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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY - SUMMER '18



The Library Match Game was a rousing success, thoroughly enjoyed by all and raising over \$5,000 for the Library's endowment.

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

If you drove by the library on the evening of Saint Patrick's Day any time after 6:30 PM, you would have found the parking lot full, lights ablaze in the west wing of the building, and if you got close enough, you would have heard the sounds of boisterous laughter and applause. It would have sounded like some fun was taking place inside the building! That's exactly what was happening, and it wasn't because of a children's or teen program. In fact, it wasn't even a library-run program.

The Shrewsbury Public Library Foundation was hosting their first fundraiser to begin building funds for an endowment to serve long-term needs for the library. You might be familiar with the Foundation's work regarding the library building project. Founded in 2007, the SPL Foundation had two goals: 1.) To raise funds for the Library building project and 2.) To build an endowment to "sustain our library's legacy of excellence." The Foundation met and slightly exceeded their first goal in 2016 by raising \$1.75 million for the building project. The new work of the Foundation is to begin raising funds to build that endowment which will serve the long term and emerging needs of the library.

So, what was happening on the St. Patrick's day night in March? The Foundation was hosting their first event, a take-off on the TV game show the "Match Game." Hosted by Gene Rayburn, this show was very popular in the 1960s and 70s. Our Shrewsbury version included 10 local

celebrities whose names you can find listed inside this issue of the newsletter. We thank each for so bravely agreeing to participate in this inaugural event!

We also thank our many generous sponsors who contributed to the event, especially George Cadette of Dunkin' Donuts of Shrewsbury. His generous gift provided funds to cover the entire cost of the event and thus ensured that all additional funds raised go straight to the endowment fund. Other donors sponsored each of the 60 questions that were asked during the game, as well as the baskets that were raffled off and the prizes for the game winners. You can find the names of all our generous donors inside this newsletter.

The idea was a bit of a risk. Our planning team figured it would either be a flop or great fun! Thanks to the hard work of the planning committee and the event volunteers, the latter was true. A huge thank-you goes out to our entire planning team (whose names you will also find a few pages in from here) but especially library staff member Dan Barbour, who served as Master of Ceremonies for the game. Dan's experience in running a commercial trivia business called Vertigo Trivia was evident throughout the game. He made the event so much fun. Thanks for sharing your talents with us, Dan!

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I am happy to report that the night was a great success! Over \$5,000 was raised for the Foundation's endowment fund and, best of all, everyone who attended appeared to have a great time. You can see for yourself by watching the show. Shrewsbury Media Connection taped the program and is showing it on local cable TV and has made it available on its video on-demand service through their website. Thank you to our friends at the cable station for taping the event—and for handling the sound system that night!

The planning team is already making plans for next year's Match Game. We hope that you will consider supporting that event, which is planned for March 23, 2019, and other activities the SPL Foundation undertakes. We will appreciate your support of the Foundation's work to ensure our library's continued success in serving the needs of the community.

Appreciatively,

Ellen M. Dolan

FRIENDS

SUMMER CONCERTS AT DEAN PARK

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

Beatles for Sale

Wednesday, July 18, 6:00-7:30 PM at Dean Park

Beatles For Sale is an award-winning, New England-based Beatles tribute band that is committed to recreating the sounds of the Beatles live in concert.



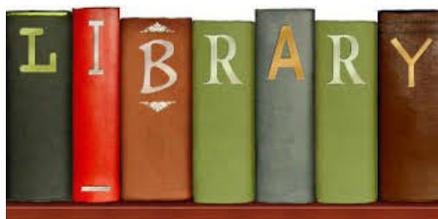
Blackstone Valley Bluegrass

Wednesday, August 1, 6:30-7:30 PM at Dean Park

Over the years this seasoned group has built up a solid and ever-expanding repertoire to go along with an engaging stage performance. They play a wide range of bluegrass styles, but what really sets them apart are their powerful three- and four-part harmonies.

Pack your lawn chairs and 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.

Free and open to all ages. Free ice cream will be provided while supplies last.



READ AND ROCK

Save the Date:

Friday, June 22nd, 3:30PM-7PM

This year, our Summer Reading Carnival is getting a musical makeover! We are excited to announce our first ever Summer Reading Kickoff Music Festival! We will have two music acts - one geared at children, and the other for teens and adult audiences. We will also have food, our annual local author showcase, and lawn games! Weather permitting, this event will take place on the Town Common and the front lawn of the SPL. More details can be found at the SPL!

Libraries Rock!

3rd Annual SPL Comic Con Saturday, July 14th, 10AM-3PM

At press time, we are still putting the annual celebration of comics and pop culture together! Follow the Facebook Event through our Library Facebook page for up to date info on this fun program for all ages!



