



A Letter from the Director

This is a letter of gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Board of Library Trustees; the stewards of your library. Since the library's inception in 1872, these 171 individuals have worked to carefully oversee your tax dollars and assure that your library is cared for and protected. They have been sure that the library is outfitted and equipped to provide the services needed by residents. The recent loss of one of our finest trustees, Carol Borgatti Cullen, encouraged me to consider the incredible gift each trustee gives to this community.

Upon Carol's passing, I looked back in town records to determine the length of her service on the Board. She began serving on the Board in 1996, when she was appointed by the Board of Selectmen and Library Trustees to fill a vacant position. She then ran for and was elected to the Board, where she served through March 2011. Since 2007, she also served as a founding member of the Board of Directors of the non-profit Shrewsbury Public Library Foundation. She was also active in the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library organization.

Carol was a remarkable person and Library Trustee. She was dedicated to doing what was best for the library and library patrons. And she was not afraid of the "doing" part of her position. Whenever there was work to be done, Carol was there with her bright smile and quiet manner. Whether she was sorting books for the Friends Book Sale, marching in the parade with other library supporters, searching for requested books each Monday morning, processing new books every Thursday, or helping with any event and activity imaginable Carol was there "doing." She also understood the oversight aspect of her position. She was conscientious and involved in all policy, budget and planning aspects of the Library. She served on the numerous committees involved with planning services and facilities and was a thoughtful participant in policy and budget discussions.

In her service to the library and community, Carol was carrying on a family tradition. Her parents Olive and Anthony (Spag) Borgatti helped create the level of excellence with which we now identify our library. Their generous gifts of time and money assured that library patrons had resources they needed, and the Shrewsbury Public Library continued to be a source of pride for the community. They assured this legacy would continue by creating a trust fund to help purchase materials for library patrons in coming years. Carol understood the lasting impact of such gifts. She gave funds to help provide services for today's user but was most excited about the proposed new building. She gave generously to the campaign for the library building project and asked others to support it as well. Knowing of her commitment to the library, her daughters decided that gifts in her memory should be used to further that vision. Looking through the old Town records, I began to see that each member of the board, present and past, helped shape what the library is today, and contributed their skills in a way that would serve this community. Since my tenure here, there have been a few trustees who have retired or passed on. All made a difference in the Library's health and vitality.

RESUME YOUR CAREER

Starts Tues. May 24th, 6PM

Gary Gekow presents a six-week session including resume writing, cover/thank you letter writing, interviewing skills, transitioning into new careers, salary and benefits negotiation, and on-line job search. Space is limited - register today at the Circulation Desk.

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Many of you will remember George Strom, who served as our Board Chair for a number of years. George was a passionate advocate for the library and was absolutely determined to see the building project succeed. Rosemary Rennie, who retired a few years ago, brought the same passion for the library. She understood the facility must be maintained, so that people can be proud of their library. One of our current Trustees, Barbara Carpenter will be retiring in the spring. A former library staff member, Barbara brought much insight and practicality to the board. Like Carol, she was an ever present volunteer as well. In the spring election, a new Trustee will be elected. As of this writing, Frank Stille is running unopposed for this position. Frank has served on other town boards and has been very interested in the library, and I know he will make a fine trustee. The election will be over by the time this newsletter appears in your mailbox. So while I can't know the results of the election today, I can confidently predict that we will continue to have a board that is focused on what is best for library patrons and our community.

Throughout this newsletter you will find the names of all those who served as Library Trustees since the inception of our public library in 1872. In the early days, they were called "committee members." Some served for one term or less. Others served for many decades. Some names you may recognize as still active in the town. Other names may be less familiar. What they share is that through their service they have provided our community with a much treasured Library.

*Sincerely,
Ellen M. Dolan*

family events calendar

Great happenings for everyone!



