

# CHAPTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY — SPRING 2024



Library Staff received training from MA Councils on Aging to become Dementia Friends.

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

Our public library serves as an invaluable resource to residents who come to the physical library and those who choose to access the library's resources remotely. The various departments of our library can be compared to the systems that play a vital role in the human body – namely, the circulatory system, the central nervous system, the musculoskeletal system, and the immune system. Just as all the systems functioning well together is crucial to the healthy body, all the departments within the library are integral to the success of the institution.

If you have come in to the library to get a new library card, reserve a museum pass, or inquire about the availability of a book, you would have interacted with our friendly and welcoming Circulation department staff. They are as important to the library as the circulatory system is to the functioning of the human body. They are responsible for the display of books, DVDs, music CDs, audio books, and video games on the main floor of the library that

patrons can browse and select from. The Circulation staff can also help you with book recommendations if you are looking for a genre or author that you like. Getting about 2,500 books monthly from other libraries for our patrons is also part of what the Circulation staff does.

The Adult Services department functions like the central nervous system. The reference librarians at the public service desk on the second floor, the technology librarians, and the Assistant Director are part of the Adult Services department. You would have interacted with these individual librarians if you have ever reserved a group study room, or used the computers or Wifi in the quiet study areas. They display infinite patience as they go about their daily duties! They also manage the electronic resources that are accessible to all library card holders. If you have any questions about using the printer, downloading e-books, or submitting files for 3D printing, these librarians will go above and beyond to help you. All adult events – informational

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or recreational – are planned by these wonderful librarians. Our effervescent Outreach and Marketing librarian is also part of this team. You can see her at the Spirit of Shrewsbury, Farmers' Market and other events.

The musculoskeletal system is responsible for supporting the body. The Technical Services department is the backbone of the library as library staff in this department are responsible for the acquisition, cataloging, and processing of all new materials. We have them to thank as we access interesting materials, including the Library of Things.

The Youth Services department can be compared to the immune system of the human body. Just as the immune system is responsible for protecting the body from diseases, the Youth Services librarians are responsible for providing a safe environment where children can learn, thrive, and grow. Children's librarians offer story times, STEAM activities, and play sessions, to stimulate the imagination of our youngest patrons and help them develop their social and emotional skills. Our creative, resourceful, and young-at-heart children's and teen librarians deserve kudos for fostering a love of books and reading among children and having a great impact on impressionable minds.

Where would we be without you, the patrons? You supply the oxygen and sustain us and serve as the respiratory system! Let's not leave out the digestive system as it is also very important and can be compared to the knowledge imbibed by the users of the library.

~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](mailto: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
- David and Kathleen Rocheleau
- Jack and Nancy Collins in remembrance of Dr. John P. Collins
- The Bachini Family, in honor of Ruth Seward
- Don, Olivia and Peg Harbert

- The Del Dotto grandchildren: Drea, Dylan and Devin
- Tara Kumaraswami, in memory of Nancy Kumaraswami
- Brian Ganger, in memory of Patricia Heald
- An anonymous donor
- Friends of the Library, in memory of Matt Hogan
- Board of Library Trustees, in honor of Joan Barry's service to the Board
- Olive I. and Anthony A. Borgatti, Jr., Donor-Advised Fund of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation
- Board of Library Trustees, in honor of Nancy Gilbert's service to the Board

## Solar Eclipse April 8, 2024

Shrewsbury Public Library is excited to partner with Shrewsbury Parks and Recreation to bring a fun and educational eclipse viewing event! Location TBA. Join us 2:30pm-4:30pm to watch as the moon covers up to 93% of the Sun! Eclipse Viewing Glasses will be distributed at the event, as well as at the library starting Monday, March 25th. Only one pair of eclipse glasses per family please!



