



library newsletter

summer 2010

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A Letter from the Director

Thoughts for this newsletter began on a warm spring day in early April, as I sat at the traffic light on Main Street, gazing up towards the building. I noticed that the daffodils were beginning to bloom. There are many mornings I arrive at this spot, and look up at the building with admiration. The bright splash of yellow from the flowers looked so spring like and really complemented the building so well. At another time I observed how the painting of the exterior wood trim on the windows and fasciae of the 1903 Ward Building greatly spiffed up the whole appearance of the building. I've also noticed that if I arrive early enough to work, and the sun is low in the sky, I can enjoy the lovely way the sunlight reflects off the slate roof. It gives a special glow to the whole area. There have been times when drivers behind me have to give me a beep of the horn to send my attention to the changed light.

There is much to admire inside our library building as well. The spectacular stained glass window in the original stairwell, with the classic wood paneled walls and the bold patterned carpet, provides a space that would be hard to find in many other public buildings. And of course, the front reading room, with its curved multi-paned windows and simply designed brick fireplace, provide a cozy space for reading and relaxing. There's another interior spot that catches my fancy, of which most people will be unfamiliar. From a southeast facing window in the second floor kitchen/staff lounge room, you can enjoy a unique perspective of the St Mary's Church spire and its surrounding neighborhoods. A more bustling but attractive view can be seen from the second floor meeting room, with west facing windows that look out over the Main, Grafton and Boylston Street intersection.

There are many times I pause to admire the lovely design of our historic library building. My perceptions tend to evolve around the views I encounter in my regular activities in and around the building. A new view was provided when one of our regular patrons shared a photo taken during the Spirit of Shrewsbury Festival last fall. Of course, I saw the pumpkins, but almost immediately, I noticed how wonderful the library looked. I just loved the view of the illuminated pumpkins in the foreground and the sleepy looking library building in the background. While its true that I have some bias towards the library, I know others have affections for the library building.

Local contractor Keith Baldinger, whose children love the library, has taken on a project to build a smaller shed to replace the large shed, which had to be demolished. (It was too costly to repair and maintain- and its removal offers more flexibility for future parking development.) Keith has taken it upon himself to replace the shed with a simple wood building with the help of a few other local builders and donations from local supply companies and others. Keith told me he has a daughter who is a super reader and he wanted to give something back to the library.



Another contractor recently responded to a call for assistance by helping to remodel the staff lounge/meeting room kitchen area. It was a crowded uncomfortable space with little storage for supplies and equipment for the meeting room. Matt Beaton of Shrewsbury heard about the situation and donated the labor and materials to add a new lunch counter for staff—and more shelving and storage space for all the program supplies. Next, Steven Epstein from Economy Paint Supply Company of Shrewsbury donated the paint and supplies needed to freshen up the room. Finally, the Friends of the Library and Matt & Laurie Hogan are providing funds to replace the 30-year-old chairs that are in the room. All of these folks have stepped forward, providing funds, work, time, and energy to make the library a better place. It's a good reminder of the many people who love and value their library.

Understanding the special feelings many people have for the Shrewsbury Public Library, the Friends of the Library and the SPLAT youth group have decided to host a photography contest, with the final goal of creating a Shrewsbury Public Library 2011 Calendar. They are inviting all lovers of this building and the library, professional or amateur, child, teen, or adult, to record their favorite images of the library throughout the seasons. Maybe you'll catch a photo of the summer flowers in bloom behind the library building, or a child laughing at a Summer Reading Club event, or a library patron enjoying a newspaper in front of the fireplace decorated for the holiday season. Get your cameras (and cell phones) out and start recording your favorite shots. Store up your digital photos and watch for the first ever Friends of the Library/SPLAT Photo Contest details. Maybe your photo will make it in to the inaugural calendar. I expect them to release the contest details in a few months, but you'll need to start shooting photos now if you wish to catch the beauty of the library throughout the seasons.

Thanks to Keith Baldinger, Matt Beaton, Steve Epstein, the Hogans and the Friends of the Library for helping to keep the practical concerns of the library in check. Now let's look to all those shutterbugs out there to help us capture the aesthetic element of our active and beautiful library building. Keep your cameras at the ready.....

Ellen Dolan

staff changes

In April, we bid fond farewell to reference Librarian Jason Cavanaugh. Jason's position had been reduced to part time status due to budget cuts in fiscal year 2010. While we were sorry to lose him, we are pleased he was able to find full time employment in Westminster MA. We wish him the best of luck!

Stepping into his place is Priya Rathnam. Many of you may know Priya from the Children's Department. We expect you'll find Priya to be a competent and helpful reference librarian. Welcome Priya!

concert on the common

Bring your lawn chair and a picnic dinner, sit back and enjoy **BRASS CONNECTION**. Rain date same day and time at the Senior Center. Brass Connection is a professional brass quintet that performs many styles of music - a great event for families.

Thursday, July 22nd, 6PM-7:30PM

grounds clean up

Come lend a hand with the Friends of the Shrewsbury Library during their annual spring cleanup day on the Library grounds. Bring your rakes, shovels, brooms, and other tools!

