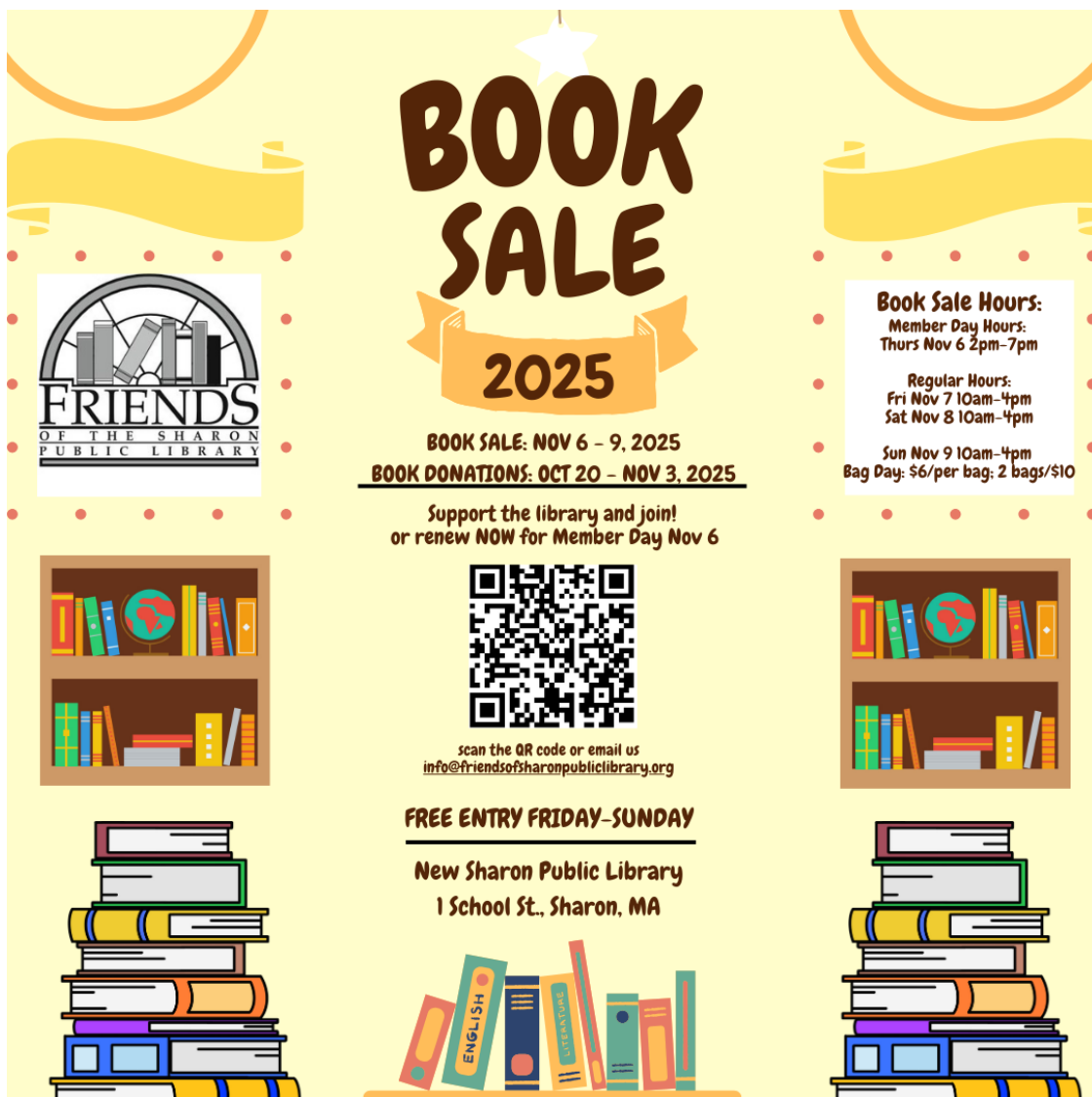


Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

October 2025

Announcements



BOOK SALE
2025

BOOK SALE: NOV 6 – 9, 2025
BOOK DONATIONS: OCT 20 – NOV 3, 2025

Support the library and join!
or renew NOW for Member Day Nov 6



scan the QR code or email us
info@friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org

