

Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

May 2025

Announcements



The Library begins the move to 1 School Street next week!

The Sharon Public Library will be closed to the public from **Monday, May 5 through Saturday, May 17** to complete our exciting move to the new location.

Join us for a **Grand Opening Celebration on Monday, May 19 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at our new home: **1 School Street, Sharon, MA**. Please note that the Library will be closed for regular services during this event.

Library services will officially resume on **Tuesday, May 20 at 10:00 AM** at the new location.

All you need to know about our move!

Book Drop & Due Dates

Book Drop will be locked:

Friday, May 2

Book Drop will reopen at 1 School Street:

Tuesday, May 20 at 9AM

If you would like to return your materials while we are closed you will have to return them to another OCLN library location. If you would rather not return your materials to another OCLN library, due dates for items owned by Sharon will be extended to June 2, 2025.

Holds

All Sharon holds will default to the **Stoughton Public Library 84 Park St, Stoughton, MA 02072**. If you would prefer not to pick up your holds at the Stoughton Public Library you have a couple of alternatives: change the pick up location or suspend your holds until the new building opens.

Museum Passes

Museums that offer **digital passes** will remain available during the entirety of the Library's closure.

How to Contact Us

The best way to contact the Library during this transition period (5/5-5/19) will be to email us. If you need immediate assistance, please call the Stoughton Public Library at 781-344-2711.

Circulation: circulation@sharon.ocln.org

Adult Services: reference@sharon.ocln.org

Children's Dept: rsavage@sharon.ocln.org

Library Director: lamend@sharon.ocln.org

Online Spotlight

Although the building will be closed, **SPL's online resources** will remain available 24/7 to our patrons (except Ancestry which is in-library use only)

- [Databases and other online resources](#)
- [Borrow from Libby by Overdrive or hoopla](#)
- [Digitized Sharon History](#)
- [Sharon Newspapers online](#)

We are also excited to introduce a new image resource* within the Patriot Ledger Collection which has been rebranded as the **Patriot Ledger Historical and Current Collection**.

Research Sharon (and other towns) history through this Collection with coverage from 1916 through the present day. Study trends, issues, events, advertisements, companies and more through historical and current **full newspaper pages***, full-text articles and content only published online.

*already available in the Brockton Enterprise Collection.

Please note that staff phones will be unavailable during the move. Please email us at reference@sharon.ocln.org if you are unable to access our databases.

For device assistance, please [contact another OCLN Library](#) while we are closed.

Patriot Ledger Historical and Current Collection

Create Alert

Enter any keyword, such as a name, event or topic Search

Advanced Search

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Source Name	Dates	Location	Type	Format	Language
Patriot Ledger, The (Quincy, MA)	2000 - Current	USA - MA - Quincy	Newspaper	Text	English
Patriot Ledger, The (Quincy, MA)	2019 - Current	USA - MA - Quincy	Newspaper	Image	English
Patriot Ledger, The: Web Edition Articles (Quincy, MA)	2017 - Current	USA - MA - Quincy	Web-Only Source	Text	English

WEEKEND The Patriot Ledger

A NEW ENGLAND DISTINGUISHED NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR
APRIL 26 - 27, 2025 | PATRIOTLEDGER.COM THE SOUTH SHORE'S NEWSPAPER SINCE 1837 | PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

Baby fishers, AKA fisher cats, rescued



Eastern Nazarene College in the Wollaston neighborhood of Quincy is closing after more than a century in the city. GREG DEBRIE/THE PATRIOT LEDGER

Eastern Nazarene College sells preschool

General News

A Message from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners

The library services you count on are at risk.

On March 14, President Trump signed an executive order that targets federal funding to libraries and museums through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

IMLS is the single largest source of critical federal funding for libraries. IMLS' entire program of service costs 87 cents per person. (US population July 2024)

**Federal IMLS funds are used to provide
statewide library services for everyone.**

How could this impact me?

- **Inter-Library Loan through Commonwealth Catalog:** loss of federal money could mean loss of inter-library loan, which lets you access millions of items outside our network.
- **Databases & Research:** Statewide databases, like Gale and the Boston Globe archives, are funded with federal money, and both individuals and schools could lose access.
- **eBooks & eAudiobooks:** wait times on Libby may increase and selection could decrease, as federal money facilitates access.

