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The Newsletter of the Shrewsbury Public Library - SPRING 2013

Special Author Visit: An Evening with Michael J. Tougias



Tuesday, March 19, 7PM

Author Michael J. Tougias will speak about his latest book, "A Storm Too Soon: A True Story of Survival and a Remarkable Rescue." The book tells the calamitous story of a 2007 daring U.S. Coast Guard rescue of three survivors on a raft some 250 miles out to sea in the Gulf Stream. The author will have copies of his book available for sale. This event is funded by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. Open to all interested.

Colors of India

Saturday, March 23, 2:30PM



The Multicultural Advisory Team presents Colors of India, a fashion show highlighting the vibrant colors of Indian dresses. Children and adults will participate in this show, which will be choreographed by Shaila Verma. Students of the Shaila School of Dance and students of Kalaimangai Anbalagan will perform Indian folk and Bollywood dances. All of you are invited to this show that promises to be fun and entertaining.

Climate Denialists Would Be Remembered as Villains, Says Mann

"Car Talk" to end after 35 years

Drought threatens to close Mississippi barges

ELLEN DEGENERES RECEIVES AWARD FOR AMERICAN HUMOR

2013 pageant winners and runners-up named

Sahara India Pariwar Buys NY's Plaza Hotel

Quick! What do all these headlines have in common?

A Letter from Library Director Ellen Dolan

The answer? Believe it or not, they are all recent news headlines that referenced Mark Twain. As humorist, social critic, travel writer, riverboat captain, renowned curmudgeon, and commentator on injustices and insincerities of all sorts, Mark Twain was a force to be reckoned with. Even today, his influence can be felt in entertainment, literature, politics and world view. Want to know why Mark Twain is still mentioned more than 100 years after his death? Consider participating in Shrewsbury's Big Read community reading project.

The Big Read will start in April. With a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, and a gift from the Friends of the Library, we are hosting a wide range of activities and events to celebrate and learn more about the man and the writings of Samuel Clemens (AKA Mark Twain).

"There's something for everyone, so please join us for Shrewsbury's third Big Read!"

Take a look at the exciting and informative activities listed in this newsletter. We hope you will consider participating in some of the events, all of which are designed to encourage you to read Twain's iconic book *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, which has been described as "not merely a literary classic. It is part of the American imagination. More than any other work in our culture, it established America's vision of childhood. Twain reminded adults that children were not angels, but fellow human beings, and perhaps all the more lovable for their imperfections and bad grooming. Neither American literature nor America has ever been the same."

To encourage you to do so, we'll be handing out free copies of the paperback edition of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* to the first 250 people who stop by the library.

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"Books are mirrors: you only see in them what you already have inside you."
 - Carlos Ruiz Zafón, *The Shadow of the Wind*

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You'll also receive a reader's guide created by the National Endowment for the Arts, which provides a helpful overview of the book and explains the times in which Twain lived and wrote. Another encouragement is found in this newsletter. We've included a Big Read Bingo sheet. You can have your bingo card stamped for each event you attend. The first 4 people to hand in cards with completed rows will have the chance to win a \$25 Dunkin Donuts gift card. As you can see by perusing the Big Read insert, the project has activities for adults, children and teens. There's something for everyone, so please join us for Shrewsbury's third Big Read! - ED

adult programs

French Conversation Circle
 Mondays, March 11, April 8, and May 13 at 4:00 PM, and Mondays, March 25 and April 22 at 6:30 PM. An opportunity to practice speaking French about subjects of current interest to the group. Free and open to anyone.



FREE WORKSHOP SERIES FOR JOB-SEEKERS

SESSIONS HELD AT SPL, REGISTRATION REQUIRED - Attend meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 PM, network with other like-minded people and participate in special workshops by career coaches.

March 13
The Group Interview
 by Cynthia Wright
 What is a group interview? Why do companies sometimes use group interviews rather than one-on-one interviews? How can candidates succeed in a group interview? The presenter will answer these questions.

March 27
Creating Work That You Love
 by Bonnie Petrovich
 "Creating Work that you love - Expressing your natural strengths and weaknesses" - Bonnie Petrovich will give a talk on this topic based on books by Tama Kieves and on her own experience.

April 10
Networking and Career Conversations
 by Tammy Gooler Loeb
 In this interactive forum, the presenter will explore some of the most effective ways to access your networks and the information you need to be successful in all of your career pursuits. Come prepared to share your concerns and questions, as well as successful strategies that have worked well for you in the past.

