

CHAPTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY - SPRING 2017



A letter from Library Director **Ellen Dolan**

I'm writing this letter the first week of January, just as the New Year commences, and I'm feeling an incredible sense of gratitude for all that has occurred this past year.

Just today, a gift came in that ensured that our Sunday season would be complete, and that we would remain open on Sundays through May 21, 2017. A special thank you goes out to Dr. B. Dale and Mrs. Melanie Magee for agreeing to cover the remaining three slots that were open. Their generosity, and that of all our Sunday donors, overwhelms me.

I also feel an incredible sense of gratitude to Town Manager Dan Morgado, who recently announced his retirement planned for July 2017. Mr. Morgado has been an outstanding manager. I think many of us recognize the significant burden he has carried in caring for, worrying about and planning for the town and its residents all these years. He has balanced the many priorities in town, which required great knowledge and commitment to

the community. I am thankful for the support he has given to the library. He has taken the time to understand the needs of library users and the important role the library has in this community. He also provided a superb model for professional public service to me and other municipal managers and employees. I am so grateful to have worked under his direction for the past 13 years. I am also extremely grateful to my staff. They achieved so much this past year; making the temp library so welcoming and usable, getting us set up so quickly in our remodeled home at Main Street, and adjusting to all the changed building and technology systems. With immeasurable patience and good humor they have faced the incredible growth of library users in our new building. Through old fashioned hard work and determination they got so much done, while continuing a tradition of friendly and efficient

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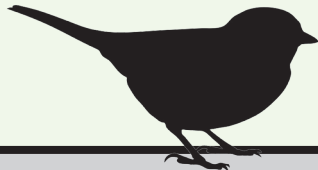
service. They make me feel so proud to be associated with SPL. I know that when people say SPL is a great library, much of that credit goes to our staff.

Throughout this past year, as I've watched the remodeled and expanded building being completed, and then seen the tremendous surge of use by people of all ages. I feel such gratitude to the people of Shrewsbury and the donors who have provided this lovely new building. They have provided a lasting gift to our community. I am also thankful for the amazing team that worked on this project. We were so fortunate to have had architects Lamoureux Pagano Associates, contractor Fontaine Brothers, Inc. and project management firm PMA Consultants working together to create this exceptional building. State Library officials have remarked that it is one of the smartest designs they have seen! In observing how patrons use the building, I can easily confirm that. This building is both beautiful AND functional!

And I am grateful for the kind words of thanks and support we have received from many library users and residents. One of my happiest experiences this week was running around to a number of area banks which our library foundation uses. I was picking up balance printouts on their various CD's for the foundation's bookkeeper, and had the delight of hearing from the clerks at each bank how much they loved the library. One was a grandmother who spoke of how much her daughter enjoys bringing her grandchild to the new library. A clerk at another bank, when she learned I worked at the library, exclaimed "Oh I love the new library. It's so futuristic!! I love the check in machine and all the computers. It's so cool!!" And finally another clerk told me her high school son raves about the group study rooms and the vending machine for after school snacks. While I know that not all are as enthusiastic about new library, it was a delight to hear so many words of approval from such a random group.

I often have library visitors stop and thank me for my work on the project. I always remind them that it took a very large team—and their generous support. As we start this New Year, I must say "thank YOU!"

Ellen Dolan



Thank you to our generous sponsors who have provided sufficient funds to be open the entire season. We will be open on Sundays from 1-5PM through May 21, 2017!

