Charlton Public Library

February | 2023



February Schedule Changes

• Monday, February 20: CLOSED ALL DAY (Presidents' Day)

Friends Corner

The Charlton Friends of the Library will be shifting into high gear this spring. We are seeking new and returning members to participate in planning future fundraising and social events. Meetings take place the second Tuesday of the month at 3:30 pm in the Local



History Room. Membership forms can be found at the Circulation Desk and at the Senior Center. Inquiries can be sent

to charltonfriends@gmail.com. We hope to see YOU at an upcoming meeting!

Phyllis Hanlon, President

Programs for Adults



Silver Needles Knit & Crochet Group

Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 - Upstairs Reading Room

Bring your current project and relax with friends while taking in the view in the upstairs reading room. All are welcome, regardless of skill level. Registration is not required.

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Genealogy Group Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 6:00-7:30 - Community Meeting Room - Registration not required.



The Charlton Library Genealogy Group is a friendly group of people who share an interest in genealogy and local history. We meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month to share our research or learn from others. Occasional guest presenters. Tonight will be a general discussion.

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The NOT SO Newlywed Game!

Friday, February 3, 6:30-8:00 - Beagle Club, 103 Bond Rd. Charlton, MA 508-248-5778

We are kicking off Library Lovers' Month (and Valentine's Day) with our special edition of the Newlywed Game...The (NOT SO) Newlywed Game! The inimitable Ms. Deb Coggans will MC this night of laughter and romance (Bob Eubanks eat your heart out!) No registration is required to attend.

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Book Discussion - Lincoln In The Bardo by George Saunders

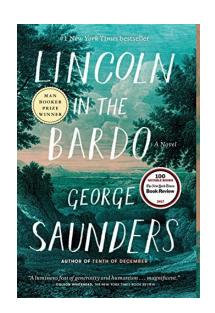
Thursday, February 9, 6:30-7:30 Local History Room (and via Zoom)

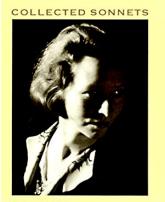
Books are available for checkout at the adult circulation desk one month prior to discussion. All are welcome to join us whether you have read the book or not. The group meets in person in the Local History Room. If you prefer to participate remotely via Zoom, the link is on our event calendar.

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Critical Thinking for the Rest of Us A Different Sort of Book Group

Friday, February 24, 1:00-2:00 Sibley Reading Area (main floor) *Collected Sonnets by Edna St. Vincent Millay*





EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY Intimidated by the so-called "Great Books" and all that critical thinking stuff? Many people are, especially they you go it alone. Join some like-minded friends for a little mental workout to keep your brain in good shape! Copies available at circulation desk. Drop in; no registration required.

Writer Support Group



Monday, February 13, 6:00-7:30 & Saturday, February 25, 12:30-2:00 - Community Room

Get out of the house, away from the screen and come chat with writerly people. A new group forming to discuss the craft of writing, give encouragement, get accountability, break through writer's block, talk about favorite writing resources and the intricacies of the publishing business. Not a critique group. Fiction focused, but all writers 18 and over are welcome. Contact Barbara with any questions: leclerc.barbara@gmail.com

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Needle Felting Workshop with Rachel Benson

Saturday, February 18 - Community Room

<u>2 sessions:</u> 10:00-12:00 & 12:30-2:30 (*Please register for either the 10:00 am OR the 12:30 pm program.*)

Learn the basics of needle felting! Play and experiment with colorful wool roving, learn to shape the wool with your needle, and leave with your own nest of felted barred owls! This program is for those ages 14 and up. <u>Register for 10:00-12:00 >></u>

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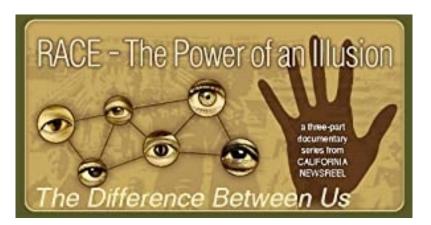
CULE: Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble



Thursday, February 23, 6:00-8:00 - Community Meeting Room

This club is a FREE, fun, low-stress, and entertaining way for adults 18+ to learn music together. You will be guided by experienced musicians who encourage you to find your own level of achievement. Any questions? Email Rich at <u>Cule5632@gmail.com</u>

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Tuesday, February 28, 6:00-7:45 - Community Meeting Room - No registration required.

