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The Newsletter of the Shrewsbury Public Library - WINTER 13/14

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You can help reach a full season of Sundays (October 2013 through May 2014). The cost for sponsoring one Sunday is \$600. Please contact the Library



A Letter from Library Director Ellen Dolan

One day in September I happened to come upon this child reading a book with his mother, seated on the bench

at the Library's Main Street entrance. I knew I just had to capture the moment. I asked the mom if we could take a picture and post it on the library's Facebook page.

We loaded it on the page with the caption "A little reading going on at the Library today". Almost immediately, the post began receiving a great deal of attention. In fact, of all the various library Facebook postings that month, it was one of two which received the highest numbers of viewings. Within a couple days, close to 500 Facebook users viewed the posting

and people shared the image with their friends on their Facebook pages. It was clearly a very popular post!

"Reading aloud connects reader and listener together over the story, and provides a shared understanding or memory."

I was intrigued by the question of what drew people to the image. That this young boy is so cute likely plays a big part in the picture's appeal.

However, I believe another major draw is the emotions and memories such an image elicits. Many of us can relate to experience depicted here. Either we can recall times in years past when we read to the children in our lives, or we are enjoying those pleasures at present with our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or other children we know.

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Reading to a child is an intimate and pleasurable activity for both the reader and the child. Reading aloud connects reader and listener together over the story, and provides a shared understanding or memory. It involves a physical closeness, with a distinct stillness and calm that separates from any commotion or distraction around us. While numerous studies demonstrate the benefits of reading aloud to children, it is the sheer joy of reading a book together that might provide the greatest reward.

One of the key goals of the Library's Strategic Plan of Service 2013 through 2016, is to "Create Young Readers: Promote Early Literacy. The plan sets the vision that in Shrewsbury "Children from birth to five will have programs and services designed to ensure that they will enter school ready to learn to read, write and listen." Many of the programs, collections and services we offer in our children's department have been focused on this goal. We strive to provide parents, caregivers and educators the resources they need to help young children develop early literacy skills. It's such an important goal, and if achieved, provides lasting benefits to the child, family, school and community. Rarely is such an important goal attained with so much fun! -ED



This image, from the young adult book club, was sent to over 11,800 people on Twitter!

Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

SAT. DEC. 7, 11AM-1:30PM

Refreshments, games, snacks, and stories. A drop in event, and Santa will be here!

Crafts for Adults

Tuesday January 21, 2014

7:00-8:30 PM

Join us for the first in a new Crafting Series for adults!

We'll be offering four craft sessions per year, which will give residents the opportunity to try new crafts, learn a new skill and have some fun with other adults. Fees will be nominal, as the project is supported by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library organization,

Our first craft program will be with Cheryl, from Craftworks of Northborough. She will be teaching us needle felting. We will learn what roving is and how to use it to make a fun pin or ornament with a holiday/winter theme. Stop by the library to see an example.

Cost is \$5.00 per person, due at signup.

Sorry, this fun is reserved for adults only!

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:

12/16 at 7PM, 1/27 at 7PM, 2/24 at 7PM



Work Initiative Network (WIN) is a group that meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 PM. It provides a networking opportunity for new job seekers and those anticipating a future career change. Professional career coaches and employment experts are invited to address the group. Special workshops scheduled for the winter:

Dec 11, 2013

How To Rev Up Your Job Search In The New Year by Susan Joyce

Jan 8, 2014

Self-employment and Business Ownership by Suzanne Gray

Jan 22, 2014

How to use the Boston Business Journal in One's Job Search by Washawn Jones

Feb 12, 2014

Building a Portfolio Career by Mick Verran

Feb 26, 2014

Green Careers by Jen Boudrie

To sign up for these 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 508-841-8533.

adult programs

THE YEAR OF THE HORSE

SAT. JAN 25th, 2:30PM

WINTER MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Join us as we celebrate the Chinese New Year – the year of the horse. The Mulan Performing Arts Associates will be putting together traditional Chinese music and dance performances. This is a drop-in event and all ages are welcome.



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Twitter-Email List
Sign up via our website!

English Conversation Circle

The English Conversation Circle is a forum for non-native adult speakers of English to practice speaking English in a safe environment. We offer four sessions a week – two for beginners and two for intermediate learners. For more details and for information on registration, please call 508-841-8533.



MON. DEC 9th, 7PM

Emotions and Your Health

A talk about the impact that emotions have on our physical health and all levels of our wellbeing. The presenter, Anne-Marie Campanella, MA, CFT, is an art therapist and certified Ondamed practitioner. This event is free and open to all interested.

