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The Newsletter of the Shrewsbury Public Library - FALL 2015

Let's Make: Resin Castings!

*Tuesday, September 15,
7:00-8:30 PM*

In September's "Let's Make" program, we'll learn the techniques of resin casting and create our own dandelion puff paperweights! Casting with clear resin lets us create beautiful decorative objects while preserving objects of ephemeral beauty, such as a puffed dandelion head, flowers, or colorful beetles. There are a limited number of spots for this program, so please register in advance through the library's website or by calling 508-841-8533.



What is the SCIENCE behind it?

*Wednesdays, Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18,
Dec 16, 6:30-8:30 PM*

Experts in various fields of Science and Medicine will help you understand why drugs cost so much, the relationship between health and IT, and other topics of general interest. More details will be in the online calendar accessible from the library website. Or call Priya Rathnam at 508-841-8531.



"WHATEVER GOOD THINGS WE BUILD END UP BUILDING US."
-JIM ROHN

Photo from the Topping Off Ceremony held this past June at the 609 Main St. site

A Letter from the Library Director, Ellen Dolan...

In the last issue of our newsletter, I wrote of the preparations for the Donor Wall and Library History Wall that will be installed in our "new" building. That article sparked a great deal of interest. People inquired what the two walls will look like, what types of donations will be listed on the wall, and finally, if there will be other areas or items in the building on which people can place their name, the name of a business or civic group, or the name of a loved one.

The Donor Wall will be quite striking. It will be composed of wood and metal and encased in glass, with a timeless look that will serve the test of time. (A picture of the wall can be found in the enclosed insert from the Capital Campaign Committee.) The Donor Wall will include the town seal, historic images of the town buildings and individuals (generously provided by Mike Perna and Raymond Harlow) and the names of donors who have made significant gifts of \$5,000 or more to the campaign. I hope you'll agree that the wall's design will be a wonderful complement to our new library, as it provides a place to reflect on our town's history.

There will also be other areas or items in the building, for which gifts of \$1,000 or \$2,500 will be recognized. More information about these opportunities can be found in the campaign insert. Most exciting will be the splendid Commemorative Book, which will provide an illustrated history of the library and will list every donation to the campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly welcomed and will contribute to the success of the project.

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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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Adjacent to the Community Commons, visitors will find the Library History Wall. This area will show our town's long and dedicated support of its public library. The major element of this wall will be a visual timeline of the library, showing the amazing progress and change realized since the library's founding in 1792. It will include images of the various buildings that have housed our public library, as well as some of the commemorative plaques that once graced the walls of earlier library buildings and additions. Major figures in library history will also be represented. It will highlight how much Shrewsbury has treasured and valued its library for more than two centuries.

While the campaign insert will include details on the upcoming activities for the capital campaign, the naming opportunities and the current status of the campaign, it won't mention the amazing effort that has gone into making the campaign successful so far. Thus I want to make you aware of the countless hours of hard work put in by the campaign volunteers. First I must acknowledge the Campaign Co-Chairs Matt Hogan and Mary Casey. Mary has been working on the campaign since its inception more than 7 years ago. With dogged determination, she has seen the effort through the ups and down of the changing designs and past votes. Matt Hogan joined Mary as Co-Chair over a year ago, and has spearheaded a new urgency and excitement around the campaign, helping to bring in over half a million dollars for the project since the time of the project vote. I must also thank Campaign Coordinator Laurie Hogan who has been a tireless champion of the project for more than 10 years, and now contributes her extraordinary organizational skills to keep the effort moving forward. We must also thank early campaign planners and champions, John Creedon, Deb Mooney and Kathy Colman. They had the passion to get the campaign off the ground. We are also indebted to our newest Division Chairs Maribeth Boisvert Lynch and Joyce DeWallace, for their work with the business community. And we humbly thank our Honorary Chairman Cush Bozenhard, who launched our campaign with determination and good humor, and continues to lend his good name and moral support to the effort. I am so pleased that the library's history of both public and private support will be so well represented in our new building. I believe it is that unique combination of civic responsibility and private philanthropy that makes our public library so treasured and enduring. -ED

look what's new!

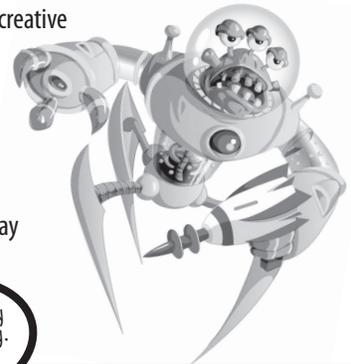


3D Printer Ready for Public Use

The library's 3D printer is now accepting print jobs from library patrons! You can ask the library to print a 3D model that you've found online on a site such as Thingiverse.com, or you can design your own model from scratch. Visit the library's website or email SPLreference@cwmar.org to submit your requests...we can't wait to see what you come up with!

