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The Newsletter of the Shrewsbury Public Library - WINTER 2012/13

Learn How to Do Make-Up Like a Pro (From a Pro!)



Tuesday, December 11
Two Sessions: 5PM & 7PM

The workshop professional, Claudia Moriel, has worked on major motion picture sets to bring her skill to the big screen. Some of her work was featured in the movie *Bride Wars* with Anne Hathaway. Only ten slots per session. Register online beginning Nov 25th.

Popular Adult Spanish Class Returns!

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Library generously continue to sponsor the Spanish classes for adults that are offered on Monday mornings from 10:30-11:30 and on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30. Online registration for both classes begins on November 25th. 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 (Dec 3 or Dec 6) and register for the event. You have to register just once for the whole quarter, ending the last week of February.



LEFT TO RIGHT - LINDA DASHNAW, SHARON MARTIN, AND A HAPPY CHILD CHECKING OUT A BOOK



PASSING THE TORCH

A Letter from Library Director Ellen Dolan

We have some big changes in our children's department this season. Linda Dashnaw, our Head of Children's Services, retired in October. I know that many of you knew and loved "Miss Linda." Linda Dashnaw was an incredibly creative, resourceful and gracious librarian. She created one of the finest children's programs around, despite the challenges of limited resources and space. Our children's room is a vibrant, active and child-centered library because of Linda's work over the past 14 years. She compiled robust resources (print, media, and online tools) to serve the varied needs of children, developed a wide range of exciting programming for children and assured that the children's room was the place where babies and children could begin their journey to a lifetime of reading and learning.

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Much of that accomplishment was due to Linda's determination and engaging personality. She rarely said no to any challenge and she was skilled at turning every interaction into a positive one. Linda knew how to get things done. Most importantly, Linda always put children first. She took time for all visitors, and made each feel welcomed and special. She gave an outstanding gift of service to our community and has left us with a high quality, child-centered library that will serve as a fine model for years to come. We wish Linda the best in her retirement and thank her for years of enthusiasm and dedication.

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"No two persons ever read the same book." -Edmund Wilson

adult programs

Winter Multicultural Festival

Saturday, January 12 at 2PM (Snow Date: 1/26)

Join us for the Winter Multicultural Festival! We are excited to announce that there will be three performances – Puerto Rican folk songs to be sung by Jose Castillo; Portuguese songs to be sung by Randy Elliott; and a "Ladies Styling" routine by students of the Salsa Storm Studio, Worcester. Just drop in with your families and enjoy the program.



Chat It Up In French!

The French Conversation Circle is a drop-in opportunity to practice speaking French with others who share the same avocation, on topics of mutual interest. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 4 pm and the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 pm, in the non-fiction area on the lower level.

English Conversation Circle Continues!

The English Conversation Circle is for non-native adult English speakers who wish to practice speaking English in a safe environment. Classes for beginner and intermediate learners are facilitated by experienced teachers. There will be a change in the class schedule beginning January 2013. Please call Reference Librarian, Priya Rathnam at 508-841-8533 or stop by the Reference desk to register for one of the classes.



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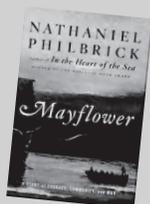
Gardening For Beginners *Thursday, February 21, 7PM-8:45PM*

Time to start thinking about your garden! Ellen Hornig, former nursery owner, is here to help you plan this year's flower garden. Ellen created, owned, and operated Seneca Hill Perennials in Oswego, New York, for many years. Having recently moved to Shrewsbury, she's ready to instruct and advise you on what, how, and when to plant. In addition, Ellen has graciously offered to give 4 free, onsite consultations; lucky recipients of this generosity will be chosen by lottery from among all who register for the event. Depending on expressed needs, Ellen is willing to hold additional sessions throughout the spring months. Please register online for this event, starting February 1st.

