

CHAPTERS

The Newsletter of the Shrewsbury Public Library – Fall-'25

A celebration of stories & storytellers!

23 local authors proudly display their books during the Shrewsbury Public Library's Local Author Showcase.



Exciting **NEW EVENTS** this season!

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS' SERIES



Sponsored by the SPL Foundation

GERALDINE BROOKS

Mon. September 29, 7 pm

at Oak Middle School, 45 Oak Street

Australian-born Geraldine Brooks is an acclaimed author and journalist known for her immersive, character-driven historical novels. Her fiction debut, *Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague*, was published in ten countries and was a 2001 Notable Book of the Year for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and the *Chicago Tribune*. For her second novel, *March*, Brooks was awarded the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, and her novels *People of the Book*, *Caleb's Crossing*, *The Secret Chord* and *Horse* all were New York Times Bestsellers. **Registration is required.** Signed copies of the books can be purchased at the venue.

LIBRARY SPEAKERS CONSORTIUM

JOIN US FOR AUTHOR TALKS!—Virtual

Sept 3 7 pm: Hannah Nicole Maehrer

Sept 10 2 pm: Jefferson Fisher

Sept 17 2 pm: Gabe Henry

Oct 2 2 pm: Emily Key and Adrian Aldaba,
Smithsonian Latino Center, *Nuestra America*

Oct 9 7 pm: Leigh Bardugo

Oct 29 2 pm: Phillippa Gregory

Nov 5 2 pm: Joseph Lee

Nov 7 7 pm: Amanda Peters



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libraryc.org/shrewsburypubliclibrary/upcoming

ADULT PROGRAMS



BOOK CLUBS

SHREWSBURY READERS —*In Person*
1st Thurs. monthly, 6:30–8 pm
Join us for good books and good discussions!

SPANISH BOOK CLUB —*In Person*
1st Sat. monthly, 11 am–12:30 pm
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! All are welcome. ¡Nos vemos allí!

CHAPTERS IN COMMON —*In Person*
1st Sat. monthly, 1–2 pm
Thoughtful discussions exploring each book over three sessions.

DISCOVERIES NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB —*In Person*
3rd Thurs. monthly, 11 am–12 pm
Questions? Contact Melissa Wentworth: mwentworth@cwmmars.org

READING GLASSES (ADULTS 20–30)
—*Hybrid: In Person & Google Meet*
3rd Thurs. monthly, 7–8:30 pm
Register via email to: SPLReference@cwmmars.org

SPL COOKBOOK CLUB —*In Person*
4th Thurs monthly, 6:30–7:30 pm
Cookbooks will be available at the Circulation desk during the first week of the month. **Please let us know which recipe you have chosen by the 15th of the month!**
Email to: prathnam@shrewsburyma.gov



REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR MOST PROGRAMS

Sign up and see more on our calendar!
tinyurl.com/5652hz37



SPL Learning Lab Makerspace



Makerspace classes require basic computer skills. Unless specified otherwise, registrations for Makerspace classes open two weeks before the class and are for ages 13+. Questions? Email splmaking@cwmmars.org.

3D MODEL A PENCIL HOLDER

Wed. September 3, 6–7:30 pm
Use TinkerCAD to make a 3D model of a pencil holder from digital building blocks. Then learn the steps to get your design printed by the library's 3D printing team!

LASER CUT ORNAMENTS

Wed. November 19
Learn how to design a holiday ornament in Inkscape that will be cut using the Library's laser cutters!



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.



GAMING



NEW GAMES PLUS

Try a different role playing game every month!

Sat. September 6, 12–3 pm
Avatar Legends, Korra Era

Sat. October 11, 12–3 pm
DREAD

Sat. November 8, 12–3 pm
Daggerheart

HOBBIT DAY TRIVIA

Mon. September 22, 6 pm–7:30 pm
Test your knowledge of the Hobbit and Lord of the Rings books and movies!
Pizza and prizes!



LIVE MUSIC



LEARN UKULELE FOR ADULTS

Wed. September 10, 7–8 pm
Want to try an instrument that's fun and relatively easy to play? Learn the fundamentals of ukulele with Julie Stepanek.

