

Charlton Public Library Newsletter



Special Hours

Monday, May 26: Closed for Memorial Day

We will be open on Saturdays through May 17 and then closed on Saturdays until after Labor Day.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of Charlton Public Library extend sincere thanks to all who donated yarn and yarn-related items, to those who supported the yarn sale, and especially to our member volunteers who ensured the event's success. Stay tuned for another exciting event coming this fall!

The next Friends meeting is May 13 at 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Library.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Where are the programs for kids and teens?

We're trying something new this month and we're sending out two newsletters: this one which covers our adult programs and another one which covers our youth programs. You can update your preferences by clicking the 'Update Profile' link at the bottom of this newsletter.

Front Lobby Art Exhibit

This month our art gallery features pieces submitted to the Charlton Cultural Council Art Show

Interested in exhibiting? Please email cpldirector@cwmmars.org

Upcoming Programs for Adults

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.

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

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!

Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases (including Lyme): Separating Fact from Fiction Tuesday, May 6 at 6 pm

The Charlton Public Library and the Charlton Board of Health will host a presentation by Dr. Stephen Rich, Professor of Microbiology at UMass and Executive Director of the New England Center of Excellence in Vector-borne Diseases (NEWVEC), on tick-borne diseases and how to prevent them. Lyme Disease is the most prevalent infectious disease in Massachusetts and is now considered to be a public health crisis. In addition to Lyme, deer ticks can carry the pathogens which cause Babesiosis, Anaplasmosis, Relapsing Fever and Powassan virus, all of which can be very serious and are on the increase. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! Come learn how you can protect yourself and your family during tick season.





Drop In Needle Felting

Tuesday, May 6 from 6 - 7:30 pm
Thursday, May 8 from 10 - 11:30 am

We've been having so much fun needle felting lately that we're adding this new time 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.

Charlton Cultural Council Art Show Opening Reception Thursday, May 8 at 6 pm

We're so excited to be hosting the Charlton Cultural Council Art Show from May 5-16!

Everyone is invited to the Opening Reception on May 8 at 6 pm in Dexter Hall. You can visit with the artists and enjoy some music and snacks!

Charlton Cultural Council

2025

Annual Art Exhibit
Opening Reception
May 8 at 6 pm



Honeycomb Craft

Friday, May 9 at 10:30 am
Tuesday, May 13 at 6 pm

This month we're celebrating spring and the amazing pollinators that keep our ecosystem thriving with a honeycomb craft!

This program is offered at two different times to accommodate different schedules, the project is the same each time.

For adults and teens age 13 and up; registration is required.

[Register](#)

Charcuterie Brunch Board

Saturday May 10 at 11 am

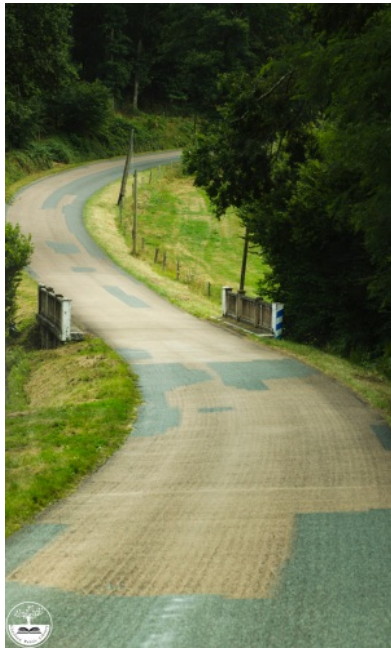
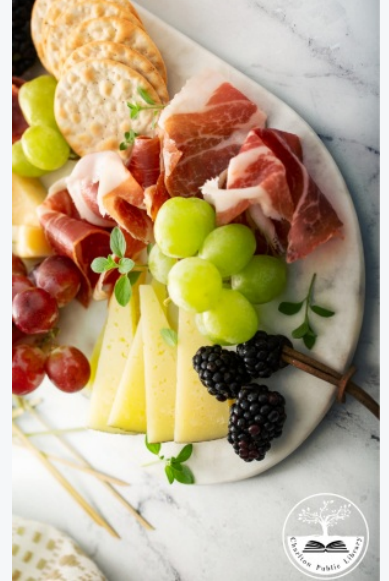


Saturday, May 16 at 11 am

Cherise (from Charcuterie by Cherise) will teach us tips and tricks for creating brunch themed charcuterie boards.

