



## Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter March 2024

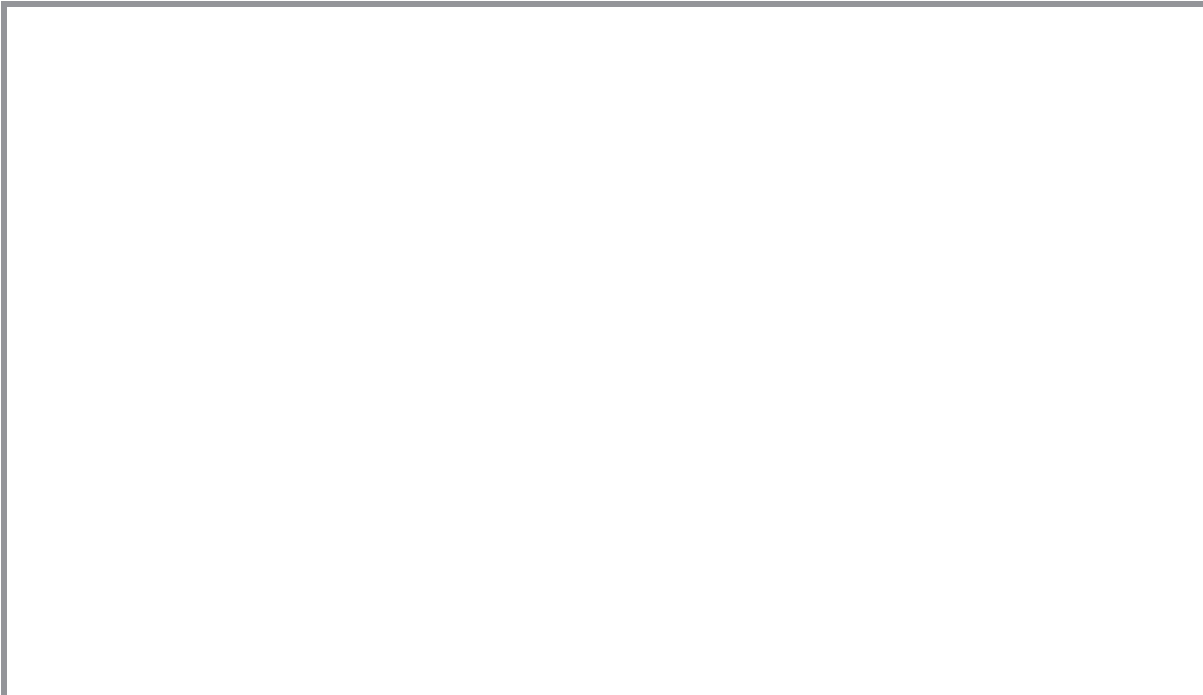
Mass Center for the Book  
**2024 READING CHALLENGE**  
A monthly book challenge for adults!

### March's Challenge:

*A book whose protagonist has a different culture or lifestyle from you*



From the Circulation Desk

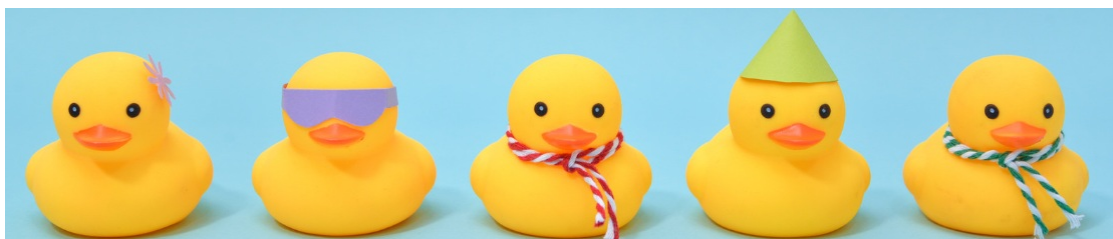


# MARCH'S DISPLAYS AT SPL



Stop by Sharon Public Library and peruse our newest displays!  
This month's displays showcase Oscar-winner films and celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

## Collection News



Don't forget that *you* could be a lucky duck!

WITH OUR LUCKY DUCK BOOKS COLLECTION!

