

## WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY

The Library is a dynamic community resource that has played an increasingly central role in the lives of its patrons ever since its founding in 1859. Housed for many years in Town Hall, the Library moved to its present location in 1931.

The Library is a publicly supported institution that operates with additional funding from grants, the support of the Friends of the Library, and the private donations of individuals. The Library is governed by an elected Board of Trustees who are responsible for its budget, personnel, building, grounds, and services. Board members are listed on our Web Pages at [www.winpublib.org](http://www.winpublib.org).

The Library's central location next to Town Hall and the Pond attracts patrons of all ages throughout the day. Patrons come in to seek help from our librarians, to borrow from an extensive collection of print and non-print materials, to enjoy the changing artwork on the walls, or to sit and read. Some patrons come in to use the Library's computers in both the Reference and Children's rooms, and others bring in their own laptops to take advantage of the Library's wireless access.

The Meeting room serves as a homework center for teens who want to study together after school and as a vital community space for public performances and meetings at other times.

*We hope that you enjoy the time that you spend in the Library.*

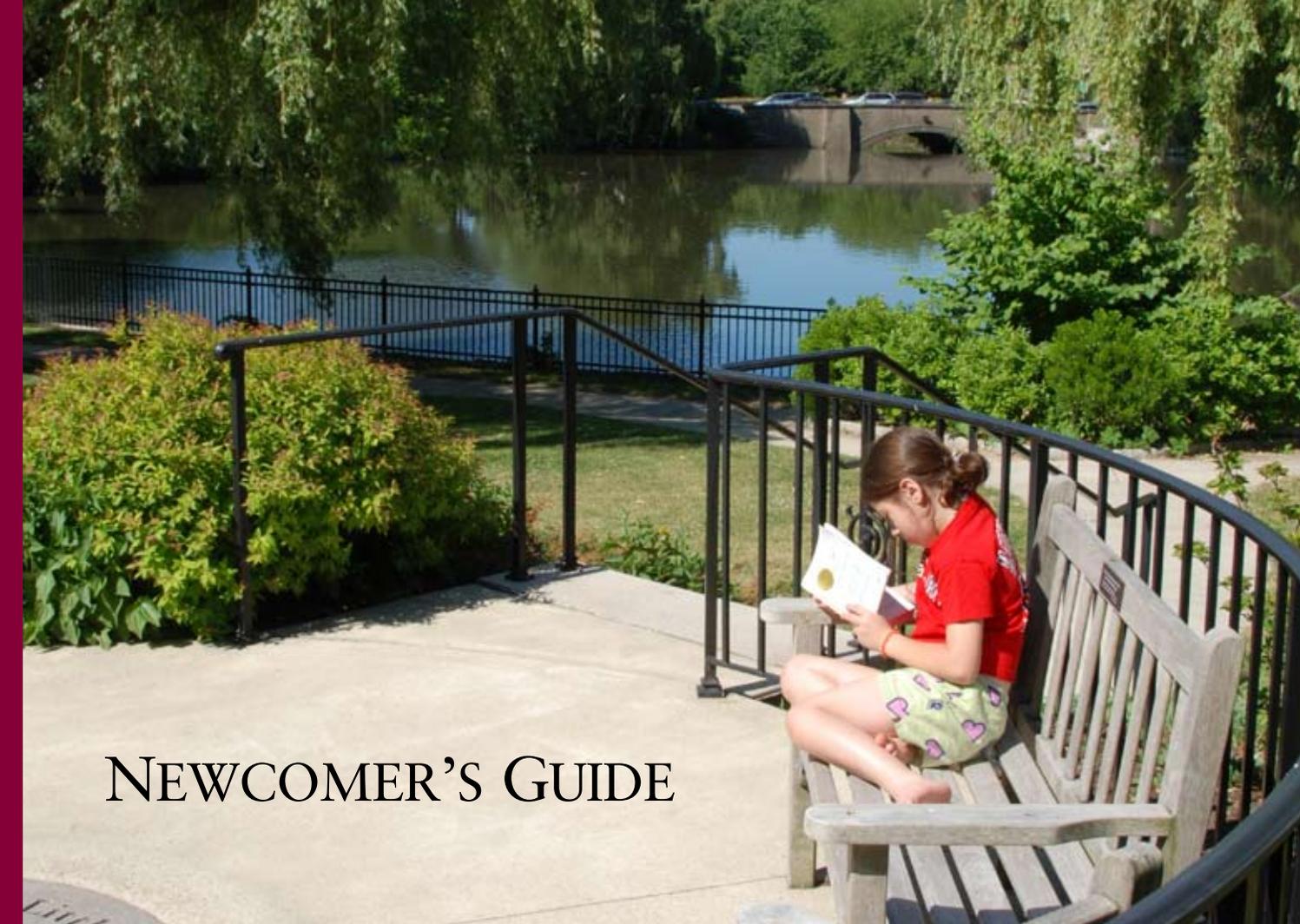
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## NEWCOMER'S GUIDE



## REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES

Reference Librarians provide expert assistance to answer your questions on any topic you may have. They will guide you in using our computers for Internet access, the Minuteman Library Catalog, subscription databases, and some word processing products. They will help you select and locate Library materials. You may sign up to use Library Internet computers for an hour per day or more, and you may walk up to three computers that offer fifteen-minute access for short queries. Wireless Internet is available on the main and upper floors if you prefer using your own laptop.

