

CHAPTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY - SUMMER 2019



Library staff, trustees, and teen volunteers pose with Representative Hannah Kane at Library Legislative Day at the Massachusetts State House.

A letter from Library Director Ellen Dolan:

At times, change seems to come in a bit too much abundance! This has been true in my personal life on many occasions. One especially stressful period that stands in memory is the two-month period when I re-married, moved households, started a new job (with a new construction project to launch), and settled my daughter with a new day care provider. My head and heart were spinning then, but looking back now with more than 25 years perspective in hand, I can see that it was a period of incredible growth. I certainly made some mistakes and worried terribly at times, but the passing years have shown that my life now has an added richness and fullness because of those experiences.

I think organizations experience changes in clusters and benefit from these periods of change. It occurred to me that this has been a tremendous year of change for SPL.

Fran Whitney, who served on our board for almost 25 years retired in April 2019. We are so grateful to Fran for her many years of service, advocacy, and concern for the library. She was a superb Trustee! We

welcomed new Trustee Ann Marie Bird to the Board in May, and we know that she will work hard to follow Fran's example. We are fortunate to have such a capable new board member.

Similarly, the SPL Foundation began seeking new board members this past spring, and I expect the new appointments will be completed by the time this issue arrives at your door. We look forward to the new ideas and enthusiasm these new board members will bring.

The Friends of the Library Board has a new Chair this year. Vanessa Hale assumed leadership in January 2019, taking over from Carrie Hendricks, who capably served for 10 years. Carrie's past stewardship and Vanessa's new leadership ensures continued strength for this important support organization.

This past year, we also had many changes in personnel. Our dynamic new Head of Children's Services, Sonja Drotar, joined us, providing new approaches to children's services. New Young Adult Librarian Annie Lee King started this year and has already made such a tremendous difference in teen services. And we were recently joined by Reference Librarian Suzanne

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Gorum, who is doing a fine job assisting the public at our reference desk. Managing the hiring for these key positions took time and some worry, but we are in such a good place now.

We also saw physical changes that included enhancements to the children's indoor and outdoor play spaces in our early learning area and children's courtyard. Although our library building is still very new, these grant funded improvements pave the way for continued refinement and progress in services.

As the new fiscal year commences in July, we will launch our new Strategic Plan that covers fiscal years 2020 through 2024. Activities from that plan are already well defined for this year with the development of our FY2020 Action Plan. Both documents can be found on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/y6rxd7v>.

Outside change has impacted the library in positive ways. New Town Manager Kevin Mizikar has reorganized some departments and created leadership teams for service areas. The library is now part of the town's Human Resources team. I have been so excited by Mr. Mizikar's initiatives and plans and look forward to the many ways the library can work with and contribute to the town's human resource needs.

Luckily, age provides more than just gray hair. The changes I have experienced in various libraries over the years have shown me that we can be confident in managing change and more comfortable in navigating the process. Change is healthy for all organizations.

What's especially exciting about the changes we are now experiencing is that we have attracted many capable, smart, and committed people, and that there is a single feature binding this change together. All staff, board members, and volunteers are focused on sustaining and improving the library and continuing our tradition of patron-focused service. We have so much for which to be grateful!

Thank you to our generous Sunday sponsors who provided funds to keep the library open on Sunday afternoons the entire 2018/2019 Sunday season, from October 7, 2018 through May 19, 2019.

If you know any of these sponsors or frequent their business, please be sure to voice your appreciation!

Providing funding for five Sundays

- Southgate at Shrewsbury

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- Dr. B. Dale and Mrs. Melanie Magee

Providing two Sundays each

- Dean Park Grill and Pizza
- Daniels Insurance Agency
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- Jeannine and Ron Boulanger
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- The Shrewsbury Garden Club in honor of Earth Day
- The Shrewsbury Education Association
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- Central One Federal Credit Union
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- Joan Barry

The Board of Trustees plans to offer the Sunday sponsorship program during the 2019/2020 season, which will run from October 6, 2019 through May 24, 2020. The cost is \$700 per Sunday, but sponsorships received before October 1, 2019 are \$650. To sponsor a day or obtain more information please contact Library Director Ellen Dolan at the Shrewsbury Public Library at 508-841-8537 or edolan@shrewsburyma.gov.

