

THE HOTCHKISS LIBRARY OF SHARON

2025 NEWSLETTER



SHARON SUMMER BOOK SIGNING WEEKEND

Friday, August 1 - Sunday, August 3, 2025

The **27th Annual Sharon Summer Book Signing** is bigger and better than ever. Join us on Friday, August 1 from 4:45 to 7:30 pm under the white tent to celebrate libraries and the Freedom to Read. Your ticket grants you access to meet 29 authors, buy their books, and enjoy a delightful selection of hors d'oeuvres and refreshing drinks. Eight festive **dinners** at fabulous homes follow, providing a chance for in-depth conversation with authors.

On Saturday, August 2 the festivities continue with **Page to Plate**, our brand-new, all-day, culinary-literary experience, where books and bites meet. Learn how to prepare amazing recipes, catch cooking demos, and listen to the chefs' stories.

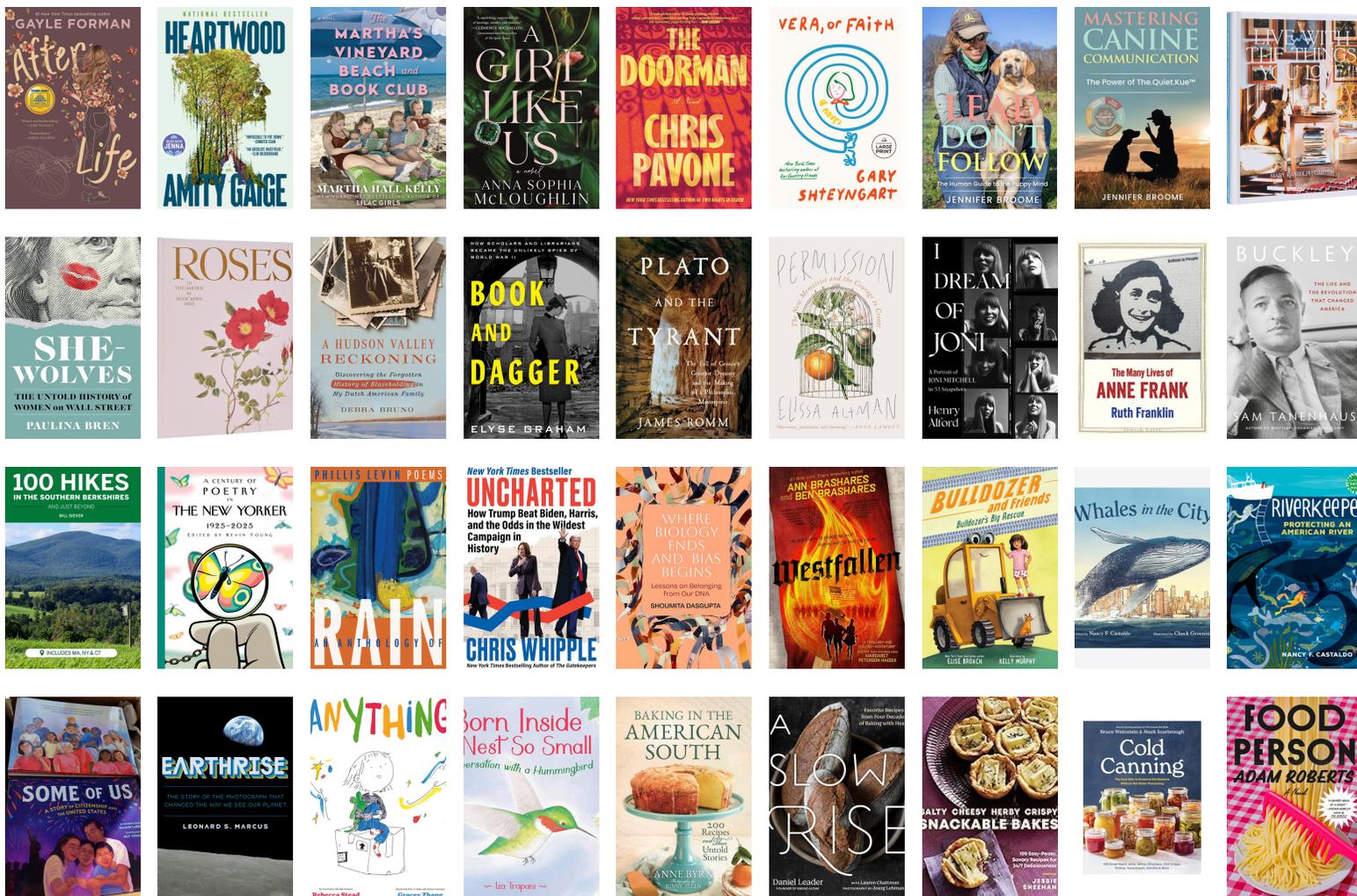
Friday, August 1
Book Signing & Author
Dinners

