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The Newsletter of the Shrewsbury Public Library - FALL 2012

Welcome Kate!



Kate Gray is the newest addition to the Shrewsbury Public Library! A recent graduate of Pratt Institute's School of Information and Library Science, she moved to the area recently from Brooklyn, NY. Kate took over the position of Electronic Resources Librarian previously held by Dennis Holtgreffe. She will be teaching computer classes, helping the public with computer and internet issues, and purchasing new technology for the library.

Peter Griggs Live in Concert!

Thursday, Oct. 18–6PM

Guitarist Peter Griggs presents a concert of solo guitar music, from the Middle Ages to the present, both classical and popular. Free and open to all interested. Sponsored in part by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.



Tech Services Assistant Emily Boswell Gets Ready for the Big Read!

Get Ready for Another Big Read!

A Letter from Library Director Ellen Dolan

You've likely heard the saying "If you don't like the weather in New England, just wait a few minutes." Did you know that quote is attributed to Samuel Clemens, AKA Mark Twain*. Before hearing that trivia tidbit recently, I had assumed it was another old Yankee adage. Knowing that Twain created those much quoted words made me once again concede that, even today, "Twain is everywhere!"

I've come to be a great admirer of Twain, his writings, and most affectionately, his timeless and acerbic wit. Such was not always the case. During high school years, an assignment of a Twain title elicited groans. My perspective on Twain changed during my years at West Boylston's Beaman Library. In a busy time of constructing an addition to the building, I had asked the staff to share leadership of planning a community reading project. I was grateful they were willing to take on such a large project, but when they revealed that they had selected *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, I silently thought "Oh dear. No one will be enthused about Huck". In fact, this project turned out to be one of the most enjoyable projects I've experienced in a library. The collective reading of Huck engaged hundreds of residents, and drew people of all ages and backgrounds. We held some exciting and educational programs related to the books and the themes within. Many participants, including me, gained a new understanding of why Huck

Finn is considered one of the seminal works of American literature. Reading Huck as an adult revealed how skillfully Twain used humor, irony and the raw voice of a young boy to underscore what freedom, equality, self-sufficiency and fierce individualism are really all about. I absolutely grew to love Huck and his creator.

**"All modern American literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called *Huckleberry Finn*."
- Ernest Hemingway**

And now the Shrewsbury Library is planning a reading project on another of Mark Twain's books. We've recently been awarded a \$10,800 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

(include proper credits) to conduct The Big Read in Shrewsbury. (You might recall our two earlier Big Read projects on *My Antonia* by Willa Cather and *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien.) This time, we've selected *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and we can't wait to get started. In addition to book discussions around town, we are also planning lots of fun activities to get people in to a Tom Sawyer state of mind.

Here is just a sampling:

- a bus trip to the Twain House in Hartford CT
- a teen adventure to Boston's Ghosts & Graveyards Tour

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- an historic interpreter providing a "visit" from Mark Twain
- a County Fair celebration for children
- fence painting (and thematic decorating) contest fishing lessons with Mass Wildlife staff
- a Scholar program on race issues in Twain's works and much more!

The program will be conducted in the spring, so please keep your eyes, ears and calendars open. The next newsletter will have all the details. Please consider joining our planning committee. While the staff has already started preparation for the various project activities, we would welcome a few more volunteers to help with all the work. Please contact me by email at edolan@th.ci.shrewsbury.ma.us or phone at 508-841-8537 if you wish to help on this committee. We invite you to get ready to explore *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer!* - ED

Just Desserts Afternoon Tea

Sunday, November 4
2:00 - 4:30PM



Pull out your white gloves, bowties and fancy shoes and join the Friends of the Library for an afternoon tea party. White tablecloths, china tea cups and a beautiful collection of tea pots will help make the afternoon special. Bring a friend, grandchild, neighbor or family member along to enjoy some fine tea and pastries. The final details on tickets, seating reservations and more will be available in the library, and on the Library's website and Facebook page. This is a fundraising event to support the programs and services at the Library.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Speaker Program Meet John Adams:

A Lively and Revolutionary Conversation with America's Second President

**Wed., Oct. 12 at the
Southgate Theater**



6:30PM: Brief Business Meeting
6:45PM: Refreshments Served
7:00PM: Program Begins

Mr. George Baker, lawyer, actor and historian, will portray our 2nd president, John Adams, in an informative and entertaining program. This Program is being held at the Southgate Theater on Julio Drive in Shrewsbury. This event is free and open to all, but **tickets must be obtained in advance** from the Shrewsbury Public Library. Friend's membership is not required.

