




Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter February 2024

Mass Center for the Book
2024 READING CHALLENGE
A monthly book challenge for adults!

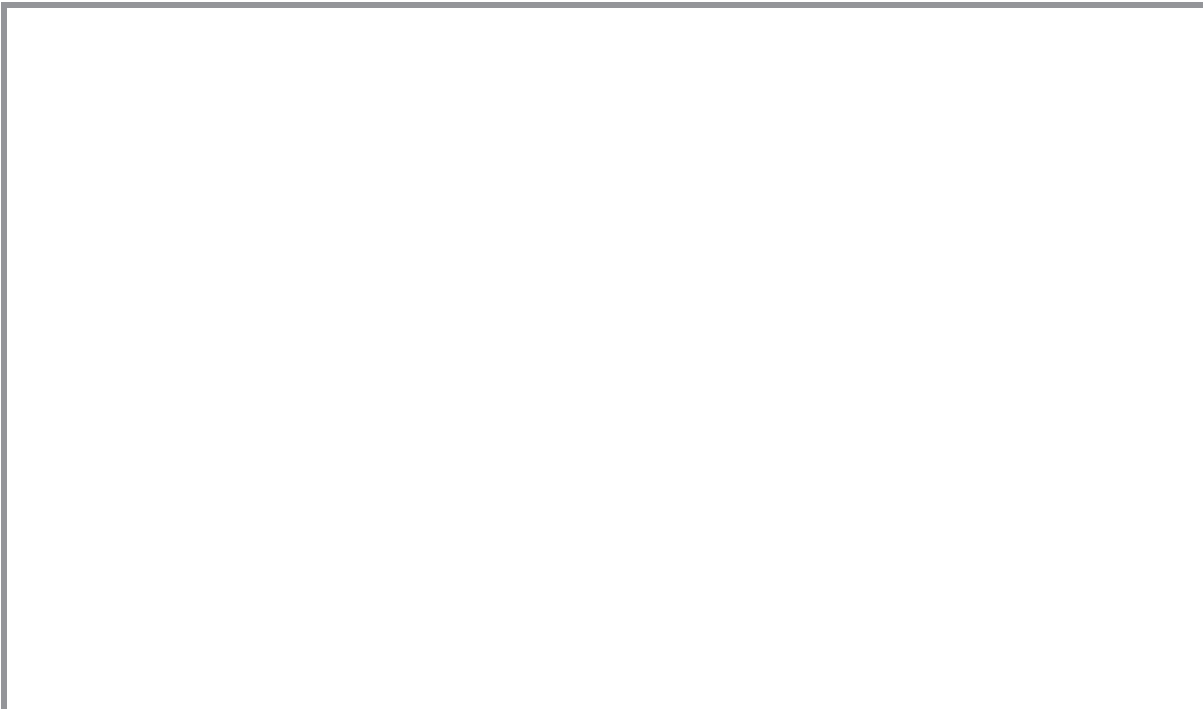


February's Challenge:

A book with a color in the title



General News



In Memoriam

Writers who died in 2023

(an incomplete list)

Refaat Alareer
Vassilis Alexakis

Martin Amis
Russell Banks

Ted Bell
Richard Belzer

Ronald Blythe
Echo Brown

Eve Bunting
A.S. Byatt

Suzy McKee Charnas
Carol Higgins Clark

Tim Dorsey
Stephen Dunn

Royston Ellis
Cai Emmons

Ian Falconer
David Ferry

Christopher Fowler

Patrick French
Julie Garwood

Louise Glück
Herbert Gold

Judith Heumann
Mary Ann Hoberman

John Jakes
Paul Johnson

Khaled Khalifa
Milan Kundera

Harold S. Kushner
Paul La Farge

Cormac McCarthy
Larry McMurtry

Gita Mehta
Louise Meriwether

John Nichols
Kenzaburō Ōe

Linda Paston

Edith Pearlman
Solomon Perel

Anne Perry
Julie Anne Peters

Rachel Pollack
Jonathan Raban

Naomi Replansky
James Reston Jr.

Peter Robinson
Martha Saxton

Amy Schwartz
Meir Shalev

Charles Simic
Charles F. Stanley

Dubravka Ugrešić
Fay Weldon

Benjamin Zephania

Announcements



New! SPL Movie Discussion Group

We are happy to announce that the Sharon Public Library will be starting a new, bi-monthly SPL Movie Discussion Group!

Patrons are asked to independently watch each movie prior to the meeting/discussion. DVD copies of this film will be available to request at the Adult Circulation Desk (upper floor) up to a week prior to the meeting date.

View the 2024 movie selections [here](#).

Looking forward to a fun and thoughtful discussion; we hope to see you there!

[Learn More
Here](#)

[Join the Movie Group Email
Newsletter](#)



First Movie

A Man Called Otto (2022)

PG-13: Comedy; Drama

Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around.

