

CHAPTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY — WINTER '24-'25



Librarians Miss Sonja and Miss Roxanne show off the new permanent StoryWalk® at Lake Street Park, made possible by Community Preservation Funds. Families enjoyed the new walk while trick or treating! There's a new book every month!

A letter from Library Director Priya Rathnam:

I would like to highlight the successful partnerships the library has had with other town departments.

A fun project that was started in June 2020, at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, was the StoryWalk® at Lake Street Park. It was conceived as a temporary, outdoor recreational event to encourage residents to visit the park and enjoy a fun, family-friendly activity. The Parks and Recreation Department loved the idea of installing a children's picture book every month and devised stakes and posts to bring this idea to fruition. The Friends of the Library supported and funded the project. Our Youth Services librarians were very excited to research and select an appropriate book for each month's display. Fast forward four years later, and the project is still going strong with a new book on display every month. In fact, there is a more permanent installation, thanks to the funds from a Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant that was approved at the last town meeting. Our thanks to Kevin Esposito, Division Manager, Parks and Cemetery, for being such a supportive partner over the years.

The Library's partnership with the schools has been very gratifying. Our Youth Services librarians collaborate closely with the public schools in a multitude of ways. Firstly, the Outreach librarian and the Youth Services team frequently visit the schools to promote library services, assist with school curriculum events, and encourage community engagement. The library also invites classrooms to the

library for behind-the-scenes tours and special after-school events. The Youth Services team appreciates the expertise of the school teachers and media specialists and has received assistance with collection development and instructional projects.

The Council on Aging offers a plethora of services for seniors and the library hosts events that complement many of their services, such as health and wellness activities and informational sessions on Medicare and financial planning workshops. The Memory Café, a gathering place for people with memory loss and their caregivers, is offered on the first and third Friday at the library and on the second and fourth Wednesday at the Senior Center. The Artist Guild that meets at the Senior Center has displayed many of their artistic works at the library.

All departments support one another by sharing and promoting each other's events.

The Public Services department maintains the library facility, manages the custodial service, and takes care of all our staff and patron needs. Maintaining the library as a vibrant community hub that sees about 1,000 visitors every day is possible only because of their dedicated service.

We enjoy collaborating with other town departments to offer top-notch enhanced services to our residents.

~Priya Rathnam, Library Director

MAKERSPACE PROGRAMMING

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

December 2nd, January 6th, & February 3rd, 5:30 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+.

Laser Cut Snowflakes

Monday, December 9th, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Learn how to design a snowflake in Inkscape that will be printed/cut with acrylic using the library's laser cutter. This class is for makers 16+.

3D Modeling Basics

Wednesday, December 18th, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Learn how to 3D model for 3D printing using Tinkercad.

New Year, New Hobby!

Date & Time TBA

Come learn a new hobby! Each Wednesday in January, the Makerspace will host an introductory workshop on a new skill. Check the Makerspace website for workshop details:

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| Crochet Basics | Hand Sewing Basics |
| Paper Making | Paper Quilling |

Make a Laser Cut Valentine Card

Wednesday, February 5th, 6:00 p.m.

Design a card for laser cutting in Inkscape for your Sweetheart! This class is for makers 16+.

Level Up Your Hand Sewing with Makerspace Tools

Monday, February 10th, 6:00 p.m.

Learn how to use the silhouette cutter, serger, and embroidery machine to level up your sewing skills. This class is for makers 16+.



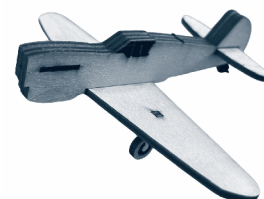
All Makerspace classes require basic computer skills. Unless specified otherwise, registration for Makerspace classes open two weeks before the class and are for makers 13+.

Makerspace Appointments

The SPL Learning Lab Makerspace is available for you to use! Check out the website at shrewsburypubliclibrary.org/makerspace or use the QR code for information on drop-in Makerspace time, machine appointments, and Makerspace policies.



Scan here for more information!



THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SPONSORS

Thank you to our sponsors for our Sunday season running 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:

- Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union
- Dr. Dale Magee and Mrs. Melanie Magee

Providing two Sundays:

- Shrewsbury Education Foundation
- Southgate at Shrewsbury

Providing one Sunday:

- Carmela Heedles *In Memory of James A. Heedles*
- David and Kathleen Rocheleau
- The Bachini Family, *In Honor of Ruth Seward*
- Don, Olivia, and Peg Harbert
- The Del Dotto Grandchildren: Drea, Dylan, and Devin

- Dean Park Grill and Pizza
- Tara Kumaraswami in memory of Nancy Kumaraswami
- Richard and Alison Ricker
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Holiday Movie!

