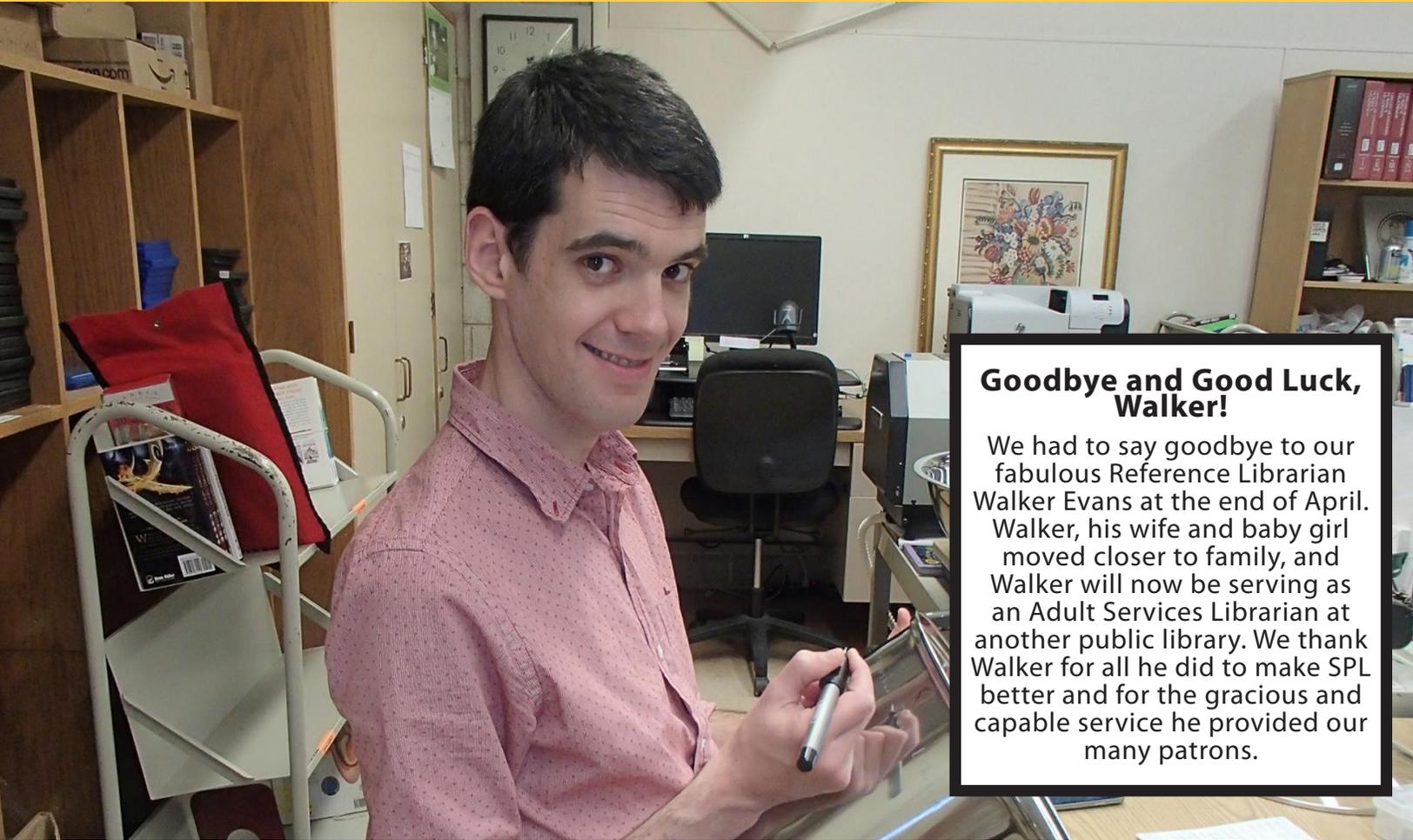


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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY - SUMMER 2017



Goodbye and Good Luck, Walker!

