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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY - SUMMER 2016



Library Staff posing with PJ donations! Great job Shrewsbury - we won the challenge and collected over 300 pairs of PJs!

A letter from Library Director **Ellen Dolan**

Writing this newsletter update on a blustery day in March, it's hard to believe that summer will soon be here and that we will soon begin moving back to the renovated and expanded building. The Trustees, the staff, library planners and so many residents are excited about the prospect of returning "home" to the Main Street site. We have much to be excited about. In addition to being a lovely building, the design of the new building is extremely efficient and functional. I believe the remodeled library will be a building people will come to



love, will be very well used, and will quickly become a treasured civic building. There is still much planning needed for the move back. We have the challenging tasks of reintegrating

collections that have been housed in two spaces (the temporary library and the storage space) and having staff adjust to a new building with more complex systems and new ways of working. We don't yet know the exact date for the move, but are tentatively planning to be closed the weeks of August 15 through September 9.

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This three week period will allow us to move all the collections back to the site, train staff on all the new building systems and technology, and allow us to “set up shop”; making sure all the spaces and services are ready when we open the doors for the public. By the time this newsletter goes to print, we will have conducted the public bidding for the library moving services, and selected the mover.

As soon as we have the moving contract completed, we will be releasing information with the exact dates on the move, and how patrons can access a variety of library services. At this point however, I can assure you that library staff and I are working to make the transition as easy as possible for patrons while we are closed. We’ve made arrangements for holds and museum pass pickups, planned a call center to answer any questions that might come up, and so forth. Please take a look at the information included in this newsletter, to find out more.

As we are stepping into this exciting phase, I offer my deepest thanks to the people of Shrewsbury who committed great resources to improving and sustaining their public library, to the library building committee and architect, contractor and project management team for their commitment to excellent work, to the unstoppable volunteer fundraising team, especially Matt and Laurie Hogan, Mary Casey and Maribeth Lynch-- and to the many donors who have made generous contributions. I also thank my colleagues in town departments who have assisted us all along the way. Thank you to the businesses, churches and municipal departments who have provided additional meeting space for our library programs, during our sojourn here on Lake Street. And I thank my staff for their patience and endurance during these past few years! We are in the home stretch!

With deepest appreciation,

Ellen Dolan

ADULT PROGRAMS



Our book group for readers in their 20s and 30s continues with these unmissable titles. We meet monthly at local bars and restaurants - check our online calendar to find details and register!

Thurs., June 30, 7:00-8:30pm:

The Water Knife by Paolo Bacigalupi.

In a drought-stricken near-future American Southwest, three diverse characters are caught up in a ruthless plot to secure water rights for Phoenix.

Thurs., July 28, 7:00-8:30pm:

American Housewife by Helen Ellis.

Delightfully dark, sharp, and satirical, this short story collection explores the unhinged psyches of twelve demented heroines.

Thurs., August 22, 7:00-8:30pm:

The Caped Crusade: Batman and the Rise of Nerd Culture by Glen Weldon.

Witty, engaging, and insightful, this cultural history of Batman sheds light on the Dark Knight’s role in the mainstreaming of geekdom.

This Is How We Roll: Build It!

Wed., June 15, 7:00-8:30pm

This month, we’re exploring games of competitive construction! Manage the resources at your disposal to create the most successful palace, civilization, port city, and more! We’ll play games like Alhambra, 7 Wonders, Machi Koro, and Castles of Mad King Ludwig.

Cosmic Encounter!

Wed., July 20, 7:00-8:30pm

In Cosmic Encounter, players take on one of fifty unique alien races in a universe-spanning struggle for domination! Use political guile, diplomacy, or raw might to conquer your rivals and establish a colonial foothold in five distant planetary systems.

Spin a Yarn!

(Dixit, Rory’s Story Cubes)

Wed., August 3, 7:00-8:30pm:

Not all games are about competition and battle - some promote storytelling and creativity! This month we’ll try out Dixit and Rory’s Story Cubes, two games with more of a focus on narrative than winning and losing.

Let’s Make:

Intro to 3D Modeling

Thurs., June 9, 7:00-8:30PM

Curious about 3D printing? Come learn the basics of Tinkercad, a simple 3D modeling program. Design one-of-a-kind objects and print them out! This class is intended for adults and teens. Limited slots are available; please register online or call 508-851-8533.

Let’s Make:

Hanging Herb Gardens!

