



Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

December 2025

Announcements

Adult Makerspace Survey!

If you are over age 18 and are interested in using our makerspace in the future please take our very quick survey so we know what you are interested in!

[Take the survey here.](#)

Library Updates



Library Holiday Hours

Friday, December 19: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Delayed opening for Townwide Staff Development

Wednesday, December 24 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Thursday, December 25 CLOSED

Friday, December 26 10:00 to 6:00 PM

Saturday, December 27 10:00 to 5:00 PM

Wednesday, December 31 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Thursday, January 1 CLOSED

Friday, January 2 10:00 to 6:00 PM

Saturday, January 3 10:00 to 5:00 PM

Tech Talk



Understanding “Suspend Hold” in Libby

We’ve had several questions recently about Libby’s **“Suspend Hold”** feature, especially from readers who see that they’re first in line for a title but still don’t have access.

Here’s what’s happening:

- **Suspend Hold** lets you keep your place in line for a title without having it checked out to you right away.
- This is useful if you’re busy reading something else or won’t have time to start your next book just yet.
- While your hold is suspended, Libby **skips over you temporarily** when a copy becomes available, but you **keep moving up the waitlist**.
- Once your suspension ends, or you manually **“unsuspend”** the hold, Libby will offer the title to you the next time it’s available.

If Libby says you’re first in line but you still don’t see the title, it’s likely your hold is still suspended. You can fix this by opening your **Holds** list, tapping **Manage Hold**, and selecting **“Unsuspend Hold.”**



Using Microsoft Accounts Safely on Public Computers

We’ve noticed some patrons signing into their personal Microsoft accounts directly on our public computers. While this might seem convenient, it can cause problems as your personal settings, files,

and even saved passwords can be synced to our public computers. The Library's privacy software cannot prevent this.

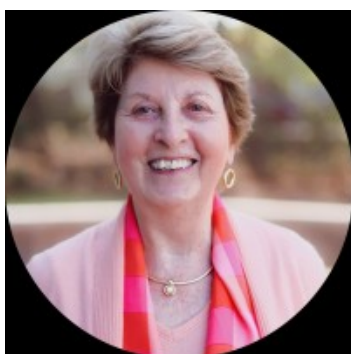
To protect your privacy:

- **Do not sign in** to Windows or the Microsoft Store with your personal Microsoft account.
- Instead, access your files through **OneDrive in a web browser**.
 1. Open any browser (like Edge or Chrome).
 2. Go to onedrive.live.com.
 3. Sign in and work with your files online.

When you're done, be sure to **sign out of your account** and **close all browser windows** before leaving the computer.

This method keeps your information private and ensures nothing personal is left behind on a shared computer.

Upcoming Programs



Virtual

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

December 3 at 9:30 AM via Zoom
December 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.

December Meetings:

December 3: Second Act Careers ("Thinking Outside the Box")

December 17: Marketing Plan ("Plan Your Work & Work Your Plan")

*In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library (host) and other MA Libraries
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**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



In-person

Mass Save Pop-Up Program

**December 2 and 11 at 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Circulation Services**

Longtime Mass Save® partner, HomeWorks Energy Inc. has teamed up with the Sharon Public Library to help Sharon community members save money on energy costs and make their homes safer, healthier, and more comfortable. This is a pop-up program located near Circulation Services from 10 AM to 5 PM on the following dates: **Tuesday, December 2 and Thursday, December 11**

Come to the Library on these dates to learn about the Mass Save program, which offers no-cost Home Energy Assessments (HEAs) to Massachusetts renters and homeowners. The goal of these assessments is to make residents' homes safer, healthier, and more comfortable, while helping them identify ways to lower energy consumption, carbon emissions, and utility bill costs. [More information about the Mass Save Program](#)

In partnership with HomeWorks Energy, Inc.

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



Virtual

Virtual - Bicycling Across America

December 1 at 2:00 PM via Zoom

Maps, directions, places to camp, weather, food sources, connection with family and friends, package delivery-what's a cyclist to do in the pre-digital 1980s to ride a bicycle across the United States of America? Come along for the ride as Steve Parus shares his experience riding his bike solo 4500 miles from Sea to Shining Sea carrying all gear and camping along the way.

