



# Community Bulletin

July 17th, 2023

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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

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](mailto: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.

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## Community Items

### **1. [Please Note](#) – Shrewsbury Public Library: Message from Library Trustees (New)**

We've had many discussions with our library staff and community partners to try to create a safe environment for middle school aged kids. We restricted the students to the young adult and community commons sections of the library, offered age-appropriate activities, and volunteered to help monitor and supervise the students during the time they were in the library. These efforts did help somewhat; but, put simply, we cannot safely supervise and manage the number of students at the library. Behavioral issues also continue to impact overall safety and disturb other patrons' use of the library. There is also concern for students' safety while walking to the library and through the center of town and in the parking lot, as many children have been observed to disregard traffic.

At a properly posted public meeting, the Board of Library Trustees voted unanimously on June 20, 2023 to change the Child Safety Policy regarding when children can use the library building without adult supervision in response to the above. The updated policy, effective July 1, 2023 reads:

*Children through grade six must be continually attended and supervised by a parent or parent's representative while in the library. Children in grades seven and eight may be left unattended for a maximum of two hours.*

## **2. 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](#). This group is sponsored by more than 60 Massachusetts public libraries.

### 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 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 (July TBD).

¿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 (julio por determinar).

### 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 (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](#).

### Sharing Your Genealogy Research Results

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Tuesday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m. for this workshop led by professional genealogist Seema-Jayne Kenney. Today's technologies provide many ways to share results without writing a full book, so let's discuss creative ways to share even small discoveries that might interest living family members.

Seema Kenney is an experienced software instructor and a professional genealogist. Her known roots are deep in New England as well as England, Germany, and Sweden. She has a certificate in Genealogical Research from BU, has completed the ProGen Study Program, and is an active member and officer of several societies.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will take place in person at the library; please [register](#) to attend.

### Silent Movie Screening: Safety Last

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m. for a screening of the silent film, *Safety Last*, a romantic/action comedy thriller about a boy (Harold Lloyd) who would do anything for his girl (Mildred Davis). Bill (Bill Strothers), Harold's roommate and daredevil climber, agreed to split the \$1,000 if he successfully carried out the DeVore Department Store's promotional stunt that was thought up by Harold. But Bill got into trouble with a cop, so Harold took his place and climbed the building all the way to the top. Live musical accompaniment by pianist Richard Hughes.

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### Maleficent Film Screening

Please join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Wednesday, July 26th at 6:30 p.m. for a screening of the film *Maleficent* (2014, rated PG), as part of the library's [Summer Scares](#) programming.

The film weaves a fractured fairytale, retelling the classic story of Sleeping Beauty: "Pure of heart, Maleficent (Angelina Jolie) has an idyllic life in a forest kingdom. When an invading army threatens the land, Maleficent becomes its fiercest protector. However, a terrible betrayal hardens her heart and twists her into a creature bent on revenge. She battles the invading

king's successor, then curses his newborn daughter, Aurora -- realizing only later that the child holds the key to peace" ([rottentomatoes.com](http://rottentomatoes.com)).

No registration required. Bonus: Join our Movie Discussion Club virtually on Google Meet on Tuesday, August 1st at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the film! Register [here](#) to receive the meeting link.

### Mental Health First Aid Training

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Thursday, July 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training workshop. MHFA teaches how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges in adults.

After the course, attendees will be able to:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges.
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a person in crisis.
- Know how to connect a person with help.
- Use self-care tools and techniques.

Learn how to respond with the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan (ALGEE):

- Assess for risk of suicide or harm.
- Listen non-judgmentally.
- Give reassurance and information.
- Encourage appropriate professional help.
- Encourage self-help and other support strategies.

To register, email Jammie Glenn at [jglenn@syfs-ma.org](mailto:jglenn@syfs-ma.org).

### SPL July Movie Matinee: Ticket to Paradise

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.

On Saturday, July 29th, we'll enjoy a screening of *Ticket to Paradise* (2022, rated PG-13): "Lily sends a message to her parents [George Clooney and Julia Roberts] that she's going to get married to a local she met while vacationing in Bali. The distraught and long-divorced parents fly to Indonesia to hopefully derail their daughter's impulsive plan. However, they should learn how to control their scathing animosity toward each other if they are to succeed with their own plan."

