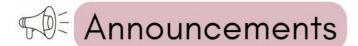


Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter June 2023





New Library Project Update

The New Library Project passed the vote for additional funding at the May 1st Annual Town Meeting. The site for the new library is 1 School Street. The Sharon Standing Building Committee is responsible for all phases of construction. For regular updates on the project, please consult the Town's **Standing Building Committee** webpage.





The funds will be used for museum passes, programming materials and other library needs.

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OLD COLONY LIBRARY CRAWL JUNE 5-17 2023



You've probably heard of a pub crawl...but have you ever heard of *alibrary crawl*? From Monday, June 5th through Saturday, June 17th, 23 libraries on the South Shore will participate in the first annual Old Colony Library Crawl. The Crawl is designed to encourage area residents to visit and explore the libraries spanning 3 counties and 23 cities and towns in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Participants will receive paper passports to present at each library they visit, where they will get stamped as proof of the participant's visit. Passports will be available for pickup at all participating libraries. Participants who visit at least 5 libraries on the list will be eligible to win one of three road trip gift baskets - one for kids, one for teens, and one for adults. Individual libraries may be offering additional gifts to take home. (Sharon Public Library will have favors for all ages!)

We are excited to host visitors from Sharon and the OCLN area! To learn more, please visit **malibraryroadtrip.com/ocln** or call one of the participating libraries.



Exploring Local History

Have you ever wanted to know more about patriots Deborah Sampson and Job Swift, or Sharon's history as a summer resort? Did you know that Sharon was originally established as a precinct of Stoughton, and later incorporated as the Town of Stoughtonham before being named Sharon?

The Library has many resources to assist you in exploring Sharon's history, including books available for checkout, reference materials, and an online portal to digital content from our website. The Special Collections tab will take you to two local history pages:

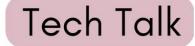
The **Sharon Local History Collection** is comprised of books and manuscript materials, Town documents such as Annual Reports and Town Meeting Warrants, yearbooks, postcard images, and the Deborah Sampson Collection.

Many of these items have been digitized and made available online - these are accessed from the **Digitized Sharon History** page, which also links to **Sharon Newspapers Online** (1883 to 2022).

Still need assistance? Call or visit the Reference Desk (ext. 1422 or 1429) for further assistance.

If you are interested in learning more about Deborah Sampson, register for our **June 7th program!** (See "Upcoming Programs" below) You can also download our **Deborah Sampson Local Guide!**





HP Chromebooks: Now Available to Circulate!



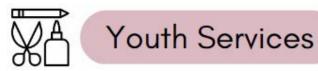
As a friendly reminder, HP Chromebooks are now available at Sharon Public

Library to check out and bring home!

The HP Chromebooks - which come equipped with a laptop charger, mouse, mousepad, headphones, laptop bag + shoulder strap, and instruction sheet - offer easy access to Zoom and Google Workshop applications plus internet browsing.

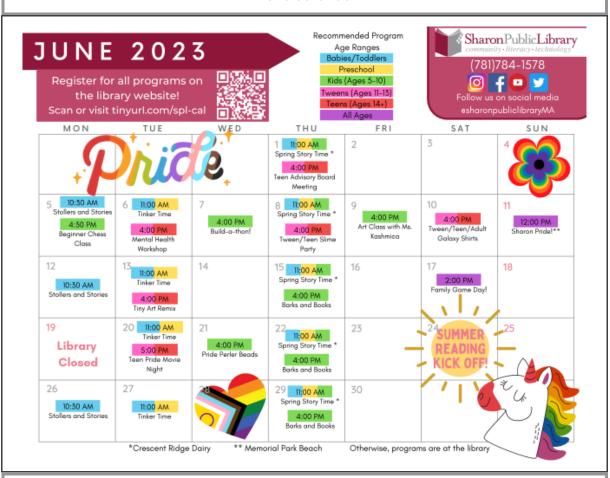
Chomebooks have a 14-day loan period, with one renewal, provided there are no holds by other patrons (only SPL cardholders may place a hold).

