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The Newsletter of the Shrewsbury Public Library - FALL 2014

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You can help reach a full season of Sundays (October 2014 through May 2015). The cost for sponsoring one Sunday is $600. Please contact the Library Director Ellen Dolan at (508) 841-8537 or edolan@shrewsburyma.gov if you wish to provide a sponsorship or need more

SHORT NEWSLETTER?

We're still planning on more great events for this fall, but due to the move to the temp site, we're still working out all the details. Be sure to check our website/event calendar, as well as in-house ads, for more programming information!

The Marlborough DPW provides assistance in moving books after the disastrous fire of 1967.

A Letter from Library Director ***Ellen Dolan***

As I sit down to write this letter I am feeling quite excited about a rather small benchmark we have reached in the library renovation and expansion project. Today I received the keys to our temporary library at 214 Lake St in Shrewsbury (just behind the main Glavin building.) I am thrilled at the prospect of bringing all our staff to visit the site later this week, to get their first glimpse of the building where we will be for the next two years. It's one of the first strides in the adventure ahead!

My exuberance for this first step might appear inflated, as so many other exciting benchmarks are ahead, but I credit my excitement to memories of having used a "temporary library" as a child.

I grew up in Marlborough MA, where in 1967 an arsonist set a number of buildings afire. The Marlborough Public Library was one of his targets. I can still recall the horror of seeing my beloved library black and charred, in ruins. Within weeks however, library services were moved to a recently vacated former Post Office building just a few hundred yards away.

I suspect I followed the changes more closely than most 8 year olds of that time. I was an ardent library fan by then, visiting every weekday during the summer months, and a couple times a week during the school year. I was also familiar with the former post office building, as my father worked for the US Post Office.

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(My walks to the library frequently included detours into the back sorting areas of post office, so I could beg my father for a nickel to buy cotton candy at the corner drug store.)

I was saddened by the burned library, but the move to the temporary library brought great excitement! I came to love the temporary location. The former post office building, with its impressive marble steps at the entrance, massive interior columns that were cool to the touch and the wide granite steps that led to the basement level where the story hours were held, all enrich my memory of that time. It was all good to this little library visitor!

I kept those memories close as we started planning for the temporary library. I wanted to be sure that the children who use our temporary library will be excited by what they find. I wanted them to have reasons to keep visiting; to keep reading, exploring and growing while the main building is worked on. Childhood is short. Our youngest visitors can't put their growth and development on hold while the construction project is going on for two years. To that end, we have given the highest priority to the children's room space in our temporary library. The majority of the juvenile collection will be available, as will the children's computers and a small play space. There will even be an outdoor courtyard for children and families. And we will maintain a robust children's programming schedule.

Adults and teens will surely find the basic library services they need, including generous collections of books, movies, games, magazines and more, enough public computers to meet basic demand, and friendly staff to assist them.

Although there will be a slightly reduced programming schedule for teens and adults, programs will still go on, with some moved to alternate locations.

Today I have the key for the temporary library in hand, but we don't yet have the exact date for the move. We will know that in the coming weeks, as we assess the moving service bids and plans. Thus, we ask your patience as you peruse the offerings in this newsletter. For some events and programs, we are still planning the alternate locations. There is a chance that some dates or times might change from what's shown in this issue. Please confirm with library staff or on the library website at www.shrewsbury-ma/library to be sure you have the most current information.

We hope you will visit us at our temporary library; that all ages will enjoy the new space, and that children will find some additional delight and excitement! - *ED*

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OUTSIDE THE BOX

A COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

Shrewsbury Public Library Is Thinking "Outside the Box" To Bring You Fun and Free Outdoor Experiences!

The Shrewsbury Public Library is partnering with Redbox, Project for Public Spaces and OCLC to create a public space for community events. The Library was chosen for the program through a competitive application process based on key characteristics such as geographic and ethnic diversity, local leadership, and innovative ideas for events and community activities. Through the grant the community will receive

•consultation and support from OCLC and Project for Public Spaces on event and space design, event planning and material selection

•a selection of reusable materials provided by Redbox

The first major event in the temporary location of 214 Lake Street will be an educational and fun Stargazing program with the Aldrich Astronomical Society on Thursday, 10/23. Via the Outside the Box grant and activities, the Library hopes to bring together the community and introduce to it a new gathering space where everyone is welcome. Check the Library website for more fun events.

English Conversation Circle

The English Conversation Circle with two classes for beginners and two for intermediate students will continue to be offered either at the temporary location or in an alternate site. For the schedule and updated information, contact Priya at 508-841-8531. This program is supported by a grant from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

Teen Book Club Returning This Fall!

The photo above was taken at our summer session where the book THE MAZE RUNNER by James Dashner was discussed. The author saw the pic on Twitter and sent it out to his 72.4K followers!

Work Initiative Network (WIN)

The WIN group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 PM. Special workshops are held to help job seekers and those seeking tips on all job-related matters. It's a great opportunity for people looking for new jobs or those in career transitions.

To sign up for the special workshops, go to the Calendar and Passes link on the Library website and select the appropriate date. For more information on WIN, check out our blog, www.splwin.blogspot.com or call Priya at 508-841-8531.

Find Your New Favorite Book with Goodreads

Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 PM

Are you always on the lookout for your next great read? Goodreads is a site that lets you connect with other readers to share your book recommendations, discuss books you've read, and discover new books that you'll love! The Shrewsbury Public Library has a new Goodreads page where our librarians review the books we're reading and interact with our users online. Come to this class to learn how to follow the library's Goodreads reviews, participate in online book discussions, chat with your favorite authors, and more! Registration is required.