Saturday, June 19th, 9AM-12PM

burp & pat club

Would your child (and you) like to volunteer in the Children's Room this summer? Introducing our Burp & Pat Club! Training sessions will begin on Mondays at 2:30 pm starting June 28th after training. Come anytime during the week that fits your schedule. For children entering grade 1 through grade 4 and their caregiver. Get a raffle ticket each time you sign in.



talent show

**Wednesdays at 6:30PM,
July 14th & August 11th**

Do you have a special talent you would like to share? Do you sing, dance, juggle, play an instrument? Sign up for our Wednesday night Talent shows! Any age may participate. Pick your date, let us know what you will be doing, and perform for our summer audience! Ask the Children's librarians for details. All ages welcome.

ticket & talk times

**Monday thru Friday
June 23rd – August 11th
10AM – 12PM**

Once a week, come to the library to talk about your favorite book, receive your raffle tickets, and a little prize.

reduce, reuse, recycle craft day

**Fridays
July 2nd - August 13th
10AM-4PM**

Appropriate for all ages. Drop-in. No registration required.

gulliver going green

Gulliver has returned to the SPL and will be visiting special places throughout town this summer. See if you can find him and get an extra raffle ticket. Details to be given out beginning June 22nd!

back to school day for mom

**Tuesday, August 31st,
10:30AM**

For Mom and those siblings "left behind," come listen to stories, do a craft and share in refreshments and friendship.

story times

**Thursdays at 10:30AM
July 1st, 15th, 29th; Aug. 12th**

Appropriate for preschool - K. No registration necessary.

animal invaders

Presented by the Museum of Science, Friday, August 6th, 11AM

Learning to live green includes learning to coexist with the animals that share our planet, in addition to making it a better place for humans to live. Come see three live examples of animals and find out the ecological benefits and potential risks associated with living in close proximity to them.



vic & sticks recycle band

Tuesday, June 29th, 10:30AM

This fast paced musical family show brings the "comic side of life" with a vaudeville recycled rhythm beat! Appropriate for all ages. Free tickets available beginning June 15th.

"This program is supported by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency."

BUT WAIT, There's More!

Recycle Stress

A stress reduction program for children. Thursday, June 24th, 10:30AM. Registration begins on June 10th.

Music & Motion with Robin

**Wednesdays at 10AM
July 7th, 14th, August 4th, 11th**

Music enrichment program including singing, dancing, instruments, and a parachute. For children ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

Rainbow Foods

Children learn about good foods to eat. Tuesday August 10th, 10:30AM. Registration begins on July 27th.

get your green on!

Special crafts, food, games and fun! Stop in the library to get times and events starting July 7th.

Go green at your library is sponsored by your local library, the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

school summer reading

School summer reading books will be displayed prominently. Be sure to come in and get the books for your grade.

youth events calendar

Grade 5 to Grade 12

tribal challenge

**Friday the 13th of August
1PM-5PM**

If you're a fan of a popular tribal reality program, you'll want to be a part of this fun reality-show style event sponsored by SPLAT. There will be puzzles, games, prizes, and yes, voting eliminations. NOTE: grades 5-12 are invited to participate, but because of the nature of the program (with eliminations), only sign up if you feel like you can be a good sport about it - and getting eliminated! Register today!



the photo hunt

Tuesday, July 27th, 5:30PM

Make your way in teams of two or three around the library *and town* completing tasks, earning points, and heading for the finish line. For 5th-12th graders **and** one adult per team. Sign up at the library today as space is limited! NOTE: Participants will travel at least three miles on foot and must have one digital camera per team.

youth vs. adults trivia

Tuesday, June 29th, 6:30PM

It's the battle of the ages. 5th-12th graders will battle it out against the older crowd for all the glory in this unique take on our popular trivia events. Space is extremely limited so sign up today! **BOTH ADULTS AND YOUTH SIGN UP!**

splat meetings

SPLAT is a group for 5th-12th students to volunteer at the library and help shape the Young Adult department. Our upcoming meetings are:

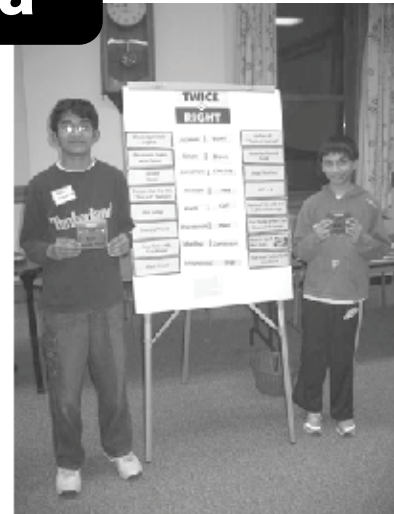
Friday, June 25th at 4PM

Friday, July 23rd at 4PM

<http://splatatspl.blogspot.com/>

book group anyone?