We had to say goodbye to our fabulous Reference Librarian Walker Evans at the end of April. Walker, his wife and baby girl moved closer to family, and Walker will now be serving as an Adult Services Librarian at another public library. We thank Walker for all he did to make SPL better and for the gracious and capable service he provided our many patrons.

A letter from Library Director **Ellen Dolan**

Not long ago I had a call from local author and unofficial town historian Mike Perna. He told me that while researching the 1918 influenza in Shrewsbury he stumbled upon an interesting story about the Library. He said that in 1918 librarian Mabel Knowlton contracted the influenza—and that the library was subsequently closed for a period to fumigate the books. I was intrigued! I just adore stories about the ways that library history intersects with national events and personal lives of library users and librarians. This certainly was one where I wanted more details.

I requested and Mike provided a copy of the article that referred to poor Mabel's illness with "the grip" and the library's approach to the influenza. An October 24, 1918 article in a local paper, entitled "GRIP COMES BACK IN SHREWSBURY", noted that "*Miss Mabel Knowlton librarian at the public library is ill at her home on Grafton Street with the influenza. The public library was opened*

last night to receive books, but no books will be given out until the library and books are fumigated, which will be done at once."

So many questions emerged; how did they fumigate the books and the library? Was the process a proven method for fumigation at the time? Was the method effective? Was it done primarily to reassure people that the library was safe? How did Mabel fare-- did she recover? How long was the library closed?

I did not find answers to all these questions, but what I did find, was intriguing. In the Board of Library Trustees 1918 Annual Report the Trustees expressed their appreciation for the "*faithful and efficient service of our librarian who has found many difficulties in her work of the past year through sickness, changing assistants and closing on account of the epidemic.*"

I found more answers from the Librarian's Report of that same year. The report was written by none other than Mabel Knowlton. Written in 1919, the report reflected on the previous year. So

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Mabel had survived the influenza! I cheered for her apparent good health! Mabel's report answered another of my questions: the library was closed for more than a month! She reported that "the records show a slight decline in the total circulation this year as compared with last, due largely we believe to the enforced closing of the library for more than a month (Sept. 30 to Nov. 11) because of the epidemic of influenza and in part perhaps to the fact that many people have spent their spare time in war service of some kind rather than in reading."

Oh dear, now I was off on questions about "the war service" and the library. During WWI, the library proved to be responsive as always to residents' needs. Mabel's report amply fed my curiosity with fascinating details. She wrote that "*In common with libraries throughout the country, we have responded to all calls made upon us in the interest of war library service; and have in each case exceeded the quota assigned us. Liberty loans, Red Cross drives, Book drives and Food Administration rulings have all been advertised in the library, and literature pertaining thereto distributed among its patrons.*"

Oh thank you Mabel for your detailed report! She went on, "*a large map of the western battle front has been framed and placed in a convenient position for consultation, and alphabetical index enables one to readily locate cities and towns mentioned in the daily newspaper accounts of the progress of the war; this map is very helpful and has been much used.*"

My mind was spinning with images of people using this map, in that time long before the internet. I imagined people huddled around the map, some with worry, heartache and longing etching their faces, talking of where loved ones – husbands, sons or daughters – were, discussing whatever news was available from the front. I could envision the library as that place where people came for information and connection, much as they do today.

I never did find out exactly how the fumigation of the books occurred, or if it was truly effective. But I did confirm that the library has always striven to serve our community – and to provide connection and support.

Mabel Knowlton continued to serve as the Town Librarian until 1929. Upon her retirement, she had been with the library for 42 years, with 40 of those having served as Head Librarian.

In 1919, the war would end and the influenza pandemic would come to a close. The library would go on to serve the changing needs of the community throughout the decades and years ahead.

When I read of our library's history, it makes me feel very proud to be a librarian—and to be carrying on an incredible legacy!

Ellen Dolan

NEW LIBRARY PHONE NUMBER

508-841-8609

The library is switching to a new main phone number, to better support our digital phone system.

You can start using the new number now.

For a few months, if you call the old number you will automatically be transferred to our new main line. Eventually that transfer function will go away, so please take note of the new number and program your cell phones and speed dials with the new number now! Thanks for your understanding.

