

Charlton Public Library Newsletter



Friends of the Charlton Library

Looking for a good family friendly dining option during school vacation week as well as an opportunity to pay it forward? Red Robin at the Shoppes at Blackstone is the answer! Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up your Red Robin coupon. Present this coupon on Thursday, April 23 when you order and the restaurant will donate 20% of each eligible purchase – both takeout and dine in – to the Friends. We appreciate your support!

Our next meeting takes place on April 14 at 3:30 pm in the Community Room.
We invite you to drop in and meet the group. All are welcome!

Save the date for the Friends' big Spring Book Sale: Saturday, May 9!
Donations may be brought into the Library during open hours from Tuesday, April 21 until Friday, May 8. Materials not accepted include VHS tapes, Readers Digest Condensed books, and encyclopedias.

April Art Exhibit

Our Community Room art gallery features the works of Allison Rainville this month.

Allison has been quilting for nearly 20 years and has rekindled her love of landscape photography over the last several years. Her most recent quilting project has been to create quilts that are inspired by her photography. While others are happy (and dedicated enough) to create detailed recreations of photographs that are nearly indistinguishable from the original, Allison is interested in creating a new work of art that is inspired by – and abstracted from – her photographs. To achieve this, she sometimes uses published patterns to create the quilt, and sometimes she uses established pattern structures (such as bargello) to do so. Other times, she has the photo printed right onto fabric and uses all or part of the original image in the quilt. And still other times, she finds fabrics from the fabric store that give the feeling of a section of the original image, then uses an applique puzzle-piecing method to recreate the image.

Interested in exhibiting in either our Front Lobby or our new Community Room Art Gallery? Get all the details on the library website here: <https://charltonlibrary.org/art-exhibits-at-the-charlton-library/>

Where are the programs for kids and teens?

We have so much going on that we're sending out two newsletters: this one which covers our adult programs and another one which covers our youth programs. If you'd like to change which ones you receive send us an email at charltonlibrary@cwmar.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!

Upcoming Programs for Adults

Play Games in the Community Meeting Room

Monday, April 6 from 12:30 - 2 pm

Today we'll play a variety of party games together! Come have fun with us!

Monday, April 13 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.

Monday, April 27 from 12:30 - 2 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon playing Scrabble! We have boards (and dictionaries) ready and waiting for you to play with us!

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

Using DNA in Family History Research Thursday, April 2 at 6 pm

This beginner-friendly session explains how DNA testing works, why it's useful, and how to make sense of your results—whether you're just starting or already matched with distant cousins. Everyone is welcome, no registration required!

Discovering New England Stone Walls Saturday, April 4 at 11 am in Dexter Hall

Why are we so fascinated with stone walls? Kevin Gardner, author of *The Granite Kiss*, explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways that they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance to the famous New England landscape. Registration is appreciated.

[Register](#)

Do It Yourself Seed Bombs
Tuesday, April 14 at 6 pm and Wednesday, April 15 at 11 am

This month's adult craft is a blooming ballistic: we are making seed bombs! We'll mix clay, seeds, and soil to make various types of portable, giftable, throwable, bits of gardening. For adults and teens ages 13 and up, registration is required.

[Register here for Tuesday, 4/14 at 6 pm](#)

[Register here for Wednesday, 4/15 at 11 am](#)

Talking Book Library Info Session
Wednesday, April 15 at 10:30 am

The Worcester Talking Book Library provides free services to Massachusetts residents of any age who are unable to read standard print due to a permanent or temporary visual, physical, or reading disability. Join Karen Wall, Outreach Librarian, for a presentation on all things Talking Book Library: who they are, what they do, who they serve, and the materials, programs, and services they provide.

Registration is appreciated.

[Register](#)

Learn To Play Ukulele
Saturday, April 18 at 1 pm

Learn how to play the ukulele! No experience necessary. Ukuleles provided or bring your own. Participants will learn about tuning, strumming, fretting and how to play songs. This class is for adults and teens ages 13 and up. Registration is required.

