



BOOK TALK: Join the Conversation

Start the New Year by joining one of the Library's book groups.

You'll explore books with people who share your love of reading and take chances on books you may not otherwise pick up. You will also likely make some great new friends!

"We've had a great response to all of our book groups so far," says Adah DeRosier, Adult Services Librarian. "One of our most popular is the Silent Book Club where participants read quietly in a group setting, typically with a warm beverage in hand, before discussing their individual books."



Adah DeRosier

These discussions are a way for patrons to voice their opinions and feelings on a particular book, topic, or theme in a safe, comfortable environment.

"We have lively, engaging, and purposeful discussions on many topics," DeRosier says. "And everyone experiences a greater sense of community as we meet and get to know our neighbors at each meeting."

The book groups are also an opportunity for readers to think critically about the books they are reading and come together to learn

about topics that can be tough or challenging to talk about.

"They become exposed to other people's perspectives and thoughts on shared material as we discuss them," Kaity Stefanidis, Adult Services Librarian says. "Patrons who attend the Read With Pride discussions have been pleased that the Library is expanding our programming to meet the needs of our growing and changing community."

"These discussions strengthen social bonds by bringing people together who may not otherwise have common ground," she says.

"Participants practice empathy, expand their understanding of the material, and often come away with a deeper understanding of the stories."



Kaity Stefanidis

READ WITH PRIDE BOOK GROUP
Tuesdays at 6 pm at MochaLisa's
Caffè & Books, Clifton Park

HYBRID: DAYTIME BOOK GROUP
Thursdays at 2 pm

SILENT BOOK CLUB
Thursdays at 6 pm at MochaLisa's
Caffè & Books, Clifton Park

NEW! HYBRID: MEET-CUTES BOOK CLUB (Romance)
Tuesdays at 7 pm

NEW! HYBRID: BANNED BOOKS CLUB
Mondays at 7 pm, every other
month.

Visit the Events Calendar on our website for more information and to register, where required.

We also offer Book Clubs for children and teens. Visit our website to learn more.

CPH staff librarians are dedicated to offering book discussions for a variety of tastes and seek patron suggestions on which book groups they would like to see offered, such as the newest—**Meet-Cutes (Romance)** and **Banned Books**—which were patron ideas, according to DeRosier.

There is already buzz about the new Meet-Cutes meetings.

"I've heard several patrons say they are excited to discuss books with fellow romance-lovers," Stefanidis says. "They are happy to see the romance genre being taken seriously enough to host discussions."

The best thing about talking about books?

"New connections are forged over a love of reading—it doesn't get much better than that!" DeRosier says.

Brie Gaynair, Your Digital Services Guide

Hello! My name is Brie Gaynair, and I am the Digital Services Librarian.

I earned a master's degree in Library and Information Science and a bachelor's degree in Computer Science through Simmons University in Boston. I previously worked in an academic library handling technical and reference services.

Your library card gives you access to TV shows, movies, comics, children's books, journals, newspapers, and more through our research databases. I am here to help you access these resources--whether you are a tech pro but can't remember your password or need more help and have no idea what an app is.

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how to use it, I am here to help. If you've had one for years, but still have no idea how it works, I'm your girl!

Did I mention all of these resources are FREE with your library card?

I particularly enjoy empowering patrons to be continuous learners

and providing them with access to pursue educational and leisurely resources. I am a huge fan of physical books, but think there is something amazing about sharing a digital book with extremely large print or an audiobook with someone who thought they may have to give up their love of reading due to vision loss.

I think digital resources are one of the best ways to access a large amount of content and get it to the most people possible.

I look forward to hearing from you and helping you make the most of the free resources available to you from the Library.

Check out our website for classes (see Events Calendar), submit an online help request, or schedule a time to get together.

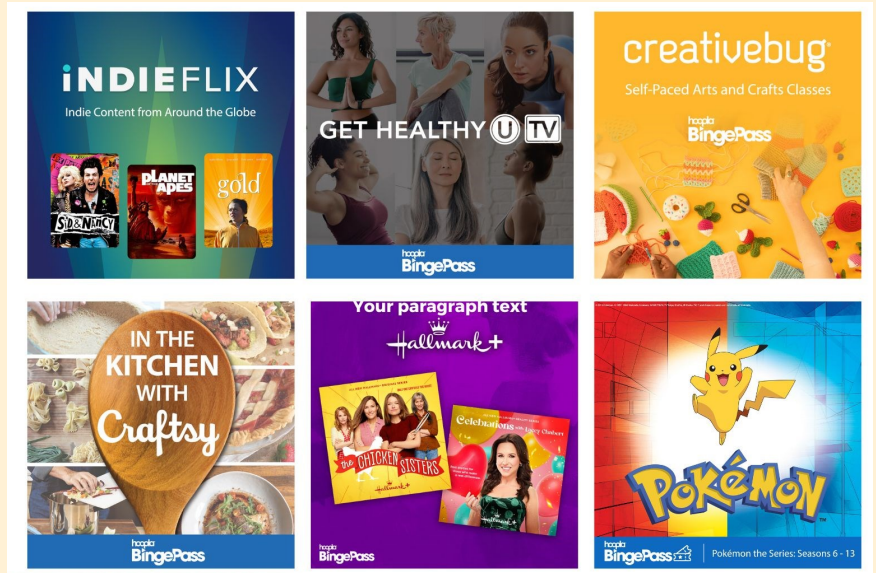
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