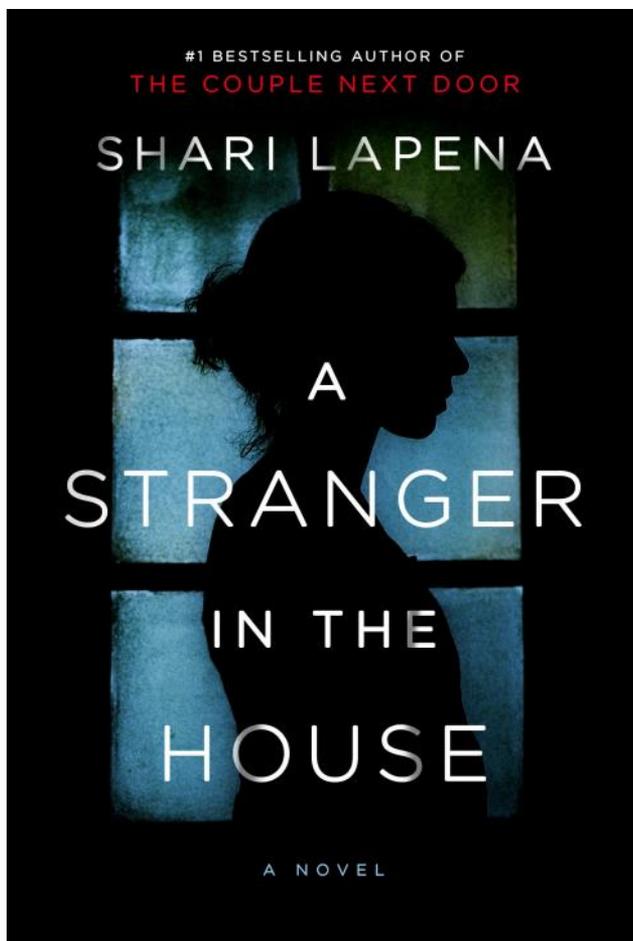


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Welcome to One Book, One Halton Hills

Curiosity, excitement and the desire to understand human motivation: mystery writers use these tools to keep us turning the page. This year, we're thrilled to have best-selling author Shari Lapena join us for One Book, One Halton Hills. She published her debut novel, *Things Go Flying*, in 2008. Now writing in the domestic thriller genre, she has crafted a gripping tale of deceit that escalates until it reaches a final, stunning conclusion.

In *A Stranger in the House*, readers are transported to a quiet, prosperous suburb in upstate New York where nothing is as it appears. Only a few things are for certain – a man is dead, the police have an unlikely suspect, and a housewife is convinced that a stranger can get inside her home.

Now entering our eighth year, this year's One Book promises to be the most suspenseful yet. We've created a series of mystery-themed programs and events to complement this fast-paced page turner. Enjoy this year's program and let us know what you think.



Beverley King
Manager of Community and Adult Services

One Book Programs at a Glance

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A Stranger in the Library

Adult & Teen Escape Room

Starts Tuesday, July 10th

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by Shari Lapena

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About Author Shari Lapena

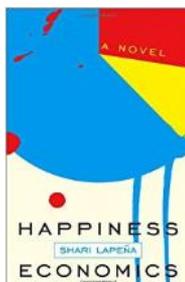
Shari Lapena is a best-selling Canadian novelist. Before turning to her career in writing fiction, she worked as a lawyer and as an English teacher. Her debut novel, *Things Go Flying*, was published in 2008 and was shortlisted as a finalist for the Sunburst Award for Excellence in Canadian Literature of the Fantastic. Her second novel, *Happiness Economics*, was shortlisted for the Leacock Medal for the best in Canadian Literary Humour in 2012.



Ms. Lapena began writing domestic thrillers with the release of her New York Times and international bestselling novel *The Couple Next Door* in 2016, a “nerve-racking unraveling of a family, a chilling tale of deception, duplicity, and unfaithfulness that will keep you breathless until the final shocking twist.”

She followed this entrée to the genre with her second best-selling novel, *A Stranger in the House*, a story of secrets, suspense and hairpin twists and turns.