What can I do?

Join the American Library Association's [Show Up for Our Libraries](#) campaign,

where you'll find resources to reach out to federal and state legislators, and more.

LOCAL NEWS!

Deborah Sampson: The First Woman to Enlist in the US Military - WBZ News

[Check out this story](#) from our local CBS affiliate, WBZ News, about Revolutionary War heroine, Deborah Sampson, featuring local historian, Steve Connolly, being interviewed in front of the Library's Deborah Sampson statue!

Upcoming Programs



Virtual

Author Shannon Reed Discusses "Why We Read"

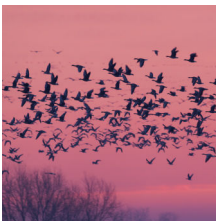
May 5 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Join us as we chat with author Shannon Reed about her book, "Why We Read: On Bookworms, Libraries, and Just One More Page Before Lights Out". Why DO we read? What compels us to? What holds our attention? How many of us remember reading by a flashlight after hours? Shannon will have the scoop and will be answering lots of our questions!

Shannon Reed makes the case that we should read for pleasure above all else. In this whip-smart, laugh-out-loud funny collection, she shares surprising stories from her life as a reader and the poignant ways in which books have impacted her students. Reed takes us on a rollicking tour through the comforting world of literature.

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Virtual

Author Heather Wolf Discusses: Experience Spring Bird Migration to the Fullest

May 12 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Join Heather Wolf author of "Find More Birds: 111 Surprising Ways to Spot Birds Wherever You Are" and "Birding at the Bridge: In Search of Every Bird on the Brooklyn Waterfront", as she shares tips for jumping into the nature documentary happening around you, also known as spring bird migration! Learn how to find more migrating birds and witness their fascinating behaviors, as well as cue into

birds that will be breeding and raising young in your area.

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Virtual

Q&A with Romance and Mystery Writer Olivia Waite

May 28 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

We're so excited to chat with romance author, Olivia Waite! We cannot wait for her latest book, "Murder by Memory", the first in the Dorothy Gentleman sci-fi mystery series! Bring your questions as this is going to be a rapid fire, AMA (ask me anything) Q&A!

Olivia Waite writes queer historical romance, fantasy, science fiction, and essays. She is the romance fiction columnist for the New York Times Book Review. When the birds are propitious, she sends out the Olivary: a newsletter full of news, recommended reads, and intriguing content curated from niche corners of the internet.

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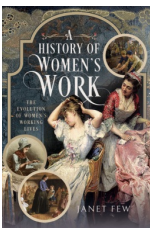
Death in the National Parks: Who, How, and Why with Author Randi Minetor

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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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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Ongoing Programs



Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

No meeting in May. Next meeting on June 26.
More information about the June meeting will be communicated via email in May.

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

Questions? Susan Eggimann | seggimann@sharon.ocln.org | 781.784.1578 x1450

2024-2025 Book Titles and Meeting Dates

Out of the Archives

Legends and Lore of Sharon: The Ghosts of Bay Road

By Arielle Nathanson

It should come as no surprise that Bay Road may be haunted. It is one of the oldest roads in the Northeast. The Wampanoag Tribe used it when it was nothing but a dirt path. It was so heavily travelled, that it was more of a deep ditch than a road.

Bay Road gets its name from being the main route leading from Massachusetts Bay to Buzzards Bay and Narragansett Bay. It also used to connect Plymouth Colony to the Massachusetts Bay Colony, so was of great importance to both settlers and Native Americans...

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

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



Even during our brief closure for the move, we will be having story times this May! See details and register through our [calendar](#).

Strollers and Stories (Ages Birth - 2)

Monday May 5, May 12, May 19 at 10:30 AM

Join us on the lawn of the First Congregational Church of Sharon across High Street from the current Library building. Songs, read alouds, play time and more!

Crescent Ridge Story Time (All ages)

Thursdays all Spring and Summer starting May 8 at 11:00 AM

Join us at Crescent Ridge Dairy (407 Bay Rd, Sharon, MA 02067) for songs,

stories, games, and more! Story time will be held in the field next to the dairy bar.
Look for the goats and white tent.

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