

Charlton Public Library Newsletter



Special Hours

The library will open at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, June 17.
The library will be closed Friday, June 19.
The library is closed Saturdays until Saturday, Sept. 12.

Friends of the Charlton Library

The Friends of Charlton Public Library invite you to its next meeting on June 9 at 3:30 pm when we recap our successful year. After a quick summer break, we resume activity and shift into planning mode for our Trivia Night. Wouldn't you like to be part of the fun?

Summer Reading Starts June 22

This year's theme is Plant a Seed, Read! Summer Reading starts on Monday, June 22 and ends on Friday, August 7. Everyone is invited to visit the Library, check out items to read, and win prizes!

Where are the programs for kids and teens?

We have so much going on that we're sending out two newsletters each month: 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@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!

June Art Exhibit

Our Community Room art gallery features the works of **Pete and Linda Spencer** this month. Visit the Community Room during regular Library hours all month long to visit the exhibit.

Join us for a reception on Tuesday, June 23 from 6-7:30 pm to view the art, meet the artists, and enjoy some light refreshments. Everyone is welcome, no registration is required.

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/>

Upcoming Programs for Adults

Revolutionary Fashion Tuesday, June 2 at 6 pm

Join us as living history interpreter Audrey Stuck-Girard brings the world of Revolutionary-era fashion to life through her unique blend of historical research and theatrical craftsmanship. Drawing on her background in theatrical design, clothing construction, and hairdressing, Audrey will speak at length on the hair, wigs, and fashion of the New England American Revolution period. Registration is appreciated.

[Register](#)

Military Uniform Display in Honor of America's 250th Celebration

In honor of America's 250th birthday, the Charlton Public Library will be displaying military uniforms of both a continental soldier and its more modern counterpart. All are welcome to stop in the Library during open hours to view this tribute to our shared history starting June 4th.

Play Games in the Community Meeting Room

Mondays, June 8 and 22 from 12:30 - 2 pm

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

Mondays, June 1, 15, and 29 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.

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

Puzzle Race Thursday, June 4 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@cwmares.org and we'll put together a team of interested folks!

[Register](#)

How to do Genealogy Without Breaking the Bank **Thursday, June 4 at 6 pm**

We will have genealogist Sara Campbell as a virtual guest speaker on How to do Genealogy Without Breaking the Bank. The number of genealogy websites, organizations, and publications can be daunting. This session explores techniques to save money on subscriptions and genealogy education. Learn how to find free resources, how to take advantage of trial memberships, and how to target your genealogy dollars. The Charlton Library Genealogy Group is a friendly group of people who share an interest in genealogy. We meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month from 6-7:30 in the Community Meeting Room. Meetings will alternate between general discussion topics and guest presenters. The meetings are free and open to the public.

New England Hiking **Tuesday, June 9 at 6 pm**

Join author Jeff Romano for a slideshow presentation highlighting hiking opportunities throughout New England. The program will cover destinations in all six states with a focus on itineraries featured in his latest guidebook, an updated edition to 100 Classic Hikes New England (June 2023). Jeff will share advice, provide insights, and answer questions on how and where to plan your next hiking adventure. The presentation will also include information on New England wildflowers, birds, wildlife, history, and conservation success stories. Registration is appreciated.

[Register](#)

Diamond Art Craft **Tuesday, June 9 at 6 pm and Wednesday, June 10 at 11 am**

This month's adult craft is an introduction to Diamond Art! Diamond Art is similar to paint-by-numbers, where participants apply tiny, faceted resin "diamonds" onto a numbered, adhesive canvas. We will be starting small, with one-sided magnetic flowers. For adults and teens ages 13 and up, registration is required.

[Register for June 9 at 6 pm](#)

[Register for June 10 at 11 am](#)

Author Talk: Walter Hersee **Tuesday, June 16 at 6 pm**

Walter J. Hersee is a historian, writer, and photographer based in Sturbridge. His book, ***To Defend All That Is Dear***, documents for the first time the full service of every known Sturbridge soldier of the American Revolution. He believes that "An unexpected benefit of this research was demonstrating how

modern tools—many unavailable even a few years ago—can uncover forgotten service and correct long-standing assumptions. Our town's Honor Roll had not been updated since the 1880s, and many believed no changes were possible. That belief has been proven wrong." Registration is appreciated.

[Register](#)

Calligraphy That Inspired a Nation Tuesday, June 23 at 6 pm

Who was the calligrapher that wrote the Declaration of Independence? How did they write during the American Revolution? What tools did they use? What lettering style? Can I write like they did? We will explore these questions and more in this hands-on 90-minute program with calligrapher Debby Reelitz.

Participants will get the opportunity to write in script, use a dip nib and ink and scribe a line from the Declaration of Independence. For adults and teens ages 13 and up, registration is required.

[Register](#)

Gentle Yoga Thursday, June 25 at 6 pm

Gentle Flow Yoga – All Levels Welcome! 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 available). Led by Erin Anderson – RYT-200 yoga instructor and SEL facilitator. Registration is required. This program is for adult and teens ages 13 and up.

