

**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](http://library.townofmanchester.org/childhome.html)**

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Manchester Public Library

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

All the services at your library are FREE to the community of Manchester, including:

- A wide variety of materials to check out, including board books for babies, DVDs, audio books, puppets, and special themed storytime kits designed by children's librarians for use at home
- "Baby Bundles" containing a book 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, including special after-school, evening & weekend programming

- Family Place workshops twice a year for children up to three years of age and their parents, with visits from community resource professionals who can answer questions regarding early literacy, nutrition, speech and language, as well as other topics of interest
- Special family programs during holidays, school vacations and in conjunction with other special town events
- A Summer Reading Program every June through August for children of all ages. Activities include weekly family picnic storytimes, & Mother Goose Time for our youngest patrons, book related crafts, special performers including magicians, puppeteers, storytellers and musicians, special groups for readers and their parents, and much more
- Helpful homework-related, homeschool and parenting links on our website, as well as Book Lists for all ages and interests
- Professional Children's Librarians with Master's degrees in Library Science who have expertise in programming for all ages, providing recommendations for items for patrons of all ages to check out and selecting quality materials for the Children's Sections of your library

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) need a parent's signature on their application form.

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. Renewal of items is also free. The overdue fee for children's DVDs is 15 cents per day; for all other children's materials, the overdue fee is one penny per day.



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