Thurs., July 14, 7:00-8:30pm

This month, we’ll use empty wine bottles and copper tubing to create beautiful hanging or free-standing herb gardens, suitable for use in your home or outdoors. This class is intended for adults and teens. Limited slots are available; please register online or call 508-851-8533.



Let's Make: Blackout Poetry! Thursday, August 11, 7:00-8:30pm

In this unique form of poetry, we creatively black out most of the words on a printed page with markers or paints to reveal a "hidden" poem. Blackout poetry can be a surprising tool for self-expression and revelation! This class is intended for adults and teens. Limited slots are available; please register online or call 508-851-8533.



English Conversation Circle

The English Conversation Circle, that has helped hundreds of new residents, has now grown to include five sessions every week. We added a new group that meets at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Father Smith Center, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, on Mondays from 10-11AM. For the complete schedule, refer to the library website or contact Priya Rathnam at 508-841-8531.

Shrewsbury Readers Book Group

Shrewsbury Readers book group meets on the first Thursday of the month, 7-8pm. Newcomers are welcome. Pick up the copies at the Circulation Desk.

6/2 - *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

7/7 - *97 Orchard: An Edible History of Five Immigrant Families in One New York Tenement* by Jane Ziegelman

8/4 - *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

Greenhouse for Entrepreneurs

A collaborative venture with Krosslink.org, this is a networking opportunity for anyone interested in start-ups and small businesses. Informal meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30pm. Aspiring and successful entrepreneurs can brainstorm ideas and share tips and advice. If you are a founder of a startup or a business owner, and would like to present to our group, please contact Priya Rathnam at 508-841-8531.

Adult Coloring Club

**Saturdays, June 11, July 9,
& August 13, 10-11am**

Did you know that coloring books are all the rage now? Join our club, bring your own coloring books or use the pages we give you and color your way to calm! Registration required.

Local Author Presentation

Monday, June 6, 6:30-8:30pm

Shrewsbury-based Irene Drabkin is the author of *The Power of the Educated Patient: Proven Strategies for Reclaiming Your Health and Well-Being That You Won't Find in a Conventional Medical Office*. This information-packed reference book offers the wisdom, strategies and stories of over 20 health experts who started their professional paths after overcoming their own health challenges.

Irene Drabkin CHHC, AADP is a best-selling author, health and wellness educator and speaker.

Conversations about Dementia with Julie McMurray Tuesday, June 21, 7-8pm

This workshop will offer tips on how to have honest and caring conversations with family members about memory loss, going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving, making legal and financial plans etc. Julie McMurray, Regional Manager, Central Massachusetts Region, Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts and New Hampshire Chapter, will share useful information.

Author Visit and Dance Demo Saturday, June 25, 2-3pm

Debut author Anjali Mitter Duva will present a unique and engaging evening combining elements of literature and Indian classical dance based on her debut historical novel, *Faint Promise of Rain*, set in the world of 16th century Indian temple dancers. The evening will include a presentation on one of India's classical dance forms, kathak, as well as readings from the book and a dance demonstration.

Anjali Mitter Duva is an Indian-American writer raised in France. In addition to being a writer, she is a co-founder of Chhandika, a non-profit organization dedicated to kathak dance. She runs a children's book club and is the founder of the Arlington Author Salon. Educated at Brown University and MIT, she lives near Boston with her husband and two daughters. Visit her at <http://www.anjalimitterduva.com> and on Twitter @AnjaliMDuva.



Jewelry Making with Recycled Materials Monday, June 20, 7-8:30pm

Nancy Gunther will show you how to make beads from paper and other recycled materials, make luggage tags, key chains, or charms from recycled plastic, and make beads and bangles from plastic bottles. If you can, please bring wrapping paper, paper shopping bags, or magazine pages that you could make into beads. Limited spots available, so please register.



Thank you...

to all the donors and yard sale participants to the Friends of the Library sponsored Treasures in the Trunk community wide yard sale, which was held in April.

2 Ovens
 AJ Tomaiolo's
 AMF Towne and Country Bowling
 Amici Trattoria
 Bean Counter Bakery
 Bob's
 Bollywood Grille
 Buffalo Wild Wings
 Cheng Du
 Clay Time
 Deja Brew
 Hebert Candies
 Home Depot
 Hooters
 iCraze Frozen Yogurt
 India Foods & Gifts
 Jimmy's Tavern & Grill
 Marathon Sports
 Papa's Hardware
 Price Chopper
 Roshini's Ladies Day Spa
 Scissors Hair Salon
 Shaw's
 Ski Barn
 Sky Zone
 Staples
 Stop & Shop
 Target
 Tatnuck Book Seller
 Trader Joe's
 Wegmans
 Willy's Steakhouse Grill & Sushi Bar

The event raised close to \$2,500 for the library building projects, and created a fun and productive community gathering.

