



May Schedule Changes

Wednesday, May 17: Opening at 10:00 am
Saturday, May 27 & Monday, May 29: CLOSED for Memorial Day Weekend

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

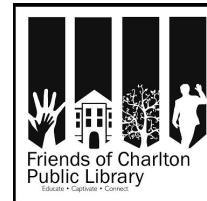
The Library is closed on Saturdays from May 27 - September 2.

Programs for Adults

Friends of Charlton Public Library

Have you heard? It's now easier than ever to become a member of the Friends or to renew your membership. We offer the option to use PayPal through [our webpage](#). In the meantime, please [check out the Friends' Facebook page](#) for updates. If you have any questions, please email charltonfriends@gmail.com. Our next meeting takes place on **May 9, 2023**,

at **3:30 pm** in the **Local History Room**. Hope to see you there!



**BETTER READ
THAN DEAD
BOOK CLUB**

WITH DEB & SUSAN

Better Read Than Dead Book Club

Wednesday, May 3 @ 11 am-12 pm. Do you like mystery, suspense, and a little blood and gore? So do we! Join us for a monthly meet-up to discuss entertaining & fascinating details about true crimes, both solved and unsolved. This book club is being hosted by long-time library employees Deb and Susan!

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Genealogy Group

Thursday, May 4, 6:00-7:30 - Community Meeting Room - No Registration

The Charlton Library Genealogy Group is a friendly group of people who share an interest in genealogy.

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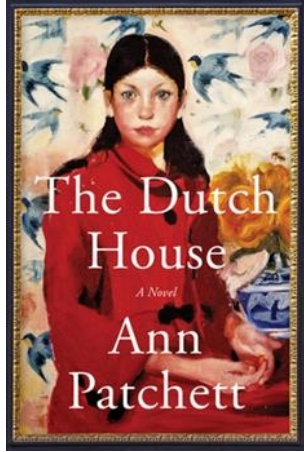
May the 4th Be with You!: Star Wars: A Jump into Hyperspace

Thursday, May 4 @ 6-7:30. Join Frank Mandosa, film lecturer as he brings Stars Wars to life. Film talks include lots of fun interactive trivia questions, movie-themed door prizes, photo displays, and free handouts!"Star Wars: A Jump into Hyperspace" . . .

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Book Discussion - THE DUTCH HOUSE by Ann Patchett

Thursday, May 11, 5:30-6:30 - Local History Room (and via Zoom) **NOTE TIME CHANGE**



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.

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Charlton Cultural Council Art Show & Opening Reception

The Art Show runs from Monday, May 8 through Friday, May 19. Items will be on display throughout the Library!

Opening Reception is on Thursday, May 11, 6:00-7:00, Dexter Hall. Join us for some light refreshments and jazz music! Free; No registration. This event is made possible thanks to the Mass Cultural Council, Monson Arts Council, and Webster Cultural Council.

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Writer Support Group

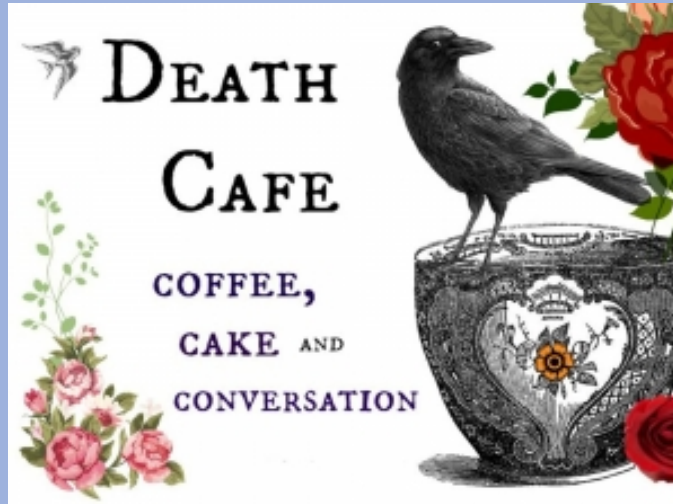


Saturday, May 13, 9:30-11:00 & Thursday, May 25, 6:00-7:30, Community Meeting Room

This group meets to discuss the craft of

writing, give encouragement, get accountability, break through writer's block, talk, and more. All writers 18+ are welcome. Questions? leclerc.barbara@gmail.com

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Death Cafe

Wednesday, May 17 @ 1:00-3:00 - Dexter Hall. Welcome to the new Death Café at Charlton Public Library! What is a Death Café, you ask? A Death Café is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or course of action, no set conclusions and no judgement.

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The Alzheimer's Support Network Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, May 18, 6:00-7:30 - Community Meeting Room

Led by an Alzheimer's Care Professional and experienced caregiver, this group offers information, resources, and strategies specific to caring for someone with Alzheimer's and other Dementias.

