

Charlton Public Library Newsletter



Special Hours

The Library is closed on Saturdays until Saturday, September 6.

Friends of the Library

The next Friends meeting is September 9 at 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Library.

Even though it's the middle of summer, the Friends of Charlton Public Library are busy preparing for Old Home Day on August 31 and the Overlook Fair on October 4. We will be on hand to answer questions about the Friends. Plus, we'll have a few books for sale. Hope you can join us!

Where are the programs for kids and teens?

We're trying something new and 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!

Front Lobby Art Exhibit

This month our art gallery features the work of Jim R. Wilton.

Jim R. Wilton is a versatile artist and photographer known for his eclectic expressions in art. He enjoys painting landscapes and portraits, and photographing lighthouses, sunsets, sunrises and outdoor scenes.

Interested in exhibiting? Please email cpldirector@cwmar.org



Summer Reading is Underway!

June 23 - August 8

Our Summer Reading theme this year is ***Level Up at Your Library!*** There is still time for adults to register at the main circulation desk and get a raffle ticket every day when you check something out! Spin the prize wheel and get a chance at snacks, prizes, or extra tickets!

Upcoming Programs for Adults

Puzzle Race **Tuesday, August 5 at 6 pm**

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

Each team will receive the same 300 piece puzzle provided by the library. The team that finishes first or completes the most before time is called wins!

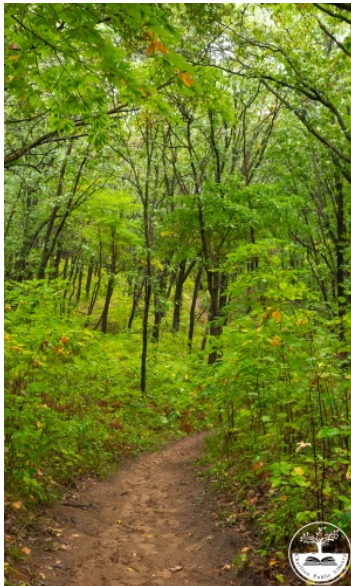
Adults, teens, and families with children aged 8+ are welcome to participate.

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](#)



Exploring the Bay Path **Thursday, August 7 at 6 pm** **in Dexter Hall**

Join Don Duffy for his presentation on the Bay Path, a fascinating tidbit of local history. Some people have heard of the path itself and many know of Bay Path University in Longmeadow or Bay Path Vocational School in Charlton. Few understand the local significance of the Bay Path and its course through Monson, Brimfield, Sturbridge, and the surrounding area.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Charlton Public Library.
Registration is appreciated.

[Register](#)

Wingmasters: The World of Owls **Friday, August 8 at 11 am** **in Dexter Hall**

The Charlton Public Library and Charlton Garden Club are pleased to present Wingmasters: The World of Owls.

Owls are not evil spirits, wise little philosophers or Walt Disney creations. Nor do they wing about carrying messages, despite the way they're depicted in the Harry Potter books. In fact, owls are probably more misunderstood than any other kind of bird. These are hunting birds, yet their sharp beaks and talons are partly hidden under feathers. Owls have more and softer feathers than other birds, and this unique plumage gives them a plump, rounded look. Add an upright posture and huge eyes set in front like ours, and you have what looks irresistibly like a small, bemused person wearing a fur coat. In reality, owls are superbly adapted nocturnal

hunters. This program shows how owls use their specialized powers of sight, hearing and flight to survive and thrive. A wealth of fact and folklore about these masters of the dark explains the natural and unnatural history of owls. A variety of live owls provides the focus of the presentation.

Registration is required.

This program is for adults and children age 10 and up only.

[Register](#)



**Learn the Witch Dance
Tuesday, August 19 at 6 pm
in Dexter Hall**

Are You ready to Shake Your Bacon with the Southern New England Witch Dancers? This troupe started in 2022 and have been teaching Witch Dancer wannabes all over New England the ORIGINAL choreography by the Wolfshager Hexenbruts of Germany for over 4 years.

You may have seen or heard about their spectacular performance last year at the Sturbridge Harvest Festival on the Sturbridge Common. They will be BACK again for the Sturbridge Harvest Festival 2025! Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes (no flip-flops) and don't forget to bring your brooms!

Registration is required. For adults age 18 and over.

[Register](#)

**Craft: Trinket Dishes and Bookmarks
Tuesday, August 19 at 6 and 6:45 pm
Wednesday, August 20 at 10:30 and 11:15 am**

This month we're crafting with alcohol inks! We'll start by making bookmarks and then we'll decorate trinket dishes.

The trinket dishes and bookmarks will need to be left at the Library for a week while they are dried and sealed. Participants will be notified when their projects are ready to be picked up.

Please note that this craft will be in the Reading Garden due to the odors.

For adults and teens ages 13 and up, registration is required.

Do not wear your favorite clothes in case of splatter!

