





## Sharon Public Library Monthly Newsletter Summer 2024



Mass Center for the Book

# 2024 READING CHALLENGE

A monthly book challenge for adults!



### July's Challenge:

*A book by an author born outside of the United States*

### August's Challenge:

*A book whose title starts with the same letter as your birthday month*



## Announcements

### New Library Project

The public is always welcome to attend meetings of the Sharon Standing Building Committee. Recordings of the meetings are also available on [Sharon Cable TV](#).

Project updates are also available on the Town of Sharon website: at the bottom of the homepage select **Quick Links - Building Projects - [Library Project In Progress](#)**.



Sharon resident, Hana Jenner, has created a brief video showing the progress of the new Library. We encourage you to check it out



Sharon Public Library will close at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 3rd and remain closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

We will reopen on Friday, July 5th at 10:00 AM.



## Collection News

Wherever you are... we have you covered



- Portable car CD player, smartphone photography kit, Playaways with audio cable (all in our [Library of Things collection!](#))
- Travel guides for getaways both near and far
- [Mango Languages](#) - learn a language
- [Libby's](#) eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines
- SPL Kindles with [pre-downloaded eBook titles](#) (see update in the *Tech Talk* section)

or



- Instruments, jigsaw puzzles, crafts, metal detector (all in our [Library of Things collection!](#))
- [Museum passes](#)
- [kanopy's](#) documentaries, films and *The Great Courses*
- Genealogy research via our [genealogy resources](#)

## Tech Talk



### Circulating SPL Kindle Paperwhites: Update

*Heading to the pool? Visiting a local beach? Travelling near or far?*  
Read the day away with one of our circulating SPL Kindle Paperwhites available to patrons with an SPL library card.

However, please note that due to Amazon's terms of use, Sharon Public Library is

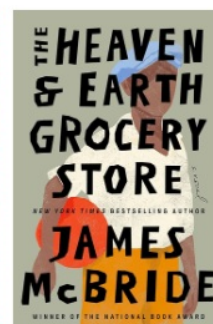
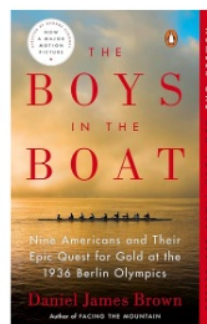
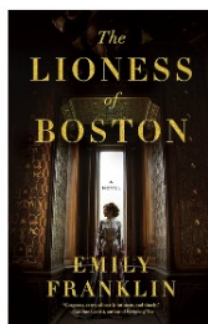
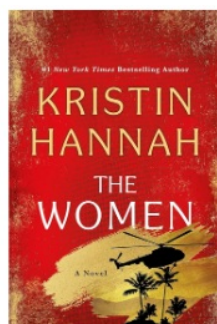
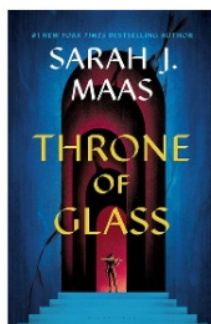


no longer able to add new titles to our Kindles. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Regardless, wonderful titles & series are downloaded and ready to read:**

- *Lessons in Chemistry* | *Bonnie Garmus*
- *The Women* | *Kristin Hannah*
- *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* | *James McBride*
- *The Housemaid* | *Freida McFadden*
- *Throne of Glass, A Court of Thorns and Roses, & Crescent City series* | *Sarah J Maas*
- *The Berry Pickers* | *Amanda Peters*
- *The Lioness of Boston* | *Emily Franklin*
- *Fourth Wing series* | *Rebecca Yarros*
- *The Boys in the Boat* | *Daniel Brown*
- *Spare* | *Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex*
- A collection of Colleen Hoover's books

**View our SPL Kindle Paperwhite Booklist  
Here**



## 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:

### **No Need for Summer Mischief**

School is out. The weather is hot. You and your friends have nothing to do. These days, the answer is to pull out your phones and explore TikTok. But what about all the way back in the late 1800s? What did youngsters do before cars, phones and life as we know it?

Simple, really; they caused chaos. William R. Mann, a local historian from the

1800s, recounts just such an incident on a summer day. A group of young boys with nothing to do, decided to steal watermelons from a local farm. They ate them on the bandstand near the beach and then proceeded to be absolute nuisances.

They went to the nearby Wickes Boarding House and pelted the windows with the rinds. The boys knocked and kicked at the doors and windows of the house, causing Mrs. Wickes to suffer a seizure or fit. Mr. Wickes stealthily followed the boys to learn who they were and where they lived, before promptly calling the police...

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

## Youth Services



# SUMMER ACTIVITIES

## FOR GRADES K-12

### CLICK FOR DETAILS

## Upcoming Programs



*Virtual*

### A Virtual Tour of the Bata Shoe Museum

**July 8th at 7:00 PM**

Feet are the same around the world, but what we wear can be so different! Learn why with a virtual tour of the Bata Shoe Museum! As the only museum in North America dedicated to footwear (located in Toronto, Canada), the BSM showcases 4,500 years of history and nearly 15,000 artifacts in its collection. So put on your

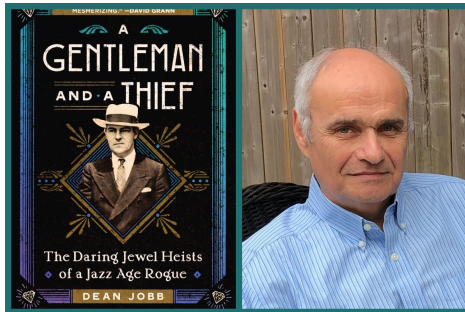


comfiest or fanciest shoes and join us (a virtual program in which you don't have to wear shoes at all!)

