

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Time, age-appropriate sensory activities for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. We now plan to partner with Burncoat Center for Arts and Wellness and the Discovery Museum and host more STEAM activities.

The Library has two 3-D printers and we accept submissions for 3-D printed objects. Did you know that you can borrow Cricut machines, sewing machines, a T-shirt heat press, and a mug heat press from the library? These crafting tools, kitchen gadgets, gardening tools and many other interesting materials are available as part of our Library of Things. Please see the entire list on the library website at: <https://shrewsburypubliclibrary.org/resources/library-of-things/>

Mike Zeller, the Assistant Library Director, and the manager of the grant, and I would like community input on the kinds of creative clubs that can be hosted at the library. If anyone would like to share their talent and expertise, and facilitate innovative programs, please reach out to us. The Library, as the community hub, would like to invite all people with a maker mindset to gather together to create, design, and build with traditional arts and crafts materials or with technological devices.

~Priya Rathnam, Library Director

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 2023 – May 2024. 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.

Providing eight Sundays:

- Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union

Providing five Sundays:

- Dr. Dale Magee and Mrs. Melanie Magee

Providing two Sundays:

- Southgate at Shrewsbury

Providing one Sunday:

- Clinton Savings Bank
- In memory of James. A. Heedles
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- Jack and Nancy Collins in remembrance of Dr. John P. Collins
- The Bachini Family, in honor of Ruth Seward
- Don, Olivia and Peg Harbert
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- Board of Library Trustees, in honor of Nancy Gilbert's service to the Board

The Friends' Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 2nd starting at 10:00 a.m.: The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library invite you to our annual Holiday Open House! Join us for:

- Winter Holiday Crafts for kids from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in the Children's Program Room
- Holiday Magnet Making from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in the Teen Room
- Dreidel playing in the Children's Room
- Holiday Tattoos in the Meeting Room
- Holiday Scavenger Hunt from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in Children's Room
- Holiday Card Making from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room
- Special Storytime with Santa from 12:00–1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room



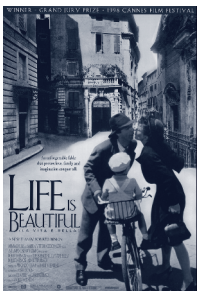
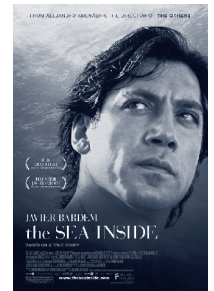
Friends Foreign Film Festival Sundays, 2:00 p.m. in February, 2024

House of Flying Daggers - 2004, Mandarin with English subtitles, PG-13: During the Tang Dynasty, two police deputies break a beautiful member of the rebel group, House of Flying Daggers, out of prison and the adventure begins as they fall under her charms. Academy award nomination for Best Cinematography. **Sunday, February 4th**



Faubourg 36 - 2008, French with English subtitles, PG-13: When Pigoil's wife leaves with his beloved son, he gambles everything to get him back. As the previous manager of the now closed Chansonnia Theatre, he makes a deal with the new owner to give him one month to turn the theater around and make a profit. **Sunday, February 11th**

The Sea Inside - 2004, Spanish with English subtitles, PG-13: The story of a man who was left quadriplegic after a diving accident, and his 28-year fight in support of euthanasia and the right to end his life. Academy Award Winner 2004 Best Foreign Language Film. **Sunday, February 18th**



Life Is Beautiful - 1997, Italian with English subtitles, PG-13: During World War II an Italian Jewish man must use his will, imagination and sense of humor to protect his wife and son from the dangers around their concentration camp. Winner of 3 Academy Awards including Best Actor, Best Foreign Film and Best Music. **Sunday, February 25th**

ADULT SERVICES

Ongoing Programs

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 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@cwmmars.org.

English Conversation Circle

Four weekly sessions are offered: **On Zoom on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., in person at the library on Mondays and 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@cwmmars.org.

