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The Newsletter of the Shrewsbury Public Library - WINTER 2016

Sundays are Back!!!

Generous sponsors have already funded 10 Sunday afternoons of service, from 1:00-5:00 PM.

Thank you to our generous donors whose gifts created a kick-off to our eleventh Sunday season!

Providing three Sundays:

- Dean Park Pizza and Grill started the season with a tremendous gift of three Sundays. Mr. Christo Baltas, owner of Dean Park Grill and Pizza held a fundraiser at his restaurant and made a personal gift of \$1,000, all donated to the library's Sunday Sponsorship program.

Providing one Sunday each:

- Polito Development Corporation
- Katherine Canney
- Shrewsbury Social Club
- Laurie & Matt Hogan
- A gift in memory of James A. Heedles
- The Shrewsbury Garden Club, in honor of Earth Day 2016
- Jeff & Priscilla Billingham
- One anonymous donor.

You can help reach a full season of Sundays (October 4, 2015 through May 22, 2016). The cost for sponsoring one Sunday is \$600. Please contact the library Director at (508) 841-8537 or edolan@shrewsburyma.gov if you wish to provide a sponsorship or need more information.



"PEOPLE MAY GO TO THE LIBRARY LOOKING MAINLY FOR INFORMATION, BUT THEY FIND EACH OTHER THERE."

-ROBERT PUTNAM

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

In this issue you will find a program listing for the Friends of the Library Annual Foreign Film Festival. Started 8 years ago, the festival has developed quite a following. Individuals or groups of friends arrive in the midst of the winter cold, ready to enjoy screenings of films from foreign lands. With subtitles to follow along and free popcorn for all, the series has become a staple of the Friends programming year.

The Friends of the Library organization sponsors other events for the community as well. In the winter there's the Friends Annual Holiday Open House, scheduled for Saturday December 5 this year. The Holiday Open House is a very nice way to kick off the Christmas season, and all ages are welcome to enjoy the crafts, refreshments and stories of the day. Each fall, during their Annual Meeting, the Friends host a speaker or performance program. This year the audience enjoyed a visit from author Tom Riley, who spoke on his book about the "orphan trains" that ran during the Great Depression. In the summer months the Friends host their Annual Summer Concert. This year the concert was held in conjunction with the Shrewsbury Parks and Recreation Department, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Dean Park. It was a delight to see people of all ages enjoying the pleasant summer evening, the music from the early part of the last century, and the free ice cream provided by Heald & Chiampa Funeral Home. Additionally, the Friends fund an abundance of programs run by library staff, such as story and craft programs for children, baby yoga, teen events and a range of informational and entertainment programs for adults.

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"Libraries are sacred time machines where knowledge flows and magic is eternal."
-Mari Barnes

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While the content of these programs is often interesting and enjoyable, the greatest benefit, I believe, is that these programs bring people together. Friends, neighbors and complete strangers, people with varied perspectives, experiences and backgrounds often connect at these events. They meet and converse with people they might never have encountered otherwise. Participants often report that such programs help them connect with each other and their community in new ways.

To me, this outcome is central to what makes a library so important. Libraries offer services, programs and public spaces for all. They provide opportunity for any who choose to partake. They are there for all, regardless of age, ethnicity, religion, ability, or financial means. Harvard University professor of public policy Robert Putnam wrote in his book, *Better Together: Restoring the American Community*, that "People may go to the library looking mainly for information, but they find each other there." Libraries build community!

I look forward with great excitement to the completion of construction and the reopening of the Main Street library in about nine months. The renovated expanded building will provide superb spaces for public gathering and community building. The children's outdoor courtyard will offer spaces for young families to connect. The new teen room will provide a space for teens to socialize and learn. The community meeting rooms and small group study rooms will facilitate gatherings large and small. Designed with community needs in mind, the building will provide even more opportunities for people to gather together, and to learn and discover. It's especially reassuring to know that the Friends of the Library will remain our strong partner as we begin this new adventure!