FREE ENTRY FRIDAY–SUNDAY
New Sharon Public Library
1 School St., Sharon, MA

Book Sale Hours:
Member Day Hours:
Thurs Nov 6 2pm–7pm

Regular Hours:
Fri Nov 7 10am–4pm
Sat Nov 8 10am–4pm

Sun Nov 9 10am–4pm
Bag Day: \$6/per bag; 2 bags/\$10

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Annual Book Sale!!

Please review the Friends' [donation guidelines](#)

Book Collection Dates:

Monday, October 20 - Monday, November 3
during regular Library open hours

Book Sale Dates: November 6-9

Member Day

Thursday, November 6 | 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Regular Sale Hours

Friday, November 7 | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday, November 8 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, November 9 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM*

*Please note that Library services will not be available on Sunday

**For more information contact the Friends at
info@friendsofsharonpubliclibraryorg**



2025 Booktober Library Crawl!

The Sharon Public Library is excited to be part of OCLN's Booktober Crawl this October!

Pick up a passport at the Library and discover all the participating libraries across the Old Colony Library Network. Each time you visit a library, collect a special stamp while exploring the unique offerings of that library and community.

It's the perfect chance to celebrate books, libraries, and local adventures all month long—don't miss it!

Library Closure Notice

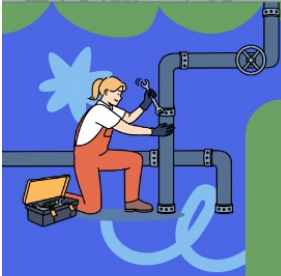
In observance of
Indigenous Peoples' Day,
the library will be
closed on
Monday, October 13th



DELAYED OPENING!

The Library will have a
delayed opening on
Tuesday, October 14th
due to electrical work in the
building that will affect all patron
services.

The Library will **open at 2PM** and
close at 8PM as usual.



9TH ANNUAL SPL PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST



Online Registration Opens on 10/1 at 6AM

Pumpkins are generously donated by Ward's Berry Farm.
Prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Sharon Public Library.

9th Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

Registration is open now until October 8th! Sign up to receive a pumpkin generously donated by Ward's Berry Farm then let your creativity fly. Bring the pumpkin back to the library for display and show off your painting and embellishing skills for a chance to win a prize! Participants of all ages welcome! Registration is required. One registration per household please.

[Register](#)

The Gourd-geous creations will be on display on from October 17th through October 29th on the first floor of the Library.
Stop by to see them and cast your vote!

Library Updates



New Library Website

The Library's [new website](#) launched on September 10. Although the site looks different, most content is still located on the same pages as the old website. Some notable changes:

Homepage

Quick Links is much the same, offering easy navigation to important parts of the website including our Event Calendar, Museum Passes, and other services.

- **NEW: Reserve a Study Room or Meeting Room** - information about all reservable rooms and the Room Reservation Portal.

"Quick Links" is also found at the bottom of the Homepage, along with Library information including location and hours of operation.

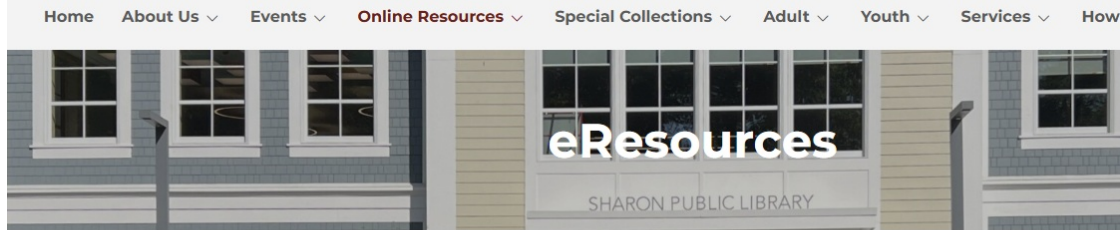
News & Announcements now has it's own area for important Library information.

