



## Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

### September 2026



## Announcements

### Sharon Public Library App Has Been Retired

The Sharon Public Library app has officially been retired. As of **August 7, 2026**, it is no longer connected to the library catalog, so patrons can no longer use it to access their accounts, search the catalog, place holds, or borrow items. The app has also been removed from app stores.

If you still have the app installed, **please delete it from your device**. While some features may still appear to work, the app is no longer supported and may become increasingly unreliable.

**OCNL is working toward a new network-wide library app.** More details, including a launch date, will be shared when available.

### New Vendor for Website Book Carousel

The Library recently changed vendors for the book carousel that displays at the bottom of our [website homepage](#). Clicking on a title brings you directly to the OCLN catalog record for the book where you can learn more about the title. Sign in to your account to place a hold.

Stay up to date with the latest additions to OCLN collections subscribing to [LibraryAware's New Book Newsletters](#). Choose from specific genres,

demographics (Teen, Kids) or recommendations (Library Reads, New York Times Bestsellers) You may sign up for as many newsletters as you like!

## Online Spotlight



### 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.

#### September Events

Tuesday, September 1 at 2:00 PM (EDT)

The Democracy We Must Keep: Why the Ideas that Built America Still Matter with David O. Stewart

Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 PM EDT

Writing the Nightmare: A Ship Called Sickness and One Unforgettable Space Crew with Daniel Kraus

[More Info Here](#)



Over 100 Live, Interactive Weekly Fitness Classes for FREE!

Want to refresh your workout routine without going to a gym or a studio? Or are you starting from scratch? *ompractice* gives you access to tons of live scheduled classes weekly, ranging from strength training and yoga to tai chi and meditation, in the comfort of your own home. These are virtual, interactive, camera-on classes with a teacher, but there is also a video library of recorded classes you can follow on your own time.

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

#### September Highlights:

- September 13 @ 6PM: Special Class: Steady Start - A Balance Workshop with Sharif
- September 27 @ 12PM: Special Class: Absolute Beginner Yoga with Hania (for National Yoga Month!)
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Monthly Challenge: FIND YOUR FOOTING CHALLENGE

**Steady, one practice at a time.** This September, take four balance-focused classes that are easy to do and can change how you do everything going forward! Balance is trainable at any age, and small, consistent inputs create real, lasting change.

[More Info Here](#)

## Reminder: Digital Access to The Atlantic

Did you know you can access *The Atlantic* magazine articles through the Library's **NewsBank** database?

Look for **America's News Magazines** in NewsBank to find available content from *The Atlantic*. You may see both the **regular monthly magazine edition** and **The Atlantic Web Edition** which includes articles published on The Atlantic's website.

There is a **one-day delay** on new content, and not every article is available, but many articles from both the print magazine and web edition can be accessed through the database.

To get started, visit the Library's **eResources** page and select [America's News](#) or access NewsBank by signing in to your account in the [OCLN Catalog](#).

[NewsBank Link](#)

## New eResource: Transparent Language for Libraries

We're excited to offer **Transparent Language for Libraries**, a new [State-funded resource](#) available to Massachusetts Libraries.

### Transparent Language vs. Mango Languages

Both Transparent Language and Mango offer language learning, but they have different focuses:

- **Transparent Language** is more **classroom-oriented**, with a variety of structured learning activities and practice. It also offers **English as a Second Language (ESL)** and **American Sign Language (ASL)**.
- **Mango Languages** focuses more on **conversation and practical phrases**, making it especially useful for travelers who want to learn how to communicate in everyday situations.

Both are available through the Library's [eResources](#), so explore each one and find the learning style that works best for you!

[Transparent Language for Libraries Link](#)

## Upcoming Programs

*In-person*

### Planning for Medicare - Countdown to 65

Thursday, September 3 | 6:30 PM to 7:45 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.

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



*Virtual*

### **In Conversation with Author Heather B. Moore: "Her America"**

Monday, September 14 | 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
via Zoom

From award-winning, starred-review author Heather B. Moore comes a powerful portrait of eight American women whose courage and conviction drove them to smash stereotypes and build a nation - we'll be discussing "Her America", released just a few weeks ago.