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 17th, 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Beatles for Sale is an award-winning, New England-based Beatles tribute band committed to recreating the sounds of the Beatles live in concert. With well over 100 years of combined musical experience, this first-rate quintet has a profound appreciation for the music of John, Paul, George, and Ringo and attends to the details in their musical arrangements and harmonies.

The Tom Nutile Big Band

Wednesday, August 7th, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

The Tom Nutile Big Band is one of the region's most accomplished and exciting big bands. In addition to traditional swing, they also play modern pop tunes, soul and funk, Latin, jump, Lindy, modern jazz, waltzes, and, yes, even polkas. This professional swing ensemble has played New England's best known venues, including The Ritz-Carlton, Park Plaza, and Lenox hotels, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Hatch Shell and Scullers Jazz Club in Boston, and the Hanover Theatre and DCU Center in Worcester.

Pack your lawn chairs and picnic suppers 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.

The event is free and open to all ages, and free ice cream will be provided while supplies last.



NEWS FROM THE TOWN

Dear Shrewsbury residents,

The Department of Public Works (DPW) in collaboration with Waste Management is looking forward to providing the residents of Shrewsbury with new and enhanced recycling collection services to be added to the Town's PAY-T program set to begin July 1, 2019.

Please feel free to attend the events listed below, which will be hosted by the Town of Shrewsbury with personnel from Waste Management in attendance to answer any questions or concerns regarding the new collection programs.

- Find out what kinds of items can go into your curbside recycling bins.
- Win door prizes and giveaway items.

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Wednesday	June 5, 2019	7:00 P.M.	High School – Presentation Room	64 Holden Street
Thursday	June 6, 2019	11:30 A.M.	Shrewsbury Council on Aging	98 Maple Avenue
Tuesday	June 18, 2019	7:00 P.M.	Oak Middle School – Auditorium	45 Oak Street
Saturday	June 22, 2019	3:00 P.M.	Shrewsbury Public Library	609 Main Street

Kid's Equipment Day/DPW Open House

Saturday	June 1, 2019	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	DPW Garage	211 South Street
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For more information please visit the town's website at www.shrewsburyma.gov or call the Department of Public Works at 508-841-8502.

Warm regards,
The Department of Public Works

ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Program is **A Universe of Stories**.

Adults are invited to participate, and there will be prize raffles and an array of related events.

Astronomy

Celebrating 50 Years Since the First Moon Landing

Thursday, July 18th,
7:00-8:30 P.M.

By popular demand, M.J. Johnson will return to review some of the trivia, local connections, and drama surrounding NASA's fledgling efforts and the race to reach the moon. Weather permitting, attendees will have an opportunity to step outside and view the moon for themselves through a telescope. This is a drop-in event for the whole family to enjoy!

Beekeeping

Monday, June 3rd,
7:00-8:00 P.M.

John Hedly is a beekeeper from Auburn and a member of the Worcester County Beekeepers Association. He will discuss interesting and important topics regarding beekeeping and the environment. Registration required.

Book Talks and Author Visits

Leadership by Choice by Sue Salvemini

Wednesday, July 10th,
7:00-8:30 P.M.

Sue Salvemini, BS, MEd, is a local author, speaker, and executive leadership coach helping leaders and teams align their work with their core values for maximum impact and fulfillment. Sue will talk about her new book *Leadership By Choice: 7 Keys for Maximizing Your Impact and Influence in the Workplace... Right Where You Are*. She will also describe the process of writing the book, much of which was written at the Shrewsbury Public Library! Registration required.

Forest Bathing: Living and Healing: A Photo Journal

Saturday, June 8th, 2:00 P.M.

Author Lisa Zschuschen has had personal struggles with depression and anxiety, and forest bathing has calmed her. Photographer Patricia Ahearn discovered the health benefits of forest bathing during life's most difficult and tragic time – the loss of her granddaughter, Violet. In their photo journal, Zschuschen and Ahearn combine talents to introduce readers to the world of forest bathing, a Japanese-based concept that promotes relaxation and whole-body health benefits. The authors will be here to discuss their book.