HOWLIN HALLOWEEN CONCERT

Tue. October 21, 7–8 pm
Melodious Zach puts the boogie in boogeyman with this monster mash of Halloween songs old and new! He'll go behind the songs with some of the tunes, and you might get a spook or two!

MUSIC OF THE WEST AFRICAN KORA COMES TO SHREWSBURY

Mon. November 10, 7–8 pm
Sean Gaskell features songs on the kora — a 21 stringed West African harp. Learn the 800 year history! All ages.

ADULT PROGRAMS

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Sat, September 6, 3-4 pm

Grandparents and their littles join us for kid-friendly tea, cookies, and a craft! Questions? Email Julie at celularoj@cwmmars.org

THE LINDBERGH BABY KIDNAPPING TRIAL: THE CASE THAT CONTINUES TO HAUNT

Tue. September 16, 7-8 pm

The trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, accused of kidnapping Charles Lindbergh's baby, ranks among the most famous 20th-century trials, with suspense, mystery, and haunting questions—was he really guilty? Justice Dennis J. Curran (ret.), presents the case for you to decide.

HAND WRITING THE CONSTITUTION

Wed. September 17, 6-8 pm

A collaborative art project where we focus on human rights through the art form of hand writing the U.S. Constitution.

VIRTUAL MEDITATION SERIES —Virtual

Thurs. September 18, 7-8 pm

Thurs. October 9, 7-8 pm

Mon. November 10, 7-8 pm

Learn the benefits of meditation and enjoy a relaxing meditation experience.

TAG JOB SEEKERS WORKSHOP

Sat. September 20, 9:30-11:30 am

Sat. November 15, 9:30-11:30 am

Join Together Achieve Greatness for a job seekers workshop and networking session. All are welcome.

OBSERVE THE MOON

Wed. October 1, 7-8 pm

Join a Solar System Ambassador as you learn about the moon and get outside to look at it and other celestial bodies! (Weather dependent)

COMPOSTING 101

Sat. October 4, 10-11 am

Kate from Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens teaches the "how to" & the "how much" of compost. Learn to recycle your kitchen scraps and yard waste into food for plants!

MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

Thurs. October 9, 6:30-8:30 pm

Madsy Entist has invited monsters to a party at her haunted mansion—Count Dracula, the Wicked Witch, the Phantom of the Opera and more! She'll unveil her latest potion that turns monsters into a humans. But wait! Someone stole the only bottle! But who?



CRAFT CORNER

Take-home crafts: High School & up. All other craft activities: 18+

TAKE & MAKE BLACKOUT POETRY

Mon. October 6, 9am - while supplies last

Celebrate Banned Books Week by making your very own blackout poetry! Take an activity used to censor, and transform it into something meaningful and beautiful.

FOX NEEDLE FELTING:

POP UP ART SCHOOL

Sun. November 30, 2-3:30 pm

Craft a charming fox with wool. Learn the basics of needle felting. Pop up Art School will show you how to sculpt basic shapes and how to add the beaded black eyes.

PAPERCRAFT NIGHT

2nd Thurs. each month, 6-7 pm

We'll have scrapbooking materials, magazines for collaging, full use of our library's Silhouette machine, cutting mats, stickers, and more! All you need to bring is yourself!

FIXIT CLINIC & CRAFT SWAP

Sat. October 18, 11 am-2 pm

Bring in your broken items for our Fixit experts to fix! You can also bring in your spare crafting items to swap. See the website for more details.

COOKING CLASS WITH CHEF PAULA

Tue. October 14, 7-8 pm

Join local chef Paula McCarthy and learn to make risotto! The dish on demonstration will be seasonal, local, vegetarian, and weeknight-friendly. Samples will be available for participants.

CREATE TOGETHER: SPOOKY TEA

Mon. October 20, 6:30-8 pm

A series for teens and their adults to make and do fun things! Sample our variety of teas and herbs to concoct your own custom brew.

