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The Newsletter of the Shrewsbury Public Library - SPRING 2014

Thank You to Our Sunday Sponsors!

Thanks to our generous Sponsors who have donated funds for **26 Sundays** this season. There are only 9 slots left to bring us to a full season and allow the library to be open through May 2014.

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**"THE MORE THINGS CHANGE,
THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME."**

- JEAN-BAPTISTE ALPHONSE KARR (FRENCH WRITER)

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

Just before the vote on the library building project, former library Director Bonnie O'Brien shared a story with me, one she had just heard from long time Shrewsbury resident Mrs. Lenore White. Mrs. White told Bonnie that she is likely one of the longest library card holders in town, and that she could still distinctly remember getting her first library card. I called Mrs. White to hear her story. Now 93 years old, she described how excited she was to get her first library card. She could pinpoint the exact date, as she signed up for her card the day after her 7th birthday, which happened to be Thursday October 13, 1927. In 1927 the Center School stood directly behind the library and seven year old Lenore was granted permission to leave school, so that she might sign up for her card that very same day. Mrs. White recalls running across the school yard to enter the library through the children's entrance. (The "new children's room", which had been constructed only four years earlier in 1923, was accessed

through its own entrance at the rear of the building. You can still see evidence of that entrance today. Just step back a bit from where the exterior book drop is located today—and look up. You will find a gracious stone column and lintel that surround the book drop slot. That was the entrance to the former children's room.) Young Lenore knew what treasures her library card would provide. She can still recall the first book she checked out. It was The Little Pig Who Ate a Four Leaf Clover. She remembers loving frontier stories and historical fiction.



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"THERE IS NO FRIEND AS LOYAL AS A BOOK." - ERNEST HEMINGWAY

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Through her school years Lenore read voraciously. She believes she read every book in the Children's room. The librarians at the time, including Children's Librarian Sara Warren and Head Librarian Miss Robson, would help her pick out books, sometimes carefully selecting books from the adult collection that were "appropriate" for a young girl. Many times, the librarians set aside new books for their enthusiastic reader.

Much has changed in the past 86 years. The library now has one entrance for all ages. Parents can now register their children for a library card at 2 years of age. There is no longer a school adjacent to the library. But children still have a great sense of excitement when registering for their very first library card. You can see the pride in these youngsters who registered for their library card this year.



We are looking forward to many changes in the coming years. The renovated and expanded library building is slated to be completed in the spring of 2016. Besides improved technology training spaces, an upgraded teen area, more gathering and study space, a meeting room available after hours and much more—it will provide a greatly improved children's library to welcome all those young card holders.

As we are coming up on National Library Week (April 13-19, 2014) won't you consider creating a lasting memory and lifelong gift for a child you care about? Register him or her for a library card today—and unlock a world of learning and enjoyment. Help a child you love find what Lenore White discovered 86 years ago. The library is a treasure for a lifetime. - ED

A big **THANK YOU** to **PAPA GINO'S** (White City) for sponsoring our ninth teen cooking contest this past January. They donated "Pizza for a Year" to the winner!



From LEFT: Papa Gino's district manager Lisa Forsberg, SPL Assistant Director George Brown, SPL Children's Room Staff Member Mary Clare Ryan, the teen winner Tyler, and Papa Gino's General Manager Kristine Freeman.

Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library

BOOK & MEDIA SALE

ONE MONTH EARLY!!

The sale is back...and earlier!
The next sale will be held:

Friday – April 4 10am-4pm
Saturday – April 5 9am-4pm
Sunday – April 6 1pm-4pm

DONATIONS ACCEPTED NOW:

Items can be brought in to the library during regular hours. Items must be in good condition.

ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE DONATED:

Condensed novels, magazines, VHS or audio cassette tapes, encyclopedias or dictionaries, musty items, text books and computer books. All donations must be in boxes or sturdy bags. *Sorry, no exceptions.*

Friends Membership Reminder:

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 renew online at <http://splfriends.weebly.com/> If you are a Friends member, you will receive a reminder postcard that allows you to **enter the book sale one day early**, for the "Members Only Preview Sale". (The postcard also gets you one free donut at Shrewsbury Dunkin Donuts.)



