





Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter June 2024

Mass Center for the Book

2024 READING CHALLENGE

A monthly book challenge for adults!



June's Challenge:

A book that inspired a film or television series



Announcements

The Friends of the Sharon Public Library

Thank you Book Fans!
You helped us raise over
\$12,000!!

2024 Used Book Sale



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

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Thank you, Book Fans! The 2024 Friends of the Sharon Public Library Used Book Sale raised over \$12,000!! These funds will be used for museum passes, programming materials, and other Library needs.



Sharon Public Library will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th
in observance of Juneteenth.

We will reopen on Thursday, June 20th at 10:00 AM.

From the Circulation Desk



Did you know? Sharon Public Library is *fine* free?

Sharon Public Library **DOES NOT** charge late fees for most Sharon-owned items with the following exceptions:

Museum Passes: \$1.00 per day

Library of Things (items including Kindles, Rokus, Activity Kits, Equipment, Musical Instruments, Telescope, Sewing Machines, Hotspots, etc.): \$1.00 per day

Lucky Duck Books: \$0.50 per day

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- Library of Things (\$1.00 per day)
- Lucky Duck Books (\$0.50 per day)

Library of Things items include non-traditional items such as Kindles, Hotspots, Rokus, Activity Kits, Equipment, Musical Instruments, Telescope, Sewing Machines, and more.

Questions? Contact our Circulation Desk at 781.784.1578 ext. 1420

Collection News

Browse our Foreign Film Collection with ease!

via our new regional language labels

Browsing our Foreign Film collection is now easier than ever with new color-coded, regional language labels!

Looking for for a Japanese film? Browse the red *Asia* labels that indicate 'Japanese.' Or do you prefer a French film? Browse the yellow *Europe* labels that indicate 'French.' It's that easy!

-  Africa
-  The Americas
(South America, Central America, Mexico, French Canada)
-  Asia
-  Europe
-  Middle East
-  Oceania
-  English
(White label, regardless of region)



Our Nonfiction/Biography DVDs have moved!

Now located with all other DVD collections.



Our Nonfiction and Biography DVDs are more accessible than ever! These DVDs are now located with our other DVD collections for easy browsing.

Don't forget to also check out our Alzheimer's Care/Resource DVD Collection, located right outside the Teen Room.



Online Spotlight

LIBRARY OF THINGS

FILTER: BY CATEGORY

SEARCH

To select a type of object, click "Details/Borrow", then select which object to reserve.

▼ ARTS & CRAFTS



Ashford Rigid Heddle Loom

Loan Period: 14 days

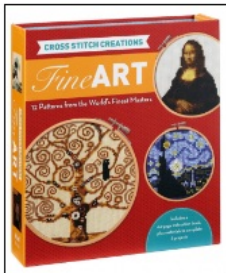
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Crochet Kit

Loan Period: 14 days

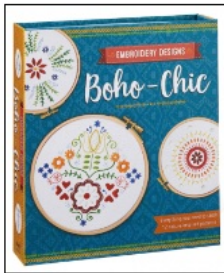
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Cross Stitch Creations: Fine Art

Loan Period: 14 days

[\[Collapse Details\]](#)



Embroidery Designs: Boho-Chic

Loan Period: 14 days

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Cross Stitch Creations: Fine Art

Stitch 12 mini masterpieces! *Cross Stitch Creations: Fine Art* includes the patterns to craft twelve projects - from van Gogh to Cezanne to Kandinsky - along with the materials to make two finished projects. The instruction book offers clear step-by-step instructions and full-color photographs suitable for beginners and experienced stitchers alike.

[Check availability or place a hold in the catalog here.](#)

Categories: Arts & Crafts

Embroidery Designs: Boho-Chic

With projects such as raspberry borders, circular motifs, and trendy folk birds, *Embroidery Designs: Boho-Chic* features boho-chic designs guaranteed to add flair to shirts, dresses, bags, throw pillows, wall hangings, and much more! With instructions for twelve different patterns, the design possibilities are endless for seasoned stitchers and beginners alike.

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Categories: Arts & Crafts

Our Library of Things Collection is now easier to browse!

What is 'Library of Things'? We're glad you asked!