3 Sundays:

- Dr. B. Dale & Mrs. Melanie Magee

2 Sundays each:

- Dean Park Grill and Pizza, owner Mr. Christo Baltas
- Rotary Club of Shrewsbury
- Olive I. and Anthony A. Borgatti Jr. Donor Advised Fund of GWCF
- An anonymous donor

One Sunday each:

- Matt & Laurie Hogan
- Central One Federal Credit Union

- Carmela Heedles, in Memory of James A. Heedles
- Katherine Canney, In Memory of Joseph Canney
- David and Kathleen Rocheleau
- Mary Ellen Killelea, in Memory of Richard M. Goldrosen
- Shrewsbury Garden Club, in Honor of Earth Day
- Cathy Cooper
- Jay Somers, in honor of wife Backie Somers's Birthday
- Jean and Henry Fitzgerald
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- Zak & Susan Cramer, in honor of Allen and Natalie Cramer
- In Memory of Elizabeth Woodring, from Pat Silvestri
- Peg and Don Harbert
- Four anonymous donors



FRIENDS

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library announces the sponsorship of an annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 to a student residing in Shrewsbury, graduating from a local public or private high school this school year, and continuing his/her education the following academic year as a full-time student working toward a bachelor's or associate's degree. The Friends' intent for this award is to assist in the purchase of the student's textbooks and other course materials.

Applications may be obtained from high school guidance counselors or can be downloaded from the SPL website.

Applications are due by April 1st, 2017.

About...

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Library is a non-profit organization:

- We CREATE programs, services and scholarships.

- We GROW membership, funding, community enrichment and involvement.

- We SUPPORT the Library and special events.

Funding for programs comes from membership fees, fundraisers, donations and product sales.

Membership

Become a Friend online at: Shrewsbury-ma.gov/library or stop by the Library reception desk and pick up a Membership envelope. Membership fees are tax deductible.

Levels of 'Friend'ship:

-\$5 Friendly Acquaintance

-\$10 Pal

-\$15 (BFF) Young Adults

-\$25 Good Buddy

-\$50 Friend

-\$100 Best Friend (entitled to a canvass tote bag)

-\$250 True Admirer (entitled to a canvass tote bag)-or name amount

Products

For \$10.00 each, you can also purchase a Friends Logo tote bag, a Town of Shrewsbury Logo Tumbler or a Library Logo umbrella.

Stop by the Friends' room on the lower level and view past and upcoming programs sponsored by the Friends, and a photo collage of program participants.

Everyone can use a Friend!

Seed Lending Library Swap

Tuesday, March 21

6:30-7:30

Spring is here and it's time to plan out your garden and start seeds! Join us as we celebrate the opening of our Seed Lending Library with a seed swap! Bring leftover and/or new seeds. Meet other gardeners and trade for different varieties. Be sure to stop by our Seed Lending Library and see if there's anything you want to try!



Seed
Lending
Library
Shrewsbury

MS Word for Beginners

Tuesday, April 25th, 5:30pm—6:30pm

Learn the basics of MS Word, including how to modify text, how to format a paragraph, and how to save and open files.

Raspberry Pi Demo

Tuesday, May 16th, 5:30-6:30pm

Get a hands-on demo with a \$35 computer that can easily be turned into a robust home arcade system. This open Q&A will give patrons the opportunity to see what is involved in setting up and utilizing the RetroPie operating system on a Raspberry Pi computer.

Registration is required for these programs.

COMPUTER INSTRUCTION

Understanding Library eBooks

Tuesday, March 7th 5:30-6:30

Get a crash course on how to use the various eBook downloading services the Shrewsbury Public Library offers, including Overdrive, Freanding, and the Commonwealth eBook Collection.

MS Excel for Beginners

Tuesday, March 21st, 5:30-6:30pm

Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel including designing spreadsheets, formatting cells, rows, and columns, and implementing some basic formulas.

Facebook for Beginners

Tuesday, April 11th, 5:30-6:30pm

Learn the basics of how to use the world's most popular social media website, including how to create a profile, how to add friends, how to make a status update, and more.

ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Life Along the Ganges River with Bob DeCoteau - Sunday, April 23, 2 PM

Bob DeCoteau of Shrewsbury will be giving a presentation on "Life along the Ganges River". He spent 18 days in this region of the world this past October, cruising up the Ganges River from Kolkata to Patna, India. His presentation will focus on customs and cultures of locals who make their homes along the shore. He will also touch upon the importance of the holy city of Varanasi to the believers of Hinduism. And he made a brief stop at Bodhi Gaya the site where the Buddha received enlightenment.

Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Korean Cultural Program - Sunday, May 7, 2-3 PM

KSCPP is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about Korea's unique history and culture. Members will show a film on Korean culture, reenact a traditional wedding ceremony, and serve authentic Korean food. Registration required.

"Shift of Heart: Paths to Healing and Love" - Author Presentation - Tuesday, May 16, 7-8:30 PM

Cheryl Melody Baskin (aka Melody) interweaves motivational speaking, poetic song, storytelling, and the sharing of her creative process in writing "*Shift of Heart: Paths to Healing and Love*." Through this multi-dimensional approach, Melody's intention is to encourage us to become inspired in following our own heart of dreams and visions. We will also experience practical tools she personally uses for her own inner growth and centering, and she will share specific chapters in *Shift of Heart* that will help us breathe in more self-love, inner peace and joy...even in the midst of life's chaos. Registration required.

Author visit - Anjali Mitter Duva - Saturday, March 11, 2-3 PM

Local author Anjali Mitter Duva will present a unique and engaging evening combining elements of literature and Indian classical dance based on her debut historical novel, *Faint Promise of Rain*, set in the world of 16th century Indian temple dancers. The evening will include a presentation on one of India's classical dance forms, kathak, as well as readings from the book and a dance demonstration. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Anjali Mitter Duva is an Indian-American writer raised in France. In addition to being a writer, she is a co-founder of Chhandika, a non-profit organization dedicated to kathak dance. Visit her at <http://www.anjalimitterduva.com> and on Twitter @AnjaliMDuva.

Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

From Ireland to America with Roger Tincknell - Sunday, March 12, 2-3 PM

Spring Multicultural Festival! Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Roger Tincknell's music! This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. A drop-in program.

Clara Barton Presentation - Saturday, March 25, 2-3 PM

To celebrate Women's History Month, actress Lynne McKenney Lydick will present a one-person show on Clara Barton. A collaborative program with Arts on the Green, Shrewsbury.

Registration is required.

Adult Coloring Club - Saturdays, March 11, April 8, May 13, 10-11 AM

Did you know that coloring books are all the rage now? Join our club, bring your own coloring books or use the pages we provide and color your way to calm! Just drop in.

Spanish Classes for Adults - Mondays, 6:30-7:30 PM

Beginner's Spanish class will be taught by Janine Hess.

March 6, 13, 20

April 3, 10, 24

May 1, 8, 15, 22

Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

Pause: Taking Care of Your Emotional Self - Monday, March 6, 6:30-8:30 PM

Sarah Hamelin is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW). She has a private psychotherapy practice in Northborough and is the author of the book *Pause: Take a Moment to Take Care of You*. Come join in on a seminar where Sarah teaches about how to allow yourself to be more in touch with your emotions. Often times people are either emotion avoiders or emotion reactors. Sarah will teach you how to allow for healthy emotional reactions by using the "pause" technique. Registration required.

Mary Cassatt: Thoroughly Modern Woman - Tuesday, March 7, 7-8 PM

Learn about the life and works of Mary Stevenson Cassatt (1844-1926) during this informative, illustrated talk. This program will be presented by Holden resident Linda Miller, who taught English for 27 years, and has been a docent at the Worcester Art Museum for over 15 years.

Registration required.

Exciting news about the **English Conversation Circle** program - Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, for the fifth consecutive year we will continue to offer five weekly classes for adults interested in learning English. This program has benefited numerous people and helped participants find jobs, pursue higher learning and feel confident as they navigate life in the U.S. For the schedule and other details about this program, refer to the library website or contact Priya Rathnam at 508-841-8531.

Memory Café meetings are held on the first and third Friday of the month from 2-4 PM. A memory café is a forum for people with dementia and their caregivers to gather and socialize. Recreational activities including music and art are planned for participants. This is made possible by federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBC). Drop-in program.

