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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY - WINTER '18-'19



Some of the gorgeous flower arrangements made during the Shrewsbury Public Library's Memory Café. The Memory Café was created to provide socialization opportunities for those diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, as well as their care partners.

A letter from Library Director **Ellen Dolan**:

One morning as I was walking past the front desk I happened to overhear one of our volunteer greeters talking with the postman. With a lovely smile on her face, volunteer Vera Wrenn was thanking him for the mail delivery and telling him to have a great day. Although a seemingly insignificant interaction, I found myself smiling along with them.

Somewhat surprisingly, this simple interaction gave me a great sense of pride. To me it signified that Vera feels a sense of ownership and connection to the library, and that she embraces our goal of being reliably friendly and welcoming to all who enter.

I truly feel that one of our greatest accomplishments as a team (including library staff, volunteers, the Trustee Board, the Friends Board, and so on) is that we have created a welcoming library and one that people feel connected to and proud of.

This comes from the efforts of so many. It includes volunteers like Vera, who help us keep up with the tremendous number of

visitors and transactions we see each day. It includes staff, who are so committed to the mission of excellent public service and diligently work to achieve that (even though some moments or days can be very hard). It includes a Trustee Board committed to policies and plans that are focused on users, a Friends Board that is committed to raising funds to offer hundreds of engaging and community-building programs each year, and a Library Foundation Board that is thinking about the long-term health of the organization.

So there's lots of hard work to achieve a high level of customer service, but it also comes down to the decision each employee, board member or volunteer makes; that they will give their best each day! So although it was just a small event, I want to thank all of our staff, board members, and volunteers who make that decision each day and consistently serve with a smile!

Sincerely,
Ellen M. Dolan
Library Director

Visit the library on Sundays from 1:00-5:00 P.M. thanks to the generosity of these individuals, civic groups and businesses. If you know these people or frequent their businesses, please be sure to thank them for their generosity!

As of this writing on October 1, 2018, we have 25 of the 30 Sundays funded. Only five sponsorship slots remain!

Providing three Sundays:

- Dr. B. Dale and Mrs. Melanie Magee

Providing two Sundays:

- Daniels Insurance Agency
- Dean Park Grill and Pizza
- Olive I. and Anthony A. Borgatti Jr.
Donor Advised Fund of GWCF

Providing one Sunday:

- Jeannine and Ron Boulanger in memory of Nicole Boulanger
- Maureen Fujimori in honor of fabulous librarians Bonnie O'Brien and Polly Hess
- In memory of John J. Morrissey
- For Harry Der Harootunian
- In memory of James A. Heedles
- In loving memory of Buckie Somers
- Zak & Susan Cramer in honor of Natalie and Allen Cramer
- The Shrewsbury Garden Club in honor of Earth Day
- The Shrewsbury Education Association
- The Rotary Club of Shrewsbury
- Central One Federal Credit Union
- The Bachini Family
- Olivia, Peg, and Don Harbert
- Selectman John Lebeaux
- Joan Barry
- David and Kathleen Rocheleau
- From Pat Silvestri in memory of Elizabeth Woodring

You can help us reach a full season of Sundays (October 7, 2018 through May 19, 2019). The cost for sponsoring one Sunday is \$650. Please contact the Library Director at (508) 841-8537 or edolan@shrewsburyma.gov if you wish to provide a sponsorship or need more information.

FRIENDS

Do you love library programs, museum passes, and more? Do you look forward to children's or teen's activities? If so, you can help ensure these great programs and activities continue. All you need to do is join the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library today!



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

- that **CREATES** terrific programs, services, and runs an annual scholarship.
- that **GROWS** membership and funding for the library while building community enrichment and involvement.
- that **SUPPORTS** the Library and sponsors a range of special events.

We raise funds through membership fees, the Annual Book Sale, special fundraisers, donations, and product sales.

The new membership year starts January 1st, so it's time to renew OR **BECOME** a member of the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. Anyone can join!

How to Join:

Sign up online at SPLfriends.weebly.com or stop by the Library's main service desk and pick up a membership envelope. Membership fees are tax-deductible.

Levels of "Friend"ship:

- \$5 Friendly Acquaintance
- \$10 Pal
- \$15 BFF
- \$25 Good Buddy
- \$50 Friend
- \$100 Best Friend (entitled to a canvas tote bag)
- \$250 True Admirer (entitled to a canvas tote bag)



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 1, 2018
12:00-2:30 P.M.

Celebrate the season at our free annual Holiday Open House. Featuring crafts, games, stories, refreshments, and fun for the whole family! Santa arrives at 12:30 P.M.



