

Charlton Public Library Newsletter



Special Hours

The Library will be closed on Monday, October 13 for Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Friends of the Library

The next Friends meeting is October 14 at 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Library.

Save the date! The Friends' Trivia Night takes place on Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 6 to 8 pm at the Charlton Beagle Club, 103 Bond Road. Test your knowledge, challenge your friends, and win fabulous raffle prizes. Your support helps the Friends fulfill the mission of the Library.

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@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!

Front Lobby Art Exhibit

This month our art gallery features the work of Alecia Barry Underhill.

Statement from the artist:

"As an observer of animals, nature and landscapes, my aim is to capture the light and mood of a scene, to capture the attitude of an animal, and to make the viewer stop and notice something that they might not otherwise see. I paint mostly domestic animals because of the relationship we have with them, the way we put thoughts in their heads and heap personalities on them that may or may not align with the animal's own reality. I hope that when one looks at my paintings of animals, that they get the sense that the animal is studying the viewer just as keenly."

Interested in exhibiting? Please email cpldirector@cwmars.org

Charlton Public Library Charitable Trust Seeking New Member

The Charlton Public Library Charitable Trust is looking for a Charlton resident to fill a 3-year open position on the board. The Trust discusses and votes on spending for library items not covered by the library's budget and that would enhance the programs, collection, or physical space of the building. No special knowledge or skills are required; the time commitment is minimal. Bylaws state at least one meeting is held per year via Zoom or in person, and there could be additional tasks throughout the year. Please reach out to Library Trustee Chair Stefan Sage at sncsage@charter.net if interested.

Upcoming Programs for Adults

Puzzle Race **Saturday, October 4 at 10:30 am in Dexter Hall**

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](#)

Play Cribbage! **Monday, October 6 from 1:30 - 3 pm in the Community Meeting Room**

Join us for a fun afternoon playing cribbage! Beginner and experienced cribbage players welcome. No registration is required.

Medicare Workshop **Tuesday, October 7 at 6 pm in the Community Meeting Room**

Join us for a free Medicare 101 program designed to help simplify a sometimes confusing topic. During this session, you'll learn the fundamentals of Medicare, including how Parts A, B, C, and D work, what they cover, and where gaps may exist. We'll also explain the differences between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage, so you can feel more confident about the choices available to you.

Whether you're already enrolled in Medicare, approaching eligibility, or helping a family member with their decisions, this program will give you the knowledge and tools you need to plan ahead. With 2026 changes on the horizon, it's the perfect time to get clear, up-to-date guidance that will help you understand your options and make informed choices with confidence.

CyberSecurity and You: Learn How to Stay Safe Online **Wednesday, October 8 from 10:30 am - noon In the Community Meeting Room**

Join us for a cyber security class with Art Torres from POST Computer Systems. Viruses, malware, and ransomware have been on the rise. Come to learn techniques and tips to help you avoid losing your valuable information and money to cyber criminals.

We'll cover:

- Passwords—How to create them and keep them safe
- Social Engineering—What is it? How to avoid falling for it.
- Phishing—How it works and how to avoid it.
- Fake emails and websites—How to spot them.
- How do I know if I've been hacked and what to do?

There will be plenty of time for questions!

This program was funded by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute at the MassTech Collaborative under the Municipal Digital Equity Implementation Program. Funding was provided by Massachusetts

[Register](#)

Art Gallery Opening Reception
Thursday, October 9 at 6 pm in the Community Meeting Room

This evening we are hosting a grand-opening celebration for the new gallery space in the Community Room at the Library. The first exhibit to be featured is a group of artists from The Overlook community. Everyone is invited to join us this evening from 6-7:30 pm to admire the art work, enjoy light refreshments, and chat with the artists.

Gentle Flow Yoga
Saturday, October 18 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](#)

Play Scrabble
Monday, October 20 from 1:30 - 3 pm
in the Community Meeting Room

Join us for a fun afternoon playing Scrabble! We have boards (and dictionaries) ready and waiting for you to play with us! Just drop in, no registration required!

Drop-In Needle Felting
Tuesday, October 21 from 6-7:30 pm
Wednesday, October 29 from 10-11:30 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.

Music and Memory:
The Accidental Creation of a 92-year-old Social Media Sensation
Wednesday, October 22 at 2:30 pm in Dexter Hall

Dr. Randi Lebar will present an inspirational talk about the wild ride she has taken with her mother, pianist Elaine Lebar (born in 1928) who went viral on TikTok in 2020 while living in a memory care unit in Buzzards Bay. Specifically focusing on the magic and power of music in dementia, the talk features many videos of Elaine, and also includes lessons Randi learned along the way about finding meaning and joy in their relationship, in spite of her mother's mental decline. The presentation is sure to entertain a wide audience, and it will be especially educational and hopeful for those dealing with a loved one in any stage of cognitive decline.