Eclectic Browsers Book Club

Join the best book club around! Wednesdays at 10:30AM

Sept 26 - *Murder at Ford's Theater* by Margaret Truman

Oct 24 - *Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore

Nov 28 - *My Abandonment* by Peter Rock



Trace Your Roots with the SPL Genealogy Club



Monthly meeting for anyone interested in genealogy and family history. Occasional guest speakers from time to time. Self-help time and sharing every month. Open to anyone interested--no need to be a Shrewsbury resident.

Next sessions:
Monday, Sept 24 at 7PM
Monday, Oct 22 at 7PM
Monday, Nov 26 at 7PM

New members always welcomed!

The Archaeology of Jerusalem at the Time of Jesus

Sun, Oct. 14, 2PM

Archaeologist Katharina Galor will speak about the archaeological data from various locations in Jerusalem that help us understand the context of New Testament writings about Jesus. Dr. Galor is a visiting professor at Brown University. This event is part of Massachusetts Archaeology Month.

The American Dream

Mon, Oct 22, 7PM

A one woman dramatization of inspiring characters--mostly just ordinary Americans—who share their hopes and struggles in fulfilling their own personal American Dream, by Judy Bernstein. The stories come from immigrants who made great sacrifices to reach these shores and then traveled to the corners of America in search of land, homes, work and a decent life. These characters—young and old, rich and poor—come from farms, small towns and big cities. Presented with assistance from the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. Free and open to all interested.



A Special Thank You to All-Access Fitness on Route 9 in Shrewsbury for their hard work and donation (along with the Friends of the SPL) of a special library patron tailored free fitness class this past summer!

"Everyone else my age is an adult, whereas I am merely in disguise." - Margaret Atwood

adult classes



Price Chopper Donation Extends ECC! \$1,000 Gift To Continue Helping Residents Learn English

We are excited to announce that we have received a \$1,000 donation from Price Chopper to help us continue our popular English Conversation Circle program. We express our gratitude to Price Chopper's Golub Foundation for its generosity. We would like to appreciate the dedication and commitment of the conversation circle leaders, Kathy Johnson, Lea Hench, Judy Post, Christine Gonzalez and Tony Marin. The English Conversation Circle is for non-native adult English speakers who wish to practice speaking English in a comfortable environment. To sign up, please call Reference Librarian, Priya Rathnam at 508-841-8533 or stop by the Reference desk while you're here.

Level	Intermediate	Intermediate	Beginner	Beginner
Day/Time	Monday 5PM	Tuesday 2:30PM	Thursday 5PM	Saturday 10:30AM
Sept Sessions	10, 17, 24	11, 18, 25	13, 20, 27	8, 15, 22, 29
Oct Sessions	1, 15, 22, 29	2, 16, 23, 30	4, 18, 25	6, 20, 27
Nov Sessions	5, 12, 26	6, 13, 27	1, 8, 15, 29	3, 10, 17

Beginner's Spanish Classes

Friends of the Library Sponsor the Popular Class

It's a year since we started our first Beginner's Spanish class, and now, due to the generosity of the Friends of the Shrewsbury Library, we are able to offer 2 classes – Monday mornings from 10:30-11:30 and Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30. The Monday class starts on September 10th and the Thursday class starts on Sept. 13th. Online registration for both classes begins on August 30th. To sign up, please go to the library website and click on the box, Events and Passes. Click on Library Event Calendar and go to the first date for which you wish to sign up (Sept. 10 or Sept. 13) and register for the event. You have to register just once for the whole quarter, ending the last week of November.

