Charlton Public Library Newsletter



Special Hours

The Library will be closed on Wednesday, November 11,
Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27.

Friends of the Charlton Library

Call for books! Our Friends sponsored Book Sale room needs a boost! Do you have gently used novels, children's titles your offspring have outgrown, non-fiction stories you're willing to share with others? The Book Sale room has a large bin that will gladly accept your book donations. No textbooks please! We appreciate the support you give us throughout the year.

The Friends next meeting takes place on Tuesday, November 10,
at 3:30 pm in the Community Room. We hope you can join us.

Where are the programs for kids and teens?

We have so much going on that we're sending out *three* newsletters each month: this one which covers our adult programs, another one which covers our youth programs, and a third just with news for teens! If you'd like to change which ones you receive send us an email at charltonlibrary@cwmars.org letting us know which ones you'd like to add or drop and we'll make sure that you're getting the news you want!

November Art Exhibits

Our **Community Room Art Gallery** features the original art quilts of Nancy Rosenberg. Visit the Library anytime during regular hours to view this striking display. Everyone is invited to join us on Thursday, November 5 from 6-7:30 pm to meet Nancy and enjoy some light refreshments in the Community Room. Over the course of more than fifty years Nancy created hundreds of quilts, developing a body of work marked by imagination, craftsmanship, color, and a distinctly personal artistic voice. Her quilts go well beyond traditional patterns, using fabric as a medium for original visual expression.

Our **Front Lobby Art Gallery** features the works of Jim Socki. Now working primarily in Oil Pastels, the majority of his recent compositions explore landscapes executed En Plein Air. His dynamic body of work reflects a lifelong appreciation for the natural world, executed with

technical rigor and an expressive touch.

Interested in exhibiting in either our Front Lobby or Community Room Art Gallery?
2027 dates are filling up fast! Get all the details on the library website here:
https://charltonlibrary.org/art-exhibits-at-the-charlton-library/

Giving Tree

Monday, November 2 - Friday, December 4
Share in the spirit of the holiday season by giving new, unwrapped gifts for children and seniors in need. Grab a tag from our Giving Tree and purchase the item(s) listed. All gifts need to be returned to the Library by Dec. 4. Sponsored by The Boys and Girls Club, the Charlton Senior Center, and the Charlton Public Library.

Seasonal Photobooth

From Monday, November 9 - Friday, December 11 the lower lobby of the library will host a seasonal photobooth with a cozy backdrop and tripod for DIY holiday photos! Whether you want to take a picture solo or with family & friends, you can make this a fun festive experience—free of cost!
Stop in anytime the library is open!

Upcoming Programs for Adults

Play Games
in the Community Meeting Room

Mondays, November 9 and 23 from 12:30 - 2 pm
This afternoon we're playing cribbage! We've got a few boards and decks of cards and we can't wait to play with you! Beginner and experienced cribbage players are welcome.

Mondays, November 2, 16, and 30 from 12:30 - 2 pm
Today we'll play a variety of party games together! Come have fun with us!

Play Games is presented in partnership with the Golden Age Club of Charlton.
No registration is required for these programs.

Writing Seminar Series
November 3 at 6 pm, 20 at 3 pm, 24 at 6 pm, and December 1 at 6 pm

Author Lisa Shea is presenting a four part writing seminar series here!
The November 3 session will cover the basics of writing your book:
how to start, complete, and polish your work.
The November 20 session will discuss getting published and which option is best for your book.
The November 24 session will target online marketing and spreading the work for your project.
The December 1 session will embrace social networking and cover 8 different systems.

Participants are welcome to pick and choose which sessions interest them the most—come to 1 or all 4!
Space is limited and registration is required.

This series is funded by a grant from the Charlton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Register

Gentle Yoga
Saturday, November 7 at 10:30 am

Breathe, stretch, and unwind in this relaxing 60-minute yoga class. Perfect for beginners and experienced yogis alike, this class will blend gentle, mindful movement with calming breathwork and end in a deeply restful savasana. Bring a mat, water bottle and any props (some blocks and knee pads will be available). Led by Erin Anderson, RYT-200 yoga instructor and SEL facilitator.
Registration is required. This program is for adults and teens ages 13 and up.

Register

Dementia Care and Support: A Community Conversation
Tuesday, November 10 at 6 pm

Dementia Care and Support: A Community Conversation will be a presentation on caring, supporting and communicating with someone living with dementia. This will be followed by a question-and-answer period with a panel of community members specializing in financial considerations, clinical management, the role of Adult Protective Services, and day program/ long-term care options.

