

## Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

### August 2025

#### Announcements



#### Own a piece of the former Sharon Public Library!

Surplus furniture from the former Sharon Public Library will be available for sale at 11 N Main St. at the following times:

Sunday, August 17 from 4PM to 7PM  
Tuesday, August 26 from 5PM to 8PM

Buyers will be responsible for moving items they purchase at the time of sale. All prices are suggested donations to the Sharon Public Library. Cash and checks made out to 'Trustees of the Sharon Public Library' will be accepted. Proceeds support the Library.

View the items for sale at

<https://sharonpubliclibraryfoundation.org/furniture-sale/>.



The Library will be closed on Monday, September 1 for the Labor Day holiday.

The Library will reopen at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 2.

# Library Updates



## Phone Charging Station

A phone charging station is set up near the Adult Services Desk on the Main Level. Twelve individual lockers are available for iPhone, Android phone, and micro USB devices that use the following charging cables: Lightning, USB-C, and Micro USB.

Please note that the lockers hold devices up to 7". Adult Services staff are available for assistance.

## Print/Photocopy/Scan

### "When I use my debit/credit card to photocopy or print, why do I see a charge of "\$10.00" on the payment kiosk screen?"

You will only be charged for the amount of your print/copy job. Debit/credit cards automatically incur a \$10.00 bank hold for each print/photocopy session. The time period for the hold(s) to be lifted varies by bank; contact your bank first to learn more.

The payment kiosk accepts print/copy jobs up to \$10.00 at a time. Patrons are encouraged to send all print jobs to the printer/copier before paying, to reduce the number of bank holds on their card. Adult Services Staff are available to assist with print/photocopy/scan jobs.

### Cash payment

The payment kiosk accepts \$1 and \$5 bills and coins (no pennies). Patrons are asked to come prepared with the proper change beforehand; the Library cannot make change upon request.

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## Library Use Reminders

### Food and Drink in the Library

Food is not permitted in the Library; drinks must have lids. Please help us keep



our new Library building clean.

### **Footwear**

Patrons may not be barefooted in the Library. Please do not remove your shoes while in the building.

### **Study Rooms**

Study Rooms may be reserved via the Library's [Room Booking Portal](#) for up to **two hours per day, per person/group**. Room use limitations are in place to allow equitable access for all patrons.

Please note that Library Staff reserve the right to adjust or cancel bookings that are not in accordance with the [Study Room Use Policy](#). The policy is posted in all Study Rooms.

### **Meeting Rooms**

The Business Pod and Cheyer ESOL Room are subject to the [Meeting Room Use Policy](#) and are not additional study rooms. Please do not ask staff to let you in these rooms unless you have an approved reservation.

### **Parking Reminder**

Parking is available on site and in the municipal lot on High Street across from the former Library. When parking in the Library's lot, please use caution when entering and exiting. **Library users may not park anywhere on School Street**

**EV charging spaces** in the Library's lot are designated for vehicles that are actively charging; they are not for general EV vehicle parking. All questions regarding the charging stations must be directed to the Town's Department of Public Works; they are not managed by the Library.



Explore SPL's educational resources!

Whether you are a returning K-12 student, college student, or just interested in continuing education, our [online resources](#) are available to you at the Library and from home!

Explore the State-funded databases from Gale and EBSCO that cover a multitude of subjects and interests, as well as OCLN's [Newsbank](#) which includes America's News Collection, Heritage Hub (obituaries & death notices) and Black Life in America. We've also provided links to popular websites such as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Medline and National Institutes of Health, and Boston Public Library.

Online resources [by Subject](#) (some may require a Sharon library card and PIN)

**Education & Career** - includes Leadership and Management, Massachusetts RMV Driving Tests, Mango Languages, and Udemy

**Health & Science** - includes Environmental Studies and Policy, Health and Medicine, Science and Psychology databases

**History, Government & Politics** - includes US and World history, Opposing Viewpoints, Library of Congress Collections

**Literature** - includes Literary Reference Center, NoveList Plus

**Research** - includes Academic OneFile, MA Labor, Britannica, and MA Labor and Employment Laws

**Social Studies** - includes Religion & Philosophy, Gender Studies, Diversity Studies

**Youth/Teens** - includes Britannica High School and Middle School, and MA RMV Driving Tests. Check out the [Homework Help page](#) for additional resources curated by our Youth Services Librarians.

## Upcoming Programs



*Virtual*

### **Massachusetts Library 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group August 6 - December 17**

August 6 at 9:30 AM via Zoom  
August 20 at 9:30 AM via Zoom

The Massachusetts Library 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group meets via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, from 9:30am to 11:30am. Informal networking takes place from 9am to 9:30am and 11:30am to noon. If you are aged 50+, unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, re-entering the job market after a long employment gap, or recently retired and looking for your "Encore Career," this networking group program is perfect for you! Remember, 85% of jobs are found through networking!

