

Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

January 2026

Announcements



You Are Invited To A

RETIREMENT PARTY

In Honor Of

*Lee Ann Amend,
Library Director*

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Wednesday, January 21st
4-6 p.m.

Community Room, Sharon Public Library

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Sharon Public Library Board of Trustees
Friends of the Sharon Public Library
Sharon Public Library Foundation

From the Board of Library Trustees

The Board of Trustees has hired a new Library Director, Randy E. Gagné, who will start January 26th.

Randy has extensive experience, most recently as Library Director for Middleborough Public Library.

Look for an invitation in our February newsletter to an event to welcome Randy.

Library Updates



THE LIBRARY WILL BE **CLOSED**

MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH

IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



Mural Coming Soon



to the children's room

A Storybook Mural for the Children's Room

Thanks to the generosity of the Emma Greenspan Foundation and the talent of local artist, Alison Kellom, a mural is being painted in the children's room! It will be a tree with frames to display a rotation of young artists works. The style will be reminiscent of the Hundred Acre Woods and other beloved storybook forests.

Come see the artists in action this week during Library hours: December 29th through January 2nd. Stay tuned for images of the final painting.

Upcoming Programs

Paint Party



With Kashmica Sarkar a
fundraiser for the Friends

January 13, 12:30 p.m. - 2p.m.
Sharon Public Library
Community Room

Cost: \$30 (supplies provided)

Scan the QR
code to register.



Paint Party Fundraiser for the Sharon Public Library

On January 13, the Friends of the Sharon Public Library will host a **Paint Party fundraiser** with local artist, Kashmica Sarkar.

Time: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
Location: Library Community Room
Cost: \$30 | Registration required.

Supplies will be provided. Please wear clothing appropriate for acrylic painting!

Come paint with your Friends and leave with an original masterpiece!

Questions: Contact info@friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org

Registration Required



Virtual Virtual - The Two Nerdy History Girls Ride Again!

January 5 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

The Two Nerdy History Girls - authors Loretta Chase and Susan Holloway Scott are here to answer all of our burning questions! How do they find interesting tidbits of historical lore, which libraries of the world have they visited, and how do they avoid the inescapable "rabbit hole"? We can't wait for what we know is going to be a fascinating conversation between these two friends and researchers.

In partnership with Ashland Public Library.

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



Virtual

Virtual - Love and Loss After Wounded Knee -- A Biography Of An Extraordinary Interracial Marriage

January 7 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Join us for a special talk with Julie Dobrow, who will discuss her new book, *Love and Loss After Wounded Knee*, the true story of an extraordinary interracial marriage shaped by a pivotal moment in American history. The book follows Elaine Goodale, a white poet and teacher, and Ohíye S'a (Charles Eastman), a Santee Sioux physician, whose unlikely romance began just before the Wounded Knee Massacre. Dobrow is the Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies at Tufts University and author of *After Emily*.

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library.

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



Virtual

Virtual - In Conversation with Author Heather B. Moore: "Julia"

January 12 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

We're really looking forward to this discussion with author Heather B. Moore about her recent release, *Julia*, the untold story of Julia Child before she became a worldwide cooking sensation! We'll chat with Heather about the book, her writing and research process, and if she found any surprises when looking into the iconic Julia! We hope you can join us for this fun conversation.

In partnership with Ashland Public Library.

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)

Virtual

Virtual - "Superspy Science: Science, Death & Tech in the World of James Bond" w Dr. Kathryn Harkup

January 14 at 2:00 PM via Zoom



Dr. Kathryn Harkup, writer, science communicator and vampirologist, will be discussing her book *Superspy Science: Science, Death and Tech in the World of James Bond*. Learn all about The science behind James Bond's exploits - armaments, tactics, plots and enemy tech. Join us for this fun and fascinating conversation!

In partnership with Ashland Public Library.

More Info Here - Registration Required



Virtual

Virtual - How Librarians Became The Unlikely Spies Of World War II

January 21 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Join us for a special event with historian and author Elyse Graham. She will discuss her new book, *Book and Dagger*, the fascinating true story of the scholars, librarians, and historians who became OSS spies during World War II and helped shape modern intelligence work.

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library.

More Info Here - Registration Required



In-person

Beginner Crochet for Adults

Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 PM
Community Room B

This is a drop in program for adults to learn the basics of crochet. We will cover how to: hold a crochet hook, tie a slip knot, crochet a chain and if time allows, how to make a single and double crochet. All materials will be provided by the library and participants will receive instruction from our Librarian and Archivist, Arielle.

No registration is required; come at any time from 6:30-7:45pm on January 20th to Community Room B.

Questions? Email Arielle Nathanson at anathanson@sharon.ocln.org.

More Info Here - No Registration Required

In-person

Blackwork Embroidery Workshop

Wednesday, January 28 at 1:00 PM

Community Room A



Join Ms. Begleiter to learn Blackwork Embroidery! This beautiful technique is done by using geometric shapes in different patterns.

Ms. Begleiter is an expert of her craft, and has been teaching embroidery since the late 1970s. She has designed and taught various techniques, including; Blackwork Embroidery, 3 Dimensional Embroidery, Canvas Embroidery (Needlepoint), Crewel Embroidery, Hardanger Embroidery, Pulled Thread Embroidery and Smocking.

Registration is limited to 10 people, so sign up fast!

More Info Here - Registration Required

Out of the Archives

Doctor Walter Alden Griffin: A Great and Interesting Man by Arielle Nathanson

What makes a person worthy of being remembered by their community almost 50 years after their death? It's not how wealthy they were, nor how many children they had. In Doctor Walter Alden Griffin's (1874-1976) case, it's what he did for his community.

Doctor Griffin was born in 1874 in Bradford, Massachusetts. He graduated from Haverhill High School, Harvard College and then Harvard Medical in 1901. Right after his graduation, the Sharon Sanitorium for Pulmonary Diseases hired him as their Director. Soon after, the Sanitorium would be used as a teaching hospital for his alma mater.

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



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: January 22 at 1:00 PM in Community Room B
Book: *River of the Gods: Genius, Courage and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile* by Candice Millard

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, January 27 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

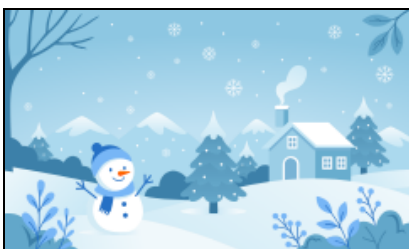
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January Activities *for* Tweens and Teens!

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