



Community Bulletin

May 15th, 2023

Dear Shrewsbury Families,

Please note the following announcements and information related to various events or activities that may be of interest to you and your children. Announcements from non-school sources are passed on as a courtesy if they meet the requirements of the [School Committee policy](#).

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1. Please Note – Help Wanted: Crossing Guards

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you a morning person? Do you love the outdoors? If so, please consider applying for the Crossing Guard position at Oak Middle School and/or Floral Street School! Please [click here](#) for more information about the Oak Middle School opening and [click here](#) for the Floral Street School opening.

Interested candidates can send a cover letter, resume, and three professional references (including one from a direct supervisor or evaluator) to Lindsey Stasiowski at lstasiowski@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or apply via www.schoolspring.com via the links above. Please include which school you are applying for in your cover letter.

2. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Public Schools Annual Art Exhibitions

Shrewsbury Public Schools will host our Annual Art Exhibitions this spring. Please see the following schedule for grade-level exhibitions. Students will be notified of their artwork being on display.

- Middle School Exhibition (grades 5-8) – May 15th, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Oak Middle School
- High School Exhibition (grades 9-12) – May 17th, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Shrewsbury High School Commons
- Elementary School Exhibition (grades K-4) – May 18th, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Maj. Howard W. Beal School

Community Items

1. Save the Date – Rotary Day of Service, May 20th (New)

Fill the community fridge! To celebrate the one-year anniversary of the community fridge, the Shrewsbury Rotary Club will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items, personal care items, pet food, paper products, and household cleaning supplies on Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rotarians will be set up near the community fridge located near the Senior Center (98 Maple Avenue) to accept donations. Please contact Beth Casavant bethcasavant@gmail.com if you have any questions.

2. Save the Date – Scout Bottle & Can Drive, June 3rd (New)

On Saturday, June 3rd, Scout Troops 114 and 7114 will be hosting a bottle and can drive at Shrewsbury Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Scouts will be happy to accept your redeemable bottles and cans. Proceeds from the drive will go towards supporting their scouting activities throughout the year.

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Spring & Summer Programs (New)

Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for spring and summer programs listed below. Additional programs to be added throughout May. Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited.

Teen Travelers Summer Program - Enjoy a different adventure each day in this exciting program designed for your teenager! During each week of Teen Travelers, participants will be exposed to a variety of recreational opportunities ranging from outdoor excursions like hiking, ropes courses, and swimming at the lake, to visiting popular attractions like Canobie Lake Park and Roller Kingdom. This program is offered during the weeks of July 10th and July 17th. Resident cost is \$350 per week.

Youth Flag Football - Wednesday evenings starting June 21st at Sherwood Middle School field. Cost is \$65.

Youth Summer Basketball League - Tuesday evenings starting June 20th at Shrewsbury High School gymnasium. Cost is \$84.

Crew Rowing (Learn to Row) - For grades 8-12, four days each session. There are four sessions offered during the weeks of 6/26-6/29 and 7/24-7/27. Choose between the 8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. class. This program is being offered through a partnership with the Regatta Point Community Sailing and Parks & Recreation! Cost is \$225.

Youth Sailing - Offering sessions the week of July 17th and August 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for ages 9-12. This program is being offered through a partnership with the Regatta Point Community Sailing and Parks & Recreation! Cost is \$495.

Adult Rhythm & Ride Spin - Monday or Wednesday morning classes at Core Connection Spin Studio. Visit our website for fees, times, dates and schedules.

Social Skills Workshop - Grades 2-7 on Monday, July 24th from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. at Oak Middle School cafeteria. Cost is \$60.

Home Safety - Ages 9 and up, Wednesday, July 19th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Oak Middle School cafeteria. Cost is \$37.

Babysitting Course - For grades 6-8 on June 7th and 8th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Oak Middle School cafeteria. Cost is \$57.

Teen Rhythm & Ride Spin - Grades 6-10 on Wednesdays starting May 17th from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. at Core Connection Cycle Studio. Cost is \$80.

Archery Summer Sessions - Visit our website for fees, dates and schedules.

Summer Playground - We are offering 6 weeks this summer starting on June 26th. Parents have weekly options and AM/PM add-ons to each week! Weekly program information is now available on our website.

Visit our website! shrewsburyma.myrec.com Create a new account if you have not done so within the past year.

4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Summer Playground Program

We are offering 6 weeks of our Summer Playground program this summer starting on June 26th. Parents have weekly full-day, half-day, and AM/PM options each week! Please make sure you have an active account in our new system. Visit our website [here](#) or contact us with any issues at parkrec@shrewsburyma.gov.