"Nothing is so painful to the human mind as a great and sudden change."

~Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*



FRIENDS

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- We **GROW** memberships, funding, community enrichment and involvement.
- We **SUPPORT** the Library and special events.

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Get to know your state by borrowing any of the Library's passes to dozens of Massachusetts museums, parks, and historic sites! Passes may be borrowed by any teen or adult resident of Shrewsbury with a valid library card.

COMPUTER INSTRUCTION

Introduction to 3D Printing

Tuesday, June 6th 5:30-7:00pm

Get an introduction to 3D design and printing in this interactive workshop. Participants will learn how to use Tinkercad's 3D modeling software to create basic designs they can print with the library's 3D printer (finished designs will be printed at a later date).

Microsoft Excel for Beginners

Tuesday, June 20th, 5:30-6:30pm

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

Internet Basics

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

Learn the basics of navigating the internet,

including using a browser, conducting an internet search, and downloading. This class will also cover simple internet safety.

Microsoft Word for Beginners

Tuesday, July 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.

Windows 10 for Beginners

Tuesday, August 15th, 5:30-6:30pm

Learn the basics of using the Windows 10 operating system, including how to navigate the start screen, manipulating tiles, and locate many of the key features from previous versions of Windows in the new interface.

Registration is required for these programs.

ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

English Conversation Circle

New to the US? Want to learn English in a safe place like the library? Join the FREE English Conversation Circle for adults! We offer 5 weekly sessions with choices of beginner and intermediate levels. The sessions are led by experienced ESL teachers. Since we moved back to the renovated library in the fall of 2016, about 100 people have registered to participate in the program. You can join the conversation too! This program is funded by a grant from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation. For details, please call 508-841-8531 or email prathnam@cwmmars.org.

Memory Café – Meets on the first and third Friday of the month, 2-4 PM

Funded by an LSTA grant, the Memory Café was launched in October 2016. People with memory loss, Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia AND their caregivers are welcome to our drop-in meetings. Here is a testimonial from a care provider who has been a regular visitor at the Memory Café! "I think the Memory Café is a wonderful program for the library to offer! Individuals with memory loss, Alzheimer's, or any form of dementia enjoy a place to go and be around others where they feel safe and comfortable with other people suffering from the same condition. My husband has enjoyed the activities very much. Baking and decorating cookies, puzzles, games, and especially music! I think music goes right to the core of them... This is a great stress reducer! As a caregiver, I feel this enables all of us a great opportunity to get together, share stories, learn different ways of coping, share information and give hope and support to each other."

Shrewsbury Readers book club- Meets on the first Thursday of the month, 7-8 PM

This club is about a good read and a good discussion! Newcomers are welcome. These are the titles we will be reading in the summer. Copies of the books will be available at the main desk.

June 1st: *The Daughter of Time* by Josephine Tey

July 6th: *The Lottery and Other Stories* by Shirley Jackson

August 3rd: *A Tree Grows In Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

Coloring Club for Adults – meets on the second Saturday of the month, from 10-11 AM.

Did you know that adult coloring books are all the rage now? Join us for a monthly meeting of the Coloring Club. Coloring supplies and pages will be provided. Join us and color your way to calm!

Thoreau Bicentennial Statewide Read

Shrewsbury Public Library is hosting a number of events in connection with the celebration of Thoreau's bicentenary! Registration is required! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

Thursday, June 1, 7-8:30 PM – Introduction to Thoreau's Transcendentalism by Dale Friedgen

Dale Friedgen, Director and Certified Transcendental Meditation teacher at the TM Center in Shrewsbury will help you understand Thoreau's Transcendentalism in the light of modern Physics and Eastern thought. You will also learn how to apply this understanding to enrich your daily life with a simple effortless meditation technique, whose positive life-changing effects are supported by hundreds of peer-reviewed scientific studies.

He will not be teaching TM meditation at the talk. You'll get an understanding of the depth of knowledge and the simplicity behind the practice and how it's now possible to start living the deepest reality of peace and fulfillment that poets, writers, scientists and spiritual leaders have talked about for centuries. Registration required.