Entrepreneurs' Networking Group - A collaborative venture with Krosslink.org, this is a networking opportunity for anyone interested in start-ups and small businesses. Informal meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30-8 PM. Aspiring and successful entrepreneurs can brainstorm ideas and share tips and advice. For more information, call 508-841-8531.

Shrewsbury Readers Book Group meets on the first Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 PM. Newcomers are welcome. Titles picked for spring are:

March 2nd - *The Girl You Left Behind* by Jo Jo Moyes

April 6th - *On Beauty* by Zadie Smith

May 4th - *The Big House: A Century In the Life of an American Summer Home* by George Howe Colt

ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Information Literacy 101

Monday, March 13, 7 PM

Are we entering a “post-truth” era? How can we tell whether our news sources are reputable, biased, or flat-out untrue? Librarians are experts at navigating and assessing information, and we want to help you master the sometimes-bewildering information jungle! In this crash course on information literacy, we’ll learn how to recognize the warning flags of fake news, identify unbiased journalism, and think critically about our media diets.

Intro to Tinkercad

Monday, April 10, 7 PM

Curious about 3D printing? Come learn the basics of Tinkercad, a simple 3D modeling program. Design one-of-a-kind objects and print them out! This class is intended for adults and teens. Limited spots are available; please register online or call 508-841-8533.

Let’s Make: Hypertufa!

Monday, May 15, 7 PM

What’s hypertufa? It’s a light, durable stone-like material that can be shaped and molded with ease! In this hands-on adult workshop, we’ll mix our own hypertufa to make unique planting pots! Sculpt and

decorate your planter to reflect your creative spirit. Limited spots are available; please register online or call 508-841-8533.

Adult Game Nights

7 PM

Did you know the library has a broad selection of tabletop board games to check out? Today’s tabletop games promote deep strategic thinking, creative problem solving, and empathy. Come learn to play new games and meet fellow gamers at our monthly tabletop game nights!

These events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library and are intended for adults and teens. Registration is requested but not required - register online or call 508-841-8533, or just drop in!

March 22 - Forbidden Desert

Explore a buried desert city in this cooperative game, reconstructing an ancient flying machine to escape the oncoming sandstorm. Your only hope of survival is to work together as a team!

April 26 - Pandemic

Cooperate to cure four deadly diseases before they wipe out humanity! Each player has a unique ability and role to play in researching, treating, and curing the diseases. Every choice matters in this thrilling race against time!

May 24 - Seven Wonders

Guide an ancient civilization through three ages of cultural and technological development in this deep but easy-to-learn game. Focus on civics, science, or military might as you build a true wonder of the world!

International Tabletop Day

April 29th, 10am-2pm

Don’t miss our annual celebration of tabletop gaming! Stop by any time during the day to meet some fellow gamers, learn a new game, or teach an old favorite. Refreshments and door prizes will be on hand. No need to register - just drop in!

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Epic April Teen Vacation Week!

Students in grades 5-12 are welcome to participate in the following events held during spring break. Registration will begin three weeks prior to the event dates unless otherwise noted. Be sure to sign up for the teen e-mail list (on the library website) to get information on additional events and volunteer opportunities.

Tuesday, April 18th, 1PM

Movie Screening: Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children

Enjoy the Tim Burton film adaptation of the hit YA novel! No need to register, just drop in and enjoy! You are welcome to bring any movie snacks and/or a bagged lunch!

Thursday, April 20th, 11:30AM

Cooking Competition: The Best Chef Teen Cooking Challenge Returns!

Now that we’re back from the temp site, our popular teen cooking challenge returns as well! This fun cooking game of sorts is a lot like the show CHOPPED, complete with a select group of mystery items and a clock counting down the time to create delicious items to be judged. Teens will compete to win prizes and culinary glory as guest judges will crown a winner! Registration required. Those that register must disclose any allergies. All the ingredients used will be vegetarian.

