



Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter November 2023



From the Director

SPL Social Media Policy

The Library Board of Trustees recently approved a [Social Media Policy](#) for the Sharon Public Library. All SPL policies are available on our [website](#) ("About Us").

Announcements

Faxing no longer available at SPL

Due to technology changes, Sharon Public Library has discontinued fax service, effective October 30th. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

To the best of our knowledge, faxing service is available at UPS stores in Canton and North Easton, and at the following local libraries: Canton Public Library, Morrill Memorial Library (Norwood) and Westwood Public Library. Charges may apply.

MA State Resource for ESOL Education

[MassLINKS](#) Online Academy

MassLINKS provides access to free educational services for residents of Massachusetts supporting their educational attainment and employability through standards basic skills and/or English language instruction, workplace readiness instruction, and college preparation activities. All instruction and services are delivered remotely.

From the Circulation Desk



Winter is Coming...

The Sharon Public Library has a sweet treat for cardholders: **Curbside Pickup!** And with winter on its way, it's the perfect way to get your book fix while staying cozy. Whether you're after the latest mystery or classic romance, you can reserve your pickup online or give the Circulation Department a shout at 781-784-1578 ext 1420.

Pick up Times:

Monday & Friday: 11:00 AM - 5:30 PM

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:
11:00 AM - 7:30 PM**

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Collection News

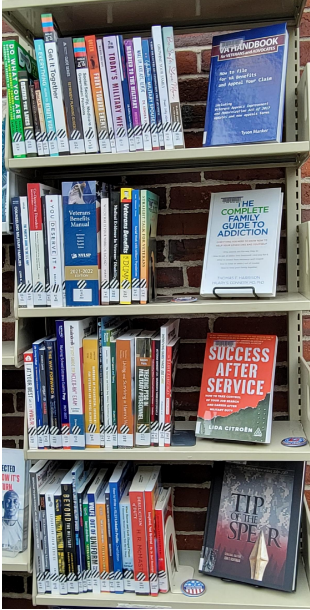
Veterans Collection

Our Veterans collection is located in the Periodicals Room and includes resources for Veterans benefits, employment services, higher education, technical careers, mental health, substance abuse, PTSD, and information for military spouses and dependents.

All materials are available to be checked out with an OCLN library card.

Funding for the Veterans Collection is provided by the Libraries and Veterans National Forum Grant, Texas A&M University, and a Library Services and Technology

Act grant.



Additional resources from the U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs
available from our [website](#)

[Veterans Crisis Line](#)
[Make the Connection - Find Stories Like Yours](#)

Online Spotlight



kanopy



Important changes are coming to kanopy's current play credit system
on **November 1st, 2023**.

What is changing?

kanopy's lending model will change from play credits to a **new 'ticket' system**. As a result, Sharon Public Library patrons will have access to **9 tickets per month** toward content starting on November 1st.

kanopy keeps it easy! Every title will show its ticket value and viewing period before you decide to borrow it; in addition, episodic content will specify if the tickets apply toward one episode or one season. An example is provided below:

Alone

2018 • 1hr 53min  

Comedy, Drama • English



WATCH S1 EPISODE 1



2 tickets • Access Season 1 for 48 hours

Trailer



In ALONE, ten men are left in solitude, and separated from each other, in the harsh Vancouver Island wilderness. With no camera crews or producers, they have to survive using only what they can stuff into a backpack.

How is content ticketed?

Ticket allotments for standalone content will be as follows:

- **'Short' film (30 min or less):** 1 ticket
- **Standard film:** 2 tickets
- **Major studio film:** 4 tickets
- ***The Great Courses* course:** 5 tickets

Ticket allotments for episodic content, however, is based primarily on an item's total running time, as seen below:

- **2 hours or less:** 2 tickets
- **2-4 hours:** 3 tickets
- **4-6 hours:** 4 tickets
- **6+ hours:** 5 tickets

The Kanopy Kids portal will not require tickets, remaining separate from this new ticket system.

Questions? Contact the Reference Department at reference@sharon.ocln.org.

