

# Charlton Public Library Newsletter



## Special Hours

Wednesday, April 16: Open from 10:30 am - 5 pm

Monday, April 21: Closed in observance of Patriots' Day

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## Friends of the Library

April showers may bring May flowers, but the Friends may also play a role in your bountiful and colorful garden this summer. Stop by the Library and check out the variety of vegetable, flower, and herb seeds, courtesy of the Friends of Charlton Public Library.

### Southwick's Zoo Tickets

The Friends have Southwick's Zoo tickets available for sale for \$25. (a savings of \$5. off adult admission). Tickets can be purchased with cash, Venmo, PayPal, or check payable to the Friends of the Charlton Public Library while supplies last at the main circulation desk.

### Yarn Sale

**Saturday, March 29 from 10 am - 2 pm**

Friends of Charlton Public Library will hold a yarn sale with lots of yarn, notions, and patterns, on Saturday, March 29, from 10:00-2:00 in Dexter Hall. Knitters and crafters, feed your obsession and help support Charlton Public Library at the same time! Proceeds go to support Library programming such as Summer Reading, Genealogy & History Programs, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Museum Passes, and more!

**Thanks for your support!**

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## Front Lobby Art Exhibit

This month our art gallery features the work of Nayari Veras.

Interested in exhibiting? Please email [cpldirector@cwmares.org](mailto:cpldirector@cwmares.org)

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## Upcoming Programs

### Adults

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**Spring Foraging**

**Thursday, April 3 at 6 pm**

Join The 3 Foragers as they discuss the edible plants and fungi of spring, with their original photos and recipe ideas featured in an educational slideshow.

As the warmer temperatures and longer days of spring unfold, many tender, young edible shoots, plants, flowers, and even a few fungi awaken a forager's senses and delight. Learn how to identify, sustainably harvest, and prepare the wild foods of spring, from invasive bamboo shoots to the lemony tang of fresh wood sorrel, including some of the early edible fungi of the season. Registration is appreciated.

**Register**



**Art Lecture Series  
Art Colonies of New England  
Saturday, April 5 at 11 am**

Join us for the second of our three-part Art Lecture Series: Art Colonies of New England.

From Old Lyme and Cos Cob in Connecticut to Ogunquit and Monhegan Island in Maine to Gloucester and Provincetown in Massachusetts, New England was a mecca for artists in the late 19th and early 20th century and continues to inspire artistic creativity. Registration is appreciated.

**Register**

**Art Lecture Series:  
American Landscapes Through the Centuries  
Saturday, April 19 at 11 am**

Join us for the third and final of our three-part Art Lecture Series: American Landscapes Through the Centuries. Landscape painting was the first uniquely American art beginning with the Hudson River School artists such as Cole and Kensett. Explore the Luminist paintings of Heade and Lane reflecting the coast of New England. The landscapes of Homer and Bellows illustrate the expressiveness of the late 19th and 20th centuries. Registration is appreciated.

**Register**



**Indoor Seed Starting  
Tuesday, April 15 at 6 pm**

Eric Bromberg from Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens will be here with all the information about starting seeds indoors. There are so many more varieties of vegetables than what the garden centers offer!



We'll show you everything you need to know to take advantage of this. Registration is appreciated but not required.

[Register](#)

**Needle Felted Spring Egg Craft**  
**Tuesday, April 8 at 6 pm**  
**Wednesday, April 9 at 10:30 am**

Join us to learn how to needle felt charming spring eggs this month! The craft is identical each time, two sessions are offered to accomodate different schedules. For adults and teens ages 13 and up. Registration is required.

[Register](#)



**Puzzle Race**  
**Saturday, May 3 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.

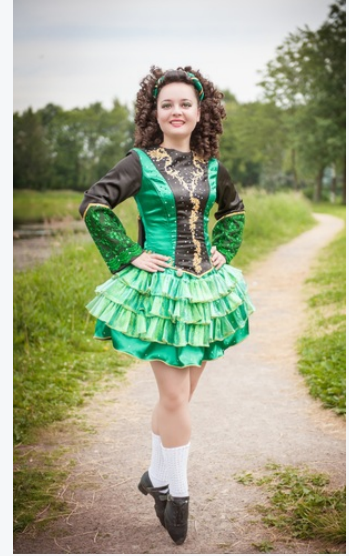
[Register](#)

**Lee Irish Dance Recital**  
**Saturday, May 3 at 1:30 pm**

Join us for a recital by our very own Lee Irish Dancers!

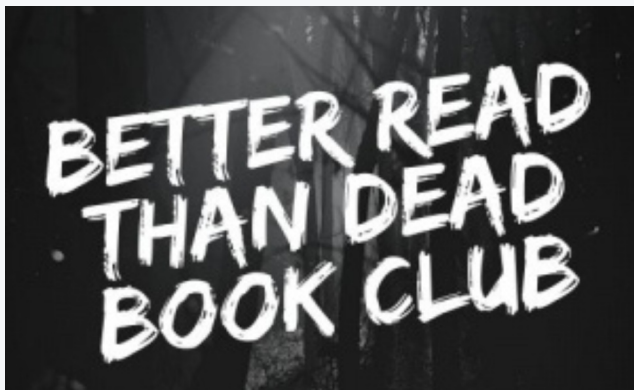
All are welcome!





