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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY - FALL '18



Local authors show off their works at the Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival

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

This spring the Library was awarded a Restoration and Preservation Award from the Shrewsbury Historical Society for the 2016 renovation and expansion project of the library building. We were quite honored to receive this award, along with representatives from Lamoureux Pagano & Associates, the architects responsible for the outstanding redesign. We are so pleased that the Historical Society feels the design was appropriate and complementary to our historic town center.

Being in the town's geographic and historic center is of great importance to us. We feel it allows us to best serve the community, both in terms of library service and by providing an anchor for the town center. In the summer of 2009 an article appeared in the Planning Commissioner's Journal entitled "Libraries at the Heart of our Community." The article confirmed all that the Library Trustees, many town officials, and I believed about the role a library can play in its community. The authors noted increased foot traffic to the area of any library; building of partnerships with merchants, schools, and public agencies; and other benefits. The article referred to concepts from an earlier study conducted by the Urban Library Council, which found that "libraries are gaining recognition for their ability to attract tremendous foot traffic, provide long-term tenancy, and complement neighboring retail and cultural destinations."

I am reminded of this study each time I have the opportunity to return to the library property after having visited the Town Hall or having been away for some other errand. Sitting at the traffic light at the center, I always look over to the library. Its frequently busy parking lot reaffirms what a central role good library services and an appropriately designed library building can play in the community it serves. I have similar thoughts as I walk through various areas inside the building and observe patrons of all ages and backgrounds use the library for enjoyment, education, and community connection. Last year library patrons borrowed close to 483,000 items and made nearly 310,000 visits to the building. During the 753 programs offered last year to children, teens, and adults, the total attendance numbered almost 12,000 people. While having a busy library is important to me and the Board of Library Trustees, we are so pleased that all of this has occurred in the middle of the town center!

We have a lovely town center that has benefited from the commitment and care of generations of local merchants, church leaders, veterans groups, town officials, community associations such as the Garden Club and the Rotary Club, and many civic-minded individuals. Concern for the town center continues today. The preservation and improvement of our lovely town center was cited as a goal in the town's 2016 Master Plan, which calls for supporting the town center as a destination. The Master Plan states that "Many New England communities have a town center that is the focal

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point of civic life, and this is certainly the case in Shrewsbury. The town center has the look and feel of a traditional village; it is seen as an area that should be strengthened, so it becomes more of a destination."

A fledgling group called the Shrewsbury Town Center Association was recently formed to uphold that original vision and the work on the new goals of the Master Plan. Maribeth Lynch of Thrive Real Estate Specialists, in consultation with the Town's planning officials, recently convened an informal group of citizens interested in sustaining and improving the town center. They met a few times this past spring and have decided to organize a formal association dedicated to the betterment of the center. The group currently includes local merchants, restaurateurs, attorneys, representatives from the town, a representative from the Shrewsbury Historic District Commission, and others. We are now working together on organizational items such as bylaws, a mission statement, non-profit status, and even a logo.

With the restored library facility sitting in the heart of the center, we are very excited to be a part of this newly formed association and plan to support its efforts and activities. If you wish to join the group or obtain more information, please attend one of the monthly meetings and/or contact Maribeth Lynch at maribeth@thriverealtors.com or at (508) 641-9323. Let's work together to preserve the heart of Shrewsbury!

Sincerely,
Ellen M. Dolan
Library Director

The fourteenth season of Sunday sponsorships will begin this fall. We will be open Sunday afternoons from 1:00-5:00 P.M. starting October 7, 2018, and, if there are sufficient sponsorships, through May 19, 2019.

We are grateful to all of our sponsors who helped out last season:

Providing three Sundays:

- *Dr. B. Dale & Mrs. Melanie Magee*
- *Robert (Chief Joseph) Terkanian*

Providing two Sundays:

- *Dean Park Grill & Pizza, owner Mr. Christo Baltas*
- *Daniels Insurance Agency, Inc.*
- *The Olive I. and Anthony A. Borgatti, Jr. Donor Advised Fund of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation*

Providing Individual Sundays:

- *Central One Federal Credit Union*
- *Bill and Nancy Robbins in memory of Dorby Thomas*
- *Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in memory of Dorby Thomas*
- *An anonymous donor in memory of John J. Morrissey*
- *An anonymous donor in remembrance of Harry Der Harootunian*
- *Rotary Club of Shrewsbury*
- *Joyce Hyde*
- *David and Kathleen Rocheleau*
- *Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in memory of Ken Dearden*
- *In memory of James A. Heedles*
- *Jay Somers in memory of Buckie Somers*
- *Jeff and Priscilla Billingham*
- *Olivia, Peg, and Don Harbert*
- *Susan and Zak Cramer in honor of Natalie and Allen Cramer*
- *UniBank for Savings*
- *Pat Silvestri in memory of Elizabeth Woodring*

- *Shrewsbury Garden Club in honor of Earth Day*
- *The Bachini Family in memory of Ruth Seward*
- *Joan Barry*

We also wish to thank our sponsors whose early gifts give us a strong start for the new season!