Popular Pastel Class to Return!

Wednesday, September 19, 6PM



Greg Maichack presents a new class: "Que Sera, Seurat! How To Pastel Paint Optically With Color." This workshop fuses the science of color with the poetry of pastel. Participants will learn to apply the technique of Pointillism, as practiced by Seurat and Signac. The class is limited to 20 adults. Pre-registration is required. Call 508-842-0081 x 3 to register. Funded in part through a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council. Participants are asked to contribute \$5 each to cover cost of supplies.

Computer Classes with Kate

Classes are limited to 13 people and require a \$5 deposit at time of registration, which will be returned when you show up for class. Class time is one hour. Kate will be present for an additional hour for individual questions. Bring a working laptop if you have one.

eReaders, Tablets, & Netbooks, OH MY!

Wed. Sep. 12 - 2:30PM

Stop by to meet the Kindles, Nooks, Kindle Fires, iPads and Netbooks the library owns. We will compare their functionality and pricing in case you are considering purchasing one.

Computer Basics

Wed. Sep. 5 - 2:30PM

Wed. Oct. 17 - 6:30PM

Need help getting started with computers? Learn basic keyboard and mouse interaction.



Microsoft Word

Mon. Oct 1 - 2PM

Learn how to create documents, format text and use templates.

Google Apps and Privacy

Mon. Nov 5 - 2PM

Now that Google is so much more than just search, learn what apps they have available and how to use them while still protecting as much of your personal information as possible.

E-Mail Basics

Mon. Sep. 17 - 2PM

Set up an email account or learn how to use the one you already have.

Free Software!

Thurs. Nov. 22 - 11AM

Learn about the variety of free software available to you online, and how to install it.

In addition to these classes, our staff also offers one-on-one e-Reader help on Tuesday afternoons (2:30PM, 3PM, or 3:30PM) and Thursday mornings (10:30AM, 11AM, or 11:30AM). Sign up for a slot today!

French Conversation Circle



2nd Monday
(4:00-5:00 PM) and
4th Monday (6:30-
7:30 PM)

Opportunities to practice your conversational skills in "la belle langue française"! For more information, contact the group leader, Heidi Wolf (heidusaesl@yahoo.com)

special events



Military Re-enactment and Family Concert

Saturday September 29, 2012 at Ward House

1:00 PM Reenactment

2:00 PM Concert

Come celebrate the Spirit of Shrewsbury at the General Artemas Ward House Museum!

First, enjoy a reenactment of British soldiers from the American Revolutionary War period. The Light Infantry Company of the 64th Regiment of Foot is an American Revolutionary War re-enactment group that portrays the light infantry company of an 18th century British Army regiment. Soldiers will demonstrate equipment and speak of army life during the time of the American Revolution.

Next enjoy a special concert with the folk music duo Chuck & Mud and The Hole in the Dam Band concert! People of all ages are invited to sing and dance along as they perform a selection of folk, light rock, bluegrass, blues, and original tunes for your entertainment.

Join us for an afternoon of great music and entertainment, rain or shine, under a large tent on the grounds of the historic Ward House Museum.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library and the Artemas Ward Museum



The Multicultural Advisory Team Presents...

Chinese Moon Cake Festival *Sat, Oct 6, 10AM*

The Multicultural Advisory Team welcomes you to come and celebrate the Chinese Moon Cake Festival. Peiliang Zhang will demonstrate the unique art form of Chinese calligraphy. He will also play a few traditional music pieces on the Chinese violin or 'erhu'. The students of the New England Karate Academy will perform martial arts activities. The Beijing Chinese Language School, Worcester, will have their students perform some activities. There will also be a professional "face change" expert who will rapidly change face masks. Moon cakes will be served.

Career Skills Workshops



Jumpstart Your Job Search

Wed, Sept 26, 6:30 PM

Need help with your Job Search? Feeling stuck? Come to this interactive workshop with Career Expert Lisa Adams to help diagnose the biggest problems in a job search and get tips on how to fix those challenges.

