





Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter September 2024



Mass Center for the Book 2024 READING CHALLENGE

A monthly book challenge for adults!



September's Challenge:

A debut book by a Massachusetts author



Announcements

New Library Project

All questions about the project should be directed to the [Sharon Standing Building Committee](#) via the Town's website. The SSBC page is regularly updated with meeting agendas and minutes. The public is always welcome to attend these meetings, which are also recorded by [Sharon Cable TV](#).

Construction updates and photos may be found at the Town's website under [Quick Links - Building Projects - Library Project In Progress](#).

Auschwitz Exhibition

As a member of OCLN, Sharon Public Library has been offered a limited number of complimentary tickets **for youth and young adults** to *Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away.* in Boston, open through September 15, 2024.

With funding from Combined Jewish Philanthropies and the One8 Foundation, the objective of providing these tickets is to promote Holocaust education and combat antisemitism by removing the financial barrier to visit this exhibition.

Through this daunting selection of objects from the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum as well as more than 20 institutions and museums all over the world, the Auschwitz exhibition portrays the complex reality of the notorious camp while sharing first-hand stories from those who survived, and those who perished.

Please note that while this exhibition is generally recommended for ages 12+, parents/guardians should decide if this content is appropriate for their child. **These tickets are funded specifically for youth, teens, and college-age people.** Adults and anyone outside of those parameters may not take advantage of this opportunity but may purchase tickets at TheAuschwitzExhibition.com.

[Link to redeem a free youth ticket](#) (while supplies last)

[Link to customized, free educational materials from Facing History & Ourselves](#)

HAPPY LABOR DAY

The Sharon Public Library
will be closed
Monday, September 2nd



Regular hours will resume Tuesday, September 3rd

Sharon Public Library will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 3rd at 10:00 AM.



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WWW.SHARONPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG

We are hiring! [Library Page job description](#)

- Shelf, organize Library materials
- 9 hours per week over a minimum of 3 days
- Non-professional part-time union position
- Pay rate: minimum wage \$15 per hour
- Daytime hours required

Submit your resume and three (3) references to
Library Director Lee Ann Amend at lamend@sharon.ocln.org

Online Spotlight



Explore SPL's educational resources!

Whether you are a returning K-12 student, college student, or just interested in continuing education, our [online resources](#) are available to you at the library and from home!

Explore the many State-funded databases from Gale and EBSCO that cover a multitude of subjects and interests, as well as OCLN's [Newsbank](#) which includes America's News Collection, Heritage Hub (obituaries & death notices) and Black Life in America. We've also provided links to popular websites such as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Medline and National Institutes of Health, and Boston Public Library.

[Online resources by Subject](#) (some may require a Sharon library card and PIN)

Education & Career - includes Leadership and Management, Petersen's Test and Career Prep, Massachusetts RMV Driving Tests, Mango Languages, Udemy

Health & Science - includes Environmental Studies & Policy, Health & Medicine, Science and Psychology databases

History, Government & Politics - includes US and World history, Opposing Viewpoints, Library of Congress Collections

Literature - includes Literary Reference Center, NoveList Plus

Research - includes Academic OneFile, Biography, MA Labor, Britannica, and MA Labor and Employment Laws

Social Studies - includes Religion & Philosophy, Gender Studies, Diversity Studies

Youth/Teens - includes Britannica, High School and Middle School, and MA RMV Driving Tests. Check out the [Homework Help](#) page for additional resources curated by our Youth Services Librarians.

Tech Talk



Exciting New Libby Update!

We are excited to share that OverDrive has released a large update for their Libby app, greatly improving the user interface and navigation tools for users.

Here's a short summary of what changed

- **Tags** are now part of the navigation bar in Libby.
- The **Timeline** and **Notices** (i.e., in-app notifications) have moved to the **Shelf**.
- The menu is simpler and richer. All the major parts of the menu now appear on the top level, so it's easier to find what you need.
- Title descriptions appear in search results and in lists for seamless browsing.
- You can now set up a recovery passkey in Libby (on supported devices) to back up your data. It's simple, secure, and password-less. [Learn more about creating a recovery passkey](#).
- Setup codes have reversed direction for added security. You read the code on the new device and input the 8-digit code on the original device.
- Plus, there are many other visual and wording improvements throughout the app.