As parents, we are always looking for our kids to be interactive and involved during the summer. Kids can't ask for more than being around friends, playing indoor/outdoor games like capture the flag or dodgeball, cool art projects, exciting daily camp themes like "Minion Day," "Bubble Mania," or "Ninja Warrior Day," and of course afternoon swimming at Sunset Beach! Staff are all CORI background checked. All-day children need to bring a lunch, towel, bathing suit, and sunscreen, and all children should bring snacks. Price includes all costs. Child-to-staff ratio is 10 to 1. Staff Directors are CPR/First Aid and Epi-Pen trained. Every afternoon we bus full day participants to Sunset Beach, which is located on Old Faith Road in Shrewsbury from Coolidge School. We arrive at Sunset Beach at 1:00 p.m. and return back to the school at 4:00 p.m.

5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events (New)

50+ Job Seekers Virtual Networking Group

Come meet new job seekers to expand your network, news, and views with the Massachusetts Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seekers Group! If you are over 50 and unemployed and actively

looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, or re-entering the job market after a gap, this group is perfect for you.

The group meets on Zoom from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on first and third Wednesday mornings, with repeat sessions on the same topics offered in the evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesday evenings. Registration is required for each session (register [here](#) for morning sessions; register [here](#) for evening sessions). This group is sponsored by more than 60 Massachusetts public libraries. Find the full list of topics and registration [here](#).

The May meetings focus on interviewing:

- Interview Practice (May 17 & 24)

Get Started with Libby

Want access to ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more, anytime and anywhere? You can with Libby! Bring your device and join the Shrewsbury Public Library for a class in our Learning Lab to get set up and familiar with the Libby app!

Dates include:

- Thursday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 4th at 2:30 p.m.

Registration is required; please visit our [events calendar](#) to sign up for your preferred date.

SPL Spanish Conversation Club

Are you looking for a casual space in which you can practice your Spanish and learn more about the multiple cultures of those who speak that language? Join the Spanish Conversation Club most Tuesdays at the Shrewsbury Public Library (6:00 p.m. in the Learning Lab on the second floor). No registration required. Visit our [events calendar](#) to check dates (May 16, 23, & 30; June 6, 13, & 20).

¿Buscas un espacio informal en el que puedas practicar tu Español y aprender más de las múltiples culturas que hablan este idioma? Únete a nuestro club de conversación la mayoría de los martes en la biblioteca pública de Shrewsbury a las 6:00 p.m. en el laboratorio del segundo piso. No es necesario registrarse. Visita nuestro [calendario de eventos](#) para verificar citas (16, 23 & 30 de mayo; 6, 13 & 20 de junio).

Library Writing Workshops

The Shrewsbury Public Library extends a warm invitation to all writers for writing workshops! Come join fellow writers from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on third Saturdays this summer (May 20, June 17, July 15, and August 19) in a space dedicated to the craft of the written word - a space that encourages improvement.

During a writing workshop, writers share their work in the hopes of receiving positive, constructive feedback and suggestions. Workshops such as this are vital to a writer's growth, as getting different perspectives can help a writer see things they might have missed about their own work. It's also a great environment for fun, light-hearted conversations!

The workshops are hosted by [InfinityEd](#) and facilitated by published writer Ashton Hooley. This program will take place in person at the library; please register separately for each session on the library's [events calendar](#).

Basics of Hydroponics

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. for this workshop on hydroponics. Grow all kinds of plants without soil all year long from the comfort of home using water and nutrients. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will take place in person at the library; please register to attend [here](#).

Hank Phillippi Ryan: An Inside Look at Fiction, Journalism, and the Mysteries of Both

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library Foundation on Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. for this talk by best-selling mystery author Hank Phillippi Ryan. Hank has managed to mix the worlds of fact and fiction in an amazing career from radio reporter to Rolling Stone Magazine to undercover investigations at Boston's WHDH-TV. Now an author of 14 novels, Hank's books have been named Best Thrillers of the Year by *Library Journal*, *New York Post*, BOOK BUB, PopSugar, *Real Simple Magazine* and others. And she has won major awards – five Agathas, five Anthonys, two Macavitys, the Daphne, and Mary Higgins Clark Award. Hank's current book is *The House Guest*. This program will take place in person at the library; please [register](#) to attend. Books will be available for purchase for \$20 via cash, check, or PayPal.

6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library May Events for Tweens & Teens

We have some great events for tweens and teens happening in May at the Library!

- Tuesdays, May 2nd-30th - YMCA Youth Corps - 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B. For teens 13+. The Shrewsbury Public Library is excited to partner with the YMCA for a brand new leadership training program for high school students. This program will provide participants with leadership training, job readiness skills, and CPR & first aid training. All registrants will be required to complete a formal application that will be emailed to them. Register through the YMCA [here](#).
- Monday, May 15th-Thursday, May 18th - Teen Summer Volunteer Info Sessions - various times in Meeting Room A. Grades 7-12 (as of Fall 2023). [Registration](#) required. Want to volunteer at the library this summer? Come to an info session to learn how! It is important for anyone who wants to be a volunteer - even those who have volunteered during previous summers - to attend an info session. At the info sessions we'll discuss

the volunteer roles available this summer, requirements for applicants, how applying will work, training, scheduling, and more.

