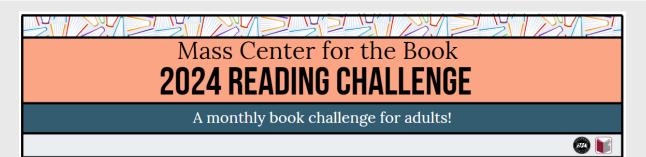


Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter November 2024



November's Challenge:

A relaxing, soul-soothing book



Announcements

New Library Project

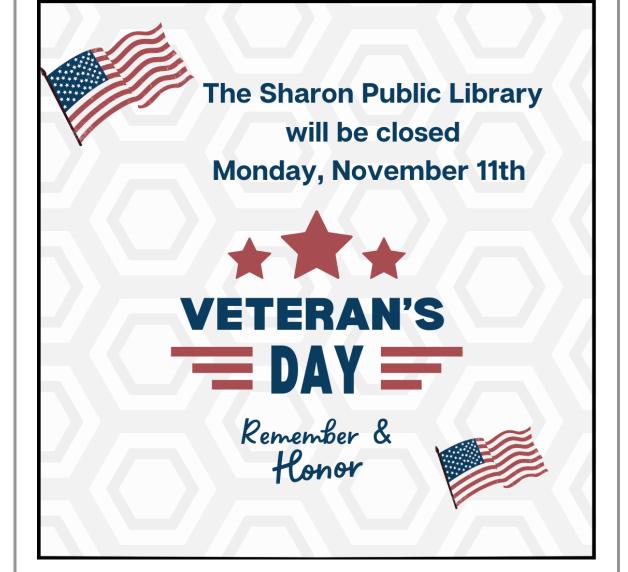
All questions about the project should be directed to the **Sharon Standing Building Committee** via the Town's website. The SSBC page is regularly updated with meeting agendas and minutes. The public is always welcome to attend these meetings, which are also recorded by **Sharon Cable TV**.

Construction updates and photos may be found at the Town's website under **Quick Links - Building Projects - Library Project In Progress.**



Exterior renderings of the new Library at 1 School Street





The Library will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.



The Library will close at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 27 and remain closed on November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

We will reopen on Saturday, November 30 at 10:00 AM.

Staff Changes at SPL

SPL bids farewell to

Jennifer Watterlond (Information Services Librarian) and Ruth Jimenez-Perez (Head of Circulation Services) who recently departed SPL to pursue other opportunities.

Welcome to the team!

Emily Heath (Information Services Librarian)

Emily comes to SPL from the Goodnow Library in Sudbury (MA) with experience as a part-time Reference Librarian and teacher.

Michelle Skaar (Head of Circulation Services)

Michelle comes to SPL from the Mattapoisett Free Public Library (MA) where she most recently served as Assistant Director/Head of Children's Services.

Online Spotlight



Changes to eAudiobook access

On November 13, 2024, Overdrive will retire the MP3 audiobook format from OverDrive library websites and end support for OverDrive's desktop apps for Windows and Mac (which only work with MP3 audiobooks).

After this change, you can listen to audiobooks using the following options:

- In <u>Libby</u> (available for Android, iOS, or Amazon Fire devices or at <u>libbyapp.com</u> in a web browser)
- On your library's OverDrive website using the <u>Listen now in browser</u> option

Collection News



Veterans Collection

Our Veterans Collection is located in the Periodicals Room and includes resources for Veterans benefits, employment services, higher education, technical careers, mental health, substance abuse, PTSD, and information for military spouses and dependents.

All materials are available to be checked out with an OCLN library card.

Funding for the Veterans Collection is provided by the Libraries and Veterans National Forum Grant, Texas A&M University, and a Library Services and Technology Act grant.

Additional resources from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs available from our website.

Veterans Crisis Line

Make the Connection - Find Stories Like Yours

Out of the Archives



In preparation for the new Library, we have embarked on a project to organize our local history archival collection. Some very interesting items are being unearthed and will be featured as part of this monthly newsletter by our Archivist, Arielle Nathanson.

This month's feature is:

Sharon's Digital Newspaper Archive: History and Scandal

Part 1: History

The Sharon Newspaper Archive has plenty to offer, but is largely unknown to patrons. Take the historic Tisdale Family for example; a quick look through the digital archive tells not only of their success as farmers, but a bit about their personal and slightly scandalous lives as well.

The 300-acre property was originally purchased by the Perry Family in 1733 and sold to the Tisdales in 1748. They farmed the land for 250 years, making it the most profitable farm in the town. Livestock included: horses, cows, mules, fowl,

sheep, pigs, and oxen. The crops were just as numerous with Indian corn, Irish potatoes, peas, beans, barley, and hay. To top it all off, 600 pounds each of butter and cheese were produced each year.

The Tisdale Family enjoyed boundless success, but it soon came to an end when Colonel Israel Tisdale died in 1852...

[link to full article]

Youth Services



Looking for information about youth programs and services? Sign up for our Youth Newsletters by clicking the appropriate button below.

Sign up for Birth - 5th Grade Newsletter

Sign up for Teen/Tween
Newsletter

Upcoming Programs



Virtual

Roosevelt for President (32, 36, 40, & 44) with the FDR Presidential Library

November 1 at 2:00 PM via Zoom

President Franklin D. Roosevelt served longer than any American President ever has or will. This session highlights the issues and opponents that FDR faced as he waged, and won, four presidential elections, a feat never before done, nor that will ever be repeated.