[Register](#)



**Quick Pickling Workshop
Tuesday, August 26 at 6 pm
in the Community Room**



The folks from Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens will be here to teach us about the Quick Pickling method! Let's learn to make Summer squash, zucchini or cucumber pickles.

All participants will go home with a pint jar of delicious pickles that they make themselves.

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

[Register](#)

Drop-In Tech Help

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 Skill Instructor and get the dedicated support you need. If you will need more than 15 minutes of tech help, please make a one-on-one appointment in person at the library, online, or by calling 508-248-0452.

One-on-One Tech Help

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 30 minutes of dedicated support. Please make a one-on-one appointment in person at the library, online, or by calling 508-248-0452.

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
- Cannot provide medical, legal, and business advice or opinions



[Visit our calendar for dates and times](#)

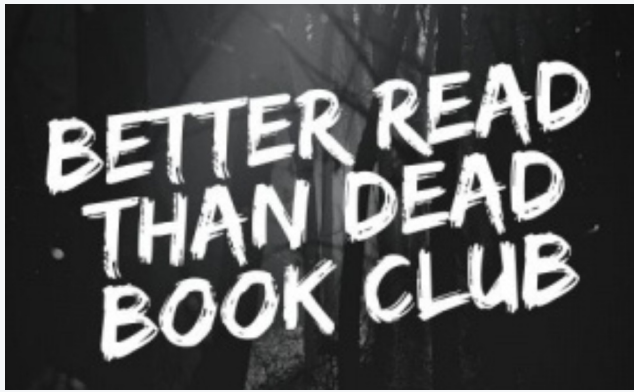


Craft Supply Swap Saturday, September 6 from 10 am - 2 pm in Dexter Hall

Our very popular Craft Supply Swap will be back on Saturday, September 6!

Starting on August 25 we will be collecting arts and crafts materials only (fabrics, yarn, paper, patterns, tools, beads, etc.) We will NOT accept office supply donations (binders, file organizers, etc.) Items must be able to be reused (new or gently used, not expired.) When in doubt, use the best friend rule – would I give this to my best friend? We cannot accept opened liquids such as paints, chemicals and glue.

Library Book Groups



Better Read Than Dead Book Club

no meeting this month

Next meeting:
Wednesday, September 3 at 11 am
The Berman Murders by Doug Kari

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

[Read More](#)



CPL Book Group

The Sea Around Us by Rachel Carson
Thursday, August 14 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](#)

Clubs & Meetups



Threaded Together Fiber Arts Group
Thursdays @ 1:00-3:00 PM | Sibley Reading Area

Genealogy Group
Thursday, August 7 at 6 PM
Exploring the Bay Path with Don Duffy, see description above

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
Thursday, August 21 @ 6:00-7:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

Death Café

Thursday, August 21 @ 6:00-7:30 PM | Dexter Hall

SARJ (Saturday Acoustic Roots Jam)

Off site, email Rich at Cule5632@gmail.com for more information.

CULE (Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble)

Thursday, August 28 from 6:00-8:00 PM | Community Meeting Room

Critical Thinking Discussion Group

Friday, August 22 @ 1:00-2:00 PM | Sibley Reading Area

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



August Movie Matinees Tuesdays at 1 pm

August 5

Thunderbolts

A world without Avengers doesn't mean there's not a group of superheroes. There is a group and they're called the Thunderbolts. 2025. Rated PG-13. Runtime 126 minutes. Starring Florence Pugh, Sebastian Stan, David Harbour, Wyatt Russell, Olga Kurylenko.

August 12

Paddington in Peru

Paddington in Peru follows Paddington and the Brown family as they visit Aunt Lucy in Peru. A thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey through the Amazon rainforest and to the mountain peaks of Peru. 2024. Rated PG. Runtime 106 minutes. Featuring Ben Whishaw, Hugh Bonneville, Emily Mortimer, Antonio Banderas, and Olivia Colman.

August 19

The Ballad of Wallis Island

Old tensions resurface when former bandmates who were former lovers reunite for a private show at the island home of an eccentric millionaire. As tempers flare and old tensions resurface, the stormy weather traps them all on the island. 2025. Rated PG-13. Runtime 99 minutes. Starring Tom Basden, Tim Key, Sian Clifford, Akemnji Ndifornyen, and Carey Mulligan.

August 26

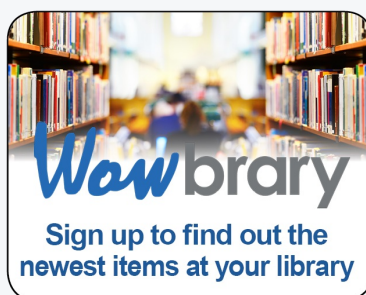
Drop

When a normal drop goes horribly wrong, a young man finds himself on the run from a mysterious woman. 2025. Rated PG-13. Runtime 100 minutes. Featuring Meghann Fahy, Brandon Sklenar, Violet Beane, Jacob Robinson, and Jeffery Self.

Digital Resources



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