

CHAPTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY — SUMMER-'25



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Community-Wide Read! We hope you had a delicious time! Our appreciation goes to the Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union for sponsoring the prizes!

A letter from Library Director Priya Rathnam:

As I write this in mid-April, we're in the midst of celebrating National Library Week—a time to recognize the vital role libraries play in our communities. This year's theme, "Drawn to the Library," perfectly captures the wide variety of people who find inspiration, connection, and opportunity within library walls.

People from all walks of life are drawn to the library: book lovers, gamers of all ages, makers and DIY enthusiasts, researchers, scholars, recent immigrants looking to make new friends, job seekers, entrepreneurs, children trading Pokémon cards, families with young children, tweens looking for a safe space to connect, and even home cooks who enjoy sharing meals—all contribute to the vibrant, inclusive atmosphere that makes the public library a true community hub.

Libraries also serve unique and essential roles beyond books and media. During tax season, individuals seeking assistance can make appointments with AARP volunteers who generously offer their services at the library. This April, in celebration of National Poetry Month, we're proud to partner with the Worcester County Poetry Association—one of the longest-running nonprofit poetry organizations in the country—to offer a series of poetry workshops. Whether you're an aspiring poet, a book club enthusiast, a tech-savvy teen looking to volunteer, or someone who enjoys dancing East Coast Swing, there's a place for you here.

While we are deeply grateful for our community's continued support, we are also facing serious concerns about the future of library funding. On March 14, 2025, an executive order was signed that threatens to cut federal support to libraries and museums, including funding distributed through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)—the largest source of federal funding for libraries nationwide.

Here in Massachusetts, IMLS funding supports critical services through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). This includes access to research databases, the Commonwealth Catalog that connects us to resources beyond our local network, and grant programs that help preserve our state's rich historical collections. These services are essential, and cuts to IMLS funding would directly impact our ability to provide them. The Shrewsbury Public Library was one of 18 libraries in MA that was selected to receive an Explore grant. This grant would have enabled the library to do a preservation assessment of our local history collection. Unfortunately, this grant was rescinded following the shut down of IMLS.

Though this news is alarming, we remain hopeful that by the time you receive this newsletter, funding will be restored and we'll be able to continue offering Massachusetts residents the full range of resources they need and deserve.

~Priya Rathnam, Library Director

MAKERSPACE PROGRAMMING

Knit/Crochet Night in the SPL Makerspace

First Monday of Every Month

June 2nd, July 7th, & August 4th, 5:30–7:30 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+.

Painting 3D Prints

Wednesday, June 4th, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Learn how to paint a 3D print made out of PLA plastic! Use acrylic paints and learn about different methods to reduce the appearance of the natural lines that 3D printing produces.

Make a Map with Inkscape

Wednesday, July 2nd, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Design a fantastical map using a combination of physical tools and Inkscape. Whether for a game or cool art for your wall, maps are a fun thing to make!

Sew a Dice/Project Bag

Thursday, July 24th, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Learn how to use a sewing machine and sew a drawstring bag to hold your dice or craft project or treasure to hoard!

Laser Cut a "Counter"

Wednesday, August 13th, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Customize an RPG or crafting "counter" and laser cut it! Files for a knitting/crochet row counter, an RPG hit points/spell slot counter, and a generic three-digit counter will be provided for customization.



All Makerspace classes require basic computer skills. Unless specified otherwise, registrations for Makerspace classes open two weeks before the class and are for makers 13+. If you have questions about these programs, email splmaking@cwmmars.org.

Use the Makerspace

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.



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 Each:

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



Providing two Sundays:

- Shrewsbury Education Foundation
- Southgate at Shrewsbury
- Olive I. and Anthony A. Borgatti, Jr., Donor-Advised Fund of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation
- SELCO

Providing one Sunday:

- *In Memory of James A. Heedles*
- David and Kathleen Rocheleau
- The Bachini Family, *In Honor of Ruth Seward*
- Olivia, Peg, and Don Harbert
- The Del Dotto Grandchildren: Drea, Dylan, and Devin
- Dean Park Grill and Pizza
- Tara Kumaraswami, *In memory of Nancy Kumaraswami*
- Dora M. Capite-Tkal, *In remembrance of Oleh Tkal*
- Richard and Alison Ricker
- Nancy Hughes and Jack Collins, *In remembrance of Dr. John P. Collins*
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Adult Summer Reading!

