October Schedule Changes
Monday, October 9 - Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day

Get your pink hair extensions for Breast Cancer Awareness Month HERE at the Library on **October 10th from 3:30-5:30 pm** in the Storytime Room! Pink hair extensions are provided by students at Bay Path Cosmetology.

Extensions are $5.00 each and all proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research.
Check Out Our Interactive Display!

We're shining a (black) light on the reasons these books were banned or challenged. See it for yourself through Saturday, October 7th!

WHY JOIN OUR FRIENDS OF CHARLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY?
They help support programs such as:

- Museum Passes
- Children's Summer Reading
- Author Talks
- Music Programs
- Movies and much more…

Membership forms are available at the Adult Circulation desk OR Sign up online at www.tinyurl.com/Friends-online-form

Programs for Adults

Silver Needles Knit & Crochet Group
Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 - Sibley Reading

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. No registration.

Better Read Than Dead Book Club - AMERICAN PREDATOR: The Hunt for the Most Meticulous Serial Killer of the 21st Century by Maureen Callahan

Wednesday, October 4 @ 11:00-12:00 Sibley Reading Area

A monthly meetup to discuss entertaining & fascinating true crime books. Books available from circulation prior to discussion. No registration.

Read more

Rodent Control: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Thursday, October 5 @ 6:00-7:30 in Dexter Hall

Join Gary Menin, advocate for R. A. T. S. (Raptors Are The Solution) for a presentation on the catastrophic effects of rodenticides on owls, hawks, falcons, eagles, and other wildlife. He will also discuss alternatives to rodenticides, current proposed legislation, and ways we can all help to preserve our treasured wildlife.

Read More
**Author Talk - Lost Towns of the Swift River Valley with Elena Palladino**

**Thursday, October 12, 6:00-7:30 in Dexter Hall**

Join author Elena Palladino in a discussion of her book on the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir, and along with it, the destruction of four towns. Registration is requested. Sponsored by Friends of Charlton Public Library. Copies of the book will be available for sale after the talk.

**Death Cafe**

**Wednesday, October 18, 1:00-3:00 - Dexter Hall**

Death Cafés provide a safe environment to gather, eat cake, drink tea or coffee, and enjoy open-minded conversation about dying and death. No registration. Questions? Email kwalker4@mac.com.

**The Alzheimer’s Support Network Caregiver Support Group - Special Guest**

**Thursday, October 19, 6:00-7:30**
Community Meeting Room

At this month’s meeting, Eileen Rice will explain Fallon Health's PACE Program (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly). PACE offers complete, coordinated, individualized care for older adults who want to live at home instead of a nursing home.

Co-sponsored by Tri-Valley as part of Dementia Friendly Charlton. No registration.

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**Saturday Acoustic Roots Jam-SARJ**

Saturday, October 21, 12:00-1:30 - Dexter Hall

An acoustic-only music jam. Open to all 18+.

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**Senator Ryan Fattman Office Hours**

Wednesday, October 25, 2:30-3:30 - Local History Room

For later appointments, email amanda.hellyar@masenate.gov

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**CULE: Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble**

Thursday, October 26, 6:00-7:30
Community Meeting Room

A FREE, fun, low-stress, and entertaining way for adults 18+ to learn music together. Any questions? Email Rich at cule5632@gmail.com
CAN A MAN DO by Milton Mayer

Friday, October 27, 1:00-2:00 - Sibley Reading Area

No experience with critical thinking discussion groups is necessary. Books/materials are available for checkout one month prior to discussion. Questions? Email saga3@charter.net.

Disclosure Movie Showing and Discussion Panel

Tuesday, October 24 @ 4:00-8:00 in Dexter Hall

DISCLOSURE is an unprecedented, eye-opening look at transgender depictions in film and television, revealing how Hollywood simultaneously reflects and manufactures our deepest anxieties about gender. No registration required. Sponsored by the Charlton Public Library, The Joshua Hyde Library, the Jacob Edwards Library, and the Oxford Public Library.
Haunted New England with Chris Daley

Saturday, October 28 @ 1:00-2:00 in Dexter Hall

Melding historical fact together with legend and myth, Chris Daley will present an interesting and fascinating new look at events that really happened and the stories of hauntings that followed them. Registration required.

Programs for All Ages

Community Yoga (Outside!)

