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The Newsletter of the Shrewsbury Public Library - WINTER 2015

Thank You to Our Sunday Sponsors!

We continue to add to the list of Sunday Sponsors!! Thank you to all of these generous sponsors who have created a strong foundation for our ninth season!

Two Sundays

•Olive I. and Anthony A. Borgatti Jr. Donor Advised Fund of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation

One Sunday Each

- In memory of Sandra L. Cutler
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- Shrewsbury Firefighter's Association
- Shrewsbury Education Association
- Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library, in honor of Joan and Errol Ethier's service to the Friends organization
- One anonymous donor

You can help reach a full season of Sundays (October 2014 through May 2015). The cost for sponsoring one Sunday is \$600. Please contact the Library Director Ellen Dolan at (508) 841-8537 or edolan@shrewsburyma.gov if you wish to provide a sponsorship or need more information.



*A Letter from Library Director **Ellen Dolan***

We opened for business at our new temporary library on October 20, so as I write this letter it's been almost a month at our new site. I'm happy to report that we are settling in quite well. The computers are up and running, with reliable connectivity. The public seats and study tables are comfortably situated. Staff have organized their work spaces. Collection areas are shaping up. We are figuring out the heating systems, adjusting to the smaller space, figuring out what new signage is needed; working out all the details needed to make the library run in the new space. All those arrangements and details were essential, but we quickly realized that one vitally important element was missing. We needed our patrons to return!

As a library manager I often must think about the resources we need to maintain a great library. Setting up this temporary space required intense attention to assuring that those resources were transferred to this space. As we entered the second week of the move process, we felt quite confident that we were ready to open the doors for business.

When we made the decision to open and began posting the news on our website and social media sites, we were excited but nervous. Business was rather slow at the start, so staff and I were anxiously asking each other "Will they find us?" Those first few slow days reminded us that our paramount resource is the library patrons.

Lots of patrons is what makes a great library! Traffic steadily picked up each week. I'm thrilled to report that there were over 14,000 visits during this first month in business here at 214 Lake Street! While that's still below our average of 22,000 monthly visits, we are glad to see the numbers increasing each week. We love to welcome patrons to the new space, and show all that's available in our smaller quarters. Every time I drive down that long driveway and see the parking lot full, my heart sings. So I welcome back all our visitors, and thank you for being the most important element in our great library! - ED

***"Welcome back...
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great library!"***

adult programs

Loaning Telescope and Eye-Pal Solo LV

The Library will soon start loaning out a telescope bought with funds donated by the Friends of the Library. Thanks to the generosity of the Shrewsbury Lion's Club, we have a reader and magnifier, Eye-Pal Solo LV, that will also be loaned out for 3 weeks. For details, please call 508-842-0081x2 or x3.

Learn to Knit Saturdays, 11 AM Jan 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb 7, 14, 21

Have you always wanted to learn how to knit? Do you know how, but need some refreshing on the basic skills? Now's your chance to learn! Join us as we learn how to knit a small purse/pencil case/bag. Remember that this is a learning process, so please make sure you can attend these weekly classes. Please bring size 8 needles and a skein of worsted weight yarn; for example, Red Heart Super Saver, available at Michaels or JoAnn Fabrics. Using a lighter color makes it easier to see the stitches! Space will be limited, and registration begins on December 20th. For further enquiries, please contact Sharon Martin at 508-841-8532.

Time Lapse Photography with your PC and a Cheap Webcam Thursday, Jan 8, 6:30-7:30 PM

Bradshaw Lupton, Retired Polaroid Engineer and Physics and Chemistry teacher shares the fun of time lapse photography using the free open source imagemagick tool set for PC, Mac or Linux. You will learn how to collect, animate, add audio, enjoy and publish views out of any window, of your water meter, clock, pet, anything you can place a webcam in front of. You will have all the FREE tools to create and publish your own timelapse creations. A drop-in program.

Getting Organized in the New Year Monday, Jan 12, 7-8 PM

Founder and lead consultant of The Naked Flower, Jenna Elliott is both a creative and a highly organized person. She has been a re-designer and organizer for six years. Prior to starting The Naked Flower, (www.thenakedflower.com) Jenna was a master floral designer and for several years before that she was a project manager for a fortune 500 company. She will share tips on:

1. The three categories of disorganization
 2. 5 steps to decluttering a room
 3. Room mapping, the step that makes maintaining organization possible
 4. Tips to get motivated
 5. Resources such as websites, stores and literature on getting organized
- Space is limited so please register from the library website.

Incubators for Entrepreneurs – Thursdays, Jan 15 & Feb 12, 6:30-8:30 PM

We are partnering with Krosslink.org to create a networking group of entrepreneurs at the library. Have you always dreamed of starting your own start-up? If so, come and listen to successful entrepreneurs share their tips on starting a business and you'll also get an opportunity to pitch your own ideas.

COMPUTER CLASSES

MS Excel for Beginners

January 13th, 5:30-6:30pm
Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel including designing spreadsheets, formatting cells, rows, and columns, and implementing some basic formulas.

Getting to Know the MA eBook Project

January 27th, 5:30-6:30pm
Looking to discover a new collection of free, readily accessible ebooks you can read on your PC or mobile device? Come learn about the three databases, Axis 360, BiblioBoards, and EBL, that are part of the Massachusetts eBook Project. Chock full of popular fiction, children's books, research materials, audiobooks, and a whole lot more, they make a great complement to current popular databases, Overdrive and Freeding.