Adult Programming Event Calendar for adult programs; Adult Services Newsletters, Reading Resources, and Ongoing Groups information.

Teen/Tween Programming and Children's Programming - Event Calendar for Youth programs and other information and resources for Youth of all ages.

Online Resources

Online Resources are listed alphabetically only. To search by subject, use the "All eResource Categories" dropdown menu, choose the category, then 'Search' (we are still using the same subject categories). You may also easily search for a particular resource by typing its name into the search box then 'Search'. (image below)



All eResource Categories  Search eResources  

Academic OneFile
(Gale) [State-funded]
[Open Link](#)

Agriculture
(Gale OneFile) [State-funded]
[Open Link](#)

Digitized Sharon History (under "Special Collections")

The new site uses drop-down menus to access online resources. Click on links or "Go to Page" if resource is located on another site.

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Digitized Sharon History

SHARON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thanks to funding provided by the Digital Commonwealth, Sharon Public Library has been able to digitize parts of its historical collection to provide off-site access to the following:

-  Image Collection in Digital Commonwealth
-  Map Collection in Digital Commonwealth
-  Marsengold Sharon High School Yearbooks

[Go To Page](#)

Click on year below to view full text of yearbook:

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Veterans' Collection / Resources
Library of Things
Sharon Local History Collection
Digitized Sharon History
Current Art Exhibits

Tech Talk

New Libby Hold Suspension Updates!

Managing your holds in Libby just got simpler! Libby has updated how hold suspensions work to give you more flexibility and control.

Now, instead of selecting a specific end date when



suspending a hold, **you can suspend it indefinitely and unsuspend it manually** whenever you're ready. If a hold becomes available and you're not ready for it, it will stay suspended until you choose to unsuspend it. **No more automatic 7-day countdown.**

A few other helpful changes:

- Holds that remain suspended for **365 consecutive days** will now be **automatically canceled**.
- The feature previously called **"Deliver Later"** is now simply called **"Suspend"**, same functionality, just a clearer name.
- If you're a current Libby user with active holds, you'll see a notification in the Holds screen explaining the update.

These changes are now live in both the [Libby app](#) and on [OverDrive library websites](#). They're designed to make borrowing easier and more flexible, so you can enjoy your reading on your schedule.

Upcoming Programs



Virtual

Massachusetts Library 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group August 6 - December 17

October 1 at 9:30 AM via Zoom
October 15 at 9:30 AM via Zoom

The Massachusetts Library 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group meets via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, from 9:30am to 11:30am. Informal networking takes place from 9am to 9:30am and 11:30am to noon. If you are aged 50+, unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, re-entering the job market after a long employment gap, or recently retired and looking for your "Encore Career," this networking group program is perfect for you! Remember, 85% of jobs are found through networking!

Join us in a professional forum for networking with peers in a safe and comfortable environment conducive to developing new relationships and developing skills and strategies to help in your career transition. Each meeting features a new topic. Meetings include a presentation and interactive workshop on topics relevant to career transition, guest speakers, access to hiring managers, small group breakout rooms to network, and 1-on-1 coaching guidance. Participating on a regular basis will give job seekers the many tools and strategies needed for a successful job search.

Each biweekly meeting is facilitated by Deborah Hope, MBA, PCIC, an experienced executive career coach. Deborah is a former Fortune 500 executive, investment banker and entrepreneur. She transitioned to executive coaching over 12 years ago. Deborah has coached with Harvard Business School Executive

Education programs and the Massachusetts Conference for Women. She has been trained or certified in a variety of coaching models and assessment tools. Deborah has facilitated 50+ job seekers networking groups since 2016.

October Meetings:

October 1: Resumes ("A Pocketful of STARS")

October 15: Using Artificial Intelligence ("Your Job Search Co-Pilot")

*In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library (host) and other MA Libraries
Funded by the Friends of the Sharon Public Library*

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



In-person

Planning for Medicare - Countdown to 65

Thursday, October 2 at 6:30 PM

Community Room B

We are very pleased to welcome back Sharon resident, Sue Flanagan, of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts for our annual Medicare program. This presentation and discussion is geared towards individuals approaching Medicare eligibility. Topics covered include health insurance information outside of employer-sponsored coverage, including an explanation of Medicare, the Medicare enrollment timeline, Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans, programs available to early retirees, and COBRA.