# Seeking Book Donations

- The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library are seeking donations of books for their bookstore, additions to the Library's collections, or to be recycled through book sale recycling programs.
- Donations are currently limited to two bags or boxes per donation. Please contact the library's Circulation department at 508-841-8609, x3 or SPLcirc@cwmares.org with any questions, including regarding donations of more than two bags or boxes.
- **The Library will accept donations of:**
- Books, DVDs, and video games that are gently used, clean, and in good condition.
- *We are currently seeking donations of adult fiction books and children's books.*
- **The Library does not accept:**
- Items that are: unhealthy to handle, dirty, moldy, yellowed, smelly, burnt, chewed, damp, highlighted or underlined, or missing covers
- VHS tapes, music CDs or audiobooks, puzzles, or games
- Reference materials such as textbooks, test preparation materials, encyclopedias, or dictionaries
- Magazines or travel books



## Technology Classes for Adults!

Classes held in the Learning Lab, registration is required.

### Email Basics

**Thursday, March 7th, 3:00 p.m.**

Learn how to send and receive email, navigate your inbox, and practice downloading and attaching files. Laptops will be provided.

### Read, Listen, and Watch with Hoopla

**Thursday, March 21st, 6:00 p.m.**

Did you know your library card lets you download and stream with Hoopla from the comfort of your own home? Participants should bring their devices (smartphone, tablet, or laptop) to get familiar with Hoopla.

### Microsoft Excel Basics

**Wednesday, April 10th, 6:00 p.m.**

Learn how to enter text and numbers into an Excel worksheet, use autofill, format cells, perform basic calculations, and how to print a workbook. Laptops will be provided.

### Library Resources for Genealogy

**Thursday, April 18th, 3:00 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.

### Get Started with Libby

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

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

### 3-D Printing Basics

**Wednesday, May 22nd, 6:00 p.m.** Attendees will gain an understanding of how 3-D printing works, its capabilities, and its limitations. 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. iPads with TinkerCad will be provided for in-class use.



**New Game Plus:** This new monthly group will be a place for adults to try tabletop roleplaying games for the first time, try new games and new systems, to meet new friends, and to tell new stories. There will be a featured one-shot game each month as well as tables for other tabletop games.

**Second Saturdays 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

March 9th - Avatar Legends: the RPG

April 13th - Monster of the Week or group choice

May 11th - D&D or group choice

# ADULT SERVICES

## Ongoing Programs

### 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 *Hybrid: Library & Google Meet*

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

[SPLReference@cwmars.org](mailto:SPLReference@cwmars.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@cwmars.org](mailto:SPLReference@cwmars.org).

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

## IN-PERSON EVENTS

### Dungeons & Dragons

**Thursday, March 7th & April 4th  
5:30 –8:30 p.m.**

Embark on a journey to the magical realms of Dungeons and Dragons! You will be joining a game world populated by players through out Central MA as you try to save the world... or perhaps destroy it!

### From Ireland to America (SCC)

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

A festive music program from Roger Tincknell, 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. The program may also include some traditional Scottish songs and Celtic stories.

### Women at Work in a City of Corsets

**Wednesday, March 13th  
7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Reading from her forthcoming book *A Proper Fit*, Anne Marie Murphy will introduce some of the many women who worked in Worcester's corset industry that began in the 1860s, continuing until the 1980s.

### Celtic Music Concert

**Saturday, March 16th  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Local musicians Deirdre Sweeney and Matt Brench will perform a collection of traditional Irish music on woodwinds and mandolin, as well as provide background on the various tunes.

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

### Seed Lending Library Grand Reopening!

**Wednesday, March 20th  
9:00 a.m.**

Back for the 9th year! Families are welcome to take up to 10 seed packs total, with a max of 2 packets of the same variety. First come, first served. Open until varieties are gone.

### Nutrition Basics

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

Lilias Lewis is a certified nutrition coach and former registered nurse who will walk attendees through how to build a balanced diet (while still enjoying favorite foods).

### Spring Cleaning

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

Jenna Elliott is the founder of The Naked Flower, Professional Organizers. This workshop will give you a step-by-step approach to a cleaner house and a little less clutter.