- Library of Things is our collection of 'nontraditional' items that patrons may check out, such as a sewing machine, jigsaw puzzle, or even a ukulele.

Only patrons with a Sharon Public Library card may place holds on our Library of Things collection. However, any patron with an OCLN card may check out a Library of Things item, as long as the item is picked up from and returned to SPL's Circulation Desk. Loan periods and overdue fees vary by item.

Our Library of Things categories include:

- Arts & Crafts
- Board Games
- Card Games
- Children's Building Toys
- Children's Fine Motor Toys
- Children's Puzzles
- Children's Toys
- Dice Games
- Educational
- English Language Learners
- Health & Wellness

- Home & Garden
- Jigsaw Puzzles
- Music
- Puzzle Games & Brain Teasers
- Technology

**Check Our Library of Things Collection
Here**

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:

Everyone's Favorite: Jello! A Very Brief History

This month's item from The Local History Room is a cookbook called *Our Daily Bread* from the People of St. John's Episcopal Church. As was typical for the 1960s, it hosts all sorts of interesting information at the beginning of the book; from how to remove stains to a detailed guide on herbs. The rest of the book has various appetizers, soups, sauces, main dishes and desserts.

The jello mold so popular in the 1960s is considered an appetizer. Ms. Norma Jackson submitted her recipe for a Fruit Salad Ring. In case anyone is curious, here's the recipe:

Dissolve 1 large package of strawberry jello in 2 cups of hot water. Add 3 mashed bananas, 1 small can of crushed pineapple and 1 small package of frozen strawberries. Pour ½ of the mixture into a ring mold, let jell. Spread with 1 pint of sour cream. Add the second half of the mixture and let jell. Enjoy!

Now to get into the history, jello happens to date back to the Egyptians. Considering that it is collagen extracted from boiling animal bones, that's not particularly surprising. Back then, it was used as glue and not food. The first time anyone thought to try eating it was in the early 1800s during the Napoleonic Wars. The French found it to be a handy source of protein and only a few decades later the powdered form had been patented in the US.

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

Youth Services



Youth Services Programs

Click the image to the left to see our Pride events for kids, teens and families.

Register for these and all other events on [our website's Event Calendar..](#)

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



Tween and Teen Programs

This month we have Pride programs, coding and an escape room!

Check them out [here!](#)

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

Upcoming Programs



In-Person

Author Julie Gerstenblatt Discusses *Daughters of Nantucket*

June 6th at 6:15 PM
SPL Community Room

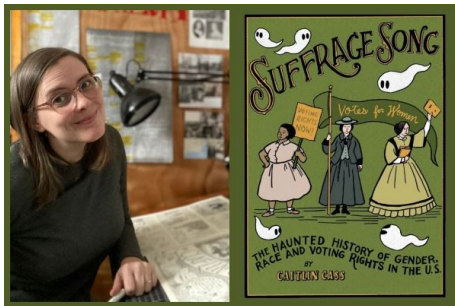
Join us in conversation with author Julie Gerstenblatt, who will explain how she took the seed of an idea from history and developed it into her debut novel, ***Daughters of Nantucket*** (2023). She will also discuss her writing process and the creation of her characters, and touch on the novel's structure while highlighting some of the research involved. An audience Q&A and book signing will follow her talk.

Julie Gerstenblatt holds a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from Teachers College, Columbia University and has taught everything from middle school to graduate school - and indoor cycling. Her essays have appeared in The Huffington Post and Grown & Flown and other publications. *Daughters of Nantucket* received a starred review from both Booklist and Shelf Awareness and was included on several "most anticipated" lists for 2023.

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[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



Virtual

**Author Caitlin Cass Discusses
*Suffrage Song: The Haunted
History of Gender, Race, and
Voting Rights in the U.S.***

June 10th at 7:00 PM

We hope you can join us for what is going to be a fascinating conversation with author Caitlin Cass on her book, *Suffrage Song: The Haunted History of Gender, Race and Voting Rights in the U.S.* Part graphic novel, part map of the suffrage movement, this book tells the story of the fight for the right to vote by women from the very beginning.