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:

March 12, 2014

Jobs, Careers, Lives and Futures by Joe Ryan

Shrewsbury resident and career coach Ryan will teach us to reframe unemployment from something negative to an opportunity to reconsider the future and ALL its possibilities.

March 26, 2014

Rep. Matt Beaton will address concerns of job seekers and will discuss ways to make Massachusetts more business friendly and ways the state can offer assistance to job seekers, for example, through the Office of Workforce Development.

April 9, 2014

Your Elevator Speech – Getting You To The Next Level by Anne Crawford

April 23, 2014

Jolene Jennings, Director of Jericho Road Project will talk about what Jericho Road Worcester does and how people can use their professional skills to volunteer and stay involved at nonprofits in need between employment.

May 14, 2014

Interview with Confidence by Dr. Ethan Becker

May 28, 2014

How To Get The Most Out Of LinkedIn Gabriella Calzolari, Director of HR, Northwestern Mutual will share tips on the use of LinkedIn.

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.

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Celebrating Women in Music

SUN., MARCH 23, 2PM

Vocal duo, Too Human (Ellen Schwartz and Roger Bruno), returns to the Library to celebrate Women's History Month with a concert of music featuring some forgotten women of the near-past. Sponsored in part by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library and supported by a Cultural Council grant. Register online or by calling 508-841-8531

How to Maximize Your Social Security Benefits

TUES., APRIL 29, 7PM

David Aditays shows how you can maximize your Social Security benefits. This program is especially for senior citizens, but anyone can learn valuable tips on planning ahead for your retirement years. (A repeat of the February 13 seminar.) Register online, or by calling 508-841-8531.

WHAT KIND OF BODIES ARE THESE?

CERAMIC VESSELS FROM FIRST MILLENNIUM NORTHWEST ARGENTINA

MON., MARCH 10, 7PM

Ceramic forms that in some way resemble bodies are common in the archaeological record. In this presentation, the peculiar bodies of first millennium pottery from the La Candelaria northwest Argentina are examined in light of what was being done to human bodies at this time. Come and hear archaeologist Ben Alberti of Framingham State University speak about this topic. Free and open to all interested.

Paula Castner offers a program of healthy alternatives for people with food allergies and dietary restrictions. She has decades of experience in dealing with these and other food-related issues. Paula has discovered ways to make cakes, cookies, breads, etc., that meet a variety of dietary needs while satisfying our wish for something tasty and sweet. Her workshop will include samplings of tasty desserts and handouts to take home. Free to all interested, but registration is required. Register online, or by calling 508-841-8531. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

Cooking with Food Allergies

WED., APRIL 23, 7PM

A New Look at the Civil War

TUES. MARCH 25, 7 PM

Dr. Janette Greenwood, history professor at Clark University, will be speaking about the Civil War -- not about the battles, the generals, the soldiers, but from the perspective of the all but forgotten women, children, and slaves. A fascinating view, and a very engaging speaker! Free of charge, all are welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

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Learn English at the Library



FREE English Conversation Circle Returns Thanks to Generous Grant!



Going Strong for the Fourth Consecutive Year!

We have exciting news to share! We have obtained a \$4,000 grant from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation for the second year in a row. Thanks to their generosity, we can continue to offer this valuable service to non-native speakers of English who wish to practice speaking English in a safe environment. We offer two sessions for beginners and two for intermediate students. The Spring session starts in March - for the schedule, contact the Reference Librarian at 508-841-8533.



Adults Being Crafty Series Paper Craft Program Monday March 17, 7:00PM

Join local artist, Maryfrances Fabbri, as she walks you through making five fun and fantastic birthday cards and gift card holders.

Whether you're a seasoned card maker or have yet to make your first card, this workshop will show you how to create handmade cards that your friends & loved ones will cherish.

To make things easy all your supplies will be cut and prepped for you.

Register in person at the library. Cost is \$5.00 per person and must be paid at registration. This project is subsidized by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

SAY YES! Improv for Adults

Improv is for everyone - at least everyone who likes to laugh and have fun. No experience is needed, but if you've done improv in the past, that's fine too. We're looking for adults who just want to SAY YES to our one-hour class every other Wednesday beginning on March 5th, for 6 sessions. (3/5, 3/19, 4/16/, 4/30, 5/7, 5/21) All you need to bring is your sense of humor and your mildly adventurous self and we'll do the rest.