Level Up at the Library!

Get ready for another fantastic summer of reading and winning prizes! Track your days read in the free App: **Beanstack**.

Register at: shrewsburyma.beanstack.org



Local Author Showcase

Wednesday, June 25th: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Celebrate local talent at our Local Author Showcase! Meet area authors, enjoy hands-on activities for all ages, and cool off with a sweet ice cream treat. All Ages!

Saturday Movie Showings

Starting at 2:00 p.m. with popcorn!

June 14th: *Dog Man*, Rated PG

July 19th: *Captain America - Brave New World*,
Rated PG-13

August 16th: *Paddington in Peru*, Rated PG

Support the FRIENDS!

The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting ongoing library events and programs. We need your support to continue funding the dynamic enrichment of the community!

Learn more about the Friends here:
shrewsburypubliclibrary.org/friends



Eat out for a cause! Grab your dinner from *Chipotle* at 97 Boston Turnpike on **June 10th from 4-8 p.m.!**

Show the flyer or order online with code: **G86Z6RY**

Castle Nitor Renaissance Craft Demo

Wednesday, July 30th: 3:00-7:00 p.m.

All ages. No registration necessary. Come craft with Castle Nitor. Join us as we step into history and craft like in the days of old. We teach and demonstrate crafts such as brass rubbing, finger loop braiding, chainmail bracelets, Viking wire weaving, block printing, and more! Create your own piece of history!

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES FOR ADULTS

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



AI Playground

Join Hedda Monaghan, the Digital Services Librarian, for three hands-on AI workshops. AI Playground will explore three different use cases: brainstorming, writing, and image generation. In addition to testing different models for each use case, each session will discuss the advantages, disadvantages, and ethics of AI in each use case.

Brainstorming, Research, and Idea Generation

Thursday, June 11th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Writing and Editing

Thursday, July 24th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Image Generation

Thursday, August 7th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Read, Listen, and Watch with Hoopla

Tuesday, June 10th, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

What's all the hoopla about hoopla?! Are you looking for an alternative to Libby? 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.

Get Started with Libby

Tuesday, August 12th, 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!

ADULT SERVICES

Book Clubs

Shrewsbury Readers

In Person

1st Thursday of the month

6:30–8:00 p.m.

Join us for good books and good discussion!

Spanish Book Club

In Person

Saturday, August 2nd

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!

Chapters in Common

In Person

1st Saturday of the month

1:00–2:00 p.m.

Thoughtful discussions exploring each book over three sessions.

Discoveries Non-Fiction Book Club

In Person

3rd Thursday of the month

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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

Reading Glasses

Hybrid: In Person & 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@cwmares.org

SPL Cookbook Club

In Person

4th Thursday of the month

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

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>

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 10:30–11:30 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

1:30–3:30 p.m.

For people living with cognitive changes, their care partners, family, and friends. It's an opportunity to have an enjoyable afternoon listening to music, socializing with others who understand, and to explore new things. 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."

Gaming

New Games Plus - Spooky Game Summer

Every 2nd Saturday: June 14th, July 12th, & August 9th

12:00–3:00 p.m.

We will be delving into some of the great horror-inspired TTRPGs that are out there. Each of these games will focus on a different horror niche, from dark fantasy to cosmic horror, and are intended for participants 18+. No experience is needed, all materials will be provided.

June 14th: Shadowdark RPG

July 12th: The Magnus Archives RPG

August 9th: Monster of the Week

Brunch & Board Games

Every Last Saturday: June 28th,

July 26th, & August 30th

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Adults! 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.

Live Music

Matt York's Classic Country Music Revue

Tuesday, June 3rd

7:00–8:00 p.m.

Musician and author Matt York will perform classic country and honky-tonk songs while sharing stories about legends like Hank Williams and Patsy Cline. He'll also explore the roots of Western Swing and has been recognized with two Boston Music Award nominations and a top album nod from Worcester Magazine.

This program is supported in part by a Shrewsbury Local Cultural Council Grant.

Other Programs

Con Artists from Ponzi to Madoff

Monday, June 2nd

7:00–8:00 p.m.