Library Offers Tabletop Games for Checkout

Have you heard about our new collection of tabletop games? Games have come a long way since the days of Chutes and Ladders - today's tabletop games offer deep strategy, opportunities for teamwork and empathy, and creative problem solving. The library's new tabletop game collection offers patrons the chance to check out eighteen different games, including strategy games like "Settlers of Catan," cooperative games like "Forbidden Desert," and party games like "Quelf." And don't miss our regular drop-in gaming nights for teens and adults, "This Is How We Roll," on Wednesday nights at 7:00. Upcoming gaming nights are September 16, September 30, October 7, and October 21.



For Shrewsbury residents only.

Garden Tools Available for Checkout

With the generous partnership of the Shrewsbury Garden Club, the Shrewsbury Public Library is pleased to announce the creation of a new collection of garden tools for community members to check out. Library users may check out up to six tools at a time, for a period of one week. Sixteen different lawn and garden tools are available, including hoes, shears and loppers, a lawn edger, a bulb planter, a pick, and a posthole digger. Library staff are excited to support and empower community members through this new collection!

Online Adult Education from Universal Class

The library is excited to offer access to over 500 online courses through Universal Class! Library users may enroll in up to five courses at a time, in areas such as art, computer training, career development, parenting, test preparation, and much more. Universal Class courses are easy to complete at your own pace, and each course is taught by a qualified instructor who is available for communication and support via email. Never stop learning!

adult programs

Vedic Math – Informational Session with Swati Dave
Thursday, September 24, 6:30-7:30 PM

Vedic Math is an ancient Math system that allows you to calculate lightning fast sums easily in your head - making the FEAR of MATH a thing of the past. This workshop is for middle and high school students and their parents/guardians. Swati Dave is an Independent Consultant with over 20 years of experience in the fields of project management and education. She is a certified Vedic Math teacher and is an active member of the global Vedic Math network, and was a speaker at the Vedic Math World Conference in Bangkok.

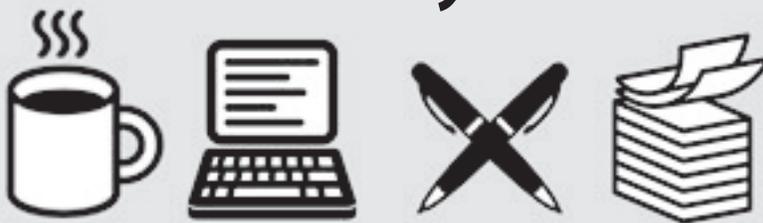
Shake-Scene with Stephen Collins
Wednesday, September 30, 7-8 PM

Stephen Collins' one-man show Shake-Scene, has received rave reviews. From the evil machinations of Richard III, to the philosophical bantering of Falstaff, to the brilliant oratory of Brutus and Antony, Stephen brings the Bard's words to life. Shakespeare's tragedies, comedies, histories, and sonnets are all represented in this exciting show.

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

adult programs

Can you do it?



NaNoWriMo

50,000 words in 30 days!

Always dreamed of writing a novel? You can do it in November, the National Novel Writing Month or NaNoWriMo! Register for our series of writing workshops that will help you make your dream a reality!

Check out the website nanowrimo.org.

Intro to NaNoWriMo
Saturday, October 24, 2-4 PM

Members of the Worcester Writers Collaborative will be here to introduce you to National Novel Writing Month—what it's all about, what to expect, and how you can take part. They promise to share stories from the writing trenches and get you ready to participate in NaNoWriMo 2015, which kicks off on November 1st. National Novel Writing Month is for everyone, even if you've never thought of yourself as a writer before. Join us to find out more about this exhilarating writing challenge.

November Write-Ins

Saturdays Nov 7, 14, 21, 28 – 2-4 PM
Come in to the library and participate in NaNoWriMo with other inspired writers!

Writing Workshop with Laurel King

Saturday, September 19, 2015, 1-2:30 PM

We are all born storytellers—sometimes we just need a friendly push to get started. Join our interactive workshop where you will tap your creative potential and go home with the start of a story. We'll also explore the 5 habits of successful writers. All levels welcome, from aspiring to published. Laurel Dile King is the editor and founding publisher at Garland Press and a writing teacher at the Worcester Art Museum. Her awards for fiction include a first place prize for the Worcester Magazine Short Story Contest and a Massachusetts Cultural Council artist grant.