I hope to meet you at the library soon!
-ED

Friends of the Library Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 5
11 AM to 1:30 PM



Held at the temporary library at 214 Lake Street. There will be refreshments, games, snacks and stories, and Santa will be visiting between 11:30 am and 1 pm!

Friends of the Library 2016 Foreign Film Festival

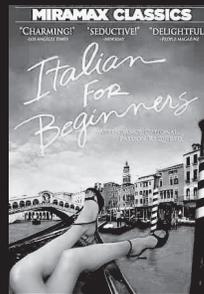
Every Sunday in February at 2PM
at the Shrewsbury Public Library at 214 Lake Street.
Bring a friend, relative or neighbor, or come alone!
Enjoy free popcorn and bring your own drink.
Discussion to follow each film.



February 7, **East is East**
R- Comedy/Drama - United Kingdom – 96 minutes

For George "Genghis" Khan, life is a never-ending struggle to teach his kids traditional family values. His modern, fun-loving sons Tony and Abdul, on the other hand, think they have everything figured out. So when the boys discover that dad has secretly arranged their marriages, youthful rebellion rules the day.

Language: English/Urdu 1999 Director: Damien O'Donnell



February 14, **Italian for Beginners**
R- Comedy/Drama/Romance - Denmark – 112 minutes

Several lonely hearts in a semi-provincial suburb of a town in Denmark use a beginner's course in Italian as the platform to meet the romance of their lives.

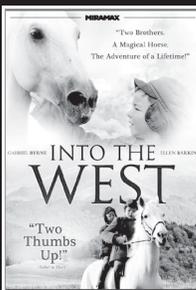
Language: Danish/Italian/English 2000 Director: Lone Scherfig



February 21, **Red Firecracker Green Firecracker**
R- Drama/Romance- China – 111 minutes

A woman inherits her father's fireworks factory. The business does well and everything works in an orderly fashion until an itinerant painter is hired. The woman, forbidden to marry and thereby involve outsiders in the factory ownership, finds herself drawn to the headstrong painter.

Language: Mandarin 1994 Director-He Ping



February 28, **Into the West**
PG- Family/Adventure - Ireland – 97 minutes

Grandpa Ward gives a horse he found to his grandchildren, who keep it in their tower-block flat in Dublin. The horse is stolen from them, and the two young boys set out to find it and flee on it.

Language: English 1992 Director: Mike Newell

"Libraries are the foundation for learning." -Mark Davis

adult programs

Knitting

Sunday 2pm
December 13
January 10
February 14



Don't knit alone... come knit with us! This group is open to all knitters. If you have questions, here's the place to ask them. If you have answers, be assured there will be questions. Registration opens 2 weeks before the date of the program.

Let's Make: Yogurt

January 11, 7:00 pm

Learn to make your own yogurt in January's "Let's Make" program! We'll explore the fascinating process of fermentation, then get hands-on and prepare a small batch of yogurt together. Participants will bring their yogurt home to let the fermentation continue. This class is intended for adults and teens. Spots are limited, so please register online or call 508-841-8533.

3D-Printed Holiday Ornaments

December 1 & 8, 7:00 pm

Want to create something truly unique this holiday season? Come learn to design and 3D-print custom holiday ornaments! We'll learn some simple design tips with the web app TinkerCAD, and create original models to be printed on the library's 3D printer! This class is intended for adults and teens. Two sessions available (no need to sign up for both). Spots are limited, so please register online or call 508-841-8533.

Network! Network! Network!

If you are new to the country and wish to practice speaking English in a safe and non-threatening environment, join the **FREE English Conversation Circle** for adults. You can make new friends and learn about American culture. Four sessions a week facilitated by four experienced ESL teachers.

If you are looking for a new job or planning a career transition, attend the **WIN (Work Initiative Network)** meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 PM. At this forum, you can network with people from different professional fields and listen to specialists talk about various job-search related resources.