MEMOIR WRITING

Weekly. Mon., 10 am-12 pm

November 3 - December 8

Why memoir? Everyone has a story to tell. This workshop will help you to shape and tell your story for yourself, for your family, or for publications. All levels of writing are welcome.

CARE PACKAGES FOR VETERANS WITH LEARN GROUP

Sat. November 8, 9:30-11:30 am

Make care packages for Veterans Inc. We have hygiene kits ready to assemble, and everything you need to write a note of appreciation.

PUZZLE SWAP

Sun. November 16, 1-4:30 pm

For every puzzle you contribute, you'll be able to choose an equal number of fresh puzzles to bring home.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Weekly. Mon. & Wed., 10:30-11:30 am

—In Person at the library

Weekly. Fri., 10:30-11:30 am

—In Person at St. Anne's Church

For adults who wish to practice their English conversational skills in sessions that are engaging, interactive, and fun. Join for one or all three sessions.

MEMORY CAFÉ

1st & 3rd Fri. each month, 1:30-3:30 pm

A drop-in event for people living with cognitive changes, their care partners, family, and friends. An enjoyable afternoon of music, socializing with others who understand, and to explore new things.

VIRTUAL 50+ JOB SEEKERS

NETWORKING GROUP —Virtual

1st & 3rd Wed. each month, 9:30-11:30 am

For the unemployed and looking, underemployed, seeking a new career, re-entering the job market, or recently retired and looking for their "encore career."

Children's Room



NOSTALGIA MOVIE NIGHT:

Watch a cinema classic from the 80s, 90s, or 2000s. Can you still quote all the lines? Snacks provided, please bring a blanket/cushion.

All ages with a grown up.

EMPEROR'S NEW GROOVE —*Rated G*
Mon. September 8, 6:30-8:30 pm

CASPER —*Rated PG*
Tue. October 7, 6:30-8:30 pm

A BUG'S LIFE —*Rated G*
Mon. November 3, 6:30-8:30 pm

GRANDPARENTS' DAY -*Take Home Craft*
Sat. September 6, 9 am

Celebrate grandparents with a unique take-home craft! Geared toward children ages 3+ with help from a grownup. Available while supplies last.

VALERIA MENDOZA

AUTHOR VISIT + STORYTIME

Sat. September 6, 10:30-11:30 am

Children's author Valeria Mendoza will read her new book, *The Planet of Sadness*, and lead a discussion and activity. Ages 3-7.

ENGINEER A STORY - THE MAN WHO WALKED BETWEEN THE TOWERS

Thurs. September 11, 6-7 pm

The first in a series of Storytime & STEAM combo programs featuring a read aloud and hands-on STEM activities. We will read Mordicai Gerstein's *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* and do fun STEM activities related to the science of balance. **Registration required.** For grades K-3 who do not need adult supervision. (*Parents to remain in the children's room during the program*).

ABCS OF IEPs

Thurs. September 11, 6:30-8:30 pm

Confused or anxious about IEPs? Parents and guardians of students in grades preK-8 are invited to come learn. An experienced IEP consultant and IEP lawyer will discuss how to work with the school system and advocate for your child. This program is presented by PJ Library, a literacy program of the Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts. **Registration required.**

INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY

Mon. September 15, 2-3pm

Celebrate making your mark during this fun program. Kids will enjoy a fun art project themed on Peter Reynolds's great picture book, *The Dot*.

HIGH HOLIDAYS STORYTIME

Mon. September 15, 4:30-5:30 pm

A High Holiday-themed story time including songs, stories, and a craft. Ages 2-8. Tokens available starting at 4 pm.

RHYME TIME STORYTIME

Sat. September 20, 10-10:30 am

Start your Saturday with stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and bubbles! Best for ages 0-2, but everyone is welcome.

GABBY CAT PARTY

Sat. September 27, 10:30 am-12 pm

Celebrate the release of *Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie*! The Children's Room is turning into the Dollhouse for this cat-tastic party with games and activities! Best for ages 4-11.