Sue Flanagan is a Senior Plan Consultant for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. She has more than 20 years' experience in the health insurance industry with a focus on Medicare products, and speaks to many audiences each year on Medicare and related products.

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



In-person

**Fall into Self-Care with Be Inspired
Counseling, LLC**

Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 PM

Community Room B

In this workshop geared towards adults, psychoeducation will be provided on self-care and its importance as a foundational tool in managing mental health. We will talk about how it is more than simply getting enough sleep, and different domains of self-care. We will discuss how self-care connects to maintaining healthy boundaries as it relates to work/life balance, minimizing impacts of triggering situations (i.e. things we see on the news) as well as how to continue practicing self-care as a preventative way of coping with future stressors (i.e. stress around the holiday season). Presented by Marci daCamara of Be Inspired Counseling,

Funded by the the Friends of the Sharon Public Library

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In-person

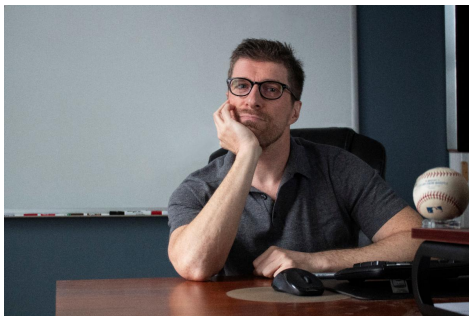
Larchmont Remembered with Daniel Harrington

**October 16 at 6:30 PM
Community Room B**

Written, produced and presented by Daniel F. Harrington, long-time monthly columnist for the Providence Journal, "Larchmont Remembered" is a live presentation about the sinking of the steamship Larchmont in 1907, one of the worst maritime disasters in New England history that took place off the coast of Block Island, RI in February of 1907. This one-hour presentation features digitally restored photos, engaging graphics, live music, and eyewitness accounts to bring the story of New England's most horrific sea disaster to life, covering the story of the ship, its crew and passengers, as well as accounts of survival, panic, murder, and miracles.

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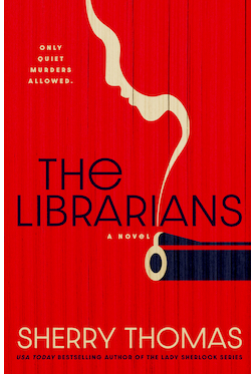
Friends of the Sharon Public Library Annual Meeting with Author Chuck Hogan

**October 20 at 7:00 PM
Community Room B**

Chuck Hogan is a New York Times bestselling novelist, screenwriter, and television producer. His best-known novel THE TOWN was awarded the Hammett Prize for "literary excellence in the field of crime writing," and was adapted into the hit feature film starring Ben Affleck, Jeremy Renner, Rebecca Hall, and Jon Hamm. His most recent novel, GANGLAND, was selected as one of the New York Times's Ten Best Crime Novels of the year, and nominated for the Mystery Writers Of America's Edgar Award for Best Novel.

Mr. Hogan will discuss his new book **The Carpool Detectives**.

**No Registration
Required**



Virtual

Virtual - Q&A with Mystery (and Romance) writer, Sherry Thomas

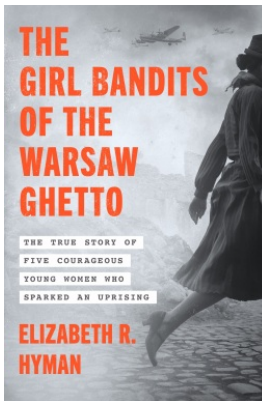
October 27 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

We (Ashland Public Library) are beyond excited to host a live Q&A with USA Today bestselling author Sherry Thomas in celebration of her newest novel, "The Librarians", a sharp, suspenseful, and unexpectedly heartfelt mystery where murder upends the lives of four eccentric librarians, each guarding secrets behind their quiet shelves.