No registration required. Questions? Please contact Dana Volke at 508-841-8609, x4049 or [dvolke@cwmares.org](mailto:dvolke@cwmares.org).

### SPL Movie Discussion Club August

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

Watch the "Movie of the Month" on your own, then join us virtually to discuss. The film for the August 1st discussion is [Maleficent](#) (2014; rated PG-13). The film will be screened live at the library on Wednesday, July 26th at 6:30 p.m.

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### 7 Scientific Reasons to Meditate Now

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Tuesday, August 1st at 7:00 p.m. with Manish Saggar, PhD and Assistant Professor in Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, for a virtual presentation of neuroscientific data on how regular meditation practices improve physical, mental, and emotional health. He will also discuss how happiness and harmony can be gained by focusing one's attention during meditation.

Dr. Saggar directs the Brain Dynamics Lab at Stanford University, which is dedicated to developing computational methods for neuroimaging data to better understand individual differences in brain functioning. He received his doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin and completed his postdoctoral training at Stanford. As part of his doctoral work, he developed computational methods to understand how brain activity changes with intensive meditation training. This program will take place virtually on Zoom; please [register](#) to attend.

### **3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Children**

We have some great events for children happening in June and July at the Library!

- Monday, June 26th through Saturday, August 26th - [Children's Summer Reading Challenge](#) - For kids ages 3-10. Log the minutes you read this summer for a chance to earn cool online badges and specially themed weekly prizes! Reading is tracked online. Register by going to <https://shrewsburyma.beanstack.org>. In-person logging will be available as well. The prize wheel is returning! Every time kids visit the Children's Room during Summer Reading, they can spin the wheel for fun prizes and enter a raffle for a chance to win a Summer Reading Grand Prize!

- Fridays, June 30th through August 25th - Summer Crafternoons - 2:30 p.m. No registration required. For grades kindergarten and up. Drop in for weekly themed crafting in the Children's Program Room. Adult supervision required.
- Mondays, July 10th through August 28th - Play Chess - 7:00 p.m. All ages welcome and no registration required. No instruction, but come and play against other people. There will be boards and timers available to use. Held in the Children's Program Room.
- Tuesday, July 18th - SparklePalooza - 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 2+. No registration required. Celebrate unicorns, mermaids, and rainbows during this drop-in party.
- Wednesday, July 19th - Puppet Show for Kids! - 6:00 p.m. geared toward ages 3-7. Tokens required. Through Me To You Puppetry invites you to join Newton and his puppet friends for some story time fun! Newton and his friends take turns reading stories and singing songs with the kids. Our show is geared toward ages 3-7, but all are welcome!
- Tuesday, July 25th - The History of Silent Movies - 6:00 p.m. for ages 9+. Registration required. Silent movie pianist, Richard Hughes, creates a living history by way of fascinating silent movie clips of newsreels, educational films, melodramas, cartoons, comedies, horror movies, and more. Also, audience members have an opportunity to synchronize sound effects like a train whistle, siren, and wind machine to a popular melodrama of 1913. Followed by a demonstration of ingenious animation devices that preceded the motion picture camera. Then, a focus on the movie 'Mood Music' that Richard plays with film clips. For kids and teens interested in film production.
- Wednesday, July 26th - Pokemon Card Trading - 6:00 p.m. No registration required. Bring your cards and let's start trading. For all ages.
- Monday, July 31st - School Readiness Tools for Tiny Hands - 10:00 a.m. for ages 2-5. Registration required. Are you looking for ways to prepare your 2-5 year old for school? Tools for Tiny Hands is a kit from the Boston Children's Museum that focuses on fine motor skills, hand dexterity, and hand-eye coordination. Using household items (so you can easily refill your kit), your child will have fun new ways to explore play!

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

#### **4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Summer Programs**

Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited. Visit our [website](#) for more information and registration.

Crew Rowing (Learn to Row) - For grades 8-12, four days each session. There are two sessions offered during the week of 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 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.

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.

