



Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter January 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](#)**.




The main entrance of the new Library in progress!



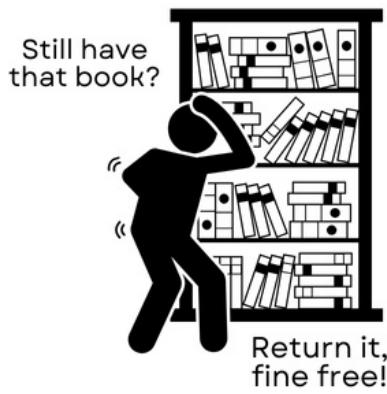
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THE SHARON PUBLIC
LIBRARY WILL BE
CLOSED MONDAY,
JANUARY 20TH FOR

MARTIN LUTHER KING
JR. DAY



From the Circulation Desk



Start 2025 Fresh!

Do you have overdue or lost books on your account? The majority of library materials are now fine-free!

Return your items today, clear your account, and start 2025 with a clean slate.

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: Harvard Museums of Science and Culture

The Harvard Museums of Science and Culture grant admission of up to 4 people at half off the regular admission price.

Museums include:

1. Harvard Museum of Natural History
2. Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology
3. Collection of Historic Scientific Instruments
4. Harvard Museum of the Ancient Near East

Bundle up and dive into the wonders of our world and the cosmos—no frostbite



Library of Things Item Highlight of the Month: [Introduction to Sewing Kits](#) (under Arts & Crafts)

The Sharon Library has everything you need to master the art of sewing with these two comprehensive kits. Let 2025 be the year you discover the joy and creativity of sewing!

1. Sewing Kit (Small) | For Experienced Sewers

- Includes: Wax-Free Double-Faced Tracing Paper, Tracing Wheel, Pin Cushion with Pins, Fabric Scissors, Measuring Tape, Seam Ripper, and more!

2. Sewing Kit (Large) | For Beginners

- Includes everything in the Small Kit plus

required!

Reserve your pass today!

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

assorted fabric, *Got a Notion to Sew: Sewing Basics* DVD, *Sewing: Master Basic Skills and Techniques Easily Through Step-by-Step Instruction* book, and free patterns.

Don't own a sewing machine? Check out one of ours! [Place hold in the OCLN Catalog](#)



Be ready to check out!

For a streamlined checkout experience now and when the new building opens, we encourage everyone to download the [SPL Mobile App](#).

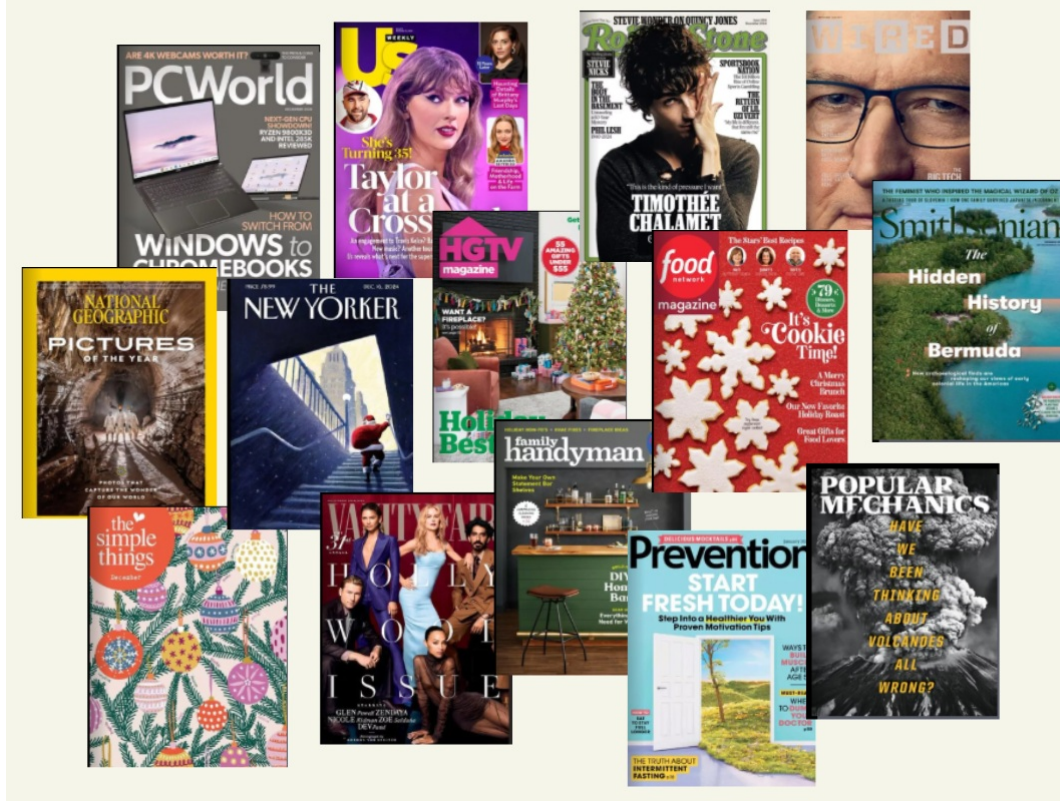
Note: Account settings are managed outside of the app. For specific features, including changing your PIN or paying fines/fee, [log in to your library account](#).