10th Annual February Foreign Film Festival 2019
Every Sunday in February at 2:00 P.M.
at the
Shrewsbury Public Library
Open and free to all
Popcorn provided; bring your own beverage

 <p align="center">Feb. 3</p>	<p>Everybody Loves Somebody <i>Not Rated Mexico 2017</i></p> <p>A successful and single physician officially provides medical service but also gives couples advice on happiness. The twist is that she has not enjoyed success in her own romantic life. She travels between her job in the United States and her immediate family's location in Mexico. She asks her co-worker to pose as her boyfriend at a family wedding back in Mexico. When her ex-beau shows up, comedy mayhem takes place.</p> <p><i>In English and Spanish with English subtitles 102 min</i></p>
 <p align="center">Feb. 10</p>	<p>Mountain Patrol <i>PG-13 China 2004</i></p> <p>Mountain Patrol depicts the struggle between vigilante rangers and bands of poachers in a remote area of Tibet. The film was inspired by the Wild Yak Brigade, a real-life volunteer group that patrolled the Tibetan Plateau during the 1990s, and events that took place between 1993-1996. This film won the Golden Horse Best Film Award in Taiwan and the Special Jury Prize at the Tokyo International Film Festival.</p> <p><i>In Mandarin and Tibetan with English subtitles 98 min</i></p>
 <p align="center">Feb. 17</p>	<p>The Way Home <i>PG Korea 2002</i></p> <p>This is a heart-warming story about a grandmother and her city-born grandson who comes to live with her in a rural village. The film, which reminds the younger generation of the unconditional love and care that old people selflessly give, won South Korea's equivalent of the Oscars for best picture and screenplay.</p> <p><i>In Korean with English subtitles 87 min</i></p>
 <p align="center">Feb. 24</p>	<p>The Golden Door <i>PG-13 Italy 2006</i></p> <p>A desperate and poor Southern Italian family seeks a way out and, having heard reports of rivers running with milk and coins falling off of trees, leaves their stony rural cottage and buys passage to America. The trip to the boat, aboard the boat, and at Ellis Island is one of wonder and hope and usually very little dialogue. The huge disadvantage of illiteracy is beautifully illustrated here, as are the risks associated with leaving everything behind. The customs and rules of the early 20th century already seem archaic. This film won six awards at the Venice Film Festival.</p> <p><i>In Italian with English subtitles 120 min</i></p>

SAVE THE DATE:

In the spring you can look forward to the 2019 Annual Book Sale from Thursday April 4 through Sunday April 7. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Arts and Crafts Workshops

Paint a Leaf with Marion Buricatu

Saturday, December 8th, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Participants will learn to paint fall leaves using oil paint and how to pick colors and mix them like a pro. Local artist Marion Buricatu will lead this workshop. An adult with a child older than 10 years can participate together in this two-hour workshop. Individuals without children can also register.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Each adult and child must register separately.

Book Clubs



We are sad to report that Caitlin McKeon Staples has left our Library to take another job. Caitlin was the friendly, resourceful Reference Librarian who helped scores of patrons. We will miss Caitlin's lively personality and cheerful demeanor. We wish her the best in her new job.

Shrewsbury Readers Book Club

This group is about a good book and a good discussion! The club meets on the first Thursday of the month from 7:00-8:00 P.M. New members are welcome. Copies of the books will be available at the main desk.

We will be reading and discussing the following titles in the winter:

December 6th: *A Christmas Memory*, *One Christmas*, and *The Thanksgiving Visitor* by Truman Capote

January 3rd: We'll watch the movie *Book Club!*

February 7th: *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko

Reading Glasses

Dates: One Thursday a month at 7:00 P.M. at O'Connor's Restaurant in Worcester

Reading Glasses is a books 'n brews reading group for 20-30 (ish) somethings. Join us at O'Connor's Restaurant in Worcester one Thursday per month to discuss books from a wide variety of genres. Dates are chosen a month in advance to best suit participating members. Find us at Reading Glasses Collaborative on Facebook or email Arielle at asorenson@cwmar.org if you're interested.

Cookbook Book Group

Thursday, January 24th and February 28th, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Join us for an informal evening of good food and good conversation! A cookbook will be selected and participants will each make a recipe from that cookbook and bring it to the library to share with others in the group. Copies of the cookbook will be available for checkout at the library. Limited spots are available, so registration is required.

Genealogy Introduction to Genealogy

Monday, January 14th, 7:00-9:00 P.M. *Snow date, January 15th*

George C. Brown, former Assistant Director of the library, will lead you through the first steps in the journey to discover your forebears—those brave folks who left their homes in other parts of the world to come to America. Mr. Brown has decades of experience he'll share with you, and lots of insights that will speed you along the way! You'll go home with all you need to start the journey!