Libby Help has been updated to reflect all the changes in this release. You can also watch a release overview video created by the OverDrive Training team:

Libby July 2024 Updates - Overview
Video

SPL's Favorite Updates



Search



Library



Menu



Shelf



Tags

- Add labels to your navigation bar icons! To add the labels, go to **Menu** > **Navigation** > Labeled Icons (on)

Your Libraries

Old Colony Library Network

1 card, 0 of 10 loans.



Minuteman Library Network

1 card, 1 of 10 loans.



Boston Public Library

1 card, 1 of 10 loans.



CW MARS

1 card, 0 of 10 loans.



CLAMS

1 card, 0 of 5 loans.



SAILS Library Network

1 card, 1 of 6 loans.



- Within the **Menu**, your connected library cards now clearly indicate the maximum amount of simultaneous loans per network and your current loans per network.

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:

Fact or Fiction: Mummies in the Collection

There are a few newspapers in The Local History Room from the 1800s and, surprisingly enough, they're in good shape. Upon further inspection, it's obvious that they were made from high quality cotton and linen fibers, the likes of which aren't used today. That material was taken directly from old clothes or rags and processed to make paper meant to last. The only issue was that cotton and linen were finite resources.

Beginning as early as the 1820s, America started to run out of cotton and linen. With the literacy rate rapidly increasing and demand for newspapers picking up, there weren't enough materials to keep up production. The brightest minds

scrambled to find a suitable replacement, but came up empty. Eventually, straw and grass were mixed into the pulp to stretch the existing supply. But America was panicking...

[\[Link to full article\]](#)

Youth Services

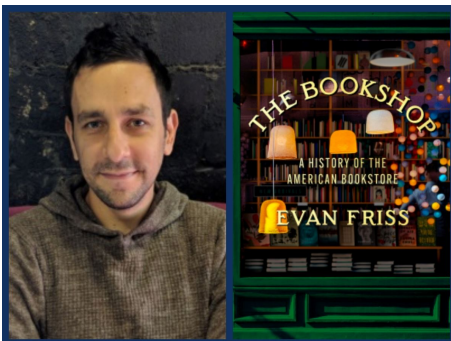


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Upcoming Programs



Virtual

Author Evan Friss Discusses "The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore"

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

Who among us hasn't spent time in a bookstore just meandering around and finding hidden treasures? As we love all things books, we can't wait to chat with author Evan Friss about "The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore" - an affectionate and engaging history of the American bookstore and its central place in American cultural life, from department stores to indies, from highbrow dealers trading in first editions to sidewalk vendors, and from chains to special-interest community destinations. We hope all of our book lovin' friends will join us for this special conversation!

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Registration Required.



In-person

Adult Workshop Managing Anxiety and Stress

**September 12th at 6:45 PM
SPL Community Room**

Led by Marci daCamara, LMHC, this workshop for adults will focus on how anxiety/stress impact us and how it can affect us physically, mentally, and behaviorally. We will go over some basic coping skills that can be used to help adults manage their stress and anxiety. This will include mindfulness/grounding techniques such as deep breathing, 54321, progressive muscle relaxation, thinking in categories, etc. We will end by touching upon the importance of self-care as a preventative measure for keeping anxiety in check.

Marci daCamara, LMHC is the Executive Director and Founder of Be Inspired Counseling, LLC (a mental health therapy group practice) and Be Inspired Together, Inc. (a nonprofit whose mission is to ensure equality in mental health care regardless of financial means), located in Sharon. Marci received her Undergraduate degree from Brandeis University and her Masters in Counseling, with a Specialization in Addictions, from Antioch New Hampshire. She has worked in a variety of settings including outpatient, home-based, and residential settings. Marci's successes include the development of the state-wide curriculum for the Adolescent Substance Abuse Day Treatment Program and working with high-risk youth in the Department of Youth Services.