For adults and teens ages 13 and up. This class is limited to 30 participants and requires a non-refundable copay of \$15.00.

Please visit the adult circulation desk to register and pay.



Road Trip 1927

Tuesday, June 3 at 6 pm

Join us for this fascinating presentation by Sturbridge photographer Bob Arnold. Almost a century ago, in 1927, Carey and Maud Melville, Bob's grandparents, made an epic, eight-month-long, 18,000-mile road trip with their three children. Packing everyone into a Ford Model T Touring Car named Hubbub with attached trailer, the Melvilles left their home in Worcester in January, with the objective of traveling the entire periphery of the United States and, as Mrs. Melville noted in one of her many journals, "...finding out-of-the-way places and experiencing the natural wonders the country had to offer."

[Register](#)

Library Book Groups



Better Read Than Dead Book Club

Dark Wire by Joseph Cox



CPL Book Group

Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

Wednesday, May 7 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](#)

Thursday, May 8 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.

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Clubs & Meetups

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

Genealogy Group
Thursday, May 1 @ 6:00 PM

Current Events & Politics Discussion Group
Friday, May 9 @ 1:00-3:00 PM | Community Meeting Room

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
Thursday, May 15 @ 6:00-7:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

Death Café
Thursday, May 15 @ 6:00-7:30 PM | Dexter Hall

SARJ (Saturday Acoustic Roots Jam)
Saturday, May 17 @ 12:00-1:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

CULE (Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble)
Thursday, May 22 from 6:00-8:00 PM | Community Meeting Room

Critical Thinking Discussion Group
Friday, May 23 @ 1:00-2:00 PM | Sibley Reading Area

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



May Movie Matinees Tuesdays at 1 pm

May 6 Flight Risk

In this high-stakes suspense thriller, Academy Award® nominee Mark Wahlberg plays a pilot transporting an Air Marshal accompanying a fugitive to trial. As they cross the Alaskan wilderness, tensions soar and trust is tested, as not everyone on board is who they seem.

2024. Rated R. Runtime 91 minutes. Starring Mark Wahlberg, Michelle Dockery, Topher Grace, Monib Abhat, and Savanah Joeckel.

May 13 Companion

A mysterious death sets off a chain of events for Iris and her friends during a weekend trip to a lakeside estate.

2025. Rated R. Runtime 97 minutes. Featuring Sophie Thatcher, Jack Quaid, Lukas Gage, Megan Suri, and Harvey Guillen.

No movie on May 20

May 27 Love Hurts

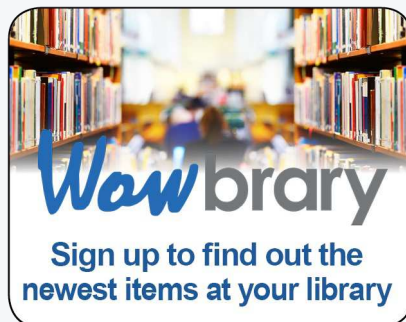
Marvin is a Milwaukee realtor who receives a crimson envelope from Rose, a former partner-in-crime whom he left for dead. He now finds himself thrust back into a world of ruthless hit men and double-crosses that turn his open houses into deadly war zones. Hunted by his brother, a volatile crime lord, Marvin must confront the choices that haunt him and the history he never truly buried. 2025. Not rated. Runtime 92 minutes. Starring Lio Tipton, Ke Huy Quan, Cam Gigandet, Ariana DeBose, and Daniel Wu.

No registration required. Free freshly-popped popcorn!

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