Getting Starting with Zinio Magazines

Wednesday, November 19, 7:00 PM

Magazine lovers, take note! Did you know you could access free online versions of over forty popular magazine titles through the library? Zinio magazines can be checked out and read on Kindle Fires, Android devices, iPads, and regular computers, and have no checkout limits or due dates! You'll learn everything you need to get set up with this convenient free service in this hour-long hands-on class. Registration is required.

Incubator for Entrepreneurs

Shrewsbury Public Library is breaking new ground with plans to open the first ever FREE in-library start-up incubator, aimed at supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs as they jump-start their companies. In partnership with Krosslink.org, a foundation created and supported by a group of entrepreneurs and business leaders who have successfully launched and built companies of their own, Shrewsbury Public Library will lead the charge in Krosslink's mission to enlist 10,000 public libraries across the country to become partners in the incubator program by 2025. The partnership will provide a "start-up shell" for local resident entrepreneurs to hatch their ideas, hold meetings and network with other entrepreneurs - with no strings attached. The library will be launching the program with an introductory session on Thursday, **November 13th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM** at the temporary site. Successful entrepreneurs will share their stories about how they started their companies. A drop-in program. All budding entrepreneurs are welcome.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting - Wednesday October 29, 2014
Location TBD

6:30 p.m. Brief Business Meeting
Election of Board officers and other business matters of the Friends Organization

7:00 Program

Lords, Ladies & Mummies
The Story of Highclere Castle, the Real Downton Abbey*

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library present architectural historian Curt DiCammilo for an historical tour of the great English country house featured in Downton Abbey.

Although famous today as the country house depicted in the television series Downton Abbey, Highclere Castle in Berkshire has a rich and fascinating history that goes far beyond its television fame. Architectural historian Curt DiCamillo will explore Highclere Castle, linking it to other historic houses, and explaining how the fictional Downton plotline has unexpected echoes to Highclere's history.

This event is free and open to all, and Friend's membership is not required. However, space is limited, so you must register online with the library website.

*Downton Abbey and Downton are registered trademarks of Carnival Film & Television Ltd.

Computer Classes

MS Excel for Beginners
October 28th, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel including formatting cells, rows, and columns and some basic formulas.

E-Mail for Beginners
November 4th, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Learn the basics of e-mail, including creating an e-mail account, composing and sending e-mails, adding attachments to e-mails, replying and forwarding, and simple e-mail safety. Please note that library equipment is limited, so if you wish to ensure that you can create an account during the class you will need to provide your own laptop or mobile device.

Facebook for Beginners
November 25th, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Learn the basics of how to use the world's most popular social media website, including how to create a profile, how to add friends, how to make a status update, and more.

Contact Michael Zeller at 508-842-0081 ext. 4076 with any questions.

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Mon.-Thurs. 10AM-9PM	Phone: 508-842-0081
Friday 10AM-5PM	Fax: 508-841-8540
Sat. 9AM-5PM	TTY: 508-841-8530
Sun. 1PM-5PM (Oct. - May)	www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library

Children's Programs

Baby & Me

Baby & Me is a storytime geared for the youngest, non-walking listener – and their caregiver.
Come for the stories, songs and bubbles, stay for a chance to connect with other parents or caregivers.
This fall we will be adding a Baby & Me Storytime session at 6 pm Monday evening.
Registration will be open 2 weeks before the date of every event.

Baby & Me: WEDNESDAY Mornings
Session 2: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Session 3: November 5, 12, 19, 26

Baby & Me: MONDAY Evenings
Session 2: October 6, 20, 27
Session 3: November 3, 10, 17, 24

Book Beats

Join Miss Roxanne for this lively music and movement program, geared to children ages 2-5, but all ages welcome.
We'll read - or sing! - a few books, followed by singing and moving along to music,
with the help of rhythm sticks, percussion eggs, colorful scarves, and band instruments.
No registration required.
Book Beats: TUESDAY Mornings
Session 2: October 7, 14, 21, 28
Session 3: November 4, 18, 25

Wiggle Words

Each Wiggle Words program is geared for the development and needs of the specific age group. Please respect the ages and abilities of all the children. Sing songs, read books and an activity or craft. Registration will be open 2 weeks before the date of every event.

Wiggle Words for 1-2 years old:
THURSDAY Mornings
10:30 – 11 am
Session 2: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Session 3: November 6, 13, 20

Wiggle Words for 3-4 years old:
THURSDAY Mornings
11:15- 12 noon
Session 2: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Session 3: November 6, 13, 20

Fire Safety Storytime

Friday, October 10, 10:30 AM

Fire safety for the little ones presented in a fun way. For ages 2-5

The Big Booo!

Friday, October 31, 2PM

Details to be announced

Pajama Storytime

Tuesday, November 18, 6 pm

Come wearing your pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal - or other lovey - and join us for stories, a bedtime snack, and a lullaby sing-a-long.
This event is a family event geared to children 2-5 years and their parents or caregivers. Siblings are welcome.
Registration is required and will begin Tuesday, November 4th.

Grand Storytime

Friday, November 28, 10:30 am

Bring your grandparents or other holiday visitors to our Grand Storytime.
Open to all ages.
Registration is required and will begin on Friday, November 14th.
Family style, for all ages.