April 24
Working with Contract Agencies
 by Cheryl Landes
 Award winning writer Cheryl Landes, Founder/Owner of Tabby Cat Communications, will provide tips on how to work with agencies that place us on temporary assignments. The state of contracting, advantages and disadvantages of contracting, types of agency contracts and methods for contacting agencies will be discussed.

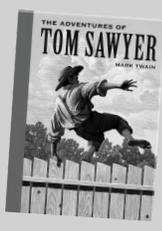
May 8
Finding a Job You Really Want
 by Clare Harlow
 Are you looking for work but not finding jobs that seem like a good fit? If so, do you know what your interests and skills are and how to transfer them into opportunities? Take this opportunity to reassess your priorities, rediscover your interests, and perhaps reinvent yourself. Clare Harlow will lead this discussion and help you find work you really want!

May 22
What If It's Time For A Change?
 by Jackie Woodside
 Jackie Woodside is an author, speaker and professional coach specializing in personal and organizational transformation. She is the author of the book, "What if it's time for a change." She is going to share some of the insights from her book that will give you the tools to strengthen your capacity to initiate and succeed in creating the changes that you desire.

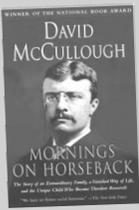
Eclectic Browsers Book Group Spring Selections



The Troubled Man
 by Debbie Macomber
 March 27 at 10:30AM



Adventures of Tom Sawyer
 by Mark Twain
 April 24 at 10:30AM



Mornings on Horseback
 by David McCullough
 May 22 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



"Books are a uniquely portable magic." -Stephen King, *On Writing*

adult programs

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, March 25 at 7PM
Monday, April 22 at 7PM
Monday, May 20 at 7PM
New members always welcome!

National Library Week

April 14-20

Have you had a great experience at the Shrewsbury Public Library lately, or noticed its positive effects in your community? Stop by the Library and write about it on our giant chalkboard! You can also make your voice heard in our private recording booth next to the reference desk. The recordings and photos (optional) will be made into a special tribute video to the community of Shrewsbury. The booth will be open from 10AM to 5 PM on Tues April 16, Wed April 17 and Thurs April 18. We'd love to see you there!

Spanish Classes Return This Spring!

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 AM and on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM. The Monday class is for Beginners and the Thursday class is for Intermediate learners. Online registration for both classes begins on February 24th.

Irish Music to Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day!

Thurs. March 14 - 7PM

Tom O'Carroll returns to Shrewsbury with a well-chosen program of Irish music, wit and humor to mark St. Patrick's Day. Remember: When St. Paddy's Day rolls around, everyone is Irish—even youngsters! All are welcome!

computer classes

Beginner Classes

Computer Crash Course

Fri. March 22 - 2PM

Whether you're totally new to computers or just haven't used one in a while, this class will teach you vocabulary and give you practice.

Internet and E-Mail

Fri. Dec. 14 - 2PM

Having trouble opening e-mail attachments, or finding helpful websites? Come to this Q&A based workshop where we will go online together.

Tablets & E-Readers

New Gadget Help

if you have a new gadget (smartphone, e-reader or tablet) and would like to learn how to download free content from the library, stop by any Tuesday or Thursday between 1 and 4!



New Class Registration Method!

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

Intermediate Classes

Microsoft Word

Wed. April 17 - 6:30PM

Learn new features in Microsoft Word that will make your documents look their best.

Free and Safe Software

Wed., May 1 - 6:30PM

Why pay for something when there's a reliable, free alternative? We will discuss different software you can download FREE online for photo and document editing, anti-virus, and more.

For Students

Get A's without ZZZZZZ's

Thurs. March 28 - 6:30PM

A free workshop for middle school, high school, and college students. Learn how to utilize free online resources and tools that will make doing research and writing papers easier and more effective.

"Only the very weak-minded refuse to be influenced by literature and poetry."
 - YA Author Cassandra Clare, *Clockwork Angel*

ESL

English Conversation Circle

We are very happy to announce that our popular English Conversation Circle sessions will be sustained through 2013 because of a generous \$4,500 grant from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation.



The English Conversation Circle is for adult learners of English who wish to practice speaking English in a safe environment. There are two sessions for Beginners – on Thursdays from 5-6 PM and Saturdays from 10:30-11:30 AM. The two sessions for Intermediate learners are on Tuesdays from 2-3 PM and Wednesdays from 5-6 PM. All the classes are facilitated by experienced teachers. Please call Reference Librarian, Priya Rathnam at 508-841-8533 or stop by the Reference desk to register for one of the classes.

youth programs

Events for 5th-12th Graders

Angry Afternoon

Tues. March 5 - 2:30PM



Photo used with permission by the teachers.