Providing two Sundays:

- *Dean Park Grill & Pizza*
- *Daniels Insurance Agency*

Providing one Sunday each:

- *Shrewsbury Education Association*
- *In memory of Nicole Boulanger*
- *In honor of fabulous librarians, especially Bonnie O'Brien and Polly Hess, from Maureen Fujimori*
- *In memory of Harry Der Harootunian*
- *In loving memory of Buckie Somers, from Jay Somers*
- *In memory of James A. Heedles*
- *Olivia, Peg, and Don Harbert*
- *Rotary Club of Shrewsbury*
- *Zak and Susan Cramer in honor of Alan and Natalie Cramer*
- *In memory of John J. Morrissey*
- *Central One Federal Credit Union*

You can help reach a full season of Sundays. The cost for sponsoring one Sunday is \$650. 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.

FRIENDS

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 24th

Shrewsbury Public Library Community Meeting Room

6:30 P.M. Brief Business Meeting

Election of Board officers and other business matters of the Friends Organization

7:00 P.M. Program: Specter Brides and Headless Horsemen with Barry Deitz

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library present Barry Deitz in a literary journey that will take participants through some of the great ghostly tales of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Washington Irving, and other authors. He will also present information on some of the haunted places around Massachusetts.

Deitz was born in North Carolina and currently resides in Bernardston, Massachusetts. He has degrees in English and history and has a theatre and television background. He has been a morning news anchor for Cleveland Headline News and has hosted a weekly movie review show called "Meet Me at the Movies" on local cable. He conducts literary and historical programs for area libraries and arts councils.

This performance is suitable for teens and adults and the event is free and open to all. Friends membership is not required and no preregistration is necessary.



Friends of the
SHREWSBURY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF SHREWSBURY WITH A SPECIAL FAMILY PERFORMANCE!

Animal Adventures: Live Animals at the Shrewsbury Public Library

Wednesday, September 26th

6:00 P.M.

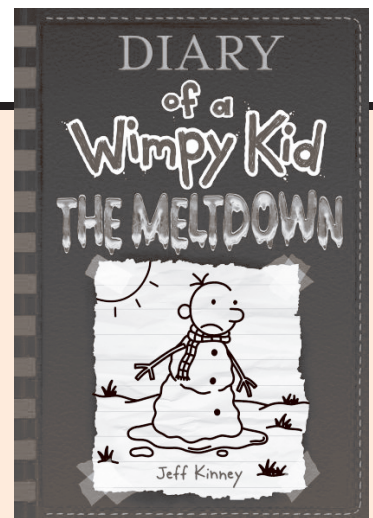
See the largest, most exotic, and most impressive animals that Animal Adventures has to offer. Two professional Animal Adventure Guides will show a ring-tailed lemur, a crocodile, a fennec fox, a kinkajou, an armadillo, a large lizard, a giant snake, and more. Eight to 10 animals are presented in this one-hour session. Meet the animals, hear interesting stories and information about them, and get close. **Controlled petting and touching is allowed at the discretion of the Animal Adventure Guides.** This is a fun and unique learning experience to be enjoyed by all! Register online on the library's event calendar or by calling (508) 841-8609, ext. 3.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library

Get Ready to Wimp Out!

Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union sponsors Wimpy Kid book launch!

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library for an early morning breakfast on Tuesday, October 30th to celebrate the launch of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown*, the latest in Jeff Kinney's beloved series. There will be games, book giveaways, and much more! Sign up for the Library's listservs and watch the Library's Facebook page for more details!



ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Arts and Crafts Workshops

Create a Color Wheel
Saturday, November 10th, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

In this two-hour workshop, Marion Buricatu will teach you how to load oil paint onto your brush, how to mix colors on your palette, and how to create your own color wheel. Ten adults with 10 children over 10 years old can attend this workshop. Each adult and child needs to register separately. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Make a Friendship Scarf

Saturday, October 27th, 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Learn how to make a warm and beautiful braided scarf with Jenna Elliott. In just one workshop you will get the supplies and instructions to make this seasonal favorite. Design a scarf to give to a friend or to keep for yourself! No knitting experience necessary. Very limited slots available. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Health and Wellness

Exploring Genes and DNA

Wednesdays, September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

The **Exploring Genes and DNA** group is designed for adults who are interested in learning more about DNA and genes. Only a very basic understanding of DNA is required. The group will meet three times in the fall to discuss **DNA ancestry kits** (September 12th), **the genetics of cancer** (October 10th) and **the genetics of food** (November 14th). We'll also devote a portion of each meeting to discussing "Genes in the News" articles found by participants in newspapers and other media sources.