In this special event, we'll be talking with Sherry about everything from crafting complex characters and balancing humor with suspense, to the inspiration behind The Librarians and its cast of misfit heroes. We'll also explore her bold shift from writing historical romance to contemporary mystery, what she's learned along the way, and what stories she's excited to tell next. Whether you're already a fan of Sherry's beloved Lady Sherlock series or diving into her work for the first time, this is a conversation you won't want to miss.

In partnership with Ashland Public Library.

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



Virtual

Virtual - "The Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto" with Historian Elizabeth R. Hyman

October 28 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Join renowned Holocaust historian Elizabeth Hyman for an unforgettable journey into a hidden chapter of resistance during World War II. In "The Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto: The True Story of Five Courageous Young Women Who Sparked an Uprising", Hyman uncovers the vital, long-overlooked roles that women played in one of the most storied acts of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust. Meet the young Polish Jewish women fighters, couriers, smugglers, who defied Nazi terror and changed history.

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Required**

Virtual

Embroidered Coats Of Arms In An Age of Revolution with Historic New England

Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 PM via Zoom



Surveying the history of embroidered coats of arms created in Boston in the late eighteenth century reveals a rich tapestry where art, identity, and endurance converge. These detailed needlework creations, often stitched by young women in finishing schools or under expert instruction, were far more than exercises in genteel education they were expressions of family pride, lineage, and cultural heritage. Amidst the turbulence of the American Revolution, these works stood as quiet acts of resilience, preserving personal and familial identity during a time of profound change. As

families faced displacement, redefinition, or reinvention, the practice of heraldic embroidery offered a stabilizing connection to the past.

This talk, led by Dr. Erica Lome, Curator of Collections at Historic New England, explores the compelling stories behind these works, stories of women's education, family tradition, and the lasting power of needle and thread in shaping early American life.

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library, with additional funding from the Friends of the Sharon Public Library

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



In-person

Casual Crafting

October 28 at 6:30-7:45 PM
in the Cheyre ESOL 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. Come any time from 6:30-7:45PM to the Cheyre ESOL Room (Upper Level).

* Note location change

**No Registration
Required**

Out of the Archives

Death in Colonial Times: Wealthy or Poor by Arielle Nathanson

Walking through any cemetery in New England will reveal stones of all shapes, sizes and materials. The inscriptions and symbolism all vary widely. Even among the oldest of the stones, there is quite a lot to look at and puzzle over.

Take Rock Ridge Cemetery, here in Sharon for example; it features the final

resting places to some of the town's oldest and most notable citizens. Their headstones show all the usual motifs for Colonial times, including the willow, urn, seraphim and death's head. The willow represents the immortality of the soul in heaven. The urn is a symbol for death itself, as cremated remains are often stored in such containers. The seraphim is an angel of the highest order, symbolizing heaven. The death's head is a skull and crossbones with wings, acting as a reminder that death and decay are unavoidable realities for all.

[\[Link to Full Article\]](#)

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 B.
No registration required and no obligation to attend all meetings.
We read across many genres and enjoy lively discussion!

October's book is: *The Blackhouse* by Peter May

Thursday, October 23 at 1:00 PM in the Cheyer ESOL Room (Upper Level)*

Copies are available on the New Books Shelf on the Main Level. This title is also available on [Libby by Overdrive](#) (not available in Kindle format)

Questions? Susan Eggimann | seggimann@sharon.ocln.org | 781-784-1578 x1450

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

*Note location change

[2025-2026 Book Titles and Meeting Dates](#)

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



October Activities for Grades 6-12



MAKERSPACE TRAINING - 10/14 AT 6 PM

THRIFT STORE GHOST PAINTINGS - 10/16 AT 4 PM

PET GHOSTS - 10/23 AT 4 PM

HAUNTED HOUSE SHADOW BOXES - 10/30 AT 4 PM

Register Online!

Follow us on social media & stay up-to-date with programs, services, and news!



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