

# Sharon Public Library



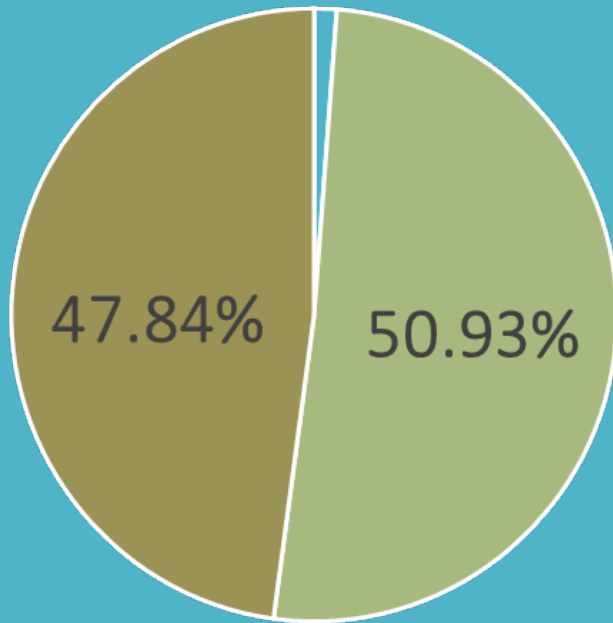
**The Mission of the Sharon Public Library** is to serve the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of all members of the Sharon community by providing access to a professional staff, a state of the art facility and quality materials, programs and services.

# Quick Facts

- The Sharon Public Library serves a population of approximately 18,575\* of all ages, from infant to senior. *\*(US census records)*
- The Library receives the majority of its funding from the Town. The library also raises funds through grants, Friends' fundraising events, the Sharon Library Foundation, and donations.
- The Library Director and Board of Library Trustees oversee the expenditures of town, state and local funding.
- There are a total of 20 full, part and substitute employees to cover 53 hours a week including 3 nights and every Saturday.

# Budget Allocation

Library Schools Municipal  
1.20%



Sharon Public Library funding for FY 2023: Budget total **\$1,187,818**

Town of Sharon Funding for Schools **\$49,511,050**

Town of Sharon Funding for other municipal departments **\$46,501,675**

# FY 2023 Facts and figures

Services provided	FY23 Total
Hours open	53 hours a week
Total Circulation Transactions	305,900
Items in Collection	179,480
Public Computer Uses	14,976
Programs offered for all ages	356
Program attendance	5,632

# Your library offers the following:

- Circulating collections of books, movies, music, audio books, eBooks, streaming video, magazines, museum passes, and more.
- Public computer workstations, laptops, and free wireless internet
- In-person and virtual programs for adults, children, and young adults including stem, technology and homework help
- In library and remote use for online learning resources and databases such as Ancestry, Fold3 Military records, Kanopy Video, Mango Languages, and many others.
- Professional help for your reference, computer and hand held technology needs.
- ***Capira Mobile*** - an app that enables quick access to all library services from your phone.

# And also...

- 24/7 access to a collection of millions of items including downloadable eBooks, eAudio, and virtual streaming titles through membership in the Old Colony Library Network.
- Access to our local history collection both online through *Digital Commonwealth* and in print.
- Interlibrary loan services through the Massachusetts Virtual Catalog and throughout the United States.
- Special collections include veteran's materials, English as a second language training materials, foreign language materials, Lucky Duck Collection of popular fiction, Library of Things collection (instruments, games, repair kits, dementia resource kits, telescope, craft equipment) and many other items.
- Library on Wheels delivery service to any resident who needs it.

# Use the Library from Home



CapiraMobile®



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languages

Downloadable eBooks, Audiobooks, Magazines and Streaming Videos

Business & Research Databases

Online Learning Resources

Financial support provided by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), local funding efforts, Friends of the Library, Sharon Cultural Council, and other grant opportunities.

# Learn a new skill ... Meet new friends ... Enhance your life ...at the Library!

- Community gathering place
- Veteran's Programs
- Financial workshops
- Music programs and workshops
- Parenting classes
- Book discussion groups & author talks
- Health and well-being workshops and information
- Lectures on a wide variety of compelling topics
- ESL programs
- Storytime and craft classes for youth of all ages
- Computer and e-reader training
- Mahjong, and Canasta Game clubs
- Craft, art, writing, and yoga groups
- Basic Sewing Machine and Quilting workshops



# The New Sharon Public Library will provide:

## A Location in the Heart of the Community

- large and small meeting rooms
- study rooms
- study room with hearing and sight challenged computer equipment
- technology center
- ESOL teaching room
- AV media lab
- makerspace
- large collection of *Library of Things* items
- young adult collection and gathering space

and so much more.