**Have you been impatiently waiting for  
a new or popular book to become available?**  
*You could be a lucky duck!*

Our Lucky Duck Book collection is a no-holds collection. This means that to check out a Lucky Duck book, you must visit the Sharon Public Library and grab the book off the shelf. Your long-awaited copy may be patiently waiting on the shelf to be checked out!

The shelf is located next to the new fiction books on the Main Level.

Lucky Duck Books have a 14-day loan period with no renewal, to keep the items circulating and the luck growing!

Is *today* your lucky day??



## Tech Talk

Love listening to Books on CD but your car doesn't have a built in CD player? No problem!

Borrow one of our [Portable Car CD Players!](#)  
(connects to your car's cigarette lighter or USB port)



## Online Spotlight

# Coming Soon!

## NEW MONTHLY



### New Monthly hoopla 'Bonus Borrows'!

Beginning this month (March), patrons will be able to access a curated selection of TV shows, movies, comics and manga, eBooks, and audiobooks which **do not count against their regular monthly borrows**, for the last seven calendar days of each month.

*Ran out of monthly borrows early on? No problem! Now you can enjoy hoopla all month long!*

*New to hoopla? [Download our hoopla brochure to learn more](#) .*

## 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:

### **The Lucubrations of Isaac Bickerstaff vs. John Partridge**

Located in the Local History Room is a rather uninteresting looking book. It is bound in shoddy brown leather with no adornments. The word "Tattler" can barely be made out on the decaying spine. The pages are yellowed and slightly water damaged. Overall, the book appears to be nothing special.

However, that couldn't be further from the truth. This book is in fact Volume 1 of *The Lucubrations of Isaac Bickerstaff*. Lucubration (probably the most impressive SAT word) means an elaborate or verbose study on a topic. Admittedly, that still

doesn't work. At least, not until flipping through the pages and seeing that these "lucubrations" are essentially gossip disguised as poetry and news articles.

The history of this slightly spicy book begins with a sarcastic comment made about the Church of England by John Partridge, a famous astrologer of the time. He referred to the church as "infallible," commenting on the imperfections of the church, when his own predictions were frequently wrong. This sarcastic comment upset Jonathan Swift, a prolific writer who penned the famous *Gulliver's Travels*.

To prove his point about the ridiculousness of astrology and how it was incorrect just as much, if not more than, the church, he took the pseudonym Issac Bickerstaff and published a letter stating that Partridge would die an "infallible death" on March 29th of that year (1708). This death prediction was especially pointed at Partridge, because he made yearly predictions about the deaths of notable people. When March 29th rolled around, Bickerstaff published another letter confirming Partridge's death with a satirical eulogy, and a carved headstone following soon after.

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

## Youth Services

MARCH 2024

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



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



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Calendar is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information check our website: [Sharonpubliclibrary.org](http://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 kite to pull up a copy of this month's activities for 6th-12th graders, including early release day programs.

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

# Upcoming Programs



*In-Person*

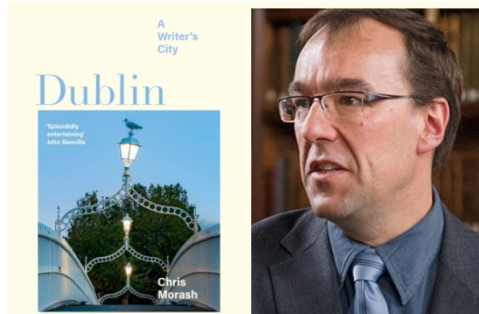
## Tea Time with Therapy Gardens

**March 6th at 6:00 PM  
SPL Community Room**

Do you love to drink tea? Then this presentation is for you! Learn about the history and different types of tea, how they are made, and their caffeine content. We will also show you how to use ordinary garden herbs to make herbal teas, water infusions, and infused oils that are soothing, beneficial, and delicious! Recipes and information on where to find great tea and tea-related products will be provided. Great for tea lovers, home gardeners, and anyone who enjoys a hot beverage!