THE SECOND ANNUAL

PHOTO HUNT

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Thurs. July 28th, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Families and friends team up in groups of four or less to scour the Library and the town by foot, hunting down items off a list in this fast-paced scavenger hunt program. Each team must register at the Library in advance, and must bring ONE digital camera to the event (make sure you bring some extra batteries!). There will be prizes and pizza! Sponsored by Dunkin' Donuts of Shrewsbury.

Friends of the SPL Summer Concert Series on the Common

Beatles for Sale

Chuck & Mud

Tues. July 19th, 6PM

Thurs. August 25th, 6PM

Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library, families are invited to enjoy two very different, but very talented musical performances **on the Common**. Bring your dinners, lawnchairs, and families out to enjoy these great concerts. Both groups are back by popular demand. *If it rains, Beatles for Sale will be moved to the Senior Center (same time/date), and Chuck & Mud will be moved to Southgate (same time/date).*

HEALD & CHIAMPA
Funeral Directors
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Ice cream cones will be available at this year's concerts, thanks to generous support from our town center neighbors Heald & Chiampa Funeral Directors at the Sumner House. Cones will be free, but in lieu of payment donations to the 'Friends of the Library' are greatly welcomed.

READ TO A TREE



Thursdays from 2PM to 2:30PM
July 14th through August 18th

Beneath "The Reading Tree" (Look for the decorated tree near the south pavilion in Dean Park) Cosponsored by the Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Department and the Shrewsbury Public Library.

You've probably heard of the Library's Read to a Dog reading therapy program for children. This summer we are teaming up with the Parks & Recreation Department to introduce the "Read to a Tree" program. (don't laugh - trees are very good listeners!)

Moms, Dads, grandparents or caregivers, bring your children to join us for 10 minutes of quiet reading beneath The Reading Tree in Dean Park. After the individual reading time, town celebrities will share one or two of their favorite picture books with the entire group assembled beneath the Reading Tree. Following the stories, children and parents can enjoy a simple "green" or nature craft together.

This program is open to all ages, but parents or caregivers must remain with the child during the entire program. No sign up needed. The library will have a basket of books from which you can choose, in case you forget to bring your own for the quiet reading time. The program will be moved to the South Pavilion during inclement weather.

Dates	Readers
July 14	Jackie Pratt of SELCO
July 21	John Knipe, Tree Ward of Shrewsbury
July 28	Martha Gach of Mass. Audubon's Broadmeadow Brook Sanctuary
August 4	TBD
August 11	Pat Bigelow of Bigelow Nurseries
August 18	Fran Whitney, Board of Library Trustees, and inveterate tree lover
August 25	Joyce Danielson of Danielson Flowers

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freegal
music

Legally download **3 songs** every week for **free!** Keep forever! Huge selection! From James Taylor to Justin Timberlake, Ke\$ha to classical, you're bound to fall in love with Freegal!

1. Go to the Shrewsbury Library website: <http://shrewsbury-ma.gov/library>
2. On the left side, under Topics of Interest, click on the link for 'Reference and Research'
3. Scroll down to find the link for 'Freegal'.
4. Once you click the link, enter your **Shrewsbury Public Library card number** and last name.
5. Start browsing, searching, and downloading some great music that you can keep forever! You can have up to three free downloads per week (refreshed every Monday).

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Meet the Author: Joy Ashe

Special Presentation and Meet & Greet Thurs. June 2nd, 6PM

Joy Ashe, local author of "Gene Defense: A Fictional Genetic Thriller" will speak about her new book, and the importance and value of learning about one's family genetic history. "Gene Defense: A Fictional Genetic Thriller" sweeps readers forward to the year 2013, a time when the whole American way of life—from health care provisions, justice system, medical outcomes, jobs, friends, family, and water and food supply to one's very own fate—depends upon one's DNA and no one can hide from his or her genetic history. This book and presentation are sure to leave you shocked, informed, and riveted.

