

Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

September 2025 (Revised)

Announcements

Happy Labor Day!

The Sharon Public Library
will be **closed**
Monday, September 1st



Regular hours will resume Tuesday, September 2nd

Library Updates



Wireless network improvements

We are pleased to announce that the Library recently upgraded our wireless network to increase both capacity and speed of connections throughout the building.

New Library website coming this month!

The Library's current website vendor is closing their business. We have been working with a new vendor since before the move to our new location, and have recently completed the process to move our content to the new platform. We are preparing to officially launch the new website by mid-September. More information will be available closer to the launch date.

Tech Talk



□ Tech Talk is Making a Comeback! □

We're excited to announce that we're bringing back tech programming at the Library and we want your help to make it better than ever!

Whether you're looking to boost your digital skills, explore creative tech tools, or just figure out how to use your device with more confidence, our upcoming programs are here for you. But before we dive in, we want to hear from you: what kinds of technology topics are you most interested in?

Take a moment to fill out our quick [Google Survey](#) and let us know what you'd like to learn. Your input will help us design workshops, classes, and drop-in sessions that match your needs and interests.

Let's build something great together, starting with your ideas!

Upcoming Programs



Virtual

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

September 3 at 9:30 AM via Zoom
September 17 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.

September Meetings:

September 3: Career Story ("Tell Me A Bit About Yourself")
September 17: LinkedIn ("Professional Connecting").

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library (host) and other MA Libraries

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



In-person

Quabbin: A History and Explorer's Guide with Local Author Michael Tougias September 16 at 6:30 PM Community Room B

New York Times bestselling author, Michael Tougias, will present a narrated slide presentation about Quabbin Reservoir. The program features the demise of the

"lost towns" flooded to create the Quabbin, the construction of the massive reservoir, and how it works today. In addition, Tougias will take the audience on a natural history tour of the reservoir and surrounding area, with suggestions for day trips.

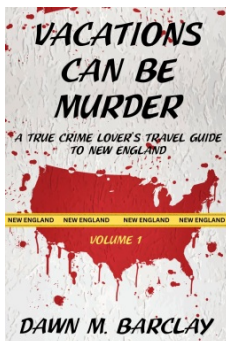
Over the past 30 years, Michael Tougias has been hiking and researching the Quabbin, interviewing former residents of its flooded towns. Their stories are featured in his book *Quabbin: A History and Explorer's Guide*.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing following the program.

This program is funded by a grant from the Sharon Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Additional funding provided by the Friends of the Sharon Public Library.

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Virtual

**"Vacations Can Be Murder" with True Crime in
New England Author
Dawn M. Barclay**

September 17 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

For the true crime lover—finally, a travel guide from an award-winning travel journalist and suspense author that gives you the down and dirty on exactly where the major crimes occurred, and where the bodies are buried. For aficionados of paranormal, prison, and tombstone travel, there's a goldmine of tourism suggestions for you here as well. Along with summaries of the major crimes committed in New England, you'll discover where to find the best crime and ghost tours; which hotels and restaurants are former jails, courthouses, or harbor paranormal activity; where infamous criminals are/were jailed, and which venues and attractions might feed your fancy for murder and justice. Up for a true crime road trip? Let "Vacations Can Be Murder" be your ultimate travel guide.

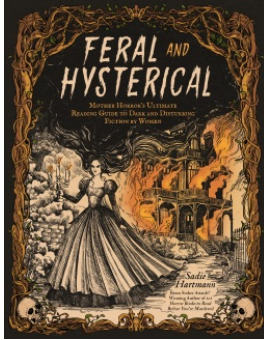
In partnership with Ashland Public Library.

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Virtual

**"Feral and Hysterical" with Horror Author,
Sadie Hartmann, chatting with
@redreadreviews**

September 24 at 7:00 PM via Zoom



We're getting deep in horror season, and what better way to celebrate than with a chillingly good conversation featuring @mother_horror herself, Sadie Hartmann, and our go-to horror book guru, @redreadreviews! Sadie's latest book, "Feral and Hysterical: Mother Horror's Ultimate Reading Guide to Dark and Disturbing Fiction by Women", dives into the terrifying brilliance of horror written by and often about women. From legendary names like Mary Shelley and

Shirley Jackson to fresh indie voices you need to know, Sadie's guide is a must-have for any horror fan.

Join us for a fun, fierce, and fearless discussion on the dark side of fiction, plus a live Q&A where you can ask all your burning questions. Because let's be real, if anyone knows how to terrify, it's the ones who birth babies.

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Virtual

Who REALLY Wrote Shakespeare? with Author and Historian David Kruh

September 29 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Who REALLY Wrote Shakespeare? The doubts have been around for over 300 years. How could William Shakespeare - a man who never sailed - have written with such accuracy about sailing in "The Tempest"? Or how - without studying law - could he have written with such insight about lawyers, courts and legal issues, in plays such as "Henry IV"? Or how - without ever serving in the military - written so splendidly of the rigors and technical aspects of war as he did in "Hamlet"? That he couldn't and didn't is a fascinating concept that has amused many, tantalized others, and consumed the lives of a few, including a Boston man who, in 1916, went to court to prove that someone other than Shakespeare wrote all those great works. Before you laugh... he won the case. Hear the story of one man's search for the "real" author of the works attributed to William Shakespeare and how - in a stunning piece of historical irony - that search played a role in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor!

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In-person

Casual Crafting

September 23 at 6:30-7:45 PM
in Community Room B

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 Community Room B (Main Level).

**No Registration
Required**

Out of the Archives

Tory Treasure in the Cranberry Bog by Arielle Nathanson

In 1776, the Pembertons, a wealthy Roxbury family, found themselves in dire straits. The Continental Army was coming to raid the homes of all Tory sympathizers. Mrs. Pemberton, her son Byron and their servant Job Prouty, had to quickly protect their homestead and personal belongings, before sailing away to safety.

Byron's status as a Patriot was enough to save their home. A colonel of the Continental Army took up residence there as a favor to him.

The remaining problem was all the silver plates and gold jewelry belonging to Mrs. Pemberton. Surely, the raiders would still steal such items, even if the Colonel was able to protect their house. Taking the expensive trinkets with them was out of the question, due to their weight and space restrictions on the ships.

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

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!

September's book is: *The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner

Thursday, September 25 at 1:00 PM in Community Room B (Main Level)

Copies are available on the New Books Shelf on the Main Level. This title is also available on [Libby Overdrive](#))

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.

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

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