[Register](#)

Digital Skills Instruction

Drop-in Tech Help

Teen Space - no registration required
Tuesdays, June 2, 9, and 16: 4:30-5:30 pm
Tuesday, June 30: 3:30-6:00 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 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
Wednesday, June 24 at 3 or 4 pm
Thursdays, June 4, 11, and 25 at 4 or 5 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.

Learn Microsoft Word Basics - Local History Room - Registration required

Monday, June 1 at 1:00 pm

Join us today to learn about Microsoft Word! We'll start at the very beginning and walk you through all the basics like: Opening, editing, and saving a file, changing text style (font, color, size, etc.), keyboard shortcuts, inserting an image, link, or non-standard text/symbols, adding a comment, finding text in a document, and using numbering and bullets

Hotspots 101 - Local History Room - Registration required

Tuesday, June 2 at 6:00 pm OR Thursday, June 4 at 6:00 pm

Need internet access on the go? Join us to learn how to borrow and use a mobile hotspot from the Charlton Public Library. This quick, beginner-friendly workshop will walk you through how hotspots work, how to connect your devices, and tips for using them while traveling or at home. We'll also cover borrowing guidelines and hotspot consideration. Perfect for anyone looking to stay connected—no tech experience needed!

Learn How to Host a Zoom Meeting - Community Meeting Room - Registration Required

Monday, June 8 at 10:30 am

Are you interested in hosting a Zoom meeting but don't know where to start? In this class, we'll walk through the basics of hosting a Zoom meeting and demonstrate the features available with a basic, free Zoom account. This class is for folks age 60 and up. *This Senior Planet from AARP class is being offered through the Senior Planet licensing program.*

Learn Microsoft Word Advanced Skills - Local History Room - Registration Required

Monday, June 8 at 1:00 pm

Join us today to learn some advanced skills to use in Microsoft Word! We'll cover: Advanced formatting, Image formatting, Tables, Mail merge, Tracking changes, and Using links and bookmarks within a file.

Getting started with Amazon - Local History Room- Registration required

Tuesday, June 9 at 6:00 pm OR Thursday, June 11 at 6:00 pm

Curious about shopping online but not sure where to begin? This beginner-friendly workshop will introduce you to the basics of using Amazon to browse, compare, and purchase items with confidence. You'll learn how to create an account, search for products, read reviews, spot good deals, and avoid common scams. We'll also explore helpful features like wish lists and Subscribe & Save.

Taking & Organizing Photos - Dexter Hall - Registration required

Thursday, June 11 at 12:30 pm

In this class, we dive into the Camera app on the iPhone, exploring different features of the camera and adjustments that can be made for taking pictures in different settings. We also go into Photos and discuss organizing photos into albums.

Outdoor Adventure Apps - Dexter Hall - Registration required

Monday, June 15 at 12:30 pm

Join us for a lecture presentation that will discuss a brief overview of a few popular mobile apps for outdoor enthusiasts. Please note that this will not cover step-by-step instructions for how to use any of the apps. This is for people ages 60 and up. *This Senior Planet from AARP class is being offered through the Senior Planet licensing program.*

Learn Adobe Acrobat Basics - Local History Room - Registration required

Monday, June 15 at 1:00 pm

Today, we'll be walking you through the basics of using Adobe Acrobat. We'll cover: Creating a PDF from a Word file or image, Creating one PDF from multiple files, Adding, reordering, and removing pages, Editing, Adding and removing comments, and Exporting a PDF to a different file type.

Save it Smart!- Local History Room, Registration required

Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, June 24 at 10:30 am, OR Thursday, June 25 at 6:00 pm
Confused about saving files, photos, or important information on your device? This beginner-friendly workshop will teach you simple and practical ways to save, organize, and access your digital content. Learn the difference between downloading and saving, how to take screenshots, what a PDF is, and how to choose between cloud storage and device storage.

How to Video Chat With Zoom - Community Meeting Room, Registration required

Monday, June 22 at 10:30 am

This is a hands-on workshop in which participants will explore joining a Zoom meeting and using meeting controls as participants (not hosts) of the meeting. If you've been curious about using Zoom, this class is for you! This workshop is for people aged 60 and up. *This Senior Planet from AARP class is being offered through the Senior Planet licensing program.*

Basic Adobe Lightroom Classic - Local History Room, Registration required

Monday, June 22 at 1:00 pm

Lightroom Classic is a software program by Adobe that allows you to view, manage, and edit digital photographs. Sample skills to be covered: Understanding the screen elements, managing a photo library, using histograms, Basic presets – quick editing, editing photos, All-over edits, cropping and aligning, and basic masking (editing part of a photo).

Taking and Editing Videos - Community Meeting Room, Registration required

Wednesday, June 24 at 12:30 pm

In this class, we learn to use the Camera app to take videos. We explore settings that can be changed to adjust video quality and discuss how to take different types of videos on the iPhone. We also go into Photos to learn to edit videos.