Greenhouse for Entrepreneurs – a collaborative venture with Krosslink.org. This is a networking opportunity for anyone interested in start-ups and small businesses. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30 PM. Aspiring entrepreneurs and successful entrepreneurs can brainstorm ideas and share tips and advice. Former attendees have established rewarding mentor-mentee relationships.

To register for any of these networking groups, contact Priya Rathnam at 508-841-8531 or email prathnam@cwmars.org.

Feed Your Mind and Body with Positivity in 2016! by Gemma Nastasi

Saturday, January 9, 1-2:30 PM

Gemma Nastasi is the author of the book "Happy, Healthy Life" and will be releasing her new book soon, "The Positive Psychology Diet: 21 Days to a Happier and Healthier Life." Gemma is also a motivational speaker, a volunteer for Life Choice Hospice and a member of the Geriatric Advisory Council.

The objective of this workshop is to help you implement the tools of Positive Psychology to make positive changes in the New Year. Studies have proven that it takes 21 days for an old mental image to dissolve and a new one to form. If you follow the tools in this workshop then you will be happier and therefore healthier. The topics that will be covered are: Mindfulness, Mind Chatter, Reframing Thoughts, Gratitude, Setting Goals, Changing Habits, Boosting Willpower, and Foods that help to prevent Cancer. Registration required.

Let's Make: Glass Etchings!

February 4 & 11, 7:00 pm

In February's "Let's Make" program, we'll create original stencils to etch glass! Glass etching is a lovely, artful way to label jars, decorate bottles, or create one-of-a-kind tumblers. This two-part class is intended for adults and teens. Spots are limited, so please register online or call 508-841-8533.



Winter Multicultural Festival – Jeff Snow's The Softer Side of Celtic

Saturday, January 30, 2016, 2-3 PM

The Softer Side of Celtic combines the music, stories and history from Scotland, Ireland and England into a program that will keep you on the edge of your seats. There will be singing, laughing, clapping and even a bit of foot stomping. The concerts are interactive; questions and input from the audience are encouraged and become part of the event.

Jeff Snow is a skilled instrumentalist and a highly recognized guitar player who was featured in Acoustic Guitar Magazine. He also plays the Autoharp, Bouzouki and a variety of other instruments. You can learn more about him at www.jeffsnow.net. Registration required.



<http://makeityourlibrary.org/food/repurposed-etched-glass-spice-jars>

"It is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live as many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish."
- S.I. Hayakawa

children's storytimes

Book Beats

Tuesdays 10-10:45 am

December 1, 8, 15, 22
January 5, 12, 19, 26
February 2, 9, 23

Join Miss Roxanne for this lively music and movement program. We'll read - or sing! - a few books, followed by singing along and moving to music, with the help of rhythm sticks, percussion eggs, colorful scarves, and band instruments. Recommended for 2-5 years, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required; however free tickets will be available at the circulation desk starting at 9 am on the day of the program. Tickets will be available until they run out or the program has already begun. (Every participant must have a ticket for admission.)

Babies, Books, and Bubbles



Wednesdays 10:30 am

December 2, 9, 16, 23
January 6, 13, 20, 27
February 3, 10, 24



Enjoy songs, fingerplays and books with the littlest listeners. Babies from birth to 2 years are welcome, along with their caregivers. Come for the stories and songs, stay for the bubbles and toys! No registration required, just drop in.



Grab a Camera!

Take a close up photo using a prop doing something funny (use your own prop, or borrow one of ours!). Some ideas of props: a Lego figure, a dinosaur, or a small stuffed animal. Email the picture to smartin@cwmar.org and we will print it and post it in the Children's Room. Once a week we will make a collage of the photos and post it on Facebook and our ListServ. Looking at the photo, can you see what the dinosaurs are doing?

