



## Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter June 2023



### Announcements

#### **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.



**Thank you Book Fans!  
You helped us raise**

**\$11,000!!**

**2023 Used Book Sale**



**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](http://malibraryroadtrip.com/ocln) or call one of the participating libraries.



## Online Spotlight

### 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!](#)



## Tech Talk

### 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.

Chromebooks 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

### Youth Services Programs

Click on the images for full-sized view. Register for events on our website's [Event Calendar](#).

# JUNE 2023

Register for all programs on the library website!  
Scan or visit [tinyurl.com/spl-cal](https://tinyurl.com/spl-cal)

Recommended Program

Age Ranges
Babies/Toddlers
Preschool
Kids (Ages 5-10)
Tweens (Ages 11-13)
Teens (Ages 14+)
All Ages

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Pride			1 11:00 AM Spring Story Time * 4:00 PM Teen Advisory Board Meeting	2	3	4 
5 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories 4:30 PM Beginner Chess Class	6 11:00 AM Tinker Time 4:00 PM Mental Health Workshop	7 4:00 PM Build-a-thon!	8 11:00 AM Spring Story Time * 4:00 PM Tween/Teen Slime Party	9 4:00 PM Art Class with Ms. Kashmica	10 4:00 PM Tween/Teen/Adult Galaxy Shirts	11 12:00 PM Sharon Pride!**
12 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories	13 11:00 AM Tinker Time 4:00 PM Tiny Art Remix	14	15 11:00 AM Spring Story Time * 4:00 PM Barks and Books	16	17 2:00 PM Family Game Day!	18
19 Library Closed	20 11:00 AM Tinker Time 5:00 PM Teen Pride Movie Night	21 4:00 PM Pride Parler Beads	22 11:00 AM Spring Story Time * 4:00 PM Barks and Books	23	SUMMER READING KICK OFF!	
26 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories	27 11:00 AM Tinker Time	28 	29 11:00 AM Spring Story Time * 4:00 PM Barks and Books	30		

\*Crescent Ridge Dairy    \*\* Memorial Park Beach    Otherwise, programs are at the library

### 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**

<p><b>Teen Advisory Board</b> *Thursday, 6/1 from 4-5 PM Help plan our summer programs! Want to join? The application is at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/spl-tab">tinyurl.com/spl-tab</a>.</p>	<p><b>Tiny Art Show</b> 6/5 - 6/17 Stop by and take a look at our miniature masterpieces!</p>	<p><b>Library Scavenger Hunt</b> 6/5 - 6/17 Can you spot all of the secrets in the Library?</p>
<p><b>Teen Mental Health</b> *Tuesday, 6/6 from 4-5 PM Learn how to maintain your mental health with this badge-worthy Girl Scout program.</p>	<p><b>Slime Making Party</b> *Thursday, 6/8 from 4-5 PM Get messy and learn how to make 3 kinds of slime!</p>	<p><b>Galaxy Shirt Craft</b> *Sat., 6/10 from 2-3:30 PM Bring a black shirt and learn how to turn it into a fantastic galactic scene.</p>
<p><b>Tiny Art Show Remix</b> *Tuesday, 6/13 from 6-7:15 PM Feeling inspired? Come get creative using our tiny art as a jumping-off point.</p>	<p><b>Pride Movie Night</b> *Tuesday, 6/20 from 5-7:30 PM Make a cute rainbow craft, eat tasty treats and watch <i>Love, Simon</i>. (PG-13)</p>	<p><b>Summer Challenge Kickoff</b> *Sat., 6/24 at 2 and 3:30 PM Get to know some amazing LIVE animals, sign up for Beanstack and more!</p>

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](#).

\*Programs require registration: [tinyurl.com/spl-cal](http://tinyurl.com/spl-cal)  
Contact Tween/Teen Librarian Amy Grell at [agrell@sharon.acn.org](mailto:agrell@sharon.acn.org) with questions.



Sign up for SPL's **Tweens'/Teens' Newsletter**

Sign up for SPL's **Children's Newsletter**



**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-Person*

**Connie Hertzberg Mayo**

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.

*In-Person*



## 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

Susan Eggimann at [seggimann@sharon.ocln.org](mailto:seggimann@sharon.ocln.org) or 781-784-1478 ext. 1422

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