Flash in the Can

Thursday, June 13th, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Local authors Diane Kane, Kathy Chencharik, Sharon A. Harmon, and Phyllis Cochran will discuss their new book, *Flash in the Can*, which is a collection of fun-filled

flash fiction stories, each under 1,500 words and perfect for busy people to read on the go. These seasoned writers will share their love of writing and their journey to publication. This free program will offer informational insight into writing, self-publishing, and marketing. Come by and enjoy a little *Flash in the Can*. Registration required.

Culture

An Introduction to the Middle East with a Documentary Film

Tuesday, June 25th,
7:00-8:30 P.M.

The mission of the Unity Productions Foundation (UPF) is to counter bigotry and create peace through the media. Their films are part of long-term educational campaigns aimed at increasing religious and cultural pluralism, especially among Muslims and other faiths. Cynthia Monsour, who taught at Senior College in Brunswick, Maine, will show the documentary film *Enemy of the Reich: The Noor Inayat Khan Story*, a United Productions Foundation film. The film is narrated by Helen Mirren, and the screening will be followed by a discussion. Registration required.

Free Press

First Amendment and the Free Press

Tuesday, June 4th,
7:00-8:30 P.M.

The New England First Amendment Coalition will present a panel discussion on the topic First Amendment and the Free Press. Journalists

Jonathan Albano, Esq.; Leah Lamson; and Susan Spencer will be on the panel, and Anne Brennan will be the moderator. NEFAC offers discussions on journalism and the First Amendment as part of its Featured Speaker Program. Launched in January 2018, the program helps to increase First Amendment education in high schools, college classrooms, and community centers. Registration required.

Music

Songs of Bengal, India

*Tuesday, June 11th,
7:00-8:30 P.M.*

Vocalist Maitreyee Chakraborty will lead and perform Songs of Bengal, India. Composed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries by Bengali Nobel Laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore and his contemporaries, the songs contain beautiful and timeless topics of love, longing, spiritualism, and the beauty of our world. This performance will include an English translation as well as harmonium and keyboard accompaniment by Monami Roy. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration required.

Performance of the MetroWest Quintet

*Saturday, June 15th,
2:00-3:30 P.M.*

Led by bassoonist James Kassal, this quintet will perform music of 20th century French composers. Mark Bartlett will play the piano, Madeline Browning

the flute, Barbara Kipp the oboe, Ken Melnick the clarinet, and Jeff Stewart the horn. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration required.

Reenactment

Donald Pottle as "Dr. Edward Austin Flynt"

*Wednesday, June 26th,
7:00-8:30 P.M.*

Donald Pottle is a fifty-year education veteran from the Shrewsbury Senior High School and Schepens Eye Research Institute in Boston. His first-person portrayal of "Dr. Edward Austin Flynt," a generic physician of the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783) variously demonstrates 18th century tooth extraction, blood-letting, leeching, cranial trepanning, leg amputation, musket ball removal, cataract couching, snake bite treatment, pain management, pharmacological preparations, small pox vaccination, and several other medical practices of the period. All of this is done in full period costume while using reasonably authentic (and safe) reproductions of weaponry and medical and surgical instrumentation. Registration required.

True Crime Mind of a Killer

*Monday, June 17th,
7:00-8:00 P.M.*

John Olszewski was born and raised in the historic city of Salem, Massachusetts. From a young age he became fascinated with true crime. He has degrees in Criminal

Justice, Behavioral Science, and Counseling Psychology and has worked in the correctional system and lecture circuit. He maintains ties to the world's most infamous murderers and is nearing the completion of his first book, *The Long Dark Walk*, which chronicles this journey. Registration required.

Ongoing 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 navigating life in the U.S., make friends in the community, and lead productive lives by pursuing higher education or joining the workforce. Five weekly sessions are offered for beginners and intermediate learners. For the complete schedule, refer to the library website or contact Priya Rathnam at 508-841-8531.