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Audubon Presentation: Finding Birds in Central MA

Thursday, May 18 @ 7:00 - 8:00. An overview of birds and birdwatching in central Massachusetts, including bird identification, bird behavior, and association with different habitats. Nearly 450 species of birds are found in Massachusetts - which ones might you expect nearby, and where should you look for others? What makes good bird habitat, and how can we support birds?

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Acoustic Roots Jam

Saturday, May 20, 12:00-1:30 - Dexter Hall

An acoustic-only music jam. Open to all 18 and older. Drop in, no registration

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CULE: Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble

Thursday, May 25, 6:00-7:30
Community Meeting Room

This club is a FREE, fun, low-stress, and entertaining way for adults 18+ to learn music together. Any questions? Email Rich at Cule5632@gmail.com

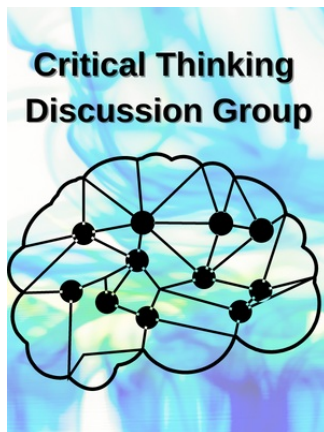
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Musical Performance: The Catnip Junkies!

Thursday, May 25 @ 6:30-7:30 - Dexter Hall. The Catnip Junkies bring the vibes and energy of New Orleans to your back door! With their contagious joy, vaudevillian flair and unique instruments, they will leave you smiling and singing long after their last song. This performance is free and open to all. No registration required.

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Critical Thinking Discussion Group - The Tale of Genji (Festival of Leaves, Ch. VII)

Friday, May 26, 1:00-2:00 - Sibley Reading Area (Main Floor) - No Registration

Join some like-minded friends for a little mental workout to keep your brain in good shape! Discussion material is available at the adult circulation desk.

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Programs for All Ages



Community Yoga with Linda Davis

Saturday, May 13 @ 9:45-10:45. Join local instructor, Linda Davis, for Yoga at the library! 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. This is a free program. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

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

Free Popcorn!

May Movie Schedule

Tuesdays at 1:00 & 5:00

May 2: A MAN CALLED OTTO starring Tom Hanks. 2022; PG-13; 2 hrs 6 min.

May 9: I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY starring Naomi Ackie. 2022; PG-13; 2 hrs 24 min.

May 16: THE FABELMANS starring Michelle Williams. 2022; PG-13; 2 hrs 31 min.

May 23: CALL JANE starring Elizabeth Banks & Sigourney Weaver. 2022; R; 2 hrs 1 min.

May 30: WOMEN TALKING starring Rooney Mara. 2022; PG-13; 1 hr 44 min.

[View Movie Schedule](#)

Programs for Kids & Tweens



Programs for ages 0-5 years

Weekly Storytimes for children include Baby Storytime, Tiny Tots, Storytime for Ages 2 & 3, Storytime for Ages 4 & 5.

[View Storytime Schedule >>](#)

We offer an evening version of our **Tiny Tots** program once a month.

YFCP (Youth & Family Community Partnership) Programming

Young Scientists STEM Series

Thursdays at 10:00-10:45, starting May 4th

Children, ages 3-6, with a parent/caregiver will learn STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) concepts through hands-on activities, story time, challenges, and simple experiments.



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Wiggles & Giggles (2 programs available!)

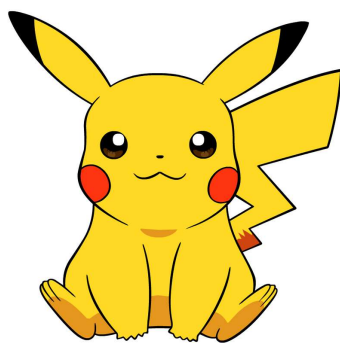
Wednesdays at 9:45 & 10:30, starting May 17th

Children, with a parent/caregiver, will sing, move, play musical instruments, learn rhythm, and listen to stories in this FREE series facilitated by music teacher Laine Hanlon!



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Pokemon Club



Monday, May 22, 3:45-4:30 - Community Meeting Room

Join us for Pokemon Club! Enjoy a variety of fun Pokemon activities. For ages 6-12. Registration required.

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Book Art for Kids



Tuesday, May 30, 6:00-7:00, Storytime Room

We'll be taking a look at picturebook art and creating our own in the same style! For ages 6 - 10. Registration required.