- Friday, May 19th - [Friday Afternoon Videogames](#) - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. School is over - work off a little steam with videogames! We'll have some of the most popular multiplayer games for the Nintendo Switch, like Super Smash Bros, Mario Party, and Overcooked. Show up ready to play or just watch your friends!
- Sunday, May 21st - [Rubik's Cube Club](#) - 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Ages 8+. No registration necessary. Are you interested in a brain teaser? A way to challenge your mind and have fun at the same time? Join our Rubik's Cube Club! Each week we'll work on new cube puzzles.
- Monday, May 22nd - [Teen Advisory Wrap Party](#) - 8:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. [Registration](#) required. We're wrapping up a great year of Teen Advisory and planning for the summer! Earn volunteer hours for attending and participating.
- Friday, May 26th - [Friday Crafternoon](#) - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. Try a fun craft or activity that will change each month. No crafting experience (or talent) necessary, just try it out!

Check our [monthly digital calendar](#) and our [online calendar](#) for more details and registration!

7. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services Women's Support Group

Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services will be running a weekly drop-in support group for adult women. This is a place for women to form connections as well as share their own experiences in a safe and supportive environment. The meetings will be held on Mondays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. virtually. Please [click here](#) to join or email Abigail Westerlind with any questions at awesterlind@syfs-ma.org.

8. Save the Date – Girl Scouts Introduction to Outdoor Skills Event, May 25th

You and your girl are invited to join us at a free Introduction to Outdoor Skills event. Your girl will earn her first Girl Scout patch while learning basic campfire building techniques, first aid, and jackknife safety. Join us and discover creative ways to form a new troop together. This event will take place at the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury (19 Church Road) on Thursday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m. This event is for girls entering kindergarten and first grade in the fall who are not currently Girl Scouts. Please RSVP by May 21st [here](#) or email lbrochu@gscwm.org with any questions.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Summer Softball Signups (New)

Believe it or not, it's that time again and summer softball is back! The season will run from approximately June 19th (playoffs will be the following week) through July 21st. All games will be held during the week. Ages 4 (as of December 31, 2022) - 18 are eligible. No experience necessary. Click [here](#) to register. Please make sure to sign up before June 3rd!

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Fall 2023 Season (New)

Registration is now open for the fall season for all Shrewsbury Youth Soccer age groups (pre-kindergarten through grade 12).

Our travel games (grades 3-13) will start in late-August/early-September and our in-town games (pre-K through grade 4) will start in mid-September. Practices will start a couple of weeks before the first games.

Players entering grade 3 or above in the fall should try out in May; dates can be found [here](#) (please register before attending). If your player cannot attend the tryout, please contact the appropriate [age group coordinator](#).

Click [here](#) to register. We have had waiting lists for most age groups in the last few seasons, so register early.

3. Please Note – Worcester Volleyball Club Blazers

Worcester Volleyball Club Blazers is offering a 6-week program for grades 5 and up. No experience is required to participate! Participants receive an introduction to volleyball, learn from trained coaches, develop skills, and build a passion for the game. Our inclusive club brings kids and young adults (up to age 24) with and without disabilities together, providing enriching experiences for all. Our programs provide our community with the opportunity to increase physical activity, create new friendships, develop new skills, increase independence, and experience success.

The Blazers meet at the Open Sky Community Services Gym (4 Mann Street, Worcester). The program begins on Tuesday, July 11th. The program is a collaboration between Worcester Volleyball Club Blazers and Open Sky Community Services' Community Membership Department. Please [click here](#) for the registration form and additional information.

Ask about our volunteer and mentorship opportunities! For more information, please reach out to our program contact, Susan Dunshee, at worcblazers@gmail.com or (508) 277-6986 or visit www.worcblazers.com.

4. Please Note – Shrewsbury American Youth Football and Cheer Organization Registration Open

Registration for SAYFCO Fall 2023 Cheer and Football programs is now open! Programs are available for children entering kindergarten through grade 7 in the fall. Please visit our [website](#) and follow the registration link.

5. Please Note – Shrewsbury High School Volleyball Clinic

The Shrewsbury High School volleyball program invites girls in grades 5th through 8th to join them for volleyball fun at the annual volleyball clinic on June 7th, 8th, and 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Shrewsbury High School gymnasium. The clinic will be run by Head coach Brett Crandall and the rest of the Shrewsbury High School volleyball program. We will work on passing, hitting, setting, serving, defense, positioning, blocking, and digging.

Each camper gets a Shrewsbury volleyball t-shirt as part of their registration. The cost is \$85 per person with a discounted rate for siblings (\$85 for the first, \$75 for each additional sibling). Please [click here](#) to sign up. If you have any questions, please email bcrandall@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.