Spanish Culture Club

The Spanish Culture Club exists to provide a fun, casual environment to celebrate the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries around the world. This club is not only about learning Spanish, but also learning about Spanish culture! Our Spanish Cultural Club meets on the **first and third Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** at the library.

Spanish Conversation Club

Are you looking for a casual space in which you can practice your Spanish? Join our Spanish Conversation Club on **most Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.** at the library.

Spanish Book Club

The Spanish Book Club [el Club del Libro en Español] meets on the first Saturday of the month from 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. to discuss the literary work of influential Hispanic writers from different genres and times. The discussion is in Spanish, and all members of the Hispanic community are welcome. Nos vemos!

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

Those who are unemployed and 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. 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.**

Alex Minasian Trio – Jazz Concert *Thursday, December 7th 7:00–8:00 p.m.*

The Alex Minasian Jazz Trio will introduce an evening of jazz with musical selections honoring the legends of Jazz music like Charlie Parker and Thelonious Monk.

Inner Peace This Holiday Season Through Meditation

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

Join Bruce Faithwick, long-time meditator, as he discusses the extraordinary effect of meditation. He will also present a simple, yet powerful meditation technique that can enrich one's life and help with seasonal stress.

Dot Mandala Workshop

**Saturday, December 9th
2:00–4:00 p.m.**

Join local artist Bindu Gupta to paint a Christmas Ornament dot mandala. No artistic ability needed. This relaxing and fun activity is a traditional form of meditative painting with a potentially therapeutic effect on mind and body.

Putin's War: His Motives, Claims, and Lies

**Tuesday, December 12th
7:00–8:00 p.m.**

In this talk, Dmitri Yakovlev, a Muscovite who wholeheartedly supports Ukraine in her fight for freedom, will discuss Vladimir Putin's rise to power and present interesting facts about Russian propaganda and politics. All in attendance will be invited to raise questions and engage with the subject matter.

Gentle Candlelight Yoga with Aromatherapy

**Thursday, December 14th
Monday, January 22nd
Thursday, February 22nd
7:00–8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 10th
2:00–3:00 p.m.**

Join yoga instructor, Georgia Johnson, for a gentle, calming yoga class designed to help participants reconnect with themselves in a space of serenity and self-care. Soft candlelight and aromatherapy will set a warm ambience.

Steeped in Secrecy: The Boston Tea Party, 250 Years Later

**Saturday, December 16th
2:00–4:00 p.m., Hybrid**

Join SPL for this hybrid program celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party! Tea and biscuits will be served as attendees watch the Zoom presentation together at the library. Presented by Tea with Clare.

Fused Glass Pendant and Magnet Workshop

**Wednesday, December 20th
7:00–8:00 p.m.**

In this program, participants will create their own Dichroic fused glass pendant or magnet with colorful pre-cut glass. Facilitated by MFA Deenie Pacik Giuliano.

Writing Workshop

**Saturdays, January 6th & February 3rd
2:00–4:00 p.m.**

Come join fellow writers in a space dedicated to the craft of the written word. Writers will share their work and solicit positive, constructive feedback. Facilitated by Ashton Hooley, a published writer.

Many programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For details, check out the program descriptions on the event calendar.

Registration is required for most programs.
Sign up and check out other events on our calendar:
<https://tinyurl.com/5652hz37>

The Two Nerdy History Girls Ride Again!

Wednesday, January 10th
7:00–8:00 p.m., Virtual

Authors Loretta Chase and Susan Holloway Scott, originators of the infamous blog, will present a fun-filled talk on how they track down interesting tidbits of historical lore, which libraries of the world they have visited, and how they avoid the inescapable rabbit hole of historical research.

Presented in collaboration with the Ashland Public Library.

From Doormats to Dynasty: History of the Perennial Powerhouse Patriots

Thursday, January 11th
7:00–8:00 p.m.

Author and veteran sports writer Marty Gitlin will discuss and show videos of the greatest and most interesting players, teams, events, and moments of the team since its birth in the American Football League in 1960. This fun and enlightening program will be followed by a Q&A.