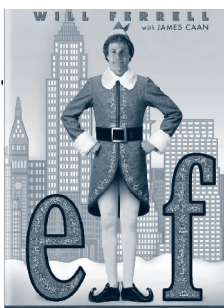
Sunday, December 22nd at 2 p.m.

Elf

A holiday comedy for all ages,

Rated PG, 95 minutes

Popcorn will be provided



Cozy Up with a Book Reading Challenge!

December 1st – March 20th

'Tis the season for coziness!

All ages! 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://shrewsbury.ma.beanstack.com/reader365>



International Film Festival

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Every Sunday in February starting at 2 p.m.

February 2nd: *Intouchables*: 2011, French with English Subtitles, Rated R (for language and some drug use), Golden Globe nominee for Best Foreign Film 2013, 112 minutes.

February 9th: *Osama*: 2003, Pashto (Afghanistan) with English subtitles, PG-13, Golden Globe winner 2004 Best Foreign Film, 83 minutes.

February 16th: *Zokkomon*: 2011 (Disney), Hindi with English Subtitles, PG, 118 minutes.

February 23rd: *Ladron Que Roba A Ladron*: 2007, Spanish with English Subtitles, PG-13, 100 minutes.



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, December 10th, 3:30–4:30 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, January 14th, 3:30–4:30 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.

Understanding Language Learning Apps

Tuesday, February 11th, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

The SPL offers access to two language learning apps: Mango Languages and Transparent Languages. Learn the pros and cons of each and how they differ from free language learning options.

Email Basics

Tuesday, December 10th, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Learn how to send and receive email, navigate your inbox, and practice downloading and attaching files. Must have an email address to attend this class.

Managing Your Email Inbox

Tuesday, January 14th, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Learn how to organize emails into folders, create rules, and batch delete emails in Gmail. Must have an email address to attend this class.

Google Calendar Basics

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

Learn how to use Google's online calendar for effective time management, sharing event information, invites, notifications and more. Must have an email address to attend this class.

ADULT SERVICES

Gaming

Book Clubs

Shrewsbury Readers

In Person

*1st Thursday of the month
6:30–8:00 p.m.*

Join for good books and good discussion!

Spanish Book Club

In Person

*1st Saturday of the month
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

The Spanish Book Club [el Club del Libro en Español] meets 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!

The Discoveries Non-Fiction Book Club

*3rd Thursday of the month
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.*

All are welcome! Contact Melissa Wentworth with any questions: mwentworth@cwmmars.org

Reading Glasses

*Hybrid: Library & Google Meet
3rd Thursday of the month
7:00–8:30 p.m.*

For adults in their 20s and 30s. To register, please email: SPLReference@cwmmars.org

SPL Cookbook Club

*Thursday, January 23rd & February 27th
6:30–7:30 p.m.*

Cookbooks will be available at the Circulation desk during the first week of the month. Please let us know which recipe you have chosen to make by the 15th of the month by sending an email to Priya at prathnam@shrewsburyma.gov

Recurring Programs

English Conversation Circle

Three weekly sessions are offered:

Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30–11:30 a.m. (In person at the library), and Fridays from 10:00–11:00 a.m. (In person at St. Anne's Church). For adults who wish to practice their English conversational skills. The facilitators make the sessions engaging, interactive, and fun. Join for one or all three sessions.

Memory Café

*1st and 3rd Friday of the month
2:00–3:30 p.m.*

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. This is a drop in event.

Virtual 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

*1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month
9:30–11:30 a.m. on Zoom.*

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.

New Games Plus

*Every 2nd Saturday: December 14th, January 11th, & February 8th
12:00–3:00 p.m.*

These "one shots" will teach you the system and get you playing! Check our website for what system we're playing each month.

Brunch & Board Games

*Every 4th Saturday: December 28th, January 25th, & February 22nd
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.*

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.

Dungeons & Dragons at the Library

*Thursdays: December 19th, January 9th, & February 13th
6:00–8:45 p.m.*

Join up with a mixture of beginner and veteran players of the world's most popular roleplaying adventure as you quest to save the world... or perhaps destroy it!



Live Music

A Winter Solstice Celebration with Roger Tincknell

*Monday, January 6th
7:00–8:00 p.m.*

This festive program, presented by Roger Tincknell, includes songs from Asian, African, Native American, and other traditions that are often interspersed with familiar Hanukkah and Christmas songs.