Join us in a professional forum for networking with peers in a safe and comfortable environment conducive to developing new relationships and developing skills and strategies to help in your career transition. Each meeting features a new topic. Meetings include a presentation and interactive workshop on topics relevant to career transition, guest speakers, access to hiring managers, small group breakout rooms to network, and 1-on-1 coaching guidance. Participating on a regular basis will give job seekers the many tools and strategies needed for a successful job search.

Each biweekly meeting is facilitated by Deborah Hope, MBA, PCIC, an experienced executive career coach. Deborah is a former Fortune 500 executive, investment banker and entrepreneur. She transitioned to executive coaching over 12 years ago. Deborah has coached with Harvard Business School Executive Education programs and the Massachusetts Conference for Women. She has been trained or certified in a variety of coaching models and assessment tools. Deborah has facilitated 50+ job seekers networking groups since 2016.

### **August Meetings:**

August 6: Self-Assessment ("Finding Your Why")  
August 20: Mastermind ("Your Age is Your Edge").

*In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library (host) and other MA Libraries*

**More Info Here - Registration  
Required**



***Virtual***

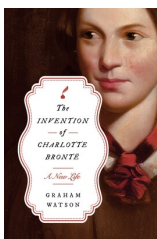
## **In Conversation with Author and Historian Philippa Langley**

August 7 at 2:00 PM via Zoom

Join us as author and historical sleuth, Philippa Langley, discusses The King Richard III Project, her research methods, her team, her findings, and how solving this mystery affects our understanding of the royal monarchy (in the 1500s, of course). In 2012, Philippa led the search for Richard III in a car park in Leicester through her original Looking For Richard Project. The king was uncovered in the northern end of the car park, right where Philippa's research, and an intuition, said it would be. In 2013 she co-authored "The King's Grave: The Search for Richard III" with military historian Michael Jones which tells Philippa's remarkable story in search of the king and his fifteenth-century life and death.

*In partnership with Ashland Public Library.*

**More Info Here - Registration  
Required**



***Virtual***

## **"The Invention of Charlotte Brontë" with Author Graham Watson**

August 11 at 2:00 PM via Zoom

Based entirely on rarely seen private letters, "The Invention of Charlotte Brontë: A New Life" by Graham Watson sheds new light on the dramatic events of Brontë's turbulent last years of grief, fulfillment, and tragedy—and exposes the astonishing media scandal that followed her early death, when her friends and family battled to control how history would remember her. Join us as Graham discusses Charlotte's life, writing, and death as well as his own research and writing of this book!

*In partnership with Ashland Public Library.*

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*In-person*

## Casual Crafting

August 26\* at 6:30-7:45 PM  
in Community Room B

Join us for a drop-in crafting group for adults! Bring your current craft project or use some of the supplies we'll have on hand. This month, we'll also have materials to needle felt rainbows. Come any time from 6:30-7:45PM to Community Room B on the first floor.

\*note change in day from Wednesday to Tuesday

**No Registration  
Required**

## Out of the Archives

### **Edward Low, Pirate of Boston By Arielle Nathanson**

While the Town of Sharon was being settled and the King Philip's War fought, the sea was rife with pirates. Boston itself was well known for being a hotbed of pirate activity. Among the most notorious pirates from the region was Edward "Ned" Low. He was born in 1690 in Westminster, London, and spent his days as a petty thief.

Low took to the seas in 1710 with his brother and ended up in Boston three years later. He met Eliza Marble and they married in 1714. His wife had a son, who died in infancy and then a daughter. What happened to her is unclear, as Low left his only child in Boston after the death of his wife a few years later.

Argumentative and volatile in nature, Low went to sea again on a sloop going to the Bay of Honduras. Along the way, he tried to shoot its Captain and instead killed a sailor standing behind him. Low then stole a small boat and made off with 12 crew members from the sloop. They sailed for a time and eventually captured the first of many ships, and Low was elected its Captain.

[\[Link to Full Article\]](#)

## Ongoing Programs



## Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

The SPL Book Discussion Group is on summer hiatus in July and August.  
Regular monthly meetings will resume in September.

2025-2026 Book titles and meeting dates will be available in late August. This information will be posted to our website and published in the SPL Book Discussion Group newsletter (sign up below)

All are welcome to join this drop-in group at any time; there is no obligation to attend all meetings. We read across many genres and enjoy lively discussion!

**Questions?** Susan Eggimann | [seggimann@sharon.ocln.org](mailto:seggimann@sharon.ocln.org) | 781-784-1578 x1450

**Sign up for our SPL Book Discussion Group Newsletter** to stay up-to-date with meeting recaps, announcements, and book selections.

### 2024-2025 Book Titles and Meeting Dates

## Youth Services



Looking for information about youth programs and services? Sign up for our Youth Newsletters by clicking below.

**Sign up for Birth - 5th Grade  
Newsletter**

**Sign up for Teen/Tween  
Newsletter**

Follow us on social media & stay up-to-date with programs, services, and news!



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