Cricut Workshop

Saturday, January 13th
2:00–4:00 p.m.

Join local artist Bindu Gupta to learn the basics of how to use a Cricut machine and Cricut Design Space to create a design for a personalized mug in this relaxing, fun workshop. No artistic ability needed.

Lions, Tigers, and... Bulldogs? An Ivy League Writer's Road to Publishing

Tuesday, January 16th
7:00–8:00 p.m.

In this live presentation, Ivy League alumnus and professional writer and educator Matt Robinson will discuss his book, *Lions, Tigers, and... Bulldogs?: An unofficial guide to the legends and lore of the Ivy League*, and the lessons he learned while writing and publishing it.

Medicare Workshop

Wednesday January 17th
7:00–8:00 p.m.

In this workshop, Medicare Russ will guide attendees through Medicare coverage options and recent changes in Medicare policy that will affect Massachusetts Medicare beneficiaries.

New Year: Fresh Start Through Meditation

Thursday, January 18th
7:00–8:00 p.m.

Join Eileen Carlotto for this powerful program and learn a simple meditation technique to bring joy, peace, and relaxation in one's daily routine. A meditation technique will be explained that will help attendees better prepare to start the new year with a fresh perspective.

Local Author Talk - Has Anyone Seen \$500 Million in Art Lying Around Boston?

Tuesday, January 30th
7:00–8:00 p.m.

Local author Bob Ainsworth will review the colorful details, suspects, and potential motives behind the 1990 St. Patrick's Day theft of 13 pieces of priceless art from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Q&A with Author Daniel N. Warshawsky on His Book *Food Waste, Food Insecurity, and the Globalization of Food Banks*

Tuesday, January 30th
7:00–8:00 p.m., Virtual

Author Daniel N. Warshawsky will participate in a virtual discussion of his book which presents 15 years of extensive research across four continents analysing the function of foodbanks in redistributing food waste.

Presented in collaboration with the Ashland Public Library.

Meditation for Health and Wellness

Tuesday, February 6th
7:00–8:00 p.m., Virtual

Join Arlene Samsel for this lively and engaging workshop that explores the various positive benefits to health and wellbeing offered by meditation, including reduction of stress. There will be a chance to practice meditation during the workshop.

Cycle of Memory Screening

Thursday, February 8th
7:00–8:30 p.m.

The library will host a screening of the documentary, *Cycle of Memory*, followed by a Q&A with creator Alex Leff. *Cycle of Memory* follows the story of how Mel Schwartz escaped the Great Depression

on a bicycle adventure, but now that he suffers from advancing Alzheimer's, it's up to his grandkids to recreate the life-changing trip and find his lost memories.

Sound Healing Presentation

Monday, February 12th
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Sound healing is an ancient practice that promotes balance and total bliss throughout the body. Local practitioner Julia Nadolny will utilize quartz crystal singing bowls designed to release negative, stuck energy and tune attendees' bodies to the love frequency, also known as 432 hz.

Upcycled Materials 3-D Sculpture Class

Thursday, February 15th
7:00–8:30 p.m.

Presented by the Burncoat Center for Arts and Wellness, this very open-structure class places a heavy emphasis on using upcycled materials to turn trash into treasure. All materials are provided. This program is brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

50 States of Mind - Author Event

Tuesday, February 20th
7:00–8:00 p.m.

Author Ryan Bernsten set out to travel all 50 states to find solutions to the present day divide in U.S. politics. His findings? Our diversity is our nation's greatest strength, if only we choose to embrace it. Offering a hopeful vision for the future of America, he leads this workshop where he asks the audience to explore their perceptions of democracy more deeply.

Cameron Sutphin Concert

Saturday, February 24th
2:00–3:00 p.m.

Beloved area musician Cameron Sutphin returns to Shrewsbury Public Library again to perform original material as well as classic country and folk cover songs such as "The Time They Are A-Changin'," "Wake-Up Little Susie," and, "Take Me Home, Country Roads."