LITTLE KID CREATIVE DRAMA

Sat. October 4, 10-10:50 am

A high-energy, imaginative, zany, silly, super fun theater experience! We focus on senses, feelings, and movement through fun, energetic, and imaginative play. It's 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. Ages 2-5 with a caregiver. **Registration required.**

WILD RUMPUS PARTY

Fri. October 10, 2-3 pm

We're celebrating our favorite literary monsters for Halloween! We'll read aloud *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak, then have crafts, activities, (including making your very own Max crown) and a Wild Rumpus Parade. All ages.

PAPER BAG SCARECROW -*Take Home Craft*

Sat. October 11, 9 am

Celebrate fall by making a scarecrow buddy! Geared toward children ages 3+ with help from a grownup. Available while supplies last.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Weekly. Fri. October 17-November 21, 1-1:45 pm

A free STEM program facilitated by STEM Beginnings. Sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership, which is a Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant funded by the Department of Early Education and Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts. **Registration required for each date individually.** Ages 3-6 with a parent or caregiver.

READING CHALLENGES

Register on Beanstack shrewsbury.ma.beanstack.org

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

The SPL is taking part in this exciting national literacy program. Read to your child, log reading activity, win free books and a t-shirt upon completion! Ages 0-6 and their families.

BACK TO SCHOOL STREAK!

September 1-30

Get back in the reading groove with our September reading challenge! Log each day of reading, whether it's five minutes or an hour. Those who keep up their streak for the entire month win a prize! Grades K-6.



HALLOW-READ

October 1-31

Spooky season is upon us! Halloween is a holiday full of merrymaking, magic, and mischief. Get ready to monster mash, have ghoulish fun, or curl up with a chilling book. Log your reading and enter to win prizes all month long. Grades K-6.

FAMILY STORIES

November 1-30

November is Family Literacy Month. Listen to stories with loved ones and read books about families of all shapes and sizes. Log your reading and activities to enter to win prizes throughout the challenge. Grades K-6.





TRICK OR TREAT STORYWALK

Sat. October 18, 10-11 am
Join the Children's Librarians at Lake Street Park for Halloween fun! Come in costume, read the story along the path, and trick-or-treat! While supplies last.

RHYME TIME STORYTIME

Sat. October 25, 10-10:30 am
Start your Saturday with stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and bubbles! Ages 0-2, but all are welcome.

PUMPKIN DROP STEAM CHALLENGE

Sat. October 25, 2-3 pm
Can your team protect your pumpkin from a big SPLAT? Join us for this exciting engineering challenge where kids will work in teams to design a protective structure that keeps a mini pumpkin safe during a high drop. Just like an egg drop... but with pumpkins! Grades 1-5.
Registration required.

NOT-SO-SCARY STORYTIME

Fri. October 31, 10-10:30am
Enjoy a Halloween-themed storytime that's just the right amount of spooky for young listeners. We'll read stories, sing songs, and share rhymes that celebrate the season without the scares. Costumes are welcome but not required. Ages 3+.

DINOVEMBER SCAVENGER HUNT

November 1-15
Come on a dinosaur hunt! All month we're celebrating Dinovember with a scavenger hunt. Find all the dino items and submit your answer sheet for a chance to win a dino prize!

LITTLE KID CREATIVE DRAMA

Sat. November 1, 10-10:50 am
A high-energy, imaginative, zany, fun theater experience focused on senses, feelings, and movement through energetic and imaginative play. This is social/emotional learning at its best! Children practice confidence, social awareness, empathy, and problem-solving. Each class has an early literacy component and is aligned with state standards. Ages 2-5 with a caregiver. **Registration required.**

FAMILY MAKERSPACE: ZIPPITY DO YA!

Sat. November 1, 2-4 pm
Explore the science of gravity, friction, and motion through the creation of ziplines. We provide the prompts and materials to encourage hands-on learning, creativity, collaboration, problem-solving, and more! Ages 4+ with an adult.

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Wed. November 5, 6-7 pm
Bedtime stories, songs, and a simple craft. Wear your jammies and bring a favorite stuffie or blanket! For preschoolers and their families.

