

Charlton Public Library Newsletter



Special Hours

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11; Thursday, Nov. 27; and Friday, Nov. 28

Friends of the Library

The next Friends meeting is Monday, November 10 at 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Library.

Thanks to all who attended our recent Trivia Night! Special thanks to the Charlton Beagle Club and Savers Bank and to all our sponsors who donated raffle prizes and provided monetary support. Proceeds from that evening enable the Friends to continue assisting the Library in fulfilling its mission. We appreciate your continuing support!

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 Hallie Burke Wright.

Artist Statement: When falling ill seven years ago, I was stuck at home for a long and lonely time. While inside, I began to practice doodling and drawing. I missed seeing the world, so began drawing the worlds I've dreamed of and places I wanted to see. I've taken form, design, watercolor, and portrait classes with models during this time. The portrait class was particularly beneficial in helping me to start drawing people.

I am now twenty-one and hoping to continue these works to make more unique and different worlds.

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/>

Giving Tree

Our giving tree will be up on November 1. Share in the spirit of the holiday season by giving new, unwrapped gifts for children and seniors in need. Grab a tag from the tree and purchase the item(s) listed. All gifts need to be returned to the Library by Thursday, December 4.

Sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club, the Charlton Senior Center, and the Charlton Public Library

Upcoming Programs for Adults

Play Games in the Community Meeting Room

Monday, November 3 from 12:30 - 2 pm

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

Monday, November 10 & 24 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, November 17 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.

Folded Book Turkeys Tuesday, November 4 at 6 pm and Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 11 am in the Community Meeting Room

This month's craft will make something old into something new. Participants will be using discarded books to create a turkey! When your turkey is done you can add it to your fall décor or gift it to the host of your next gathering. For adults and teens ages 13 and up, registration is required.

[Register](#)

Genealogy Resources at Worcester Public Library Thursday, November 6 at 6 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Join Alex London, the Local History & Genealogy Librarian at the Worcester Public Library. Alex will share an introduction to Worcester's print/digital genealogy and local history resources and services, which can be accessed both at the Library and remotely. All are welcome.

The Charlton Library Genealogy Group is a friendly group of people who share an interest in genealogy. They meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:30 in the Community Meeting Room. Meetings alternate between general discussion topics and guest presenters. The meetings are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Canva for Small Business Saturday, November 8 at 1:30 pm in the Local History Room Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm in Dexter Hall

Do you own your own business or are thinking of starting one? This hands-on workshop is perfect for small business owners who want to elevate their brand using Canva. Participants will learn how to create stunning, professional visuals for your business—no design experience needed! We'll cover the basics of the platform, how to design social media posts, flyers, and other marketing materials, and tips for staying on-brand and saving time. Walk away with the skills and confidence to design like a pro! Registration is required.

Dementia Care and Support: A Community Conversation
Thursday, November 13 at 6 pm in Dexter Hall

A presentation on caring, supporting, and communicating with someone living with Dementia. After the presentation there will be a Question & Answer panel with experts and community leaders.

Registration is requested but not required. Visit the [Dementia Friendly Charlton website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for more information on local resources.

[Register](#)

Escape from Oz: A Wicked Escape Room
Friday, November 14 from 2:30 - 4:15 pm

We've got something *Wicked* planned for you: an escape room! Participants will work in groups of 1-3 people to escape our study rooms. Teams have 15 minutes to unlock all the locks and get a prize. For adults and teens ages 13 and up. Registration is required.

[Register](#)

Gentle Flow Yoga
Saturday, November 15 at 10 am
in Dexter Hall

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.

Reduce stress • Improve flexibility • Feel your best physically and mentally!

Registration is required. This program is for adults and teens ages 13 and up.

[Register](#)

Drop-In Needle Felting
Tuesday, November 18 at 6 pm in the Local History Room
Wednesday, November 19 at 10 am in the Community Meeting Room

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.

Death Café Speaker: Discussing Organ and Tissue Donation

Thursday, November 20 at 6 pm in Dexter Hall

Kenny Laferriere from New England Donor Services will be presenting on organ and tissue donation. New England Donor Services (NEDS) coordinates organ and tissue donation in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, the eastern counties of Vermont and Bermuda. Through its federally designated organ procurement organization, New England Organ Bank (NEOB), and its centralized tissue donation services operation, NEDS serves thousands of donor families each year who have generously made the choice to donate and honors the decision of those who registered as donors and gave the gift of life. Everyone is welcome, no registration is necessary.

Charcuterie with Cherise Tuesday, November 25 at 6:30 pm in Dexter Hall

Kick off the holiday season with this hands-on workshop! Cherise will walk us through creating personal sized boards while teaching us tips and tricks for curating a charcuterie board!

For adults and teens ages 13 and up. This class is limited to 24 participants and requires a non-refundable copay of \$10.00. Please visit the adult circulation desk to register and pay.

