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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 (option) for our Oct 19 Annual Meeting and Paul Tremblay author talk.



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Dear Members of The Friends of the Sharon Public Library,

We are excited that the ground is broken for the new library! Like many of you, we look forward to its completion in 2025!

The Friends of the Sharon Public Library (FOSPL) is a member-driven volunteer 501(c)(3) organization. Our goal is to raise funds and awareness to support SPL on items not covered by their operating budget. Each fiscal year (Nov 1-Oct 31) we provide our members with an Annual Report that summarizes our activities, details our financials and highlights our Board Leadership

This is the 2022-2023 Annual Report of FOSPL.

It has been a good year! We raised \$11K during our May 2023 book sale. This amount in addition to sponsorships, income from the book bins and donations, has brought us to a healthy financial condition. A more detailed financial report is available at friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org.

We were able to provide the library with funds for the Library Director's Wish List including museum passes, program materials and some programs.

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join us for our **2023 Annual Meeting** in person at **6:45 pm on Thursday, October 19** in the Cynthia B. Fox Community Room at the library. Visit our website friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org for additional information.

Following our brief business meeting, we are honored to host a talk with **author Paul Tremblay at 7 pm**. "Paul is a local author and editor of horror, dark fantasy, and science fiction. His most widely known novels include *A Head Full of Ghosts*, *The Cabin at the End of the World*, and *Survivor Song*. He has won multiple Bram Stoker Awards and is a juror for the Shirley Jackson Awards."

His 2018 book *The Cabin at the End of the World* was made into a movie called *Knock at the Cabin* by director M. Night Shyamalan. The movie was released in early 2023.

Registration for this free author talk is helpful but optional; scan the QR Code in the left column or go to Calendar Events at Sharon Public Library sharonpubliclibrary.org.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FISCAL YEAR

2022-2023 Activities

Adult programs:

- Co-sponsored a four-part Civics 101 with LWV of Sharon & Stoughton, The Sharon and Stoughton Public Libraries and SOLA
- Watercolor Card Workshop and Workshop Series via Zoom

Author talks:

- Chuck Hogan, *Gangland*
- Melissa Caruso, *Building Worlds You Can Escape Into*
- Elizabeth Gonzalez James, *Mona at Sea*
- Connie Hertzberg Mayo, *The Sharp Edge of Mercy*

Fundraisers

- With Flour Moon Bakery and Jejes Coffee Roasters - warm thanks to each of the owners!
- Annual Membership dues
- Used Book Sale (4 days)

The Friends have had an active year. We have organized the activities listed in the left column. And we participated in Sharon Day and Green Day which are great community events.

We recognized library staff during National Library Workers Day and hosted a display for National Friends Week at the library.

In June we welcomed Charlotte Hogan to the FOSPL Board. She has spent many years volunteering with the Sharon schools and serving on boards and committees that support education & the arts. Welcome!

Our financial status is healthy. We thank you for your membership, using the book donation bins and encouraging your friends to join The Friends. All of this helps us to support the needs of the library.

Many thanks to our business sponsors: SCU Credit Union and Dedham Savings.

We are most grateful to our authors and all others who volunteered their time in many ways; to local businesses who helped us to raise funds; to Library Director, Lee Ann Amend; to our Library Trustees; to our co-hosting organizations including the LWV; and to Sharon TV for making some of our programs available to the community.

WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 15-21, 2023 - National Friends Week – come see our display at the library and chat with board members (during library hours)
- Apr 29-May 14, 2024 - Book collection & sorting for our May book sale
- May 16-19, 2024 - Annual Used Book Sale in the Community Room

Check out friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org for future activities.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

The Friends of the Sharon Public Library is a member-driven volunteer 501(c)(3) organization. We rely on volunteers to assist at events, as well as with graphic design, data management and ideas for the board. Interested? Contact us at info@friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org. We would welcome you to join us for a monthly board meeting.

With sincere thanks,

Kate Mason
President, FOSPL