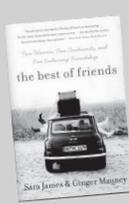
Eclectic Browsers Book Group Winter Selections



Home for the Holidays
by Debbie Macomber
Group meeting
Dec. 19 at 10:30AM



Mayflower
by Nathaniel Philbrick
Group meeting
Jan. 23 at 10:30AM



Best of Friends
by Sara James/Ginger Mauney
Group meeting
Feb. 27 at 10:30AM

Join our book group - open to all who are interested, no registration required. Copies of each title are held at the front desk at the beginning of each month. Hope to see you there!
Refreshments will be served



adult programs

THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

GREAT KNIT-IN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 10AM-4PM

If you're an avid knitter—or even if you're not!—join us for the first Shrewsbury Public Library Great Knit-In! We'll provide the materials and instructions; there'll be musical entertainment and refreshments... What more could you want on a cold Winter Saturday? Open to all ages who can knit or want to learn how to knit. Please register online starting Jan. 9.



Out of Work?
Let Us Help!

Free
Workshops!



If you're interested in networking with other job seekers and getting tips and advice from professional career experts, join us at our WIN meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8PM. (In December, there will be a meeting only on the 12th) Register ONLINE for these free workshops, through SPL Event Calendar.

Special Workshops 6:30PM-8:00PM on Wednesdays

December 12 –

Effective Networking Strategies by Cindy Key. Cindy Key, of cdkeyconcepts.com will discuss "Why is it difficult to connect and seek real help in a job search? Three things you must know and do".

January 9 –

Rethinking Work by Clifford Hakim. Clifford Hakim, founder of Rethinking Work, a career consulting and executive coaching firm in Arlington, MA will conduct a participatory seminar on "Coming Alive at Work: How to turn Disruption into Opportunity."

January 23 –

Perspectives from a Hiring Director by Scott Casavant. Scott Casavant is a Senior Director within the Finance Organization at EMC Corporation. He will help job seekers strengthen their resume, develop effective interview skills and make themselves more attractive to potential employers.

February 13 –

Leveraging LinkedIn by Arnie Fertig. Arnie Fertig, career expert and founder of <http://www.jobhuntercoach.com> will share tips on using LinkedIn for job hunting. His articles are regularly published on money.usnews.com.

February 27–

Law of Attraction: Five Principles to Make Your Career Dreams Come True by Joellyn Schwerdlin. Joellyn is a Certified Career Management Coach, who runs a private career coaching practice (located in Worcester, MA) serving executives, managers and professionals in career transition.

Register online from the Calendar link on the library website.

Follow our blog! splwin.blogspot.com

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, Dec. 17 at 7PM -
Monday, Jan. 28 at 7PM
Monday, Feb. 25 at 7PM
New members always welcome!

Have a Display Idea?

You've probably enjoyed items on display in our two cases at the SPL. If you have a collection you'd like to show off, let Deb Alger know! E-mail dalger@cwmar.org.
(All Displays Subject to Approval)

Computer Petting Zoo!

Monday, December 3 at 6:30PM

Meet the e-readers and iPads the library owns, and learn what each one can do! Register online or by calling the Circulation Desk. 508-842-0081 ext.3.

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." -Oscar Wilde

computer classes

Beginner Classes

Computer Basics (Req. for Other Basic Classes)

Fri. Dec. 7 - 2PM

It's never too late to get started! We will go over parts of the computer inside and out, and how to use the keyboard and mouse.

E-Mail Basics

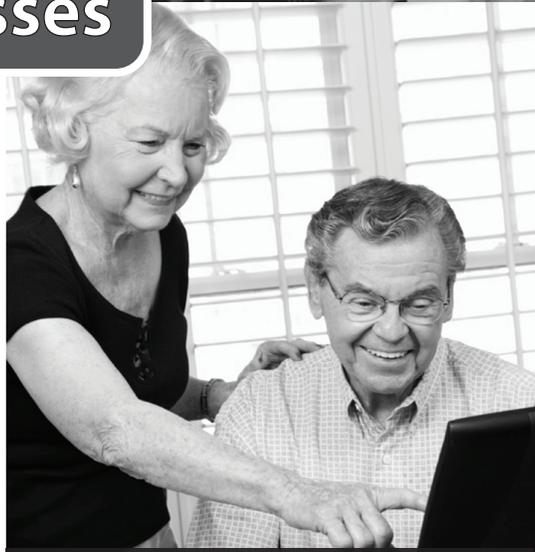
Fri. Dec. 14 - 2PM

Learn the parts of the inbox, how to add attachments, and how to protect your email.