Shrewsbury MATCH GAME!

This past March, the Shrewsbury Public Library Foundation held their first fundraiser - a game show based on the classic game show MATCH GAME. We want to give a shout out to our amazing sponsors and volunteers!

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ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

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. It has helped hundreds of new residents gain confidence in speaking English, pursue higher learning, join the workforce, and have a more fulfilling social life. Five weekly sessions are offered for beginners and intermediate learners. For the complete schedule, refer to the library website or e-mail Priya Rathnam at prathnam@cwmar.org or call 508-841-8531.

Shrewsbury Readers Book Group

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

June 7 - *Moon Glow* by Michael Chabon

July 12 - *Beautiful Day* by Elin Hilderbrand

August 2 - *H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald

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 2-4 PM. Music performances or art activities are planned for every meeting. This is a drop-in event. This program is made possible by federal funds provided by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Adult Coloring Club

Saturdays, June 9, July 14, August 11, 10-11 AM

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

Alzheimer's: Every Minute Counts

Monday, June 5, 5:30-7:30 PM

Screening of documentary film *Alzheimer's: Every Minute Counts* followed by discussion. This screening is brought to you by the Greater Worcester Alzheimer's Partnership and the Alzheimer's Association. To RSVP call 800-272-3900.

Music by Contemporary Duo Lori Diamond and Fred Abatelli

Saturday, July 21, 2 PM

Lori and Fred's music draws inspiration from many genres, as they offer harmony-infused, meaningful stories with an esoteric thread running throughout. Their combination of piano, guitars, and vocals allows them to create rich, orchestral sounds that dance their way into your heart. Joni Mitchell, Indigo Girls, John Denver, Carol King, and Laura Nyro are just a few of the vast influences that contribute to their unique yet memorable sound.

Their most recent CD, "Lifted," was named "Best CD of 2015" by Pulse Magazine and they are proud recipients of multiple other awards for songwriting, performance and music production. Plus, they have a brand new fourth album in the works! Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

Language Exchange Café

Saturdays starting June 2, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Share your language and culture with a new friend and learn about theirs! This is a drop-in event and you can pair up with a person who will teach you their native language and you can teach them yours! Have questions? Please email Priya Rathnam at prathnam@cwmar.org.

Reading Glasses

Dates: One Thursday a month at 7PM @ 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 Caitlin at cmckeon@cwmar.org if you're interested

ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

SPL Adult Summer Reading!

June 25-August 10, 2018

Summer Reading isn't just for kids! SPL Adult Summer Reading will begin on June 25th and will finish with a raffle on August 10th. To participate, simply read a book, then stop by the library to fill out a raffle ticket. Each book you read will be another chance to win!

Meditation in the 21st Century with Allan Hughes

Saturday, June 2, 10:30 AM

People have been practicing meditation for centuries and today we see a surge in its popularity as new benefits continue to be discovered. Incorporating meditation into one's life has many positive effects. Learn a simple meditation technique that can help you in all aspects of your life. Dr. Allan Hughes is a long-time meditator and has been speaking on the topic for more than 30 years. Join him for this powerful workshop. Registration required.

The Music of Mozart – by Robert Oakan

Mondays, June 18 and 25; July 2 and 9, 6:30-8 PM

Wolfgang Mozart is recognized world-over as one of the greatest composers who has ever lived. In this four-part program we will be hearing and discussing some of the music composed during his early years as well as hearing a wide sampling of the many masterpieces written during his maturity.

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 will be required.

This May the Shrewsbury Public Library bid a fond farewell to our long-time Young Adult Librarian Dan Barbour who left us to take a position as the Head of Circulation at the Westboro Public Library. Creator of SPL's trivia nights, escape rooms, and many other dynamic programs, organizer of SPLAT, and strident proponent for teen issues around town, Dan will be dearly missed.

Another familiar face who moved on to new opportunities is our Technology Specialist Mark Barry. Though often a behind-the-scenes figure, Mark worked hard to ensure the availability and stability of technology at the Library. We wish him all the best in his new venture.