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library.

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**



In-person

Writing Workshop with Local Author Ruth Weiner

Monday, December 8 at 1:00 PM
Cheyer ESOL Room (Upper Level)

Local author, Ruth Weiner, will facilitate a writing workshop for writers of all levels. Bring a notebook or laptop, your favorite pen, and your imagination! Together we'll write from prompts, share our words, and spark creativity. All writers welcome.

Ruth Weiner is an author, freelance writer, and educator. Her most recent book is *Milli Finds Her Bench*, which was chosen for the Sharon Reads Together event in Spring 2025. **Limited to 10 participants.**

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



In-person

Holiday Card-Making Program Using Canva

Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 PM
Cheyer ESOL Room (Upper Level)

Join us for a free, hands-on Holiday Card-Making Program using Canva. This fun, festive workshop is perfect for crafters, beginners, families, and anyone who wants to create personalized holiday cards without needing design experience. You'll learn how to use Canva's easy tools to build custom, downloadable holiday cards. Complete with your own photos, text, and creative touches. While **card stock and printing aren't provided**, you'll receive step-by-step instructions for printing your finished cards at home or through a print shop. **Limited to 10 participants.**

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



Virtual

Virtual - Who Gets To Fly? -- How NASA Chooses Its Astronauts

December 10 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Ever wonder how America chooses astronauts? Why did NASA select from military aviators? How are flight assignments made? Why did it take so long to incorporate women and minorities into the Astronaut Corps? Join NASA Solar System Ambassador David S. Ball as he discusses the tension between science and flight test, political considerations, and the luck of the draw that determines who gets to fly. Ball served 26 years in the US Air Force, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, and is now a volunteer educator with NASA's Jet Propulsion

Laboratory.

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library.

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In-person

3 Dimensional Embroidery Workshop

Thursday, December 11 at 1:00 PM
Community Room A

In this workshop, you'll learn the art of **Brazilian Embroidery**, a beautiful three-dimensional technique that uses highly twisted rayon thread from Brazil to create delicate, raised floral designs. By wrapping, casting on, and looping threads, you'll bring petals to life as they stand up from the fabric surface.

Esther Begleiter has been teaching embroidery since the late 1970s and is the founder and past president of the Suffolk County Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America. Her expertise spans a variety of embroidery styles including Blackwork, Crewel, Hardanger, Canvas (Needlepoint), Pulled Thread, and Smocking. All designs taught are her own original, copyrighted works.

This workshop is free, but **space is limited to 10 participants** so be sure to register early to secure your spot!

**More Info Here - Registration
Required**

Out of the Archives

Christmas with the Mann Family by Arielle Nathanson

Despite being a beloved national holiday, Christmas wasn't officially recognized as such until 1870. The Puritans, who disliked anything with foreign roots, kept Boston Christmas-free under a penalty of five shillings (47 cents).

It wasn't until the literary figures of the early 1900s, like Washington Irving and Charles Dickens, wrote their Christmas tales, that the American public started to associate the holiday with charity, goodwill and family. This shift can be seen in the Mann Diaries housed in The Carpeno History Room.

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



Exciting News from the SPL Archive!

The Sharon Public Library Archive is **now accepting donations!**

Do you have photos, documents, or memorabilia that capture Sharon's history? Help us preserve and share our community's story by contributing to the SPL Archive.

Contact Arielle Nathanson at:

anathanson@sharon.ocln.org



Share Your Sharon Story!

Do you have a special memory or story about Sharon? The Sharon Public Library is **collecting community reminiscences**.

We'd love to hear from you! Whether it's a favorite local event, a memory of the Library, or a story about life in Sharon, your reflections help keep our Town's history alive.

Send your stories to **Arielle Nathanson** at anathanson@sharon.ocln.org.

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

Meeting: December 18** at 1:00 PM in Community Room B

Book: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

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

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

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

** November and December meetings are on the 3rd Thursday due to holidays.

2025-2026 Book Titles and Meeting Dates

No Registration
Required



In-person Casual Crafting

Tuesday, December 30 at 6:30-7:45 PM
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. Drop by any time from **6:30-7:45 PM** in **Community Room B**.

No Registration
Required

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