Health and Wellness

Exploring Genes and DNA with Clare O'Connor

Second Wednesday of the month, 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Topics that will be discussed are:

December 12th: Microbiomes: how complex communities of microorganisms are proving to be important for our health

January 9th: Genetics of gender: how chromosomes and some pivotal genes play important roles in gender determination

February 13th: Mitochondria: how mitochondrial DNA, which we inherit from our mothers, can be used to follow deep ancestry.

Clare O'Connor recently retired from Boston College, where she taught courses in molecular cell biology and genetics for 23 years. Registration is required.

Yoga with Bindu (Pranayaam)

Wednesdays, January 23rd and 30th; February 6th and 13th, 9:00-10:00 A.M.

This is a traditional hatha yoga class exploring a range of yogic breathing exercises designed to leave you feeling relaxed and revitalized. Bindu Gupta has been learning and practicing yoga since her childhood. She has been teaching here at the library for over a year. Please bring a mat. Registration is required for each session. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Start the New Year with Meditation

Saturday, January 5th, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

You are invited to join Dr. Allan Hughes, long-time meditator, for an engaging workshop teaching you practical strategies to reduce stress and create a healthier and more positive lifestyle. Dr. Hughes will offer effective meditation techniques which can help you connect within to gain a profound sense of serenity and joy. Embrace the New Year with meditation and join Dr. Hughes as he takes you on this powerful journey.

Memory Café

First and third Friday of each month, 2:00-4:00 P.M.

It's been two years since we launched the "Good Day Memory Café" to provide socialization opportunities for people diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia as well as their care partners. The Café has been meeting twice a month and participants have enjoyed a relaxed afternoon of conversation, camaraderie, games, and music in a supportive, safe environment. No registration required.

New members are always welcome!

Language Learning

English Conversation Circle

Want to improve your English-speaking skills? Join the English Conversation Circle for adults. We offer five sessions a week, four at the library and one at St. Anne's Catholic Church. These meetings, led by experienced ESL teachers and dedicated individuals, are for adults who wish to practice speaking English in a safe environment. To learn more and to register, please call Priya Rathnam at (508) 841-8531 or email prathnam@cwmars.org.



The Library would like to send a HUGE thank you to the Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union for funding our annual Breakfast with Wimpy. It was fantastic!

Spanish for Beginners

Mondays starting December 3rd at 7:00 P.M.

This class, for adult learners, will be taught by Janine Hess, an experienced Spanish teacher. The dates for the winter session are December 3rd, 10th, and 17th; January 7th, 14th, and 28th; and February 4th, 11th, and 25th. Please make sure you can attend all the classes. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Literature

Portrayal of Walt Whitman by Stephen Collins

Tuesday, January 8th, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Walt Whitman comes to life in this performance by Stephen Collins. Unlaunch'd Voices, an Evening with Walt Whitman, opens with the elderly Whitman on the evening of his seventieth birthday. Whitman begins to reminisce and to question his success as a man and a poet. He talks about his inspiration to write poetry and the experiences that led to the creation of Leaves of Grass, his lifetime work. Collins hopes to leave you with not only a greater insight into the great man and the great poet, but with an appreciation of Walt Whitman as an eternally free spirit.

Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS (CONT.)

Music

Acoustic Christmas with P.E. James

Tuesday, December 11th,
7:00-8:00 P.M.

P.E. James has been entertaining audiences by singing and playing acoustic guitar for over four decades. He is an interpreter of well-known songs, having a large repertoire that stretches from the sing-along classics of the '20s, '30s, and '40s, to standards and show tunes, early '50s rock and roll, '60s folk songs, and acoustic rock songs of the '70s. He also writes and performs original material. You can listen to a sample of his music at pejamesmusic.com.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Recreation

Coloring Club for Adults

Second Saturday of each month, 10:00-11:00 A.M.

Join other coloring aficionados and color your way to calm! Coloring pages and coloring supplies will be provided. This is a drop-in program.

Knitting Club

Second and fourth Monday of each month, 6:00-8:00 P.M. (No class on December 24th)

Do you knit? Do you do any other crafting? Join us to work on whatever you have on your needles/hooks. Gentle instruction is provided, but this is not a beginners' class. Drop in!

Travel

Iran: Overcoming Rumors and Myths – Talk by Bob DeCoteau

Saturday, February 16th, 3:00-4:00 P.M.

Bob DeCoteau made three trips to the Islamic Republic of Iran and hopes his talk will help to clear up some of the misconceptions that some Americans may have about Iranians. He has visited the former U.S. Embassy in Teheran, the site of the hostage taking in 1979, and his talk will highlight how everyday citizens are coping with U.S. and UN sanctions. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Weekly Whatever - Movie Afternoon

Last Friday of each month, 3:00-4:30 P.M.

