

Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

February 2025

Announcements

New Library Project

All questions about the project should be directed to the [Sharon Standing Building Committee](#) via the Town's website. The SSBC page is regularly updated with meeting agendas and minutes. The public is always welcome to attend these meetings, which are also recorded by [Sharon Cable TV](#).

Construction updates and photos may be found at the Town's website under **Quick Links - Building Projects** - [Library Project In Progress](#).

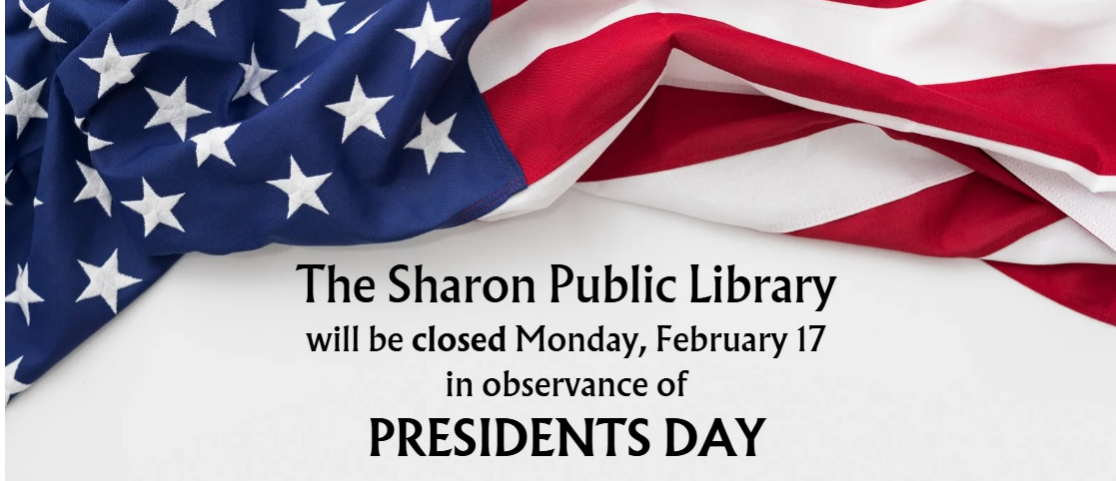


School Street side of new Library



Empowered By Libraries

As we look toward the move to our new building, we're reflecting on all the great things libraries have to offer and looking forward to even more in our new space! Join library patrons across the state in sharing stories on the impact of libraries by stopping by one of our displays or [sharing online](#). We'll be compiling responses throughout the month.



The Library will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents Day.

Tech Talk



SPL Mobile App
Drop-In
Tech Help



Do you need assistance downloading or using the **SPL Mobile App**? Come to one of our drop-in times to learn how to use the app by adding and accessing your library card.

Drop by...

- February 4, 10:30am-12:30pm
- February 5, 6pm-7:30pm
- February 10, 10:30am-12:30pm

See more times on our [calendar](#)!

Need help downloading or using the [SPL Mobile App](#)? We'll be offering drop-in sessions this month to answer questions about our app.

Drop by the Reference Desk for assistance with the mobile app:

Tuesday, February 4, 10:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday, February 5, 6pm-7:30pm

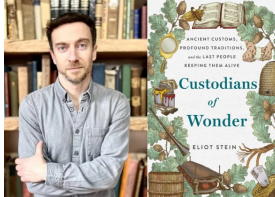
Monday, February 10, 10:30am-12:30pm

Find more times on our [calendar](#)!

Upcoming Programs

Virtual

Author Eliot Stein Discusses "Custodians"



of Wonder"

February 3 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Custodians of Wonder: Ancient Customs, Profound Traditions, and the Last People Keeping Them Alive is a vivid look at 10 astonishing people who are maintaining some of the world's oldest and rarest cultural traditions!

In partnership with Ashland Public Library.

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



Virtual

Friends of the Library Fundraiser: Create a Valentine's Day Card

February 6 at 6:00 PM via Zoom

Join the Friends of the Sharon Public Library to create a Valentine's Day-themed card in this Zoom workshop with local artist, Kashmica Sarkar.

*This is a fundraiser to benefit the Sharon Public Library.
Cost: \$20 with supplies (supply pickup to be arranged) or \$10 without supplies.*

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



Virtual

Bestselling Author Robert Dugoni Discusses "Hold Strong"

February 6 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Author Robert Dugoni, along with co-authors Jeff Langholz and Chris Crabtree, will discuss their new World War II novel, *Hold Strong*. *Hold Strong* is an epic and inspiring novel—based on true events—about love, heroism, and resilience during the darkest chapters of World War II.

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library.

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



In-person

Tech Talk: Google Docs

February 12 at 6:00 PM in SPL Community Room

Learn all about the basics of Google Docs in this beginner session led by information services librarian Emily Heath. We'll go over how to access and create documents, how to save, send, and print documents, add images and lists, and

other features of Google Docs.