### Climate Change: SIMPLE. SERIOUS. SOLVABLE.

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

Join beloved local meteorologist Harvey Leonard as he explains the difference between weather and climate, and why climate change is simple but real, which is what makes it so serious. He will go on to explain how we can mitigate or solve some of our problems caused by climate. His talk will be followed by a Q&A.

### Chocolate and the Environment Presented by Cocoa Beantown

**Wednesday, April 10th  
7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Learn about the sustainable practices cacao producers are implementing to survive the changing climate. You will also taste different varieties of chocolate from Cocoa Beantown!

### Sea Songs & Stories - Davis Bates

**Wednesday, April 17th (SCC)  
7:00–8:00 p.m.**

All ages are welcome for Sea Songs & Stories. It includes shanties and farming songs, ocean ballads, traditional tales, oral history narratives and stories from Bates' own family, and is inspired both by childhood summers spent in Maine and on the Cape, as well as time Bates spent as a volunteer crew member on the Hudson River Sloop, Clearwater.

### **Paranormal Hotspots with Ronny LeBlanc**

**Monday, April 22nd  
6:00–7:30 p.m.**

Ronny LeBlanc, local author, paranormal investigator, and former host of the Travel Channel's *Expedition Bigfoot* will give a presentation on paranormal hotspots in which he discusses parts of the U.S. that have had UFO, cryptid, and paranormal activity, including areas within New England. He will also provide some tips and advice for budding paranormal investigators for what to look for in older buildings such as the library!

### **The Amistad Trials: What Price Freedom?**

**Wednesday, April 24th  
7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Justice Dennis J. Curran (ret.) served as a Massachusetts trial judge for 15 years. He will discuss the first civil rights trial in American history, more than two decades before the Civil War exploded in 1861.

### **The Tigerbelles: Discussion with author Aime Alley Card**

**Tuesday, April 30th  
6:30–8:30 p.m.**

Aime Alley Card will discuss her latest book *The Tigerbelles: Olympic Legends from Tennessee State*. This book tells the extraordinary story of the 1960 Olympic track team from Tennessee State and "how one team changed the face of women's athletics forever, and how the world fell in love with the Tigerbelles".

### **Matt York Presents the Songs and Stories of Willie Nelson**

**Tuesday, May 7th (SCC)  
7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Longtime New England singer/songwriter Matt York will perform songs and tell stories about the great Willie Nelson.

### **50 States of Mind - Author Event**

**Wednesday, May 8th**

**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.

### **An Evening with Noor Ali, author of One Teaspoon of Home:**

**Desi Food Poetry**

**Thursday, May 9th**

**7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Noor Ali proudly presents her first book of poetry, *One Teaspoon of Home: Desi Food Poetry*, a tender tribute to the land (Lahore, Pakistan) that holds her heart. Come and listen to Noor read her poems and talk about the inspiration behind each one of them. Also, sample some delicacies from South Asian cuisine. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase.

### **Elizabeth Freeman, the Massachusetts Slave: The Woman Who Sued for Her Freedom**

**Thursday, May 16th**

**7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Elizabeth Freeman was among the first slaves in Massachusetts to sue for and win her freedom. Justice Dennis J. Curran (ret.) who served as a Massachusetts trial judge for 15 years, will discuss this case.

### **Howie Newman's Musical Baseball Show (SCC)**

**Thursday, May 23rd**

**7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Performing a unique, interactive and highly entertaining program, local singer-songwriter (and former sportswriter) Howie Newman will sing baseball songs, offer up baseball trivia and tell stories about his days as a sportswriter on the Red Sox beat.

### **Jumpin' Juba Concert**

**Thursday, May 30th**

**7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Jumpin' Juba plays blues-based roots-rock, popular and classic rock for your listening and dancing pleasure. All ages welcome.