New England Ghosts and Legends with Jeff Belanger
Thursday, October 23 at 6 pm
in Dexter Hall

This ghostly multi-media program will take you on a journey through the haunts in your backyard, and around the world. Pulling from Jeff's 25 years of research for his books, podcasts, adventures, and the various television shows he's worked on, join one of the nation's premiere storytellers for a trip through the unusual and the unexplained. Registration is required.

[Register](#)

Digital Skills Instruction

Drop-In Tech Help

No registration required

Saturdays from 10 am - noon and Tuesdays 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 at 4:30, 5:30, or 6:30 pm in the Local History Room

No sessions on Oct. 16

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.

Complete descriptions can be found on our [event calendar](#).

Intro to Google Slides - Local History Room - Registration Required

Sat., Oct. 4 from 1:30-2:30 pm & Tues., Oct. 7 from 6:00- 7:00 pm

Intro to Canva- Local History Room- Registration Required

Sat., Oct. 11 from 1:30-2:30 pm & Tues., Oct. 14 from 6:00- 7:00 pm

Intro to the Library Catalog- Local History Room- Reg. Required

Sat., Oct. 18 from 1:30-2:30 pm OR Tues., Oct. 21 from 6:00- 7:00 pm

Intro to Libby- Local History Room- Registration Required

Sat., Oct. 25 from 1:30-2:30 pm OR Tues., Oct. 28 from 6:00- 7:00pm

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

Library Book Groups



Better Read Than Dead Book Club

Long Haul: Hunting the Highway Serial Killers

by Frank Figliuzzi

Wednesday, October 1 at 11 am
in the Sibley Reading Area

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

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CPL Book Group

1984 by George Orwell

Thursday, October 9 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

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, October 16 @ 6:00-7:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

Death Café

No meeting this month

SARJ (Saturday Acoustic Roots Jam)

Saturday, October 18 @ noon-1:30 PM | Community Meeting Room

CULE (Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble)

Thursday, October 23 from 6:00-8:00 PM | Community Meeting Room

Critical Thinking Discussion Group

Friday, October 24 @ 1:00-2:00 PM | Sibley Reading Area

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



**October Movie Matinees
Tuesdays at 1 pm**

October 7

October Sky

Before becoming a NASA engineer, Homer Hickam was a curious high-school student from West Virginia. When Soviet Russia launched the first man-made satellite, Sputnik, in 1957, Homer and his friends began designing their own rockets with dreams of escaping their coal-mining town. 1999. Rated PG. 108 minutes. Featuring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper, Laura Dern, Chris Owen, and William Lee Scott

October 14

Jurassic World Rebirth

Five years after the events of Jurassic World Dominion, covert operations expert Zora Bennett is contracted to lead a skilled team on a top-secret mission to secure genetic material from the world's three most massive dinosaurs. When Zora's operation intersects with a civilian family whose boating expedition was capsized, they all find themselves stranded on an island where they come face-to-face with a sinister, shocking discovery that's been hidden from the world for decades. 2025. Rated PG-13. 134 minutes. Starring: Scarlett Johansson, Mahershala Ali, Jonathan Bailey, Rupert Friend, and Manuel Garcia-Rulfo

October 21

Lilo & Stitch

A live-action reimagining of Disney's 2002 animated classic, "Lilo & Stitch" is the wildly funny and

touching story of a lonely Hawaiian girl and the fugitive alien who helps to mend her broken family. 2025. Rated PG. 108 minutes. Featuring: Maia Kealoha, Chris Sanders, Sydney Agudong, Zach Galifianakis, Billy Magnussen

October 28

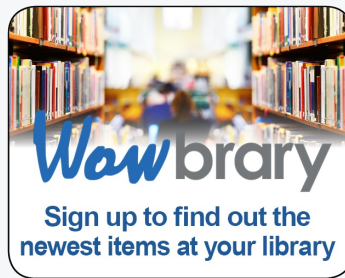
A Haunting In Venice

"A Haunting in Venice" is set in eerie, post-World War II Venice on All Hallows' Eve and is a terrifying mystery featuring the return of the celebrated sleuth, Hercule Poirot. Now retired and living in self-imposed exile in the world's most glamorous city, Poirot reluctantly attends a séance at a decaying, haunted palazzo. When one of the guests is murdered, the detective is thrust into a sinister world of shadows and secrets. 2023. Rated PG-13. 104 minutes. Starring: Kenneth Branagh, Dylan Corbett Bader, Amir El-Masry, Riccardo Scamarcio, and Michelle Yeoh

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