Visit the Adult Circulation Desk to learn more - and check one out today!



Youth Services Programs

Click on the images for full-sized view. Register for events on our website's **Event Calendar**.



Call for Volunteer Multilingual Story Time Readers

This year's summer reading theme is Find Your Voice. To celebrate Sharon's multilingual voices, we would love to invite volunteers to read a non-English story at weekly story times at 11 AM on Thursdays at Crescent Ridge Dairy.



Learn More and Sign Up



June 2023

Activities for Tweens and Teens











Tuesday, 6/6 from 4-5 PM















Click on the image to the left to see our full list of programs for 6-12th graders. Register for

events on our website's **Event Calendar.**







Upcoming Programs



In-Person

Planning for Medicare: Countdown to 65

June 1st @ 6:45 PM

We welcome back Sue Flanagan, Senior Plan Consultant for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, to present on Medicare. Sue has than 20 years' experience in the Health Insurance Industry with a focus on Medicare products. She and speaks to many audiences each year on Medicare and related products. This presentation will help those approaching Medicare eligibility to understand their health insurance options outside of employer-sponsored coverage. Topics covered will include:

- Explanation of Medicare
- Medigap and Medicare Advantage Plans
- Medicare Part D
- Programs available to retirees such as COBRA
- Where to go for additional help

More information here

Registration Required.



In-Person

The Life and Times of Deborah Samson with Steve Connolly

June 7th @ 6:30 PM

Join us for local resident Steve Connolly's presentation about Deborah Samson (or Sampson), who disguised herself as a man and served for more than a year in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. After her discharge, Deborah married Benjamin Gannett of Sharon, and lived here until her death.

More information here

Registration Required.



In-Person

Create an Aromatic Herb Garden with Therapy Gardens June 14th @ 6:00 PM

Topics include growing and drying herbs, creating your own herb garden, and herbs for flavorful cooking. Each participant leaves with their choice of seasonally available herb/flower plants or seeds and their own personal herb pots.

More information here

Registration Required.





in conversation with Elizabeth Gonzalez James

June 14th @ 6:30 PM

The Friends of the Sharon Public Library invite you to a conversation between local authors Connie Hertzberg Mayo and Elizabeth Gonzalez James in the Community Room. Connie will read an excerpt from her newest book, *The Sharp Edge of Mercy*, then have a discussion with Elizabeth before opening up for Q&A.

More information here

Registration Required.



In-Person

Saving Money and Energy on Your Utility Bill:



A Discussion with the Town Energy Advocate and Sharon Power Save

June 22nd @ 6:30 PM

Join the Town of Sharon's Energy Advocate, Julie Barbour-Issa, to learn about home energy efficiency and the Mass Save rebate program. Julie will discuss getting a no-cost Home Energy Assessment, rebates available for insulation, weatherization, and heating & cooling systems, as well as federal tax credits and rebates. Additionally, learn about the benefits of participating in Sharon Power Choice, the Town's electricity program, with Peregrine Energy Group's Julie Harris.

More information here

Registration Required.

YOUR VOTES ARE IN! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOTED ON A TOPIC FOR THE NEXT TECH WITH TIM CLASS.



Tech with Tim: How to Best Organize Your Digital Files and Folders

June 28th @ 6:00 PM

Join Tim Lumnah as he details the basics of digital file and folder organization on your computer and/or laptop. This class will focus on the beginner organizational skills such as: how to name or rename files, move files into folders, reorder folders by preference, etc.

More information here

Registration Required.



Ongoing Programs



Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

In-Person

June 22nd @ 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Conviction by Denise Mina

The SPL Book Discussion Group meets from Sept-June on the 4th Thursday of each month @ 1:00-2:30 PM in the Library's Community Room.

No registration required!

For more information, please contact

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