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## Library Book Groups



### Better Read Than Dead Book Club

***The Most Dangerous Animal of All***  
by Gary Stewart

Wednesday, April 2 from **11:00-12:00**  
Sibley Reading Area

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

[Read More](#)



### CPL Book Group

***The Searcher*** by Tana French  
Thursday, April 10 from **6:00-7:00 pm**  
Community Room and via Zoom

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

[Read More](#)

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# Clubs & Meetups



## **Threaded Together Fiber Arts Group**

Thursdays @ 1:00-3:00 PM | Sibley Reading Area

## **Genealogy Group**

Thursday, April 3 @ 6:00 PM

## **NEW! Current Events & Politics Discussion Group**

Friday, April 11 @ 1:00-3:00 PM | Community Meeting Room

## **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**

Thursday, April 17 @ 6:00-7:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

## **Death Café**

Thursday, April 17 @ 6:00-7:30 PM | Dexter Hall

## **SARJ (Saturday Acoustic Roots Jam)**

Saturday, April 19 @ 12:00-1:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

## **CULE (Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble)**

Thursday, April 24 from 6:00-8:00 PM | Community Meeting Room

## **Critical Thinking Discussion Group**

Friday, April 25 @ 1:00-2:00 PM | Sibley Reading Area

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



# April Movie Matinees

## April 1

### April in Paris

A State Department error sends a chorus girl to Paris as a representative for the American theater. 1952. Not rated. 101 minutes. Starring Doris Day, Ray Bolger, Claude Dauphin, Eve Miller, and George Givot.

## April 8

### Enchanted April

Four Englishwomen rent a country villa in Italy to escape their stagnant lives. 1992. Rated PG. 90 minutes. Featuring Josie Lawrence, Miranda Richardson, Joan Plowright, Polly Walker, and Alfred Molina.

## April 15

### September 5

During the 1972 Munich Olympics, an American sports broadcasting crew finds itself thrust into covering the hostage crisis involving Israeli athletes. 2024. Rated R. 91 minutes. Starring Zinedine Soualem, Peter Sarsgaard, John Magaro, and Ben Chaplin.

## April 22

### The Martian

A lone astronaut is left behind on the hostile surface of Mars after an exploratory mission goes awry, and must use his ingenuity to create a habitat where he can survive. Meanwhile, his crewmates and a team of scientists work to rescue him, in defiance of NASA protocol. 2015. Rated PG-13. 141 minutes. Featuring Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kristen Wiig, Kate Mara, and Jeff Daniels.

## Space Movie Marathon

We're participating in Massachusetts Space Week this week! Join us Tuesday, April 22, for a whole day of our favorite space movies!

10 am- Space Buddies (2009. G. 84 minutes)

11:30 am- Space Jam (1996. PG. 87 minutes)

1 pm- The Martian (2015. PG-13. 141 minutes)

4 pm- Muppets From Space (1999. G. 88 minutes)

6 pm- Spaceballs (1987. PG. 96 minutes)

## April 29

### A Complete Unknown

A young Bob Dylan shakes up the folk music scene when he plugs in his electric guitar at the Newport Folk Festival in 1965. 2024. Rated R. 140 minutes. Starring Timothée Chalamet, Edward Norton, Elle Fanning, Monica Barbaro, and Nick Offerman.

No registration required. Free freshly-popped popcorn!

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# Littles

(Birth - 5)

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## Storytime Schedule

**Spring 1 Session: March 24 - April 18**

### **Baby Storytime**

Ages 0-12 months ONLY | Wednesdays @ 10:00-10:45 am

*(Baby Storytime will not be held on Wednesday, April 16. There will be a Baby Open Play session on Monday, April 14.)*

### **\*Tiny Tots Storytime**

Ages 0-2.5 years | Tuesdays @ 10:00-10:45 am

Siblings welcome.

### **\*Preschool Storytime**

Ages 3-5 years | Fridays @ 10:00-10:45 am

Siblings welcome.

\*These programs are ticketed (first come, first served). Please visit the [Storytime page](#) on our website for more information.

This calendar is subject to change due to weather or staff absence. Please check the online calendar before coming: [www.charltonlibrary.org](http://www.charltonlibrary.org)

**Storytime Information**

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## Tiny Tots @ Night - Upcoming Dates

Thursday, March 27 @ 6:00-6:30 pm

Thursday, April 24 @ 6:00-6:30 pm

Thursday, May 22 @ 6:00-6:30 pm

This is an evening version of our Tiny Tots program!

Includes songs, fingerplays, scarves, shakers, music, books & free play!

Registration is required for this program.

Best for babies - age 3.