Bob Ainsworth's talk explores the history of fraud from Ancient Rome to today, highlighting con artists like Charles Ponzi and Bernie Madoff. He'll also share tips on how people—especially the elderly—can protect themselves from scams.

Identity Theft and Fraud Protection

Tuesday, June 3rd

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Learn how to safeguard your identity and avoid falling victim to online scams, phishing, and smishing. Join us for a hands-on, interactive session to ensure you're taking the necessary steps to protect your identity and stay safe online. Whether you're new to online security or want to sharpen your skills, this program is perfect for all levels of experience. Stay one step ahead of scammers—your security matters!

"Autism and Me" Presentation with Mario Bonavita

Saturday, June 7th

11:00–11:45 a.m.

Join Mario Bonavita as he shares how autism affects him and others, drawing from his personal experiences and 15 years as a public speaker. Diagnosed at age 3, Mario began presenting in 8th grade to foster understanding and acceptance among his peers and now continues to educate others about autism.

Worcester Institute for Senior Education (WISE) and Library Resources

Monday, June 9th
1:00–3:30 p.m.

Come learn about W.I.S.E (Worcester Institute for Senior Education)! A representative from W.I.S.E. will talk about their program and the kinds of courses you can take. The Library will follow with a presentation about all the materials and services you can take advantage of as well! We will tour around the library as well so you can see where you can find all of our great offerings!

Arts, Culture & Well-Being for our Global Communities

Thursday, June 12th
6:00–8:00 p.m.

Explore how creativity and arts are linked to health, particularly for ESL learners and newcomers to the USA. We'll discuss how arts and cultural expression can support wellness, disease prevention, and adaptation to new cultures, while also looking at global and local efforts to integrate arts, culture, and well-being in our communities.

The Joy of Journaling with Jason Rubin

Tuesday, June 17th
6:30–8:00 p.m.

In this 90-minute workshop, local author Jason Rubin will inspire attendees to explore writing as a low-tech, high-reward means of self-communication and healing.

Makeup Application 101

Saturday, June 21st
10:00–11:30 a.m.

Whether you're new to the makeup world or just exploring ever-changing trends and hacks, join us for a thoughtfully planned live makeup application demonstration and Q&A with esthetics expert Maura De La Cruz!

VIRTUAL: Finding Inner Peace and Calmness Through Meditation

Thursday, July 10th
7:00–8:00 p.m.

This workshop focuses on the journey of finding lasting peace, happiness, and a greater sense of well-being.

Composting 101

Saturday, July 19th
10:00–11:00 a.m.

Kate from Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens is coming to help us compost! We've got it all covered, from the "how to" to the "how much."

Learn East Coast Swing and Dance

Friday, August 8th
7:00–8:30 p.m.

Come to the library on a Friday night for a free East Coast Swing lesson! Learn to dance, and enjoy practicing afterwards. No partner or experience necessary. Please wear shoes or sneakers, no flip-flops!



Dog Care 101

Monday, August 11th
6:00–7:00 p.m.

Steven's Pet Care Services brings expert advice on how to care for your dog during the hot summer months! Whether you're a new dog owner or just looking to refresh your knowledge, this program is the perfect way to learn how to keep your furry friend happy, healthy, and cool during the "Dog Days of August."

No Heat Summer Cooking

Tuesday, August 12th
6:30–7:30 p.m.

It's too hot to turn on the oven! We're going to use the Charlie Cart to make some fruit sushi and vegetarian summer rolls! Learn how to make them, feast on your creations, and leave with the recipes to make them again on the next hot day!

Collectibles Appraisal with Perfect Pastime 617

Saturday, August 23rd
9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Rick Keller, from Perfect Pastime 617, is offering a community-wide collectibles appraisal event. If you have an item you would like appraised, you must call a month ahead to sign up for a time slot.

Craft Corner!

*Please note: All crafts are open to adults ages 18+.
The take-home craft is open to High Schoolers and up.*

Pride Month Take-Home Kit

Monday, June 2nd
9:00 a.m. while supplies last

Stop by the Reference Desk on Monday, June 2nd for a Pride Garland Take and Make to let your true colors shine!

Shark-cuterie Making

Tuesday, July 8th
6:30–8:00 p.m.

Celebrate Shark Week in this workshop, where you'll craft a charcuterie board inspired by the ocean's fiercest predator. All materials are provided—just bring your creativity and appetite!