A Korean War Memoir – Book Signing

by author John P. Collins

Tuesday, September 8, 7-8 PM
Shrewsbury resident and former Superintendent of schools, John Collins will talk about his new book, *A Korean War Memoir*. The book provides insights into his life as a soldier from basic training and jump school to his experiences in the Korean War. Signed copies of the book will be sold for a discounted price of \$10. Jack is very generously donating the proceeds from the book sale to the library.



Book signing and Mediumship Demonstration

by author Diane Lewis

Thursday, October 8, 7-8 PM
Author of *A Little Inspiration*, Diane Lewis will sign copies of her book and do a mediumship demonstration. 25% of her book sales will benefit the library.

English Conversation Circle

The English Conversation Circle with two classes for beginners and two for intermediate learners will continue to be offered. For the schedule contact Priya Rathnam at 508-841-8531. This program is supported by a grant from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

Greenhouse for Entrepreneurs

In partnership with Krosslink.org, we offer a unique opportunity for aspiring and successful entrepreneurs to network and share valuable information. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, from 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information, check out our blog, www.startupgreenhouse.blogspot.com or call Priya at 508-841-8531.



We're now FINALLY on Instagram!
Follow: [shrewsburylibrary](https://www.instagram.com/shrewsburylibrary)

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. For more information on WIN, check out our blog, www.splwin.blogspot.com or call Priya at 508-841-8531.

New Excavations at the Pyramids: Talk

by Dr. John Nolan, Egyptologist - Oct 19, 7-8 PM

Since 1989, Dr. Mark Lehner and the Ancient Egypt Research Associates (AERA) have been excavating ancient remains at Giza, Egypt, the site of the Great Pyramid. Over the course of 26 years, the AERA team has uncovered the footprints of ancient settlements inhabited when the pyramids at Giza were being built. This talk will showcase AERA's techniques and approaches to exploring these ancient ruins and touch on some recent discoveries.

Fall Multicultural Fest Coming Soon!

Saturday, September 19th, 2PM
Check the SPL Facebook page or website for more info!

SPLAT

Events for 5th-12th Graders

This November, we will resume our monthly SPLAT volunteer group! Follow the SPL on Facebook, ([facebook.com/ShrewsburyPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ShrewsburyPublicLibrary)) to learn of our Fall Kickoff Party as well as other great YA events!

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

computer classes

Register Online, or by calling or stopping by the SPL!

MS Excel for Beginners

September 8th, 5:30-6:30pm

Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel including designing spreadsheets, formatting cells, rows, and columns, and implementing some basic formulas.

MS PowerPoint for Beginners

September 22nd, 5:30pm—6:30pm

Learn the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint, including formatting slides, adding images, customizing transitions, and running slide-shows.

eBay for Beginners

October 13th, 5:30-6:30pm

Learn the basic ins and outs of buying and selling on eBay. The class will cover creating an account, placing bids, and listing items.

MS Word for Beginners

October 27th, 5:30pm—6:30pm

Learn the basics of MS Word, including how to modify text, how to format a paragraph, and how to save and open files.

Understanding Library eBooks

November 10th, 5:30—6:30pm

Get a crash course on how to use the various eBook downloading services the Shrewsbury Public Library offers, including Overdrive, Freading, and the Commonwealth eBook Collections.

JOIN THE FRIENDS!

of the Shrewsbury Public Library

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support of the Library. The Friends provide the SPL with additional resources not otherwise available due to limited budgets.

The Friends run the following programs:

- *Annual Book Sale (when not at temp site)
- *"My First Library Card" Program
- *Holiday Open House
- *Museum Passes for Shrewsbury patrons
- *Summer Concert on the Common and much more!

Member benefits include advance e-mail of special events, and the satisfaction of supporting one of Shrewsbury's most valued resources.

children's storytimes

Levels of 'Friend'ship:	(circle one)
Friendly Acquaintance	\$ 5
Pal	\$ 10
BFF (Young Adults)	\$ 15
Good Buddy	\$ 25
Friend	\$ 50
Best Friend	\$ 100*
True Admirer	\$ 250*
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Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 E-mail: _____

We might want to thank you publicly or note that you are a Friend.

Check here () to remain anonymous.

Make checks payable to:

"Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library"

Mail to: 214 Lake Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

or drop off at the Library.