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 Greater Worcester Community Foundation and the Friends of Shrewsbury Public Library funding.

Children's Room

Repeating Programs

Literacy and Play Time

Mondays, 12:00 P.M.

This play group focuses on early literacy and language stimulation through exposure to books and play. It is geared towards children ages 18 months to 36 months. Registration required.

Book Beats

Tuesdays, 10:00 A.M.

Join this lively early literacy music and movement program for children ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Siblings welcome, admittance tokens required.

Crafternoons

Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Kids ages 4 and up are welcome to drop in and learn through crafting. No registration required.

Babies, Books, and Bubbles

Wednesdays, 10:00 A.M. and 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

Thursdays, 10:00 A.M.

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

Sensory Storytime

First Saturday of every month, 10:00 A.M.

Have fun with stories, songs, and a craft. This storytime is designed for children with autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration issues, other developmental disabilities, and their typically developing peers. Admittance tokens required.

June

Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival

June 20th

Yo-Yos, Music, and Dance with Brett "Ooch" Outchcunis!

2:00 P.M.

Kids of all ages are welcome to dance, play, and learn awesome yo-yo skills. Sure to be fun for the whole family! Admittance tokens required.

Children's Crafting and Games

2:00-7:00 P.M.

Drop in, make a craft, and play games in the Children's Room. For all ages. While supplies last. No registration required.

Summer Reading Program

June 21st through August 17th

Children up to age 12 are encouraged to sign up for the SPL Summer Reading Program. Participants can spin the prize wheel after reading for two hours and enter to win weekly raffles. Get rewarded for reading this summer!

July

Superhero Training Camp

Saturday July 13th, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Do you want to be a superhero? Drop in and visit the Children's Program Room during ComicCon to complete a number of challenges and activities geared to aspiring superheroes! This program is for children ages 3 and up with a guardian. Costume optional, but highly recommended! While supplies last. No registration required.

Star Wars Party

Thursday July 25th 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Travel to a galaxy far, far away! Kids of all ages and their grownups are welcome to play games, make crafts, and explore the Star Wars universe at the library! Costumes optional, but highly recommended! While supplies last. No registration required.



August

Pajama Storytime

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

Put on your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal or blanket. We'll have stories, songs, snacks, and craft. Registration required.

Family Space Walk

Thursday, August 15th,
6:00-8:00 P.M.

Explore outer space in real life! Kids and their grownups can drop in and play games, do experiments, and make crafts, all while learning about the universe. No registration required.

Fun-Tastic Forces! A Science and Magic Show

Wednesday, August 21st,
6:00 P.M.

Families, join us for an out-of-this-world magic and science show performed by Mad Science of Western New England. Admittance tokens required.



Check Out Some of the Library's Great Databases!

The Shrewsbury Public Library has a host of databases waiting to help you meet your information needs!



Get free homework help from HelpNow, Brainfuse's online tutoring service. While you're at it, take advantage of other services like test prep, language learning, writing review, and an online meeting place for students to collaborate on group projects.

<http://tinyurl.com/y7ztqacr>

LearningExpress Library provides patrons with online access to a comprehensive selection of academic- and career-related resources for skill building, test preparation, and workplace growth. Take free practice tests for the SAT, ASVAB, MTEL, GRE, and dozens more!

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Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival

JUNE 20TH **2:00-7:00 PM**

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us for:

- The Ooch Experience
- The Brass Quintet
- A Cookout
- Lawn Games & Minute to Win it!*

*Check back with the library for start times

Please Note:

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- Additional Parking at the Congregational Church
- Supplies are First Come First Serve

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Fri. 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Sat. 9:00 A.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, June 4th
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 Excel for Beginners

Tuesday, June 25th
5:30-6:30 P.M.

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

Microsoft Word for Beginners

Tuesday, July 16th
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.

***Space is limited
for all
computer classes.
First come,
first serve.***

Understanding Library eBooks

Tuesday, August 13th
5:30-6:30 P.M.

Get a crash course on how to use the various ebook downloading platforms the Shrewsbury Public Library offers, including OverDrive, Freeding, and Hoopla.