First Meeting*

Wednesday, February 14th

6:00 PM

SPL Community Room

**Please register per meeting in our [event calendar](#).*

For patrons with paid subscription service(s), this movie is also available to stream via:

- *Netflix*
- *Apple TV*
- *Amazon Prime Video*
- *Google Play Movies*
- *Vudu*
- *YouTube*

[Collection News](#)



Chase Away the Winter Blues with our 'Library of Things' Collection!

Learn an instrument | Solve a puzzle | Game with family & friends | Get crafty

Crafts

- [Sewing Kit](#)
- [Sewing Machine](#) (and [Extension Table](#))
- [Crochet Kit](#)
- [Knitting Kit](#)
- [Loom](#)

Instruments

Each instrument comes equipped with a case, tuner, and beginner instruction booklet.

- [Mandolin](#)
- [Ukelele](#)
- [Violin](#)
- [Banjo](#)
- [Music Stand](#)

Games

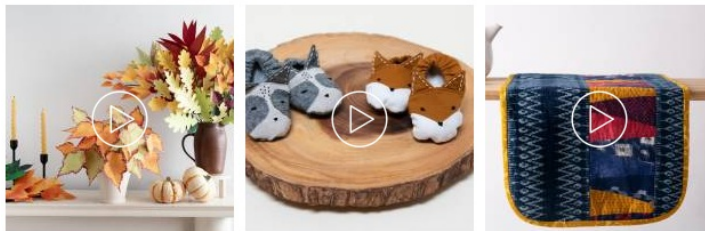
- [Chess](#)
- [Mahjong](#)
- [Trivial Pursuit](#)
- [Code Names](#)
- [Pandemic](#)
- ... and more!

Puzzles

- [Star Wars Puzzles](#)
- [Disney Puzzles](#)
- [Waterfall Puzzles](#)
- [Cabin Puzzles](#)
- [Cafe Puzzle](#)
- [Garden Puzzle](#)
- [Sports Puzzle](#)
- ... and more!

Visit the library today to 'check out' some winter fun!

Looking for even more fun, seasonal crafts?



Creativebug offers unlimited access to thousands of award-winning art & craft video classes, taught by recognized design experts and artists, for patrons with a Sharon Public Library card.

Online Spotlight



Interested in knowing what war your ancestors fought in? When and where they were deployed?

Use [Fold3](#) to unlock the story of your military family with authentic content coming from sources you trust such as the U.S. National Archives & Records Administration, Center for Research Libraries, state and library archives, and U.K National Archives. Fold3 combines official military records with deep first-person content, including bios, photos, letters and more.

With content from the Revolutionary War onward, Fold3 is an invaluable research resource for historians, genealogists, military enthusiasts, veterans and their families.

The Fold3 name comes from a traditional flag folding ceremony in which the third fold is made in honor and remembrance of veterans who served in defense of their country and to maintain peace throughout the world

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- Customize your reading and listening experience (font size, audio speed, etc.)
- Enjoy audiobooks in your car with Bluetooth, Apple Carplay or Android Auto
- Read on a Kindle
- Use your SPL card to borrow from 7 Massachusetts partner library networks
- Manage cards and borrows from other MA library networks in one place



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 Information Services Librarian, Arielle Nathanson.

This month's feature is:

Sea Chanteys

Everyone knows the song "Blow the Man Down." Most people learn it when they're children as something fun to sing. However, not only is it a special type of song, it also had a unique purpose.

“Blow the Man Down” is in fact a sea chantey. Chanteys themselves have a long and somewhat complicated history that originated following the Napoleonic Wars in the 1820s. Such songs were born out of necessity and the worksong conventions of the free and enslaved African American ship hands. Singing eased boredom, increased efficiency and elevated crew morale, all during a time when merchant ships had the smallest possible number of men for their crews. The smaller the crew, the more money saved on wages and provisions, which was ideal for this tumultuous period in history.

Chanteys were sung during a shipboard task and only by those performing that task...

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

Youth Services

FEBRUARY 2024

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

Recommended Program

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

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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 heart to pull up a copy of this month's activities for 6th-12th graders.

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

Family Program: Caring Cards

Wednesday, February 7th from 4-6 PM

Patrons of all ages are invited to stop by the Community Room to create Valentines for the residents of Foremost at Sharon. Come sip on a cup of hot chocolate, get creative, and spread love to our neighbors! This

Caring Cards

Valentines' Day



Wednesday, February 7th
from 4-6 PM
No Registration • Drop In

Contact: rsavage@sharon.ccln.org



program does not require registration, just drop in at any point between 4:00 and 6:00 PM.

Upcoming Programs



Virtual

How to Travel More (and Better) with World Traveler and Author, Colin Wright

February 1st at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Travel can be mind-expanding, liberating, inspiring, and life-changing—but it can also be time-consuming, expensive, confusing, and stressful. In this presentation, world-traveler and author Colin Wright will talk about his experiences traveling the world full-time, how to think about travel as a concept, how to work more of it into any lifestyle, and will share resources to help you make your travel ambitions a reality.

Presented in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



In-Person

Tech with Tim: How to Use Microsoft Word

February 7th at 6:30 PM

Have you ever had difficulty with the basics of Microsoft Word - or simply want to become more proficient with the program overall? If so, then this program is for you!