Cameron Sutphin Folk Concert

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

Cameron performs his own original songs, classic country, and folk cover songs by artists such as Bob Dylan, John Prine, Pete Seeger, Glen Campbell, and Townes Van Zandt.

Crafts & Movement

Indian Art Workshop

*Thursday, January 9th
6:00–7:00 p.m.*

Join artist Sunanda Sahay for a demonstration and workshop in Mithila/Madhubani art of Bihar, India!

Learn East Coast Swing and Dance

Friday, January 24th

7:00–8:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of East Coast Swing and enjoy some time afterwards to practice what you've learned! We'll spend 45 minutes in a lesson and 45 minutes to dance! No dance experience or partner required.

Bollywood Fusion Dance Workshop

Tuesday, February 4th

7:00–8:00 p.m.
Have fun learning a short choreography blending Bollywood and Indian classical dance! No dance experience required.

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>

Other Programs

Cookie Swap!

Saturday, December 7th

2:00–4:00 p.m.

Bring a batch of cookies from your favorite recipe to share, or just enjoy sampling delicious baked goods with tea and coffee.

African Art Series – VIRTUAL

Sundays, December 8th, January 12th, & February 9th

2:30–4:00 p.m.

December 8: Learning to Look: Forms and Materials

January 12: Case Studies: Art in Cultural Context: Contrasting Cultures – Contrasting Styles -The Dogon of Mali and the Yoruba of Nigeria.

February 9: Masquerade – Not Just a Mask On a Wall

Healthy Holiday Eating

Monday, December 9th

7:00–8:00 p.m.

Attendees will learn healthy eating strategies for every holiday from Halloween to New Year's Eve from registered dietitian Judy Palkens!

Adult ADHD Presentation with Brendan Mahan

Tuesday, December 10th

7:00–8:30 p.m.

Brendan Mahan, M.Ed., M.S., host of the ADHD Essentials Podcast, will join us for a talk on adult ADHD, as well as a follow-up Q&A. He will provide an overview of ADHD (what it is, and how it works), and share strategies to better manage the disorder. If you love someone with ADHD, or have it yourself, you don't want to miss this presentation!

The Turin Crucifix and the Library's 3D Printing Service

Wednesday, December 11th

7:00–8:00 p.m.

Learn how artists from five different countries collaborated to produce a model of the Turin Crucifix that was printed using Shrewsbury Public Library's 3D printer. Attendees will receive a copy of the book *Turin Crucifix*, written by Mark Fisher.

Simple Steps to Get Organized in 2025

Thursday, December 12th

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Informative and interactive, this workshop, run by Jenna Elliott, will send you off with a pathway to getting more organized in the new year!

Islam 101

Thursday, December 19th

6:00–7:00 p.m.

Join Shahab Kazi at the library for an insightful session on Islam, focusing on its core beliefs, the legacy of prophets, and their teachings. He will address common misunderstandings prevailing in societies.

Writing Seminar with Author Lisa Shea

Sundays, January 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

2:00–4:00 p.m.

Learn about writing and publishing! Sign up for one or all topics:

January 5th: Writing

January 12th: Publishing

January 19th: Marketing

January 26th: Social Networking

Books In Bloom

Saturday, January 11th 9:00 a.m.–

4:00 p.m. & Sunday, January 12th

1:00 –4:00 p.m.

Brighten up the library with a floral arrangement inspired by a book cover! Check our website for more details!



Tea Blending and Brewing

Thursday, January 16th

6:00–7:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Hot Tea Month with the library! We'll have a selection of loose-leaf teas, as well as spices and herbs for you to create a perfect cup of tea. Learn about the healing properties of teas and follow our recipes or your heart!

Worcester Talking Book Library

Saturday, January 18th

2:00–3:00 p.m.

Learn more about this free service that lends accessible reading materials (including audio, large-print, and Wonderbooks) via postage-free mail.

The Magic of Music Synthesizers! Sounds, Technology, and Music Innovation

Saturday, February 1st

2:00–3:00 p.m.

Hosted by local musician and audio engineer Torbin Harding, this program will include a talk and demonstration of music synthesizers, followed by a Q&A and dedicated hands-on time for attendees.

You're Engaged! Now What?

Saturday, February 8th

1:00–3:00 p.m.

Join Patty Fratto of Perfectly Coordinated to help plan your wedding! By the end of class, you'll realize that planning your wedding doesn't have to be stressful – it can actually be fun. Come celebrate National Wedding Month with us!

Flavors of Africa

Saturday, February 22

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate African culture and cuisine with Emmanuel Larbi from Akra Eatery! Emmanuel will be demonstrating the preparation of his restaurant's most beloved dishes, and attendees are invited to prepare and sample the meals using our library's new Charlie Cart.