[More information here](#)

**Registration Required.**



*Virtual*

## Author Christopher Morash on "Dublin" - The Place and the Literati!

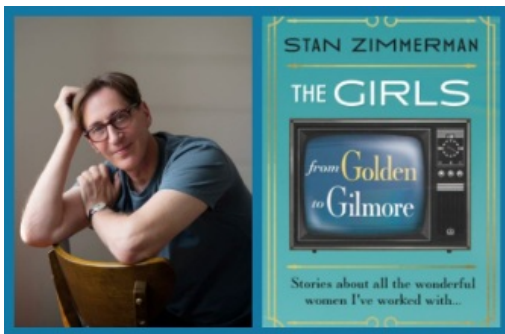
**March 9th at 7:00 PM  
via Zoom**

If you are a fan of classic literature and love a pint o' Guinness while you're reading, join us for this conversation with author and Seamus Heaney Professor of Irish Writing at Trinity College, Christopher Morash, as he discusses his book "Dublin: A Writer's City" which unfolds a book-lover's map of this unique city, inviting us to experience what it means to live in a great city of literature.

*Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library.*

[More information here](#)

**Registration Required.**



*Virtual*

## Q&A with Stan Zimmerman on "The Girls: From Golden to Gilmore"

**March 13th at 7:00 PM  
via Zoom**

*The Girls: From Golden to Gilmore* is the story of Stan Zimmerman, a gawky Jewish boy who dreamed of becoming a wildly successful actor, rich enough to build his own mansion in the Hollywood Hills. While the actor part didn't quite pan out, Stan found success as a writer, producer, director, and playwright, working on such shows as *The Golden Girls*, *Roseanne*, and *Gilmore Girls*.

Throughout his life, most of Stan's friendships have been with females. He credits those friendships and the women in his family with his ability to connect with creative women who have played a part in his career success.

Accompanied by journal entries, *The Girls* details Stan's relationships with some of entertainment's most notable women, including Roseanne Barr, Lily Tomlin, Sandra Bernhard, Lauren Graham and Alexis Bledel, and, of course, all four Golden Girls.

*Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library.  
Additional funding from the Friends of the Sharon Public Library.*

[More information here](#)

**Registration Required.**



*In-Person*

## Film presentation: **Borderland - The Life & Times of Blanche Ames Ames**

**March 14th at 6:15 PM  
SPL Community Room**

The Library is thrilled to welcome back Sharon native, Kevin Friend, to present his documentary film *Borderland: The Life & Times of Blanche Ames Ames* during Women's History Month.

Blanche Ames Ames (1878-1969) was a prominent local leader of the Massachusetts women's suffrage movement. A daughter and granddaughter of Civil War generals and state governors, Blanche was one of the few women of her time to attend college (Smith College, BA in art); she used her art and writing in political cartoons to promote women's suffrage. She was president of the Easton Women's Suffrage League and co-founder of the Birth Control League of

Massachusetts. The film is named after her estate, Borderland, which borders Sharon and Easton and is now open to the public as Borderland State Park.

**NOTE: The film has been updated and edited to include new footage.  
Q&A with Kevin will follow the film presentation.**

*This program is funded by a grant from the Sharon Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.*

[More information here](#)

**Registration Required.**



*In-Person*

**One Book, One Town  
Book Discussion with Sharon  
Public Library**

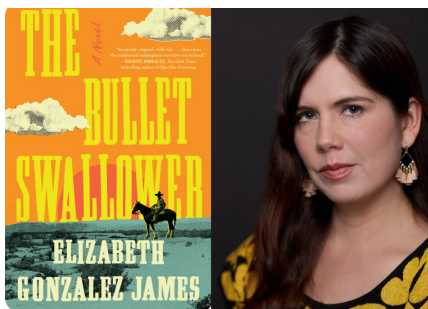
**March 20th at 1:30 PM  
SPL Community Room**

A 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.

A second book discussion for those unable to attend the March discussion, will be held on Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 PM.

[Register for the March Discussion  
Here](#)

**Registration Required.**



*In-Person*

**Author Talk and Book Signing with  
Elizabeth Gonzalez James**

**March 21st at 6:30 PM  
SPL Community Room**

Local author, Elizabeth Gonzalez James, will discuss her new book, *The Bullet Swallower*.

*Presented by the Friends of the Sharon Public Library.*



[More information here](#)

Registration Required.

## Ongoing Programs



### Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

*In-Person*

March 28th 1:00 PM

*The Kinship of Secrets* by Eugenia Kim

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!

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#### 2023-2024 Book Titles and Meeting Dates

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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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**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](mailto:jstanley@sharon.ocln.org) | 781.784.1578 x1429



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