Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

November 2026



Announcements



Books in Bloom Event

Books in Bloom is an annual collaboration between the Sharon Garden Club and Sharon Public Library. Members of the Sharon Garden Club create beautiful floral arrangements, interpreting a specific book based on a theme, which are displayed at the Library.

This year's event will be the first Books in Blooms at our beautiful new Library with designs on display in the Community Room during regular Library hours. To commemorate America's 250th, floral designers were asked to choose any book related to American history, great American writers, events that shaped our country, patriotism, or presidents, and pair it with floral design. The results are wonderful. We hope you enjoy the displays!

Exhibit hours:
Friday, November 6: 1:00pm to 5:45pm
Saturday, November 7: 10:00am to 4:45pm
Opening Reception: 6:30pm to 8:00 pm
Sunday, November 8: 12:00pm to 4:00pm (no Library services)
Monday, November 9: 10:00am to 2:00pm



Friends of the Sharon Public Library Fundraiser

Puzzles, Pawns & Play is a FOSPL fundraiser to be held in the Library's Community Room B. Shop on **Saturday, November 14 (10:00AM - 4:30PM) and Monday, November 16 (4:00PM - 5:30PM).**

Donations will be accepted November 2-13 during regular Library hours. We're collecting jigsaw puzzles for all skill levels, children's wooden puzzles, family board and card games, strategy and mystery games, and classics like chess, checkers, cribbage, backgammon, and dominoes. Please ensure all pieces are included and items are in a secure container. **No computer games, video games, or primarily digital media, please.**

Bring donations to the Circulation Desk (Main Level) and place in the FOSPL box.

Thank you for supporting **The Friends of the Sharon Public Library**!

LIBRARY CLOSURE
VETERANS DAY

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY



Online Spotlight

American Ancestors

New Online Resource!

Thanks to funding from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, Sharon cardholders now have access to American Ancestors (originally known as the New England Historic Genealogical Society, American Ancestors), a national nonprofit center for family history, heritage, and culture based in Boston, Massachusetts. Founded in 1845, American Ancestors serves more than 400,000 members and online subscribers through AmericanAncestors.org, one of the world's largest online collections of free family history resources, scholarship, educational programming and events.

Please note that access to this online resource requires a valid Sharon library card for both **in-house and remote access**.

More Info Here



Virtual Author Talks

In partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium

Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders. Our Library subscription includes adult fiction and non-fiction authors. Our patrons also have access to all categories in the archives/"Past Speakers" section, including "Cooking/Food, Health & Wellness, K-12, and Variety and Lifestyle.

November Events

Tuesday, November 3 at 2:00 PM EST
Reclaiming Your Inner Wisdom: Sacred Indigenous Teachings with Asha Frost

Wednesday, November 11 at 2:00 PM EST
How Money Became God: Rethinking Wealth and Greed in Modern Society with Paul Vigna

Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 PM EST
Epic Worlds and Celestial Prophesies: Exploring the "Between Earth and Sky" Trilogy with Rebecca Roanhorse

More Info Here

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The first step is creating an *ompractice* account with your library card. Once an account is created, you can log into your account anytime.

November Highlights

- **November 14 @ 12PM**: Special Class: Intro to Pilates with Bri
- **November 19 @ 6:30PM:** The Mindset to Quit: Finding Mindfulness When Breaking Habits & Addiction with Niki
- **November 22 @ 7PM**: Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Gratitude Meditation with Reggie Hubbard

Monthly Challenge: Gratitude in Motion. 4 classes in November - that's the whole challenge. Complete all four to be entered into a sweepstake.

More Info Here

Upcoming Programs



Virtual

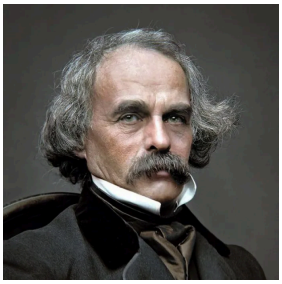
Shannon McKenna Schmidt Discusses "The First Lady of World War II"

Monday, November 2 | 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
via Zoom

We had such a great time chatting with author Shannon McKenna Schmidt earlier this year to discuss Lady Bird Johnson, we just had to have her back! This time she will be discussing her book, "The First Lady of World War II: Eleanor Roosevelt's Daring Journey to the Frontlines and Back".

Presented in partnership with Ashland Public Library.

More Info Here - Registration Required



Virtual

Nathaniel Hawthorne's Little-Known Fragments & Microfictions

Monday, November 2 | 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM
via Zoom

Nathaniel Hawthorne; one of America's greatest storytellers, returned home to Salem, Massachusetts. During that time, he kept a series of journals, now called the American Notebooks, that became a vital taproot for his stories and novels. Explore some of his oddest, boldest, and most secretive writings, the microfictions sprinkled throughout these notebooks, none more than a paragraph long, and many just a single sentence.

Presented in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library.

More Info Here - Registration Required

Virtual

Understanding Perinatal Mental Health Disorders

Monday, November 2 | 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
via Zoom



Perinatal Mental Health conditions are the number one complication of childbearing. These conditions can occur during pregnancy, post-loss, and/or postpartum. Examine the prevalence, symptoms, risk factors, and potential treatment options for various perinatal mental health conditions, including Perinatal Depression, Perinatal Anxiety and Panic Disorder, Perinatal Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Bipolar Mood Disorders, and Postpartum Psychosis, led by Julia Alzoubaidi, Ph.D.