Free Computer Classes

Register In-House
\$5 Refundable Deposit Required

Practical Money Skills for Life

A Very Special Educational Series Offering Skills Everyone Should Learn

This Session: When's the Right Time to Invest, Saturday, June 4th, 12PM

Most of us learn money management skills by trial and error. The Shrewsbury Public Library is offering a series of 1-hour sessions on various aspects of money management. The presenter for the series is Alvin B. Rosenblum, CLTC, a Shrewsbury resident who works for Prudential. The series is free and open to all interested adults or teens, but pre-registration is requested.

French Conversation Circle

Gather in a Safe Environment to Practice Your French!

Join us on the second Monday at 4PM, and the fourth Monday at 6:30PM each month for this special program. For French speakers of all ages and skill levels.

Genealogy Club

New This Year: We Meet in July and August!

4th Monday of Every Month at 7PM

Summer English Conversation Circles

Participate in Free **English Conversation Circles**. For more information, call Reference Librarian Priya Rathnam at 508-841-8533. Sessions run for one hour.

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Mondays at 5PM	Tuesdays at 2:30PM	Thursdays at 5PM	Saturdays at 10:30AM
June 6, 13, 20, 27	June 7, 14, 21, 28	June 9, 16, 30	June 11, 18, 25
July 11, 18, 25	July 12, 19, 26	July 14, 21, 28	July 9, 16, 23, 30
Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29	Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30	Aug. 11, 18, 25	Aug. 13, 20, 27



Digital Cameras 101

Wed., June 15th, 10:30AM

A digital camera workshop intended for those with little photography experience. Bring your camera and directions along.

Computer Crash Course

Tues., June 28th, 10:30AM

A quick overview of the most basic computer skills. Intended for beginners only.

Intro to Excel

Wed., July 13th, 2:30PM

Learn the basics of the most popular spreadsheet software, Microsoft Excel.

Twitter for Beginners

Thurs., Aug 11th, 5:30PM

Learn how to express yourself online in 140 characters or less!

Intro to Word

Tues., Aug. 23rd, 10:30AM

Learn the basics of the most popular writing tool for your computer - Microsoft Word 2007.

BEST TEEN CHEF: SUMMER EDITION

Popular cooking competition to be held for the first time in the summer! Register your team of two - very limited space!

Wed. June 29th
7 PM - 9 PM

MOVIE NIGHT

You bring popcorn. We'll show the movie. You vote on what to watch. (Will be PG-13 or lower) Drop-In!

Thurs. July 7th
6 PM - 9 PM

YA TRIVIA

More questions. More prizes. Free Chinese food for dinner! Register today!

Tues. July 19th
6 PM - 9 PM

JOIN SPLAT

Come to a special new members meeting to learn about the funnest young adult volunteer group in town! Just attend, no registration required.

Thurs. July 28th
5:30 PM - 6:15 PM

SPLAT DANCE OFF

Get ready to team up, dance for judges, and win prizes! Register today as space is limited!

Thurs. August 4th
6 PM - 9 PM

MEAN GIRLS

Movie night featuring SPLAT favorite PG-13 rated comedy. Intended for older teenagers.

Mon. August 8th
7 PM - 8:45 PM

BACK TO THE FARM!

For the second year in a row, SPLAT will head back to Grafton to take part in the Community Harvest Project. Check the Library for more details.

August TBD



THE SHORTS! by SPLAT Member Grishma Patel

Summer Reading Programs & Events



TICKET & TALK
Monday-Friday
10AM-12PM, 2PM-4PM
6PM-8PM (6/27-8/12)
 Once a week, come to the library to talk about your favorite book, tell us how many minutes you've read, receive your raffle ticket, and a little prize.