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Virtual

**Author Shannon Reed Discusses
*Why We Read: On Bookworms,
Libraries, and Just One More Page
Before Lights Out***

June 13th at 7:00 PM

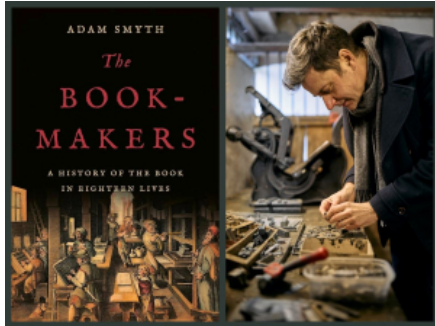
Shannon Reed makes the case that we should read for pleasure above all else. In this whip-smart, laugh-out-loud funny collection, she shares surprising stories from her life as a reader and the poignant ways in which books have impacted her

students. Reed takes us on a rollicking tour through the comforting world of literature.

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Virtual

Author Adam Smyth Discusses *The Book Makers: A History of the Book in Eighteen Lives*

June 18th at 10:00 AM

Books have transformed humankind by enabling authors to create, document, and entertain. Yet we know little about the individuals who brought these fascinating objects into existence and of those who first experimented in the art of printing, design, and binding. Who were the renegade book-makers who changed the course of history? We are thrilled to be chatting with author Adam Smyth about this topic so close to our hearts.

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Virtual

Author Paige McClanahan Discusses *The New Tourist: Waking Up to the Power and Perils of Travel*

June 18th at 2:00 PM

Through deep and perceptive dispatches from tourist spots around the globe—from Hawaii to Saudi Arabia, Amsterdam to Angkor Wat—*The New Tourist* lifts the veil on an industry that accounts for one in ten jobs worldwide and generates nearly ten percent of global GDP. How did a once-niche activity become the world's most important means of contact across cultures? When does tourism destroy the soul of a city, and when does it offer a place a new lease on life? Is “last chance tourism” prompting a powerful change in perspective, or driving

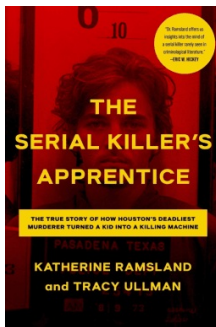
places we love further into the ground?

Filled with revelations about an industry that shapes how we view the world, *The New Tourist* spotlights painful truths but also delivers a message of hope: that the right kind of tourism—and the right kind of tourist—can be a powerful force for good.

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True Crime Authors Katherine Ramsland and Tracy Ullman Discuss *The Serial Killer's Apprentice*

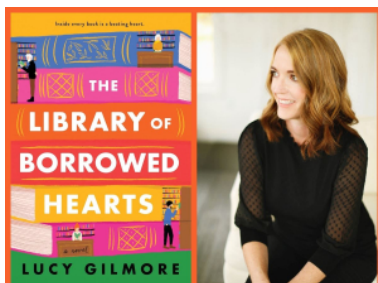
June 24th at 7:00 PM

If you are a fan of true crime and want to dive deep into the psychology of a serial killer and his apprentice, this program is for you! Join authors Katherine Ramsland and Tracy Ullman as they discuss their most recent book, *The Serial Killer's Apprentice*, a psychological examination of the blurred line between victim and accomplice—and how a killer can be created. Brrrr, we get chills just thinking of it! We hope you can join us for this fascinating conversation!

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Virtual

Author Lucy Gilmore Discusses *The Library of Borrowed Hearts*

June 26th at 7:00 PM

We all know the transformative power of books and how they can help us connect with those around us. Lucy Gilmore will discuss her book *The Library of Borrowed Hearts* (the follow-up to her wonderful *The Lonely Hearts Book Club*). We'll be chatting about these uplifting, heartwarming novels which are about some of our

favorite things - friendship, books, and how important it is to find the family you were always meant to have.

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Ongoing Programs



Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

In-Person

June 27th at 1:00 PM

***The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian**

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!

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: Cyrano (2021)
PG-13: Drama; Musical; Romance

Too self-conscious to woo Roxanne himself, wordsmith Cyrano de Bergerac helps young Christian nab her heart through love letters.

Next Meeting: June 12th at 6:00 PM
SPL Community Room
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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