



Summer Reading 2022

This year the theme is *"Read Beyond the Beaten Path"* and our program runs June 21 through August 12. We have programs for adults, teens and kids with all kinds of fun prizes and incentives for those who register. In the spirit of the theme, we challenge you to explore authors or subjects that are a little off the beaten path! Stop by and check out our many book displays for ideas...you're sure to find that perfect summer read. Or if road trips are your thing, check out one of our many museum passes. We have something for everyone. See you at the Library!

Cheers,
Karen Wall, Library Director

Closed days

Monday, July 4 - In observance of Independence Day



Did you know that Charlton Public Library has a Library of *Things*? Our Library of Things includes items like ukuleles, an outdoor projector/screen, an ice cream maker, a badminton set, a bocce set, a disc golf set, and a metal detector among other things. The Children's Library of Things includes fishing poles, binoculars (great for birdwatching!), a microscope, karaoke machine, and STEAM kits.

Don't miss these great programs sponsored by the Charlton Cultural Council!



One World: A Story, Song and Hands-on Musical Instrument Experience

**Friday, July 15, 2:00-3:30 - Dexter Hall
Auditorium**

Acclaimed storyteller/musician John Porcino will take folks on a whirlwind tour around the world. We will travel beyond the beaten path as he tells funny and moving stories from many of the world's people and plays fascinating and beautiful musical instruments from many of the places they come from. Participants will be invited to try out the instruments at the end of the show! Since 1983 John has been weaving stories, songs and music that celebrate the magic of reading a good book, tickle life's funny bone, touch the heart and give a little boost to our hero's journey. This ALL-AGES show is brought to you by the Charlton Public Library and the Charlton Senior Center. Registration is not required. *Supported in part by a grant from the Charlton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.*



Music Through The Decades with David Polansky

**Thursday, July 28, 6:30 - Dexter Hall
Auditorium**

The Norman Rockwell Museum commissioned David Polansky to develop "Music Through the Decades", a fun-filled hour in which you will learn how the last 100+ years of American and world history have inspired so many of the

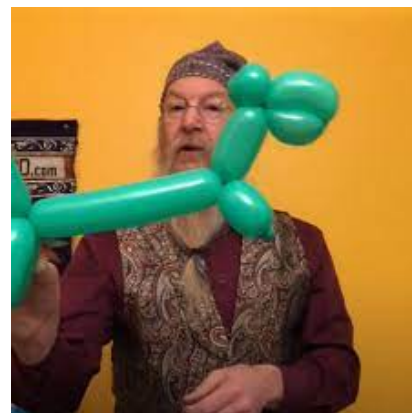
songs we love. Using keyboard, trumpet and vocals, David presents the music of George M. Cohan, Fats Waller, Irving Berlin, Hoagy Carmichael, and a host of others. Music inspired by the advent of the automobile, the two World Wars, the Roaring '20s, the Great Depression, the Wild West, and much more! David engages the audience, takes questions and requests, and tells funny anecdotes about famous musicians as well as some about his own life as a musician. David has a Louis Armstrong impression that is so authentic that he's often asked if it is a recording. This is a MUST-SEE program! A career musician, David has played with Sandler and Young, Phyllis Diller, Henny Youngman, Ray Bolger, Arthur Fiedler, and many more. Registration is not required. *This program is supported in part by a grant from the Charlton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.*



Balloon Animal Twisting Workshop

Monday, July 25, 10:30-11:30 - Dexter Hall Auditorium

Learn Wildlife Balloon Twisting With Ed the Wizard! It's easy as Fold, Pinch & Twist! This workshop is for kids & teens ages 7 and older. Space is limited to 30 participants. Registration is required (registration opens July 1). *This program is supported by a grant from the Charlton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.*



[Register](#)

Programs for Adults



Genealogy Group

Thursday, July 7
6:30-7:45 pm

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 at

6:30 to share our research or learn from others. All are welcome; registration is not required.

[Register >>](#)



Book Discussion - *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

Thursday, July 14
6:30-7:30 in the Local History Room
(and via Zoom)

If you have read this book and want to take part in the discussion, please join us! If you want to sit and listen, that's fine too! All are welcome to join us. 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 (charltonlibrary.org).

[Read more >>](#)



Silver Needles Knitting Group

Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 pm

Bring your current project and knit or crochet with friends. This group meets upstairs in the Sibley Reading Area. All are welcome; no registration required.