Speaker Clare O'Connor has a Ph.D. in biology from Purdue University. She was a professor in the Biology Department at Boston College from 1995 until her recent retirement. For 10 years she taught The Genetic Century, an introductory genetics course for students who were not majoring in the sciences.

Mindfulness with Dr. Annie Abraham

Wednesday, November 7th, 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Dr. Annie Abraham, a retired physician, has been practicing mindfulness for many years and has incorporated it in her own medical practice. She will talk about the impact of mindfulness on health and wellness. Registration required.

Pranayaam Yoga with Bindu

Wednesdays, September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 9:00-10:00 A.M.

This traditional Hatha Yoga class explores 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 more than a year.

Registration is required for each class. Please bring a yoga mat.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

History

Reconstructing History and Genealogy: Mom's World War II Letters

Thursday, November 8th, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

In May 2017, Corinne Smith found her mother's stash of more than 100 letters from 16 servicemen she had corresponded with from 1944-1945. Corinne began to trace the soldiers' family trees with one goal in mind: to return the letters to their children in person. Her presentation links history and genealogy to present-day research and diligence.

Corinne H. Smith is a writer who is originally from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The first book she compiled was a self-published family history titled "From Saxony to the Lehigh Valley: The Descendants of Ludwig Hossfeld" (1992). Since then, she has written several books about American author Henry David Thoreau. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration required.

Language Learning

English Conversation Circle

The English Conversation Circle is an ongoing, FREE program made possible because of a generous grant from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation. Five weekly sessions are offered for beginners and intermediate learners. For the complete schedule, please refer to the library website or contact Priya Rathnam at (508) 841-8531.

Beginner's Spanish Mondays, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Janine Hess will lead this 10-week series of classes for adults interested in learning Spanish.

September 10th, 17th, 24th; October 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th; November 5th, 12th, 26th

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register once for the entire fall session.

Music

Kora Music with Sean Gaskell
Wednesday, October 3rd, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Sean Gaskell will give a performance and educational demonstration on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. He will feature traditional songs that are the heart and soul of the kora's musical repertoire in addition to some of his own personal compositions.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Please register online.

Talk on Beethoven by Robert Oakan

Mondays, October 15th, 22nd, 29th; November 5th, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

This four-week series will feature music written by Beethoven from his teenage years through his mid-twenties, which were the "good years" before the onset of his tragic hearing loss.

A retired Clinical Psychologist, Robert Oakan has had a second career teaching Music History and Appreciation courses at Northwestern Connecticut Community College.

Registration required. No formal knowledge of music history or theory required.

Reading Groups and Writing Workshops

Shrewsbury Readers Book Group

This group usually meets on the first Thursday of the month from 7:00-8:30 P.M. Books are selected from various genres. Copies of the selected titles will be available at the main desk. Newcomers are welcome. We will be reading the following books:

September 6th: *The Life and Times of Persimmon Wilson: A Novel* by Nancy Peacock

October 4th: *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women* by Kate Moore

November 1st: *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance

Reading Glasses

Dates: One Thursday per 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 one month in advance to best suit participating members. Find us at Reading Glasses Collaborative on Facebook or email Caitlin at cmckeon@cwmares.org if you're interested.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Our fantastic new Young Adult Librarian, Annie Lee King, joined us in August and has been planning lots of fun, educational, and recreational activities for youth in Grades 7-12 to start in the fall. Please look out for events listed in our online calendar and for notifications on Facebook. Sign up for the YA listserv, <https://bit.ly/2wAiOLu>, to keep up to date on what's going on in the YA part of the library!



ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS (CONT.)

Writing Workshops with Lisa Shea

Thursdays, October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Week 1: Lisa will go over all the basics of writing the book: overcoming writer's block, plotting ideas, dealing with distractions, coming up with ideas, etc.

Week 2: Lisa will cover all publishing options from using a publishing company versus self-publishing, avoiding a vanity press, etc.

Week 3: You will get marketing tips on using book newsletters, doing signings, getting on cable shows, having a website and newsletter, etc.

Week 4: Lisa will focus on social networking through Facebook, Twitter, Google+, LinkedIn, etc.

These four two-hour workshops will guide participants through every step of the writing process. Attendees will also receive free copies of Lisa's 16 e-books on these topics.

Registration is required.

Recreation and Entertainment

Adult Coloring Club

Saturdays, September 8th, October 13th, November 10th, 10:00-11:00 A.M.

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

The Organized Mom

Saturday, September 15th, 2:00-3:00 P.M.

