

## Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

### July 2025

#### Announcements



#### Welcome to the New Sharon Public Library at 1 School Street!

It's been six weeks since the new Library opened its doors to the public and it's been very exciting to see so many people enjoying our beautiful building! We've welcomed back old friends, and made new ones as people discover all the Library has to offer.

Our construction company continues to work through the remaining items on their punchlist, and we appreciate everyone's patience as contractors work to finish up outstanding building issues.

Please note that the Board of Library Trustees have updated existing policies and created new ones for this building; all are available on the [Library website](#). We appreciate your cooperation in helping us to keep the building clean and to ensure a welcoming and safe environment for all who visit the Library.

#### Parking

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

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.

### **Patron Behavior**

Children in Grade 4 and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. For safety, please do not leave your children unattended in any part of the building.

Food is not allowed anywhere in the building; this includes snacks and candy. The exception is for programs in the Community Room where permission has been granted by the Director.

Covered drinks are permitted in all spaces except the computer stations and the Carpeno History Room.

Footwear must be worn at all times in the Library.

### **Study Rooms**

Study Rooms may be reserved for up to two hours per day, per person/group. Room use limitations are in place to enable all patrons to have access. The [Study Room Use Policy](#) is posted in each study rooms.

### **Meeting Rooms**

The Business Pod and Cheyer ESOL Room are reserved for groups to work collaboratively; they are not additional study rooms. Please do not ask staff to let you in these rooms unless you have an approved reservation. The [Meeting Room Use Policy](#) is posted in both rooms.

We welcome you to visit and explore your new Library!

## **Online Spotlight**

### **Reduction in Statewide research databases for FY26**

As noted in the June newsletter, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners [announced the reduction of state-wide research databases for FY26](#). As of July 1, the following databases are no longer available to our patrons and have been removed from our website.

- Britannica Moderna
- Gale Academic OneFile Select
- Gale General OneFile
- Gale Health and Wellness
- Gale in Context: Biography
- Gale in Context: Elementary
- Gale in Context: Environmental Studies
- Gale in Context: Global Issues
- Gale in Context: Middle School
- Gale in Context: Science
- Gale in Context: US History
- Gale in Context: World History
- Gale Interactive Science
- Gale LegalForms
- Gale Literature Resource Center

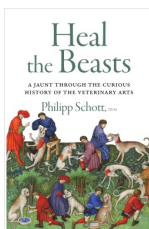


- Peterson's Career Prep
- Peterson's Test Prep
- Science Database (ProQuest)
- Transparent Language Online

While we deeply regret the loss of these resources, we are pleased to announce that the Sharon Public Library is able to directly fund two other discontinued databases for our local patrons: [HeritageQuest Online](#) and the [Boston Globe Article Archive](#). Both will become available soon from our [Online Resources](#) website page.

[More information about Statewide Databases and Research Options](#) from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners

## Upcoming Programs



*Virtual*

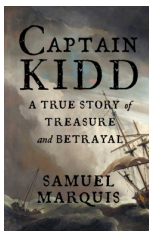
### "Heal the Beasts" with Author and Veterinarian Philipp Schott

July 7 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Philipp Schott is here virtually to discuss his new book, "Heal the Beasts: A Jaunt Through the Curious History of the Veterinary Arts". This history of veterinary medicine provides an abundance of bizarre, funny, surprising, and heartwarming anecdotes. Heal the Beasts chronicles human efforts to treat animal illnesses from 14,000 BCE to today.

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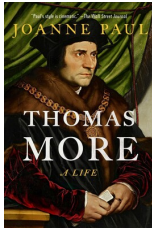
### "Captain Kidd: A True Story of Treasure and Betrayal" with Author Samuel Marquis

July 14 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Captain William Kidd stands as one of the most notorious "pirate" outlaws ever, but his legend is tainted by a bed of lies. Having captivated imaginations for more than three hundred years and inspired many stories about pirates, troubling questions remain. Was he really a criminal or is the truth more inconvenient: that he was a buccaneer's worst nightmare, a revered pirate hunter turned fall guy for scheming politicians?

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*Virtual*

## "Thomas More: A Life" with Author and Historian Joanne Paul

July 16 at 10:00 AM via Zoom

Join author and historian Joanne Paul as she discusses her book, "Thomas More: A Life", the definitive biography of the man who dominated political and intellectual circles in England during the sixteenth century. Meticulously researched, based on new archival discoveries, and drawing on more than a decade of research into More's life and work, this is a richly told story of faith and politics that illuminates a man who, more than four hundred years after his execution, remains one of the most brilliant minds of the Renaissance.

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*In-person*

## Casual Crafting

July 22\* 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**

*Virtual*

## "Dinner with King Tut" with Author Sam Kean

July 28 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Join author Sam Kean as he discusses his book, "Dinner with King Tut: How Rogue Archaeologists Are Recreating the Sights, Sounds, Smells, and Tastes of Lost Civilizations", an archaeological romp through the entire history of humankind—and through all five senses—from tropical Polynesian islands to forbidding arctic ice floes, and everywhere in between.

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*Virtual*

## "V is for Venom: Agatha Christie's Chemicals of Death" with Author Dr. Kathryn Harkup

July 30 at 2:00 PM via Zoom

The follow up to Kathryn Harkup's best-selling *A is for Arsenic*, *V is for Venom* is a compelling exploration of Christie's use of poisons and her extensive chemical knowledge. Featuring fourteen more poisons from the works of Agatha Christie, this book investigates the science behind the deadly substances, the history of their use in real-life murder cases, and how feasible was it to obtain, administer and detect these poisons in Christie's time and today. Combining Christie's murder mysteries, chemical science and true crime, *V is for Venom* is a celebration of the use of science by the undisputed Queen of Crime.

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## 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 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**



## Out of the Archives

Welcome to The Carpeno History Room  
By Arielle Nathanson

Sharon residents have always been interested in our local history. But now, with a new archive and research room, that history is more accessible than ever. The Carpeno History room was named for Mr. Philip A. Carpeno, a lifelong Sharon resident. He was a veteran and highly valued individual in our community, and we are proud to have an archive bearing his name.

Currently, usage of the reading room and historical materials is by appointment only. Please reach out to our Archivist at: [anathanson@sharon.ocln.org](mailto:anathanson@sharon.ocln.org). Be sure to include information about what you are interested in viewing. Some questions to think about are:

1. What is your research project? What are you hoping to be able to do with the information you find?
2. What physical items are you looking for? Photographs? Diaries? Deeds? Reports?

Viewing a finding aid can be helpful in judging if our collection will be of interest to you. A finding aid lists all the materials an archive has to offer, as well as providing some historical context. The following is a [truncated version](#). The full finding aid can be accessed by reaching out to the Archivist.

After making an appointment, all patrons must fill out our [Archival Registration Form](#) that is available on our website, and then sign our logbook upon arrival. The registration form is valid for one year, and needs to be completed only once. The logbook should be signed at the start of each visit to the archive.

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

## Youth Services

**LEVEL UP**  
**AT YOUR LIBRARY**

**Summer Fun for Grades K-12**  
**Click for More Info!**

**Summer Reading Begins July 12!**  
Click the links to learn more!

[Kickoff Celebration Event!](#) - Magic show, crafts, and more! **July 12 from 11- 5 PM**

[Reading challenge for grades K-5](#)

[Reading Challenge for grades 6-12](#)

Looking for information about youth



programs and services? Sign up for our Youth Newsletters by clicking below.

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**Sign up for Teen/Tween Newsletter**

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