

# Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter March 2023



# Announcements

# New Head of Circulation Services!!



**SPL** welcomes

**Ruth Jimenez-Perez** 

who joined our staff on February 27th!

I am a librarian with 13 years of experience, having spent the majority of that time as an academic librarian. I have also served as a substitute reference librarian for 7 years before fully transitioning full time to the public library system.

Throughout my career, I have developed a passion for connecting people with the resources they need and providing exceptional service to library patrons.

In my free time, I enjoy reading fantasy fiction novels, taking long walks, and spending time with my family.

I appreciate the opportunity to be part of a great team here at SPL, and look forward to working collaboratively to serve the public and support the mission of the library. I hope my expertise and dedication to my work make a valuable contribution to the Library and the community it serves.

New Art Exhibit March 6th - March 31st

Elaine Goldstein of Artstudio 58 will display her



students' artwork in the Library's Community Room and on top of shelving in the Carnegie building. We welcome you to visit and enjoy!







### Reminder about Lucky Ducks!!

Tired of waiting in the holds queue for the latest book by a popular author? Visit the Library to browse the Lucky Duck shelf! Lucky Ducks are no-holds, no-renewal copies available on a first come, first-served basis only to patrons who come in to the Library. These copies are also subject to overdue fines of 50 cents/day, to ensure that they are back on the shelf in a timely manner for other patrons to borrow.

The Lucky Duck shelf is located next to new Fiction.





Learn 70+ Languages with Mango!

Looking to plan a trip abroad? Challenge your brain or impress your friends? Or do

you simply have a passion for cultures and languages? Check out Mango Languages!

Mango prepares learners for realistic conversations and communication in over 70 world languages. While rote memorization has its place, Mango's award winning programs are expertly designed in easy-to-follow lessons and chapters to adapt to a diverse range of learning needs, styles, and backgrounds.

Therefore, you may pick up on new vocabulary, intuit unfamiliar grammatical structures, train pronunciation, and boost your cultural IQ at your own pace.

Check out Mango Languages in the Online Resources section of the SPL website.



Tech Talk



### Enjoy hoopla or Kanopy - on an SPL Roku!

Tired of watching hoopla or Kanopy on a computer or small device? Do you wish you could watch hoopla or Kanopy on your TV, but you do not own a Smart TV? We have a solution for you!

Kanopy and hoopla are available to watch, as applications, on a Roku Streaming device that plugs directly into your TV.

Sharon Public Library has Roku Streaming Sticks/Players available for checkout at the Adult Circulation desk; each Roku comes complete in a pouch with step-by-step instructions for set-up; please note that Roku streaming devices require an HDMI connection on your TV.

Once you set up the Roku on your TV, simply select the hoopla or Kanopy application, log in with your SPL library card/PIN, and enjoy!

Not yet signed up for hoopla or Kanopy with your library card? Sign up for hoopla here and sign up for Kanopy here.

\*Note: As the hoopla application on the Roku unfortunately offers limited browsing capabilities, it may be best to browse options on another device first. Then, once you select a film, you may search by title on the Roku's hoopla application.



### **Youth Services Programs**

Click on the Calendar for full-sized view.

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



Frances Perkins, ca. 1930s

This will be Janet Parnes's inaugural portrayal of this overlooked American heroine. Janet is the principal of Historical Portrayal by Lady J of Millis and a past presenter at the Sharon Public Library.

#### In-Person

### Meet Frances Perkins, First Female Cabinet Member

**Historical Portrayal by Janet Parnes** 

March 2nd @ 6:30 PM

She was a confidante of FDR, the first female Cabinet Secretary, and an object of admiration and contempt from her male contemporaries. Frances Perkins dedicated her career to providing exploited working men and women with safe, humane workplaces. She pushed through legislation to reduce crushing work-week hours, developed a fire-safety code in New York that became a model for the country, and created Social Security. And there's more.

Register

#### Virtual

Civics for Adults, Part 4
The Constitution: Fulfilling Democracy's Promise?

March 8th @ 7 PM via Zoom

The League of Women Voters of Sharon-Stoughton proudly presents this 4-part Zoom Series with teacher and librarian, Donna L. Cohen, MLIS, M.Ed. (www.civicthinker.info). Moderated by Marjorie Clapprood, Former 3-Term State Rep for Sharon/Stoughton

Sponsored by the Sharon Public Library, Friends of the Sharon Public Library, Stoughton Public Library and Support our Library Association, Inc. (SOLA)

This program is free but requires pre-registration at <a href="https://bit.ly/civicsadults4">https://bit.ly/civicsadults4</a>
The Zoom link will be provided to all registrants prior to the program.

Further information about this series.



#### Virtual

# Watercoloring with Kashmica for High School Students and Adults

March 20th @ 6 PM via Zoom

This is the final of three 2-hour Zoom workshops occurring Mondays at 6-8 PM with local artist Kashmica Sarkar.

One-time cost for supplies is \$10 for one or more workshops. Supplies will be available for pickup locally in advance of the workshop. Be sure to include your contact information.

A zoom link will be provided after registration.

Questions: Contact info@friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org

Register at: https://tinyurl.com/25vw2vyj



#### In-Person

# The Sharon Public Library Veterans Club Presents

A Year in Iraq: The View from a Combat Support Hospital

with SPL Veterans Club member, Joseph Blansfield

March 13th @ 10 - 12 noon

Joseph was the Deputy Commander and Chief of Nursing Services for the 399th

Combat Support Hospital in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This presentation will describe how our US Army Reserve unit in Massachusetts performed split-based operations in Mosul, Tikrit and then Anbar Province. They were responsible for all medical care and stabilization/evacuation for all Coalition forces, Iraqi Army and Police as well as Enemy Prisoners of War within the northern and western Iraq Theater of Operations. **No registration required.** 



Ronnie Hochman HCI Certified Health & Life Coach



#### Virtual

### "Life In A Word" Speaker/Workshop Part 3: Beliefs

March 22nd @ 4:30 PM via Zoom

Beliefs can move us forward, but they can just as easily hold us back. We will discuss the importance of letting go of old beliefs that no longer serve us, replacing them with new beliefs that can move us forward.

This is the final workshop in the series.

The program is free but registration is required.



## VIOLIN CONSPIRACY BRENDAN SLOCUMB

#### Facilitated by Susan Eggimann, Information Services Librarian

Registration is required. Choose from dates below

#### In-Person

### One Book One Town 2023 Book Discussions

The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb

Wednesday, March 15th @ 1:30-3:00 PM Thursday, March 30th @ 6:45-8:00 PM

**Library's Community Room** 

The Library will host two book discussions for this year's OBOT choice, *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb.

"Growing up Black in rural North Carolina, Ray McMillian's life is already mapped out. But Ray has a gift and a dream—he's determined to become a world-class professional violinist. Nothing will stand in his way—not his family; not the fact that he can't afford a violin suitable to his talents; not even the racism inherent in the world of classical music.

March 15 @ 1:30 PM

March 30 @ 6:45 PM

One Book, One Town 2023 When he discovers that his beat-up, family fiddle is actually a priceless Stradivarius, all his dreams suddenly seem within reach, and together, Ray and his violin take the world by storm. But on the eve of the renowned and cutthroat Tchaikovsky Competition, the violin is stolen, and a ransom note for five million dollars is left in its place. As the competition approaches, Ray must not only reclaim his precious violin, but also prove to himself—and the world—that no matter the outcome, there has always been a truly great musician within him." (from OBOT promotional materials)



### Ongoing Programs



# Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

In-Person

March 23rd @ 1:00 - 2:30 PM

The Lost Apothecary

by Sarah Penner

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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