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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY — FALL 2024



Summer Reading Kickoff Activities! Thank you to everyone who participated in Summer Reading!

A letter from Assistant Library Director Michael Zeller:

As you may recall, almost a year ago the library received a \$30,000 LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant, awarded and administered in Massachusetts by the MBLC (Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners). For the last twelve months, library staff and dedicated community volunteers have been hard at work developing a top-of-the-line makerspace that our community can use for a variety of educational and recreational purposes, and we can't wait to show it off. Patrons will be able to use our embroidery machine to stitch colorful, dynamic designs into fabric or use our Glowforge laser engraver to etch anything they can imagine into pieces of wood, acrylic, or cardstock. We'll also have more general tools available like a sewing machine, electronic cutting machine, and t-shirt press, as well as computer terminals with access to design software so patrons can seamlessly move from designing to physically creating all in the same space. And of course, we'll have our two dutiful 3D printers working round the clock to turn out all of your beautiful 3D creations. On top of all of that, the library will be offering classes to get community members trained on how to use the various equipment in the

makerspace. So whether you're a total novice or an experienced 3D-designing veteran, we'll get you prepared to fully use of the makerspace in no time at all!

The official grand opening of the Makerspace on November 9th will include fun activities for all ages. However, it will be open for limited access earlier in the Fall, and we will be hosting a number of programs on how to use the equipment in the Makerspace leading up to the grand opening (see page 2). To keep up with Makerspace developments, sign up for the Makerspace Newsletter at <https://forms.gle/6hQ6aZPG1nitHTNQ7>, and if you have any questions, email splmaking@cwmars.org. Even if you don't have any experience but are eager to learn, this is the place to be! The name of the grant we were awarded was Creative Communities, and ultimately, we want this makerspace to build on the sense of community that permeates everything the library does. Personally, what I'm most looking forward to in the makerspace is seeing folks from throughout the greater Shrewsbury area working together to help each other pursue their creativity as far as their imaginations will take them.

What an exciting time to be in the library!
~Michael Zeller, Assistant Library Director

MAKERSPACE PROGRAMMING

Knit/Crochet Night in the SPL Makerspace First Monday of Every Month

September 9th, October 7th, & November 4th, 6:00 p.m.

Bring your knitting, crochet, or other portable fiber craft to the library to craft in the Makerspace. All levels welcome, no instruction provided. No registration required and open to makers 13+.

3D Printing Basics

Wednesday, September 11th, 6:00 p.m.

Attendees will gain an understanding of how 3D printing works, its capabilities, and its limitations. Use TinkerCAD to find, design, and alter 3D models. Bring them to life with the library's 3D printing team! Basic computer skills recommended. Laptops will be provided for in-class use. Registration required and open to makers 13+.

What's in a Name- Learning Inkscape*

Thursday, September 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Want to learn how to use Inkscape to create exciting designs with a laser cutter? Attendees at this first of two Inkscape workshops will draw/write their name on a piece of paper, photograph it, and send it to the computer to run through Inkscape to make a two layer version of their own signature to hang on a door or put on a desk. Run by Erin O'Neill of Technocopia.

Out of the Box - Learning Inkscape*

Thursday, September 19th, 7:00 p.m.

Want to learn how to use Inkscape to create exciting designs with a laser cutter? Attendees at this second of two Inkscape workshops will use a box generation software to create/build a box to their specific needs (or just a box for fun) and then implement the process from the previous session to decorate the box using the engraving, scoring, and cutting functions. Run by Erin O'Neill of Technocopia.

*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.

Costume Repair Clinic

Monday, October 21st, 6:00 p.m.

Is the Halloween costume you've worn for years starting to show its age? Tore your favorite costume last Halloween and forgot about it until now? Join us for a costume repair clinic in the Makerspace. Limited sewing supplies will be provided along with general crafting supplies. Registration optional and open to makers 13+.

Designing for Machine Embroidery

Wednesday, November 13th, 6:00 p.m.