## **ZOOM EVENTS**

### **The Real Score: Unraveling Myths About Trans People in Sports**

**Tuesday, March 5th**

**7:00–8:00 p.m.**

In collaboration with the Morrill Memorial Library. Journalist Erin Reed will explore the complex and often misunderstood world of transgender athletes in sports.

### **De-Stress with Gentle Stretching and Exercises**

**Tuesday, March 5th**

**10:30–11:30 a.m.**

Join us for this fun and active workshop where we will be participating in exercises while learning about the health benefits of gentle stretches and exercises.

### **Peace in 2024 with Meditation**

**Tuesday, March 12th**

**7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Join Ajili Hodari Esq, long time meditator who will explore the healing power of meditation and share techniques on how to unlock the door to a life of improved emotional and physical wellbeing.

## **Library Speakers Consortium**

Sponsored by the SPL Foundation. Check out the website for more details!

<https://libraryc.org/shrewsburypubliclibrary/upcoming>

March 6th, 4 p.m.: Nina Totenberg  
March 14th, 4 p.m.: Christopher Paolini  
March 21st, 7 p.m. Madeline Miller  
TBA: Paula Johnson  
April 9th, 2 p.m.: Colum McCann & Diane Foley  
April 17th, 8 p.m.: Xochitl Gonzalez  
May 1st, 3 p.m.: Douglas Brunt  
May 8th, 7 p.m.: Nina Simon  
May 21st, 7 p.m.: Rebecca F. Kuang



**(SCC) = These programs are supported in part by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.**

**Registration is required for most programs.**

**Sign up and check out other events on our calendar:**

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

# Children's Room

## Ongoing Programs

### Infant Explorers

**1st and 3rd Mondays of every month 10:00–10:45 a.m.**  
Early literacy activities followed by independent sensory play exploration for infants and young toddlers 6-18 months. This is a wonderful opportunity to nurture early STEM concepts while engaging with your child in a group setting. Admittance tokens 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. 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. No tokens or 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. You and your child can explore a variety of age-appropriate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) and Early-Literacy Stations. No registration is required.

### Origami for Young Creators

**Sundays, March 3rd, April 7th, & May 5th 1:30–2:30 p.m.**  
Join us in unfolding the magical world of Origami, designed exclusively for children in 2nd - 3rd grades. The art of Origami is known to help children build motor skills, enhance spatial reasoning, understand symmetry and observe patterns as they transform ordinary paper into extraordinary creations. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

### I Survived STEAM Challenge

**Monday, March 4th 4:00–5:00 p.m.**  
Do you think you have what it takes to survive a disaster? Kids in grades 2-5 are invited to participate in a STEAM challenge based on Lauren Tarshis' *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912*. Kids do not need to have read the book to participate. Registration is required.

### Young Scientists

**Wednesdays, March 6th, 13th, & 20th 1:00–1:45 p.m.**  
Young Scientists is a free STEM program facilitated by STEM Beginnings and hosted by the library. Program is for children ages 3-6 with a caregiver who continually supervises the child while participating. Registration for each separate class is required. Young Scientists is sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP), which is a Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant funded by the Department of Early Education and Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

### Little Kid Creative Drama with Little Spark Theater

**Saturday, March 9th 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.

### Choose Your Own Adventure Book Group

**Tuesdays, March 12th, April 9th, & May 14th 6:00–7:00 p.m.**  
We'll read one Choose Your Own Adventure® book at each meeting and everyone will help decide which path we will take. You won't need to read the book ahead of time. Books will be available at the meeting. Participants will receive an Adventurer's Passport to collect badges. For children in grades 4 - 6. We will have pizza! Email RStarkin@cwmars.org to register.

### Purim Storytime

**Monday, March 18th 4:30–5:30 p.m.**  
Join our community guests from Chabad of Shrewsbury and UMass Medical School in celebrating Purim with stories, songs, and activities. Ages 2-8. No registration is required.

### Spring Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 30th 9:00 a.m. SHARP!**  
Head to the library to find the eggs! A collection bag will be provided. For kids of all ages. Please check out the e-calendar for details.