Thank you to the many volunteers who planned and conducted the event. We also send a special thank you to the Shrewsbury Council on Aging, for so graciously hosting the event!

FRIENDS

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library & the Shrewsbury Parks and Recreation Department present an outdoor concert with Beatles For Sale. Monday, July 20th, 6:00-8:00pm at Dean Park on Main Street in Shrewsbury. Free and open to all ages.



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. Beatles For Sale has been entertaining audiences since 2007 with a repertoire that consists of over 150 songs from the Beatles catalog.

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

Pack your picnic supper and join us on the lawn at Dean Park for an entertaining night! In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors to the Shrewsbury Senior Center at 98 Maple Ave in Shrewsbury.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Be sure to check the Library Facebook page and sign up for the teen list serve to get information on even more great happenings this summer!

Family & Friends Pop Culture Trivia Showdown & Pizza Supper Friday, June 24th

The popular event is back! Travel around the world of entertainment answering questions and other trivia related games to rack up points and win prizes in this popular event. Get a team of 2-6 players and enter for a fun night. And of course, there's free pizza! Register starting two weeks prior to the event. Only space for 12 teams.



Photo Hunt

Thursday, August 4th at 6PM

The family scavenger hunt event is back! Enter your teams to win great prizes for snapping pictures off a challenge list you are presented with at the event. Everyone who registers gets to partake in a free pizza supper! Register starting two weeks prior to the event. This event is weather permitting.

Children's Room

Are you interested in being part of a test group for a new online reading log?
Try Wandoo Reader! Talk to Sharon Martin for more information!

On Your Mark, Get Set....Craft!

Tuesday, 10am, July 5, 19, August 2

Join us on July 5, 19 & August 2 for a craft project. No registration required but admission tokens will be available at the main circulation desk starting at 9AM on the morning of the program. Ages 2 - 5.

Book Beats

Tuesday 10am, July 12, 26, August 9

Join Miss Roxanne for this lively music and movement program. We'll read - or sing! - a few books, followed by singing along and moving to music, with the help of rhythm sticks, percussion eggs, colorful scarves, and band instruments. Recommended for 2-5 years, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required; however free admission tokens will be available at the circulation desk starting at 9AM on the day of the program.

Letter Box Quest

Figure out the clues, find the box! Explore the area in and around the library as you search for the hidden rubber stamps! Enjoy this quest all summer, with new clues released every week.

Superhero Training Camp

Saturday 10am, July 23

Join us for the second annual Superhero Training Camp. Come dressed as your favorite superhero. We will be making masks and capes. Visit all the training stations to improve your superhero skills. Snacks provided. Weather permitting, we will have training stations outside in the courtyard and lawn outside the library meeting room. Registration is required and will begin on July 8th.

Experience the Book

Thursday 10am, July 14, 28, August 11

One book, many activities! Join us for many kinds of fun as we explore the theme of a book. For Kindergarten thru 4th grade. Tokens for this program will be available at the Front Desk after 9am.

Brain Gym

Tuesday 7 - 8:30pm

July 12 Parents Only, July 19 Families

Brain Gym is a system of simple movements that work with your nervous system to enhance learning.

Pinto Bella Hoops

Tuesday 2pm, August 2

Back by POPULAR demand! Pinto can teach ANYONE how to get their hoopster on. Now is YOUR chance to learn how to hula hoop!

National Dance Day

Saturday, July 30th

Join us on the dance floor! More details coming soon!

Take Home Packs

A return of this popular activity for 3rd and 4th graders. Take home the pack, read the book and make the craft! Return the book - it's that simple!

