





Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter

April 2024



Mass Center for the Book
2024 READING CHALLENGE

A monthly book challenge for adults!



April's Challenge:
A book about nature, the environment, or climate change



Announcements



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HAPPY
PATRIOT'S DAY

The Sharon Public Library will be closed
Monday, April 15th





Used Book Sale

May 16-19, 2024



Book Donations Apr 29-May 14, 2024
Library Community Room 11 No. Main St Sharon, MA

2024 Book Sale Hours:

Member Day: Thurs May 16, 2-7pm
General Public:
Fri May 17 10am-4pm
Sat May 18 10am-4pm
Sun May 19 10am-4pm \$6/ Bag 2/\$10

Join or renew your membership for
Member Day
Scan the QR code
or go to:
friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org
Avoid a line at the door on Thursday!



Want to Volunteer? Email: info@friendsofsharonlibrary.org

Thank you to our Membership Sponsor



Book Donations begin Monday, April 29th!

Drop off your gently used books to the Sharon Public Library Community Room during regular library hours from Monday, April 29th - Tuesday, May 14th.



Annual Peep Diorama Contest!

Want to show off your creativity? Sharon Public Library Youth Services invites you to design a diorama for marshmallow Peeps! Build a model of a scene from a favorite book starring marshmallow chicks or bunnies! Winner will be selected through popular vote. Patrons of all ages are welcome to sign up! Registration begins April 1st at 10:00 AM

[Learn More!](#)

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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:

Patent Medicines or Snake Oil

Back in the 1700s, 1800s and even early 1900s, it was common to find advertisements for miracle medicines in newspapers, pamphlets and sometimes even books. Accordingly, this month's item of interest is an advertisement for aerated oxygen found in an 1890s Sharon newspaper. But before that, a short introduction to the world of patent medicines.

Medicine wasn't regulated like it is today. Anyone could mix mystery ingredients together, call it a miracle cure and sell it to the public. People were all too happy to try these medicines, because contemporary doctors were often feared and largely distrusted. Medical theory dictated the unpleasant use of bloodletting, emetics and purgatives, even if it wasn't helping the patient. Doctors simply didn't have the basic knowledge of germ theory that we do today and it made them wholly unpopular. Who wouldn't choose a cheap wonder drug, when their only other option was bloodletting? Unfortunately, these wonder drugs were often ineffective and dangerous.

Going back to the advertisement in the Sharon newspaper, it makes some unbelievable claims that would have sounded like a godsend back in the 1890s.

"Take 21,000 beautiful young girls and then consider that of this large number 7,000 will, according to medical statistics, die of Consumption. One-third of the human race dies of Consumption. Facts, and figures back of facts show it. Preventative medicine is doing much now. Aerated oxygen stands king of preventive agents. It removes impurities, makes bright, rich, health-giving blood, heals ulcerated lungs..."

[[click here](#) for the full article...]

Youth Services

APRIL 2024

Register for all programs on the library website!
Scan or visit tinyurl.com/spl-cal

Recommended Program
Age Ranges:
Babies/Toddlers
Preschool
Grades K-2
Grades 3-5
All Ages

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Peep Diorama Contest 3:30 PM Registration	2 9:30 AM Shelley and Stories 1:30 PM Explanation Station	3 10:00 AM Tinker Time	4	5	6 2:00 PM Edgewise Science	
7 9:30 AM Shelley and Stories 4:00 PM Doodle Club	8 10:00 AM Tinker Time	9 10:00 AM Tinker Time	10 4:30 PM Colorful Poetry	11	12	13
14 Library Closed	15 10:00 AM Tinker Time	16 10:00 AM Tinker Time	17 4:30 PM Peep Party	18 10:00 AM Pump Pops Potatoes	19 4:00 PM Legs Lane	20
21 Library Closed	22 9:30 AM Shelley and Stories 4:00 PM Doodle Club	23 10:00 AM Tinker Time 4:30 PM Chromatography Experiments	24 4:30 PM Bee-until Science	25	26	27 9:30 AM Shelley and Stories OUTSIDE

Calendar is subject to change. For the most up to date information check our website: Sharonpubliclibrary.org

Youth Services Programs

Check the Youth Services calendar for this month's programs (*click calendar for full-sized view*). Register for events on [our website's Event Calendar](#).

For more information, contact Children's Librarian [Rachael Savage](#).