This workshop will cover vector design with a special focus on how to design for embroidery machines. We will use primarily Inkscape and the plugin Inkstitch for designing the stitch patterns for the embroidery machine to follow. Laptops with the relevant software will be provided for the workshop. This workshop covers the embroidery design process. To learn about how to use the embroidery machine, book an embroidery machine appointment or attend "Introduction to Machine Embroidery" on November 18th. This class is for learners ages 16+. Registration is limited.

Introduction to Machine Embroidery

Monday, November 18th, 6:00 p.m.

This lecture will cover how to use the makerspace's embroidery machine, covering strategies for working with different fabrics, how to find embroidery designs, and additional tips and tricks. A demonstration of the embroidery machine will conclude the lecture. Attendees will be able to book time on the embroidery machine to use their new knowledge at a later date. This class is for learners ages 16+. Registration is limited.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SPONSORS

We are starting to receive donations for the next Sunday season from October 2024–May 2025. You too can be a part of the library's Sunday sponsorship program! To learn more about ways to sponsor, please contact the Library Director, Priya Rathnam, at 508-841-8537 or send an email to prathnam@shrewsburyma.gov

Providing six Sundays:

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THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER READING

- Dean Park Pizza
- Hillside Grill
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- Hanover Theater
- Napoli's
- Amici's
- Maple & Main
- Hebert's Candy
- Danielson's
- Nick's Golden Pizza
- That's Entertainment
- Regatta Point Community Sailing

GRAND OPENING!

SPL Learning Lab Makerspace

Shrewsbury Public Library
Makerspace Grand Opening -
November 9th 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us for the grand opening of the Learning Lab Makerspace! All ages are welcome to participate in activities in the Children's Program Room, Meeting Rooms A & B, and demonstrations of Makerspace tools, such as the Glowforge and Embroidery Machine in the Learning Lab. Makerspace made possible by federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Seeking Program Suggestions from YOU!

We want your help to expand and diversify our events and programs for adults at the library! Would you like to learn how to make the dish you can't stop thinking about from your favorite restaurant? Do you celebrate a holiday or tradition you wish you could share with your neighbors? Perhaps you're an expert in something amazing and you want to share your talents with the community! We would love to hear from you.

Please complete this form:
<https://tinyurl.com/SPLMAC>



TECHNOLOGY CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Classes held in the Learning Lab, Open to all 13+
Registration is required, opens 2 weeks before class date.

Get Started with Libby

Tuesday, September 10th, 3:30 p.m.

Want access to e-books, audiobooks, magazines, and more, anytime and anywhere? You can with Libby! Bring your device, and join us for a class in the Learning Lab to get set up and familiar with the Libby app!

Read, Listen, and Watch with Hoopla

Tuesday, October 8th, 3:30 p.m.

What's all the hoopla about hoopla?! Did you know your library card lets you download and stream with hoopla from the comfort of your own home? Bring your device to this in-person class and learn how to borrow digital books, audio, movies, and television series using hoopla.

Library Resources for Genealogy

Tuesday, November 12th, 3:30 p.m.

Curious about the genealogy resources offered by the library? Attendees will gain an understanding of how to access genealogy resources through the library and the strengths and limitations of each resource. Laptops will be provided.



Excel Basics

Tuesday, September 10th, 6:00 p.m.

Excel spreadsheets allow you to easily store, organize and modify data. Learn the basics of Excel (such as inserting text, basic formulas, AutoFill and more) by creating a personal budget. Laptops will be provided.

Excel: Sort and Filter

Tuesday, October 8th, 6:00 p.m.

Use the sort and filter features in Excel to organize your data so you can find the information you are looking for easily. Learners must know how to open a file, enter data, and navigate the menus in Excel. Laptops will be provided.

Excel: Formulas and Functions

Tuesday, November 19th, 6:00 p.m.

Learn how to make Excel do the work for you by using commonly accessed formulas and functions. Learners must know how to open a file, enter data, and navigate the menus in Excel. Laptops will be provided.

Ongoing Programs

Shrewsbury Readers

In Person

This group is about good books, a good discussion, and meets on the **first Thursday of the month from 6:30–8:00 p.m.** New members welcome; to register, please email PRathnam@shrewsburyma.gov or call 508-841-8537.