Intro to Canva - Local History Room, Registration required

Tuesday, June 30 at 2:30 pm

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.

Digital Art for Beginners: Exploring the Procreate App - Community Meeting Room, Registration required

Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 pm

In this class, we cover the basics of creating art in Procreate, the most popular digital art app for the iPad. We cover various features in the app, such as using different brushes, blending colors, and importing photos to work from. This class is for adults ages 18 and up. Check our August calendar for classes for kids and teens.

Setting Up a Gmail Account - Local History Room, Registration required

Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 pm

New to email or need help getting started? In this beginner-friendly workshop, you'll learn how to create your own Gmail account using Google. We'll guide you step-by-step through the sign-up process, choosing a secure password, and understanding the basics of sending, receiving, and organizing emails. You'll also learn helpful tips for staying safe online and managing your inbox with confidence. No prior experience is needed—just bring your curiosity!

Business Setup & Digital Foundations - Dexter Hall, Registration required

Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 pm

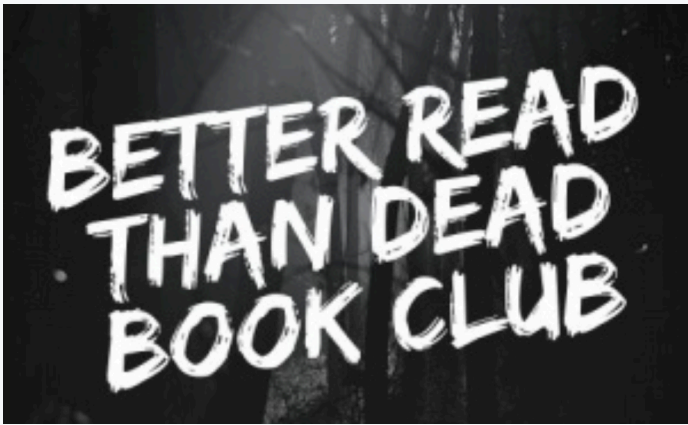
This is the first part of a six-part beginner-friendly workshop series designed to help small business owners and entrepreneurs build a professional, safe, and effective digital presence. Participants will learn practical digital skills, including branding, websites, AI tools, online visibility, cybersecurity

awareness, and social media integration. Learn the essential first steps of establishing a professional business presence online. Topics include: Business entity basics (sole proprietor, LLC, corporation), choosing a business name, Domain name research and availability, Trademark and licensing lookup resources, username and social media handle consistency, Password safety and account protection, and Common online scams targeting small businesses.

**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 Disquieting Death of Emma Gill
by Marcia Biederman

Wednesday, June 3 at 11 am
in the Local History Room

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

[Read More](#)



CPL Book Group

Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead
by Olga Tokarczuk

Thursday, June 11 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, June 10 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 *Fuzz* by Mary Roach. Books are available to pick up at the Library one month prior to the discussion date.



Discussion Groups and Ongoing Programs

Threaded Together Fiber Arts Group

Thursdays @ 1:00-3:00 PM | Local History Room

Genealogy Group

Thursday, June 4 at 6 PM | Community Meeting Room
Guest speaker, see description above

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, June 18 @ 6:00-7:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

Death Café

Thursday, June 18 at 6:00 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, June 25 at 6 pm | Community Meeting Room

Critical Thinking Discussion Group

Friday, June 26 @ 1:00-2:00 PM | Community Meeting Room

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



June Movie Matinees Tuesdays at 1 pm

June 2

The Birdcage

A gay couple, Armand and Albert, are challenged to play it straight when Armand's son brings home his fiancée---the daughter of an ultraconservative senator. 1996. Rated R. 117 minutes.

Starring: Robin Williams, Nathan Lane, Gene Hackman, Dianne Wiest

June 9

The Eyes of Tammy Faye

Husband and wife duo Tammy Faye and Jim Bakker develop a religious broadcasting network, ushering bright and vivid televangelism into the 1980s. However, rumors of sexual misconduct and poor financial choices stall their meteoric rise, pushing the couple and their messaging into infamy. 2021. Rated PG-13. 126 minutes.

Featuring: Jessica Chastain, Andrew Garfield, Vincent D'Onofrio, Cherry Jones, & Sam Jaeger

June 16

The Patriot

Peaceful farmer Benjamin Martin is driven to lead the Colonial Militia during the American Revolution when a sadistic British officer murders his son. 2000. Rated R. 165 minutes.

Cast: Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger, Joely Richardson, Jason Isaacs, & Chris Cooper

June 23

Hamilton

Presenting the tale of American founding father Alexander Hamilton, this filmed version of the original Broadway smash hit is the story of America then, told by America now. 2020. Rated PG-13. 160 minutes.

Starring: Lin-Manuel Miranda, Leslie Odom Jr., Phillipa Soo, & Jasmine Cephas Jones

June 30

National Treasure

A modern-day fortune hunter races to find an ancient treasure hidden by the Founding Fathers. 2004. Rated PG. 131 minutes.

Starring: Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger, Justin Bartha, Sean Bean, & Jon Voight



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