Her latest novel and third thriller, *An Unwanted Guest*, will be released in August and tells of a winter weekend retreat at a cozy mountain lodge in the Catskills. It is a perfect getaway, until a blizzard means no one is leaving, there is no contact with the outside world and two guests turning up dead can't be an accident.



Praise for *A Stranger in the House*

“Lapena keeps the well-developed twists churning, with each a surprise notch in this ever-evolving plot, and she continues this skilful storytelling until the stunning twist at the end.” - *The National Post*

“Delivering yet another absorbing domestic suspense story, Lapena continues the theme of marital secrets, shady pasts and suspicious neighbours, as a seemingly ordinary housewife becomes the prime suspect in a murder case.” - *CultureFly*

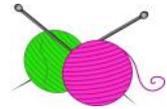
Smart and suspenseful ... you'll never see the ending coming.” - *PureWow*

A Guide to the Mystery Genre

Whodunit. Hard-boiled. Cyber-thriller. Rural Noir. There is a mystery book for every interest! If you are new to the genre or want to expand your reading list, here is a handy HHPL guide to all the different types of mystery, thriller, suspense, and crime fiction books.

Cozy Mysteries

Cozy mysteries feature amateur sleuths who get involved in solving crimes in their villages, towns or neighbourhoods. This genre does not typically detail much violence. The stories often revolve around a profession or a hobby and feature a recurring cast of characters.



Historical Mysteries

These mysteries are set during different eras in history with the time periods vividly depicted. Characters might be amateur sleuths, investigative professionals or fictionalized versions of real people.

Whodunnits

These mysteries generally take place after a crime has been committed. The crime may be investigated by an amateur or a professional who finds the clues to solve the crime and bring the perpetrator to justice.



Police Procedurals

The details of a police investigation are featured in this type of mystery. These mysteries are usually quite suspenseful, with the reader being privy to details about the perpetrator of the crime.



Supernatural Mysteries

These mysteries include paranormal elements and/or creatures. A ghost, witch, vampire, or psychic might as easily be the sleuths or the criminals in the story.

Thrillers

These are action-packed stories that put the protagonist in danger at the outset of the book. The reader is taken on a fast-paced, heart-pounding adventure. Different types of this genre include everything from legal thrillers to techno-thrillers.

Suspense

The suspense genre keeps the reader on the edge-of-the-seat, waiting to find out what will happen next. Suspense novels may include lots of action or psychological involving plot twists and mind games.

Espionage

These mysteries involve spies and counter-spies and can be action-packed or deal more with the intellect of the intelligence game.

Hardboiled Mysteries

Hardboiled fiction usually features a tough private eye or detective following the clues to solve a crime. These books are often gritty and involve violence. The protagonist may be dealing with personal issues outside of the job.

Caper/Heist

These are humorous mysteries that detail the crime that is being committed. There is often a crew of culprits who are not very efficient at carrying off their planned crimes.

Noir Fiction

The atmosphere of a mystery noir can be bleak, and the characters might behave in hopeless or self-destructive ways. These books can be dark, include descriptive violence and justice may not always be served. A currently popular type of noir fiction is Nordic Noir, or Scandinavian crime fiction.

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Crime Writers of Canada

Crime Writers of Canada (CWC) is a national non-profit organization for Canadian mystery and crime writers. We were lucky to have these authors speak at our annual Wines & Spines event on Wednesday, June 20th.



Rick Blechta

Rick is a crime writer who plays music. His seventh novel, *The Fallen One*, has just been released. His fourth novel, *Cemetery of the Nameless*, was an Arthur Ellis finalist for Best Novel in 2006.



Lynn McPherson

Lynn McPherson has worked for the RCMP, ran a small business, and taught English across the globe. She is a debut author who has channelled her lifelong love of adventure and history into her writing.



Ann Shortell

Ann was born in Kingston, Ontario, and raised on legends of John A. Macdonald and of her Celtic ancestors. She wrote *Celtic Knot* in homage to the Irish storytelling tradition.



Jen Danna, writing as Sara Driscoll

A scientist specializing in infectious diseases, Jen Danna works as part of a dynamic research group at a cutting-edge Canadian university. Her true passion lies in indulging her love of the mysterious through her writing.