Nurturing Self-Reliance and Cooperation in Your Child with ADHD

Monday, January 13, 7 pm

Participants attending this program will learn a groundbreaking program that reduces a child's inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity and strengthens his or her capacity for self-reliance and cooperation. This unique approach promotes positive ways of interrelating and shows the five main ways that can unwittingly reinforce ADHD behavior during day-to-day living. Participants learn to how to eliminate ADHD behavior by phrasing their requests in specific ways.

They reduce pressure on the child and acknowledge the child's preference as a way to make cooperation a more attractive option.

Participants learn ten guidelines that help to develop a child's self-managing skills and empathy for others. Presented by Dr. Craig Weiner. This program is geared for parents or other caregivers.

Register for this program beginning December 30th.

JOIN THE FRIENDS!

The Friends of the SPL sponsor programs, run events, and enhance library services.

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Make checks payable to: Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library
Send form and payment to: 609 Main St. Shrewsbury, MA. 01545 (or drop off at SPL)
 *\$100 or more will receive a canvas bookbag as our gift to you. Check here () to waive gift and make your donation fully tax-deductible.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

The Beginner Spanish Class, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is on Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30 PM. Please register online from the Calendar link on the Library website, starting Dec 1st. Go to the event calendar, Dec. 5th, to register for winter session.

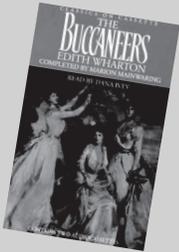
"LIBRARIES ARE MORE THAN JUST STORES OF BOOKS AND KNOWLEDGE. THEY ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES." - TANNER COLBY

adult programs

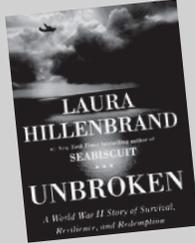
Eclectic Browsers Book Group Spring Selections



A Highland Christmas
by M.C. Beaton
Dec. 18 at 10:30AM

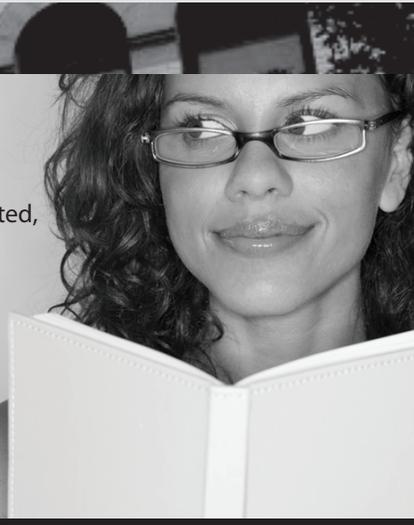


The Buccaneers
by Edith Wharton
Jan. 22 at 10:30AM



Unbroken
by Laura Hillenbrand
Feb. 26 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



SUN. JAN 12th, 2PM AN IRAN ADVENTURE

World traveler and photographer Bob DeCoteau (who hails from Shrewsbury!) will speak about his recent trip to Iran, comparing it with photos and details of another sojourn in Iran in 2008. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

[Snow date: Sunday, Jan. 19 - same time]

COMPUTER CLASSES

Check with the SPL for a full schedule!

youth programs

MON. DEC 23rd, 6PM

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY, GIFT SWAP, & UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Our sixth annual holiday party is going to be better than ever. Register online to take part in what is one of the most fun events for teens all year! Everyone who attends will get a gift (some small, some great, some silly!). Wear the ugliest sweater you can find for a chance to win a prize. For 5th-12th graders! Limited space.

THURS. DEC. 26th, 6:30PM

BEST TEEN CHEF

The annual cooking competition is back - for teams of two 5th-12th graders. Special guest judge will be here! Register online!

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE...LIBRARY



A SPLAT EVENT FOR ALL BRAVE ENOUGH TO ATTEND!

FRI. FEB 21st, 7PM

In 2009, a paranormal investigator came to do a fun informational program for teens on her work in Central Mass. While here, her tools began to get odd readings. We thought it was just a fluke...but recently, there have been some unexplainable occurrences. Join a special expedition to see if there really are dark forces residing in the SPL. Register online to claim your spot. Safety is NOT assured...participate at your own risk.

