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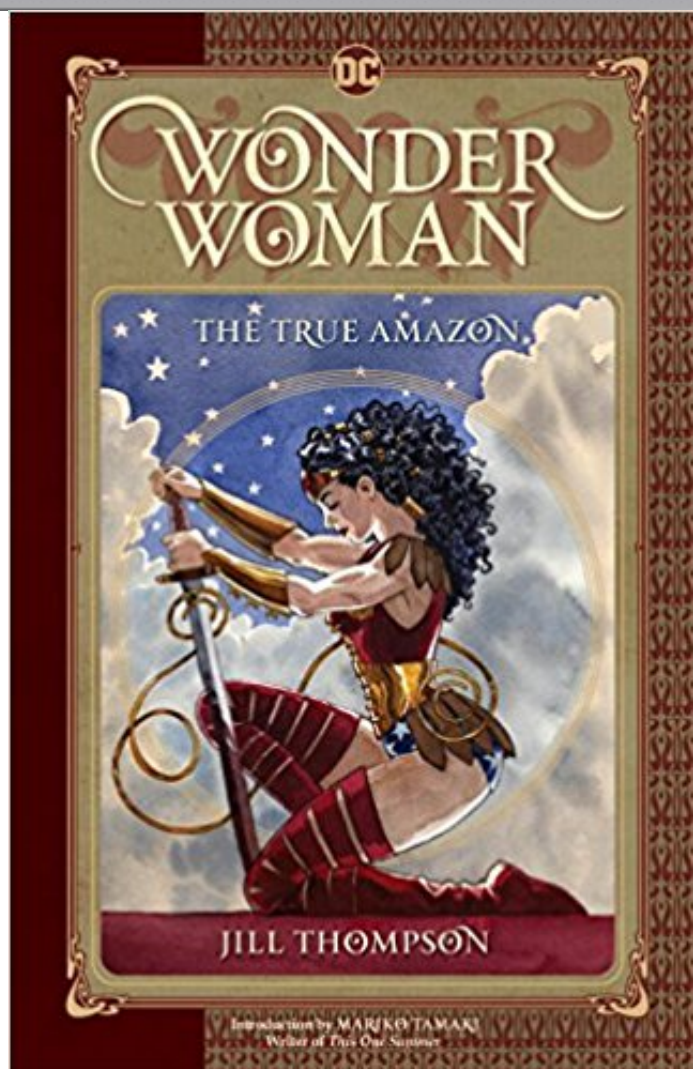
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Meet your summer reading goals by joining one (or all!) of our book clubs.

There are four different book clubs to choose from at the Manchester Public Library. All of the clubs are free and do not require registration. Copies of the books are available at Cheney. Check with Whiton for available copies.

Book Discussion for Adults: This club reads a variety of fiction and nonfiction titles and usually meets on the third or fourth Monday of each month at 7pm at Cheney.

July's book: *The Buried Giant* by Kazuo Ishiguro (Meets July 24th)

August's book: *Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future* by Ashlee Vance (Meets August 21st)

Keeping it Classy: This group focuses on fiction classics ranging from Austen to Woolf and everything in between. They normally meet on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Whiton.

July's book: *Jaws* by Peter Benchley (Meets July 6th)

August's book: *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe (Meets August 3rd)

Mysteries on Main: This club is your one stop shop for all things mystery, detective, spy, thrillers, and more. They normally meet on the first Monday of the month at 7pm at Cheney.

July's book: *Short Squeeze* by Chris Knopf (Meets July 3rd)

August's book: *Slipknot* by Linda Greenlaw (Meets August 7th)

Not So "YA" Book Club: This group is for young adult fiction lovers that are a little less "Y" and a little more "A". They usually meet on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm at Whiton.

July's book: *The Wrath and the Dawn* by Renée Ahdieh (Meets July 27th)

August's book: *The Safest Lies* by Megan Miranda (Meets August 31st)

Summer Reading Highlights

Summer Reading 2017 is in full swing! There is no online registration this year, and paper reading logs can be found in the Children's Room (for children), the lobby (for adults), and in Reference (for teens). Participate for awesome prizes including a Kindle for two lucky adult participants! For a list of all the programs for the summer see our Adult and Children's summer reading brochures or visit library.townofmanchester.org. Questions? Ask a library staff member.



World Building in Fantasy Fiction

On Tuesday, July 11th at 7PM at Whiton, author

RISE OF THE BLACK PHOENIX

MATTHEW W.
BARTLETT

Matthew Bartlett will be discussing the process of world building in fantasy fiction, as well as his newest work, *Rise of the Black Phoenix*. This is a free program and no registration is required. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. For more information contact Ashley at 860-645-0821.

Mark Twain and the American Presidents

On Monday, August 14th at 6:30PM at Whiton, members of the Mark Twain House Outreach Staff will discuss how Twain's insightful observations about the presidents of his day apply readily to the modern presidency. This is a free program and no registration is required. For more information call 860-645-0821.

Book Review: *Wonder Woman: The True Amazon*

Wonder Woman: The True Amazon by Jill Thompson 741.5973 Wonder

With *Wonder Woman* in movie theaters and receiving general critical acclaim, there have been an increase in graphic novel works seeking to retell her origin story. Thompson is an Eisner Award-winning author and artist who treats us to a vastly different Diana Prince. Known for her kind and loving heart, the Princess Diana we see here is a mean, impetuous, and brash adolescent. She has been spoiled her whole life and used to getting her own way. After one disastrous mistake, Diana must face the consequences of her folly. With the help of beautiful artwork done in an Ancient Greek style, Thompson offers a fresh perspective on my favorite superhero. 4 stars out of 5. - Jenn

Food and Cocktail Book Pairings

Take your reading experience to the next level with these pairings found in the novels.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams: Pan-Galactic Gargleblaster

My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante: Cream Puffs

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald: Mint Julep

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd: Macaroni and Cheese and Sweet Tea

Moby-Dick by Herman Melville: Clam Chowder

The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath: Avocado and Crabmeat Salad

The Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling: Butterbeer

The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger: Scotch and Soda

The Paying Guests by Sarah Waters: Currant Loaf

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