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



Virtual

Author Victoria Christopher Murray Discusses "Harlem Rhapsody"

February 21 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Bestselling author Victoria Christopher Murray will discuss her new historical fiction novel, *Harlem Rhapsody*, the extraordinary story of the woman who ignited the Harlem Renaissance.

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library.

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



Virtual

Debut Author Panel with Karissa Chen, Tara Dorabji, Laurie L. Dove, and Jakob Kerr

February 24 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

We welcome debut authors Karissa Chen, Tara Dorabji, Laurie L. Dove, and Jakob Kerr to our virtual stage. We'll be talking all about getting into publishing, the pitfalls, challenges, and roadblocks as well as the excitement, fulfillment, and reader enthusiasm that makes it all worthwhile.

In partnership with Ashland Public Library.

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



In-person

Casual Crafting

February 26 at 6:30 PM
in SPL Community Room

Bring your current craft project and join us for a drop-in crafting group! Get inspired by other crafters in this casual space for adults to craft and socialize. We'll have some extra materials on hand. No registration required- come for as much or as little of the time as you'd like!

**More Info
Here**

Ongoing Programs



Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

In-person

****The SPL Book Discussion Group** meets September to June on the 4th Thursday of each month @ 1:00 PM in the Library's Community Room. No registration required and no obligation to attend all meetings. We read across many genres and enjoy lively discussion!

February's book is: *How Much of These Hills Is Gold* by C. Pam Zhang
Thursday, February 27 at 1:00 PM in the Community Room

(Copies are available at the Adult Circulation Desk and on [Libby by Overdrive](#))

Questions? Susan Eggimann | seggimann@sharon.ocln.org | 781.784.1578 x1422

2024-2025 Book Titles and Meeting Dates

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

From the Circulation Desk



Level Up Your Library Visits This February with a "Hold" Raffle of Fun!

Exciting news! Our new library will let you *self-checkout* and pick up your own holds. To use these features, all you need is the correct library card.

Here's the fun part: To help get used to this change, throughout February, every time you use the right card to pick up your holds, you'll earn a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our fabulous prize baskets!

Have questions? Our circulation team is here to help! Contact us at 781-784-1578 or email us at circulation@sharon.ocln.org



Museum Pass Highlight of the Month: RISD Museum

Escape the cold at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) Museum!

Pass Benefits:

Admits 2 adults for free; under 18 are free.
Includes standard and special exhibits.

[Reserve your pass today!](#)

***Museum passes only available to Sharon residents.*



Library of Things Highlight of the Month: [Instruments](#) (under Music)

Take advantage of extra time indoors by learning to play an instrument!

Instruments available include **banjo**, **kalimba**, **lyrical harp**, **mandolin**, **ukulele**, and **violin**. Come and check one out today!

[Place hold in the OCLN Catalog](#)

Out of the Archives

Personal Archiving 101: Part 2 Digital Preservation - Yes, You Can! by Arielle Nathanson

Last month I discussed the basics for arranging physical materials. However, nearly everything is digital in today's world. What do you do when there are hundreds of files that you want access to for the foreseeable future? How do you go about making physical items into digital ones? What is the benefit of even doing so? This brief article will explain the most important and achievable steps to creating a digital archive.

1. What is digital preservation?

Digital preservation is the process of not just making physical materials into digital ones, but ensuring that they can be accessed far into the future, regardless of technological progression. After all, why do so much work to arrange your precious collection and then be unable to view it with friends and family?...

[\[link to full article\]](#)

Exhibit: Popular Foods Throughout Time

January's exhibit in the Children's Room, Popular Foods Throughout Time, was a hit, including info on the



popularity of Jell-O molds and a recipe for parmesan ice cream!

We asked: What foods do you think will be popular in 2050? Responses included: Deep Fried Cola, Dessert Burritos, Gatorade, Maple Spaghetti, and a new and mysterious food that we don't yet know about!

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](#)

February Break

Programs for grades K-5

Looking for something fun for the kids to do over February Break? Check out our fun free STEAM programs!

All programs require registration. To register, click on the name of the desired program to be redirected to the registration page.



Building Bonanza! (Grades K-5)

Tuesday, February 18 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Kids in grades K-5 are welcome to come get creative with building toys. We will use a variety of building materials to complete increasingly difficult challenges.



Slime Time (Grades K-5)

Thursday, February 20 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Join us to learn how to make a new type of slime! Be sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.

Paper Circuits (Grades 3-5)



Saturday, February 22 from 1:00 - 1:45 PM

Kids in grades 3-5 can come learn about how circuits work and then create their very own paper circuit art inspired by Wild Robot!



Wild Robot Movie Screening (Families)

Saturday, February 22 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM

End February break by watching Wild Robot on the big screen! Your family can snack on popcorn while you watch the movie based on the best selling middle grade book of the same name.

Questions? Email Head of Youth Services for Children Rachael at rsavage@sharon.ocln.org

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