We'd like to start a youth book group. If you're interested, let us know at the circulation desk and sign a sheet letting us know what time would be best for you!



adult events calendar

Shrewsbury Genealogy Club

Monday, June 28th at 7PM

Regular monthly meeting. The Club will not meet in July and August, but will resume regular meetings in September (4th Monday of the month).

Computer Help

Tuesdays This Summer

One-on-one computer help. Sign up for a slot at the circulation desk. \$5 refundable cash deposit required to secure 20-minute session.

indian cooking

Saturday, June 5th at 11AM

Venturing beyond naan and curry! Presenters Priya Rathnam and Lori Berkey will help you get familiar with traditional Indian spices and other ingredients that are used in Indian cuisine. Learn how to prepare easy, nutritious, vegetarian dishes from different regions of India. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Library. Registration is required. Please call 508-842-0081 x3 or sign up at the front desk.

English Conversation Circle

Mondays at 5PM

June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

July 12th, 19th, 26th

Aug 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

A gathering of people who speak English as a second language.

French Conversation Circle

Mondays at 4PM

June 14th, July 12th, Aug. 9th

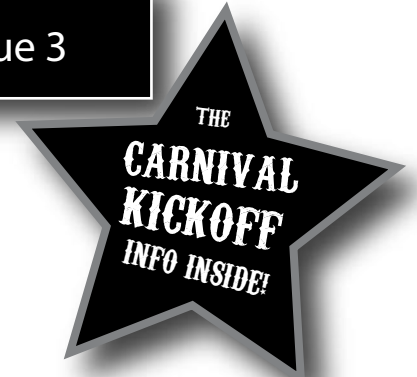
No matter your level, this is a perfect opportunity to practice conversing in French.



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Library Hours

Mon.-Wed. 10AM-9PM

Thurs. & Fri. 10AM-5PM

Sat. 10AM-5PM (Closed Summer Saturdays starting July 3rd)

Sun. 1PM-5PM (Closed Summer Sundays starting May 30th)

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5 sundays

Dunkin' Donuts

4 sundays

Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union

2 sundays

Central One Federal Credit Union

Shrewsbury Lions Club

1 sunday

Webster Five Cents Savings Bank

Shrewsbury Firefighters Association

Yu-Bin Liang & Wei Kong Yeoh

Gerald Isaacson

Amica Insurance

Shrewsbury Social Club

David & Johanna Musselman

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One Anonymous Donor

sunday sponsorships

They've done it again - our amazing Sunday Sponsors!

For the fifth year in a row, generous sponsors have provided the funds to keep the library open on Sundays for the whole season, from October through May. Sponsors provided over \$17,000 to keep the library open on Sunday afternoons. We hope our patrons will acknowledge their appreciation by patronizing the businesses, supporting the efforts of the civic groups and personally thanking the private citizens who donated. Our donors' consistent and generous support, especially in the midst of this economic recession, is remarkable. We hope you will let your appreciation be known.

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Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library

CARNIVAL

KICKOFF

Tuesday, June 22nd,
3PM-7PM

at the Shrewsbury Public Library

**SUMMER READING LAUNCH
FOR ALL AGES**

100% FREE!

Here is a sampling of just some of the
scheduled entertainment:

Strolling Magician

Games

Character Visits

Face Painting

Prizes

Balloon Art

Henna

Carnival Snacks



SUMMER READING 2010

Children



Summer is almost here!

Sharon, Priya and I invite all kids up through Grade 4 and their families to "Go Green" at the SPL this summer.

Parents, please encourage your children to read during summer months by participating in our "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" program which begins on Tuesday, June 22 - Kick Off Day!

Can't make June 22? Stop in anytime after that date to register and pick up the packet of information. Go Green @ the Shrewsbury Public Library will help children "read, return, repeat," with books, online reading program, and special programs that have been scheduled just for them.

Linda Dashnaw, Head of Children's Department

Adults and Youth



This summer, the Shrewsbury Public Library will be offering a special reading program for adults and youth. The challenge is set: adults **VS.** youth. Who can read the most? Over the course of the summer, the age-group to read the most will be entered to win a very special prize. There will still be weekly prizes and raffles, as well as trivia challenges. Be sure to register to represent the group you fall into! Registration begins soon, and can be done either at home or at the kickoff event on June 22nd (see reverse).

CARNIVAL RAFFLE

Bring this ticket to the carnival and enter it in the marked box to win a great prize!

NAME:

PHONE:

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SUMMER VOLUNTEERING

Want to lend a hand this summer at the Shrewsbury Public Library? We'll be holding THREE orientation sessions - it is required that you attend one to serve in a volunteer position. The majority of positions we have open are for shelving and shelf-reading.

Tuesday, June 8th, at 10:30AM

Wednesday, June 9th at 2:30PM

Wednesday, June 9th at 7:00PM

No need to register - just drop in! Everyone must bring either a valid driver's license or birth certificate to the session. Due to high interest, not all that attend an orientation will be placed in a volunteer position. Those with experience and schedule flexibility will receive first priority.