A tournament of the most popular application game ever made! There will also be a craft, food, and prizes - all based off of Angry Birds. (This is a day off from school!) Registration required.

Additional Events Posted at SPL!

3-Hour Writing Comp

Thurs. April 18 - 10:15AM



The annual writing competition is back for a fifth year, and will surely be just as fast-paced, fun, and intense as in the past! Pizza will be provided, but registration is required and space is EXTREMELY limited - register online and don't be late!

special workshop

Older Adults & Online Health Info

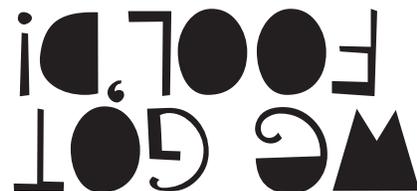
Tuesdays, April 2, 16 and 30 - 2:30 PM

A three-part series on helping older adults search effectively for health information on the Internet. Each two-hour session will be led by experts from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and health Sciences in Worcester. While the intended audience is older adults, anyone is welcome to attend. These classes are free of charge, but registration is necessary. Please register online, or by calling 508-842-0081 x 3.

family event

Families team up to help identify the mystery culprit who unleashed a bag of tricks on the SPL the day before the event - April Fool's Day. Help us figure out whodunnit before the night ends...or else! This event is for anyone in grades 3 and up, and teams must consist of at least one member over the age of 18. Register online two weeks prior to event!

A Family Scavenger Hunt - Tuesday, April 2, 7PM



You will never figure out who I am! Hee hee!

Held at the Shrewsbury Public Library - 609 Main St. - Shrewsbury, MA. 01545
Help us spread the word by posting this notice in a public place! Thank you!

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The 2013 BOOK AND

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MEDIA SALE

**Friday May 17
from 10am to 4pm**

**Saturday May 18
from 9am to 4pm**

**Sunday May 19
from 1pm to 4pm**

DONATION GUIDELINES:

Donations accepted beginning April 1st. Items must be in good or better condition. Items must be donated in sturdy bags or boxes that you can leave here.

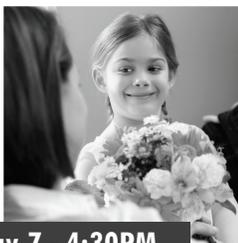
ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Condensed novels, encyclopedias, musty items, text-books, old computer books (more than one or two years), audio cassettes, and VHS tapes.

There's still time to renew your Friends of the Library membership before the Book Sale! You can pick up a form at the library or find it online at http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1328044133_358428.pdf. (If you are a Friends member, you will receive a special postcard that allows you to enter the book sale one day early for a "members only event".)

"A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story in the slightest."
-C.S. Lewis

children's programs

Mother's Day for Everyone!



Tues., May 7 - 4:30PM

Hey Moms and Kids! We have something for everybody. Come to the library and hear about some of the mothering resources we have found for you. For the kids, there will be a story and a craft. For those in grade 1 - 4, and their adult. Online registration begins April 23.

SPRING STORYTIME SCHEDULE

Preschool Storytime - Thursday 10:30 AM

Session 1) March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11

Session 2) April 25, May 2, 9, 23, 30

Stories, Songs, and a Craft!

Open to all ages, drop-in, no registration required.

One registration signs you up for all dates in a session.

Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Session 1) March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10

Session 2) April 24, May 1, 8, 22, 29

A storytime geared for the younger listener and their adult, new walkers to 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. Online lottery will be from Feb 20 - 26. You will be notified by 5PM Wed March 27 if your name was selected.

One registration signs you up for all dates in a session.

Baby & Me Storytime - Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

Session 1) March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

Session 2) April 23, 30, May 7, 21, 28

For the youngest listener and their adult, from birth until walking. 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. Online lottery will be from Feb 19 - 25. You will be notified by 5PM Tuesday March 26 if your name was selected.

Music & Motion - Fridays at 10 AM

April 19, 26, May 3, 10

Join us for singing, dancing and FUN! 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. Online lottery will be open 2 weeks prior to the date of each program, with the first lottery beginning April 5. Please pick one of the dates and register for that specific program. You will be notified by 5 PM on the Monday before the program if your name was selected.

Itsy Bitsy Music Makers - Tuesdays at 9:15AM

March 5, 12, 19, 26

Musical games, musical instruments, musical movements! Did we say MUSIC? This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. 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 pick one of the dates and register for that specific program. Registration for each of the programs begins two weeks prior to the date of that program. If your name is selected you will be notified by 5 pm on the Wednesday before your session.