Friday, April 21st, 10:15AM

Writing Challenge: Our Annual Spring Break 3-Hour Writing Competition is Back!

One of our most popular events returns as 12 teens will battle it out to create short stories and win prizes in the process. Registration typically fills up very quickly for this annual event, so be sure to sign up! Free lunch will be provided.

Wednesday, April 19th, 1:30PM

Trivia Competition: 4th Annual Lunch & Logos Competition

Pizza will be served and prizes will be up for grabs as teens in teams of 2 or 3 will register to see who knows the most about the logos that surround us! Registration required.

Children's Room

Preschool Storytime

Monday, 1 pm
March 6, 13, 20, 27,
April 3, 10
May 1, 8, 15, 22

A storytime for 4 and 5 year olds - the older listener. This program will include more involved stories and activities that appeal to older child. This program will be held in the Children's Program Room. (Note, you must register for each date separately. Registration opens 2 weeks before the date of each program.)

Babies, Books and Bubbles

Wednesday, 10:30 am
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 26
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Enjoy songs, fingerplays and books with the littlest listeners. Babies from birth to 2 are welcome, along with their caregivers. Come for the stories and songs, stay for the bubbles and toys! This program will be held in the Children's Program Room. This program is a free drop-in, however, we do require tokens for admission. Tokens will be available at the Children's Room desk on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 10 am on the day of the program and will be available until they run out (and/or the program has already begun). Every participant must have a token for admission.

Chess Club

Wednesday, 5:30 pm
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,
April 5, 12, 19, 26
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Do you know how to play chess? Are you age 6-10? Join us in a game of chess! This is for players who already know the basic moves - this is not a beginner's class. While this is geared to 6-10 year olds, players up to age 18 (and their families) are welcome at the appropriate skill level. No registration required, this is a drop in program.

Shrewsbury Garden Club Junior Members

March
date TBA
Maple Sugar!

Learn all about the maple sugaring process and taste all the different grades and products made from maple sap!

April 19
noon

Celebrate Spring and learn how to start garden plants from seeds! Participants will go home with several trays of seeds to grow at home. Registration begins April 5th.

May 1
5:30

Join in a celebration of May Day! Learn the history behind May Day and make a floral arrangement to surprise someone with, or enjoy yourself. Registration begins April 16th.

April Fool's Family Pranks

Friday, 6pm
March 24

You will have plenty of time to create a family friendly April Fool's prank! Join us to learn about the history of April Fool's Day, get some ideas for pranking, make a craft, and am I fooling??? take a test! All families are welcome, registration begins March 10th.

Farm Visits

Thursday, 10 am
April 20

Come and pet, cuddle or feed some baby farm animals! The animals will be in a fenced in area, and the children may interact as much as they are comfortable. Hand sanitizer is provided and other hygiene issues will be dealt with as needed. Space is limited, registration opens on April 6th.

Funded by the Friends of the Library.

Imaginative Solutions

Tuesday, 1pm
April 18

**Can you create a new method for skiers to get up the hill using straws, popsicle sticks, peas, a piece of paper and white glue?
** (Sample challenge) In this program, you will receive 5 items and a challenge. Can you create a solution to that challenge? For grade K and up. Registration opens April 4th.

SCC Meet and Greet

Wednesday
9:30-10:15
March 1
April 5
May 3

New to motherhood, new to town, or looking to connect with other parents? Join us for a monthly Meet & Greet hosted by the Shrewsbury Children's Connection in partnership with the Shrewsbury Public Library. Enjoy conversation and coffee! Bring your little ones! Registration required. For more information about this event or general information about The Shrewsbury Children's Connection, contact: Erin Sparrow at erin@shrewsburycc.com or Rana Ladkani at rana@shrewsburycc.com. The Shrewsbury Children's Connection website for more info: www.shrewsburycc.com

Massage for Children

Monday, 6 pm
May 8

Join us for a relaxing evening and learn some fundamental massage movements to share with your child. We will also use those movements to tell some stories! This program is for preschoolers and older. Registration begins on April 24th. This program is presented by Sharon Martin, LMT.