Author Talks

The Heart-Dreamer Experience: A Creative Journey Featuring Books, Music, and Audiobook Magic

Tuesday, December 3rd

7:00 –8:00 p.m.

Join Cheryl Melody Baskin for an inspiring and transformative experience that blends the power of storytelling and the beauty of music.

Revealing the Untold Stories of America's Forgotten Laborers

Thursday, December 5th

6:00–8:00 p.m.

Join local author Rosanne Elworthy for a powerful discussion of migrant labor, highlighting her decade running Project Share, a nonprofit serving migrant workers in Florida.

Travels Through the Heart and Soul of New England with Ted Reinstein

Tuesday, January 7th

7:00–8:00 p.m.

Journalist and author Ted Reinstein condenses his countless travels into a single, unique labor of love: a journey through the heart and soul of New England, meeting the most memorable people—and their unlikely stories—all along the way.

Black in Fashion – VIRTUAL

Wednesday, February 12th

6:30–8:30 p.m.

Join Tonya Blazio-Licorish as she discusses her book and the contributions of Black creatives as a fluid conversation to the evolution of fashion.

Children's Room

Ongoing Programs

Tiny Tots Playgroup

1st and 3rd Mondays
10:00–10:45 a.m.

This 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!

Mindfulness Mondays

2nd Monday
5:30–6:00 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)

Build It! Club

Mondays
6:30–8:00 p.m.

All ages. Come 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
10:00–10:30 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.

Come 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.
and 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.

Preschool Explorers

Wednesdays, Starting January 8th
1:00–2:00 p.m.

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

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.

Fun with Colors!

Thursdays
10:30–11:30 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.

Children's Parties!

No registration required for any of these parties!

Noon Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31st
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Ring in the "noon-year" with games, crafts, and fun for all ages!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

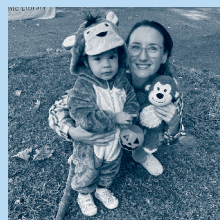
Friday, January 24th - Drop-off anytime & Saturday, January 25th - Pick up 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Would your stuffed animal love to spend the night at the library? Kids of all ages are welcome to drop off one beloved stuffed animal for a night of fun and mischief. Then the next morning stop by to pick up your stuffed animal, have a little snack, and watch a slideshow of all the fun.

Glow Party

Wednesday, February 19th
3:00–4:00 p.m.

Get your glow on at the library! Join us for music, dancing, and a glow-in-the-dark craft. Neon or glow-in-the-dark clothes are highly encouraged. For kids of all ages.



STEM Programs

Geography Bee

Thursday, December 5th
6:00–7:30 p.m.

Kids in grades 3 and 4 are welcome to test their geography knowledge in the library's second annual Geography Bee! (Registration required)

Origami for Young Creators

Saturday, December 7th, January 4th, and February 1st
1:30–2:30 p.m.

Join us in unfolding the magical world of Origami, designed exclusively for young children in grade levels 2 and 3. 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's Makerspace

Create with 3D Pens
Monday, December 30th
2:00–3:00 p.m.

Explore new technology, create with new mediums, and tinker away during this program geared for kids in grades 2 and above.

Science Bee

Thursday, February 20th
6:00–7:30 p.m.

Kids in grades 3 and 4 are welcome to test their science knowledge in the library's second annual Science Bee!



Crafts

Holiday Crafternoon

Monday, December 23rd
2:00–4:00 p.m.

Make crafts to get in the holiday spirit! Maybe even give something you make to someone you love. Geared toward children 3+, while supplies last. (No registration required)

Other Programs

Preschool Sports with the Shrewsbury Club *Mondays, December-February* *11:00–11:45 a.m.*

Every week will focus on a different sport, all geared to kids ages 3-5. Check our e-calendar for class details.

Little Kid Creative Drama with Little Spark Theater *Saturday, December 14th, January 4th, and February 1st* *10:00–10:45 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.

Hanukkah With PJ Library *Sunday, December 15th* *2:30–4:00 p.m.*

Celebrate Hanukkah at the library! For kids of all ages.

Pajama Storytime *Tuesday, January 28th* *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.

Pokémon Trading *Wednesday, January 29th* *6:00–7:00 p.m.*

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

Musical Petting Zoo with Springfield Symphony Orchestra *Tuesday, February 18th* *3:00–4:00 p.m.*

After an introduction to the instruments, participants get a chance to bow a violin, blow a horn or tap out a rhythm on a drum. Here's your chance to try an instrument in a judgment-free zone that encourages exploration and excitement!