Children's Room

Ongoing Programs

Infant Explorers

*1st and 3rd Mondays of every month
10:00–10:45 a.m.*

Facilitator-lead early literacy activities followed by independent sensory play and exploration for infants and young toddlers (6 - 18 months). This is a wonderful opportunity to nurture early science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts while engaging with your child in a social group setting. Admittance tokens required.

Preschool Sports with the Shrewsbury Club

*Mondays
11:00–11:45 a.m.*

Join the coaches from the Shrewsbury Club for preschool sports! Every week will focus on a different sport, all geared to kids ages 3-5. Check our e-calendar for class details. Registration required.

Book Beats

*Tuesdays
10:00–10:45 a.m.*

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

Babies, Books & Bubbles

*Wednesdays
10:00–10:30 a.m.
or 11:00–11:30 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
10:00–10:30 a.m.:*

Join us for singing, dancing, and stories. For walkers up to 3 years with a caregiver. Siblings welcome. Admittance tokens required.

Tinker Time

*Fridays
10:30–11:30 a.m.*

Tinker Time is a fun hands-on learning program for older toddlers and preschoolers. Together you and your child 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.

Hour of Code™

*Monday, December 4th
4:00–5:00 p.m.*

Celebrate Computer Science Education Week by participating in the Hour of Code™ at the library. Kids in grades 1-5 are invited to try their hand at a coding game. No experience is necessary and all abilities are welcome. Registration is required.

The 'Hour of Code™'/'Hora del Código®' is a global initiative by Computer Science Education Week [csedweek.org] and Code.org [code.org] to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming.

Little Kid Creative Drama with Little Spark Theater

*Saturdays, December 9th, January 13th,
and February 10th
10:00–11:00 a.m.*

Little Kid Creative Drama is a high-energy, imaginative, zany, silly, super fun theater experience! In this class we focus on senses, feelings, and movement through fun, energetic, and imaginative play. This is social/emotional learning at its best! Children build confidence, social awareness, empathy, and problem-solving skills. Each class has an early literacy component and is aligned with state standards for Theater Education. This class is for ages 2-5 and a caregiver. Registration required.

Fa La La La Llama Day Celebration

*Saturday, December 9th
2:00–3:00 p.m.*

Celebrate this lovable wooly animal with a storytime and fun activities. For preschoolers to 2nd grade children with a grownup.

Gingerbread House STEM Challenge

*Saturday, December 16th
3:00–4:30 p.m.*

Do you think your gingerbread house can weather a storm? Kids in grades 3-5 are invited to design, build, and test a gingerbread masterpiece during this STEM challenge. Space is limited. Registration required.

Through Me To You Puppet Show

*Wednesday, December 27th at
3:00–4:00 p.m.*

Through Me To You Puppetry invites you to join Newton and his puppet friends for some story time fun! Newton and his friends take turns reading stories and singing songs with the kids. The show is geared toward ages 3–7, but all are welcome!

Heardle Trivia

*Thursday, December 28th
6:00–7:30 p.m.*

Families are invited to a trivia night at the library. For this special, music-themed game, you will hear a clip of a song and be asked to identify it. We will cover several genres, from kiddie to classic rock, so there's something for everyone. Pizza will be served. A small prize will be awarded to the winners. Registration required.

Pajama Storytime

*Thursday, January 4th
6:00–7:00pm*

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

Pokémon Trading

*Thursday, January 18th
6:00–7:00 p.m.*

Bring your cards and let's start trading! For kids of all ages.

Engineer a Story

*Monday, January 22nd
4:00–5:00 p.m.*

Listen to a story, then follow the engineering design process to figure out a solution! You'll share your ideas, edit your design, and if time allows, you can build it! This program is for children in 1st to 5th grade. Registration required.