Join us to view and discuss the first of this three-part PBS documentary series that asks a question so basic it's rarely raised: What is this thing called 'race'? The screenings and discussions are free and open to the public. You can attend any or all of the sessions. Screenings and discussion will be facilitated by educator and local author Michelle Chalmers. Michelle received a BSW from Wheelock College in Boston and an MSW from San Diego State University and is a racial justice educator, facilitator of diversity conversations, and author of the children's books The Skin on My Chin, The Story of METCO, and Vitamin D and Me.

Tuesday, February 28: Part I "The Difference Between Us" examines science (including genetics) that challenges our assumptions that humans can be bundled into three or four groups according to physical traits.

Tuesday, March 7: Part II "The Story We Tell" uncovers roots of race in America, how it was legitimized and adopted, and how it continues to serve to rationalize and justify social inequalities.

Tuesday, March 14: Part III "The House We Live In" uncovers how race resides in politics, economics and culture--not nature--and reveals how social institutions channel resources, status and wealth to white people.

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Programs for All Ages



Community Yoga with Linda Davis

Saturday, February 11, 9:45-10:45 - Dexter Hall - Registration required.

Join local instructor, Linda Davis, for a free monthly community yoga class. All ages and levels are welcome. Children under age 5 must have a caregiver with them at all times. Wear comfortable clothing and please bring your own yoga mat.

Register >>



Join us in Dexter Hall! All are welcome; no registration required.

Now serving popcorn!

February Movie Schedule Tuesdays at 1:00 & 5:00

<u>February 3:</u> TAR starring Cate Blanchette. 2022; R; 2 hrs 38 min.

<u>February 14:</u> **TICKET TO PARADISE** starring George Clooney & Julia Roberts. 2022. PG13; 1 hr 44 min.

<u>February 21:</u> **THE WOMAN KING** starring Viola Davis. 2022; PG13; 2 hrs 15 min.

<u>February 28:</u> **AMSTERDAM** starring Margot Robbie & Christian Bale. 2022; R; 2 hrs 14 min.

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Programs for Kids & Tweens

Boston Bruins PJ Drive!

February 1 - February 28

We are collecting NEW pajamas for kids and



teens. Please click the link below for more information on sizes.

<u>More Info >></u>



Weekly Storytimes

Our Winter I session ends the week of February 13. Weekly storytimes will not be held over February Vacation. Scroll down to see our Vacation programs! Winter II session will begin the week of February 27.

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Young Scientists STEM Classes

6 week session starting Friday, February 3. Register for each week you would like to attend by clicking on each date on our Event Calendar. For ages 3-6.

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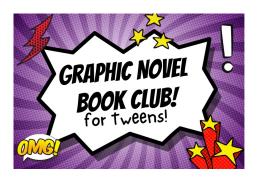


Tiny Tots @ Night

Thursday, February 9, 6:00-6:30 Storytime Room

This is an evening version of our Tiny Tots program. Best for babies - age 3. Registration is required.

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Tween Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, February 14, 5:00-5:30 Storytime Room

We're discussing **Aster and the Accidental Magic** by Thom Pico. Books are available at the Children's Circulation desk. Best for ages 9-13.

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Pumpernickel Puppets: Bugsy & Friends

Tuesday, February 21, 10:30-11:15 - Dexter Hall

Join Bugsy and his Pumpernickel Puppet friends for a musical variety show featuring hand, string, and life-size puppets! Best for ages 3 and older. Registration is not required.

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Mitten Storytime

Wednesday, February 22, 10:30-11:15 Storytime Room

Join Miss Kathy for a special storytime! Best for ages 2-5. Registration is not required.

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Kids Yoga with Linda Davis

Wednesday, February 22, 11:15-12:00 - Dexter Hall

This class is for ages 6-13 years. Bring your own mats. Registration is required.