[Register](#)

Drop-In Needle Felting
Tuesday, April 21 at 6 pm and Wednesday, April 29 at 10 am

This time is just for you to drop-in and work on your projects! There will be needles, wool, and pads for use but no formal instruction or project planned. Feel free to bring a project you've already started or use our supplies to bring your ideas to life.

This program is for adults 18 and over due to the nature of the materials being used.

Moving Together: An Intergenerational Music & Movement Experience
Wednesday, April 22 at 10:30 am

In collaboration with Tri-Valley Inc. and Dementia Friendly Charlton

Join Tri-Valley's Behavioral Health Outreach Team for a welcoming, intergenerational program that brings children, adults, and older community members together through music, rhythm, and gentle movement—perfect for school vacation week. This dementia-friendly program is designed to be accessible, inclusive, and joyful, with familiar music, simple movement, and opportunities for meaningful interaction across generations.

No experience is needed—just come as you are and move together.
Registration is appreciated but not required.

[Register](#)

Songwriting Workshop **Thursday, April 23 at 6 pm**

Music gives us space to express ourselves in a way like no other. Songwriting is a tool we can come back to again and again when we need an outlet for our feelings, a space to freely say what we mean, and a canvas to explore life. When you learn the art of songwriting, you learn to find your voice.

Join award-winning songwriter Ash L'Esperance for a songwriting lesson and learn how to hone your song ideas, and craft them into something you'd want to hear your favorite artist sing.

For teens ages 13 and up and adults. Registration is required.

[Register](#)

Puzzle Race **Saturday, April 25 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@cwmar.org and we'll put together a team of interested folks!

[Register](#)

Honey Bee Swarms **Tuesday, April 28 at 6 pm**

Swarms are a healthy and natural part of the bee life cycle.
Beekeeper Dave Wade will talk about what to do if you spot one.

When honey bees outgrow their home half of them and their queen move on to a new home. It is nature's way of building new bee families. Honey bees are useful in pollinating more than half the food that we eat, so who would not want more bees moving into their neighborhood? Honey bees need our help, so if you spot a swarm, report it. A beekeeper can catch it, if it is not way up high out of reach, and give the bees a new home. Registration is appreciated.

[Register](#)

At Home In The World: Reflections of A Travel Addict Thursday, April 30 at 6 pm

Join author Matt Davis as he discusses his childhood inspiration for travel, shares some of his favorite stories and photos from his book, and offers some travel tips.

Colliding with a kangaroo in Australia, navigating Italy's strict dining customs, trying to avoid choking on a popular Japanese confection, and strolling the shores of Israel's Sea of Galilee – these are a few of the hilarious, suspenseful, and introspective highlights of one traveler's international adventures. Featuring over 100 original photos, the book brings to life exotic locations and the author's extraordinary experiences in a way that will make you feel that you're traveling right along with him. Books will be available for purchase and can be personally signed by Matt (\$20 cash or check)
Registration is appreciated.

[Register](#)

Digital Skills Instruction

Drop-in Tech Help

Local History Room - no registration required
Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 28 from 4:30-5:30 pm
Tuesday, April 21 from 3:00-4:00 pm
Saturdays, April 4, 11, 18 from 10 am - noon

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 speak with Charlton Library's Digital Skills Instructor 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
Thursdays, April 2, 9, 30 at 4:30, 5:30, or 6:30 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 with the Charlton Library's Digital Skills Instructor and get up to 60 minutes of dedicated support.

Intro to Zoom

Saturday, April 4 from 1:30-2:30 pm- Local History Room, Registration required

This hands-on workshop is designed to help job seekers feel confident using Zoom for virtual job interviews. Participants will learn how to join and schedule a Zoom meeting, test audio and video, adjust

camera and microphone settings, and use basic tools such as mute/unmute, chat, and screen view options. The session will also cover best practices for professional appearance, lighting, and interview etiquette on Zoom. No prior experience is required—this workshop is ideal for anyone preparing for an online job interview.