Crafting with Books: Romantic Teacup and Saucer

Saturday, July 12th
2:00–3:30 p.m.

Join us for a romantic, bookish craft event where you'll create a three-dimensional teacup and saucer from torn book pages. Guided by a template, you'll add flowers or hearts and finish with a personalized teabag tag, perfect as a unique gift or bookshelf accent.



DIY Cocktail Umbrella Wreath Craft

Monday, July 14th
6:30–8:00 p.m.

Add a pop of color to your summer with this easy, breezy wreath-making event! Join us for a fun and festive evening of creativity as we make colorful Cocktail Umbrella Wreaths—a cheerful decoration to welcome guests to your front door with something truly unique. All supplies will be provided.

Get Crafty This Summer: DIY Pressed Flowers Bookmark Craft

Monday, August 4th
6:30–8:00 p.m.

Want to create beautiful, one-of-a-kind bookmarks using pressed flowers? Sign up for our upcoming program and learn how to make these simple yet stunning bookmarks. It's a fun and creative way to bring nature into your reading routine! No experience necessary.

Hobbit Door Craft

Thursday, August 14th
6:30–8:00 p.m.

Level Up your crafting with a charming Hobbit Door wreath creation! No promises if you put a special mark on it if it means you'll open yourself up to an adventure!

Children's Room

Ongoing Programs

Tiny Tots Playgroup

1st and 3rd Mondays
10:00–11:30 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!

Book Beats

Mondays
10:00–10:30 a.m.

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

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.

Tinker Time

Tuesdays
10:00–11:30 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.

LEGO Club

Tuesdays
4:00–6:00 p.m.

Come build with LEGO! Follow our weekly prompt, or create whatever your heart desires. For kids of all ages who are comfortable using LEGO. Parents, please be aware that this program has no facilitator.

Tranquil Tuesdays

2nd Tuesday of each month
6:30–7:00 p.m.

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

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.

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 colorful activity each week. Have fun, get creative, and practice school readiness skills! For toddlers and preschoolers with adult supervision.

Summer Reading

Level Up at Your Library!

Monday, June 23rd thru
Saturday, August 23rd

Kids ages 3 to 10 are encouraged to log the minutes they read this summer for a chance to earn cool online badges and weekly prizes! Reading is tracked online. Register by going to: shrewsburyma.beanstack.org

This summer in the library we're doing **Read and Bead!** When you read, you earn special beads to decorate your very own challenge necklace.

Beyond the Library

Summertime Pop-Up Library Events

Pop Ups @ Dean Park

Thursday, June 26th 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Thursday, July 31st 5:30–8:00 p.m.

Pop Up @ Audubon Park

Monday, July 14th 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Pop Up @ Lake Street Park

Monday, August 11th 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Teddy Bear Picnic & Storytime at Dean Park

Thursday, July 10th
10:00–11:00 a.m.

Grab your favorite stuffy and pack a picnic blanket! Librarians will read stories and sing songs, the Recreation Department will provide a craft, and then it will be time for a picnic with cookies and juice boxes. Feel free to bring your own snack if you feel more comfortable or have dietary restrictions.

StoryWalk®

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

STEAM Programs

Minecraft Madness: Level Up Your Reading with Jungle Jim

Monday, June 23rd
6:00–7:00 p.m.

A fast-paced, interactive show that brings the world of Minecraft to life with:

- Building Block Madness Tournament
- Balloon Firework Rocket Show
- Zombie Chase Challenge
- Awe-inspiring giant 6-foot balloon finale!

This program is packed with action and ties into STEM learning, problem-solving, and teamwork

Family Makerspace - SpinGineers

Saturday, June 28th

2:00–4:00 p.m.
Families are invited to create spinning objects using the prompts, materials, and equipment provided. This fun low-tech STEAM program will encourage hands-on learning, creativity, collaboration, problem-solving, and more! All ages with adult participation.

Their Butt Does What?!?!?!?

Tuesday, July 8th
4:00–5:00 p.m.

Not every animal has a butt, but for those that do, there is an almost infinite variety of ways in which their butts can surprise! Yes, there is a remarkable number of super powers built into the butts of the world! And we're going to discover some true wonders! For children ages 4–9 and their families. Registration required.