DINOMAN

Sat. November 8, 2-3 pm
DinoMan is here with magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent props. The audience is taken on a trip throughout the mesozoic era. How do we know dinosaurs were here? What is a fossil? How are they made? This program is fun and informative. All ages.



DINOVEMBER STORYTIME

Sat. November 15, 10:30-11:30 am
Join us as we go wild for dinosaurs! We'll read dinosaur stories and enjoy a dino-themed craft. Ages 3-7 but all are welcome.

STUFFED ANIMAL FRIENDSGIVING

Fri. November 28, 10:30-11:30 am
Bring your favorite stuffie and join us for a cozy Friendsgiving storytime! We'll share stories, enjoy a small snack, and celebrate friendship at the library. Ages 3-7 but all are welcome.

ONGOING KIDS PROGRAMS

BOOK BEATS

Weekly. Mon. 10-10:30 am
A lively early-literacy music & movement program. Ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Siblings welcome. **No tokens or registration required**

ON MY OWN STORYTIME

Weekly. Mon. 1-1:45 pm
Kids join the fun while grown-ups wait just outside. Through stories, songs, and simple activities, children build confidence, practice being apart from caregivers, and learn early classroom skills like listening and taking turns. Ages 3-5.

BUILD IT! CLUB

Weekly. Mon. 6:30-8 pm
Build with different kinds of blocks, including KEVA planks, big foam blocks, and Duplo. All Ages. *Caregivers, please be aware that this program has no facilitator.*

TINKER TIME

Weekly. Tue. 10-11:30 am
A hands-on learning program. Together you and your child can explore a variety of age-appropriate STEAM and early-literacy stations. Ages 3-4. **No registration required.**

LEGO CLUB

Weekly. Tue. 4-5:30 pm
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

Weekly. Wed. 9:30-10 am or 10:30-11 am
Enjoy songs, fingerplays, and books with the littlest listeners. Ages 0-2 with a caregiver. **No tokens or registration required.**

WIGGLE WORDS

Weekly. Thurs. 10-10:30 am
Singing, dancing, and stories. For walkers up to 3 years with a caregiver. Siblings welcome. **No tokens or registration required.**

FUN WITH COLORS!

Weekly. Thurs. 10:30-11:30 am
A colorful activity. Have fun, get creative, and practice school readiness skills! Ages 2-5 with adult supervision. **No registration required.**

STORYWALK®

Visit the StoryWalk® at Lake Street Park — 430 Lake Street in Shrewsbury — and stroll through a new picture book every month. Scan the QR code **at the park** for a chance to win the monthly book!

Teens

Grades 5-12

MONTHLY SCAVENGER HUNTS

Monthly, all month long!

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

DROP-IN PAPER CRAFTS

Weekly. Mon. school is in session, 3:30-4:45 pm

DROP-IN OUTDOOR GAMES

Weekly. Tue. & Thurs. school is in session 3:30-4:45 pm

Drop in after school to hang out with your friends on the library lawn, play games on our new game tables, or play lawn games! Tuesdays and Thursdays after school *inside* the Teen Room are going to be quiet hours for studying and working on small group projects, so if you're using the library to socialize and hang out, join us outside!

LEGO: FREE BUILD

Weekly. Wed. school is in session, 3:30-4:45 pm

FRIDAY FUN

Weekly. Fri. school is in session, 3:30-4:45 pm

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

TEEN ADVISORY LAUNCH PARTY

Mon. September 15, 8-8:45 pm

Join us for our launch party where we'll plan what we want to accomplish this year. This is a chance for your ideas to come to life! Pizza will be served. **Registration required.**

5 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT COLLEGE ADMISSION

Tues. September 30, 6:30-7:30pm

Join Sally Phelps, a college coach for teens and parents to review the basics of the college admissions process! For grades 9-11 and their parents/guardians.

Registration required.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK EVENT

October 5-11

Join our reading challenge on Beanstack to celebrate Banned Books Week! The more time you spend reading banned books, the higher the chance of winning some seriously cool prizes!