Ballroom Dance Night Tuesday, December 2 at 6 pm in Dexter Hall

We're partnering with Bay Path Evening School to waltz into the holiday season in style! Join us in beautiful Dexter Hall for an enchanted evening of ballroom dancing. Everyone is welcome, come alone or bring a partner. No registration is required.



Book Ornament Craft Thursday, December 4 at 6:00 pm Wednesday, December 10 at 10:30 am

As the year comes to a close we thought it would be fun to make these 'books read' ornaments. It's the perfect way to track all the books you read this year! Enter up to 16 book titles when you register and we will have your book covers printed and ready for you to cut out. All supplies are provided. Registration is required. This craft is for adults and teens ages 13 and up.

We've included this craft here since registration for this event opens and closes earlier than our usual events because staff need time to prepare your book covers.

[Register](#)

Digital Skills Instruction

Drop-In Tech Help

No registration required

Saturdays from 10 am - noon (no drop-in tech help on Nov. 22)

Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm in the Local History Room

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

Registration required

Thursdays Nov. 6 and 13 at 4:30, 5:30, or 6:30 pm in the Local History Room

Saturdays Nov. 15 and 29 at 12:30 and 1:30 pm in the Local History Room

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 60 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

Introduction to Technology Series

Each course will be held twice for increased availability, the content is the same each time, please only register for one session of each course.

Intro to Kanopy

Saturday, November 1 at 1:30 pm

Tuesday, November 4 at 6 pm

Discover a world of free movies, documentaries, and educational videos with this introductory course on Kanopy, the library's streaming app. Learn how to access Kanopy with your library card, browse and search for films, create watchlists, and stream content on your preferred devices. Perfect for movie lovers and lifelong learners alike, this course will help you make the most of your library's digital collection right from the comfort of your home.

Canva for Small Business

Saturday, November 8 at 1:30 pm

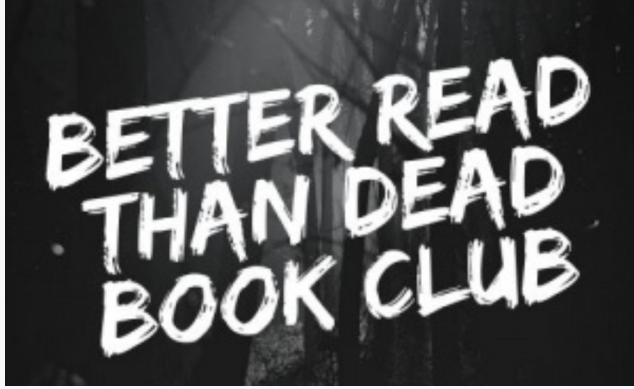
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This series was funded by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute at the MassTech Collaborative under the Municipal Digital Equity Implementation Program. Funding was provided by Massachusetts ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Visit our calendar for dates, times, and registration.

Library Book Groups



Better Read Than Dead Book Club

Hope: A Memoir of Survival in Cleveland
by Amanda Berry and Gina D

Wednesday, November 5 at 11 am
in the 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 Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters
Thursday, November 13 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, November 6 at 6 PM | Community Meeting Room
Guest speaker this month, see description above

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
Thursday, November 20 @ 6:00-7:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

Death Café
Thursday, November 20 at 6 pm | Dexter Hall
Guest speaker this month, see description above

SARJ (Saturday Acoustic Roots Jam)

Saturday, November 15 @ noon-1:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

CULE (Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble)

Thursday, November 20 from 6:00-8:00 PM | Community Meeting Room

Critical Thinking Discussion Group

Friday, November 21 @ 1:00-2:00 PM | Sibley Reading Area

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



November Movie Matinees
Tuesdays at 1 pm

November 4

The Boys in the Boat

The Boys in the Boat is based on the #1 New York Times bestselling non-fiction book written by Daniel James Brown. The film is about the 1936 University of Washington rowing team that competed for gold at the Summer Olympics in Berlin. This inspirational true story follows a group of underdogs at the height of the Great Depression as they are thrust into the spotlight and take on elite rivals from around the world. 2023. Rated PG-13. 123 minutes. Featuring Hadley Robinson, Courtney Henggeler, Joel Edgerton, Callum Turner, and Chris Diamantopoulos.

November 18

The Land of the Lost

The Land of the Lost is a comedy about how discredited scientist Dr. Rick Marshall proves his outrageous theories on time travel are true, but in the process he gets stranded with his partners in a strange world full of unusual creatures. His loyal research assistant, Holly, and a firearms enthusiast, Will, help Marshall attempt to get back home. 2009. Rated PG-13. 92 minutes. Cast includes: Will Ferrell, Anna Friel, Danny McBride, Jorma Taccone, and John Boylan.

November 25

Son In Law

Having gotten a taste of college life, a drastically changed farm girl returns home for Thanksgiving break with her best friend, a flamboyant party animal who is clearly a fish out of water in a small farm town. 1993. Rated PG-13. 95 minutes. Starring: Pauly Shore, Carla Gugino, Lane Smith, Cindy Pickett, and Mason Adams.

No registration required. Free freshly-popped popcorn!

Digital Resources



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