### Summer Playground Program

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! Every afternoon, we bus full-day participants to Sunset Beach, which is located on Old Faith Road in Shrewsbury. We arrive at Sunset Beach at 1:00 p.m. and return back to Coolidge School at 4:00 p.m. Full-day participants need to bring lunch, a towel, a bathing suit, and sunscreen. Pack plenty of snacks and water for the kids! Child-to-staff ratio is not more than 10 to 1. Staff directors are CPR/First Aid and Epi-Pen trained.

Current grade levels accepted: K through 6

Full Day: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; \$245 per week

Half Day: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; \$145 per week

Extended AM: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; \$25 per week

Extended PM: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; \$25 per week

The program will run for six consecutive weeks starting June 26th through August 4th, Monday through Friday. Please [click here](#) for the Parks & Recreation website.

## **5. Please Note – Homeless/Migrant Family Assistance in Shrewsbury**

On Friday, May 19, 2023 at approximately 4:30 PM, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), contacted the Town of Shrewsbury to inform Officials of the temporary placement of 12 families at a lodging facility in Shrewsbury until May 29, 2023. Additional information has been provided as of Tuesday, May 30, 2023 from DHCD advising that there are 40 families placed at the Shrewsbury lodging facility until further notice.

Effective Tuesday, May 30, 2023, a donation collection bin has been placed outside of the Shrewsbury Town Hall, 100 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA. Donations may be dropped off during business hours and the bins will be monitored continuously by Town Staff. Below is a list of in-kind donations that are needed to support the families:

- Diapers (all sizes) and wipes
- Personal Care Items (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, lotion, chapstick, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream, baby shampoo, baby lotion, etc.)
- Ziploc Bags
- Laundry Detergent (pods only)
- New Children's Clothing (undergarments, socks, shoes for ages infant - 17)
- Over the counter medication for adults, children and infants (Tylenol, Motrin, Advil and Pedialyte, etc.)

For those who would like to provide assistance or additional support to the families, the Town of Shrewsbury will be accepting monetary donations to support the individuals and families at the shelter. Checks can be made out to the Town of Shrewsbury and should note Migrant/Homeless Shelter in the memo and sent to, or dropped off at, Town Hall, 100 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Monetary donations will also be accepted online through [this portal](#).

For more information, please find this link to the original Press Release of May 25, 2023.

## **6. Please Note – "Entrepreneurial Skills to Build Your Best Future" Student Workshop**

"Entrepreneurial Skills to Build Your Best Future" is a workshop experience designed to provide students with an introduction to entrepreneurial thinking and skills. This program is for incoming grade 7-12 students who own businesses, are interested in starting businesses, or are interested in entrepreneurship as a career path.

More than ever, young people are wanting to pursue entrepreneurial paths - but how can they know where to start? In this workshop, students will explore the mindset and tools that will help them take that first step.

The workshop will be led by Tim Hally and Justin Matsen, two Shrewsbury High School alumni and owners of Munq, a creative agency. They've built this workshop with material taught by Tim to undergraduate students at Clark University's Entrepreneurship and Innovation Department.

This program will be held from August 14th through August 17th at Oak Middle School media center from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Twenty-five spots are available. Tuition is \$385 per student. Please [click here](#) to register your student or contact Tim Hally at [thally@munqcreative.com](mailto:thally@munqcreative.com) if you have any challenges covering the tuition. We are here to help!

## **7. Save the Date – India Society of Worcester's India Day, August 5th**

India Society of Worcester invites the public to “India Day,” a free celebration of 60 years of service to the Worcester area, at the DCU Center on August 5th. Please email [ID23@iswonline.org](mailto:ID23@iswonline.org) if you want to sponsor, or have a booth or choreograph, or if you have any questions. For more information, please see the [flier](#), [website](#), or [Facebook page](#).

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## **Youth Athletics and Activities**

### **1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Girls Softball Fall Registration**

Learn and play softball in a competitive and fun environment. The season runs from September 9th through October 22nd and is open to ages 4-16. No experience necessary. Practices will be held 1-2 times per week after school or on weekends, with one game per week held on weekends. Click [here](#) to register. Non-Shrewsbury players are welcome if your town does not offer a fall program. Any questions? Please email us at [shrewsburygsb@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburygsb@gmail.com).

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