The Reference Department offers a variety of computer classes on using the Internet, email, and the Minuteman catalog as well as classes on special topics such as job searching, genealogy, and travel planning. The Library offers passes to many different area museums for Winchester residents who have Library cards. (The enclosed card lists the available museums.)

For complete information on the services offered by the Reference Department, please check the Library Web Pages at [www.winpublib.org](http://www.winpublib.org). You may also call the Reference Desk at 781-721-7171 X20

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Children's Department offers materials and help for children from birth through age 11 and for their parents and caregivers.

Programs include:

- Pattycake Place for children from birth to two
- Storytime for ages two through four
- Summer Reading Program for ages three to eleven
- Special programs throughout the year.

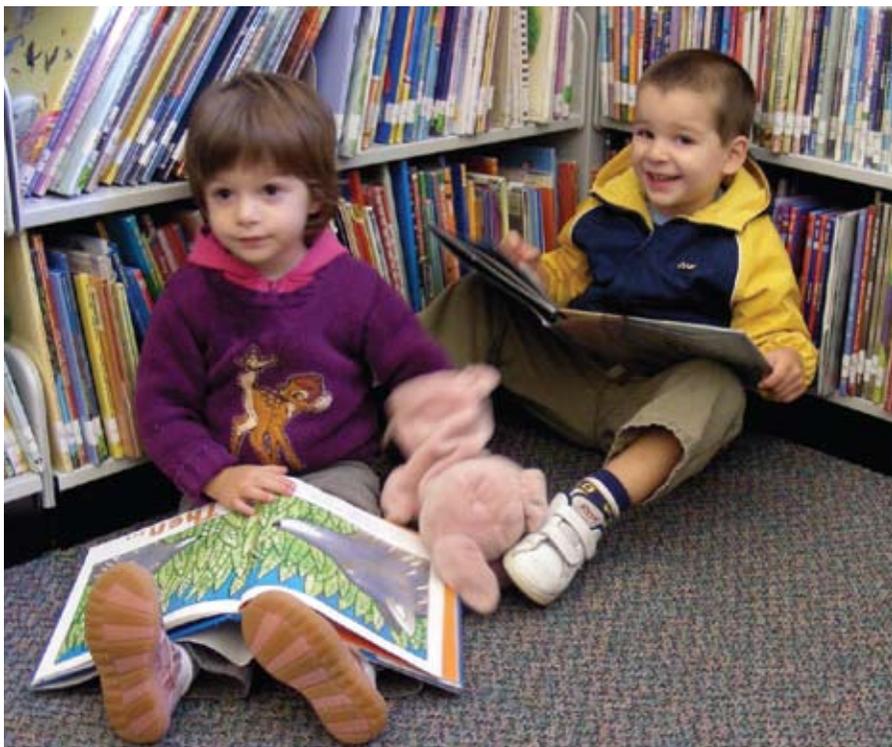
For complete information on the services offered by the Children's department, please check the Library webpage at [www.winpublib.org](http://www.winpublib.org). You may also call the Children's Desk at 781-721-7171 x26.

*Photos: right: Give your child the gift of reading.*

*Top far right: Join our book discussion groups.*

*Center far right: Check out our museum passes.*

*Bottom far right: Use the public computers.*



## BORROWER INFORMATION

The Winchester Public Library is the community's center—connecting people to each other and to print, spoken and visual resources for information and recreation. Applying for a library card is the first step in making these connections. It's quick and free; simply present photographic identification which includes your name and current address.

Because Winchester Public Library is a member of the Minuteman Library Network, your new library account provides access to over six million items owned by 41 libraries. And it's all available 24 hours a day! Through the library's website, you can search the catalog and reserve what you'd like to borrow, access databases or your account to see what you have out, renew items, or even settle fines. We will email you when a reserve arrives, and even remind you a couple of days before a title is due.

The Circulation Staff is committed to making using the Library easy, fun and profitable. Our generous loan periods, and renewal and fine policies are all designed for your convenience. If you have a question, we are happy to help you in person or on the phone. You'll also find many items on display in the Circulation lobby.

For complete information on services offered by the Circulation Department, please visit our website [www.winpublib.org](http://www.winpublib.org) or refer to the enclosed Circulation brochure. You may call us at 781-721-7171 x14

## SERVICE FOR PATRONS WITH DISABILITIES

For patrons with low-vision, the Reference Room offers the Aladdin Reader that magnifies print and images on books, magazines, and bills. For patrons unable to come to the Library, call the Reference Room for information about our volunteer home delivery service.

The Library also offers large print books, books on CD, and closed-captioned films. For complete information, please check the Library Web Pages at [www.winpublib.org](http://www.winpublib.org). You may also call the Reference Desk at 781-721-771 x20

## FRIENDS OF THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The "Friends" is a 501(C)(3) non-profit grassroots organization that supports the Library's continuing excellence. Their members raise funds for publications, equipment, and services which are not included in the town's budget but which enhance the Library's mission to improve the quality of life for Winchester residents. The Friends also give their time and energy to insure that the Library serves the community to the fullest possible extent by producing the Library newsletter, serving on committees to plan collaborative events, and supporting the Trustees in their fundraising and community outreach activities.

On an ongoing basis, the Friends help fund periodicals, DVDs, Sunday hours, museum passes, Friends Express bestsellers, adult and children's programs, Children's Room supplies, and the various other publications, equipment, and services that provide patrons with General Information, Current Topics and Titles, Lifelong Learning opportunities, and Community Connections.

Become a Friend of the Library at [www.winpublib.org](http://www.winpublib.org).

*Left center photo: Kronosaurus, courtesy of Harvard Museum of Natural History*

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