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Kids Movie: Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

Wednesday, February 22, 1:00 pm - Dexter Hall

Bring your cushions and blankets and settle down to watch a fun movie on the big screen!

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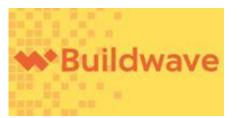


Learn to Draw Cute Animals!

Thursday, February 23, 2:00-2:45 - Storytime Room

If you love to draw and doodle, this program is for you! For ages 6-12. Registration is required.

<u>Register >></u>



Buildwave: A Hands-on Building Game!

Friday, February 24, 1:00-2:00, Community Meeting Room

Buildwave is a creative building program that feels like a video game! For grades K-6. Registration is required and begins on Feb 1.

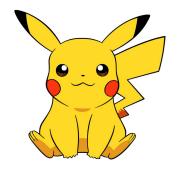
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Lego Club

Every Friday @ 3:00-4:30 - Storytime Room

Join your friends and try out the LEGO challenge or build your own creation with our huge bin of LEGOs!

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Pokemon Club

Monday, February 27, 3:45-4:30 - Community Meeting Room

Do you love all things Pokemon? Join us for Pokemon Club! Enjoy a variety of fun Pokemon activities. Bring your binders! For ages 6-12. Registration is required and begins on February 1.

Register >>

Programs for Teens

Blind Date...



Blind Date with a Book!

Month of February - Teen Space

Don't judge a book by its cover! Check out one of our mystery books, read it, then rate your book and return the slip for a chance to win a prize! Visit the teen space to choose your book! *This is for teens only!!*

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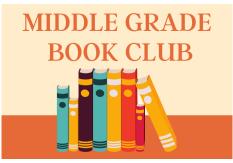


Teen Literary Magazine

Wednesday, February 8, 3:30-4:30 Community Meeting Room

Interested in creating a Literary Magazine for Teens? Earn community service for attending. For Grades 7-12.

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Middle Grade Book Club

Monday, February 13, 4:00-4:30 -Storytime Room

Join us for our next meeting! This month we will discuss **The Greenglass House** by Kate Milford. Books are available at the Children's Circulation desk.

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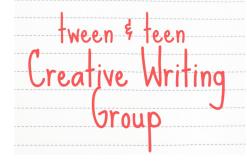
Teen Volunteers

Tuesday, February 14, 5:30-6:30 -Community Meeting Room

Need volunteer hours? Join us to talk about teen programming and volunteer opportunities. For grades 5-12.

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Tween & Teen Writing Group



Wednesday, February 15, 3:30-4:15 -Community Meeting Room

Writing prompts, book discussion, writing basics, etc. Best for ages 9-18.

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Tarot Talk for Teens

Tuesday, February 21, 5:00-7:00 -Community Meeting Room

Learn the basics of tarot card reading with the Tarot Collective. Teens only. Registration is required.

<u>Register >></u>



Open Play with Virtual Reality!

Tuesday, March 7 - (Early Release for grades 5-8) - 1:00-4:00 - Community Meeting Room

One-up Games will bring a variety of nextgen consoles and gaming monitors. Try out all the popular games along with a mixture of classic and retro games. This program is for tweens and teens up to age 18.

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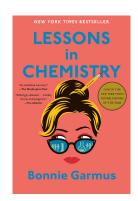
Teen Book Club

Monday, March 6, 4:00-4:30 - Teen Space

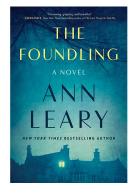
Join us for our first meeting! We're discussing **Heartstoppers Vol. 1** by Alice Oseman. Books will be available at the Adult Circulation Desk.

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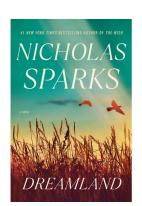




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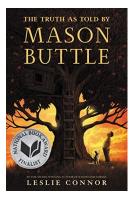
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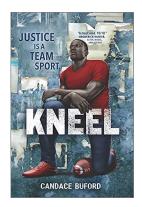
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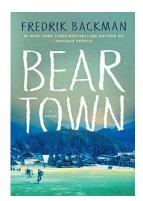
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