FRI. JAN. 3, 6:30PM

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT & PIZZA SUPPER

Register online.

children's programs

"DON'T HAVE TO LOOK FAR TO FIND TREASURES. I DISCOVER THEM EVERY TIME I VISIT A LIBRARY." - MICHAEL EMBRY

FAIRY TALE FEST

DECEMBER 23, 24, 26, 27 AT 10:30 AM
A DIFFERENT FAIRY TALE ACTIVITY EVERY DAY!
FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-4. REGISTRATION
FOR EACH DAY'S EVENT STARTS
DECEMBER 9TH.

cooking the book

February 18, 19, 20 at 10:30 am

You've read the book, now taste the food! We will prepare a snack from a variety of favorite books. For children in grades K-4. Registration for each day's program starts February 4th.



winter wonderland storytime

Friday, February 21, 10:30 am

Come and listen to fun stories about some animals that live in a Winter Wonderland all year long: Beluga Whales, Penguins, Polar Bears, Walruses and more. Stories, Songs and a Craft! For children in grades K-2. Register online starting Friday, February 7, 2014.



reader's theater

Tuesdays, 6 pm, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar 4 (performance)

Back for a second time! For performers in grades 3 & 4. Come and show everyone what you've got! Registration opens January 21. We need a minimum of 5 to hold this program -- bring your friends! Please honor your commitment to attending the entire 5 week session.



Our schedule for storytimes and ongoing programs is available in the online library calendar, or in print in the Children's Room



ASL signing

Friday January 24, 31, February 7, 14
10:30 am

This program is intended for children ages 2-5, and their parents, who are interested in learning some American Sign Language. Each session will include a signed story, learning some new ASL signs and a craft. Regardless of your signing ability, we encourage you to come and enjoy this new program. Registration begins January 10th, and you will be registered for the entire 4 week program.



yoga for families

Fridays, 10 am - Session 1: Dec 6, 20 / Session 2: Jan 3, 17

Sharing yoga with children helps them to feel loving and loved, to get in touch with themselves and learn to trust their instincts. It acknowledges and nurtures their special gifts and strengths. To know that quiet, still place within is there for them, though the changes, challenges and confusion of growing up. They will experience fun, playfulness, and collaborations with others in the learning process. For preschoolers and up. Supplies will be provided. Register for either Session 1 (beginning on November 22) or Session 2 (beginning on December 20). Taught by Claudia Cottier CCLYI, a certified yoga teacher. This program sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.



make a party hat!

Tuesday, Dec 31

Make a party hat to celebrate the New Year! Come to the Children's Room anytime between 10 - 4. All ages are welcome. No registration required.

garden club

Pine Cone Ornaments, Thurs., Dec. 12, 5:30PM

Create a natural ornament to hang on your tree! For preschoolers and up - supplies will be provided. Sign up for this event beginning November 27. Presented by the Shrewsbury Garden Club Junior Membership.



pajama storytime Tues., Jan 28 at 6PM

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, January 14th at 10 am.



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So Long, Farewell...

We are sending a fond farewell to two library employees this season. Account Clerk Cynthia Creedon (left) recently retired and Electronics Resources Librarian Kate Gray (right) has accepted a position at Worcester Public Library. We will miss them both and thank them for the great work they did for SPL.



Library Hours
 Mon.-Thurs. 10AM-9PM
 Friday 10AM-5PM
 Sat. 9AM-5PM
 Sun. 1PM-5PM (Oct. - May)

Contact Information
 Phone: 508-842-0081
 Fax: 508-841-8540
 TTY: 508-841-8530
www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library

Vanessa Haynes in Concert

Sunday, Dec 8th at 2PM

Vanessa Meiling Haynes is a up-and-coming young pianist who lives in Shrewsbury. She will present a program of classical favorites, ranging from Bach and Beethoven to Hyadn and Chopin.

Ms Haynes was born in Houston Texas, and she spent most of her early years in Beijing, China. She is a former Young Artist Program student in the Cleveland Institute of Music and studied piano under Professor Antonio Pompa-Baldi and Emanuela Frisconi. Miss Haynes recently moved to Shrewsbury, where she studies piano under Professor Hung-Kuan Chen and Tema Blackstone at the New England Conservatory of Music.

This is the initial concert on our recently acquired baby grand piano, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. The event is free and open to all interested.

The 5th Annual Friends of the SPL Foreign Film Fest

Every Sunday in February at 2PM
Free Popcorn! Bring your own drink.

Feb. 2
Together

China
 117 m
 PG
 2002

Feb. 9
Close to Eden

Russia
 119 m
 PG
 1991

Feb. 16
Taste of Others

France
 112 m
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 2000

Feb. 23
Paradise Now

Palestinian State
 90 m
 PG-13
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