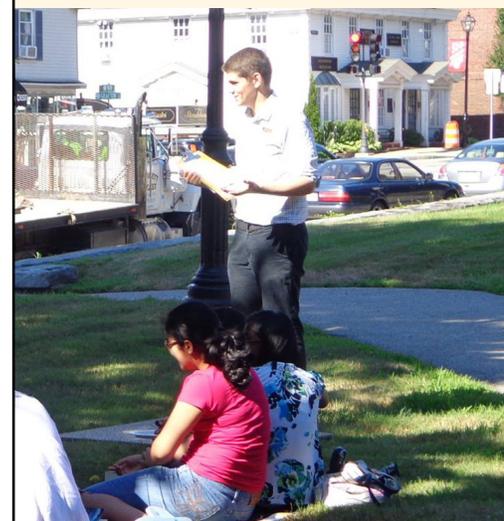
TEEN PROGRAMS

Family Photo Scavenger Hunt & Pizza Supper

Thursday, August 9, 6:30-8 PM

Say cheese! The annual family event is back! Register your team and show up for a fun event full of photos, prizes, and, of course, the pizza supper! Each team should bring one camera (or a phone camera) and be ready to scour the town center in search of a variety of objectives that will be provided at the start of the hunt. Registration will begin online two weeks before the event. Teams must have at least one person who is in grades 7-12 and/or an adult.

Sign up for the teen e-mail list to learn about all the great teen programs coming up this summer! Get in the know at this link: <http://bit.ly/231GNO7>



Children's Room

Literacy and Play Time, conducted by Thom Worcester Early Intervention

*Mondays 9:30-11 AM
June 4, 11, 18*

A play group focused on early literacy and language stimulation through books and play. For children 18 months to 36 months old (3 years old). Siblings under 1 year old are welcome, but do not need to be registered.

Program participants may bring a snack, to be eaten in the program room. Pre-registration required.

Young Scientists

*Thursday at 1 PM, on
June 7, 14, 21*

For children ages 3-5 **with a parent/caregiver**

A FREE hands-on enrichment program facilitated by STEM Beginnings. Children ages 3-5 will learn science, technology, engineering and math concepts through hands-on activities, story time, challenges, and simple experiments. Siblings are welcome. Space is limited; registration opens two weeks before the date of each class.

The program is presented by the YMCA Family and Community Partnership (YFCP) with STEM Beginnings.

Music & Motion

*Tuesday at 10 AM on
June 5, 12, 19, 26*

Miss Wendy is back with her songs and dances! Join us for a fun-filled time of moving around!

This program is designed for 2-5-year-olds and will be held in the Large Meeting Room on the main floor. This is a drop-in program, but group size is limited. Admittance tokens will be handed out at the front desk on the main floor on a first-come, first-serve basis starting at 9:00 AM. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

Read to a Dog

Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 AM, on June 2, 9, 16

Read with a certified therapy pet as a wonderful way to encourage reluctant readers or to practice reading skills. Volunteers and dogs are provided by "Paws for People."

Each child reader can register for a 10-minute appointment to read with the dog and his volunteer handler. Please register on the library's calendar for the specific 10-minute appointment.

Mandarin for All

*Tuesday at 6:30 PM on
June 5, 12, 19, 26*

Learn how to speak Chinese Mandarin in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. For ages 3 and up.

Families and adults welcome!

We will need a minimum of 3 registrants in order to have this event.

Registration starts two weeks before the date of each session.

Yoga for Preschoolers

*Friday at 1 PM, on
May 4, 11, 18 and
June 1, 8, 15, 29*

Sharing yoga with children helps them to get in touch with themselves and to learn to trust their instincts. The children will experience fun, playfulness, and collaboration with others in the learning process.

For children age 4-6 (and their partners!). Registration starts two weeks before the date of each session.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

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

<https://tinyurl.com/y8l2tvgc>

Books, Babies and Bubbles

*Wednesdays during
June, July, and August*

A music, book, and activity program for children from birth to 2 years old. Siblings welcome.

First session 10:00-10:30AM

Second session 11:00-11:30AM

Parent and child can attend one session only. Admittance tokens will be handed on a first-come, first-serve basis starting at 9:00 AM.

Baby Massage with Parent, conducted by Thom Worcester Early Intervention

Mondays at 10:30-11:30 AM

Session One runs July 9-30. Session Two runs August 6-27 -- **Please only sign up for one session.**

Baby Massage is a four-week class that encourages bonding and attachment between baby and caregiver while also increasing relaxation, alleviating gas, and promoting restful sleep. We ask parents to please bring a small pillow and blankets to each meeting. For newborns through pre-crawling babies only. Sorry, no siblings allowed as we need parent or caregiver to be working the baby.

Pre-registration required.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM NEWS

The theme for the 2018 Summer Reading program is Libraries Rock! The kick-off carnival is planned for June 22nd — see details on page 3.

The Children's Room program is for readers and pre-readers up to grade 5, and runs from June 25 through August 10.

Each child will receive a cool lanyard with tracking card to keep a log of their reading time. Each time a child fills a reading card they receive a free raffle ticket for the weekly prize drawing. There will also be "Spin the Wheel" for instant prizes each time you visit the library and show your reading lanyard!