Most of us know someone with dementia. Many of us are living with it every day, either ourselves, or caring for someone with the disease. Dementia Friendly Charlton is hosting a community program about dementia for those who would like to know more, and those living with this illness who are seeking support and answers to questions.

Dementia Friendly Charlton is a non-profit organization which supports individuals with dementia as well as their families and caregivers. We work to raise awareness and understanding of dementia through educational programs, community events and encouragement of dementia-friendly businesses.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free informational event. Registration is appreciated.

Register

Ballroom Dancing with Bay Path Evening School
Tuesday, November 17 at 6:30 pm in Dexter Hall

We're partnering with Bay Path Evening School to dance the night away!
Join us in beautiful Dexter Hall for an enchanted evening of ballroom dancing.
Everyone is welcome, come alone or bring a partner. No registration is required.

Puzzle Race
Saturday, November 28 at 10:30 am

Can your team complete a jigsaw puzzle faster than your friends and neighbors?

Each team will receive the same 500 piece puzzle provided by the library. The team that finishes first or completes the most before time is called wins! Adults, teens, and families with children aged 8+ are welcome to participate. Registration is required—only one person from each team should register. Teams can have up to six members.

Don't have a team? Email Betsy at perryb@cwmars.org and we'll put together a team of interested folks!

Register

Digital Skills Instruction

Drop-in Tech Help
Local History Room - No registration required
Wednesdays, Nov. 4 & 18 from 9:30 am-12 pm
Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12, 19 from 9:30 am-12 pm
Saturdays, Nov. 7 & 21 from 9:30 am-12:15 pm

Do you have a few quick questions about technology? Would you like to learn how to use apps like Libby or Kanopy? Drop in and and get the specific support you need. If you will need more than 15 minutes of tech help, please make a one-on-one appointment.

One-on-One Tech Help
Local History Room - registration required
Saturdays, Nov. 7 & 21 at 12:30 pm or 1:30 pm

Do you have a more complicated question than we can cover during Drop-in Tech Help? Would you like to learn some basic email or internet skills? Make a one-on-one appointment and get up to 60 minutes of dedicated support.

We cannot assist with setting up a new device; fixing/restoring/repairing a broken or infected device, app, or email account; entering sensitive information for you (e.g., credit card information, social security number, online banking, etc.); keyboarding, typing, or proofreading documents. We cannot provide medical, legal, or business advice or opinions.

Scratch Coding 101 for grades K-6
Thursday, November 5, 1:00-2:30 pm - Dexter Hall - registration required
Scratch is a free, beginner-friendly, block-based visual programming platform from MIT. Kids drag and drop colorful blocks to create interactive stories, games, and animations, making coding fun, intuitive, and accessible. Today we'll cover an introduction to coding in Scratch and code a basic Flappy Bird style game. The Library has Chromebooks for use but participants are welcome to bring their own laptop if they'd like. This class is for kids in grades K-6 only. Registration is required.

Scratch Coding 102 for grades K-6
Thursday, November 5, 3:00-4:30 pm - Dexter Hall - registration required
Scratch is a free, beginner-friendly, block-based visual programming platform from MIT. Kids drag and drop colorful blocks to create interactive stories, games, and animations, making coding fun, intuitive, and accessible. Today we'll cover the basics of coding in Scratch and code a simple maze game and a simple avoid the sprite game. The Library has Chromebooks for use but participants are welcome to bring their own laptop if they'd like. This class is for kids in grades K-6 only. Registration is required.

Roblox Online Safety Workshop for Grades K-6
Thursday, November 5, 6:00-7:30 pm - Dexter Hall - registration required
This 90-minute interactive workshop for kids and caregivers teaches kids how to navigate Roblox safely while giving parents practical tools to support safe online gaming. The Library has Chromebooks for use but participants are welcome to bring their own laptop if they'd like.

Protecting Yourself from Scams & Social Engineering
Saturday, November 7, 1:00-2:15 pm - Community Meeting Room - registration appreciated
Cybersecurity professional Gene Kingsley will be here to talk about protecting yourself from online scams. This presentation will be focused on current threats like romance scams, tech support scams, and government-impersonation fraud, with real-world examples and prevention strategies.