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**Registration Required.**



*Virtual*

## Author Dean Jobb Discusses *A Gentleman and a Thief* in conversation with Joe Pompeo

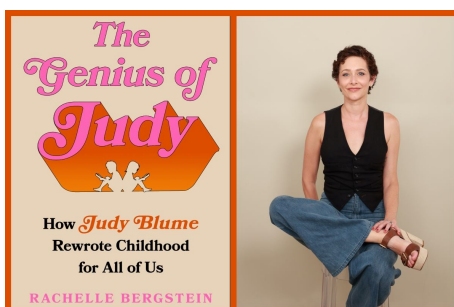
**July 22nd at 7:00 PM**

We love true crime and author Dean Jobb's new book, *A Gentleman and a Thief: The Daring Jewel Heists of a Jazz Age Rogue* as it hits all the right notes! It's "Catch Me If You Can" meets "The Great Gatsby" meets Cary Grant in "To Catch a Thief" in this captivating Jazz Age true-crime caper about "the greatest jewel thief who ever lived". Dean will be in conversation with Vanity Fair Senior Media Correspondent, Joe Pompeo.

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## Author Rachelle Bergstein Discusses *The Genius of Judy: How Judy Blume Rewrote Childhood for All of Us*

**July 23rd at 7:00 PM**

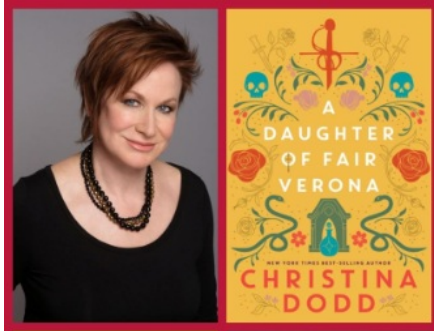
We are so thrilled to be chatting with author Rachelle Bergstein whose book *The Genius of Judy: How Judy Blume Rewrote Childhood for All of Us* is about one of our very favorite literacy warriors and an author who so many of us grew up with. How did she impact your life? How does she fight the good fight to keep books available and accessible to all? How has she become the icon that she is? Learn the answers to these and other questions as help celebrate the release of this

book with Rachelle!

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## **Author Christina Dodd Discusses *A Daughter of Fair Verona* with Susan Elizabeth Phillips**

**July 30th at 7:00 PM**

Icons of the romance genre, Christina Dodd and Susan Elizabeth Phillips, are joining us for a rollicking fun conversation about Christina's latest release, *A Daughter of Fair Verona*, a frothy, irreverent, witty new series with an irresistible premise—Romeo and Juliet's daughter as a clever, rebellious, fiercely independent young woman in fair Verona—told from the delightfully engaging point of view of the captivating Rosie Montague herself. Of course, being Christina and SEP, they will also talk about books, romance, writing, tomfoolery, and whatever comes up.

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## **Maine Destinations For Stephen King Fans**

**August 20th at 7:00 PM**

Author Sharon Kitchens will discuss her new book, *Stephen King's Maine: A History & Guide*. Explore Maine locations that serve as the basis for Stephen King's fictional towns of Castle

Rock, Jerusalem's Lot, Derry, and Haven. Drawing on historical materials and conversations with locals and people who know King, learn about the places that would become the settings for *Carrie*, *Salem's Lot*, *The Dead Zone*, *Cujo*, *IT*,



and 11/22/63.

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[More information here](#)

**Registration Required.**



*Virtual*

## **The Indigenous Old World: An Exploration of Pre-Colombian North America**

**August 21st at 7:00 PM**

Explore the worlds of the Indigenous peoples of North America before European colonization.

North America was a place filled with cities, towns, and villages. Across the continent, Indigenous peoples produced architecture and monumental construction. The ancient and medieval communities of North America were fed by agriculture. Moreover, Indigenous Americans actively managed their environment and participated in long distance exchange networks. Led by Christoph Strobel, Department Chair and Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. He is the author of *War and Colonization in the Early American Northeast*, *Native Americans of New England*, and *The Global Atlantic: 1400 to 1900*. He has published many other books and academic papers.

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**Ongoing Programs**



# Sharon Public Library Book Discussion Group

## Summer 2024

The Book Group will meet informally to share favorite books and keep in touch during the summer months. All are welcome to drop in to the SPL Community Room on the following dates:

Thursday, July 25th at 1:00 PM  
Thursday, August 22nd at 1:00 PM

**Regular monthly meetings will resume in September\*\***

**\*\*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!

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## 2023-2024 Book Titles

**2024-2025 Book titles and meeting dates** will be available by the end of July. Information will be posted on the [website](#) and published in the SPL Book Discussion Group Newsletter ([sign up here](#)).

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## Next Film: Hacksaw Ridge (2016)

*R: Biography; Drama; History*

The true story of Pfc. [Desmond T. Doss](#), who won the Congressional Medal of Honor despite refusing to bear arms on religious grounds during WWII.

Ostracized by fellow soldiers for his pacifist stance, Doss went on to earn respect and adoration for his bravery, selflessness and compassion after risking his life, without firing a shot, to



save seventy-five men in the Battle of Okinawa.



**Next Meeting: August 14th 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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