Led by Jeffrey S. Urbin, Education Specialist at the Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum.

Presented in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library.

More information here

Registration Required.



Virtual

Ask Me Anything with Resume & LinkedIn Coach Virginia Franco

November 4 at 2:00 PM via Zoom

Virginia Franco, founder of Virginia Franco Resumes, will hold an AMA ("Ask Me Anything") for job seekers. As a 5X Certified Resume Writer & LinkedIn Profile Expert, she welcomes any questions about resumes and LinkedIn writing.

Presented in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library.

More information here

Registration Required.



In-person

Local Author Janet Singer Applefield on "Becoming Janet: Finding Myself in the Holocaust"

November 6 at 6:30 PM SPL Community Room

Since 1947 when her father insisted his 12-year-old daughter dictate to him the story of her survival, being a hidden child during the Holocaust has been central to Janet Singer Applefield's identity. Initially, she believed her experiences were insignificant compared to those who survived the camps, but in the early 1980s, like many other child survivors at the time, she started sharing her story.

Becoming Janet is a mesmerizing account of how a little girl maneuvered through terrifying situations that would paralyze most adults, revealing how hidden children - often viewed as passive victims - were often dynamic participants in their own survival.

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

More information here

Registration Required.

Sharon Reads Together MEET DAVID A. KELLY





David A. Kelly

Meet **David A. Kelly**Author of Ballpark Mysteries

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6pm Community Education Center Sharon High School FREE. Registration required

Register | Here





Sponsored by The Friends Sharon Reads Together bit.ly/sharonreadstogether2024

Free. Registration required.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

info@friendsofsharonlibrary.org

The Friends of the Sharon Public Library welcome families to meet David A. Kelly, author of The Ballpark Mystery Series. This author talk will take place at the Community Education Center at the Sharon High School.

David A. Kelly is the author of the Ballpark Mysteries series in which cousins Kate and Mike solve mysteries at different major league ballparks, and the Most Valuable Players (MVP) series in which a group of elementary school kids have adventures playing different sports. Mr. Kelly is also the author of the early reader, Babe Ruth and the Baseball Curse and the picture books Tee Time on the Moon and Miracle Mud: Lena Blackburne and Secret Mud that Changed Baseball.

More information here

Registration Required.



Virtual

Author Jerry Brotton Discusses
"Four Points of the Compass: The
Unexpected History of Direction"

November 13 at 2:00 PM via Zoom

Four Points of the Compass takes us on a journey of directional discovery. Societies have understood and defined directions in very different ways based on their locations in time and space. Historian Jerry Brotton reveals why Hebrew culture privileges east; why Renaissance Europeans began drawing north at the

top of their maps; why early Islam revered the south; why the Aztecs used five color-coded cardinal directions; and why no societies, primitive or modern, have ever orientated themselves westwards. In doing so, politically-loaded but widely used terms such as the "Middle East," the "Global South," the "West Indies," the "Orient," and even the "western world" take on new meanings.

Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library.

More information here

Registration Required.



The Sharon Garden Club in partnership with the Sharon Public Library presents: Books in Bloom

November 14-16 during regular Library open hours

Books in Bloom is an annual program presented in cooperation with the Sharon Public Library. Members of the Sharon Garden Club create beautiful floral arrangements interpreting a book of their choice.

This year, from November 14-16, more than a dozen floral design interpretations will be displayed throughout the library during regular opening hours. Several designers plan to attend Thursday night and will be available to answer questions about their exhibit.



Virtual

Q&A with Author Kathleen DuVal: "Native Nations: A Millennium in North America"

November 25 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

We are joined by Professor, Historian, and Author Kathleen DuVal as she discusses her book, *Native Nations: A Millennium in North America*, which is "an essential American history" (*The Wall Street Journal*) that places the power of Native nations at its center, telling their story from the rise of ancient cities more than a thousand years ago to fights for sovereignty that continue today.

In this important addition to the growing tradition of North American history centered on Indigenous nations, DuVal shows how the definitions of power and means of exerting it shifted over time, but the sovereignty and influence of Native peoples remained a constant—and will continue far into the future.

Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library.

More information here

Registration Required.



Virtual

Living with Wild Turkeys in Massachusetts with MassWildlife

November 26 at 10:30 AM via Zoom

Wild turkeys, the official game bird of Massachusetts, thrive in a variety of habitats across the Commonwealth, including in urban and suburban areas. Learn about wild turkey biology and behavior, as well as how residents can coexist with these beautiful birds.

Led by Meghan Crawford, Community Engagement Biologist with MassWildlife, and David Scarpitti, Turkey Biologist with MassWildlife.

Presented in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library.

More information here

Registration Required.

Ongoing Programs



Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

In-person

All are welcome to join this drop-in group at any time; there is no obligation to attend all meetings.**
We read across many genres and enjoy lively discussion!

November's book is: The Long Flight Home by Alan Hlad

(Copies are available at the Adult Circulation Desk and on Libby by Overdrive)

Questions? Susan Eggimann | seggimann@sharon.ocln.org | 781.784.1578 x1422

2024-2025 Book Titles and Meeting Dates

Sign up for our SPL Book Discussion Group Newsletter to stay up-to-date with meeting announcements and book selections.

**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.

No registration required!



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