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Virtual

Body Positivity in Romance Books: Author Panel

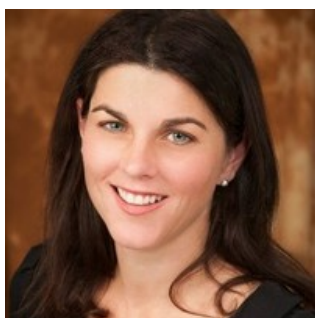
**September 14th at 10:00 AM
via Zoom**

We are so excited to chat with fantastic romance authors Olivia Dade, Julie Murphy, Sierra Simone, and Denise Williams on the topic of Body Positivity in romance genre books (or, how it should be in every genre!). We hope you can join us for this very important, fascinating, and fun conversation with some of the very best romance authors advocating the message that every BODY is deserving of love and respect.

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In-person

Planning for Medicare: Countdown to 65

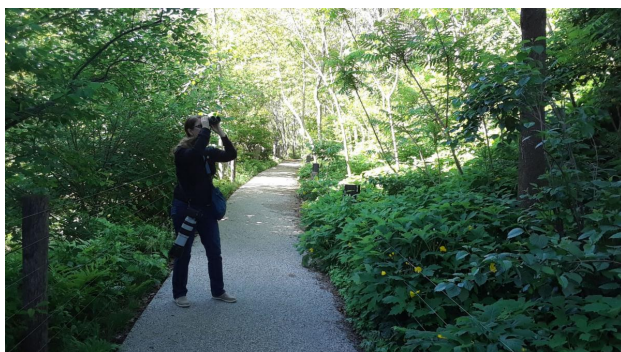
**September 19th at 6:30 PM
SPL Community Room**

We are very pleased to welcome back Sue Flanagan of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts for our annual Medicare program. This presentation and discussion is geared towards individuals approaching Medicare eligibility.

Topics covered include health insurance information outside of employer sponsored coverage including an explanation of Medicare; the Medicare enrollment timeline; Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans; programs available to early retirees; and COBRA.

[More information here](#)

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Virtual

Author Heather Wolf Discusses: Find & Identify More Birds - How to Pick a Patch

**September 23rd at 7:00 PM
via Zoom**

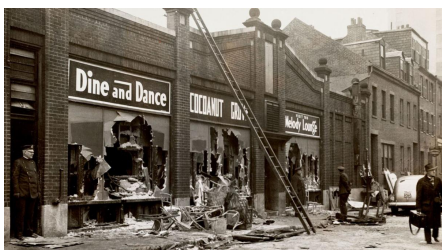
Heather Wolf, author of "Find More Birds: 111 Surprising Ways to Spot Birds

Wherever You Are," will be discussing how to find and identify more birds by picking a "patch" - a place close to home where you can watch birds often. She'll be giving tips on how to pick a patch and how to use it not only as a "classroom" to become a better birder, but also as a way to connect more deeply with the nature that surrounds you.

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Virtual

Great Boston Fires with Author and Historian David Kruh

**September 30th at 7:00 PM
via Zoom**

A look at the devastating fires and their impact on Boston, from the many "great" fires of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries (including the truly Great Fire of 1872) the Cocoanut Grove tragedy of 1942 (which killed 492,) and the Hotel Vendome fire of 1972 (which resulted in the deaths of nine fire fighters.) How did these fires happen? What was learned from these events? What, if anything, was done to try and prevent similar catastrophes? David's newest slide show, filled with images from these events, answers these and other questions.

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Ongoing Programs



Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

In-person

Regular monthly meetings resume on September 26th at 1PM!

All are welcome to join this drop-in group at any time;
there is no obligation to attend all meetings.**
We read across many genres and enjoy lively discussion!

September's book is: *The Art Forger* by BA Shapiro

(Copies are available at the Adult Circulation Desk)

Questions? Susan Eggimann | seggimann@sharon.ocln.org | 781.784.1578 x1422

2024-2025 Book Titles and Meeting Dates

Sign up for our [SPL Book Discussion Group Newsletter](#) to stay up-to-date with meeting announcements and book selections.

****The SPL Book Discussion Group** meets September to June on the 4th Thursday of each month @ 1:00 PM in the Library's Community Room.
No registration required!



Due to staff availability and low attendance, the SPL Movie Group has been **discontinued effective immediately.**
Thank you to all who participated!



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