Read to a Dog - Saturdays at 10 AM

Dates to be determined

Certified Therapy Pets - Sophie 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. Volunteers and dogs will be provided by "Paws for People". Online registration begins two weeks prior to date of the event.



Book of the Month Club - Tuesdays at 4:30 PM (time change!)

March 26, April 23, May 21 - Explore a book by reading, and creating a craft or playing a game. You don't need to have read the book before the program. For those in 2nd - 4th grade. Register online two weeks before the event date.

WAIT!
ONE MORE
THING!

Cinderella

Tips to Attend a Ball

Sun. March 10 - 2PM

What is it like to attend a ball? Cinderella will be here to give us some tips. Due to the popularity of this program, there will be a lottery. Preference will be given to Shrewsbury residents. Non-

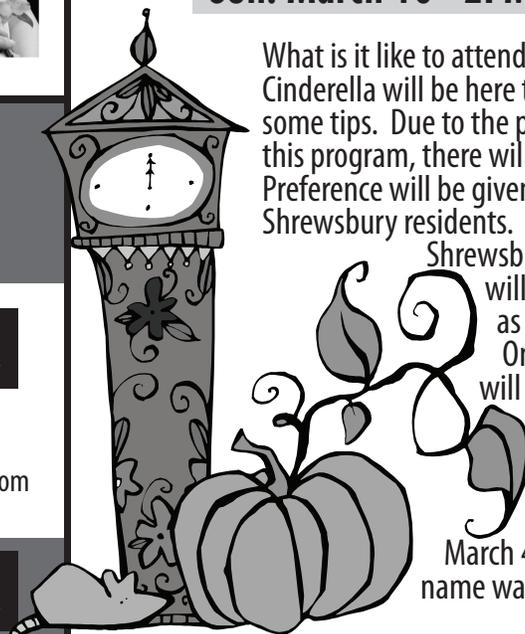
Shrewsbury residents will be admitted as space allows.

Online lottery will begin Feb 24.

You will be notified by 5PM

Monday

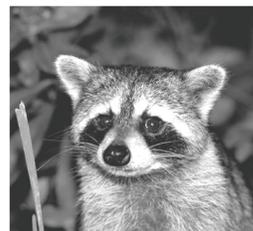
March 4 if your name was selected.



Museum of Science.
presents...

ANIMAL INVADERS: SHARING SPACES

Wed., April 17 at 10:30



Discover how our live animal invaders can make their way into your home and avoid detection. Suitable for Grade 1 and up. Register beginning April 3. This project was funded by a grant from Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

Hands On Nature

Tuesday, March 19
4:30 PM



The goal of Hands on Nature is to connect children to the natural world through educational hands-on experiences. Join us as we learn all about "Underground Mammals". Registration opens 2 weeks before the event. This program is suitable for age 3 and older. This program is in memory of Ursula Kocemba-Slosky.

few more things...



Digital Cameras 101

Sat. March 9, 2PM

New to digital cameras? Come to our introductory class and learn the basics - comparing features, connecting to a computer, and sharing with the world. Or, if you're already seasoned, discuss what classes you'd like to see in the future. Register online, by phone, or at the SPL Circulation Desk.

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us a love of reading", and one in honor of
Library Staff

SUNDAY HOURS - A GREAT GIFT!

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.

The SPL wishes to send a special thank you to friends of the Library Program Co-Chair Melissa Misiewicz. She organized the amazingly popular and fun Holiday Open House and Puzzlepalooza, both held in December 2012. Her hard work, great organizational skills and contagious enthusiasm brought smiles to hundreds of people during those two events. Kudos Melissa!

HOW TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ONLINE

1. Go to SPL website:
shrewsbury-ma.gov/library

2. Click this button:

Events & Passes

Including:
Calendar of All Events
and Museum Pass Info

3. Click on 'Library Event Calendar' Link

4. Go to date of program, and click the 'REGISTER' button if there is still space open for event.

5. Submit info, and you're signed up!
If you have any problems, you can also register by phone: 508-842-0081!

NOTICE ABOUT EVENTS:

Please help us help others! If you are unable to attend a program for which you have registered, please notify us. If we know of an expected absence, we can pull someone off the waiting list, and allow them to attend the program. We always feel so bad when people don't show up for fully registered programs, and we have lengthy waiting lists of people who would just love to get in to a program. Please be kind and give us a call whenever you have to miss a program. Thanks for your help!

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