# Children's Services – Regular Programming

## Weekly programs:

- Strollers and Stories baby story time Mondays at 10:30
- Legopalooza (ages 5-10) Mondays at 4:30 (new this fall)
- Tinker Time sensory storytime Tuesdays at 11
- Storytime Thursdays at 11

## Monthly Programs: (*ages 5-10, dates vary*)

- Silly science
- Marvelous Math
- Crafternoon
- Choose Your Own Adventure Read Aloud Club (new this fall)

# Teen/Tween Services – Special Programming

## Upcoming events:

**Tween/Teen Beginner Crochet** *Tuesday, November 14, 21, 28, 6:00—7:15 PM (In-person)*

**Think Tank:** Mondays from 4-5:30 PM starting on 12/6/23.

We will provide a studious environment, healthy snacks, chill music, and lots of space to spread out and study. We will also provide some stress-busting activities like stretches, DIY fidgets, quick trivia, and more. This is not formal tutoring, but a chance for kids and their friends to visit and assist each other in a casual setting.

**Tween/Teen Tuesdays** The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, starting 12/12/23 at 6 PM.

This program is a potpourri of all of the fun stuff teens want to do. We might have a STEAM activity, cooking, gaming, Karaoke, guest speakers, and more! What's more, TAB members can work together to plan activities to present during this time.

**Craftivity:** The 2nd Thursday of the month from 4-5:30 PM, starting on 11/09/23.

Every month we'll have new arts and crafts projects to work on, learning new skills and different techniques along the way. Sometimes we'll teach ourselves and sometimes we'll have special guest teachers. If you love to create you'll love this program! You could even be one of our special guests if you have a project to share!

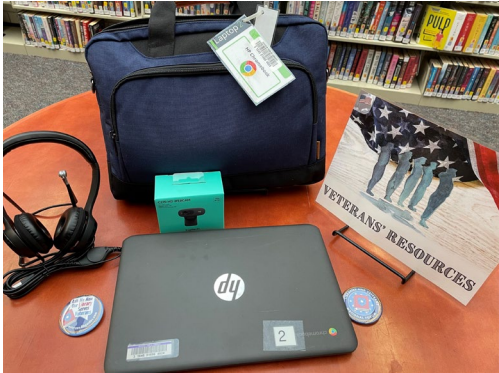
# Browse, Read and Relax



# Special Collections



Veteran's Resource Collections



Youth kits and games

Lucky Duck Duplicates



Library of Things





# Programs for All Ages



Chuck Hogan Book Talk

Kids summer fun



Stem programs for youth



Teen Challenge



# Adult Programs





# Lifelong Learning



**Learning English as a Second Language**



**Read to a Dog**



**Art in Bloom Floral Design**

## One Book One Town

### Writing Contest

Inspired by the novel *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks

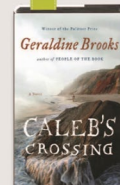
#### Writing Topic: CROSSINGS

In the novel, the characters transition from one world to another. They cross barriers of race, religion, culture and social standing.

#### Write a Personal Narrative of a Crossing

(something that happened to you or someone you know)

What was your experience? How did it affect you? Why is it meaningful?





# Volunteer opportunities



Friends of the Sharon Public Library

Fall/Winter 2022-2023  
**SPL Teen Volunteer (Ages 13+)**  
**Positions & Opportunities**

**Volunteer**  
Sharon Public Library

**Decorations/Display Assistant**  
Number of Openings: 1 (in-person)  
Time Commitment: 2-3 hours per month  
Schedule: Flexible  
Duties: Help with book displays, bulletin board, organizing teen art displays.

**Social Media Assistant**  
Number of Openings: 1 (in-person, but can be virtual)  
Time Commitment: 2-3 hours per month  
Schedule: Flexible  
Duties: Help design & schedule Instagram posts targeting teen library users, promote SPL social media accounts to peers.

**Program Prep/Kit Upkeep Assistant**  
Number of Openings: 2 (in-person)  
Time Commitment: 4-8 hours per month  
Schedule: Flexible, bi-weekly if possible  
Duties: Help librarians prepare for children's & craft/science programs, take inventory of circulating kit & game collections.

**Review Crew Member**  
Number of Openings: Unlimited (virtual)  
Time Commitment: Varies  
Schedule: Make your own (aim to submit 1 review per month if possible)  
Duties: Read & review books of your choice, then write & submit book reviews for SPL website.

**Children's Program Help List**  
Number of Openings: Usually 1-2 per program request  
Time Commitment: Varies  
Schedule: Varies  
Duties: Add your name to this list to receive emails as help is needed during after school programs.

Respond immediately if available/interested (first come, first served). Possible tasks include: assisting with online trivia or in-person craft/science events, set-up and/or breakdown of special events, etc.

Please note:  
• Must submit (or have on file) an SPL teen volunteer application.

**Sharon Public Library**

**Friends and**

**Volunteers are:**

Desired Dedicated  
Devoted Driven  
Disciplined Determined

**And Appreciated**

*Selfless Sacrifice is*

**Dedication to Service**



Book Sale



Call Patrons



Find that Book

# Building Community through Partnerships



Providing delivery services through our Library on Wheels program.



Food for Fines supporting local food pantries



Supporting Veterans