Tidying up your Gmail

Tuesday, April 7 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm OR Saturday, April 11 from 1:30 pm-2:30 pm- Local History Room, Registration required

Feeling overwhelmed by files in your Google Drive? This beginner-friendly class will show you how to bring order to your digital storage. Learn how to create and organize folders, move files into the right places, and use color-coding to identify important folders quickly. By the end of the session, you'll have practical strategies to keep your Google Drive neat, easy to navigate, and simple to maintain. Perfect for anyone who wants to save time and find their files faster.

Managing Privacy on your Android

Wednesday, April 8 from 10:00 am-11:30 am- Community Meeting Room, Registration required

This workshop will walk participants through privacy settings on the Chrome browser app and their Android device. Please make sure to bring your Android smartphone with you to the workshop. This is for people ages 60 and up. This Senior Planet from AARP class is being offered through the Senior Planet licensing program.

Managing Privacy on your iPhone

Wednesday, April 8 from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm- Community Meeting Room, Registration required

This workshop will walk participants through privacy settings on the Safari browser app and their iPhone. Please make sure to bring your iPhone with you to the workshop. This is for people ages 60 and up. This Senior Planet from AARP class is being offered through the Senior Planet licensing program.

Staying Safe Online

Friday, April 10, 10-11:30 am - Dexter Hall-registration required

This workshop will walk participants through understanding Phishing, identifying red flags, recognizing suspicious Emails, and recognizing tech support scams. This is for people ages 60 and up. This Senior Planet from AARP class is being offered through the Senior Planet licensing program.

Navigating the Settings on iPhone and iPad

Tuesday, April 14 from 12:30 pm-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.

Intro to Google Calendar

Tuesday, April 14 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm OR Saturday, April 18 from 1:30 pm-2:30 pm- Local History Room, Registration required

New to Google Calendar? This beginner-friendly class will introduce you to the basics of managing your schedule online. Learn how to create events, add details like locations and reminders, and keep track of appointments in one convenient place. We'll also explore helpful features such as color-coding events and viewing your schedule by day, week, or month. Perfect for anyone looking to stay organized and manage their time more effectively using Google Calendar.

Intro to Canva

Tuesday, April 21 from 10:30 am-11:30 am-Local History Room, Registration required

Unlock your creativity and bring your ideas to life with Intro to Canva! This beginner-friendly course is perfect for anyone looking to create stunning visual content without needing graphic design experience. Whether you're a student, small business owner, content creator, or just someone who wants to make eye-catching presentations, social media posts, flyers, or resumes—this course will walk you through the basics of using Canva.

Intro to Libby

Wednesday, April 22 from 10:30 am-11:30 am-Local History Room, Registration required

Discover the joy of reading and listening on the go with Libby, the free, easy-to-use app that connects you to your library's digital collection. This course will guide you through the process of accessing thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines using Libby, available through your local library. Participants will learn how to download and navigate the Libby app, sign in with a library card, borrow and return items, adjust reading and listening settings, and explore advanced features like tags, holds, and syncing across devices. Whether you're a first-time user or looking to make the most of Libby's features, this course will help you enjoy your library anytime, anywhere.

Personalizing Your Device

Wednesday, April 22 from 12:30 pm-1:30 pm- Community Meeting Room, Registration required

In this class, we learn about different ways to customize the iPhone and iPad to suit your preferences better. We'll cover reorganizing our Home Screens, creating folders, changing the appearance of our displays, and changing the image used for the wallpapers and Lock Screens.

Intro to Chat GPT

Friday, April 24 from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm- Local History Room, Registration required

Curious about ChatGPT and what it can do for you? Join us for a hands-on introduction to one of today's most popular AI tools! In this beginner-friendly workshop, you'll learn what ChatGPT is, how it works, and how it can help with everyday tasks like writing, researching, organizing ideas, learning new skills, and more. No technical experience is required—just bring your curiosity and get ready to explore the world of artificial intelligence in a simple, practical way.

