



## Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter October 2023

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### From the Director

The new Sharon Public Library project has begun with site work and tree removal. There are many components to building any structure and the best way to find out what is happening is to attend one of the Sharon Standing Building Committee meetings. They meet every other Tuesday starting at 6:30 PM. Their meeting calendar is available at <https://www.townofsharon.net/sharon-standing-building-committee>.

If you don't have time to tune in, you can replay these meetings from the Sharon Cable TV channel (<https://sharontv.com/schedules/government-meetings/>).

Last, but not least, if you are in the library and you have a question, stop by my office and I will do my best to answer your question or guide you to those who can.

*-Lee Ann Amend, Library Director*

### Announcements



**It's that time of year again for the SPL Pumpkin Carving Contest!**  
Patrons of all ages are welcome to participate.

Learn more regarding the contest, including how to register, [here](#).

Contact our Children's Librarian, Rachael Savage, at [rsavage@sharon.ocln.org](mailto:rsavage@sharon.ocln.org) with any questions.

## From the Circ Desk



The SPL is happy to offer home delivery to all Sharon residents who are unable to visit the library in person.

Town of Sharon residents who are temporarily, or permanently, unable to travel may register for this service at any time. This includes patrons who have been hospitalized, disabled, who have health problems, and who are otherwise confined to their homes.

To register for this service, you need to complete the [Library on Wheels Patron Registration Form](#) which is available at the Adult Circulation Desk, The Sharon Council on Aging, and on the SPL website. Just complete the registration form and we take care of the rest!

For more information, please feel free to contact Kaitlin at 781-784-1578 x1420.

\* Image by Chris Were.

## Online Spotlight



On September 7th, Morningstar rolled out a new library patron platform, including a name change from Investment Research Center to the Investing Center! Patron access remains the same with your Sharon Public Library card.

[The Investing Center](#) continues to provide Morningstar's top investment research in a modern interface with new financial tools and an expanded investment universe.

## Tech Talk

### *Now Available:* **Wireless Printing from your smart device!**

**On your smart device, the 'ePRINTit SaaS' app allows you to wirelessly print from your:**

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The application must be downloaded to your smart device from your device's app store (see below) and requires a brief initial set-up.

Once initial set-up is complete, you may then use the app to quickly queue print jobs from your device to the SPL public printer!

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Have further questions? Visit the Reference Department next time you're in to print. We're happy to help!

## 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.*

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This month's feature is:

### **Hydrophobia in the 1900s**

The history of humans owning dogs as pets dates back to 30,000 years ago in what is now known as The Czech Republic. So, it should not come as a surprise that in the Victorian Era, and well into the turn of the century, dogs were beloved pets. The concept of registering these animals has been around just as long. A registration helps to identify a lost dog and acts as proof of the pet's vaccination.

The most recent interesting item to come from The Sharon Public Library's Local History Room is just such a dog license dating back to 1925. It includes some fun information about the dog. Its name was Bobby and it was a "coach dog" meaning it could have been a Dalmatian, Great Dane, Collie or German Shepherd.

Upon flipping the license over, we find the truly interesting aspect of this piece of history; an explanation of the symptoms of hydrophobia. What in the world is

hydrophobia?...

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

## Youth Services

**OCTOBER 2023**

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



Recommended Program  
Age Ranges  
Babies/Toddlers  
Preschool  
Kids (Ages 5-10)  
All Ages



SUN	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 10:30 AM Strollers and Stories 1:30 PM Miss Marnie Exploration Station	3 11:00 AM Tinker Time	4	5 11:30 AM Fall Fun Story Time	6	7	8 10:00 AM Pumpkin Contest Registration Opens
9 Library Closed	10 11:00 AM Tinker Time	11 4:30 PM Marvelous Monster Hunt	12 11:00 AM Fall Fun Story Time	13 4:30 PM Choose Your Own Adventure Read Aloud Club	14	15
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## 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](#).

## Upcoming Programs



*Virtual*

### Behind the Judicial Curtain: Secrets of a Trial Judge - Part 2

**October 11th @ 7:00 PM via Zoom**

Learn how trial judges make their decisions: how bail is set; sentencing decisions are made; how a criminal trial works; what juries really think and whether they are 'giving away the store'; how judges are selected; and how jurors are chosen. Then join us for an intimate, behind-the-scenes tour of the United States Supreme Court.

[More information here](#)

**Registration Required.**

*In-person*



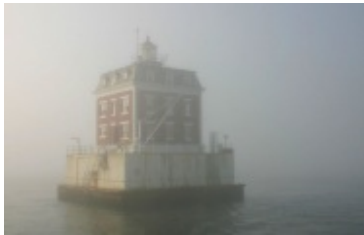
## Saving Money and Energy on Your Utility Bill

**October 12th @ 6:30 PM**

Join the Town of Sharon's Energy Advocate, Julie Barbour-Issa, to learn about home energy efficiency and the Mass Save rebate program. Julie will discuss getting a no-cost Home Energy Assessment, rebates available for insulation, weatherization, and heating & cooling systems, as well as federal tax credits and rebates. Additionally, you'll learn about the benefits of participating in Sharon Power Choice, the Town's electricity program, with Julie Harris of MassPowerChoice.

[More information here](#)

**Registration Required.**



*Virtual*

### More Haunted Houses of New England with Jeremy D'Entremont

**October 16th @ 7:00 PM via Zoom**

An evening with Jeremy D'Entremont, president and historian of the American Lighthouse Foundation, historian for the U.S. Lighthouse Society, and the author of more than 20 books and hundreds of articles on lighthouses and maritime history. Jeremy will tell us about the mysterious Woman in White in the Isles of Shoals and the spirit of a drowned lighthouse keeper at Penfield Reef in Connecticut, as well as some of the paranormal investigations he's been part of -- and much more.

*Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library*

[More information here](#)

**Registration Required.**



*In-person*

### Paranormal Investigation 101: with Paranormal New England

**October 25th @ 6:00 PM**

Join Joe Rainone of Paranormal New England as he discusses his experiences as a paranormal researcher by sharing ghost stories and evidential clips - as well as talking about the "tools of the trade." Bring questions and your own stories/experiences to share!

[More information here](#)

**Registration Required.**



*In-person*

## Frances Perkins Part 2 - Her Life and Legacy in Washington DC

**October 26th @ 7:00 PM**

In this performance, Janet Parnes will address Frances Perkins's life, beginning with her time in Washington.

Topics include:

- Life with FDR (and Eleanor)
- The list of demands she presented to FDR when he offered her the position of Secretary of Labor (all having to do with justice for workers in the midst of the Depression)
- The chaos she encountered upon arriving in Washington
- The attempt to impeach her
- Strategies she used to work with men
- The creation of the New Deal
- Challenges working with the unions
- Frances's post political life teaching at Cornell
- Terrible troubles with her husband and daughter

[More information here](#)

**Registration Required.**

## Ongoing Programs



**Sharon Public Library  
Book Discussion Group**

*In-Person*

**October 26th @ 1:00 - 2:30 PM**

*Between Two Kingdoms: A Memoir of a Life Interrupted*  
by Suleika Jaouad

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!

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

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For more information, please contact  
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