Reading Glasses

Hybrid: Library & Google Meet

This book group for adults in their 20s and 30s meets monthly. New members welcome; to register, please email:

SPLReference@cwmar.org

English Conversation Circle

Four weekly sessions are offered: **Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30–11:30 a.m. (In person at the library), Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (On Zoom), and on Fridays from 10:00–11:00 a.m. (in person at St. Anne's Church).** 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.

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. They meet on the **first and third Wednesday of the month from 9:30–11:30 a.m. on Zoom.**

ADULT SERVICES

Live Music

Gladius: Flamenco Guitar Concert *Wednesday, September 18th* **7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Come experience virtuoso Flamenco guitar performer, Gladius, during this electrifying concert! Sounds like Carlos Santana meets Eddie Van Halen in a Mexican Standoff.

Crafts & Gaming

New Games Plus

Every 2nd Saturday: September 14th, October 12th, & November 9th
12:00–3:00 p.m.

Try out a new role playing game every month! These "one shots" will teach you the system and get you playing!

September 14: Avatar Legends
October 12: Monster of the Week
November 9: Shadowdark

Brunch & Board Games

Every 4th Saturday: September 28th, October 26th, & November 30th
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Come try out a new board game, or bring your own! This is a chance for adults to try new games, teach games you love, and connect with others! We'll have some light snacks provided to keep you going! Come as a group or as an individual.

Virtual RPG Campaign

Thursdays: September 26th, October 24th, November 21st & December 19th
8:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m.

This is a series. Please make sure that you can commit to each session before signing up. RPG will be decided on as a group.

Hocus Pocus Halloween Wooden Sign Class

Saturday, October 5th
2:00–4:00 p.m.

Come get in the Halloween spirit by crafting a fun Hocus Pocus themed sign! We will be creating a 12 x 12 wood sign with Hocus Pocus themed stencils and a choice of fun elements! Fun acrylic color choices, choice of beaded or ribbon handle will result in a spooktacular sign just in time for Halloween! So wear your art clothes and come out to play!

Other Programs

Worcester Talking Book Library

TBA

Do you struggle to read print or hold a book comfortably? The Worcester Talking Book Library (WTBL) can help! Learn more about this free service that lends accessible reading materials (including audio, large-print, and Wonderbooks) via postage-free mail. This presentation will cover: How to use a talking book machine, the BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) app, Large print services for all ages, including Wonderbooks, and Dial A Story.

History of Antique Hand Fans

Saturday, September 14th
10:00–11:30 a.m.

Come for an introductory talk on the history of hand fans. Shelley Goncalves will bring in nearly 100 hands fans from her collection. Registrants can bring any hand fans they have and Shelly will identify each on the spot and talk a bit about them.

The Rule of Law and the Supreme Court of the United States

Tuesday, September 17th
7:00–8:00 p.m.

This talk by Thomas Carey provides legal and historical background of how the Supreme Court came about and its current situation. Issues to be discussed include: What is meant by "The Rule of Law?" Has the Supreme Court overruled its own precedents in the past? Are recent decisions anything different from the past? Are the inalienable rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy under the Massachusetts Constitution at risk? These and other issues raised by recent Supreme Court decisions will be the subject of this talk.

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness 101

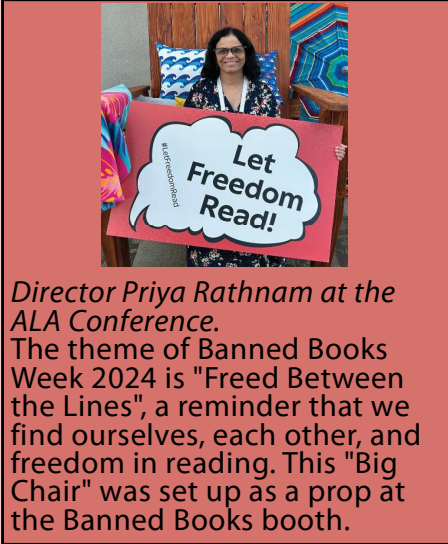
Wednesday, September 18th
2:00–4:00 p.m.