Saturday, October 14, 9:00-10: Maynard Field

Join Linda Davis for a free monthly community yoga class. All ages and levels are welcome. Wear comfortable clothing and please bring your own yoga mat. Registration required.

OCTOBER MOVIE SCHEDULE

Tuesdays at 1:00 & 5:30

October 3: THE LITTLE MERMAID. 2023; PG; 2 hrs 15 min

October 10: OPERATION FORTUNE. 2023; R; 1 hr 54 min.
All are welcome; no registration required.

Free Popcorn!

**October 17:** CHAMPIONS. 2023; PG13; 2 hrs 4 min.

**October 24:** SOMEWHERE IN QUEENS. 2022; R; 1 hr 46 min.

**October 31:** BEETLEJUICE. 1988; PG; 1 hr 32 min.

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**Programs for Littles**

**Weekly Storytimes for Fall**

Programs include Baby Storytime, Tiny Tots, Storytime for Ages 2&3, Storytime for Ages 4&5. Visit our [Storytime Page](#) for more information or download our [Fall Storytime Flyer](#).

[View Kids Event Calendar](#)

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**Pre-K Yoga with Linda Davis**

Friday, October 13 @ 9:45-10:15 Dexter Hall

Try a fun (FREE) yoga class for ages 2.5-5. Bring your own mats. [Registration required](#).

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**Young Scientists STEM Class**

Fridays @ 10:00-10:45 for ages 3-6 years starting on October 6 in the Storytime Room.

[CLICK HERE to Register Now](#) or click
Wiggles & Giggles for Littles
Thursdays @ 9:45-10:15 for ages 6-23 months starting on October 26 in the Community Room.

Wiggles & Giggles
Thursdays @ 10:30-11:30 for ages 2-5 years. Starting on October 26 in the Community Room

Registration begins the week of October 9th. This series is sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP) and hosted by the Charlton Public Library.

Trick-or-Treat Parade!
Tuesday, October 31 @ 11:00 in the Children's Room
Join us for our annual Trick-or-Treat Parade from the Library to the Town Hall! All ages are welcome. Please sign up so we know how many people to expect!
Annual Spooky Story Contest!

Do you love spooky stories? Try writing your own and submitting it to our contest. Story submissions are due on Halloween! Click on a link below for more information.

Kids Contest (grades 3-6)
Teen Contest (grades 7-12)

Sensory-Friendly Storytime
Thursday, October 26, 6:00-6:45
Explore books, music, movement, and play in a sensory-friendly setting. Registration required.

Pokemon Club
Monday, October 23, 3:45-4:30
Enjoy trading, games and other fun activities! Registration required.

Lego Club
Fridays @ 3:30-4:30
Build with friends! Try out our weekly Lego Challenge! Best for ages 5+.
The Haunting of the Oxford Library: Book Signing & Writing Workshop with Author Rob Racicot

Saturday, October 28 @ 10:00-12:00 in Dexter Hall.

10:00-10:30: Author Talk & Book Signing (open to all ages; no registration)
10:30-12:00: Writing Workshop (for kids ages 10-13; registration required)

Programs for Teens

Teen Advisory Board

Monday, October 16, 3:30-4:15 - Teen Space

Need volunteer hours? Looking for leadership roles? Join us to talk about teen programming and volunteer opportunities. For grades 5-12.
**Workshopping:** Best for ages 11-18. This session is for anyone who would like to share their work and get feedback. Please feel free to come even if you don't have work you want to share. Depending on how many people there are, we may take turns workshopping one piece each session.

*Tuesday, October 3, 3:30-4:15 - Local History Room*

**Exploratory:** Best for ages 11-18. Writing prompts, share your work (optional!), book discussion, try out different writing styles, learn about writing - all in a safe and encouraging environment!

*Tuesday, October 17, 3:30-4:15 - Local History Room*

**Just Craftin’ Around**

*Tuesday, October 17, 6:00-7:00 - Storytime Room*

Bring your crafting supplies and craft with like-minded tweens and teens! Whether you knit, crochet, needle felt, make jewelry, or any other craft that travels well, you are welcome to join us! This program is best for ages 9-18.

**Teen Book Buzz**

*Wednesday, October 25, 3:30-4:00 - Teen Space*
We'll be talking about favorite books, new books coming out, and books we've just read. Bring a book or two to share. Fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, and manga welcome!

![Image of books]

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