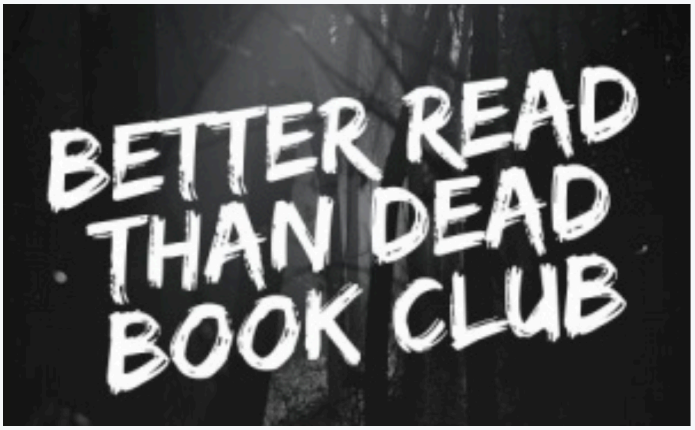
Introduction to Safe AI & Emerging Digital Threats
Saturday, November 14, 1:00-2:15 pm - Community Meeting Room - registration appreciated
Cybersecurity professional Gene Kingsley will be here to talk about using AI safely and protecting yourself from digital threats. This session will cover how to use AI tools securely while understanding new risks.

Navigating the Settings on iPhone and iPad
Wednesday, November 18, 12:30-1:30 pm - Community Meeting Room - registration required
In this class, we explore the Settings app, examining ways to adjust our devices to suit our individual needs. We learn to access important information about our devices, update the software, and customize important features like Do Not Disturb, Face ID, and notifications.

These programs are funded by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute at the MassTech Collaborative under the Municipal Digital Equity Implementation Program. Funding was provided by Massachusetts ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Visit our calendar for dates, times, and registration.

Library Book Groups



Better Read Than Dead Book Club

The Unusual Suspect
by Ben Machell



CPL Book Group

Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter
by Kate Clifford Larson
Thursday, November 12 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 4 at 11 am
in the Community Meeting Room

Books are available for checkout at the adult circulation desk one month prior to discussion.

Read More

in the Community Meeting Room

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Read More

Book Group at the Charlton Senior Center
Wednesday, November 18 at 10:30 am

The Senior Center Book Group meets at the Senior Center at 10:30 am on the second Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome! We will discuss ***White Houses*** by Amy Bloom. Books are available to pick up at the Library one month prior to the discussion date.



Threaded Together Fiber Arts Group
Thursdays from 1-3 pm | Local History Room

Genealogy Group
Thursday, November 5 at 6 PM | Dexter Hall

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
Thursday, November 19 from 6:00-7:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

Death Café
Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 pm | Dexter Hall

SARJ (Saturday Acoustic Roots Jam)
Saturday, November 21 from 12-1:30 pm

CULE (Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble)
Tuesdays, November 3 and 24 at 6 pm | Community Meeting Room
CULE Yule Special Holiday Practice Sessions

Critical Thinking Discussion Group
Friday, November 20 from 1:00-2:00 PM | Community Meeting Room

Visit our Event Calendar for more information on all our Adult programs.



November Movie Matinees
Tuesdays at 1 pm

November 3
Night at the Museum
The night watchman at a museum finds himself face-to-face with a dinosaur, tiny soldiers and Teddy Roosevelt when an ancient curse brings all the exhibits to life at night. 2006. Rated PG. 108 minutes.
Cast: Ben Stiller, Robin Williams, Carla Gugino, Dick Van Dyke, Mickey Rooney

November 10
Pressure
In the tense 72 hours before D-Day, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Captain James Stagg face an impossible choice--launch the most dangerous seaborne invasion in history or risk losing the war altogether. 2026. Rated PG-13. 100 minutes.
Featuring: Andrew Scott, Kerry Condon, Damian Lewis, Brendan Fraser

November 17
Masters of the Universe
A young man on Earth discovers a fabulous secret legacy as the prince of an alien planet, and must recover a magic sword and return home to protect his kingdom. 2026. Rated PG- 13. 140 minutes.
Starring: Alison Brie, Morena Baccarin, Nicholas Galitzine

November 24
The Sheep Detectives
George Hardy, a shepherd who loves his sheep and raises them only for their wool. Every night he reads aloud a murder mystery, pretending his sheep can understand, never suspecting that not only can they understand, but they argue for hours afterwards about whodunnit. When George is found dead under mysterious circumstances, the sheep realize at once that it was a murder and think they know everything about how to go about solving it. 2026. Rated PG. 109 minutes.
Featuring: Nicholas Galitzine, Hugh Jackman, Bryan Cranston

No registration required. Free freshly-popped popcorn!



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