Busy moms know that a little more organization means a little more peace! This workshop is a fun and informative class on becoming a more organized mom. We will discuss new ways of thinking about your stuff, conquering toy clutter, applying the rule of three, handling school papers, and teaching delegation. We all want an orderly home for our families. This workshop will give you new tools to achieve that orderly home.

Registration required.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Author Visit: Vin Femia, author of *Comeback: Tom Brady's Two Year Mission to Overcome Deflategate*

Wednesday, September 19th, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

The book describes how Tom Brady and the New England Patriots avenged Deflategate and overcame controversy and big fourth quarter deficits to win two thrilling Super Bowls in three years. This book includes detailed background on the controversy as well as summaries of the games and the Super Bowl victories.



Two new faces joined our team recently, Circulation Assistant Amanda Bernat and Technology Specialist Arielle Sorenson. We're overjoyed to add two intelligent, fun, and dedicated employees to our staff and know you'll be happy to meet them, too.

Memory Café

A memory café is a social gathering for those who have Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia and their care partners. The café meets on the first and third Friday of the month from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Music performances or art activities are planned for every meeting. This drop-in program is made possible by federal funds provided by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Let's Make: Fall Series

Thursdays, September 13th, October 11th, November 15th at 7:00 P.M.

Join us for our Let's Make series where we will make an assortment of different things! Projects are still being developed and will be announced in the upcoming months. Sign up happens two weeks before the program date. Contact Caitlin at cmckeon@cwmar.org for more information.



Children's Room

Repeating Programs

Book Beats

Weekly on Tuesdays starting September 11th, 10:00-11:00 A.M.

This storytime is all about moving, singing, playing instruments, and stories. For all ages (Admittance tokens required.)

Preschool Storytime

Weekly on Mondays starting September 10th, 1:00-2:00 P.M.

Read stories and do a craft. For ages 4-5. (Admittance tokens required.)

Babies, Books, and Bubbles

Weekly on Wednesdays starting September 12th at 10:00 & 11:00 A.M.

Enjoy songs, fingerplays, and books with the littlest listeners. Babies from birth to age 2 are welcome, along with their caregivers. (Admittance tokens required)

Wiggle Words

Weekly on Thursdays starting September 13th at 10:00 A.M.

Join us for singing, dancing, and stories. For walkers up to 3 years old and for kids who love to move. (Admittance tokens required)

Dash and Dot

Thursdays, September 27th, October 25th, & November 29th 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.

September 2018

International Dot Day Storytime

Saturday, September 15th from 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Read stories and do dotty crafts. For preschool kids.

Talk Like a Pirate Day

Wednesday, September 19th at 1:00 P.M.

Celebrate your pirate side at this family event. For kids ages 3-6 and their siblings.

October 2018

LEGO Club Kickoff

Tuesday, October 9th at 6:00 P.M.

Former LEGO Master Builder Dan Steininger will launch our new season of LEGO Club! Registration is required.

Halloween Slime Making

Tuesday, October 30th at 6:00 P.M.

Make your own creepy, scary slime! For ages 5-8.

November 2018

LEGO Club

Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00 P.M.

Come build with us at our new time! A fun build time with a special challenge! Snacks provided. For grades K-4. Registration is required.

Breakfast with Wimpy!

Tuesday, October 30th time TBD

Get your hands on *The Meltdown*, the thirteenth installment of the *Diary of A Wimpy Kid* series. More details to follow.

Diwali Storytime

Time and date details to follow

Join us for a storytime to celebrate Diwali.

Preschool French

Wednesdays, starting September 14th, 4:00-4:45 P.M.

Learn French in a relaxed atmosphere with native speakers. For ages 3-6.



The Shrewsbury Public Library is very excited to welcome Sonja Drotar as its new Head of Children's Services. She is thrilled to be joining the team and looking forward to presenting a host of fun, educational youth programming.

*** See website for registration details for all programs.**

<https://tinyurl.com/y8l2tvgc>

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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.
(STARTING OCTOBER 7, 2018)

Contact Information

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



Introduction to 3D Printing

Tuesday, September 11th
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.

Facebook for Beginners

Tuesday, October 23rd
5:30-6:30 P.M.

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.

COMPUTER INSTRUCTION

Microsoft Excel for Beginners

Tuesday, October 2nd
5:30-6:30 P.M.

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

Registration is required for all computer classes.
<https://tinyurl.com/yaypf84k>

Google Docs & Google Drive

Wednesday, October 10th
6:30-7:30 P.M.

Learn how to use Google's popular services for creating and storing documents within the cloud. This class will cover creating Google docs and Google sheets, as well as using Google drive to save and share files such as pictures and music.

Microsoft Word for Beginners

Tuesday, November 20th
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.