





Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter May 2024



Mass Center for the Book
2024 READING CHALLENGE

A monthly book challenge for adults!



May's Challenge:
A graphic novel



Announcements



Used Book Sale
May 16-19, 2024



Book Donations are currently being accepted!
through May 14th

Drop off your gently used books to the Sharon Public Library Community Room during regular library hours.

Learn more about the Friends' donations guidelines [here](#).

Annual Used Book Sale - Open Hours

Members Day*:

- Thursday May 16th, 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
**FOSPL Members only. [Join or renew your FOSPL membership at friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org]*

General Public Days:

- Friday, May 17th, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Saturday, May 18th, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Sunday, May 19th, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (1 bag/\$6 or 2/\$10)

Learn more about the Friends' Annual Used Book Sale, including volunteer opportunities, [here](#).



Sharon Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 27th
to observe Memorial Day.

We will reopen on Tuesday, May 28th at 10:00 AM.

Collection News



Spring has arrived, and with it comes the perfect opportunity to explore the vibrant world of museums!

Discover springtime wonders with these must-visit destinations:

- **-Blithewold:** Historic 33-acre estate in Bristol, RI, boasting a grand manor house, enchanting gardens, and a charming gift shop.
- **-Boston by Foot:** Five into Boston's history with 90-minute guided walking tours led by passionate volunteers.
- **-Heritage Museums & Gardens:** Explore internationally important gardens, vintage automobiles, and a Nature Explore Classroom in Sandwich, MA.

Visit [our website](https://sharonpubliclibrary.org/) or stop by the SPL circulation desk to reserve your pass today*

**Passes are available for Sharon residents only*

Online Spotlight



Looking for quick, helpful recommendations for your next great read?
Check out NoveList Plus!

In [NoveList Plus](#), browse for and filter recommendations via age group, genre (and subgenres), pace, tone, characterization, writing style, and more! Genre guides, book club resources, theme indexes, read-alikes, annual trailblazers ('best of'), and award winner listings are also easily accessible.

You can also save searches to a personal folder and create email alerts for new books by your favorite authors.

And that's not all! Try your luck with NoveList Plus's '[Appeal Mixer](#)' for custom, best-fit results (by age group):

Adult	Teen	Ages 9-12	Ages 0-8
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Make Your Own Appeal Mix

Pace	Fast-paced
Character	Courageous
Storyline	Action-packed
Select a category:	
Character	
Illustration	
Pace	
Storyline	
Tone	
Writing Style	

Your next great read is a few clicks away!

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:

Spring Cleaning is Headstone Cleaning!

The Local History Room houses a large stack of papers detailing epitaphs from some of the local cemeteries. This item is great, because many older headstones aren't as hardy as the ones currently made out of granite. Most markers from one hundred to two hundred years ago were typically made out of slate or marble (though a few were made from zinc). Slate tends to flake apart easily due to moisture. Rain and snow saturate the stone and either soften or end up splitting it when the temperature drops. Marble is only slightly different. It tends to be porous and delicate, once again making it susceptible to moisture and general wear. Knowing this, it's a wonder that any of the older headstones are still around today!

However, the future is not dark for all of our historical markers. Many times they can benefit greatly from a simple cleaning. Removing all the moss, lichen and other debris can keep fragile stones from wearing away. Moisture from weather is always an issue, but with constant upkeep many stones can last much longer[...]

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

Youth Services

MAY 2024

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



Recommended Program

Age Ranges:
Baby/Toddler
Preschool
Grades K-2
Grades 3-5
All Ages



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 Spring Story Time at Crescent Ridge Dairy! Thursdays @ 11 AM	6 10:30 AM Shelfies and Stories OUTSIDE	7	8	9 10:00 AM Crescent Ridge Story Time!	10	11
12 10:30 AM Shelfies and Stories OUTSIDE	13 10:30 AM Shelfies and Stories OUTSIDE	14	15	16 10:00 AM Crescent Ridge Story Time!	17	18 10:00 AM pollination with the Sharon Garden Club!
19 Library Closed	20	21	22	23 10:00 AM Crescent Ridge Story Time!	24	25
26 10:30 AM Shelfies and Stories OUTSIDE	27 10:30 AM Shelfies and Stories OUTSIDE	28	29	30 10:00 AM Crescent Ridge Story Time!	31 4:30 PM Farm Pops Fall	

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

Programs kick back into gear in June, when we debut our first escape room! Space is limited, so click the image to register.

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

Upcoming Programs

Virtual

Romance Book Recs and Conversation with Lorelei



of Lorelei's Lit Lair

May 8th at 7:00 PM
via Zoom

If you know romance, you probably know Lorelei and **Lorelei's Lit Lair**! Affectionately referred to as a passionate Romance Ambassador, Lorelei has been offering book recommendations, author spotlights, giveaways and connecting authors with readers through

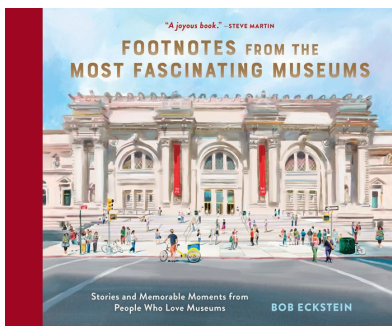
social media since 2010, providing a safe and friendly environment for book lovers around the globe.

We are so pleased to be in conversation with Lorelei about how (and why) she got started, her most memorable author-meet moments, and books she's reading and recommending.

Presented in partnership with Ashland Public Library.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



Virtual

New Yorker Cartoonist and Author Bob Eckstein Shares His Favorite Museums and Cartoons

May 29th at 7:00 PM
via Zoom

Museum Enthusiasts, this one is for you! Join author Bob Eckstein as he celebrates the book birthday of his most recent release, *Footnotes from the Most Fascinating Museums: Stories and Memorable Moments from People Who Love Museums*.

This book is filled with lush and whimsical illustrations paired with stories and anecdotes from curators, museum workers, museum visitors, and more. We hope you can join us for what will be a fun and fascinating conversation!

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[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



Virtual

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.

Ongoing Programs



Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

In-Person

May 23rd at 1:00 PM

The Hunting Party by Lucy Foley

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: 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.](#)

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