Meet Barbara K., New Reader’s Advisor!

Long-time staff member Barbara K. was promoted to the role of Reader’s Advisor this June. Reader’s Advisors specialize in recommending books to patrons, as well as creating displays to draw patrons’ attention to new and unfamiliar items.

Barbara’s favorite genres include contemporary realistic fiction (especially with diverse characters) and non-fiction, in particular memoirs and social issues. She also enjoys books with quirky characters and families with issues. Lately she has been reading books about people who have migrated to the United States. Her favorite part about being a Reader’s Advisor is turning someone on to a book and helping patrons find new authors and titles. She also enjoys using creativity in designing displays.

Both Barbara and our other Reader’s Advisor, Lynn D., are happy to assist patrons at the Mary Cheney building in person, over the phone and via e-mail. Contact Barbara at bgking@manchesterct.gov and Lynn D. at ldufour@manchesterct.gov. They can also be reached at (860) 643-2471. Staff at the Whiton Branch are also happy to give recommendations to patrons; call (860) 643-6892.

New Tote Bags for Children & Adults

Looking for a Family Night idea? We’ve done all the planning and work for you – just add popcorn! Eleven Family Movie Night Bags are now available to take out in Childrens at the Mary Cheney building. Each bag has four movies based on a theme and can be checked out for three weeks.

For adults, sixteen new Take Me Home Totes will be added to the current collection over the next few months. Each tote has items like movies, books, music and more, all based around a theme. Similar to the Family Movie Night Bags each circulate for three weeks. Perfect for binging on your favorite TV show or interest!

Family Movie Night Bags
- Cars and Planes
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Disney Classics
- Disney Princesses
- Dragons
- Harry Potter Years One-Four
- Harry Potter Years Five-Seven
- Paw Patrol
- Picture Book Favorites
- Pixar Classics
- Roald Dahl

New Take Me Home Totes Themes
- Aliens
- Baking
- Doctor Who
- Game Night
- The Handmaid’s Tale
- Italy
- Jurassic Park
- Outlander
- Queens (Elizabeth & Victoria)
- Riverdale
- The Rock (Dwayne Johnson)
- Sherlock Holmes
- Superheroes
- Telenovelas
- Tyler Perry
- Vikings

Read in the Park Day

On Friday, October 5th from 2-4 p.m. all ages are invited to come to Read in the Park Day at Center Memorial Park (weather permitting). Tables, chairs, and a variety of books will be available or bring your own blanket or chair. Light refreshments and a special bookmark will be provided – come and enjoy reading in the beauty of the park!
Game Night!

Looking for ways to unplug from your computers, phones, or television screens and spend more quality time with your family, friends, or co-workers? Look no farther than the board game collection at the Manchester Public Library. We have more than 250 board games of all skill levels, ranging from easy to difficult, that will fit your game night needs. Board games have come a long way from Monopoly, Scattergories, and Risk, with a theme for everything, beautiful artwork, and amazing components. Stretch your mind, be social, and unplug with some of my favorite recommendations that everyone can play.

1. Carcassonne: One of the new modern classics, Carcassonne is for 2-4 players and is a tile-laying game, meaning you are building the board, and the city of Carcassonne! Players take turns drawing a tile and placing a tile, trying to connect roads, rivers, and more.

2. Forbidden Island: Forbidden Island is a great introductory cooperative game, which means that you are all playing together. Everyone either wins together or loses together. Players are trying to save four pieces of treasure and escape on a helicopter before the island sinks.

3. King of Tokyo: A twist on classic monster movies, King of Tokyo uses a Yahtzee dice rolling mechanic and therefore has very familiar gameplay to those who have not played a modern board game. Play as King Kong, the Kraken, Cyberkitty, or others, as you compete to knock each other out of the game and become the King of Tokyo!

Looking for more recommendations? Speak with me at the reference desk!

-Jenn, Head of Reference

On Saturday, October 13th the library will host Indie Author Day from 12-3 p.m. at the Mary Cheney building.

Indie Author Day will feature the talents of local authors who have either self-published or gone through small press publishing houses. From 12-1 p.m. the authors will share their experiences and knowledge on a variety of topics in a panel-style discussion. From 1-3 p.m. the public is invited to meet and greet the authors, learn more about their works, and purchase their books that can be signed. Featured authors include Hanna Marcus, Susan Oleson, Steven Leshin, Britt Leigh, John Eric Ellison, and Mike Sposito. Celebrate with us!

Sunday Hours

Starting on October 14th the library will be open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

Hairdo Bootcamp – A Parent/Child Hairdressing Workshop

Struggling with how to style your child’s hair? Sick of doing the same old ponytails? Two local professionals from Stialized Hair Studio are to the rescue! Join us for this free workshop and get some tips and inspiration! The program will take place on Saturday, October 13th at 3:30 p.m. at Cheney. All skill levels are welcome and registration is required. All materials will be provided. Registration begins on October 1st. For more information and to register, call (860) 645-0577.