

Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

June 2025

Announcements



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

Following the Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on May 19, the Library reopened fully to the public on May 20. All regular services have resumed, including book drop, holds pickup, curbside delivery, Library on Wheels, and interlibrary loan. [Operating hours](#) remain the same.

[Ribbon Cutting Ceremony \(MA Board of Library Commissioners page - includes photos\)](#)

[Library Ribbon Cutting Ceremony \(Sharon TV, May 19\)](#)

Our beautiful new space allows better access to collections, improved lighting and seating areas; and the building is ADA-compliant. New spaces and services include private study rooms, meeting rooms, a larger Children's Room, dedicated Teen space, Local History Room (by appointment only with the Archivist), dedicated ESOL Room, and a patron service desk for Adult Services. More information is available on our [website homepage](#) including information about parking. This [floor map](#) is available courtesy of the Sharon Public Library Foundation.

As with any major construction project, there are aspects of the building that are not yet 100% complete. Please bear with us as we continue to work with the construction company and contractors to address these issues.

Online Spotlight

Reduction in Statewide research databases for FY26

At last week's annual Massachusetts Library Association Conference, the Director of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners **announced the reduction of state-wide research databases for FY26**. The following databases will no longer be available to our patrons as of July 1, 2025 and will be removed from our website at that time.

- Boston Globe Article Archive
- 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
- HeritageQuest Online
- Peterson's Career Prep
- Peterson's Test Prep
- Science Database (ProQuest)
- Transparent Language Online

Upcoming Programs



Virtual

Death in the National Parks: Who, How, and Why with Author Randi Minetor

June 2 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Why do some people lose their lives in America's national parks? Randi Minetor, author of seven books in the non-fiction "Death in the National Parks" series, explores the fatal mistakes people make when they venture into unfamiliar wilderness. Some forget critical steps in their preparation, forging off into wild lands far too challenging for their level of experience. Some refuse advice, ignoring warnings from rangers and more seasoned adventurers. Others are

simply in the wrong place at the right time, becoming victims of a lightning strike or a falling rock—or ravenous grizzly bears. And some fall prey to other people who set out to kill them. Randi shares highlights of her in-depth research and what it reveals about the people who perish in the parks.

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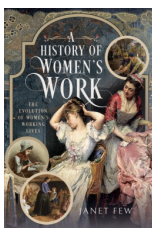
Behind The Headlines: The History of Measles & Measles Vaccination

June 9 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Join Professor Elena Conis, author of *Vaccine Nation: America's Changing Relationship with Immunization* and Acting Dean of UC Berkeley's School of Journalism, for a discussion about the history of measles and the development of its vaccine. She'll be joined by Hillary Johnson, MHS, Senior Epidemiology Advisor to Local Health for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, who'll discuss what measles is and public health preparedness around it. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Louis Fazen, III, MPH, pediatrician and founder of the Global Health Committee at the Massachusetts Medical Society, former faculty member at UMass Chan Medical School, and Sturbridge Board of Health member.

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Virtual

"A History of Women's Work: The Evolution of Women's Working Lives" with Author Janet Few

June 12 at 10:00 AM via Zoom

Please join us as author Janet Few discusses her new book "A History of Women's Work: The Evolution of Women's Working Lives". Delving into three main areas of women's work: household tasks, home industries, and paid employment outside the home, "A History of Women's Work" encourages us to view how our own contributions to the work force affect our own sense of self and effect on the world at large. It also asks us to look back and see the profound impact women have had on the "working" world - stories that should not be lost to the annals of time.

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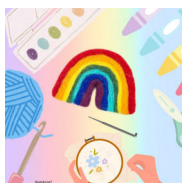
Armchair Travel To Japan (Kyoto, Kobe, Shimizu, Yokohama & Osaka)

June 17 at 2:00 PM via Zoom

Japan is a nation of islands that isolated itself from the outside world for many years. This enabled Japan to develop a unique culture and its own religion. Here it is common to see women walking around in kimonos especially when visiting shrines and temples. Explore Shinto shrines and customs, and visit Buddhist temples. Admire gardens, feudal castles, Mount Fuji and much more as we explore these Japanese cities. Led by retired high school teacher Sheila Taub, who now presents illustrated talks on her travels at libraries, senior centers, community centers and cruise ships.

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In-person

Casual Crafting

June 25 at 6:30-7:45 PM in the SPL Community Room

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 the Community Room on the first floor.

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Virtual

Gay Pride: More Than A Parade

June 30 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

June is Pride Month, which honors the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, a turning point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. What started as an angry mob's violent reaction to a police raid in 1969 ignited the gay rights movement and has over time grown to become a joyous annual celebration. Explore the origins of Pride Month and why it has grown into an annual tradition observed in America and many other countries. Led by entertainment historian John Kenrick, who is the Curator for the Museum of Broadway in New York City and author of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Amateur Theatricals*.

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Ongoing Programs



Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

In-person

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!

Thursday, June 26 at 1:00 PM in Community Room A (Main Level)

June's book is: *The White Lady* by Jacqueline Winspear

Copies are available on the holds shelf near the Circulation Desk inside the entrance to the building. eBook and audio are available on [Libby by Overdrive](#).

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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](#)

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