### Kids Event Calendar

#### Me and My Mini



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Tuesday, April 22 @ 11:00-11:45 am

A 45-minute creative movement group for ages birth through 2.5 with a grown-up led by Katelyn Cramer from Sunflower Movement Therapy. The group is focused on adults and babies spending quality time together, fostering attachment, and baby interacting with others their age. Get groovy to upbeat music with props, instruments, and a story!

Registration is required. Space is limited.

[Register](#)



#### Strega Mama Storytime: Bluey!

Thursday, April 24 @ 10:30-11:30 am

Join Strega Mama for a fun-filled storytime with songs, games, and activities featuring Bluey!

All ages are welcome! Registration is required.

[Register](#)

#### Drop-In Sensory Play!

Saturday, April 26 @ 10:00-11:00 am

Please join us for sensory open play! Your child will have different stations to explore and interact with. Best for ages 4 and up.

[View in Calendar](#)





## Kids & Tweens

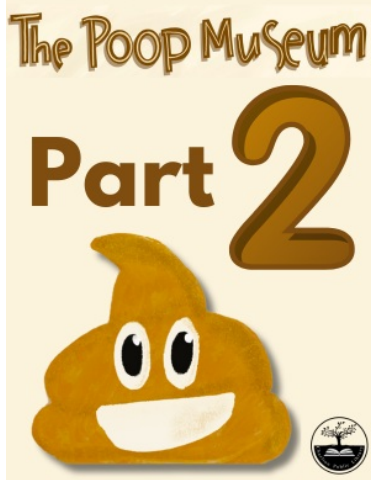
(Ages 6-12)

### The Poop Museum (Part 2!)

Friday, April 25 @ 10:00 am (Vacation Week!)

The Poop Museum is the place to come if you're curious and have questions about poop! At The Poop Museum, children learn many fantastic, fabulous, and fun facts about human, animal, and insect poop, many of which truly amaze and surprise.

All ages are welcome! Registration is required.



## More Programs for Kids in April

Visit our [Kids Event Calendar](#) for registration and more information on our Kids programs.

### Lego Club

Friday, April 4 @ 3:30-4:30 pm

### Fiber Arts Club for Tweens & Teens

Monday, April 14 @ 3:45-4:30 pm

Monday, April 28 @ 3:45-4:30 pm

### Pokemon Club

Tuesday, April 15 @ 4:00-4:30 (Vacation Week)

[REGISTER](#)

### Crafternoon for Kids

Friday, April 18 @ 3:30-4:30 pm

### Doodle Art for Kids & Tweens

Tuesday, April 29 @ 5:30-6:15 pm

[REGISTER](#)

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## April Vacation Week

### Space Movie Marathon

Tuesday, April 22

(Free Popcorn!)

#### Space Buddies (G)

10:00 am-11:30 am

#### Space Jam (PG)

11:30 am-1:00 pm

#### Muppets from Space (G)

4:00-5:30 pm

#### Spaceballs (PG)

6:00-7:45 pm

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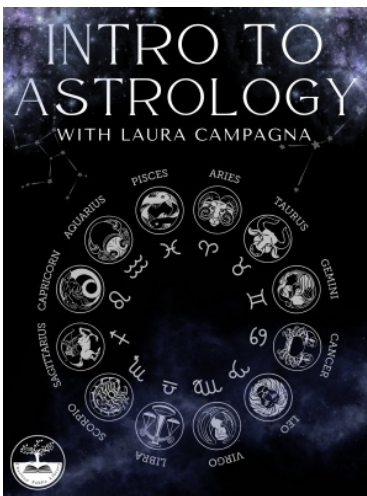
Thursday, April 24 @ 10:00-10:45 am





## Teens

(Ages 12-19)



### Intro to Astrology

Wednesday, April 23 @ 11:00 am-12:30 pm  
(April Vacation Week)

Led by Laura Campagna, this Introduction to Astrology workshop will explore your astrological identity, offering insight into your essential nature.

Adults and teens ages 12+ are welcome to attend. Registration is required.

[Register](#)

## More Programs for Teens in April

### Space Movie Marathon

Tuesday, April 22  
(Free Popcorn!)



**Space Jam (PG)**  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Muppets from Space (G)**  
4:00-5:30 pm

**Spaceballs (PG)**  
6:00-7:45 pm

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### **Fiber Arts Club for Tweens & Teens**

Monday, April 14 @ 3:45-4:30

Monday, April 28 @ 3:45-4:30

### **Need Volunteer Hours?**

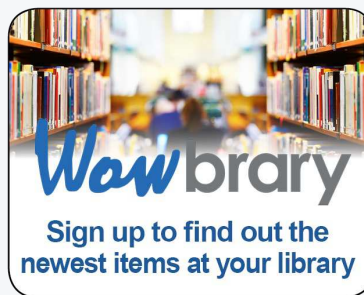
Visit the [Teen Volunteer page](#) on our website for more information.

Click the button below or visit our Teen Event Calendar for registration and more information on our Teen programs.

**Teen Event Calendar**



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