### Drum Circle for Kids

**Saturday, April 6th 2:00–3:00 p.m.**  
Join drummer Tim Kane and his assortment of drums for a fun interactive drum circle. For kids in grades 1-4. Funded in part with a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council.

### Pokemon Trading

**Monday, April 8th 6:00–7:00 p.m.**  
Bring your cards to the library and spend an evening trading! For traders of all levels. No registration required.

### Talking Hands Puppet Show

**Tuesday, April 16th 4:00–5:00 p.m.**  
Join Talking Hands Theatre for a dinosaur puppet show! All are welcome, no registration needed. Funded in part with a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council.

### Math Quiz Bee

**Thursday, April 18th 6:00–7:30 p.m.**  
The Library's Math Quiz Bee is for kids in grades 3rd & 4th. The general math topics will be covered in the quiz.

### Ska! With Chamber Music Metrowest

**Saturday, April 20th 3:00–3:45 p.m.**  
Join Chamber Music Metrowest for this fun reggae/ska concert! In this engaging 30-45 minute concert children will be encouraged to interact directly with performers. Families will be provided the opportunity to experience the joys of music together and to actively cultivate their child's appreciation of music. No registration required. The program is designed for kids ages 3-8 but all ages are welcome. Funded in part with a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council.

### Earth Day Yoga for Kids

**Sunday, April 21st 2:00–3:00 p.m.**  
Celebrate Earth Day with our special yoga class for kids 3-6 years old and their parents! Join us in a fun-filled session that combines mindful movements with an appreciation for our planet, fostering a



sense of connection to nature through yoga poses and eco-friendly activities. Mats are available.

**Engineer a Story**  
*Monday, April 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 grades 1-5.

**I Survived STEAM Challenge**  
*Monday, May 6th*  
4:00-5:00 p.m.

Do you think you have what it takes to survive a disaster? This challenge is inspired by *I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii, AD 79*. Kids do not need to have read the book to participate. For children in grades 2 - 5.

**Pajama Storytime - Spring Edition**  
*Thursday, May 16th*  
6:00-7:00 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.

**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/>

**Spring Into Reading Challenge**

Starting April 1st on Beanstack. Throughout the spring kids are encouraged to log minutes they read on Beanstack to win cool virtual badges and real-life prizes! Check out our website for more details.

**StoryWalk®**

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

**Creative Communities Grant-Funded Programs**

**STEAM Fun with WPI**  
*Saturday, March 16th*  
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Join students and professors from

Registration is required for most programs.

Sign up and check out other events on our calendar:

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

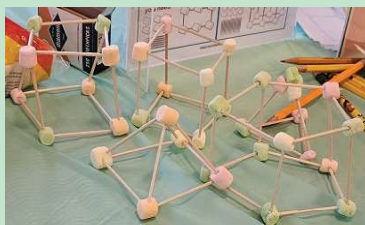
Worcester Polytechnic Institute for a fun and educational science program. There will be a presentation followed by a hands-on activity. For K - 2nd grade.

**Kids' Science Class with ScienceLive!**  
*Tuesday, April 16th*  
1:00-3:30 p.m.

Join Dr. Mary Pickering from UMass Chan Medical School's program ScienceLive for a lesson on macroscopic and microscopic species that are alive. Her team will bring soil and pond water from Dean Park, harvest micro-organisms from these materials, and then look at the samples under the microscope. For kids ages 8-12.

**Kids' Science Class with ScienceLive!**  
*Wednesday, April 17th*  
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Join Dr. Mary Pickering from UMass Chan Medical School's program ScienceLive for a lesson on the importance of DNA in living things. This class is for kids ages 8-12.



## TEEN PROGRAMS

**Friday Afternoons @ the SPL!**  
3:30 p.m.

Grades 5-12.  
No registration necessary.