Here are some of the children's programs planned to help us celebrate the rock theme!

Learn Ukulele!

July 9 from 3-4 PM

Join Julie Stepanek as she teaches the fundamentals of ukulele playing. You'll learn how to tune, strum, and read chords. After a short lesson you'll be able to play some fun and easy songs. No experience necessary. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one of hers. For ages 4 and up.

Pre-registration required. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

Superhero Training Camp at the Comic Con Saturday, July 14

Want to be a superhero? The Children's Room will be hosting a training camp for aspiring superheroes during the ComiCon. Come dressed as your favorite superhero, complete a number of challenges, create costume pieces and fuel up with superhero refreshments. For ages 3 and up (while supplies last).

National Dance Day

Saturday July 28 at 10 AM

Roll up the rug! Enjoy performances from local dance studios and learn new dance styles! We'll learn the National Dance Day routine too! All ages.

PJ Storytime: Summer Edition!

Thursday August 2 at 6 PM

Wear your pajamas to the library and bring your favorite stuffed animal, doll, or blankie. Enjoy a bedtime snack, a lullaby sing-a-long, make a craft, and read some fun bedtime stories. Geared to children 2-5 and their families. Siblings are welcome. Pre-registration, which opens two weeks before the event, is required.

Singing with Judy Pancoast

Saturday August 11 at 10 AM

Find out how much the Shrewsbury Public Library can rock with Grammy nominee, Judy Pancoast. Come into "Judy's Tune Room" to enjoy an energy-packed concert featuring songs in a variety of styles from pop ("Once Upon a Time") and rock ("A Little Bit of Elvis") to country ("The Only Bug at the Rodeo") and jazz ("The Dog Did It"). During the concert Judy will also share her songwriting secrets. The children will even help Judy turn one of their own ideas into a short, memorable, and melodic song. And of COURSE Judy will talk a little bit about the King of Rock and Roll when introducing her song about him! There will be lots of dancing and singing along as Judy's enthusiastic, kid-friendly personality makes each concert experience special. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

Earth Rocks!

TIME AND DAYS TBD

Our Earth is amazing! Every week we'll explore an aspect of our rockin' planet with creative projects. Some might be tasty, too! For grades 3-5. Pre-registration required.

This summer come to the library and celebrate whatever ROCKS!

Also watch for our periodic drop-in craft programs. You will find info on these and other program details in our online calendar or printed calendar that's available in the Children's Room. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

With a mixture of gratitude and sadness the Library says goodbye to Sharon Martin, much-loved Head of the Children's Room, who retired in April. Well known to all school-age Shrewsbury youth, hosting story times both at the Library and out in the community, and in recent years giving dozens of tours of the new building to classes of Shrewsbury children, Sharon undoubtedly inspired curiosity and a love of reading in countless kids. We are all anxiously waiting to hear what new adventures she has now.



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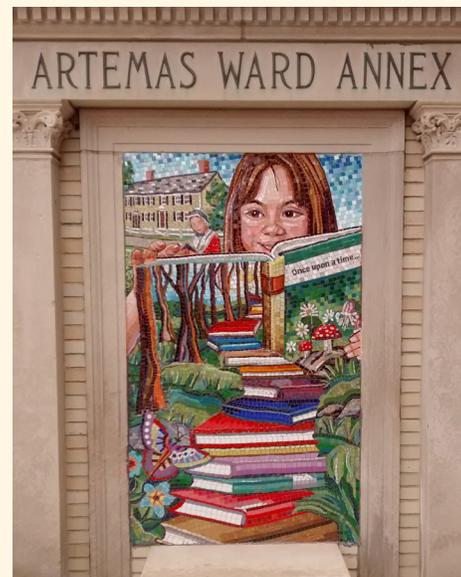
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Contact Information

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Introduction to 3D Printing

Tuesday, June 5, 5:30-7:00 PM

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).

Google - Understand and Reclaim Your Privacy!

Thursday, July 19, 6:00 -7:30 PM

Come to this hands-on workshop that walks you through how to check out what data Google has on you and reclaim the data that belongs to you. You will also learn to adjust your account and privacy settings here.

COMPUTER INSTRUCTION

Microsoft Excel for Beginners

Tuesday, June 26, 5:30-6:30 PM

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

Google Docs & Google Drive

Wednesday, August 1, 6:30-7:30 PM

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.

Facebook - Understand and Reclaim Your Privacy!

Thursday, July 12, 6:00-7:30 PM

Come to this hands-on workshop that walks you through how to check out what data Facebook has on you and reclaim the data that belongs to you. You will also learn to adjust your account and privacy settings here.

Microsoft Word for Beginners

Tuesday, August 7, 5:30-6:30 PM

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.