POP-UP LIBRARY AT TOUGAS

FAMILY FARM

Fri. October 10, 10 am-12 pm

We're going to have a pop-up library at the Tougas Farm pumpkin patch, with books you can check out and a take-home craft for tweens and teens! Stop by and say hello!

CREATE TOGETHER: SPOOKY TEA

Mon. October 20, 6:30-8 pm

Create Together is a series of programs for teens and their favorite adults to make and do fun things! Join us for Spooky Tea! Sample our variety of teas and herbs to concoct your own custom brew.

TEEN ADVISORY MEETING

Mon. October 20 & November 17, 8-8:45 pm

What is Teen Advisory? It's a way for you to connect with the library and make your voice heard. It's an easy way to earn volunteer credit by attending monthly meetings.

Registration required.

TOP TEN TOPICS OF IEP TRANSITION

Wed. October 22, 6:30-8:30 pm

Ready to think about your child's IEP transition plan? Parents and guardians of students in grades 8-12 are invited to learn from an experienced IEP consultant and IEP lawyer. Discuss how to work with the school system and advocate for your child. This program is presented by PJ Library, a literacy program of the Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts. **Registration required.**

FRANKEN-STUFFED ANIMALS

Wed. October 22, 7-8 pm

Make your own Franken-monster out of old stuffed animals! We'll be mixing and matching the heads and bodies of old stuffed animals to make our own monsters like Dr. Frankenstein did! **Basic sewing skills required.** Grades 7-12.

SCARY STORIES IN THE CEMETERY WITH ANNIE LEE

Mon. October 27, 7-8 pm

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



SCARY MOVIE NIGHT

Thurs. October 30, 6:30-8:30 pm

Join us at the library to watch a scary movie the night before Halloween! We'll be watching a PG-13 horror movie. Popcorn and candy will be provided!

CARAMEL APPLE DECORATING

Wed. November 12, 5-5:45 pm

We're decorating caramel apples with candies, chocolate, and more! It will be a sweet time!

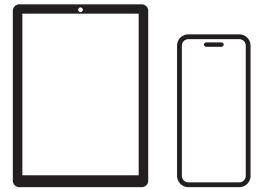
GOURD PAINTING

Mon. November 24, 6-7 pm

You've heard of carving pumpkins, but have you heard of painting gourds? Come to the library to paint a squash; it will be the perfect fall decoration!



TECHNOLOGY CLASSES FOR ADULTS*



GET STARTED WITH LIBBY

Tue. September 9, 3:30-4:30 pm

Want access to e-books, audiobooks, magazines, and more, anytime and anywhere? You can with Libby!

READ, LISTEN, & WATCH WITH HOOPLA

Tue. October 14, 3:30-4:30 pm

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?

*Classes held in the Learning Lab, Ages 13+ **Registration is required and opens 2 weeks before class date.**



A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I'm so proud of the entire library staff who wear multiple hats as they serve the public every day. Librarians who help bridge the digital divide and provide instruction on the ever-changing resources available through the library play the role of teachers, as do those who do a cooking demonstration or lead a craft or writing workshop. There are DIYers, makers, storytellers, singers, performers, chefs, and book club leaders among the library staff who use their talent to entertain and educate. Librarians serving children and youth occasionally assume roles as caretakers, discipline enforcers, or playmates.

Many of our librarians are readers, reviewers, and evaluators as they evaluate books and other materials before purchasing them and adding them to the collection that patrons love to browse and borrow. They are information professionals - compiling information