My Red Carpet Moment: How Do I Best Describe What I Do?

Wed, Oct 10, 6:30 PM

This practical and interactive workshop by Employment Expert Julie Bernardin answers these questions...

- How do I describe my credentials to others in a way that distinguishes me from others?
- How do I present my value to a potential employer in a way that connects with their needs? This updated branding approach will be invaluable in interviews, cover letters and resumes.

In addition to scheduling workshops, the library is planning to introduce a Job Seekers Network, which will include a variety of services to help job seekers. A Job Search Information Center with print resources and information about online resources will be located across from the main Circulation desk. Regular meetings of job seekers will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6:30 - 8 PM. There will be demonstrations of online databases accessible from the library website such as Chilton's Career Transitions and Cypress Resume. Participants can help each other with tips based on their own experiences and also benefit from the expertise of guest speakers. More details available at the Library soon!

special events

Family Gingerbread House Workshop

Tues. Dec. 4th, 6PM

Come join us for a family night of fun and creativity decorating your own gingerbread house. This evening is recommended for children in Grades K-4 and their families. Online Registration begins Nov. 20. Participants will be asked to bring one can of white frosting and candy to share for decorating the houses.



Diwali Celebration

Sat, Oct. 27, 3 PM

There will be traditional Indian dance performances by students of Shaila's School of Dance and other accomplished performers of classical dance. Come and enjoy these dances and participate in the celebration of the Indian festival of Lights, Diwali. There will also be craft activities for kids. A drop-in program for the whole family.

youth events

the Shorts



a comic by SPLAT member Grishma Patel

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SPLAT New Members Meeting

9/18 at 6PM - Come find out about joining the funnest volunteer group for 5th-12th graders. Prizes and snacks will be given out!

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Adults Vs. Teen Trivia

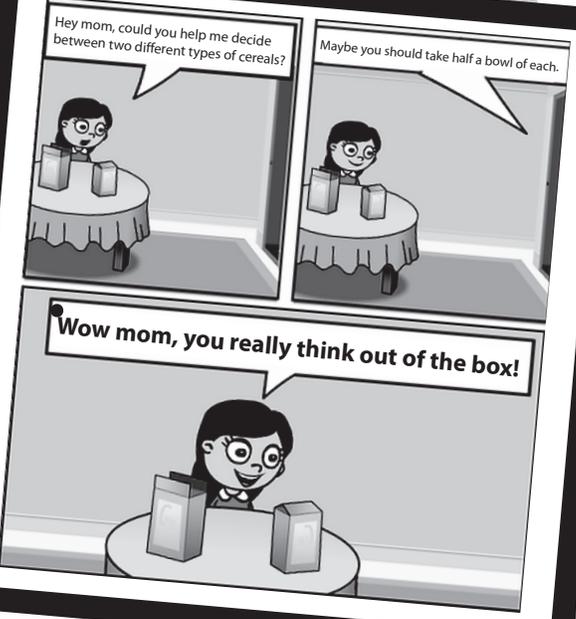
10/23 at 6:30PM - Back for the fifth time, battle it out for glory and prizes in our fun trivia challenge. Pizza will be served free of charge, but registration is required.

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Thanksgiving Party & Food Drive

11/21 - Take part in a special scavenger hunt event! Bring as many canned goods as you can - they will be donated to a local charity. Registration req.

These are just a sampling of many youth programs offered this fall. Stop by the library for a full calendar!



children's events

Apple Country Music Together Sing-Along



Tuesday, September 11th
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Bring your children ages 0 – 5 for a fun sing-along with Gina! Music Together includes singing, dancing, and playing instruments. Experience this award winning early childhood music program. **Online registration will begin August 28.**

Preschool Storytime

10:30 a.m.
Listen to stories and do a craft. No age limits. No registration required. Thursdays, September 13, 20, 27 October 4, 11, 18, November 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13

The Big Boo!