For more information, go to <http://www.tm.org/transcendental-meditation-central-massachusetts>

Tuesday, June 13, 7 PM – Henry David Thoreau, Son of Concord – Talk by Robert Gross

Robert Gross, Professor emeritus, UConn will talk about the relation between what Thoreau says in Walden and what he experiences growing up and coming of age in the town.

Thursday, June 22, 6:30 PM – An Evening with Henry David Thoreau

Step back in time to 1856 as Henry Thoreau pays a visit to the Shrewsbury Library! Mr. Thoreau (realistically portrayed by historian Richard Smith) will read from his essay "Walking; or, The Wild". Afterward, there will be a lively and entertaining discussion about his life and writings as he takes questions from the audience. Richard Smith has been involved in Living History for over 25 years. For 18 years he has studied the life of Henry Thoreau and since moving to Concord, Massachusetts in 1999 he has successfully performed as Thoreau throughout New England and around the country.

Wednesday, June 28, 6:30-8 PM - Transcendentalism, Impressionistic Music, and Music inspired by Thoreau

Andrew Celentano, a Boston-based piano player / composer who plays regularly at the BSO Café at Symphony Hall, will be playing works by Impressionist composers Debussy and Ravel, as well as some works of his own compositions and other music that influenced him (Chopin and Liszt). Andrew's compositions were inspired by his readings of Thoreau and he currently serves on the Board of the Thoreau Society. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Bus trip to Walden Pond, Concord – Wednesday, June 21st, 9 AM -5 PM

We have planned a field trip to Walden, that includes a guided tour by park interpreters. Bus capacity is 50 people. Please come in to the library to sign up and pay a program fee of \$10 that includes lunch and admittance.

Demonstrations by the Artist Guild, Shrewsbury

The Artist Guild of Shrewsbury has been very excited and motivated by the success and feedback of the first art workshop series. The members are presenting a variety of art talents this summer from fine painting, to finger painting to dried flowers and even gold gilding frames for your masterpieces.

Saturday, June 17, 10 -11 AM: Suzanne Foxwell

will present an interactive program on finger painting. By using a gloved hand and acrylic paints with a gloss gel, she would like to encourage attendees to join her in creating a beautiful landscape painting on canvas. She might also introduce other tools such as pallet knife, sponge, etc. for different textures, as participants work on their masterpieces from a fresh perspective.

Tuesday, June 20, 7.00-

8.00 PM: Joseph Rice is a gilder with many years of experience working with new and restoration projects, including frames, mirrors and eglomise (gilding on glass). Gilding is the practice of using incredibly thin sheets of gold to create the illusion of solid material. Joseph will bring samples of the materials and tools used, demonstrate technique, and even let attendees try their hand.

Saturday, June 24, 10 – 11 AM: Alix Porras:

International artist will demonstrate her techniques for painting city landscapes and scenes with light, shadows and the luminous quality of the sun's reflection on buildings and nature. Her painting portfolio reflects her happy optimistic approach to art across the world's landscapes.

Saturday, July 22, 10 - 11 AM: PetalInfernImpressions.com: Pauline Bergassi

will present a program for children 8 years old and up), for a pressing demonstration of flowers, ferns, leaves, and herbs.

ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Harp Music with Rebecca Swett - Tuesday, June 6, 7 PM

Rebecca Swett has performed with orchestras for the Steve Lawrence and Edie Gorme concert, the Russian Symphony Orchestra, the exclusive Admirals Cove in Jupiter, and throughout the Palm Beach area. She has also released 7 CDs and has performed in numerous engagements throughout CT and MA including concerts at Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, Tatnuck Booksellers, libraries as well as freelance work which include weddings, special events and corporate events.

Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

Saturday, June 10, 10 AM – Waterloo Bridge, by Claude Monet: The Impressionist Revolution - presentation by Marion Buricatu

With her unique style, Marion adds humor, personality and passion to her art talks. Everybody is welcome, from beginners to the history buff who is willing to share his or her knowledge.