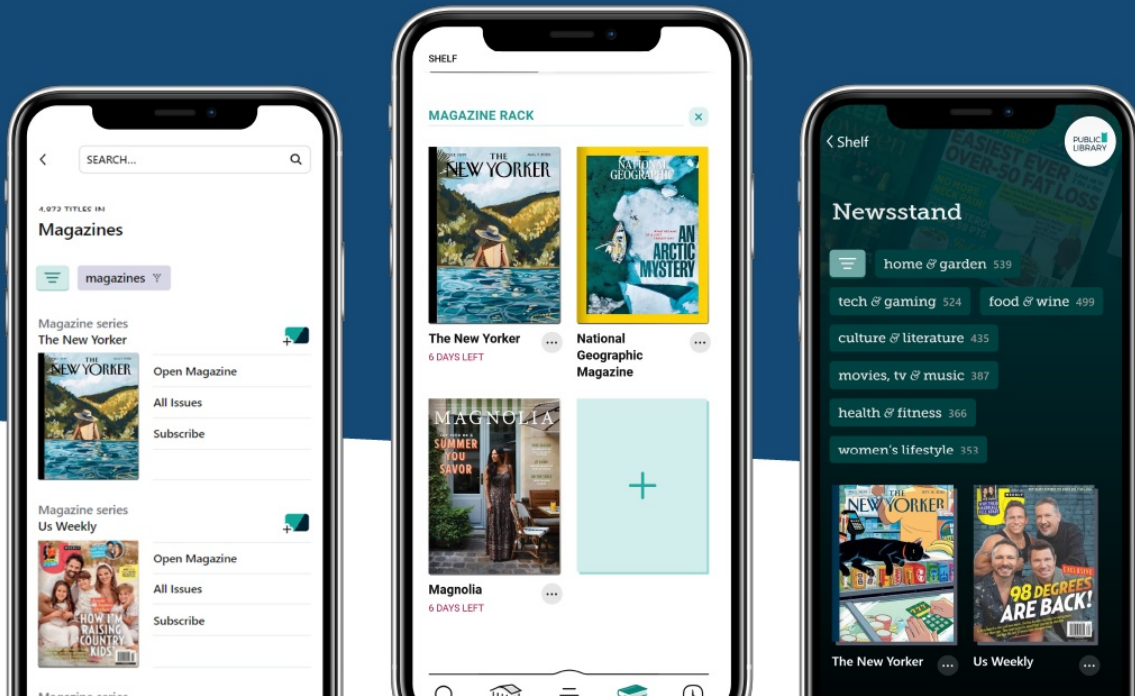
Tech Talk



Libby.

ALERT!

Magazines are easier than ever to discover in Libby!



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- **One tap to read:** When you discover a magazine in your library's collection, you can open it and start reading with one tap.
- **Streamlined access:** Magazines now have a new dedicated section of the Shelf, called the **Magazine Rack**. This will help you find your favorite magazines from your library in one convenient place.
- **Easier subscriptions:** You can subscribe to magazines from your library via a new, convenient **Subscribe** option. When a new issue is released, it will be automatically borrowed and added to your Magazine Rack
- **Improved discovery:** From your Magazine Rack, you can navigate to the **Newsstand**, which offers a new view of your recently opened issues and suggests other popular magazine titles from the collection for quick and easy browsing.

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.

This month's feature is:

What's In A Name?

This month's item is a short play portraying how Sharon decided on its name. Before delving into that, some background information is necessary. Back in the 1700s, Sharon was originally part of Stoughton. It became a District in 1765 and then a town called Stoughtonham just ten years later. However, that name was long and led to confusion with the town of Stoughton.

As to be expected, several names were proposed including Pole Plain, Massapoag and Washington. Pole Plain referred to what is now Sharon Heights (as that was where the largest plain in town used to be) and was seen as an appropriate option, due to the familiarity with the name. It is speculated that Elizabeth Pole, who owned the Sharon Heights area during the time of the Taunton Purchase (1638), is where the "pole" part of the name Pole Plain originates. Massapoag was proposed as an option, because of the lake in town and the fact that it would be a somewhat unique name. Washington served as an obvious choice due to the significance of George Washington himself.