Science Bee

*Thursday, January 25th
6:00–7:30 p.m.*

The Library's Science Bee is for kids in grades 3 & 4. Participants will be picked through a lottery system. If you are interested, please send the child's and parent's name, phone number, child's grade, and email address to splkids@cwmmars.org starting January 4th. If your child gets in, you will be contacted.

Signing Rocks!

*Saturday, January 27th
3:00–4:00 p.m.*

A popular "Anything Goes" event that will get your patrons excited about learning ASL. Our ASL Day event is designed to engage your patrons through games and activities that are fun, while learning various signs. An excellent class for beginners, and intermediate learners can be enjoyed by individuals that have more advanced skills. Class taught in ASL. Sign language interpreting is not provided. For people ages 7+.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Animal Engineering Challenge with Tufts University

Saturday, February 17th
2:00–3:30 p.m.

Join Cumming School of Veterinary Medicine professor Dr. Cyndie Leveille-Webster and her team for this fun animal engineering challenge! This program is for kids ages 9-13. This program is brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Registration required.

Look Inside the Invisible World

Tuesday, February 20th
3:00–4:00 p.m.

Join SEEDS, Inc. and look inside the invisible world! Kids will use digital microscopes to see what everyday and exotic things REALLY look like up close! For kids ages 6-8. Registration required.

Make Felt Foods with BCAW

Thursday, February 22nd
3:00–4:30 p.m.

Join Burncoat Center of Arts and Wellness and make felt foods! Kids will hand stitch felt food plushies, add googly eyes, mouth, sprinkles, etc. They are going to be so cute! For kids ages 9-14. Registration required.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

The SPL is taking part in this exciting national literacy program for kids ages 0+ and their families. Read to your child, log reading activity, win free books and a t-shirt upon completion! For more information and to see how you can register your little one, visit our website <https://shrewsburypubliclibrary.org/children/childrens-programming/>

Cozy Up with a Good Book Reading Challenge

Starting **December 1st through March 31st** on Beanstack. 'Tis the season for coziness. Grab a blanket, your fluffy socks, and your favorite warm drink or snack! Hop into a reading nook and sink into a good book. Log your reading to earn badges all winter long. Reading will also earn you raffle tickets which you can enter to win awesome prizes! Check out Beanstack here: <https://shrewsburyma.beanstack.com/reader365>

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 when you are there!

Friday Movies

Fridays, December 1st, January 5th, February 2nd
3:30 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 if you have a good suggestion.

DIY Spa Kits

Monday, December 4th
5:30 p.m. Grades 5-12.

It's always a good time to treat yourself well! Join us and learn how to make an all-natural face wash, toner, and clay mask. Participants will take home the products they make to use or give as a gift! Presented by the Burncoat Center for Arts and Wellness. This program is brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Registration required.

Root Robots with WPI

Tuesday, December 5th
1:00 p.m. Grades 7-9.

Let's go robots! Students from WPI will give a short presentation on robotics, then participants will get to work on a hands-on activity with Root Robots. This program is brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Registration required.

Friday Activities

Fridays, December 8th, January 12th, February 9th
3:30 p.m. Grades 5-12.

You made 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!

Great for Gifting: Mason Jar Cookies

Tuesday, December 12th
3:00 p.m. All ages.

Need a gift that shows you care? Drop in for our series Great for Gifting! At this workshop we'll make Mason Jar Cookie sets. We'll provide all the ingredients you need to make delicious cookie mixes in a charming mason jar, complete with instructions. We'll have a few varieties to choose from, like classic chocolate chip and cowboy cookies or the more adventurous lemon crispies. Give it as a gift or treat yourself to something nice!

Teen Writing Club

Thursdays, December 14th, January 11th, February 8th
7:00 p.m. Grades 5-12

Writers and aspiring writers are invited to join this new club for teens. Bring a work in progress or try something new. Over the course of the hour, we'll write, brainstorm, work with prompts, and enjoy snacks. Writers of all skill and experience levels welcome - we're here to have fun! Registration required.