In this conversation-like presentation, Marion shares her love of art history and her knowledge of French culture, to invite you to participate in fun and interactive ways. Come with your kids. Then, impress your family at your next museum visit! Marion is a Shrewsbury resident and an artist. You can check out her website at marionsworkshop.com. Registration required.

Wednesday, July 19, 7 PM – Women of Note, a cappella group

Women of Note will present an hour-long a cappella concert. The repertoire includes jazzy uptunes and heartfelt ballads composed over the last century, from the 1920's to 2000's. The program will include performances from quartets and break-out groups from the chorus, as well as the performing chorus.

The chorus has earned 10 International medals with Harmony, Inc., an international organization of female singers. Women of Note is directed by the esteemed Ray Johnson. Ray is a member of the award winning barbershop quartet, Men in Black, of the Barbershop Harmony Society -

International Collegiate Quartet champions of 2005 and multi-time top 10 finishers in the Barbershop Harmony Society's International Contest. He is also a member of the current Northeastern District champion quartet Drive!

Registration required. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

An Afternoon with Hitchcock! Saturday, June 24th, 1PM-5PM

Come spend an afternoon with the Master of Suspense as we screen two of his older classics! Drop in for one or both, projected on our big screen with immersive sound. Open to all interested, no need to register.

1PM – The 39 Steps

2:45PM – Strangers on a Train



YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Teen Summer Volunteering – Orientations to be held June 20th & 21st – register through our online event calendar for ONE session.

More details at the Library. These orientations are required to join our summer volunteer program. Open to those going into grades 7-12 as of the Fall of 2017.

Family Photo Scavenger Hunt and Pizza Supper!

Thursday, July 27th, 6PM-8:30PM

It's back! The popular annual family event is back at the Main Street site where it started, and this year will hopefully be the best yet! Your group will be given a list of random items to photograph with either your digital camera or phone, and the team to snap the most correct images could win some great prizes! Registration begins online three weeks prior to the event. Open to teams comprised of family and/or friends of 2 to 6 players. One adult or older high school student must be on each team.

Getting A's without ZZZZZZZs

Thursday, August 10th, 6PM-7PM

This is a special hour-long workshop for parents to attend WITH their 7th-12th grader. Just in time for back to school, you'll be able to discover some great educational resources you can unlock with your library card! Sign up on our event calendar starting three weeks prior to the event.

J.K. Rowling's Birthday Party!

Monday, July 31st, 4PM-7PM

J.K. Rowling will NOT be present, but her magic will be! Help us celebrate her birthday with a screening of the very first Harry Potter film along with some HP inspired goodies and a take home craft that you won't "wand" to miss! Sign up on our event calendar starting three weeks prior to the event.

Annual Breakfast Book Club for Teens

Friday, July 28th, 9:30AM-10:30AM

The title will be posted online soon. Attend this annual event and enjoy breakfast and good conversation about a book. Held outside if the weather permits! Sign up on our event calendar starting three weeks prior to the event.

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Children's Room

Full STEAM ahead and join us as we Build a Better World this summer! Full details about our reading program will be available at our Kick Off Carnival. I can tell you now that building bricks are involved!

Sign up for email alerts to make sure you don't miss out on any new developments or programs.

<https://shrewsburyma.gov/706/Mailing-Lists>

Movie Marathon Monday! 10 am-8 pm

No registration required
Join us every Monday as we run a movie or TV series continuously throughout the day! Come whenever your schedule permits! Please note that there will be breaks in the showings on the days that R.E.C.E.S.S. is scheduled (July 10, 17, 24, 31 and Aug. 7). This is not a drop-off program, we request that parents remain in the room.

Tinker Lab Tuesday

10:30 am

For Grades K-2

July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1, 8

Registration opens 2 weeks before the date of the event. Want to make something? Now's your chance! Join us as we exercise our creative options.

Wonder Wednesday

10:30 am

For babies and preschoolers

July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug 2, 9

Registration opens 2 weeks before the date of the event.

Join our youngest listeners for activities and fun geared for them. There might even be bubbles!