Intro to Google Keep

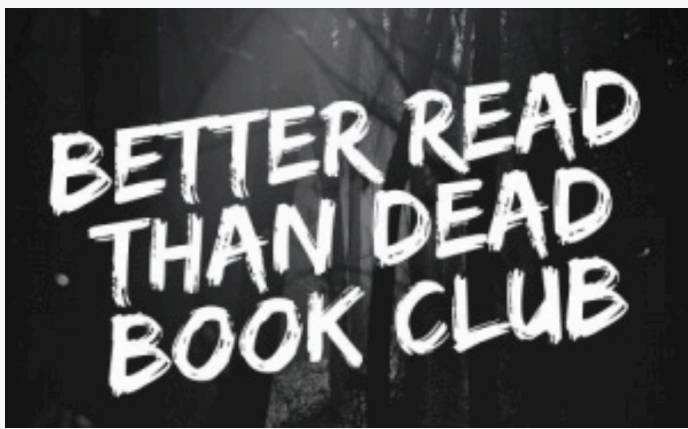
Tuesday, April 28 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm- Local History Room, Registration required

Looking for an easy way to keep track of notes, lists, and reminders? This beginner-friendly class will introduce you to Google Keep, a simple tool for organizing ideas and everyday tasks. Learn how to create notes and checklists, set reminders, add labels, and use color-coding to keep everything organized. Perfect for anyone who wants a quick and convenient way to capture thoughts, plan tasks, and stay organized across their devices.

This series was 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 Devil Behind the Badge
by Rick Jervis

Wednesday, April 1 at 11 am
in the Local History Room

A True Crime monthly meetup!
Books available for checkout at the circulation
desk prior to discussion.

[Read More](#)



CPL Book Group

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride

Thursday, April 9 from 6:00-7:00 pm
in the Community Room

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

[Read More](#)

Book Group at the Charlton Senior Center Wednesday, April 8 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 *Rough Sleepers* by Tracy Kidder. Books are available to pick up at the Library one month prior to the discussion date.



Threaded Together Fiber Arts Group
Thursdays @ 1:00-3:00 PM | Community Meeting Room

Genealogy Group
Thursday, April 2 at 6 PM | Community Meeting Room
see above for information on this month's guest speaker

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
Thursday, April 16 @ 6:00-7:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

Death Café
Thursday, April 16 at 6:00 pm | Dexter Hall

SARJ (Saturday Acoustic Roots Jam)
Saturday, April 18 @ noon-1:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

CULE (Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble)
Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 pm | Community Meeting Room

Critical Thinking Discussion Group
Friday, April 24 @ 1:00-2:00 PM | Community Meeting Room

Visit our [Event Calendar](#) for more information on all our Adult programs.



April Movie Matinees
Tuesdays at 1 pm

April 7
Rental Family

A down-and-out actor living in Tokyo is hired as a token American guy for a Japanese rental-family company, leading him on an unexpected journey of self-discovery through the roles he plays in other people's lives. 2025. Rated PG-13. 110 minutes.

Starring: Brendan Fraser, Takehiro Hira, & Mari Yamamoto

April 14
Song Sung Blue

Lightning and Thunder, a Milwaukee husband and wife Neil Diamond tribute act, experience soaring success and devastating heartbreak in their musical journey together. 2025. Rated PG-13. 133 minutes. Featuring: Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson, & Ella Anderson

April 21

Now You See Me: Now You Don't

A diamond heist reunites retired Horsemen illusionists with new performers Greenblatt, Smith and Sessa as they target dangerous criminals. 2025. Rated PG-13. 112 minutes.

Cast: Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Dave Franco, Isla Fisher, Justice Smith

April 28

Ella McCay

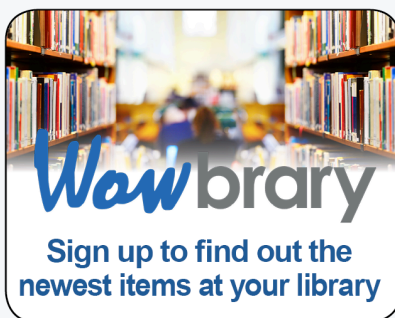
An idealistic young woman juggles her family and work life in a comedy about the people you love and how to survive them. 2025. Rated PG-13. 115 minutes.

Starring: Emma Mackey, Jamie Lee Curtis, Woody Harrelson, Ayo Edebiri, Albert Brooks

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