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

Youth Services

NOVEMBER 2023

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



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



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
6 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories	7 11:00 AM Tinker Time	8 4:30 PM Fabulous Fractions	9 10:00 AM Math Story Time	10 10:00 AM Marvelous Math 2:00 PM Barks and Books	11 Library Closed	12 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories
13 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories	14 11:00 AM Tinker Time	15 4:30 PM Chatterboxes Fall Luncheon	16 10:00 AM Fall Fun Story Time 4:30 PM Choose Your Own Adventure Book About Club	17 Library Closed	18 Library Closed	19 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories
20 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories	21 11:00 AM Tinker Time	22 Library Closes at 2PM	23 Library Closed	24 Library Closed	25 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories	26 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories
27 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories	28 11:00 AM Tinker Time	29 4:30 PM Pumpkin Patch Hedging	30 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories			

Calendar is subject to change. For the most up to date information, check our website: Sharonpubliclibrary.org

Youth Services Programs

Check the Youth Services calendars for October ([click calendar for full-sized view](#)). Register for events on [our website's Event Calendar](#).

For more information, contact Children's Librarian [Rachael Savage](#) or Tween/Teen Librarian [Amy Greil](#).

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Tweens & Teens

Need a Place to

STUDY?



Check out **THINK TANK...**

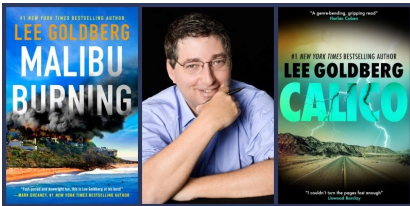
...a place for 6th-12th graders to work on homework, get and give help, take fun study breaks and eat healthy snacks!

Mondays from 4:00 - 5:30 PM, starting in November, in the downstairs community room.

Please register in advance!

Questions? Contact Tween/Teen Librarian Amy Greil at agreil@sharon.ocln.org

Upcoming Programs



Virtual

Q&A With Mystery Writer and TV Producer Lee Goldberg

November 7th @ 7:00 PM via Zoom

It's a book birthday for a favorite mystery author! Join us in conversation with Lee Goldberg and celebrate the release of "Calico" which comes out today! Lee not only writes wonderful mysteries, he's been the writer and producer of one of our favorite TV shows, "Monk", so you know that this will be a fascinating, quirky, and fun discussion. It's a BYOBC event (bring your own birthday cake :).

Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



In-person

Medicare Supplement or Advantage: Which Coverage is Best for Me?

November 8th @ 6:30 PM

We welcome back Sue Flanagan, a Senior Plan Consultant for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts for another Medicare program. This presentation will discuss the differences between Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans, show real life case studies and provide resources to help in the decision process. This presentation is great for people new to Medicare and also for existing Medicare members who are considering changes to their plan during the current Annual Election Period.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



In-person

Tech with Tim: How to Scan a QR Code

November 15th @ 6:00 PM

Have you ever wondered "What are QR codes, and how do I use them?" If so, then this program is for you! Join technology specialist Tim Lumnah as he details everything you need to know about QR codes, including: what they are, how they work, and when to use them.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.

Virtual

Q&A with Author Travis Baldree: Discussing His New Cozy Fantasy "Bookshops & Bonedust"

November 30th @ 7:00 PM via Zoom



Who doesn't love a good slice-of-life cozy fantasy with a dollop of romantic froth - with ORCS!?! Join us for a fun conversation with Travis Baldree as he discusses his journey from audiobook narrator to low stakes fantasy writer. And, we'll be celebrating the book birthday of "Bookshops and Bonedust", the eagerly anticipated follow-up to "Legends & Lattes". Bring your questions, this will be a fascinating Q&A!

Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.

Ongoing Programs



Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

In-Person

November 16th @ 1:00 - 2:30 PM

The Crossing Places by Elly Griffiths

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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