



## Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

### April 2023



## Announcements

### New Library Project Update

#### A Message from the Board of Library Trustees

The appeal by Amy Baldwin of the Zoning Board of Appeal's (ZBA) decision to grant relief for the library project has been dismissed by the land court judge. The judge's conclusion states: "A final judgment will enter in favor of SSBC and the Sharon Zoning Board of Appeals, and against Baldwin." You may read the decision [here](#).

The three-year delay caused by this case and the previous ZBA denial have resulted in additional costs for the project. On May 1, Town Meeting will decide whether the Town will either appropriate already gathered tax monies to pay for the overage or abandon the project. Abandoning the project would entail:

1. Forfeiting the grant
2. Wasting the approximately 1.6M already spent
3. Starting a new project to ensure Sharon has a functioning library, which likely will cost taxpayers more than the current project.

Please email the Trustees at [shplboard@gmail.com](mailto:shplboard@gmail.com) with any questions.

### The Board of Library Trustees Invites You

Presentation of the  
New Library Project

&

Tour of the Current  
Library Building

In the Library's  
Community Room

#### SAVE THE DATES!

**Monday, April 10th**

6:15 PM Presentation

6:45 PM Tour

**Sunday, April 23rd**

3:00 PM Presentation

3:30 PM Tour

For more information, please contact the Board at [shplboard@gmail.com](mailto:shplboard@gmail.com)

## Used Book Sale

### May 18-21, 2023



Book Donations May 1-16, 2023 Library Community Room  
11 N. Main St Sharon, MA

#### 2023 Book Sale Hours:

**Member day\*:** Thurs May 18, 2-7pm

**General Public:**

Fri May 19 10am-4pm

Sat May 20 10am-4pm

Sun May 21 10am-4pm \$5/our Bag

\*Join or renew your membership for  
**Member Day**

Scan the QR code

or go to:

[friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org](https://friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org)

Avoid a line at the door on Thursday!



**Volunteer with us at the Book Sale**  
Email us at: [info@friendsofsharonlibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsofsharonlibrary.org)

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**Proceeds from the Annual Book Sale fund museum passes and programs!**



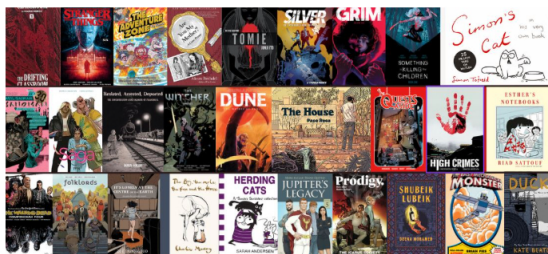
## Collection News

### Adult Graphic Novels - Newly Updated!

Since the start of 2023, one of our goals at Sharon Public Library has been to strengthen our Adult Graphic Novel collection.



We invite you to visit and see what's new to our collection (of few of which are pictured here)!



## Online Spotlight



**Articles are currently categorized by:**

- **America's News** | *current news and affairs*
- **HeritageHub** | previously known as 'America's GenealogyBank'; over 20 million obituaries to search through from 1704 onward
- **Black Life in America** | *added as a category in early 2020; largest collection on Newsbank; includes recommended searches by topics/figures/eras*
- **Hispanic Life in America** | *added as a category in March 2023; includes recommended searches by topics/figures/eras*

Newsbank has announced that additional categories are in the works:

- Asian Life in America
- Native American Life in America

Patrons are welcome to browse unlimited articles on Newsbank via an active Sharon Public Library card. A wonderful perk is that one may easily 'clip' articles (*custom drag and drop to screenshot*) for saving/printing!



# Tech Talk

## HP Chromebooks: Now Available to Circulate!



HP Chromebooks are **now available** at Sharon Public Library to check out and bring home!

The HP Chromebooks - which come equipped with a laptop charger, mouse, mousepad, headphones, laptop bag + shoulder strap, and instruction sheet - offer easy access to Zoom and Google Workshop applications plus internet browsing.

They may be checked out as a 14-day loan (local holds only) with a potential of one renewal.

Visit the Adult Circulation Desk to learn more - and check one out today!



## Youth Services

## Youth Services Programs

Click on the images for full-sized view. Register for events on our website's [Event Calendar](#).







Sharon Public Library Youth Services invites you to design a diorama for marshmallow Peeps!