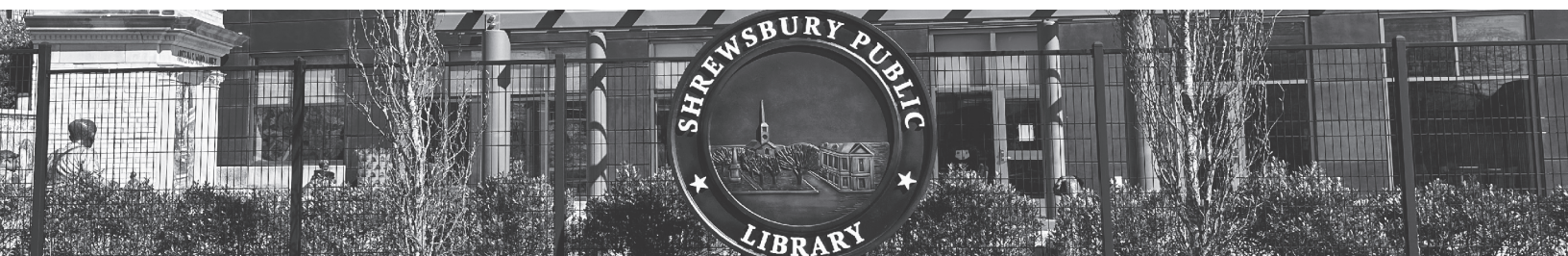
in various formats, archiving and storing documents and images for easy search and retrieval, and ensuring equitable access. They compile statistics and reports to preserve history while at the same time develop strategic plans and prepare for the future, thus they are archivists and futurists. Librarians are inquisitive and curious life-long learners and early adopters of technology!

This continuous cycle of evaluation and planning for innovation is matched by the library's commitment to its patrons. We highly value patron feedback; therefore, we conduct surveys and incorporate patron input into the planning of future programs and services. Librarians are adept program planners and event coordinators, demonstrating strong negotiation skills and exercising judicious fiscal responsibility with taxpayer funds. They are skillful money managers, maximizing services within budgetary constraints.

Their efforts extend beyond program planning and finances, though. If you think our library is a clean, well-organized and beautiful facility, it is due to the diligence of our custodian and staff who, at many times, have to dust the stacks or rearrange furniture or water plants and dabble in gardening and maintain the library as an attractive and welcoming place. The meticulously-designed themed book displays, art and artifact displays near the entrance and in the Community Commons area, and eye-catching decorative displays in the children's room are all the result of our creative staff's efforts.

A tip of the hat to my staff who are, above all, helpers and people pleasers as they engage with approximately 1,000 visitors daily!

-Priya Rathnam,
Library Director



Thank you to our Sunday Sponsors

THANK YOU TO THE GENEROUS DONORS WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE NEXT SEASON OF SUNDAYS FROM OCTOBER 2025-MAY 2026.

BECOME A SPONSOR:

You too can be a part of the library's Sunday sponsorship program! The cost for sponsoring one Sunday is \$850. If you send in your sponsorship before October 1, 2025, the cost would be \$800.

Please contact the Library Director at (508) 841-8537 or email prathnam@shrewsburyma.gov if you wish to provide a sponsorship or need more information.



PROVIDING SIX SUNDAYS:

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

PROVIDING ONE SUNDAY:

In memory of James A. Heedles

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Sat. 9 am–5 pm

Sun. 1 pm–5 pm (October–May only)

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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

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FEATURED EVENT

LARCHMONT REMEMBERED:

A PRESENTATION BY DAN HARRINGTON

Wed. October 15, 7-8 pm — at the Friends' Annual Meeting

A live presentation about the sinking of the steamship Larchmont in 1907, a maritime tragedy that took place off the coast of Block Island, RI in February of 1907. It covers the story of the ship, its crew and passengers, as well as accounts of survival, panic, murder and miracles. It features digitally restored photos, engaging graphics, live music, and eyewitness accounts to bring the story of New England's most horrific sea disaster to life.

The business part of the Friends' meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.



MOVIES

BEETLEJUICE BEETLEJUICE

—Rated PG 13,

Sun. October 19, 2-4pm

Popcorn will be provided.

Meeting rooms A&B. 104 minutes.

THE MINECRAFT MOVIE —Rated PG

Fri. November 28, 2-4pm

Popcorn will be provided.

Meeting room A&B. 101 minutes

FILM DISCUSSION CLUB

1st Tue. each month, 7pm

Just like a book club, but for movies! WATCH THE MOVIE ON YOUR OWN... then come to the club to discuss it. For a list of movies, check out the library's online calendar.