



## Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter July 2026



Announcements

# LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Friday, July 3

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday, July 4

CLOSED

Monday, July 13: 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Delayed opening for Staff Development



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## Sharon Public Library Featured in The Christian Science Monitor

Check us out! The Sharon Public Library was recently featured in a Christian Science Monitor article exploring how public libraries are evolving to meet community needs. As the article notes, libraries have long served as civic gathering spaces, helping to combat social isolation, bridge digital divides, and strengthen community connections. Today, libraries continue to reinvent themselves as foundational spaces for learning, engagement, and civic life.

We're proud to see Sharon Public Library recognized as part of this important national conversation. [Read the full article online!](#)



## Sharon Celebrates America's 250th

In collaboration with the Sharon Historical Society (SHS), the Sharon Public Library (SPL) is excited to share a 250th anniversary event series running **May through August**, with additional programs planned for the Fall.

[\[View the full lineup in the flyer linked here!\]](#)

# 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.

### July Events

Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 PM (EDT)

Small Towns and Big Secrets: In Conversation with Bestselling Author Karin Slaughter

Thursday, July 16 at 2:00 PM EDT

Migrant Heart: The Hidden Cost of the American Dream and Healing Through Storytelling with Reyna Grande

[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.

### July Highlights:

- July 9 @ 7PM: Special Class: Sound Sleep - a Sleep Readiness and Wind-Down Practice
- July 12 @ 7PM: Special Class: Seated Mindful Movement for Stress Relief

Monthly Challenge: Self Care Summer

Take any 3 classes of your choosing during the month of July. No pressure, no perfect attendance.

[More Info Here](#)

## Celebrate America's 250th with Digital Collections

In celebration of America's 250th, our digital collections are featuring special themed content highlighting American history, culture, and significant moments

from the nation's past.

- [Kanopy](#) - Explore the American History Collection, featuring documentaries and films that bring the nation's history to life.
- [Hoopla](#) - Browse a curated America's 250th collection of ebooks, audiobooks, movies, and more.
- [OverDrive/Libby](#) - Discover books and resources related to America's 250th through our digital collection.

Visit your favorite digital library service to explore these special collections and commemorate our nations' historic milestone!

## Upcoming Programs



*Virtual*

### **Celebrating America's 250th: Iron in the Water with Adventurer in History Kiersten Marcil**

Monday, July 6 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

We're thrilled to welcome Kiersten Marcil, Author & Adventurer in History to our virtual stage. She will be discussing "Iron in the Water: How American Rebels Blocked British Control of the Hudson River".

*In partnership with Ashland Public Library.*

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



*Virtual*

### **Celebrating America's 250th: The Two Nerdy History Girls Discuss Everyday Life in 1776**

Monday, July 13 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

We're at it again! We keep having so much fun with Loretta and Susan that we had to keep bringing them back for encore performances. And, this time, they are focusing on the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

*In partnership with Ashland Public Library.*

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)

*In-person*

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



Tuesday, July 14 | 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*

### **Bicycling Storyteller Andy Davis "In the Spirit of Scheherazade"**

Tuesday, July 14 | 6:00 PM  
Community Room B

Join storyteller Andy Davis for "In the Spirit of Scheherazade", an engaging mix of personal stories, folklore, and history, including tales inspired by his father's childhood in Sharon. As part of a 900-mile bicycle storytelling tour across New England, Davis brings his signature humor, wisdom, and captivating storytelling style to audiences of all ages.

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

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



*Virtual*

### **Celebrating America's 250th: The Black Experience of Revolution with Herstoryian Gracia Rich**

Monday, July 20 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

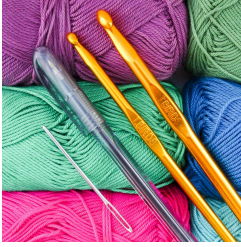
A conversation with Gracia Collins Rich, Independent Scholar, Author and Avid Reader, who will discuss the extraordinary efforts of Black Americans whose invaluable contributions during the Revolutionary War helped bring about U.S. Independence.

*In partnership with Ashland Public Library.*

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)

*In-person*

### **Beginner Crochet for Adults**



Tuesday, July 21 | 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM  
Community Room A

Join Archivist Arielle for a beginner crochet workshop covering chains, single, and double crochet stitches. All materials provided. **Limited to 10 participants.**

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



*Virtual*

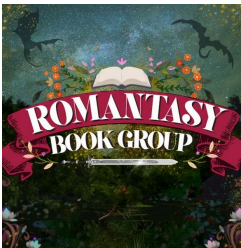
## Celebrating America's 250th: "The Escapes of David George" with author Gregory E. O'Malley

Monday, July 27 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

We're thrilled to welcome author and historian Gregory E. O'Malley who will be discussing his book, "The Escapes of David George: An Odyssey of Slavery, Freedom, and the American Revolution".

*In partnership with Ashland Public Library.*

[More Info Here - Registration Required](#)



*In-person*

## Romantasy Book Group

**Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 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.

**Please note that the Romantasy Book Group will not meet in July. We will return on Wednesday, August 26 for our next session.**

*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



## The History of Deborah Sampson by Arielle Nathanson

Deborah Sampson, born on December 17, 1760, in Plympton, Massachusetts, was one of seven children born to Jonathan Sampson Jr. and Deborah (Bradford) Sampson. Their lineage traced back to prominent Pilgrims: Jonathan's roots connected him to Myles Standish and Priscilla Alden, while his wife's heritage linked her to Massachusetts Governor William Bradford as his great-granddaughter.

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

**The Book Group is on break for the summer.  
Meetings will resume in September!**

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, July 28 | 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](#)

## Summer 2026!

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