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## MISSION

*The FOSPL is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to partner with the Sharon Public Library in serving informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the community through fundraising, programming, advocacy, and volunteerism.*

Scan this QR Code with your phone camera to register (optional) for our Oct 20 Annual Meeting and author talk with Katherine Sherbrooke.



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Dear Friends Members and Sharon Community,

Welcome to Autumn 2022!

I am excited to share this Annual Report of The Friends of the Sharon Public Library (FOSPL) for fiscal year November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2022. It has been a good year and we thank you all for participating in our book sales and programs, for volunteering with us and for purchasing reusable bags at Stop & Shop and Shaw's in support of The Friends.

This past year we raised a total of \$15K from two book sales as well as our membership drive. We welcomed three new board members: Matthew Landau (treasurer), author Elizabeth Gonzalez James and artist Kashmica Sarkar. We were able to fund the museum passes for the year and library program materials. We are looking forward to another good year in 2022-2023.

## **INVITATION TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING - October 20**

You are invited to our **2022 Annual Meeting** to be held in person at **6:45 pm** on Thursday, October 20 in the Cynthia B. Fox Community Room at the library. During our Annual Meeting we will summarize the past year activities, our finances and vote in our slate of officers for the 2022-2023. Visit our website <https://friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org> for additional information to be posted by October 12.

Our brief meeting will be followed at **7pm by author Katherine A. Sherbrooke** who will discuss her book *Leaving Coys' Hill*, a historic novel inspired by the life of Lucy Stone, an abolitionist and pioneering women's rights activist from the 1800s. **Don't miss this!** SPL Veterans Club is co-sponsoring this author talk.

Registration for the author talk is requested but optional; refer to the QR Code in the left column. For more information on Katherine A. Sherbrooke visit <https://www.kasherbrooke.com/wp2/kathys-story/>

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

Our financial status has improved and we look forward to continuing to support the museum passes as well as library programs & materials. We thank you for renewing your membership, using the book collection bins at Shaw's and encouraging your friends to join. Thank you to our business sponsors: SCU Credit Union, Dedham Savings, and Eastern Bank along with The Needle Group and The Seth Stollman Team.

We are most grateful to our presenters who reduced or waived their fees; to our local businesses who generously helped with fundraising; to our co-hosting organizations, and to Sharon TV for collaborating to make these interesting topics available to the community during challenging years.

These are our activities since our last Annual Report:

- Book Collection Bins remain at Shaw's 700 So. Main St providing us with a supplemental income
- Oct 2021 - Booth at Sharon Day

## Thank you...

...2021-22 Sponsors:

SCU Credit Union

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Eastern Bank

The Needle Group

The Seth Stollman Team

## Special Thanks to...

Elizabeth Gonzalez James for her Personal Essay Writing Workshop

...Flour Moon Bakery and Jejes Coffee Roasters for partnering on fundraising

...The League of Women Voters of Sharon-Stoughton, the Library Director, Lee Ann Amend, and SPL Veteran's Club for co-sponsoring events

...Sharon TV for recording events

...Library staff for providing services and programs during quarantine

...Library Trustees for their commitment

...our Board Members and all members for your dedication

- November 2021 - our first Book Sale in Two Years! (off season)
- February 2022 - Fundraisers with Flour Moon Bakery and Jejes Coffee Roasters - warm thanks to each of the owners!
- April 2022 - Personal Essay Writing workshop by Elizabeth Gonzalez James
- May 2022 - Annual Book Sale (back on our annual May book schedule!)

## UPCOMING EVENTS in 2022-2023!

We have a great lineup of activities - **in-person & free unless otherwise noted.**

- October 17-22 Friends Week at the Library – come see our display and chat with board members (during library hours)
- Oct 20 6:45pm FOSPL Annual Meeting in library community room. Come early to enjoy refreshments and socialize.
- 7pm Author talk with Katherine A. Sherbrooke, author *Leaving Coy's Hill*. Co-sponsored with SPL Veterans Club
- Dec 4 7pm Civics for Adults #1 of 4 of a **Zoom** series. The topic is *Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda*. Co-sponsored by League of Women Voters of Sharon & Stoughton; Sharon & Stoughton Public Libraries; FOSPL and SOLA (Stoughton). Free, but **pre-registration required**. Register at: [bit.ly/civicsadults1](https://bit.ly/civicsadults1)
- Dec 8 7pm Author Talk: Chuck Hogan, author of *Gangland*, *The Strain Series with Guillermo del Toro*, *Prince of Thieves*, *Our Town* and others. Located in the library community room. Join us early to socialize in person. Don't miss this talk!

## 2023

- Jan-Mar Civics for Adults session #2-4 Dates and topics TBA
- April TBA Author Talk: Elizabeth Gonzalez James, author of *Mona at Sea*
- May 1-16 Book collection for our book sale in library community room.
- May 18-21 Annual Book Sale in library community room. Sale hours: May 18, 2-7pm. (Thurs) **Member Day (Renew today!)** May 19-22 (Fri-Sun) 10am to 4pm Sun (\$5 Bag Day)
- In keeping with the town vote to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags, please bring your reusable bags during all three days of the book sale. Thank you.

## VOLUNTEER WITH US

The Friends of the Sharon Public Library is a member driven volunteer 501(c)(3) organization and can benefit from volunteers to assist at our events, as well as with graphic design, data management and board involvement. Interested? Contact us at [info@friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org). to chat or join us at a monthly board meeting.

Thank you for your support during this past year and see you at our October 20 Annual Meeting and author talk!

Sincerely,

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