Wiggle Words Preschool Storytime

Thursdays 10-11 am

December 3, 10, 17
January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 25

Wiggle Words is a fun story hour including books, songs, activities, and crafts. For preschoolers (2 years old and up) with a caregiver. Registration is required for each class and will open two weeks before each date.

children's programs

Animal Adventures

Tuesday 10:30 am

December 29

Come hear some interesting stories, learn about and maybe get close enough to pet some animals! Welcome Animal Adventures for a fun and unique learning experience. This program will be held at the **Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union at 489 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA**. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. Registration open December 15, 2015.



Afterschool Lego Club



Tuesday 4:30 pm

December 15, January 19, February 16

The Lego Club is a "building for fun" group which meets on the third Tuesday of every month from October 2015 - May 2016. Legos, a snack, and a building theme will be provided. Open to grades K-4. Registration opens two weeks before each meeting. This program is funded by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

Pinecone Wreath

Monday, December 14
5:30 pm

We're making pinecone wreaths! Supplies provided. All ages welcome. Registration opens November 30.

Experience the Book

Tuesday 6 pm

December 29: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
January 26: A Year Down Yonder
February 23: The Strange Case of Origami Yoda

Join us as we experience a book! No need to read the book before hand, we will be reading excerpts from it (the juicy bits!). There will be activities and a snack related to the books that we read every month. For reader/listeners in grades 4, 5 and 6. Registration opens 2 weeks before the date of each program.

Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, January 20
6:30 pm

Pajama Storytime - Winter Edition! Come wearing your pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal - or other lovey - and join us for a craft, stories, a bedtime snack, and a lullaby sing-a-long. This is a family event geared to children 2-5 years and their parents or caregivers. Siblings are welcome. Registration is required and will begin on January 6.



Asian Longhorn Beetles

Thursday, February 11
5:30 pm

Learn about this insect invader in our backyards and make a craft. All ages welcome. Registration opens January 27.

Read to a Dog

Saturday 10 am

December 12 – volunteer dog Sage with Denise
December 19 – volunteer dog Connor with Donna
[January and February dates: to be announced]

Certified Therapy Pets – Connor with Donna and Sage with Denise are a wonderful way to encourage reluctant readers or any children who would like to practice their reading skills. Child must be able to read independently. We need a minimum of three readers to hold this program. We will notify you in the case of any cancellations. Volunteers and dogs are provided by "Paws for People". Online registration begins two weeks prior to date of the event.



"We may sit in our library and yet be in all quarters of the earth." — John Lubbock

children's programs

December School Vacation: We're Going WILD about animals!

Learn about, see (and touch!) real animals with Animal Adventures; watch a movie about animals and do a related craft!

Monday, December 28: craft at 9:30, movie at 10:30 -- "Babe".

Tuesday, December 29: 10:30, Animal Adventures at the Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union

Wednesday, December 30: craft at 9:30, movie at 10:30 -- "Rescuers Down Under"

Thursday, December 31: craft at 9:30, movie at 10:30 -- "Ratatouille".

The movies are drop-in, please register for the craft starting December 14th. Register for Animal Adventures starting December 15th.

February School Vacation: Life's a Beach!

Beat the winter doldrums with beach themed activities all week!

Feb 16 - Under the Sea Storytime and Art Project (10 am)
Lego Club - snack, Legos, and building theme provided (4:30 pm)

Feb 17 - Get your S.T.E.M. on "beach style" with sand oobleck activity (10 am)

Feb 18 - Luau Party with games, music, crafts, and refreshments. Come dressed! (2-4 pm)

Feb 19 - Pizza & Beach Theme Kids' Movie (11:30-1:30 pm). You pick the movie! Voting begins Feb 5.

Feb 20 - Awesome Robb's Pirate Magic Show at the Shrewsbury Senior Center (10:30 am)

Please note: No registration required for the pirate show but registration for all other February vacation week programs opens two weeks before each date, starting on Feb. 1 for the storytime. Ages for programs are listed on the library event calendar.