Castle Siege STEAM Challenge

Saturday, July 19th
2:30–4:00 p.m.

Castle vs. Catapult: A STEM Showdown! Get ready for an epic engineering challenge! In this hands-on, team-based activity, kids will split into two sides: one will design and build a mighty castle to defend, while the other creates siege machines to try and bring it down. Will the castle stand strong—or will the catapults conquer? For kids in grades 2–5. Registration is required.

Pajama Storytime - Summer Edition

Wednesday, August 6th
6:30–7:30 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. No registration necessary.

Special Programs

Summer Crafternoons

Fridays, June 27th – August 22nd
2:30–4:00 p.m.

Drop in for weekly themed crafting in the Children's Program Room. Adult supervision required. Geared for children in kindergarten and up.

D&D: Join the Party!

Monday, July 21st

2:00–3:30 p.m.

Calling all knights, princesses, and adventurers! Join us for a magical medieval party with crafts, games, and castle fun—no Dungeons & Dragons experience needed. Costumes encouraged! Come dressed as your favorite royal, hero, or creature. Perfect for kids who love fantasy and fun! All are welcome.

Ants on a Log Concert

Wednesday, July 23rd

6:00–7:00 p.m.

Ants on a Log plays music for children and other childlike people. Their award-winning music centers positivity, social justice, and silliness. Full of humor and harmony, Ants concerts are energetic, interactive, and a delight for children and adults.

Pokémon Week!

Pokémon Party

Monday, August 18th

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Calling all Pokémon Trainers! Join us for a fun-filled Pokémon party with games, crafts, and activities inspired by your favorite characters. Costumes encouraged—come dressed as your favorite Pokémon or Trainer! All are welcome.

Pokémon Scavenger Hunt

Monday, August 18 – Saturday,

August 23rd

Can you catch 'em all? Stop by the library this week to hunt for some of your favorite Pokémon. Find them all and claim a small prize!

Pokémon Habitat STEM Challenge

Tuesday, August 19th

4:30–5:30 p.m.

Design and build the perfect home for your favorite Pokémon! Use craft and recycled materials to create a mini habitat—then test it against wind, rain, or quakes to see if it can survive the elements. For grades 2–5. Registration is required.

Pokémon Storytime

Wednesday, August 20th

10:00–10:30 a.m.

Join us for a storytime filled with exciting stories, songs, and crafts, perfect for budding trainers to explore the world of Pokémon! Best suited for kids ages 3–7.

Summer Kick-Off Fun

Kick-Off Yard Games

Monday, June 23rd

2:00–4:00 p.m.

Celebrate the first day of our Summer Reading Program and play yard games outside!

Taco Tuesday Storytime

Tuesday, June 24th

4:30–5:00 p.m.

Enjoy taco-themed books, songs, and a simple craft with a special visit from the dragon from *Dragons Love Tacos*! This program is best suited for kids ages 4–6, but siblings are welcome!

TEEN PROGRAMS

For 5th–12th Graders

Summer Reading: Level Up at Your Library!

Our challenge starts Monday, June 23rd and goes through Saturday, August 23rd. Tweens and teens in grades 5–12 are encouraged to log the minutes they read this summer for a chance to earn online badges and weekly prizes! Reading is tracked online. Register here: shrewsburyma.beanstack.org.

This summer in the library we're doing Read and Bead! When you read, you earn cool beads to decorate your very own challenge necklace/bracelet/keychain.

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.

Doodle Drop-In

Fridays June 27th–August 22nd,

12:00–4:00 p.m.

Drop in to the Teen Room and relax; we'll provide art supplies and a doodle prompt each week.

Create Together: Taco Tuesday!

Tuesday, June 24th

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Dragons love tacos, and we do too! Join us for a fun cooking class where we'll learn how to make the perfect tacos for Taco Tuesday. Beef or vegetarian options available. This is a Create Together program! Teens should register with a favorite adult, such as a parent, family friend, older sibling, really cool aunt, etc.

Backwards Book Club

Tuesdays, July 1st, 15th, 29th & August 12th

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10th

10:00–11:30 a.m.

The club where you read the book AFTER the meeting! Join us every other week for a themed activity, then take home a recommended book to enjoy.

Teens Take Over the Kitchen

Wednesdays, July 9th, 23rd, &

August 6th

3:00–4:00 p.m.