Dash and Dot Club

The Last Thursday of the Month
6 pm
March 30
April 27
May 25

Join us for an evening of programming as we learn the ins and outs of controlling our robots!

Book Beats

Tuesdays, 10 am
March 7, 14, 21, 28
April 4, 11
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Book Beats is a lively music & movement themed story time. We'll read... or sing... a few books and mix it up with grooving along to music using rhythm sticks, percussion eggs, colorful scarves, and band instruments. Recommended for ages 2 to 5, siblings welcome. Space is limited and admission tokens are required to participate. Tokens will be given out at the Children's circulation desk starting at 9 am on the day of the program.

Wiggle Words

Thursdays , 10 am
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
April 6, 13
May 4, 11, 18, 25

Wiggle Words is a fun variety style story time filled with books, songs, activities, and crafts based on a theme. Recommended for ages 2 ½ to 4. Space is limited. Registration is required and opens online two weeks before each meeting date.

Lego Club

Tuesday, 4:30
March 21
April 18
May 16

Lego Club meets from 4:30-5:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month October through May. Upcoming dates: 3/21, 4/18, 5/16. We provide a snack, Legos, and a theme to build on. Registration is required. Register online starting two weeks before the meeting date. Refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Library.

Pajama Storytime – Spring Edition

Thursday, 6-7:30
April 20

Come wearing your pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal - or other lovey - and join us for a craft, stories, a bedtime snack, and a lullaby sing-a-long. This is a family event recommended for children 2.5 - 4 years accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Siblings are welcome. Registration is required and opens online April 6.

*Do you know who your **Friends** are?*

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library, the Library's non-profit organization, is sponsoring the
"ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE"

Dates: Thursday April 6, 2017 through Sunday April 9, 2017

Location: Shrewsbury Public Library-609 Main St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Payment: Cash and Checks only

How to Donate books/media: Gently used books (excluding textbooks or encyclopedias), DVDs and CDs.

Donations accepted now: items can be brought to the library during regular hours and must be in good condition. Items must be in boxes or sturdy bags.

Items that cannot be donated (no exceptions): Condensed novels, magazines, VHS or audio cassette tapes, encyclopedias or dictionaries, musty items, text books and computer books.

How to become a member of the Friends organization: Go to www.shrewsury-ma.gov/library. **If you are a Friends member, you will receive a reminder postcard that allows you to enter the book sale one day early, for the "Members only Preview sale".**

If you want to volunteer to be a book organizer, cashier or "set up for sales", contact Claire Nagle crn160@hotmail.com or call 508 845-1174.

Watch for more information online, on site, and in local news.



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Mon.-Thurs. 9AM - 9PM

Fri. 10AM - 5PM

Sat. 9AM - 5PM

Sun. 1PM - 5PM (Through May 21, 2017)

Contact Information

Phone: 508-842-0081

Fax: 508-841-8524

www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library



Babysitter Job Fair - Saturday, April 29th 10am-1pm

New to town and looking for a babysitter or mother's helper? Graduates of certified childcare courses (such as the American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course) will be on hand to meet with parents/caregivers, play with the kids, and discuss their credentials. Families can drop in anytime between 10 and 1. Children are, of course, welcome to come and meet and play with the sitters. We will have toys, puzzles, and coloring pages available.

Are you a certified babysitter and interested in participating in a babysitter job fair? We are looking for mature, dependable, certified sitters between the ages of 11 and 17 to meet with families in need of childcare. You must be certified and be able to show proof of certification to participate.

Questions? Contact Roxanne Starkin at 508-842-0081 or rstarkin@cwmares.org.

Do you have special collections that might make a nice library display? The library has a good sized locked display case on the first floor near the main entrance and welcomes display ideas from the public.

Please contact Deb Alger at 508-842-0081 x3 or dalger@cwmares.org with suggestions.