It's Friday - time to reward yourself for getting through another week of school! Teens in grades 5-12 are invited to drop in from 3:00-4:30 P.M. for an afternoon movie on the last Friday of most months during the school year. No registration needed, drop in! Snacks provided.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Improv Skills for Teens

Thursdays, January 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, 7:30-8:15 P.M.

This improvisation workshop, lead by Meredith Charles of Drama Out of the Box, is designed to challenge and inspire students to stretch their brains and limits. A great class for both the seasoned performer and those new to the world of theatre who are looking to try it out.

This class will meet four Thursdays in a row on January 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, from 7:30-8:15 P.M. Registering commits you to attending all four sessions.

For students in grades 7-12. Registration required starting December 27th.

Get involved and volunteer with SPLAT!

If you're interested in being part of a team that makes the Library a useful, interesting, and fun place to be, we want you to join SPLAT. Members are involved in choosing materials for the young adult room, planning and preparing for events, enhancing our social media presence, keeping the Library in good shape, and more! Time commitments vary from an hour per month to two hours per week. For students in grades 7-12. Email aking@cwmars.org for more information.

Children's Room

Lego Club

Tuesdays, December 11th, January 8th, and February 12th at 6:00 P.M.

Come build with us! For grades K-4. Registration is required.

Dash and Dot

Thursdays, December 27th, January 31st, and February 28th at 6:00 P.M.

Learn to code robots with a different challenge every month to test your skills! For grades 2-5. Registration is required.

Half-Day Movie

Tuesday, December 4th at 2:00 P.M.

Meet at the library after school and enjoy a movie and light snack.

Hanukkah Storytime

Thursday, December 6th at 6:30 P.M.

Listen to stories, sing songs, and make a craft in celebration of Hanukkah.

Gift Crafting

Saturday, December 15th from 1:00-3:00 P.M.

Children of all ages are welcome to drop in and make gifts for their loved ones.

Christmas Babies, Books, and Bubbles

Wednesday, December 19th at 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

It's storytime with bubbles and Christmas!

Family Board Games

Wednesday, December 26th from 3:00-8:00 P.M.

Get the family out of the house and into the library! Board games will be out for families to drop in and play with together.

Baby Shark-a-thon!

Thursday, December 27th from 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Enjoy baby shark dance party, shark craft, and shark stories every 15 minutes! That song will always be stuck in your head!

Cabin Fever Games

Friday, December 28th from 2:00-2:45 P.M. and Tuesday, January 29th from 6:00-6:45 P.M.

Feeling a little antsy sitting inside? Join us in the library to let off some steam. This is the only time when running in the library is allowed. For kids in grades 1-4.

New Year's Eve Make-n-Take

Monday, December 31st at 1:30 P.M.

Make a snazzy party accessory to bring to your New Year's celebration.

PJ Storytime

Thursday, January 10th at 6:30 P.M.

Put on those pajamas and enjoy stories, songs, and a bedtime craft.

Paper Flowers

Saturday, January 12th from 1:00-2:30 P.M.

Families can make this fun craft to brighten up their winter day and send a secret message.

Engineering a Story

Thursday January 17th and Tuesday February 26th at 6:00 P.M.

Children will listen to a story and participate in the engineering design process to solve a problem. This is a fun twist on S.T.E.M. programming!

Pokemon Trading Day

Thursday, January 24th from 4:30-6:00 P.M.

Let's dust off those Pokemon cards and trade with our fellow collectors! This drop-in program will provide an opportunity for Poke-fans of all ages to meet new people and trade for some new material. Bring your own cards and join us for some Poke-fun!

Sensory Storytime

Saturday, February 2nd at 10:00 A.M.

This storytime is designed for children with autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration issues, other developmental disabilities, and their typically developing peers.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Tuesday, February 5th at 1:00 P.M.

For school-aged children.

Lego Movie Party

Saturday, February 9th

An all-day program where kids can showcase their Lego creations, watch a movie, and build with Legos.

Valentine's Day Card-Making

Thursday, February 14th, 3:00-5:00 P.M.

Make a card for someone you love this Valentine's Day.

During the February break the SPL is the hibernation vacation station! Join us throughout vacation week for storytimes, stuffed animal making, Cabin Fever Games, and more! Get your "cozy" on!

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Library Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Fri. 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Sat. 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
SUN. 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Contact Information

Phone: (508) 841-8609
Fax: (508) 841-8524
www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library



COMPUTER INSTRUCTION

Introduction to 3D Printing

Tuesday, December 18th
5:30-7:00 P.M.

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 Word for Beginners

Tuesday, February 5th
5:30-6:30 P.M.

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

Registration is required for all computer classes.
<https://tinyurl.com/yb8usugx>

Microsoft Excel for Beginners

Tuesday, January 15th
5:30-6:30 P.M.

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

Internet Safety 101

Tuesday, February 26th
5:30-6:30 P.M.

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.