Come learn the difference between Deaf and Hard of Hearing, what is Deaf Culture & ASL, effective communication strategies and more! Presented by Joan Philip, Director of DHILS, which offers core independent living services to Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Hard of Hearing, and Late-Deafened adults in Central MA.

Banned Books and Kiss-Ins with The History Project

Monday, September 23rd
6:00–8:00 p.m.

From early Puritan laws regulating clothing to 20th-century attempts to censor films, plays, and books, attacks on LGBTQ+ expression aren't new. Join us for a presentation and conversation about the history of censorship of LGBTQ+ history, stories, and culture in Massachusetts.



Director Priya Rathnam at the ALA Conference.

The theme of Banned Books Week 2024 is "Freed Between the Lines", a reminder that we find ourselves, each other, and freedom in reading. This "Big Chair" was set up as a prop at the Banned Books booth.

Writing Workshop with Gwen Callahan

Saturday, October 12th, 19th, 26th, & November 2nd
1:00–3:00 p.m.

Join the library for a writing workshop! Writers will be exposed to prompts each week with a short time to write in class. There will also be time to share work and then discuss the pieces. Gwen tells her students that if they want to write, then they will put the effort into writing. Please bring a pencil/pen and paper or a journal.

The Trial of Lizzie Borden: Whacks and Hacks

Wednesday, October 23rd
7:00–8:00 p.m.

An essential piece of American mythology, the popular fascination with the Borden murders has endured for more than one hundred years. Told and retold in every conceivable genre, the murders have secured a place in the American pantheon of mythic horror. Join the honorable Dennis J. Curran, retired justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court for an exploration of this spine-chilling story.

Friends Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 9th

6:30 p.m. Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Program

The Friends Annual Business Meeting will be from 6:30–7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend this meeting. This will be followed by a talk by John Hedly. Join local beekeeper and Auburn resident, John Hedly, one of over 1,000 members of the Worcester County Beekeepers Association, a leader in beekeeping education for over 100 years. John's presentation includes artifacts and information on the following topics: 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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New Book Groups

The SPL Non-Fiction Book Club September 19th, October 17th, & November 21st

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Explore fascinating true stories with us every month. From history and science, to biographies and current events, we will discuss a wide range of topics. Connect with fellow readers, share your thoughts, and expand your knowledge in a friendly, engaging environment. All are welcome! Contact Melissa Wentworth with any questions: mwentworth@cwmars.org. No registration is necessary. Copies of each month's book will be available at the Circulation Desk.

SPL Cookbook Club

Thursday, September 26th & October 24th

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Cookbooks will be available at the Circulation desk during the first week of the month. Participants are invited to choose a recipe from the cookbook, prepare it at home, then bring it to the library to share with others. Flatware and silverware will be provided. Please let us know which recipe you have chosen by the 15th of the month by sending an email to Priya at prathnam@shrewsburyma.gov

Author Talks

The Makings of Chilling Ghost Stories: a talk by Beth Castrodale Thursday, September 19th

7:00–8:00 p.m.

Join author Beth Castrodale as she discusses her new book, *The Inhabitants*.

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

Thursday, September 26th
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* (www.lionstigersbulldogs.com) and the lessons he learned while writing and publishing it.

Spag - His Life and Legacy with Michael Perna

Wednesday, October 16th
6:00–7:00 p.m.

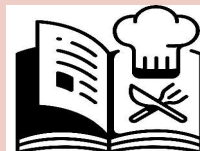
Join local historian Michael Perna as he discusses his new book, *Spag - His Life And Legacy*.

Registration is required for most programs.

Sign up and check out other events on our calendar:

<https://tinyurl.com/5652hz37>

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



Children's Room

Ongoing Programs

Tiny Tots Playgroup

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

This 45-minute, open play group is for children under 3 and their grownups (siblings welcome). This is a great place to socialize and learn from one another!

Build It! Club

Mondays
6:30–8:00 p.m.

All ages. Drop by the Children's Program Room to build with different kinds of blocks, including KEVA planks, big foam blocks, and Duplo. For kids of all ages. Caregivers, please be aware that this program has no facilitator.

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.

Lego Club

Tuesdays
4:00–6:00 p.m.