Visit with Children's Author Lorraine Gilmore

Tuesday, December 29, 3PM

Join children's author Lorraine Gilmore for a reading of her book, *Matilde the Donkey*. Recommended for ages 5 to 8 Gilmore, a graduate of Boston University College of Fine Arts and an active member of The Seven Bridge Writers Collaborative, has two more children's picture books in early production.

look what's new!

Shrewsbury Readers book group meets on the first Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 PM. Welcome to our newly launched book discussion group. You can call the library at 508-842-0081x3 to see what books we will be reading and pick up the copies at the Circulation desk.

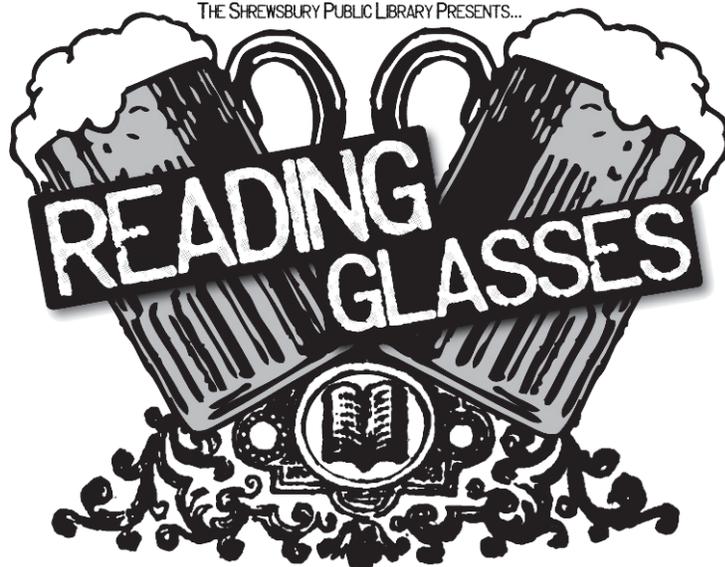
Did you know that adult coloring books are all the rage now? Join us for a monthly meeting of the **Coloring Club for Adults** on the second Saturday of the month (Dec 12, Jan 9 and Feb 13) from 10-11 AM. Bring your own coloring books or use the pages we give you and color your way to calm! Registration required.

In order to meet our goal of keeping up with technology trends the library is now offering **Windows 10** on a public computer. Stop in and try Windows 10 at the library to see if it's right for you!

 Windows 10



THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS...



New Book Group for Readers in Their Twenties & Thirties!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library

Check out our brand-new book group **READING GLASSES** for engaging, laid-back book discussion (with drinks!). We meet one Thursday evening a month at Jimmy's Tavern & Grill to chat about books that are timely, provocative, and un-put-downable.

Upcoming Dates:

- 12/17: *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel
- 1/28: *Between the World & Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- 2/25: *Wolf in White Van* by John Darnielle

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computer classes

MS Excel for Beginners

December 1, 5:30-6:30 pm

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

Internet Safety 101

January 12, 5:30-6:30 pm

Wondering how to protect yourself while surfing the web? This class will cover how to utilize antivirus software, safe web browsing strategies, ways to protect yourself from identity theft, online shopping dos and don'ts, avoiding e-mail scams, and general internet safety.

Facebook for Beginners

February 2, 5:30-6:30 pm

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.

Understanding Library eBooks

February 23, 5:30-6:30 pm

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.

This Is How We Roll: Drop-In Tabletop Gaming for Adults & Teens

The library is the place to game! Come play any of our collection of top-quality tabletop board games, or bring your own. Flip some cards, roll some dice, meet some friends.

Upcoming Dates:

12/9, 12/23, 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24



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Events for 5th-12th Graders

Teens, keep your eyes peeled for updates about programming on the Shrewsbury Public Library's Facebook page
(<https://www.facebook.com/ShrewsburyPublicLibrary>)