Tuesday, October 30th, 5:00 p.m.

Make the library your first chance to show off your Halloween costume for this year! For children ages 3 ½ and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Come in your costume and trick or treat around the Library. Listen to scary stories! **Registration is required and will begin Online - Tuesday, Oct. 16.**

Election Day

Tuesday, November 6th 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Day off from school! Experience the voting process! Stop in to cast your secret ballot and do an election day craft. No registration necessary.

Read to a Dog

Saturdays 10:00 a.m.

Check dates in the Children's Room or by calling 508-842-0081 x4. Registration begins immediately for all sessions.

Certified Therapy Pets -Kuma and Willow-are a wonderful way to encourage reluctant readers or children who would like to practice their reading skills. For children in Grades K – 4. Register in the Children's Room or call (508) 842-0081x4 Volunteers and dogs will be provided by "Paws For People"

Baby & Me

10:30 a.m.

A 30-minute program of stories, finger plays, songs, and movement designed for children ages birth to prewalking with an accompanying adult. Siblings welcome. Space is limited. Registration is required. Check children's room for details.

Session 1: Tuesdays, September 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16 Register Online for the September 18 session and you will be automatically registered for all 5 sessions (registration will open 2 weeks before)

Session 2: Tuesdays, November, 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11 Register Online for the November 6 session and you will be automatically registered for all 6 sessions (registration will open 2 weeks before)

Kindergarten Storytime

1:30 p.m.

Do you always miss our storytimes because you are in school? Please join Miss Penny for a special story time designed just for you! Register online beginning two weeks prior to the program.

Tuesday, Sept 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 27

Toddler Storytime

10:30 a.m.

A 30-minute program of stories, finger plays, songs, and movement designed for children just walking to 3 years old with an accompanying adult. Siblings welcome. Space is limited. Registration is required. Check children's room for details.

Session 1: Wednesdays, September 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17

Register Online for the September 12 session and you will be automatically registered for all 6 sessions (registration will open 2 weeks before)

Session 2: Wednesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28 Dec. 5, 12

Register Online for the November 7 session and you will be automatically registered for all 6 sessions (registration will open 2 weeks before)

Animal Adventures

Friday, October 5th 2:30 p.m.



Meet eight to ten animals, hear stories and information about them, and get close! A fun and unique learning experience to be enjoyed by all. **Space is limited and registration will begin ONLINE starting September 21st.**

Part of our Appreciating Our Animals series.

This project was funded by a grant from Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

Music and Motion

Fridays, Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5 10:00 a.m.

Music enrichment program including singing, dancing, instruments, and a parachute. For children ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult. Online registration opens two weeks before each session. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

Grandparent & Child Get Together

Thursday, Oct. 25th 10:30 a.m.
Are you a grandparent taking care of your grandchild during the day? Would you like to meet others who are doing the same thing? Come to a get together designed just for you. Diane Lindberg will be presenting some creative and inexpensive ideas you can do with your grandchild. **Please register online beginning Thursday, Oct. 11th.**

Book of the Month Club

Explore a book by reading, and creating a craft or playing a game. You don't need to have read the book beforehand. For those in 2nd - 4th grade. Tuesdays, Sept 18, Oct 23, Nov 27, Dec 18, 4-5pm. **Sign up Online Two Weeks Before Each Session!**

Don't have time to read a whole book? Come to "Magazines - Short and Sweet!". Read an article, answer some questions, and listen to what others read. That's all! Tuesdays, 4-5pm Sept 11, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 11. For readers in Grade 2-4. **Sign up online two weeks before each session.**

