

@ Your Library

October/November 2019

Manchester Public Library

Book Voyagers Program for Children

The Manchester Public Library will have a fall Book Voyagers program for children in grades 1 – 4; this bilingual program is sponsored by Connecticut Humanities and the fall theme is "Picture This Story." The four-book series is a joyful celebration of the many ways people communicate: pictures, gestures, speech and written language. The series is in Spanish and English, offering an opportunity to experience two languages. The program will be held on the following Thursdays: October 24, November 7, November 21, and December 5 at 4:00 p.m. No registration is required and the first 20 children will receive a free copy of the bi-lingual book presented that day. For more information, please contact (860) 643-2471 or visit our website.



Coffee and Conversation: Practice Your English Language Skills

On select Fridays each month from 2-3 p.m. stop by the Mary Cheney Library for "Coffee and Conversation". Enjoy a cup of coffee and light refreshments while you practice your English language skills. There will be a specific theme or topic and participants will learn new phrases and words. English language learning teachers from Manchester Adult Education as well as library staff will be on hand to lead the conversations. For specific dates and additional details please call (860) 645-0821 or visit our website.



Two New Book Clubs Begin This Fall

In October two new book groups will be starting: The Diverse Voices Book Club and the Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club. The Diverse Voices Book Club will read fiction and non-fiction works that discuss relationships between people of varying races and ethnicities, meeting on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings every other month. The Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club will meet monthly on Thursday evenings and will focus on science fiction and fantasy works of fiction. For specific dates and book titles, click the Special Programs link under the "Adult Programs and Services" section of our website or stop into the library for more information.

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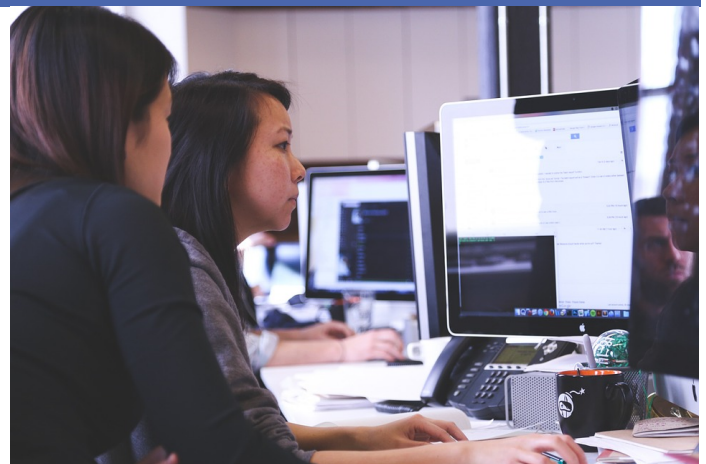
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Mary Cheney will be open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. from October 20, 2019 through April 5, 2020.



U.S. Census Job Fair

A representative from the U.S. Census Bureau will be available on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 12-3 p.m. at the Mary Cheney Library to explain the importance of the 2020 Census and to answer all of your questions and help you apply for a job for the Census. Computers will be available for attendees to apply at the fair. For more information, please call (860) 645-0821 or visit our website.

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