Impress your friends and family with some new recipes! In this summer series of cooking classes, we'll be focusing on foods that are great for hot days. Participants will get to experiment with ingredients and flavors as they learn how to make a variety of dishes.

Dungeons and Dragons with Jeff Wolfson

Thursday, July 10th; Wednesday,

July 30th; Thursday, August 21st

3:00–6:00 p.m.

Rising grades 5–8. Join the party! Experienced Dungeon Master Jeff Wolfson will take you on a wild ride through a standalone three hour campaign - perfect for Dungeons and Dragons newbies and more experienced players. No prep work required, just come ready to have fun!

Locker Chandeliers

Thursday, August 14th

3:00–4:30 p.m.

Getting ready for the new school year? Make a unique locker chandelier that actually lights up!

Longsword Basics

Monday, August 18th

6:00–8:00 p.m.

Ages 12–18. A historical martial art that had died out is being brought back to life! Join us for a fun lesson on German Longsword. See how we reconstruct the techniques from period texts and try it out yourself. Participants should wear clothes that will be comfortable for wielding a large sword outside.

Summer Escape Room Series

Tuesday, August 19th, 2:00–2:45 pm

and 3:30–4:15 pm

Wednesday, August 20th,

11:00–11:45 a.m. and 12:30–1:15 p.m.

Thursday, August 21st,

10:00–10:45 a.m.

Try our summer escape room series! Do you have what it takes to find the clues, solve the puzzles, and escape before you're trapped forever??? All sessions are identical; please register for only one session.

Registration is required for most programs. Register here:
<https://tinyurl.com/5652hz37>

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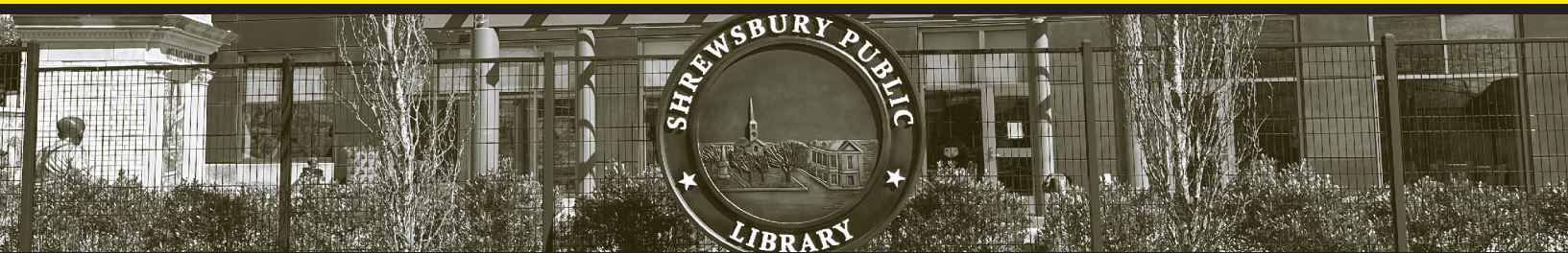
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Distinguished Speaker Series

Can AI save American Healthcare?
Talk by Dr. David McManus
Tuesday, June 10th 7:00–8:00 p.m.

As the founding director of the UMass Program in Digital Medicine, Dr. McManus launched the Health AI Assurance Laboratory, a state-funded initiative in partnership with MITRE's AI Assurance and Discovery Lab, to rigorously evaluate AI applications in healthcare. Through this and other programs, he is also dedicated to training the next generation of health AI professionals, establishing the NIH-funded CODER Training Program, and overseeing internships and innovation training for young STEM learners.



Library Speakers Consortium

Join us for our virtual author talks!
Register here: <https://libraryc.org/shrewsburypubliclibrary/upcoming>

June 4th @ 2 pm: Extinctopedia
June 10th @ 2 pm: Lisa Jewell
June 24th @ 4 pm: Katherine Applegate
July 3rd @ 2 pm (Spanish), 4 pm (English):
Drawing Your World with Raúl The Third
July 17th @ 4 pm: Discerning the Truth with Marie Lu
July 23rd @ 4 pm: Illuminating Hope and Grace in the Face of Hardship with Rex Ogle
July 31st @ 2 pm: On the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains with Pria Anand



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