Admit it - haven't you always thought you should be in Second City or the Groundlings?

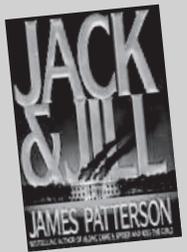
Facilitators, Kathy Johnson, Boston-trained improv leader and funologist and Lea Hench, retired theatre director and teacher and improv diva, will guide you through these fun sessions.

Limited spots available, so, please sign up online starting February 19th.

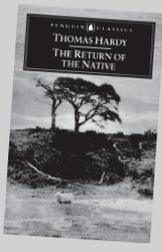


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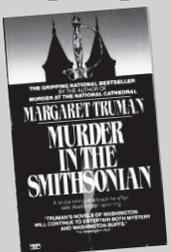
Eclectic Browsers Book Group Spring Selections



Jack & Jill
by James Patterson
March 26 at 10:30AM



Return of the Native
by Thomas Hardy
April 23 at 10:30AM



Murder at the Smithsonian
by Margaret Truman
May 28 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



Dumplings Around the World!

SAT., APRIL 26, 12PM-2PM

Join us for our next Spring Multicultural Culinary Festival. Would you like to sample dumplings from different cultures? Join us as we celebrate "Dumplings Around the World!" You may register for the program starting April 12th.

Spanish Language Class

The Spanish class for adults, sponsored by the Friends of the Library is on Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30 PM. Please register online starting February 20th from the Calendar link on the Library website. This class is for folks who already covered the basics. Starting date is March 6th.

From Ireland to America with Folk Singer Roger Tincknell

SUNDAY MARCH 16 at 2PM

From Ireland to America is a festive celebration of Irish and Irish-American culture performed on a variety of traditional stringed, wind and percussion instruments. This popular Saint Patrick's Day program includes a wide variety of traditional Irish folk music styles. Lovely ballads, familiar sing-alongs and work songs are interspersed with lively toe-tapping instrumentals. The audience is encouraged to sing, clap, and dance. Irish step dancing and spoon playing instruction are also included!

Computer Classes

Register online, by phone, or at circulation desk.

LET'S DEVELOP IT!
Second Saturday of every month at 2PM, come to the SPL to learn about programming. A drop-in program.

Microsoft Excel Basics
Friday, May 16th, 11am
An introduction to the basic features and functions of MS Excel.

Introduction to the MA eBook Pilot Project
Tuesday, March 25th, 5pm
Learn how to access all the exciting new content provided by the MA eBook Project.

Microsoft Word Basics
Friday, March 7th, 11am
An introduction to the basic features and functions of MS Word.

Videogaming 101: A Crash Course for Parents and Grandparents
Friday, April 18th, 11am
Are you a parent or grandparent confused by the plethora of gaming media and terminology? Then attend this class to learn the basics about all the major consoles and handhelds and get a breakdown of the ESRB rating system.

Welcome Mike Zeller!
He's our new Electronic Resources Librarian, and he'll be teaching most of the computer classes.

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 24 at 7PM
Monday, April 28 at 7PM
Monday, May 19 at 7PM
New members always welcome!

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NEW ONLINE SERVICE

Learn4Life



New online learning resource available for free – you just need your library card to access it from home! Courses for Web & Mobile Design; GED & SAT test prep; for Managers & Small Business Owners; and hundreds of other courses for professional and career development, computer skills and personal enrichment! Click on the Research link on the Library homepage. Enroll for as many courses as you wish and after six weeks of lessons, assignments (optional), quizzes, and supplementary reading material that you can download and save to your computer, you get a Certificate of Completion.



If you are interested in joining a **Multicultural Advisory Team** to help brainstorm, plan and organize quarterly multicultural programs at the Library, please contact Priya Rathnam at prathnam@cwmars.org. Some of the multicultural programs we've had in the past two years have been Indian dance and musical performances to celebrate the Indian festivals of Holi and Diwali; Chinese New Year celebrations; a Middle Eastern music performance; Latin American and Brazilian music and dance concerts; Armenian cooking and other ethnic cooking programs.