Join technology specialist Tim Lumnah as he details everything you need to know

about Microsoft Word, including how to: create a document, save a document, navigate basic tools, etc.

This is a beginners-level course.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.

A promotional poster for a Valentine's Day-themed acrylic painting event. The background is light pink with a large central heart and several smaller hearts scattered around. The text is centered and reads: "PAINT NIGHT at SHARON PUBLIC LIBRARY". Below this, it says "Enjoy an evening of Valentine's Day-themed acrylic painting, led by local artist Kashmica Sarkar." The date and time are "February 8, 2024 5:30 to 7:30 p.m." and the cost is "Cost: \$35". At the bottom, it says "Adults and High School Students Register by Feb 5 ❤️ Limited Seating Fundraiser for FOSPL" and includes a QR code with a red arrow pointing to it. The logo for "FRIENDS OF THE SHARON PUBLIC LIBRARY" is in the bottom right corner.

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[More information here](#)

Registration Required.

The Sharon Garden Club
in partnership with
The Sharon Public Library
present

BOOKS IN BLOOM 2024
Floral interpretation of books

February 14th - 17th

Browse the displays during regular Library hours!



Virtual

**Bending Towards Justice:
African Americans as Subject
and Creators in American Art**

**February 21st at 7:00 PM
via Zoom**

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.” This program examines that arc as it relates to African American history enshrined in American Art. From colonial era portraits to 19th-century and Jim Crow-era prints to 1960s Civil Rights photography, this program will provide a visual overview of African American oppression, struggle and progress towards equality.

*Presented in partnership with the Sargent Memorial Library in Boxborough (MA)
with additional funding from the Friends of the Sharon Public Library.*

More information here

Registration Required.



Virtual
**Romance Authors Talk:
Ali Hazelwood, Nikki Payne, and
Denise Williams**

**February 26th at 7:00 PM
via Zoom**

Authors Ali Hazelwood, Nikki Payne, and Denise Williams will discuss their latest romance novels in this exciting panel discussion and audience Q&A.

Ali Hazelwood is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Love, Theoretically* and *The Love Hypothesis*, as well as a writer of peer-reviewed articles about brain science, in which no one makes out and the ever after is not always happy. . Her latest is *Bride*, a paranormal romance published on February 6.

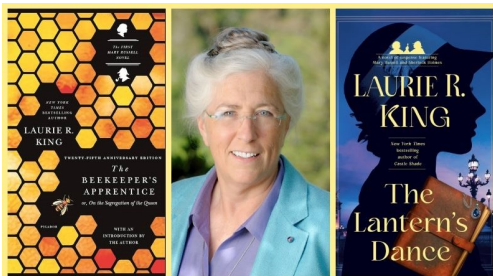
By day, Nikki Payne is a curious tech anthropologist asking the right questions to deliver better digital services. By night, she dreams of ways to subvert canon literature. Nikki is a member of Smut U, a premium feminist writing collective, and a cat lady with no cats. Her latest is *Sex, Lies and Sensibility*, a contemporary diverse retelling of Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility* published on February 13.

Denise Williams wrote her first book in the 2nd grade. *I Hate You* and its sequel, *I Still Hate You*, featured a tough, funny heroine, a quirky hero, witty banter, and a dragon. Minus the dragons, these are still the books she likes to write. After penning those early works, she finished second grade and eventually earned a PhD. Her latest is *Technically Yours*, a contemporary workplace romance published in December.

Presented in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



Virtual
**Celebrating the 30th
Anniversary of *The Beekeeper's
Apprentice*
with author Laurie R. King**

February 27th at 7:00 PM via Zoom

It's been 30 years since the amazing Sherlock Holmes retelling, *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*, was published. And the latest in the series, *The Lantern's Dance* (#18) just came out! Join us with author Laurie R. King as we discuss the origin story to this series, the taking on of an icon, the twists and turns of storytelling, and the impact (cultural, social, political, etc.) of Holmes and Russell on our collective consciousness! Bring your own tea and cake so we can all enjoy a bit of repast during the conversation (honey cake anyone? :).

Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



Virtual

The Economic Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

February 28th at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Author and professor Christine Abely will discuss her brand new book, *The Russia Sanctions: The Economic Response to Russia's Invasion of*

Ukraine. Learn about the international trade measures and sanctions deployed against Russia in response to its 2022 invasion of Ukraine. Explore how sanctions have affected, and will continue to affect, global trading patterns, financial integration, and foreign policy in novel ways. In particular, examine the effects of sanctions on energy, food, fertilizer, the financial system, and the global use of the US dollar, including trends of de-dollarization. Understand the steps that must be taken to make sanctions more effective by promoting financial transparency worldwide.

Presented in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.

Ongoing Programs



Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

In-Person

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

The Ride of Her Life: The True Story of A Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey Across America

by Elizabeth Letts

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!

2023-2024 Book Titles and Meeting Dates

For more information, please contact
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