Online Spotlight

Read your
favorite
magazines with



Libby.



Did you know you can read magazines in the [Libby App](#)? Libby has all of your favorite magazines available online at anytime! Reach out to the [Adult Services Department](#) with any questions about using Libby to access electronic materials.

Out of the Archives



In preparation for the new Library, we have embarked on a project to organize our local history archival collection. Some very interesting items are being unearthed and will be featured as part of this monthly newsletter by our Archivist, Arielle Nathanson.

This month's feature is:

Personal Archiving 101 Arranging a Physical Collection; Anyone Can Do It!

Everyone has various forms of paper documents lying around their homes. What if I told you, you could bring order to that chaos? As difficult as that may sound, it is possible. All you have to do is treat your treasures like they're in an archive.

1. But what is an archive?

An archive is a collection of documents, such as; letters, reports, maps, manuscripts, photographs and artifacts that come from people, businesses, and the government. These documents are valuable not only to their creators but also as evidence of past events. They help us to interpret and understand history.

2. What is a physical collection?

Everyone creates and uses documents of all types in their daily lives. Many of them are digital in today's world, but plenty of paper still exists. A collection is any group of items that has meaning, either to the owner or their community. Photographs, receipts, wedding invitations and even a child's art projects are all important documents that could be in a personal collection.

3. There is so much! Where do I start? How do I start?

Your goal is to bring order to chaos. As intimidating as that sounds, it starts with generalized sorting...

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

Youth Services



Looking for information about youth programs and services? Sign up for our Youth Newsletters by clicking the appropriate button below.

**Sign up for Birth - 5th Grade
Newsletter**

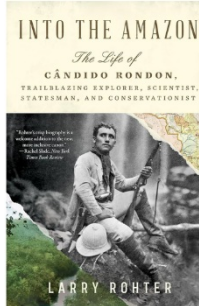
**Sign up for Teen/Tween
Newsletter**

Upcoming Programs

Virtual

**Author Larry Rohter Discusses
"Into the Amazon: The Life of
Cândido Rondon"**

January 7 at 7:00 PM



via Zoom

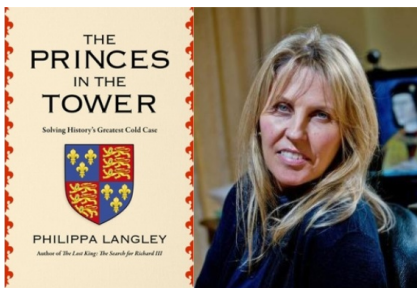
A thrilling biography of the Indigenous Brazilian explorer, scientist, statesman, and conservationist who guided Theodore Roosevelt on his journey down the River of Doubt.

2024 Mass Book Award Finalist Larry Rohter will discuss his new book, *Into the Amazon: The Life of Cândido Rondon, Trailblazing Explorer, Scientist, Statesman, and Conservationist*, in this installment of "Author Hour in Massachusetts."

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library. This program is sponsored by the Mass Book Awards Speakers Bureau and is presented in collaboration with the Massachusetts Center for the Book.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



Virtual

Finding King Richard III and "The Princes in the Tower"

**January 22 at 2:00 PM
via Zoom**

Author and historical sleuth, Philippa Langley, speaks about her book *The Princes in the Tower: Solving History's Greatest Cold Case* and her discovery of the grave of King Richard III in 2012. Join us as she discusses her research methods, her team, her findings, and how solving this cold case effects our understanding of the royal monarchy in the 16th century.

*Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library.*

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



In-person Casual Crafting

**January 22 6:30 PM - 7:45 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. If

you're in-between projects or looking to try something new, we'll have some materials on hand.

No registration required- come for as much or as little of the time as you'd like!

[More information here](#)



Virtual
**Encounters with Killers with True
Crime Author & Forensics Professor
Katherine Ramsland**

**January 27 at 7:00 PM
via Zoom**

Dr. Katherine Ramsland recounts her most memorable interactions with serial killers over the course of her life, describing how it shaped her career in forensic psychology. A Pied Piper, two Coed Killers, a Candy Man's handyman, and BTK, among others, have left their marks on her research and writing, both fiction and nonfiction.

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[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



Virtual
**Author Grady Hendrix Discusses
"Witchcraft for Wayward Girls"**

**January 31 at 7:00 PM
via Zoom**

Bestselling author Grady Hendrix will discuss his new horror novel, *Witchcraft for Wayward Girls*. There's power in a book... But power can destroy as easily as it creates, and it's never given freely. There's always a price to be paid...and it's usually paid in blood.

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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!

January's book is: *The Patron Saint of Second Chances* by Christine Simon

Thursday, January 23 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 announcements and book selections.

****[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!



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