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For 5th-12th Graders



"WOW!" That was the general sentiment from the packed house of attendees at a very special evening this past December at the Shrewsbury Public Library. Local native and theater star **Catherine Brunell** showed up to share her journey from Shrewsbury to Broadway. Music teacher Michael Lapomardo (SHS) accompanied her on the piano as she sang some of her most meaningful and favorite show-tunes, and the event was a huge hit! Thank you to all who made this event possible!

THURS
APRIL 24
6:30PM

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT & PIZZA SUPPER

Sign up for our e-mail list for the most up to date event info!

SCHEDULE AT SPL

TEEN VOLUNTEERING FOR 5TH-12TH GRADERS

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BOOK GROUP JOIN THE FUN!

TUES.
APRIL 22
3PM

MOVIE NIGHT! FREE POPCORN!

YOGA

for Kids (and their adult partners!)
Friday March 14, 28, April 11, at 10 am

Sharing yoga with children helps them to get in touch with themselves and learn to trust their instincts. It acknowledges and nurtures their special gifts and strengths. Yoga helps them to know the quiet, still place inside of them. The children will experience fun, playfulness and collaboration with others in the learning process. For preschoolers and up. Registration begins two weeks before the date of each program. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

MAY BASKETS

Thursday, May 1, 12 pm
Make a May Basket for someone you know. Sponsored by the Shrewsbury Garden Club Junior Membership. For preschoolers and up. Supplies will be provided. Registration begins on April 17th.

Come to a Storytime!

Wiggle Words (story time and craft) on Tuesdays at 10:30 (for ages 2-5), registration is required. **Baby & Me** on Wednesdays at 10:30 for non-walkers, registration is required. **Book Beats** is on Thursdays at 10:30 - while the program is geared for 2-5 year olds, all ages are welcome, with no registration required. For more information, please contact the Children's Room.

Pajama Storytime, Tuesday May 13, 6:30 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, April 29th.

LEGO CLUB

Tuesdays
March 11, April 8, May 6
4:30pm

The afterschool Lego club is a "building for fun" group which is open to boys and girls in grades K-4. A monthly theme and a snack will be provided. Registration is required and will open two weeks prior to each meeting date.

Refreshments sponsored by the Friends of the SPL.

SEED STARTING

Wednesday, April 23, 12pm

Want to get a head-start on your garden? Get some help at this workshop sponsored by the Shrewsbury Garden Club Junior Membership. Supplies will be provided. For preschoolers and up. Registration begins on April 9th.

Check with the Children's Desk for a full schedule and more sessions.

Mother's Day

Thursday, May 8, 4PM-5:30PM

Create a one-of-a-kind item for that special person in your life. For preschoolers and up, registration opens on April 24th.



Reader's Theater

Final performance!

Tuesday, March 4, 6pm

Watch our local talent at their performance! They have worked hard to produce a great show, come and see what they have done.

Totem Poles

with Sue Champeny
Saturday, April 12, 10am-12pm



Make a totem pole from recycled materials! This fun, colorful activity teaches how ordinary objects can be recycled into exciting art. Participants learn interactively about the re-use of materials, the principles of symmetry as applied to design, basic tool safety, and discuss how to keep plastics out of the waste stream. For artists in K through 4th grade. Registration begins March 29th. Sponsored by the Friends of the SPL.



Stop by and discover more great events and resources!

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BYE, GEORGE!

In January we bid fond farewell to Assistant Director George Brown. George began employment with SPL in August 1993 as a Reference Librarian, eventually assuming the position of Head of Adult Services and finally taking on the added responsibilities of Assistant Director. George has been a steadying force in the library, serving as Acting Director from September 2004 through February 2005, during which time he wrote and submitted a grant application to the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Grant program, which secured a grant of \$3.4 Million

During his tenure George created the Library's Genealogy Club, initiated a proctoring service for adult learners, and saw the library through periods of turbulent change. His work contributed to the development of new services and the introductions of new technologies. While George's training was based on the traditional models of library service, he embraced new and progressive services, and encouraged all his colleagues to do the same. He was a solid role model for all library staff. George's generous heart, his commitment to strong customer service, and his dedication to the ideals and values of free public library service for all, improved the lives of many people and contributed to the health and wellbeing of our town. We wish him the best in retirement.

