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Genealogy database that can be accessed from within the library buildings



Did You Know?

- The Manchester Public Library typically ranks among the top 5 libraries in the state for number of items borrowed each year.
- We have a delivery service (also known as bookmobile) for homebound residents of Manchester.
- We have a very active programming calendar that includes a wide range of activities like storytimes, book discussions, musical performances, author talks, crafts, games, conventions, and more!
- Our busy branch library is stocked with materials and also a calendar full of programs and events. It also has a self-check machine!
- We have two staff members called Reader's Advisors who are dedicated to finding you your next favorite book. Stop in some time and ask for Lynn or Barbara.

Internet Use

You may sign up to use the library's internet computers by showing a valid library card. Reference staff occasionally offer instructional classes on how to search the internet, create an email account, or apply for a job. See the Reference Desk for details. Please note that parents are responsible for all computer use by their children in the library. The library is not responsible for monitoring computer use by minors. Be sure to view our full internet use policy on our website.

Printing Charges

Black & White: 5 pages free per day
then 10 cents per page
Color: 50 cents per page
Photocopies: 10 cents per page

WiFi network: WiFi_ToM

You will be asked to create an account to access the town's wireless network. For further instructions visit the Reference Desk.

MANCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mary Cheney Library

586 Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040
Circulation Desk: 860-643-2471
Reference Desk: 860-645-0821
Children's Desk: 860-645-0577
Monday-Thursday 9am-9pm
Friday-Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday (Winter) 1pm-5pm

Whiton Branch Library

100 North Main Street
Manchester, CT 06042
860-643-6892
Monday-Thursday 10am-8:30pm
Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday (Winter) 9am-5pm

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Books in All Forms

Browse our many shelves to find fiction and non-fiction titles, cookbooks, biographies, graphic novels, audiobooks, large-print, magazines, and more! Over 200,000 items!

DVDs and Blu-rays

Our collection features films from the past to the present, as well as popular television shows and documentaries. Did you know that our movies usually come in stock on that same day that they are available to rent online?

Childrens Services

Our children's room is filled with brand new books for all reading ages, movies on DVD and Blu-Ray, puppets, board games, and newer collections such as playtime backpacks that feature books as well as toys! We also have a busy schedule of unique programming.

Teen Services

Our teen area is located in the reference room. Come say hi to our teen librarian Michelle. She orders all the best new books and plans exciting programming like our popular Middle School Night, as well as unique events like squid dissections!

Board Games

People come from all over to check out our board games. We have a large community who come in once a month to play new games and meet new faces.

Spanish Language

Browse our growing collection of books in Spanish, located in both the reference and children's rooms. We have fiction and non-fiction books, as well as magazines.

Museum Passes

Passes can be borrowed for a week to get free or reduced admission to a variety of local museums. (Available at Cheney building only)

Getting a Library Card

Any resident of Manchester may get a free library card to borrow materials both physically and online. You will need to show a photo ID and proof of Manchester residence to obtain a card. New cards and renewals are free, but there is a \$1.00 replacement fee for lost cards. You can use your card at every public library in Connecticut.

Checkouts

You must have your physical library card present every time you want to borrow materials from the library or to use one of our internet computers. There isn't a limit on the number of books you can checkout (yay!), but DVDs and Blu-rays are limited to 25 per card. Did you know you can checkout ebooks and downloadable materials too?

Renewals

All *eligible* library materials will be automatically renewed up to two times, as long as they were checked out in Manchester, not on hold for another patron, and checked out to an account in good standing with fines under \$10.00. For your convenience, your materials will renew 3 days before their due date. If we have your email on file, you will receive a courtesy notice 2 days before anything becomes overdue. Therefore, any titles that show up in your courtesy notice are items that could not be renewed and need to be returned to avoid overdue fines. For a list of items that are not renewable, visit our website.

“I have always imagined
that paradise will be a kind
of library.”
-Jorge Luis Borges

Loan Periods

Most library materials may be borrowed for three weeks. This includes:

- All books
- Audiobooks
- Music CDs
- Documentaries and non-fiction DVDs
- Magazines
- Board Games
- Take Me Home Totes
- Family Movie Night Totes

Some other materials get checked out for only one week. This includes:

- Feature film DVDs and Blu-Rays
- Museum Passes (not renewable)

The library also offers some special collections that have a variation of the normal checkout periods and renewals so feel free to see a staff member or consult our website for the specifics. If you're borrowing materials that belong to a library from a different town, they may have other loan rules.

Placing Holds

If an item you want is checked out, you may ask someone at the Reference Desk to place a reserve on the item. When it is returned you will be contacted and we'll hold it for 7 days. If you'd like a title that we don't own, we can try to request it from another library.

Returns

When we're open, feel free to return all materials to either branch's Circulation Desk. When the library is closed, most items except museum passes, board games, and tote bags or other special collections can be returned in the book drop boxes located outside both library buildings. Overdue items will be charged a fine of 15 cents per day with the exception of children's and teen books which are 1 cent per day, and museum passes which are \$1.00 per day.