Registration is required for most programs.

Sign up and check out other events on our calendar:

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

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 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.–4:45 p.m.

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

Create Your Own Game with Scratch *Sundays, December 1st–January 26th* *1:30–3:00 p.m.*

For Grades 3-6

Over the course of nine weekly sessions, participants will design original games, learn new coding concepts, explore how the tech industry uses these same fundamentals, and have a lot of fun! This program is led by Lashika K and Luiza V of SHS as part of Teens Teach.

Great for Gifting - Mason Jar Cookies

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

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. For all ages (younger children may require assistance). No registration necessary.

Teen Advisory Meeting

Mondays, December 16th, January 13th, & February 10th
8:00–8:45 p.m.

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.

Great for Gifting **Jasmine Hot Compresses**

Monday, December 23rd

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Participants will create handmade hot compresses with Jasmine rice and a soothing scent - great for chilly winter days. For all ages (younger children may require assistance). No registration necessary.

Escape Room: Festive Fiasco

Thursday, December 26th

11:00–11:45 a.m. and 2:00–2:45 p.m.;

Friday, December 27th, 12:00–12:45 p.m. and 3:00–3:45 p.m.;

Monday, December 30th, 1:30–2:15 p.m. and 6:00–6:45 p.m.;

Tuesday, December 31st,
12:30–1:45 p.m.

It's Christmas Eve and disaster has struck the North Pole - the Grinch and Oogie Boogie have teamed up to ruin Christmas. Can you and your fellow elves follow the clues and solve the puzzles to save the holiday? Registration required. Please sign up for only one session or waitlist.

Coding with Python for Teens

Saturdays, January 11th–25th
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

By building a really fun project, we will learn programming fundamentals using the language that's powering the AI revolution. Whether you have some coding experience or you're a complete newbie, these classes will be engaging and rewarding. This course is led by Abi Sampath, an experienced coding instructor. Registration required. For grades 7-12

Intro to Web Development

Monday, January 27th
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Want to learn how to make websites or write code? Get started with this coding class for grades 7-12

Viking Wire Weaving

Thursday, February 6th
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Learn one of the techniques Vikings used to decorate themselves and their weapons from Castle Nitor! Make your own keychain or bracelet!



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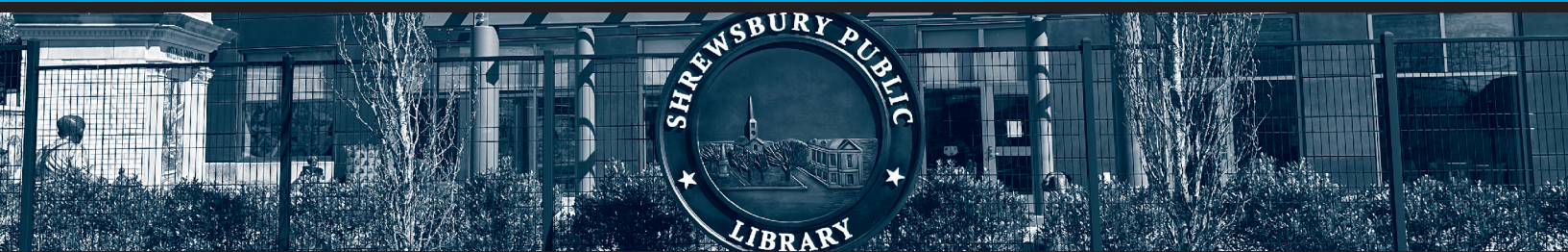
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Library Hours

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)

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Friends Holiday Open House!

Saturday, December 7th 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library invite you to our annual Holiday Open House! Join us for:

- Winter Holiday Crafts for kids in the Children's Program Room
- Holiday Magnet Making in the Teen Room
- Dreidel playing in the Children's Room
- Holiday Tattoos in the Meeting Room
- Holiday Scavenger Hunt in Children's Room and Main Level
- Holiday Card Making in the Meeting Room
- Special Storytime with Santa from 12-1 in the Meeting Room

Library Speakers Consortium

Join us for our virtual author talks!

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

December 4th @ 2:00 p.m.: Jeff Post (NMNH) for The Smithsonian National Gem Collection - *Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels*

December 11th @ 2:00 p.m.: Laura Dave

January 15th @ 7:30 p.m.: TJ Klune

January 28th @ 1:00 p.m.: Seth Fishman

February 4th @ 2:00 p.m.: Sabrina Sholts, *The Human Disease: How We Create Pandemics, from Our Bodies to Our Beliefs*

February 11th @ 7:00 p.m.: Waubgeshig Rice