*In partnership with Ashland Public Library.*

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



*In-person*

### **AI For Everyday Life Presentation**

Wednesday, September 16 | 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM  
Community Room B

Curious about Artificial Intelligence but not sure where to begin? This friendly, non-technical presentation explores what AI can do, where it falls short, and how to use it safely and confidently. Perfect for beginners—no technical experience required.

*This program is funded by the Friends of the Sharon Public Library.*

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



*In-person*

### **In Support of the Army with Foodways Historian Stacy Booth**

Thursday, September 17 | 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM  
Community Room A & B

Foodways historian Stacy Booth will discuss not only how the housewives of Massachusetts provisioned the army in the early years of the Revolutionary War but also how they used food and cooking as ways to protest taxation and the political policies that fanned the flames of a revolution.

*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*

### **Author Heather Wolf Discusses: Fall Bird Migration - Seas, Skies, and Land**

Monday, September 21 | 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM  
via Zoom

Join Heather Wolf, one of our very favorite speakers and 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 discusses what we can look for with Fall migration happening right now!

*In partnership with Ashland Public Library.*

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



*In-person*

### **Office Hours with Town of Sharon's Energy Advocate**

Tuesday, September 22 | 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](#)

*In-person*

### **LCC Poetry Open Mic Event**

Saturday, September 26 | 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Community Room A & B

Join the Sharon Cultural Council and Sharon Public Library for a community Poetry Open Mic on Saturday, September 26, from 2:00–4:00 PM at the Sharon Public Library.

Poets and spoken-word performers of all ages and experience levels are invited to share an original piece in a welcoming, supportive setting. Performances should be approximately 3–5 minutes, with prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25 awarded to the top three performers. Community members are equally encouraged to attend simply to listen, celebrate local creativity, and support our performers.

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)

*In-person*

## **250 Years of American History through Film Part 2: Mr. Smith Goes to Washington**

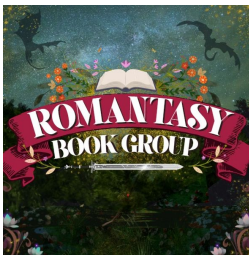
Monday, September 28 | 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Community Room A & B

James Stewart shines in Frank Capra's Oscar-nominated performance as 'Jefferson Smith,' an idealistic small-town Everyman who is invited to be a junior Senator as, unbeknownst to him, part of a political manipulation game. Once he becomes aware of "being had," he fights for truth, justice, and American ideals through Hollywood's most famous depiction of a filibuster.

In addition to a screening of the film, Frank Mandosa will offer background context and behind-the-scenes information about the production.

*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](#)



*In-person*

## **Romantasy Book Group**

Wednesday, September 30 | 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.

*For more information, contact Emily Greco at [egreco@sharon.ocln.org](mailto:egreco@sharon.ocln.org)*

[More Info Here - No Registration Required](#)

## Out of the Archives

### Legends and Lore of Sharon: The Ghost of Charlie Norton by Arielle Nathanson

In the early 1900s, Charlie Norton was hired by Knollwood Cemetery as their engineer and caretaker. The business went well for a few decades before the depression hit. Then the owner of the cemetery went bankrupt and Charlie was left as the sole employee. When Charlie's wife died in their cottage located in the cemetery soon after, he found himself miles away from his neighbors.

*(For more information about how to visit The Carpeno History Room and view its materials, check out our [Sharon Local History Collection](#) page!)*

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

## 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 - 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: September 24 at 1:00 PM in Community Room B**

**Book: The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate**

Copies are available on the New Fiction shelf (Main Level).

eBook and eAudio available in [Libby by Overdrive](#).

This title is unavailable in hoopla

Contact Susan Eggimann | [seggimann@sharon.ocln.org](mailto:seggimann@sharon.ocln.org) | 781-784-1578 ext.1450

**No Registration Required**



*In-person*

## Casual Crafting

Tuesday, September 29 | 6:30-7:45 PM  
Community Room B

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

**No Registration Required**

## 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**

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