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Can You Solve the Mystery?



Calling all sleuths: there's a mystery in Halton Hills and we need you to solve it! It starts with a brick from the old McGibbon Hotel but where will it end? What secrets will you find? Where will the mystery take you? Follow the library's Instagram accounts to get the clues.

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A Stranger in the Library Escape Room



The Haunted Hills Historical Society held a meeting in the Local History Room, opened the crypt located beneath the library ... but forgot to close it before they went home! If it's not resealed in time, the ghost of Miss Alberta Glass, the Library's first librarian, will be released. Can you solve all the puzzles and reseat the crypt in time before she's doomed to haunt our library forever?

Starting Tuesday, July 10th

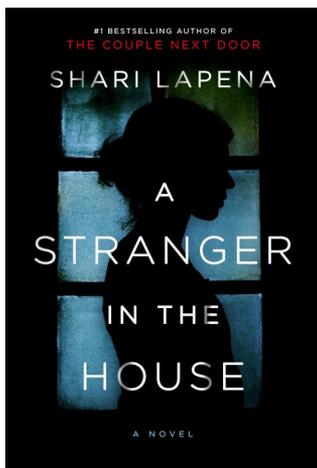
Visit hhpl.on.ca for exact dates and times

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\$15 per group

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Fresh Prints



Dig into new releases at our summer book club. During one month this summer, each group will read and discuss *A Stranger in the House*. Don't forget to visit hhpl.on.ca for additional session dates where we'll read our newest Book Club in a Bag additions. Pre-registration required.

Thursday, July 19th

7:00 pm | Acton Branch

Tuesday, August 21st

7:00 pm | Georgetown Branch

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Board Game Night



Bring friends or family for a fun night of board games at the Library. For this special One Book themed evening, you can play a variety of mystery and suspense-themed board games including Code Names, Scotland Yard and Coup. A cash bar will be available and non-alcoholic refreshments will be provided. Drop-in.

Wednesday, August 29th

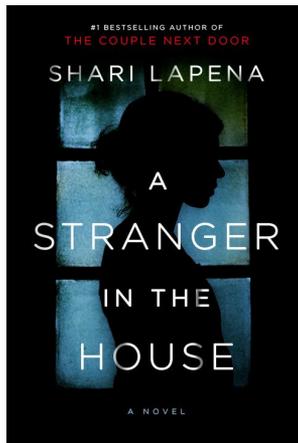
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An Evening with Shari Lapena



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Wednesday, September 19th

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John Elliott Theatre

Tickets \$10 at the Box Office

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Social Media Mystery Challenge



Think you know your mysteries? Library staff have disguised a bunch of popular book, movie and TV series images. Follow us on social media during Ontario Public Library Week and see if you can solve all the mysteries our staff have in store!

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The Adrenaline Experience



Virtual Reality has a suspense all its own! Why not try your hand at defusing a bomb with a team in *Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes*, dodge bullets in *Super Hot* or venture into nightmare mode in *Richie's Plank Experience*—it's more than just walking the plank ... can you handle it?

Saturday, October 13th

10:00 AM

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Murder Mystery Night



There's been a murder at Ravenwood Castle. Channel your inner Sherlock Holmes, put on your masquerade mask and join the mystery. Enjoy a night of drinks and appetizers after hours at the library-turned-Ravenwood Castle. Pre-registration required; limited space available.

Friday, October 26th

7:00 pm

Georgetown Branch

\$20

THANK YOU TO OUR PROGRAMMING PARTNERS

The One Book, One Halton Hills slate of programs is presented with the support of our programming and community partners.

We are thrilled and excited to present a wide variety of events built around the theme of “Mystery and Suspense,” made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Halton Hills Public Library.

It will be a time of intrigue, excitement and unique experiences for our community, as we’ll be featuring our new Virtual Reality system! There will be many mysteries to be solved in some very entertaining ways.

We thank our community partners for their continued support of our One Book, One Halton Hills program. We simply couldn’t do it without you!

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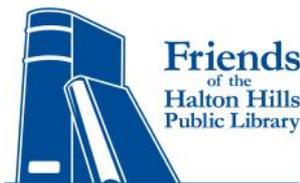
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