Surfing the Web: Tips and Tricks

Fri. Jan. 11 - 2PM

What's the difference between Google and Yahoo? What's a web browser, and what are bookmarks when they're not in my book?



New Class Registration Method!

*Two Ways to Sign Up:
Call 508-842-0081 ext. 3
OR Register Online via
SPL Event Calendar*

Intermediate Classes

Social Mediapalooza

Wed. Jan. 16 - 6:30PM

Chances are, you've got a Facebook account. This class will explore different ways to have fun with your account, and keep it private. It will also serve as an introduction to other sites such as Twitter and Pinterest.

Computer Maintenance

Wed., Feb. 6 - 6:30PM

Learn some ways to keep your personal PC running its best.

Free Music, TV, and More Online

Wed., Feb. 20 - 6:30PM

We have a world of pleasure to win, and nothing to lose but boredom.

1-on-1 Help Desk (NO REG. REQ!)

Tuesdays 2PM-5PM & Thursdays 12:30PM-3:30PM

young adult events

Best Teen Chef Comp to Return for 7TH Event!

Thursday, December 27, 6:30PM

Teams of two 5th-12th graders may register online beginning in mid-December to participate in the annual event. Limited slots open, and this event fills up quickly. Think of it like the show Chopped. Vegetarian friendly, and all items are provided. Tons of fun!



CALLING ALL TEENS: YOUTH TALENT SHOW COMING SOON!

Wednesday, December 26 at 7PM

Everyone has a talent of some sort, and the spotlight will be on whoever wants it if they claim one of fifteen five-minute slots to show off for a crowd. Register online now before space fills up!

The Shorts by SPLAT Member Grishma Patel

Hey dad, if April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?



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**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND THIS JANUARY
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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY & GIFT SWAP Wednesday, December 19 at 5PM

The annual fun-fest is back, and it will be bigger than ever! First, compete in a challenge to get a gift-swap number. Then, eat snacks and start opening gifts - some are great, others are hilarious, ALL are provided and everyone will leave with something. Register for one of thirty spots online now!

Sign up online for our YA e-mail list!

Join SPLAT - ask how at the SPL!

"She is too fond of books, and it has turned her brain." -Louisa May Alcott

children's programs



COOKIES & COCOA

Saturday, Dec. 15, 1PM-3PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship. Have a snack, listen to a story, make a craft and bring your camera to take your picture with a very special mystery guest. Events scheduled throughout the afternoon. This event sponsored by the Shrewsbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Presented by SPL Children's Staff and residents of SNRC.

Old Ironsides: Seafaring Adventure

Crafts and games about life aboard Old Ironsides in 1812. Dec 26, 27, 28: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 10:30 am. Sign up online beginning on December 12. For grades 1-4.

Read to a Dog

December 1, 15. Further dates to be determined. Online registration begins 2 weeks prior to date of the event.

Certified Therapy Pets – Kuma and Willow – are a wonderful way to encourage reluctant readers or children who would like to practice their reading skill. For children in Grades K-4. Volunteers and dogs will be provided by "Paws for People".



Toddler Time

This winter we will be offering two Toddler Time Storytime sessions. They will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am on the following dates.

Tuesdays: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb 5, 12.

Wednesdays: Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 13.

This storytime is open to new walkers through age 3. Due to the popularity of this program, there will be a lottery. Preference will be given to Shrewsbury residents.

Non-Shrewsbury residents will be admitted as space allows. Please select a Tuesday or Wednesday, and register for that specific program. Registration for each of the programs begins December 26th.

If your name is selected you will be notified by phone no later than 5 pm on Friday January 4. You will be registered for each date of the 6 week session.

WACKY HOLIDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Join us as we celebrate these little known holidays!

National Chocolate Mint Day, Northern Hemisphere Hoodie Hoo Day, National Card Reading Day, and Washington's Birthday. For grades 1-4

Tuesday Feb 19 @ 2:30, Wednesday Feb 20 @ 10:30, Thursday Feb 21 @ 2:30 and Friday Feb 22 @ 10:30



Itsy Bitsy Music Makers

For walkers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 9:15 – 10:00

Musical games, musical instruments, musical movements! Did we say MUSIC? Learn some basic musical concepts and songs together with your toddler. This program sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

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