Think Tank Thursday

4:30 pm-6:30 pm

For Grades 3-6

June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug 3, 10

Registration opens 2 weeks before the date of the event.

Please note that on July 20 and 27, the Think Tank is 4:30 pm-5:30 pm. Join us in our maker space as we explore possibilities.

Finish Friday

July 7, 14, 21, 28

August 4, 11

No registration required.

Come in and help us clean up extra supplies from the week. Drop in 10 am-12 pm while supplies last.

Eclipse Viewing

August 21

1:30 pm – 4 pm

Don't forget to come to the library to view and learn about the eclipse! There will also be moon related crafts. This is a drop in program. (While supplies last)

Superhero Training Camp

July 15th 10 am - 2 pm

Wanna be a superhero? The Children's room will be hosting a training camp for aspiring superheroes during the Comic Con. Come dressed as your favorite superhero, complete a number of challenges, create costume pieces and other equipment, fuel up with superhero refreshments. For ages 3 and up. Drop-in. [While supplies last]

Jungle Jim's Minecraft Madness

July 11, 3:30 pm

Registration opens June 27

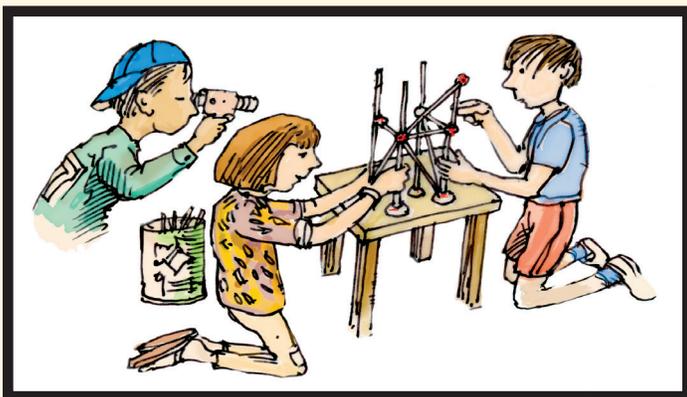
For children age 4-11.

Join Jungle Jim as he leads participants through the magical world of Minecraft! Combining balloon artistry, magic, comedy and improv, Jim creates an amazing experience for children. Activities include Giant Dragon creation, the Building Block Madness Tournament, a riveting Zombie Chase and the Balloon Firework Rocket extravaganza! Appropriate for children ages 4-11. "This program is supported in part by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency."

Wandoo Reader Workshop

June 8, 6:30 pm

Do you or your child like to record your reading online? Come to this workshop and we will explore this tool together! This evening's program is for adults only. Wandoo Reader will be an optional tool for you to keep track of your family's reading. Let us know how you like it!



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SUMMER CONCERTS AT DEAN PARK

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library & the Shrewsbury Parks and Recreation Department are joining forces once again, to present two outdoor concerts at Dean Park this summer.

Monday July 17, 6:00-8:00pm. Beatles For Sale

Beatles For Sale is an award-winning, New England-based Beatles tribute band committed to recreating the sounds of the Beatles live in concert. Beatles For Sale has been entertaining audiences since 2007 with a repertoire that consists of over 150 songs from the Beatles' catalog.

Wednesday August 30, 6:00-8:00pm Dan Gable and the Abletones

This second concert will cover favorite jazz hits from yesterday and today! Dan Gabel and The Abletones is an authentic 18-piece Big Band, specializing in the music of the 1930s and 40s. Bandleader Dan Gabel has played with the Glenn Miller Orchestra for over a year on a world-tour, played with the Tommy Dorsey and Hal McIntyre Orchestras, and is considered an expert on the big band era. Dan Gabel and The Abletones have played at Scullers Jazz Club in Cambridge, MA, Boston Swing Central, played and recorded at historic Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA.

Free ice cream will be provided by Heald & Chiampa Funeral Home, while supplies last.

Pack your lawn chairs, picnic supper and join us at Dean Park for two entertaining nights! In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors to the Shrewsbury Public Library, 609 Main Street in Shrewsbury.

Both concerts are free and open to all!