Tween and Teen Programs

Click the rainbow to pull up a copy of this month's activities for 6th-12th graders, including art, poetry and Taylor Swift!

For more information, contact Tween/Teen Librarian [Amy Greil](#).

Upcoming Programs



In-Person

One Book, One Town Book Discussion with Sharon Public Library

April 4th at 6:30 PM
SPL Community Room

Final book discussion for this year's OBOT choice, *The Music of Bees* by Eileen Garvin, will be facilitated by Susan Eggimann, Head of Adult & Technology Services. The discussion is limited to 15 registrants.

[Register for the April Discussion Here](#)

Registration Required.



Virtual

Minimizing (or Eliminating!) Food Waste For Families

April 11th at 7:00 PM
via Zoom

Learn how to minimize or eliminate food waste in your family, especially with kids. Sarah Robertson-Barnes will share easy steps to save, use, or compost food scraps so none (or little) goes into landfills! All ages are welcome.

Sarah, founder of the [Sustainable in the Suburbs](#) blog, is a freelance writer, educator, and consultant. She lives with her husband, two kids, and rescue dog outside of Toronto, Ontario. Sustainable in the Suburbs is a resource for living low waste with kids in a culture of convenience.

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Registration Required.



Virtual

A Brief History of the Coast Guard with Captain Greg Ketchen (Retired)

**April 16th at 1:00 PM
via Zoom**

Massachusetts is the birthplace of the Coast Guard. America's oldest seagoing service has an exceptionally rich history.

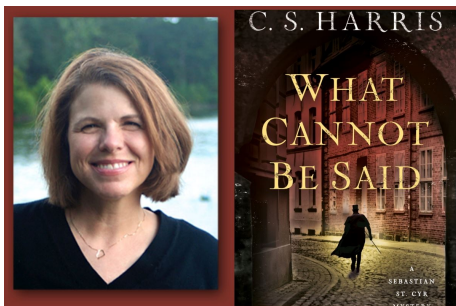
Greg Ketchen is a retired U.S. Coast Guard Captain living in Osterville, MA. He is a volunteer at the Coast Guard Heritage Museum located in Barnstable's Old Customs House and has served as its president for the past six years.

Greg has performed duties at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, completing assignments as chief oceanographer for the International Ice Patrol and on the faculty of the Coast Guard Academy and serving as commander of Coast Guard Group Boston and a NATO station in Italy.

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Virtual

Q&A with C.S. Harris Author of the "Sebastian St. Cyr" Historical Mystery Series

**April 23rd at 7:00 PM
via Zoom**

C.S. (aka Candice Proctor) is the prolific writer of the Sebastian St. Cyr series. We're also celebrating the book birthday of the 18th in this series, *Who Cries for the Lost?*

Regency England. The age of Napoleon and Jane Austen. Fortunes are won and lost at the turn of a card, a decades-old war has turned Europe into a ravaged battlefield, and in London, a child of six can still be hanged for stealing a handkerchief. This is the world of Sebastian St. Cyr, Viscount Devlin. Heir to an earldom, disillusioned Army officer, latter day knight errant. A master of disguises. Sebastian moves easily from the ballrooms of Mayfair to the rookeries of St. Giles,

from the exclusive men's clubs of St. James's to the dangerous docks of the Thames.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.

Ongoing Programs



Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

In-Person

April 18th 1:00 PM

The Shadows in the Street by Susan Hill

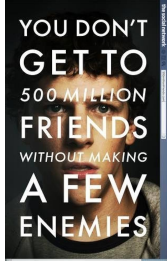
The SPL Book Discussion Group meets from Sept - June on the 4th Thursday of each month @ 1:00 PM in the Library's Community Room.
No registration required!

2023-2024 Book Titles and Meeting Dates

For more information, please contact
Susan Eggimann at seggimann@sharon.ocln.org or 781-784-1478 ext. 1422.



Next Film: The Social Network (2010)
PG-13: Biography; Drama



As Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg creates the social networking site that would become known as Facebook, he is sued by the twins who claimed he stole their idea and by the co-founder who was later squeezed out of the business.

Next Meeting: April 10th at 6:00 PM (In-Person)
Registration Required

Register for the Meeting

Learn More About the Group

[View the 2024 film selection list.](#)

Questions? Jennifer Stanley | jstanley@sharon.ocln.org | 781.784.1578 x1429



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