**Movies & Snacks:**

*March 1st, April 5th, May 17th*  
Movies TBA

**Activities: March 8th, April 26th, & May 24th**

Try a fun craft or activity that will change each month. No crafting experience (or talent) necessary, just try it out!

**Trivia: March 29th & May 10th**

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

**Snack Craft: April 12th, May 3rd & 31st**

Come hang out and create something delicious. A new seasonal snack creation each month! Those with food allergies should please exercise caution.

**Monthly Scavenger Hunt**

Try our monthly Scavenger Hunt! Find all the hidden items and you're entered to win a fun prize. Pick up a Scavenger Hunt answer sheet from the windowsill, have fun searching, then return the completed sheets to the drop box.

**Make a Seed Starter Kit**

*Tuesday, March 5th, 1:00 p.m.*

**Grades 5-12. No registration necessary.** Get ready for spring! Drop in on the half day to make an egg carton seed starter kit.

**Teen Writing Club**

*Thursdays, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, 7:00 pm.*

**Grades 5-12. Registration is required.** 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!

**Post Pi Day Extravaganza**

*Friday, March 15th 3:30 p.m.*

**Grades 5-12 No registration necessary.** Celebrate pie after Pi Day! Drop in for fun with baking pies, playing pie games, making pie crafts, and more.

**Teen Advisory Meeting**

*Mondays, March 18th, April 22nd, May 20th, 8:00 pm.*

**Grades 5-12. Registration required.** 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!

**STEAM with WPI**

*Tuesday, April 2nd 1:00 p.m.*

**Grades 5-8. Registration required.** Students from WPI will be here to lead a STEAM activity.



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# CHAPTERS

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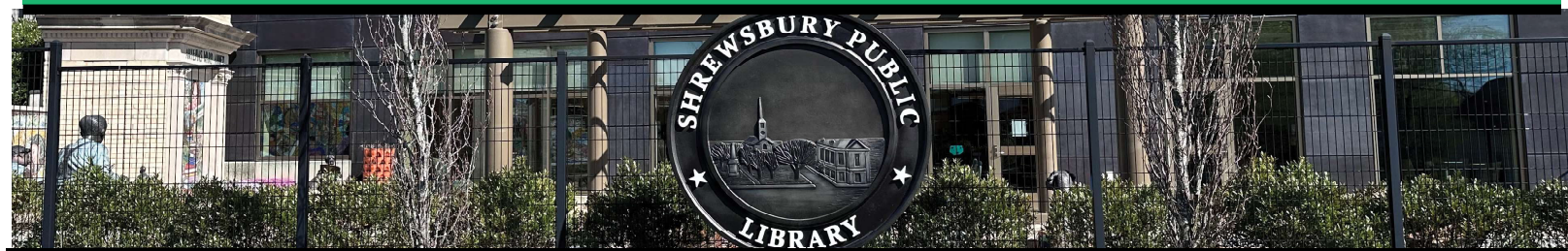
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Resident Customer  
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

## Library Hours

Mon.–Thurs. 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
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 PROGRAMS (CONT.)

### Escape the Haunted Library

*Wednesday-Friday, April 17th-19th, various times.*  
**Grades 5-12. Registration required.**  
It's all fun and games in the library... until the screaming starts! Come play our popular Escape Room series! Do you have what it takes to find the clues, solve the puzzles, and escape before you're trapped in the haunted library forever???



### Locker Chandelier Craft

*Wednesday, April 24th, 4:00 p.m.*  
**Grades 5-12. Registration required.**  
Does your locker need a refresh? Make a unique locker chandelier that actually lights up!

### Teen Summer Volunteer Information Sessions

*Monday-Thursday, May 13th-16th, various times.*  
**Grades 7-12 (as of Fall 2024).**  
**Registration required.**

Want to volunteer at the library this summer? Come to an information session to learn how! It is important for anyone who wants to be a volunteer - even those who have volunteered during previous summers - to attend a session. We'll discuss the volunteer roles available this summer, requirements for applicants, how applying will work, training, scheduling, and more.