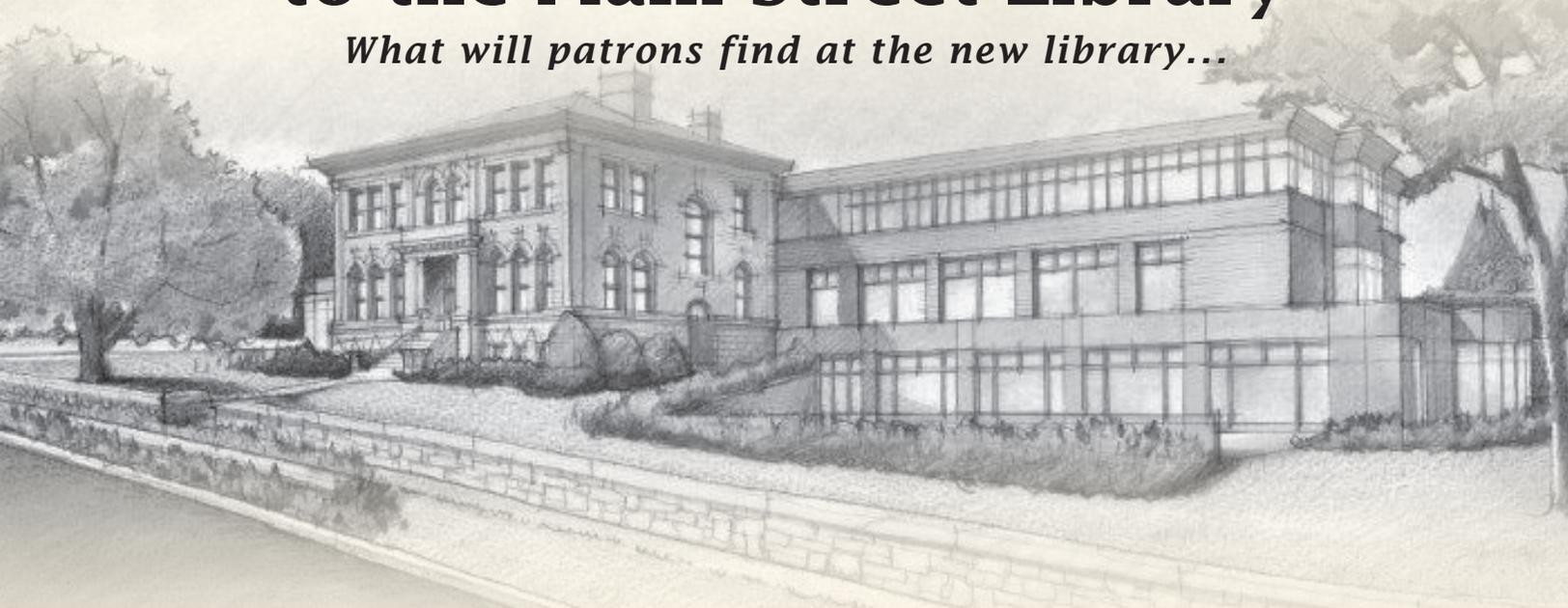
On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!

Spin the Wheel to answer a question about a book you experienced. Get a prize and a raffle ticket!



The Move Back to the Main Street Library

What will patrons find at the new library...



Some of the good things waiting for library patrons once we reopen at 609 Main Street:

- 104 parking spaces
- New meeting and gathering spaces
- Children's room 4 times larger, with outdoor courtyard
- Separate teen space
- New Learning Lab, for instruction and classes
- Many more public computers
- New technologies (and improved efficiencies) for staff and public function
- Complete handicap accessibility throughout
- Comfortable spaces for reading, learning, gathering, relaxing, using free Wi-Fi and more
- The same friendly, customer service oriented staff, who will be ready to welcome you and help you learn about the new facility

When will the library move back to Main Street?

- The current library will close for a 3 week period in mid-August 2016, to allow for the packing and move back to Main Street.
- The newly renovated and expanded building will open in early September
- Exact dates will be determined as we get closer to the move. Please check the library website at www.shrewsburyma.gov/Library for updated information

Returning borrowed items during closed period

Just before we close the temporary library, we will be providing extended loans for items you check out. Please wait until we reopen at Main Street to return the items. If you must return the books before the extended due date, please return them to any public library in the area. They will make their way back to Shrewsbury. Upon reopening, we will offer an extended fine amnesty.

What options are there for library service during the few weeks the library is closed?

