

**MANCHESTER PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

Hours and Locations*

Mary Cheney Library
586 Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040
860-645-0577

Mon-Thu 9:00 am-9:00 pm
Fri - Sat 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sun (mid-Oct.through mid-April)
1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Whiton Branch
100 North Main Street
Manchester, CT 06042
860-643-6892

Mon - Thu 10:00 am - 8:30 pm
Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sat (Winter) 9:00 am-5:00 pm

**Sunday, Summer, and
Whiton Hours May Vary.*

Visit us at
<http://library.townofmanchester.org/childhome.html>

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The primary role of the Manchester Public Library is to encourage youngsters from pre-school to high school to develop independent intellectual growth and a lifetime love of reading, and especially to encourage young children to develop an interest in reading and learning through services for those children and for parents and children together.

Children's Services

The library provides a variety of FREE services to the community of Manchester:

- ♣ A wide variety of materials to check out, including board books for babies, videos, DVDs, audio books, puppets, and special themed storytime kits designed by children's librarians for use at home (separate brochure available)
- ♣ "Baby Bundles" filled with books and helpful information to welcome newborns and their parents to the library
- ♣ Storytimes and other programs for children from birth through 12 years of age
- ♣ Craft programs

- ♣ Family Place workshops twice a year for children up to age three years of age and their parents, with visits from community resource professionals who can answer questions regarding nutrition, speech and language, early literacy, etc.
- ♣ Special family programs during school vacations
- ♣ Special family performances by storytellers, magicians, musicians, authors, scientists and other performers
- ♣ Helpful homework-related links on our Homework Center Website (<http://library.townofmanchester.org/homework.html>)
- ♣ Reader's advisory (book recommendation) services for parents and children, as well as themed bookmarks with lists of related books owned by the library ("New Baby," "Starting School," etc.)
- ♣ A Summer Reading Program every June through August for children of all ages. Activities include weekly family picnic storytimes, crafts, and special performers, all free of charge
- ♣ Professional children's librarians with Master's degrees in Library Science

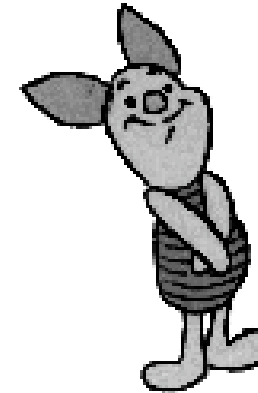
Q & A

Q: How does my child get a library card?

A: Residents of Manchester younger than 21 years may obtain a Manchester Access card, which can be used at Town Recreational Facilities as well as the public library. Children in Grade 8 or lower (or younger than age 14) need a parent's signature on both sides of their application form. If a parent is not present at the time a child is applying for a card, a temporary card allowing check out of 4 items will be given and the Access card will be sent home with a letter to the parent who signed the application.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: Library cards are free. There is a \$1.00 fee to replace a lost card. There is no fee for borrowing books or any other materials from the library. The overdue fee for children's videos is 15 cents per day; for all other children's materials, the overdue fee is one penny per day.



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