Head to the Children's Program Room and build with Legos. Follow our weekly prompt, or create whatever your heart desires. For kids of all ages who are comfortable using Legos. Parents, please be aware that this program has no facilitator.

Babies, Books & Bubbles

Wednesdays
9:30–10:00 a.m.
or 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Enjoy songs, fingerplays, and books with the littlest listeners. Babies from birth to 2 years 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.

Coloring Club

Thursdays
10:30–11:15 a.m.

A perfect way to have fun and practice school readiness skills! For toddlers, preschoolers, and their parents/caregivers. (No registration 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 and early-literacy stations.

Mindfulness Mondays

2nd Monday of the Month
6:00 p.m.

Wind down your evening at the library with this storytime best suited for families with children aged 3-6. We will share stories, songs, breathing techniques, and simple yoga poses as we practice regulating our emotions, our bodies, and our minds. (Admittance tokens required)

NEW!

Children's Parties!

No registration required for any of these parties!

Wild Robot Party

Friday, October 11th
2:00–3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the *Wild Robot* universe (and movie release) with this Wild Robot themed party!

Trick-or-Treat Storywalk®

Saturday, October 19th
10:00–11:00 a.m.

Put on your costume and do a spooky stroll through the Lake Street Park Storywalk®. Librarians will be in costume throughout the storywalk handing out treats.

DiNovember Party

Tuesday, November 5th
2:00–4:00 p.m.

Celebrate DiNovember at the library with games and activities all about dinosaurs!



For Parents!

The Organized Parent Workshop

Thursday, September 12th
6:00–7:00 p.m.

There are a lot of demands on parents these days. Home life, busy school calendars, and lots of activities are a lot for anyone to juggle. This workshop discusses how to simplify the schedule, how to better utilize the family calendar and how to tackle the dreaded school paper trail. A little thought, delegation and preparation can pay off big time when it comes to running a more organized family. No registration required.

STEM Programs

Spelling Bee!

Thursday, October 3rd
6:00 p.m.

Test your spelling knowledge in the library's second annual Spelling Bee! This program is only for kids in grades 3 & 4. Please register starting on September 19th through the library's online calendar.

BuildWave Workshop

Saturday, October 19th
3:00–4:00 p.m.

Kids ages 5+ are welcome to register for this high energy creative building event that encourages play and collaboration. This 1-hour STEM workshop is sure to be a blast! Registration is required.

Junior Maker's Lab

Quarterly in the Children's Program Room

Explore new technology, create with new mediums, and tinker away during this program geared for kids in grades 2 and above. Check out the library's online calendar for details regarding dates and times.

Other Programs

International Dot Day Celebration

Monday, September 16th

1:00–2 p.m.
Celebrate making your mark during this fun program. Kids and their grownups will listen to stories, sing songs, and make fun art projects all themed on Peter Reynolds's great picture book *The Dot*.

High Holiday Storytime

Thursday, September 26th
4:30 p.m.

Join us at the library for a High Holiday themed storytime including songs, stories, and a craft. This program is geared for kids ages 2-8. No registration is required, admission tokens will be handed out beginning at 4:00 p.m. and will be available until they run out.

Spirit of Shrewsbury

Saturday, September 28th

Stop by the library's booth at the Spirit of Shrewsbury. There will be a take-home craft, prize wheel, and several raffles!



Little Kid Creative Drama series
Saturday, October 5th and November 9th
10:00 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 is required.

Pajama Storytime
Thursday, October 10th
6:00 p.m.

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)

Family Halloween Storytime
Sunday, October 13th
2:00-2:45 p.m.

Join Gwen Callahan, an experienced storyteller who has performed as "Mrs. C" at Christmastime and Mother Goose for younger children at the Holden Public Library, as she tells Halloween stories to parents and children as a family bonding time!

Pokemon Trading
Thursday, November 7th
6:00 p.m.

Bring your cards and let's start trading! For kids of all ages. No registration required.

Tanglewood Marionettes - Sleeping Beauty
Saturday, November 16th
2:00 p.m.

Families are welcome to enjoy the timeless story of *Sleeping Beauty*. This show is geared toward children in grades K-3 and lasts for 40 minutes. No registration required.

