



South Hadley Public Library News

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Results From Our Community Survey

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Mon., Tue., Wed.
9:30—8:00

Thu. & Fri.
9:30—5:00

Saturday
9:30—1:00



Elise Tripp, author of *Surviving Iraq: Soldiers' Stories* will speak at the library on Monday, June 9 at 6:30.

Last fall, the library conducted a community survey by distributing copies around town and making the questions available online. Over 350 people responded and for that we're thankful for your time!

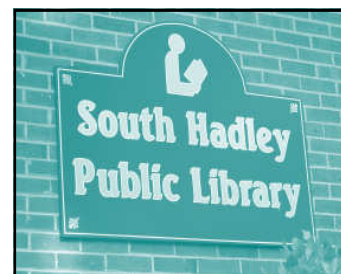
While the library will always have a broad focus regarding our collection and services, many felt the important areas we should look at are current topics and titles, as well as services for young children and students.

It came as no surprise that almost 3 out of 4 respondents mentioned the lack of parking! The library has nine total parking spots, with one reserved for handicap access.

This makes for very limited parking during public programs and elections.

We appreciate the many kind words about the library staff—as the building has become more crowded and patrons have heightened expectations, the staff have stepped up to provide consistent high-quality service. Thanks for noticing—and we promise to continue to work hard for you each and every day!

The information taken from this survey is being used to write a new Strategic Plan that will help us plan and prioritize our library services over the next five years. Included will be a new



The library's Strategic Plan will help us plan improvements for services and facility upgrades.

mission statement and goals that aim to continue those services the public appreciates and improve in areas wherever possible.

Look for more information about the Strategic Plan later this spring.

Monthly Programs for Investors and Job Seekers

Today's economy has many people looking closely at their careers and investment choices. The library has two regular programs that provide guidance and strategies for job seekers and personal investors.

The library's monthly *Solution Hour Series* provides fundamentals, facts, truth, and answers to protect your income while building wealth and security for a lasting income! Presented by local

Dollar Scholar Sue Nimchick, each program devotes sixty minutes to answer the topic of the hour. Join us for a no-pressure, high quality hour of information on the following **Tuesday evenings at 6:30: April 29, May 27, June 24.**

Those thinking about a career move will want to attend our monthly resume writing workshops. A representative from Cambridge College of Springfield will review what it takes to write a winning

resume based on what employers are looking for in today's job market. She will also cover how to email resumes and post them on job websites. Participants are encouraged to bring a resume and have it evaluated. Resume workshops are scheduled for the following **Wednesdays at 6:00: April 16, May 21, and June 11.**

Both programs are free and open to new and returning participants.

SHPL READING CIRCLE Book Discussion Titles

- April 14, *Waiting by Ha Jin*
- May 19, *Zorro by Isabel Allende*
- June 30, *The Rule of Four by Caldwell & Thomason*

Meetings take place on Monday evenings at 6:30; books available 3 weeks prior; new members always welcome!

Art in Everyday Life: A Discussion With A Local Author, Artist, & Photographer (April 23rd)

Have you ever wondered where artists find inspiration? Most people can look at an old stone wall and appreciate the craftsmanship, but someone like Robert Frost will pen immortal words such as “Something there is that doesn't love a wall...” that are appreciated forever. What local scenes have served as

inspiration? Join us for panel discussion of “Art in Everyday Life”. Our speakers will include:

Shane Robitaille, author of the poetry book *A Tango With A Thistle*.

Dale Johnston, photographer for the *Town of South Hadley 250th Anniversary* book and

other works.

Anne Mueller, local painter and art instructor who has worked with local themes.

Our program will take place on **Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30** with time for presentations, questions, and exhibits from our panel. Light refreshments will be served.

There's No Better Time to Use Your Library Card

Go online and select your favorite movies, books, and music and then be contacted as they become available to you... Netflix? No, it's the South Hadley Public Library!

Your library card is all-access for all ages. Starting at five years old, anyone can get their first library card. A trip to the library can be a great family outing that brings together different ages and

interests. If a trip isn't convenient, patrons can set up online library accounts to renew and request library materials.

We will hold a **Library Card Sign-Up Drive from April 22 through May 3**. Get your first card, or update your existing library card and be entered to win great raffle prizes! Lost your card or sent it through the washer too

many times—replacement cards will be on the house!

- **FREE DVD's for One Week...**
- **FREE CD's for Three Weeks...**
- **FREE BOOKS for Three Weeks...**

South Hadley Public Library Card.... Priceless.

Get Yours Today!

Youth Programs for Children of All Ages

The winter parties are over but the fun continues in the Youth Services Department. April and May will bring the return of children's craft programs. **Tuesday, April 23rd at 3:00 will be a spring craft and Tuesday, May 6th at 3:30 there will be a Mother's Day craft.** As always there is weekly pre-school Story Time on Thursdays at 10:30AM.

Mark your calendars for this year's summer reading program. **Wild Reads at Your**

Library will run from Monday, June 23rd until Saturday, August 2nd. Some of the program offerings will include a concert with Roger Tincknell, Teaching Creatures “Out of Africa”, Boston Museum of Science “Reptiles” and weekly Bingo. Children from pre-school to high school enjoy participating in the program every summer. By reading throughout the summer children retain more of what they learned during the school year.



The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the library on Monday, May 19 from 12—6:00 for a community blood drive.



Over 170,000 materials were checked out from the library last year—Do you have a library card?—there's no time like now to get one!



Looking for wireless Internet access? Try our connection at the library!



Illusionist Dan Bowen will bring his Family Magic Show to the library during April school vacation: Friday, April 25 at 11:00.