Friday Snack Craft

Fridays, December 15th, January 19th, February 16th
3:30 p.m. Grades 5-12

What's more fun than food? School is over - come hang out and create something delicious. A new seasonal snack creation each month! Those with food allergies should please exercise caution.

Teen Advisory Meeting

Mondays, December 18th, January 22nd, February 26th
8:00 p.m. Grades 5-12.

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

Great for Gifting: Jasmine Hot Compresses

Wednesday, December 20th
3:00 p.m. All ages.

Need a gift that shows you care? Drop in for our series Great for Gifting! At this workshop we'll make Jasmine Hot Compresses. Participants will create handmade hot compresses with a soothing scent - great for chilly winter days. Give it as a gift or treat yourself to something nice!

Friday Trivia

Fridays, December 22nd, January 26th
3:30 p.m. Grades 5-12.

Drop in for trivia fun! We'll do trivia lightning rounds - try one or stay for the whole game!

Registration is required for most programs.

Sign up and check out other events on our calendar:

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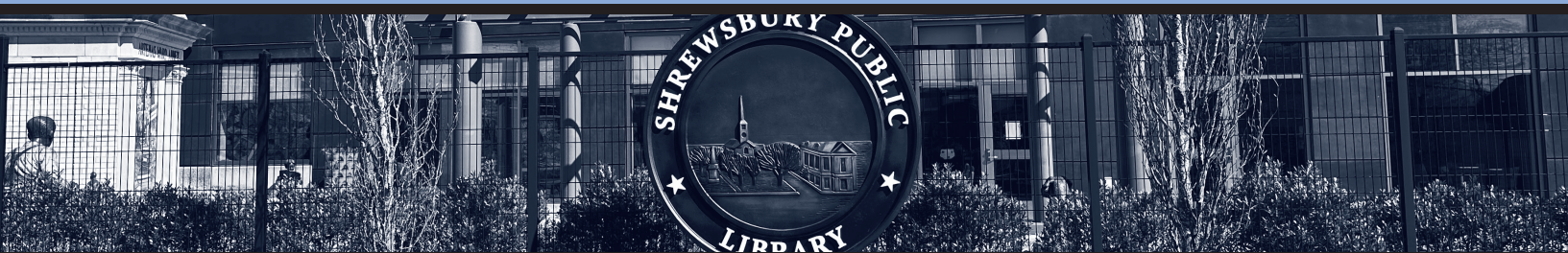
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Sat. 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sun. 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
(October–May)

Contact Information

Phone: 508-841-8609
www.ShrewsburyPublicLibrary.org



TEEN PROGRAMS (CONT.)

December Vacation Escape Rooms

Thursday, December 28th

11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Friday, December 29th

10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Grades 5-12.

Are you feeling clever, bold, sneaky, curious, adventurous? Come try our December Vacation Escape Room! Designed in collaboration with our Teen Advisory, these Escape Rooms will test your wits and your teamwork. Registration required.

Make a Friend: Sew a Stuffed Bear

Wednesdays, January 10th-24th

4:00 p.m. Grades 5-12.

Make a new friend - a stuffed bear! Fun to keep or give as a gift. In this three-part series, we'll cover basic sewing skills such as threading needles, the running stitch, and the whip stitch, then use those skills to make a unique stuffed animal. All participants are automatically registered for all three parts of the series. Registration required.

Dot Mandala Workshop

Saturday, January 20th

2:00 p.m. Grades 5-12.

Dot mandala painting is a traditional art form with a very meditative and therapeutic effect on your mind and body. You will paint along with Bindu Gupta of Dots with Bindu to make your very own masterpiece using simple step-by-step instructions. Registration required.

STEAM with WPI

Saturday, January 27th

10:00 a.m. Grades 4-8.

Students from WPI will be here to lead a STEAM activity. Registration required.

February Vacation Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, February 20th-Saturday, February 24th. All ages.

Got some free time during vacation week? Drop in and try our Scavenger Hunt! You'll have to search the library from top to bottom to find everything on our list of clues.