MAGIC SHOW
Thursday, June 30th
2PM
 Magician Debbie O'Carroll presents The Small World Magic Show. She combines stage magic and theatre with lots of active audience participation. Appropriate for Ages 4 – 11. Space is limited. Free tickets will be available beginning June 16th.
This program is supported by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

ONE WORLD CRAFT PROGRAMS
Every Thursday (June 30th-August 11) at 10:30AM
 Enjoy a craft program from each of the seven continents. Sign up two weeks before each session in the Children's Room or by calling: 508-842-0081 ext 4 Appropriate for school age children. Space is limited. Registration begins June 16 in the Children's Room

PUPPET SHOW
Tuesday, July 19th
10:30AM
 Nappy's Puppets presents Shadows Around the World. This program will focus on world cultures and history, the oral tradition of storytelling, and the development of shadow puppetry as an art form. Appropriate for ages 5 and up. Space is limited. Free tickets will be available beginning July 5th.
This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

ORIGAMI w. HARU
Wednesday, July 20th
 Learn how to make an Origami Crane with Haru. He is trying to make 1000 cranes, with the help of area libraries, to send to the Prime Minister of Japan to show our support. Space is limited. Please register by July 6. Appropriate for grades 3 and up.

TALENT SHOW
Tuesday, July 26th
6:30PM
 Appropriate for ages 5 & up. Do you have a special talent you would like to share? Do you sing, dance, juggle, play an instrument? Please register in the Children's Room and perform for our summer audience.

WORLD OF BRIDGES AN ENGINEERING TALE
Tuesday, August 9th
45-Minute Sessions from 9AM-1PM
 Travel all over the world and throughout history with this interactive engineering adventure. Meet best friends Alicia and Miguel as they try to build a bridge across the stream separating their homes. Try to help them solve their problem. Appropriate for ages 4 - 10 with an accompanied adult. Space is limited. Registration is required. Presented by the Museum of Science.

FOOD & FICTION
Every Friday from July 1st-August 12th
12PM
 Grades 1-4 Bring your own lunch, listen to a story and make a snack with the Librarian! Sign up two weeks before each session in the Children's Room or by calling: 508-842-0081 ext 4 Registration begins: June 16

BACK TO SCHOOL DAY FOR MOM/SIBLINGS 'LEFT BEHIND'
Tuesday, August 30th
10:30AM
 Listen to stories, do a craft and share in refreshments and friendship.

Heifer International Project
 This year as part of our Summer Reading Program, One World, Many Stories, the children will have the opportunity to participate in our Heifer International Project. Thanks to the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library, we will be purchasing an "animal gift" to be given to a family in need in another country. You can help us select the animal! Just complete one of our library BINGO game cards to place a vote. The more you play, the more votes you get. Please stop by the children's room this summer to see the display and ask the librarian for all the details.

STORY TIMES
NOT YOUR AVERAGE STORY TIME
Mondays at 2:30PM
June 27th, July 11th, 18th, 25th, August 1st, 8th
 A reading and listening experience for kids in Grades 1 – 4 and their parents. No registration required.

PJ STORY TIME
Wednesdays at 7:00PM
July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, August 3rd, 10th
 Songs, finger plays, and stories appropriate for children up to Kindergarten and their parents.

MUSIC 'n MOTION
Fridays at 10:00AM
July 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
 Join Wendy for a music enrichment program including singing, dancing, instruments, and a parachute. For children ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult. Not registration necessary.
 Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

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Library Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 10AM-9PM
Friday 10AM-5PM
Sat. 9AM-5PM (9AM-1PM July/Aug)
Sun. 1PM-5PM (Closed Summer)

Contact Information

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www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library

Library open on Saturday mornings this summer thanks to generous sponsors!

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SUMMER SATURDAYS

Help Us Stay Open on the Weekends This Summer

- Make a donation of \$600 to keep the Library open on a Summer Saturday that would otherwise be closed.
- The day you sponsor will be open from 9AM-1PM.



saturday hours

Open
Saturdays
in July
and August
9AM to 1PM

Closed on 4th
of July
weekend

- You'll receive mention on this very page in our quarterly newsletter, which reaches every residence in Shrewsbury!
- At press time, **only one slot** remains available!
- Contact Library Director Ellen Dolan for more details on this very special sponsorship program.