Crafts

Grandparents' Day Crafternoon
Saturday, September 7th
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Celebrate grandparents with this drop-in crafternoon. Geared toward children ages 3+. Crafting available while supplies last.

Diwali Take-Home Kit
Monday, October 28th
10:00 a.m. While supplies last.
Celebrate Diwali with a take-home craft!

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The Butterfly Place
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Shrewsbury Recreation Department
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MooYah
WooSox
Launch
Bowlero
Worcester Railers

Beyond the Library

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/>

StoryWalk®

Visit the StoryWalk® at Lake Street Park - 430 Lake Street in Shrewsbury - and stroll through a new picture book every month.

TEEN PROGRAMS

For Rising 5th-12th Graders

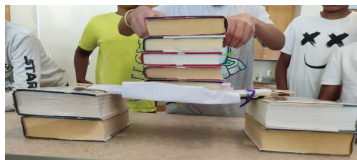
Monthly Scavenger Hunt

Drop in to the Teen Room and try our monthly scavenger hunt! Finish the scavenger hunt and you'll be entered to win our monthly raffle prize.

Friday Fun

Every Friday, 3:30 p.m.

Drop in each week for a different activity - some relaxing, some crafty, some ridiculous, some delicious.



Teen Advisory Launch Party
Monday, September 16th, 8:00 p.m.

Join us for our launch party where we'll plan what we want to accomplish this year. Last year's Teen Advisory was fantastic and I think we can do even more this year! Pizza will be served. Registration required.

Teen Advisory Meeting

Mondays, October 21st &

November 18th

8:00 p.m.

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. Registration required.

Jazz Robot Workshops

Join us for a unique workshop and learn a new skill. Take home a custom, crafted piece of art. Registration is required for each date. Classes are 1.5 hours long.

Monday, September 16th @ 6:00 p.m.

Plein Air Painting

Tuesday, October 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

Printmaking

Thursday, November 21st @ 7:00 p.m.

Metal Casting

Scary Stories in the Cemetery

Monday, October 28th

7:00 p.m. Mountain View Cemetery

Imagine - a quiet, misty night, dark shapes of bare trees, a lone figure in black beckoning you to follow her into the cemetery. Time for scary stories! We'll meet at the Artemas Ward gate (behind the First Congregational Church) and walk amongst the graves, then settle in for some chilling tales in the dark. We'll bring cider and cookies, you bring a blanket to sit on. Registration required.

Great for Gifting

Monday, November 25th

7:00 p.m.

For all ages (younger children may require assistance). No registration necessary. Need a gift that shows you care? Drop in for our series Great for Gifting! At this workshop, we'll make T-Shirt Tote Bags. Participants will create custom tote bags from recycled t-shirts. Give it as a gift or treat yourself to something nice!



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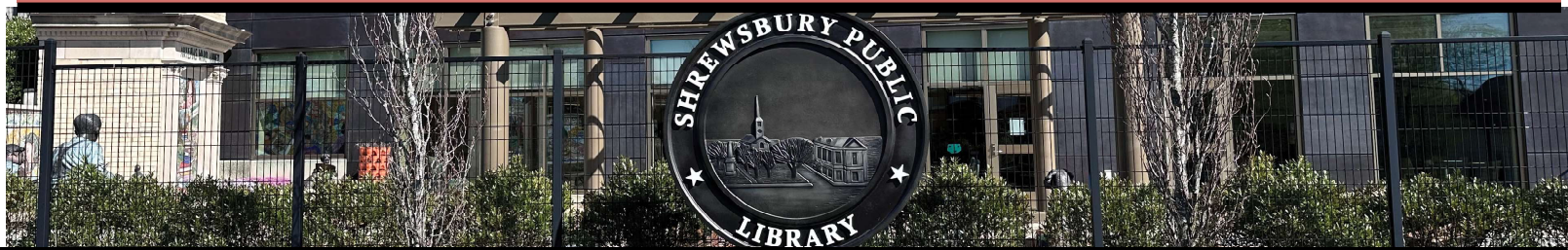
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Library Hours

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