

Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter September 2023



Announcements



More hoopla borrows per month!

Our patrons love hoopla! In order to meet increased demand, as of August 15th, SPL has increased our hoopla budget to allow patrons to borrow **five (5)** items per month!

Online Spotlight

SPL Genealogy Resources

Ancestry Library Edition® is the largest and broadest online collection of genealogical records for public and academic libraries. It includes 8000+ searchable domestic and international databases, including more than 8.9 billion total records. Ancestry Library Edition is **in-library use only**.

HeritageQuest Online® is powered by Ancestry and has over 500 searchable domestic and international databases for genealogical research, including more than 5 billion records, primarily from



HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE



Fold3® by Ancestry is the newest addition to SPL genealogy resources. Fold3® features premier collections of original military records, many of which

Ancestry.com. HeritageQuest provides both in-library and remote access.

HeritageHub by **Newsbank** is the premier collection of U.S. obituaries and death notices for genealogical research, 1704 - today. HeritageHub allows both in-library and remote access.

come from the U.S. National Archives, The National Archives of the U.K. and other international records.

These records include the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served in the military.

Tech Talk

Check Out and Download Our Free 'Sharon Public Library (MA)' Mobile App! hosted by Capira Mobile®, OCLC



We are very excited to announce the launch of our new library application. Manage your library account from your smartphone or smart devices!

The app enables you to:

- Access one or more digital library cards
- Search the OCLN and OverDrive catalogs
- Place holds on items
- View hold status (place in queue, in transit, ready for pickup)
- Manage holds (suspend, unsuspend, cancel)
- Manage loans (view due dates, request renewals)
- Receive automatic notifications when holds are ready for pickup at SPL or when an item is overdue
- View fines and late fees

Additional app services:

- Sign up for various types of in-app notifications to stay up-to-date with SPL news.
- Access the event calendar to view and register for upcoming programs
- Browse and book museum passes right from your phone
- Complete a curbside pick-up form to grab your items and go

Download the Sharon Public Library (MA) app today!

- **For Android or Google devices:** access the **Google Play app here** or scan the Google Play QR code below to begin the installation process.
- **For iPhones or other Apple devices:** access the **App Store app here** or scan the App Store QR code below to begin the installation process.



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Click and download the **SPL Mobile App User Guide** (foldable brochure) for helpful instructions, plus tips & tricks!



Still have questions? Contact the Reference Department at reference@sharon.ocln.org or at 781.784.1578 x1422 or x1429.

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:

Devil is on Lake Massapoag

"It was cold that September night and Mr. Hopkins was just passing through. The snow fell delicately as his horse carried him along. A makeshift bridge soon came into view and he stopped, pulling at his horse's reins rather suddenly. The air changed around them. It grew colder, stiller. The slight noises of that snowy night stopped. Mr. Hopkins' horse began to back away from the bridge. He squinted in the darkness and saw a shifting form... "

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

Youth Services

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



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



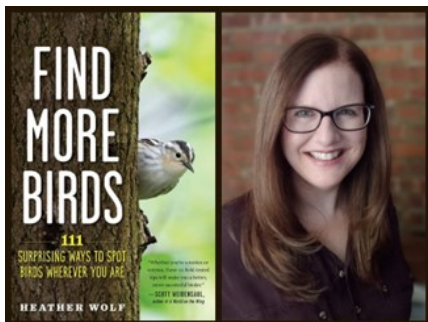
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Youth Services Programs

Check the Youth Services calendars for September (*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

Author Heather Wolf Discusses "Find More Birds: 111 Ways to Spot Birds Wherever You Are"

September 13th @ 7 PM via Zoom

Seeing more birds than you ever imagined and witnessing exciting avian drama is possible—whether you're on the go or in your own neighborhood, local park, or backyard. As Heather Wolf explains, it all comes down to how you tune in to the show happening around you, the one in which birds—highly skilled at staying under the radar—are the stars. In *Find More Birds*, Heather shares her very best tactics—and the jaw-dropping photographs they helped her capture.

Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.

In-person

Daily Attunement to the Higher



Consciousness with Barbara Strassman

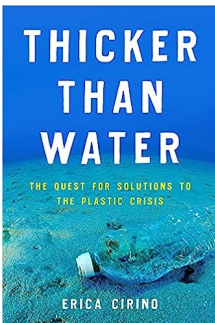
September 14th @ 6:30 PM

Local author Barbara Strassman discusses her recent book, *I Am Daily Attunement: A Guide to Self-Healing and Attuning to the Higher Consciousness*. Barbara will share the benefits of attuning through the breath including inner calm, release of anxiety, increased focus and joy and the ability to be in the present moment. Barbara is a trained reflexologist and owner of her own holistic healing business, Heart and Soul Holistic Healing, located in Sharon.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing by the author following the program.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



Virtual

Author Erica Cirino Discusses "Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic"

September 18th @ 7 PM via Zoom

Join Erica Cirino, photojournalist, scientist, and artist, as she discusses her book *Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis*. As plastic pollution piles up, time to negotiate real solutions is running out, and meanwhile plastics' impacts on the Earth and our health grows worse. Erica hopes to share important facts and immediate action we can take to help our communities and protect our health from plastics.

Presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.

Virtual

Behind the Judicial Curtain: Secrets of a Trial Judge - Part 1



September 19th @ 7 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.

Part 2 takes place on Wednesday, October 11th at 7 PM.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



Virtual

**Optimizing Immunity
with Jill Patterson, RDN**

September 20th @ 10:30 AM via Zoom

Join us for this interactive workshop where Jill Patterson, RDN, will show us holistic approaches to lifestyle habits that will teach us how to stay healthy through the winter months!

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



In-person

**Harlem World:
Celebrating Hip-Hop's 50th Anniversary
with local author, Jon Mael**

September 21st @ 6:30 PM

Celebrate hip hop's 50th anniversary with Sharon resident, Jon Mael, as he discusses his debut book *Harlem World: How Hip Hop's Super Showdown Changed Music Forever*. The story of the early days of the genre in Harlem and the Bronx as seen through the eyes of two of the biggest underground crews of all time, *Harlem World* is an exciting dueling biography leading up to one of the most

significant rap battles of all time on July 3rd, 1981.

[More information here](#)

Registration Required.



Virtual

Minecraft for the Atari Generation

September 28th @ 7:00 PM

Do your kids play Minecraft... or watch others play on YouTube? Are you concerned with their sudden obsession? Does it feel like they're speaking a foreign language? Are you flummoxed by the cubist screen? If yes, this is the program for you!

Presented in partnership with the Wayland Free Public Library

[More Information here](#)

Registration Required.

Ongoing Programs



Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

In-Person

September 28th @ 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Perestroika in Paris by Jane Smiley

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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