- During the short time we are closed we will have a "call center" so that we can assist you by phone. From this call center we will be able to help you place reserves, sign up for a program, and distribute museum passes. The phone number is 508-842-0081.
- You can use your Shrewsbury Public Library card at any of the 150 libraries in the CWMARS network. You can find a full list of those libraries at www.cwmars.org/content/libraries
- Here are some locations you might consider:
 - Northborough
 - Grafton
 - Boylston
 - West Boylston
 - Worcester Main
 - Worcester – Perkins Branch in Greendale
 - Westborough

Library Programs and Events

All library programs and activities will be suspended during the closed period, to allow staff to prepare collections and services, and learn new building systems at the new building. You can expect the full range of library services to resume once we reopen in mid-September.

BIG

SUMMER FAMILY FUN AT THE TEMP SITE!

SUMMER READING KICKOFF CARNIVAL

for Readers of All Ages

JUNE 29TH, 10AM-7PM

SAVE THE DATE!!

Our annual event is back! Games, contests, prizes, food, inflatable obstacle course/slide, and much more! Come celebrate the start of summer, find out everything you need to know to join one of the three programs - Children, Teen, or Adult - and enjoy this event that's always one of the busiest of the year. There will be a local author showcase and a cornhole tournament as well as many other attractions. The event will conclude with an interactive film screening that you won't want to miss!

SUNDAY SPONSORS

THANK YOU SUNDAY SPONSORS!

Have you enjoyed a visit to the library on a Sunday afternoon this past season? If so, please be sure to thank the businesses, civic groups or individuals who made that possible. Our big hearted sponsors for this past season were:

Providing Three Sundays:

- Dean Park Pizza and Grill. Mr. Christo Baltas, owner of Dean Park Grill and Pizza held a fundraiser at his restaurant and made a personal gift of \$1,000, all donated to the library's Sunday Sponsorship program.
- The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library

Providing Two Sundays:

- Board of Library Trustees
- The Olive I. and Anthony A. Borgatti Jr. Donor Advised Fund, of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Providing One Sunday Each:

- Polito Development Corporation
- Katherine Canney
- Shrewsbury Social Club
- Laurie & Matt Hogan
- A gift in memory of James A. Heedles
- The Shrewsbury Garden Club, in honor of Earth Day 2016
- Jeff & Priscilla Billingham

SPL COMIC CON

for All Ages

JULY 16TH, 9AM-5PM

Whether it's STAR WARS, THE WALKING DEAD, NARUTO, BATMAN, FINAL FANTASY, DOCTOR WHO, or CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS,

just to name a few, chances are you're a megafan of something in pop-culture. Come to our first ever Comic Con event, filled with programs and workshops for all ages and interests. It's 100% free and 100% fun. The official schedule will be posted online in June, but save the date for this event that you won't want to miss. And of course, costumes are enthusiastically encouraged.

Already confirmed:

- *Final Fantasy Workshop*
- *Graphic Novel Drawing Workshop with Dean Calusdian, author of THE STOCKING DEAD*
- *Computer Games from Around the Globe*
- *Character Visits*
- *Cosplay Contest*

- Shrewsbury Social Club
- Shrewsbury Lions Club
- Bargain Box of Southgate
- The Family of David and Kathleen Rocheleau
- Moira Miller and John Lebeaux
- Mary Ellen Killelea, in memory of Grace McConn
- Central One Federal Credit Union
- Cathy Cooper, in honor of Tinu
- Two anonymous donors

You can help us get a start on our next season (Sunday October 2, 2016 through May 21, 2017). The cost for sponsoring one Sunday is \$600. Please contact Library Director at (508) 841-8537 or edolan@shrewsburyma.gov if you wish to provide a sponsorship or need more information.

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**NEW BUILDING
UPDATE ENCLOSED!**

Library Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9AM - 9PM
Fri. 10AM - 5PM
Sat. 9AM - 5PM
Sun. *Closed until Oct.*

Contact Information

Phone: 508-842-0081
Fax: 508-841-8524
www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library

COMPUTER CLASSES

*Register online or by
calling the library.*

MS Excel for Beginners ***Tues., June 7th, 5:30-6:30pm***

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

Understanding Library eBooks

Tues., June 21st, 5:30-6:30pm

Get a crash course on how to use the various eBook downloading services the Shrewsbury Public Library offers, including Overdrive, Freeding, and the Commonwealth eBook Collection.

Internet Safety 101

Tues., July 12th, 5:30-6:30pm

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.

Successful Streaming

Tues., July 26th, 5:30-6:30pm

Sick of paying for Spotify and Netflix? Attend this class to learn how to use the Library's streaming media services, Hoopla and Freegal, and get instant access to thousands of popular songs and movies completely for free!