MS Word for Beginners

February 10th, 5:30-6:30pm
Learn the basics of Microsoft Word including utilizing the ribbon, manipulating text, formatting paragraphs, inserting images, and saving, closing, and opening documents.

Internet Safety 101

February 24th, 5:30-6:30pm
Wondering how to protect yourself while surfing the web? This class will cover how to utilize antivirus software, safe web browsing strategies, ways to protect yourself from identity theft, online shopping dos and don'ts, avoiding e-mail scams, and general internet safety.

For more information contact Michael Zeller at 508-842-0081 x4076 or mzeller@cwmar.org

adult programs

AARP Offers Tax Assistance

The library is partnering with the AARP to offer help with tax preparation by appointment in 2015. Sessions are first-come, first-served, and are available on Saturday mornings between 8:30 and 12:30 from January 31st to April 4th. The sessions will be held at Central One Federal Credit Union at 714 Main Street. Please call the library at 508-842-0081 to register for a slot.

All About Fermenting Food

Fermentation isn't just for alcohol - it's a great way to increase shelf life, add bright flavors, and increase the nutritional benefits of your vegetables! In this series of two classes, we'll learn how lacto-fermentation works, then use our new skills to make sauerkraut and mixed pickles. This is a Make It Yourself program with limited spots available: please register through our website or call 508-842-0081.

Tuesday, January 13, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 PM

Learn to Solder!

Anyone can learn the versatile skill of soldering, useful in electronics, jewelry making, and more. In this series of two classes, we'll explore some principles of electronics, learn soldering safety techniques, and create two small electronics projects for participants to keep! Increase your practical know-how in the first of the library's new Make It Yourself program series. Limited spots are available: please register through our website or call 508-842-0081.

Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 PM

family event

Family and Friends Trivia Night & Pizza Supper

Fun for the whole family! Compete in our free quarterly trivia game show, featuring over 100 questions that challenge players in a variety of topics. Questions are geared towards those in grade 5 up to adult level. From politics to Pokemon, there are questions geared for all backgrounds! Must register online starting three weeks before event. Held at our temp site after hours! Event will be held on Friday, Feb. 20th at 7PM.

children's programs

Pajama Storytime

Tuesday 6 PM

Jan 6

First Tuesday Crafters

Tuesday 4:30 PM

Jan 6

Feb 3

Lego Club

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

Jan 20

Feb 17

Garden Club

Monday 5:30 PM

Check with us for details!

Feb 9

School Vacation Week

What's going on? It's a MYSTERY!

Feb 17, 19, 20 10:30 AM: Activity and crafts

Feb 18 (11AM), 19 (6PM): Enjoy lunch and supper while watching one of your favorite characters.

We now have a **Make It – Take It Center**. Use some of our favorite tools and equipment yourself!

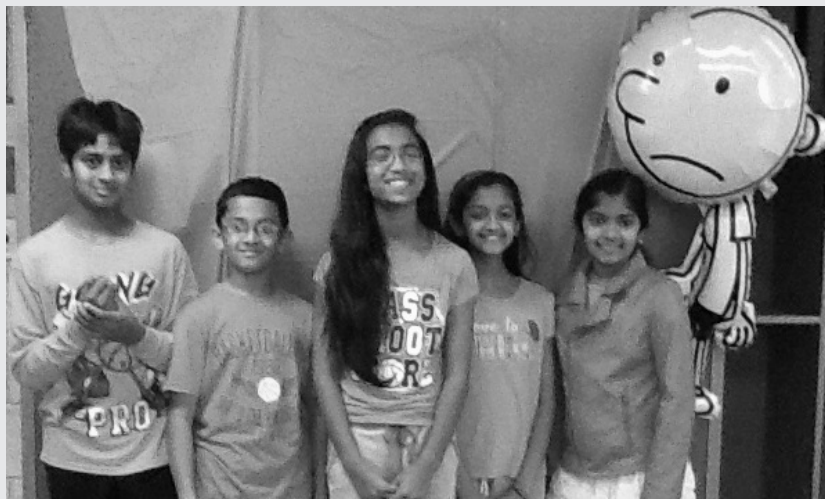
Check with our online calendar for any **Read to a Dog** dates on Saturdays. For a full schedule of story-times and programs, see our online calendar.

Special thanks to the Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union for once again sponsoring the Wake Up with Wimpy book launch party this past November!



Have you tried MUZZY yet?

MUZZY online is a web based language learning tool for children. It includes several foreign languages and ESL. Find this great service and other learning tools at <http://shrewsbury-ma.gov/library> under the 'Research' section.



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Mon.-Thurs. 10AM-9PM
Friday 10AM-5PM
Sat. 9AM-5PM
Sun. 1PM-5PM (Oct. - May)

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First Annual Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library Mini-Golf FUNdraiser

GOLFING at GLAVIN

Friday Feb 27
5-9PM

Saturday Feb
28
9AM-3PM

SAVE THE
DATE!

Special Tee Times

•For teens- 7-9PM on Friday
•For families with children 5 and
under 9-11AM on Saturday

A day of indoor fun for
families, teens and adults.
Enjoy a day of mini-golf in
the stacks, and raffles,
bake sale and children's
craft

\$5.00 per person
(\$15.00 cap for
families)

No pre-registration
required

There are still opportunities
for hole sponsorship and
donations of raffle items.
•Silver sponsorships \$50
•Gold level sponsorships \$100
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nently listed in promotional
materials

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