"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book." - Groucho Marx

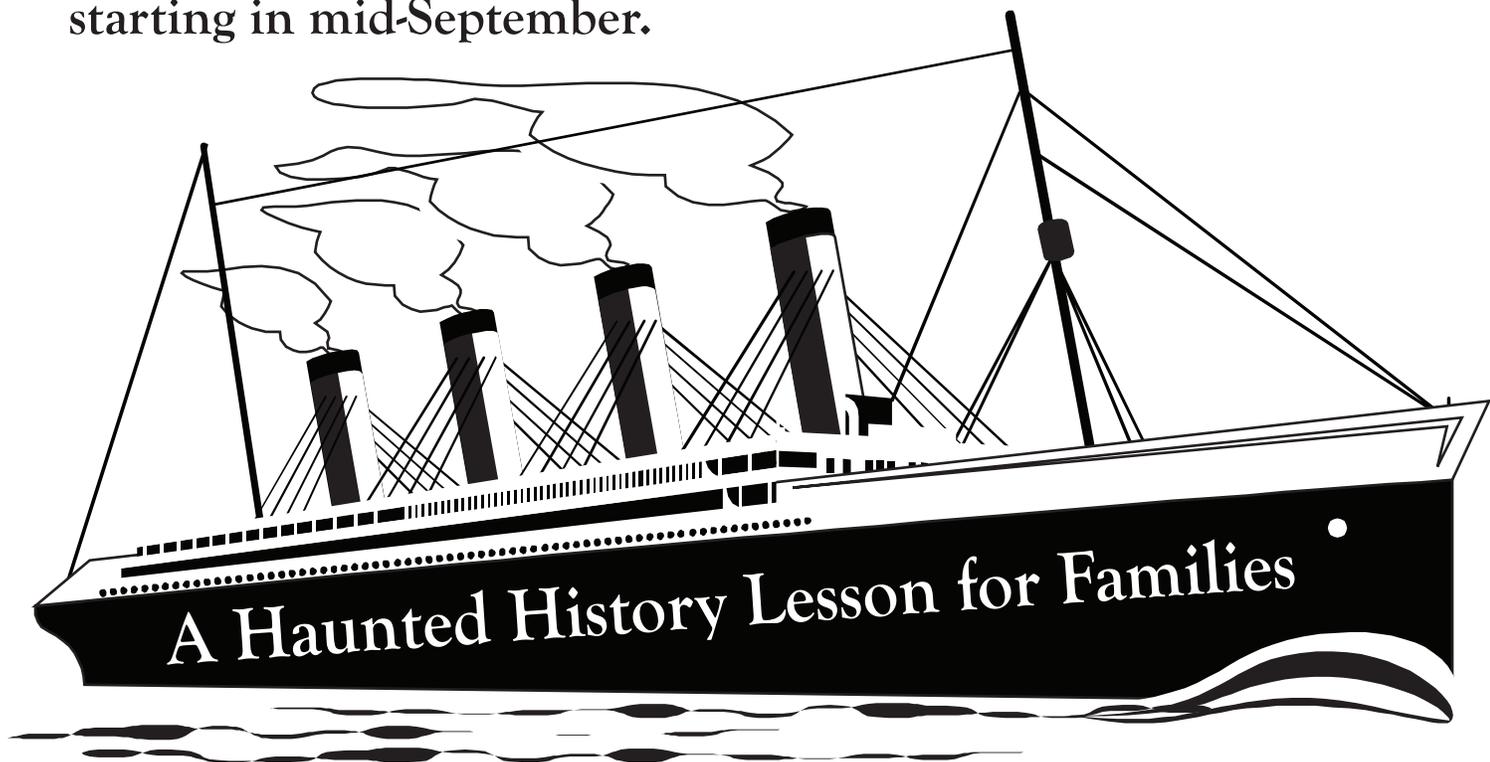
special event

An Archaeology Month Event

Ghosts of the TITANIC

Friday, October 19th, 6PM-9PM

The Shrewsbury Public Library will be transformed into the doomed ship on that fateful night in April 100 years ago. Register for this and other Titanic themed events online starting in mid-September.



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Thank you to our Sunday sponsors whose gifts have created a great beginning for the seventh season. You can help reach a full season of Sundays (October 2012 through May 2013). The cost for sponsoring one Sunday is \$600. Please contact the Library Director at (508) 841-8537 if you wish to provide a sponsorship or need more information.

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