Saturday, August 2
Cookbooks & Chefs
and
Author Story Time

Sunday, August 3
Bubbles, Books &
Brunch

PARTICIPATING AUTHORS AND THEIR BOOKS

For book descriptions, go to bit.ly/booksigning_2025



TICKETING INFORMATION

FRIDAY EVENING

27th Annual Sharon Summer Book Signing
 Early Admission, 4:45 - 5:30 pm, **\$75**
 General Admission, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, **\$50**
 Pay What You Will, 6:30-7:30 pm
 Children under 12, complimentary
 Author Dinners, **\$250** (includes early admission)

SATURDAY

Page to Plate

Full Plate, all day, **\$75** (includes picnic lunch)
 Morning Session, **\$40**
 Afternoon Session, **\$40**

WEEKEND TICKET, \$125*

(includes early admission on Friday and all day Saturday)
 *excludes Author Dinners and Brunch

SUNDAY

Bubbles, Books & Brunch, **\$175**



PAGE TO PLATE

Where books and bites meet

Saturday, August 2 | 10:00 am-4:30 pm

A Curated Program Celebrating Cookbook Authors & Chefs:

10-11 am	Southern Baking Secrets with Anne Byrn
11 am-12 pm	Sourdough Bread with Daniel Leader
12-1 pm	In Conversation with Chris Morocco
1:30-2:30 pm	Snackable Bakes with Jessie Sheehan
2:30-3:30 pm	Cold Canning with Bruce Weinstein & Mark Scarbrough
3:30-4:30 pm	Cocktails and Conversation with Adam Roberts

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon,

What a pleasure it is to join with you in creating this energized, varied and generous community of readers, writers, thinkers, and doers of all ages who love this Library. I am so grateful to you – patrons, donors, volunteers, staff, Town officials, and Board members – all contributing mightily to realizing our vision as a true Community Hub.

It is gratifying to see so many people of all ages turning out for new and expanded programs and services for children, seniors, and everyone in between. The generosity of so many new and returning Annual Fund donors is heartening, as was the engaged, lively crowd that made our Spring Soiree/Auction such a success. Now, anticipation is building for our signature event – the 27th Annual Book Signing – this year, a three-day weekend - from Friday, August 1st through Sunday, August 3rd. Be sure to check the website for details: hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

Thanks to our collective commitment, innovative ideas, generosity and hard work, you are key players in helping our Library thrive at a time when Federal funding cuts threaten to undermine the historic role that all Libraries play in providing citizens with free access to information, ideas, learning, and other essential services. We are deeply grateful.

Lorna Duphiney Edmundson
President of the Board of Directors

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Join the Guild! All are welcome.

One great way to support the Hotchkiss Library is by volunteering your time and talent. There are many opportunities to support our mission.

Do you like to roll up your sleeves and get to work?

Help at our Annual Sharon Summer Book Signing
Help set up and clean for one of our many programs

Do you like to bake or cook?

Provide Refreshments for a Library Program

Do you love to read and can't wait for the next big book?

Serve on our Book Selection Committee to make recommendations for our collection

Do you like to garden?

Help us tend our flowers.

Do you have an amazing talent to share or teach?

We are always looking for folks to teach arts, crafts, and more.

Do you like to advocate?

Help the library staff by spreading the word on our good work and the challenges facing the Freedom to Read across the nation. Represent the Library at a community event. Welcome new residents.

Are you passionate about early literacy?

We are looking for someone to oversee our Books for Babies program at Sharon Hospital

For more information: bit.ly/hls_guild

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"Together, we turn pages, open minds, and build a brighter future."

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DONATE TO OUR ANNUAL APPEAL TODAY!**

*"I believe the library is a vital part of the Sharon community all through the year.
I'm a summer resident and I am happy to support this wonderful institution."*



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or scan the QR code

"When I step in the Library it's like a home away from home."

"A superlative central community resource."



YEAR IN REVIEW: JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

3000 books borrowed through interlibrary loan

230
adult programs offered

60 meetings held by area nonprofits
in our Hayes Community Room

32
visits with the Sharon Daycare

1500+
participants
in adult programs

182 kids' programs
at the library

1000 eBooks read by patrons

68

classroom visits
and after school
programs at
Sharon Center
School

1300
audiobooks
streamed

1000+
followers
on Instagram

150
new library
cards issued



KIDS'
SUMMER
READING
PROGRAMS!

Furry Scaly Friends
(all ages welcome)
Saturday July 19
11am-12pm




Pajama Story Time
(all ages welcome)
Tuesday, July 22
6-6:45 pm

Oreo Taste Test
(ages 5 & up)
Friday, July 25
4:00-5:00 pm



Bead Creations
(ages 4 & up)
Wednesday, July 30
4:00-5:00 pm



Author Story Time
with **Rebecca Stead**
Saturday, August 2
10:30 am

ANYTHING




Tiny Paintings
(ages 4 & up)
Wednesday, August 6
3:00-4:00 pm

Summer Reading Finale
Picnic

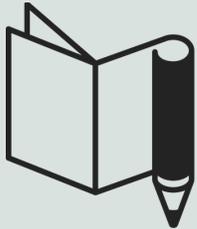


Saturday, August 10 at 11:30 am

please register: hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

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