



Community Bulletin

May 22nd, 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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School District Items

1. Please Note – Kindergarten Summer Fun Program (New)

The Summer Fun Program is a great way to prepare your child for the start of kindergarten. Students will become familiar with their school building and experience the routines of a typical day in a kindergarten class. They will leave feeling more confident and ready for the first day of school!

All preschool students who will be starting kindergarten at Shrewsbury Public Schools in the fall of 2023 are eligible to register. The program will run in each of the five elementary schools, so please register for the location where your child will be attending kindergarten.

Cost: \$100*

Dates: Monday August 7th – Thursday August 10th

Hours: 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Locations: Beal School, Coolidge School, Paton School, Floral Street School, Spring Street School

*Financial aid is available. Please contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning, for more information at kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

Please note: Each class is taught by one of the kindergarten teachers at Shrewsbury Public Schools, but it may not be your child's specific teacher or classroom. Visit our [website](#) for more information on how to register.

2. Please Note – Jobs for Teens (New)

Jobs for teens are still available! New jobs have been added to the [Jobs for Students site](#), including a bank position for a graduating senior who is not heading to college, a receptionist for 16+, entry-level auto tech job (no experience required), and counselor-in-training for 13+. Visit the website to see all available jobs. Also, if you have a job you would like to post, please contact kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

Community Items

1. Save the Date – College Softball World Series Watch Party (New)

With help from Platinum Fire Protection, the Shrewsbury Little League is hosting a Softball College World Series watch party at Tavern in the Square Shrewsbury on Wednesday, June 7th. First pitch is at 7:00 p.m. This event is open to Shrewsbury Little League Softball and Baseball families. All players must be accompanied by an adult. The league will provide a light appetizer buffet. Drinks and dinner will be available for purchase.

2. 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.

Tiny Tykes All-Sports - Toddler/preschool-age sports for the little ones! Kids learn basic skills of a different sport/activity including flag football, soccer, obstacle courses, kickball, and other fun activities. We want to encourage kids to be active and engaged in a safe environment implemented by our summer staff! Ages 2-3 from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. and ages 4-5 from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. on Thursdays at the Shrewsbury Town Hall front lawn starting July 6th. Cost is \$48.

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.

3. 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.

4. 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 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 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 (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 (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](#).

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.

Yoga with Bindu

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library with certified yoga instructor Bindu Gupta as she guides attendees through an hour-long Hatha yoga practice on Thursdays, June 1st, 8th, and 15th and Tuesday, June 20th. Hatha yoga brings physical, emotional, and spiritual awareness to one's body and mind. No experience required to participate.

Patrons may attend all four classes, but space is limited, so patrons are requested to only [reserve](#) spots in classes they are sure they can attend. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

SPL June Movie Matinee: The Menu

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library for our Movie Matinee! A different film will be screened monthly in person at the library on a Saturday at 2:00 p.m. No registration required.

On June 3rd, we'll enjoy a screening of *The Menu* (2022, rated R): "Margot and Tyler visit Hawthorn, an exclusive restaurant boasting an extravagant tasting menu by chef Julian Slowik. The restaurant accepts select guests including corporate leaders and movie stars who soon discover a more ominous culinary plan is underway."

SPL Movie Discussion Club June

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library Movie Discussion Club every first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Google Meet! Intended for film fans 18 and older.

Watch the “Movie of the Month” on your own time, then meet with us virtually to discuss. The June 6th film is *Collateral* (2004; rated R).

Shrewsbury residents may view the movie [here](#) on Kanopy (create an account with your library card to access Kanopy). Attendees are also free to find an alternative way to watch. Register [here](#) to receive an email the day before the discussion date with the Google Meet link.

Johnny Cash - Songs and Stories

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. with long-time New England musician/author Matt York, who will perform the songs of Johnny Cash and tell stories about Cash's career spanning from the 1950s to his passing in 2003. He'll discuss Cash's emergence as a groundbreaking artist in the 1950s, his marriage to June Carter, and many of his other career highlights. York was recently nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist and his album “Gently Used” was named one of Worcester Magazine's best albums of 2022. View a preview [here!](#)

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Shrewsbury Local Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. This program will take place in person at the library; please register [here](#).

5. 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](#).
- 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!

6. 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.

7. Save the Date – Scout Bottle & Can Drive, June 3rd

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.

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 – Take Charge Hoops Basketball Clinic (New)

Shrewsbury High School boys basketball coaches, Adrian Machado and Gerry Nowosacki, are sponsoring a 4-day basketball clinic for boys and girls in grades 3 through 12. The focus will be on individual skills through the use of time-oriented drill stations. The goal will be to learn, relearn, and execute the fundamentals of basketball, enhance one's skills, and be a better player and teammate.

The clinic will take place at the Shrewsbury High School field house from July 11th through July 14th between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For more information and to register, please [click here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Nowosacki at (508) 842-6014 or gym21rat@aol.com.

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury American Youth Football and Cheer Organization Summer Program (New)

Get ready for an action-packed summer! Join us on Sunday nights (June 4th, 11th, and 25th and July 9th, 16th, 23rd) from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Lake Park Athletic Field in Worcester for our exclusive Speed, Agility, and Skills Clinic. Designed for athletes from any sport ages 6-14! This engaging clinic will keep our kids active, sharpen their skills, and have them primed for fall sports. Don't miss out on the excitement - register now and let the summer training begin!

While this is a non-contact clinic, cleats and mouth guards are always encouraged. Daily rates are available, but save by registering for the full camp! Please visit the [SAYFCO website](#) to register today and please share with your friends!

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Girls Softball Summer Registration (New)

Registration will be open for two more weeks. The next summer season of Shrewsbury Little League girls softball will run from June 19th through July 28th. Practice and games will be held on weekdays only. You can register [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at shrewsburygsb@gmail.com.

4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Fall 2023 Season

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.

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.

6. 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.