Lunch Bunch

Mondays
11 am

September 14, 21,
28

October 5, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16,
23, 30

Kindergarten Lunch
Bunch!

Listen to stories
while you have
lunch!

Siblings are
welcome, but if the
sibling is younger
than the Kindergart-
ner, we ask that an
adult stay in the
room.

Space is limited,
registration opens 2
weeks before the
date of the program.

Wiggle Words for 2s

Tuesdays
10:30-11:30

September 8, 15, 22, 29
October 6, 13, 20, 27
November 3, 10, 17, 24

A fun storytime just for you
and your two year old!!
Featuring simple stories,
songs, fingerplays, and/or
puppets.

This storytime is for children
2 years old (24 months - 35
months) only. Please arrange
appropriate childcare for
younger or older siblings,
and plan to participate with
your child in the storytime
activities. Register for this
program 2 weeks before the
date of this program. For
those who prefer a multi-age
storytime, we offer Book
Beats on Tuesday or Thursday
mornings at 9:30 am - no
registration required.

Wiggle Words for 3s and 4s

Thursdays
10:30-11:30

September 10, 17, 24
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
November 5, 12, 19

A fun storytime just for you
and your 3 or 4 year old!!
Featuring stories, songs,
fingerplays, puppets, and an
easy craft.

This storytime is for children
36 months - 4 years only.
Please arrange appropriate
childcare for younger or older
siblings, and plan to
participate with your child in
the storytime activities.
Register for this program 2
weeks before the date of this
program. For those who
prefer a multi-age storytime,
we offer Book Beats on
Tuesday or Thursday
mornings at 9:30 am - no
registration required.

Book Beats

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:30-10 am

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New Format! The program is a
free drop-in, however, we will
now require tickets for
admission. Tickets will be
available at the main lobby
circulation desk on a

first-come, first-served basis
starting at 9 am on the day of
the program and will be
available until they run out
(and/or the program has
already begun). Every
participant must have a ticket
for admission.

Join Miss Roxanne for this
lively music and movement
program and storytime,
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.

"Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them." — Lemony Snicket

children's programs

Big Boo



Saturday, Oct.31, 2-4 pm

Trick or Treat around the library in your costume! Make a spooky craft!

Drop in, no need to register.
To adults: do YOU have a costume?

Celebrate Families



Special Storytime on Friday, November 27 at 10:30 am

Celebrate all the members of your family during this storytime. We will read stories, sing songs and do a craft. All ages are welcome, please register starting November 13th.

**Read to a Dog & Lego Club Returning Soon!
Check our Facebook page/online calendar for info!**

Babies Books and Bubbles

Wednesday

10:30-11:30 am

September 9, 16, 23, 30

October 7, 14, 21, 28

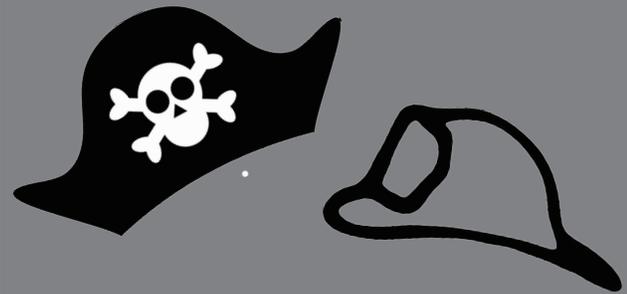
November 4, 18, 25

Enjoy songs, fingerplays and books with the littlest listeners.

Babies from birth to 2 are welcome, along with their caregivers.

Come for the stories and songs, stay for the bubbles and toys!

No registration required, just drop in.



Talk Like a Pirate Day & Fire Safety Week Coming Soon!

6/26/15



Thanks to Our Summer Reading Kickoff Sponsors!
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*SELCO
*Buffalo Wild Wings
*SPLAT

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Library Hours	Contact Information
Mon.-Thurs. 9AM-9PM	Phone: 508-842-0081
Friday 10AM-5PM	Fax: 508-841-8524
Sat. 9AM-5PM	TTY: 508-841-8530
Sun. 1PM-5PM (Oct. - May)	www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library

A Library Legacy

In June of 2015 we bid a fond farewell to **Nancy Colby** who retired after 45 years of service to SPL and the community. Nancy began her library service as a library page and worked her way through the ranks, finally serving as Head of Circulation Services, a position she held for the past 15 years. We will greatly miss her, but wish her the best in her retirement. We look forward to her frequent visits – and stories of this new phase in her life.



We welcome Melissa Wentworth as our new Head of Circulation, who will be working to carry on Nancy's tradition of excellent service.