Presented in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library.

More Info Here - Registration Required



Virtual

Celebrating 250 -- Petticoat Patriots with Speaker and Author Libby McNamee

Monday, November 9 | 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
via Zoom

We are so pleased to be ending our year-long celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with speaker and author Libby McNamee! Libby will be discussing the Petticoat Patriots of the American Revolution.

Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library and the Friends of the Sharon Public Library.

More Info Here - Registration Required



In-person

A Personal Conversation in Martha Washington's Bedroom

Tuesday, November 10 | 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM
Community Room A & B

Spend time with Mrs. Washington as she completes dressing for her day in this interactive and informative program. During the time together, Mrs. Washington will share news of her family, and how the current events that her husband is so deeply involved in impacts her family and her developing nation.

This program is funded by a gift from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation as part of Carnegie Libraries 250, a special initiative celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

More Info Here - Registration Required



Virtual

"Little Mister Victory" with Author and Historian David Kruh

Monday, November 16 | 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
via Zoom

Join us for a talk with one of our favorite speakers, David Kruh, on his new book "Little Mister Victory: A Daughter's Search for the Woman Who Abandoned Her Father on VJ Day", co-written by Tina Drzal. "Little Mister Victory" is the story of Tina's decades-long search for the woman who abandoned her father on VJ Day.

Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library.

More Info Here - Registration Required



In-person

Office Hours with Town of Sharon's Energy Advocate

Tuesday, November 17 | 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Rose Study Room 105

Meet with the Town of Sharon's Energy Advocate, Julie Barbour-Issa, for help navigating Mass Save®, scheduling a free Home Energy Assessment, and finding rebates, loans, and programs for which you may qualify. Appointments can also cover income-eligible benefits like fuel assistance and discount rates.

Appointments are 20 minutes long and can be scheduled by calling Julie at **781-390-9913** or by **registering online** at the link below.

More Info Here - Registration Required



Virtual

Uncovering The Plymouth Blitz: Researching & Remembering One Of WW2's Deadliest Air Raids

Wednesday, November 18 | 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Via Zoom

Author and researcher Michael C. McLaughlin, will provide an intimate, behind-the-scenes look into the history and making of his new book, "Plymouth Blitz: The Bombing of Portland Square & the Devastation of a City". Despite being one of WWII England's most devastating civilian incidents, key human elements of this tragedy remained scattered and untold—until now.

Presented in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library.

More Info Here - Registration Required



Virtual

Hocus Pocus: Indian Stage Magicians In 1800s Boston

Monday, November 23 | 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Via Zoom

Author Brinda Charry will discuss her new novel, "Hocus Pocus". A young magician travels across the world -- winding up in Boston -- seeking fame and fortune all the while hiding a secret, in a novel based on the renowned, real-life Indian stage magicians performing in the 1800s.

Presented in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library.

More Info Here - Registration Required

Out of the Archives

Tips and Tricks for Local Ghost Hunting
By Arielle Nathanson

Past articles featured in this newsletter have covered ghostly soldiers, haunted cemeteries and even the devil's footprint right here in town. But for all of those brave enough, how should these mysteries be investigated? The following tips and tricks are a quick way to tackle the unknown with safety and fun in mind:

1. Always ask official permission to investigate in any location, even if it's a cemetery that is typically open to the public.

Read the Full Article Here

Ongoing Programs



In-person

The SPL Book Discussion Group meets September to June on the 4th Thursday* of each month @ 1:00 - 2:15 PM in Community Room B.
No registration required and no obligation to attend all meetings.
We read across many genres and enjoy lively discussion!

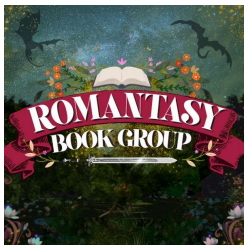
Next Meeting: November 19 at 1:00 PM in Community Room B
Book: *The Heart of Winter* by Jonathan Evison

Copies are available on the New Fiction shelf (Main Level).
eBook and eAudiobook available in **Libby by Overdrive**.
This title is not available in hoopla.

*3rd Thursday if a holiday week

Contact Susan Eggimann | seggimann@sharon.ocln.org | 781-784-1578 ext.1450

No Registration Required



In-person

Romantasy Book Group

Wednesday, November 18 | 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM
Cheyer ESOL Room 201

This drop-in book group is designed for readers who enjoy fantasy stories where romance plays a central role. Instead of assigning a single book each month, the group operates as a genre-based discussion space. Participants are welcome to dive into any of this month's recommended titles or bring along any romantasy book that catches their eye.

🦃 **Please note:** Our November meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 18**, instead of our usual last Wednesday of the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday. (The Library will close at 2PM on November 25) 🍂

For more information, contact Emily Greco at egreco@sharon.ocln.org

No Registration Required



In-person

Casual Crafting

Tuesday, November 24 | 6:30 to 7:45 PM
Community Room B

Bring your current craft project or use some of the supplies we'll have on hand. Drop by any time between **6:30-7:45 PM in Community Room B.**

No Registration Required

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