

Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

March 2025

Announcements

New Library Project

As the Library nears completion, the Board of Trustees will announce their plans for the Grand Opening Ceremony sometime this Spring. We will keep you updated when more information becomes available.

When we close for the move, the Stoughton Public Library has generously accepted the additional work of handling our patron holds, returns and delivery items.

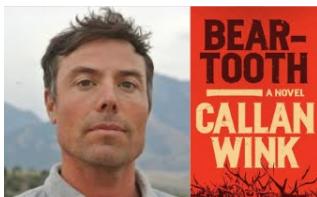
The Community Room will be closed during the months of April and May; it is our only available space to use as a staging and moving area. Virtual and off-site programming will still be available; program location information is available on the Library website and event calendar.



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](#).

Upcoming Programs



Virtual
**Author Callan Wink Discusses
"Beartooth"**

March 5 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Bestselling author Callan Wink will discuss his new novel, "Beartooth," in this installment of "Author Hour in Massachusetts."

Two brothers in dire straits agree to a desperate act of survival. In an aging, timber house hand-built into the Absaroka-Beartooth mountains, two brothers are struggling to keep up with their debts. They live off the grid, on the fringe of Yellowstone, surviving off the wild after the death of their father. Thad, the elder, is more capable of engaging with things like the truck registration, or the medical bills they can't afford from their father's fatal illness, or the tax lien on the cabin their grandfather built, while Hazen is...different, more instinctual, deeply in tune with the natural world. Desperate for money, they are approached by a shadowy out-of-towner with a dangerous proposition that will change both of their lives forever.

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library.

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



Virtual

Boston Marathon History with Author Paul Clerici

March 6 at 6:15 PM - SPL Community Room

Award-winning author Paul Clerici returns to the Sharon Public Library to share stories about the iconic Boston Marathon.

He will describe and illustrate such traditions as the connection between the Greek god Zeus, the Battle of Marathon in 490 BC, and the gold-dipped olive-branch wreaths each champion receives; the growth of the start and finish lines from its simple origins to its lavish colorful artistry; the unique athlete and culture exchange program with the Ohme-Hochi 30K in Japan; statues and monuments along the course; the evolution of media coverage; the athlete villages; and much more.

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



Virtual

Boston Light: Three Centuries of History

March 10 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Boston Light: Three Centuries of History with Author Jeremy D'Entremont, based on Jeremy's book, "Boston Light: Three Centuries of History", this talk focuses on Boston Light Station, the site of the first lighthouse on the North American continent. Jeremy will trace its history through three centuries of tragedy, rescues, and colorful human interest stories of keepers and their families.

In partnership with Ashland Public Library.

More Info Here - Registration
Required



In-person

**Sharon Reads Together - Book
Discussion for "Milli Finds Her Bench"
by Local Author Ruth E. Weiner**

March 12 at 1:00 PM - SPL Community Room

Milli Finds Her Bench is a story of Milli Tarnover, an almost 85 year old woman, who sneaks away from her retirement community to visit her beloved bench in the arboretum. Milli neglects to return to her facility and begins an adventure where she is befriended by a cast of colorful characters. When the authorities find her, they move her to a memory care unit where she discovers a deadly secret. Can Milli save herself and the other residents in time?

More Info Here - Registration
Required



In-person

Media & Misinformation

March 12 at 6:30 PM - SPL Community Room

Misinformation is seemingly everywhere these days, and it can be hard to tell what's fact and what's fiction. Join Information Services Librarian, Emily Heath, to learn how to identify misinformation and disinformation you encounter online. We'll talk about the types of misinformation, how to spot it, and why it spreads.

More Info Here - Registration
Required



Virtual

**Irish Whiskey - History and
Recommendations with Travis Ireland**

March 17 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Travis Ireland of the Friskey Whiskey Podcast will join us to discuss the history of Irish whiskeys and the best he's encountered! So, pull up your comfy chair and highball glass and be ready to be educated and entertained. If you are 21+, we encourage you to BYOB for this special occasion.

In partnership with Ashland Public Library.

More Info Here - Registration
Required

In-person



Teen/Adult Trivia & Craft Night

March 25 at 6:00 PM - SPL Community Room

Test your knowledge in this pub style trivia contest and make a cute succulent planter to take home! We will serve fresh popcorn. You can play as an individual or as part of a team of up to 4 people. Ages 11+

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



In-person

Casual Crafting

March 26 at 6:30 PM - 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!

March's book is: *The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime and a Dangerous Obsession* by Michael Finkel
Thursday, March 27 at 1:00 PM in the Community Room

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

Please note that due to the Library's upcoming move, there will be no Book Group meetings in April and May. We will reconvene on June 26 in the new Library (room location will be announced at a later date).

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



New & Improved Hotspot Policy!

Next time you check out a hotspot, you'll be asked to review and sign our new hotspot policy. The good news? You'll only need to do this once a year from now on!

Curious to check out the policy in advance? [Click here.](#)



Museum Pass Highlight of the Month: Boston Children's Museum

Pass Benefits:

Admits up to 4 (adults or children) at half price per person.

Museum Pass Type: E-Ticket

[Reserve your pass today!](#)

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



Library of Things Highlight of the Month: [Kill-A-Watt](#) (under Home and Garden)

The cost of electricity is soaring but you can help reduce your energy costs with Kill a Watt Electricity Usage Monitors. Simply plug it into a wall socket and then plug in your appliance to assess how efficient they really are. Come and check one out today!

[Place hold in the OCLN Catalog](#)

Out of the Archives

A Brief History of the Sharon Public Library
By Arielle Nathanson

The first mention of starting a library in Sharon can be found in documents dating back to 1877. The Town had excess money from issuing dog licenses and wanted to put it to good use. The next step was to appoint seven Trustees, made up of Sharon's most prominent citizens. Then in 1879, with less than 1,000 dollars invested, the Sharon Library opened its doors. Adeline Wood became the first librarian and the Library was housed in her home (which would later become The Sharon Inn). There were 524 books in total, with fiction making up 117 of them. The rest were: agriculture, biography, history, poetry, travel, childrens and miscellaneous. A few years later, in 1881, a local fair raised over 300 dollars for the growing Library. With over 1,000 books, it was quickly becoming too big for Adeline Wood's home.

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



Exhibit: SPL History

Historic photos of the Sharon Public Library are on display by our main entrance. Come take a look at the history of the Library, from early shots of the inside of the Carnegie historic building, to the 1980 renovation, to the 90s opening of the computer center, and more! Photos will be up all month as we celebrate everything that's happened in this building and anticipate even more activity in our new one!

Youth Services



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