Build a model of a place in town, a scene from a favorite book, or whatever your heart desires! Winners for various categories will be selected through popular vote. Patrons of all ages are welcome to sign up!

Learn more about the contest, how to enter, and the 'Peep Party' celebrations [here](#).



Sign up for SPL's  
**Children's  
Newsletter**



## Upcoming Programs



***In-Person***

### The Sharon Public Library Veterans Club Presents

#### A Year in Iraq: The View from a Combat Support Hospital

with SPL Veterans Club member, Joseph Blansfield

**April 10th @ 10 - 12 noon**  
**(Rescheduled from March)**

Joseph was the Deputy Commander and Chief of Nursing Services for the 399th Combat Support Hospital in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This presentation will describe how our US Army Reserve unit in Massachusetts performed split-based operations in Mosul, Tikrit and then Anbar Province. They were responsible for all medical care and stabilization/evacuation for all Coalition forces, Iraqi Army and Police as well as Enemy Prisoners of War within the northern and western Iraq Theater of Operations. **No registration required.**



***Virtual***

### Lindbergh Baby Kidnapping Trial with Judge Dennis Curran (Ret'd)

**April 11th @ 7:00 PM via Zoom**

Measured by the public interest it generated, the trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, the accused kidnapper of the baby of the aviator Charles Lindbergh, stands with the O.J. Simpson and Scopes Monkey trials as among the most famous trials of the twentieth century.

The trial features America's greatest hero, ransom notes, and voices in dark cemeteries, a crime that is every parent's worst nightmare, and a German-born defendant who fought against the United States in World War I. The many mysteries surrounding this case continue to haunt. Did Hauptmann really do it? You be the judge.

Registration required; participants will receive the Zoom link with their registration confirmation email.

**Register**



***In-Person***

### Tech with Tim: Basic Google Search Strategies April 12th @ 6:00 PM

Technology specialist, Tim Lumnah, will demonstrate the basics of Google alongside effective search strategies to help you yield the best Google results. This class is geared toward beginner search strategies, with the potential of advanced search strategies in a future class.

Tim got his start helping people with tech by building websites and later becoming the go-to person for tech assistance when the IT department couldn't resolve an



issue. He now has his own business, Computer Tutor, that helps people keep up with the fast pace of today's technology.

Participants should bring their smart devices/phones to class; laptops are optional.

[Register](#)



***In-Person***

**Elizabeth Gonzalez James**  
**"A Comedy of Failures:  
My Path to Publication"**  
**April 25th @ 6:30 PM**

The Friends of the Sharon Public Library invite you to this presentation with local author, Elizabeth Gonzalez James.

Elizabeth Gonzalez James is the author of the novels *Mona at Sea* (2021) and *The Bullet Swallower* (2024), as well as the chapbook, *Five Conversations About Peter Sellers* (2023). Her stories and essays have appeared in [The Idaho Review](#), [Southern Humanities Review](#), [The Rumpus](#), [StorySouth](#), [PANK](#), and elsewhere, and have received numerous Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net nominations. Originally from South Texas, Elizabeth now lives with her family in Sharon.

Light refreshments will be available.

[Register](#)



***In-Person***

**Radio Turns 100  
with Mike Morin**

**April 27th @ 6:00 PM**

Join longtime New England radio and TV personality, Mike Morin, as he hosts an in-person multi-media presentation about radio's golden age. The presentation will include original audio clips (dating back to 1920) of celebrities such as Lucille Ball, Milton Berle, Jack Benny, Groucho Marx; and key historic moments such as War of the Worlds and FDR's Fireside Chats. It will also highlight female performers and early African American hosts, many of whom had very little exposure outside of the Black community. It will wrap up with humorous, untold stories of modern radio, and with an unexpectedly touching and funny interview by Mike Morin himself, with a sitting president the day before the election.

The approximately one-hour presentation will be followed by Q&A and discussion. Mike will be available after the program to sell/sign his memoir, *Fifty Shades of Radio: True Stories of a Morning Radio Guy Being Wired, Tired and Fired*.

[Register](#)



## Ongoing Programs



## Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

***In-Person***

**April 27th @ 1:00 - 2:30 PM**

***The Dry***

**by Jane Harper**

**The SPL Book Discussion Group** meets from Sept-June on the 4th Thursday of each month @ 1:00-2:30 PM in the Library's Community Room.

No registration required!

For more information, please contact

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