[View Event Calendar >>](#)



CULE (Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble)

Thursday, July 28
6:00-8:00 pm

For those 18+ to learn and play ukulele together. Registration is required. For info email Rich at Cule5632@gmail.com.

[Register >>](#)

Programs for All Ages



Community Yoga with Linda Davis

Saturday, July 16
8:30-9:30 am
Maynard Field in Charlton

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. Registration is required.

[Register >>](#)



July Movie Schedule

Tuesday, July 5, 1:00 & 5:30
[The Great Outdoors](#)
Rated PG; Duration 1 hr 31 min

Tuesday, July 12, 1:00 & 5:30
[Moonrise Kingdom](#)
Rated PG-13; Duration 1 hr 34 min

Tuesday, July 19, 1:00 & 5:30
[RV](#)
Rated PG; Duration 1 hr 39 min

Tuesday, June 28, 1:00 ONLY
[Camp Nowhere](#)
Rated PG-13; Duration 1 hr 41 min

[View Movie Schedule >>](#)

Programs for Kids & Teens

Wiggles & Giggles

Tuesday, July 19
10:00-11:00 am
Community Meeting Room



Join Miss Lainey for a fun class of music, movement & more! For ages 2-5. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Moms of Charlton Area.

[More info >>](#)



Pre-K Yoga with Linda Davis

Wednesday, July 20
11:15-11:45 am
Dexter Hall

This class is for those ages 2.5-5 years. Caregivers must be present during the class. Please have children wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat if you have one. Registration is required for this class.

[Register >>](#)



Drop-In Camp Crafts for Kids

Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30 am
Storytime Room

We will have a different craft each week during the Summer Reading Program. Best for ages 4-8. Registration is not required. Parents/Caregivers must remain in the room with young children.

[Event Calendar >>](#)



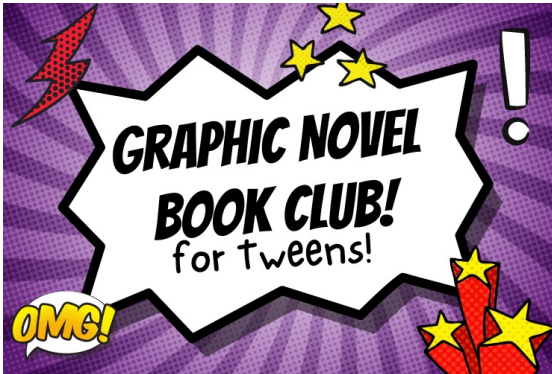
Drop-In Lego Club

Fridays @ 2:30-4:00 pm
Storytime Room

Join your friends and build a Lego creation! Try out our weekly challenge or make up your own design. Best for ages 5 -12. Registration is not required. Parents/Guardians are

responsible for monitoring their children while they are in the room.

[Event Calendar >>](#)

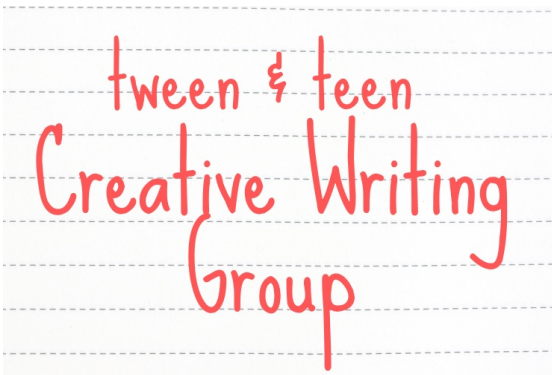


Tween Graphic Novel Book Club

First meeting: **Thursday, July 14**
6:00-6:45 pm
Community Meeting Room

We're reading "*Olga and the Smelling Thing from Nowhere*" by Elise Gravel.

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Tween & Teen Writing Group

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, July 20**
3:30-4:15 pm
Community Meeting Room

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

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Teen Craft Night @ Advisory Board Meeting

Next Meeting: **Thursday, July 21**
6:00-7:00 pm
Community Meeting Room

Love crafts? Need volunteer hours? Join us for crafts, snacks, and teen programming discussion and earn an hour of community service. For grades 5-12. Registration is required.

[Register >>](#)

Animal Adventures Show!

Monday, August 8
10:30-11:30 am
Dexter Hall



Join us for a fun animal show, featuring Naomi, the Red Kangaroo! All ages welcome. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Moms of Charlton Area

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Visit the Kids Event Calendar for more programs!

Kids Events



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