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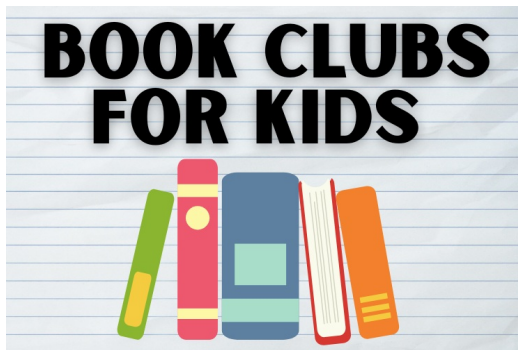
Sensory Storytime



Thursday, May 25, 6:00-6:3 - Storytime Room

Explore books, music, movement, and play in a sensory-friendly setting. Designed for children ages 4-10 of all abilities, particularly those who are on the autism spectrum, have sensory processing challenges, struggle in large groups, or have other special needs.

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Join us for one of our monthly book clubs!

Middle-Grade Book Club:

Monday, May 15 @ 4:00 - 4:30

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club:

Tuesday, May 9 @ 5:00 - 5:30

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Programs for Teens



Creative Writing for Teens

Tuesday, May 16, 3:30-4:15
Community Meeting Room

Writing prompts, book discussion, writing basics, etc. Best for ages 11-18.

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Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, May 17, 3:45-4:30 - Teen



Space (Main Level)

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

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One Up Games: Open Play with Virtual Reality

Friday, May 19 @ 1:00- 4:00. One-up Games will bring a variety of next-gen consoles and gaming monitors. They bring all the popular games along with a mixture of classic and retro games. This program is for ages 8-18. Registration requested. Spaces are limited.

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Telling Our Story

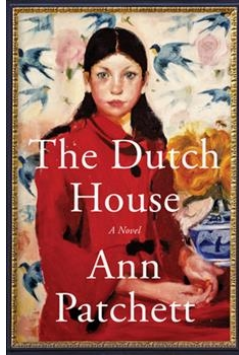
Wednesday, May 31, 3:00-4:30 -
Community Meeting Room

Join us for a fun hour of freely sharing stories with and supporting one another in a safe space.

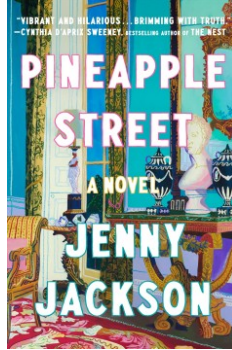
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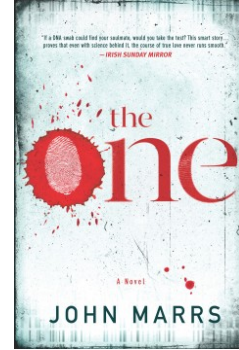
Click on a cover to view it in the CWMARS catalog!



Karen



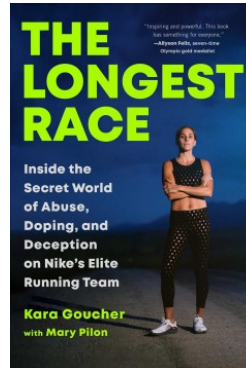
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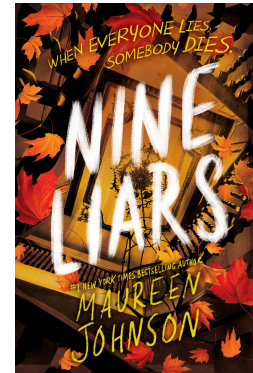
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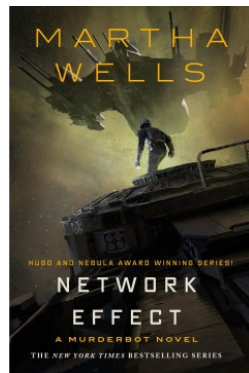
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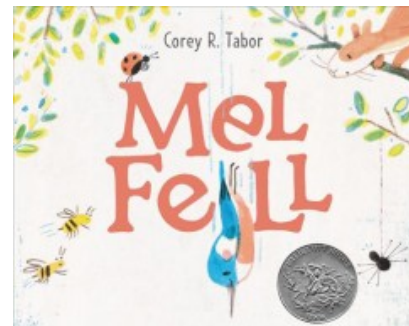
Susan



Molly

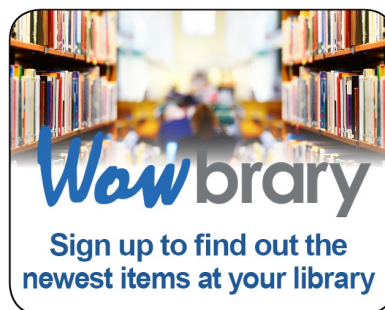


Barbara



Kathy M.

Digital Resources





Free access with your
Charlton Library card!



Free movie streaming with
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Over 1,400 in-depth
instructional video classes;
covering 20 different
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