

I Love Spring!

I love spring! I have new daffodils in my yard and I am pretty sure that soon I will have lots of new chipmunks as well. I love things that are new, and while some people revel in the prospect of the new spring fashions, and others are lining up for the latest from Apple; I'm the one waiting for the new book releases. For a book nerd like me, nothing compares to the anticipation of waiting for the latest release from your favorite author. In the children's department, new books come in once a week and are always the cause of much excitement. We crowd around the book cart eagerly making our picks for story time and choosing which books we know are just perfect for certain patrons.

In both the children's and adult departments, we keep the new books right across from the circulation desks, just so we can admire them and keep them handy for recommendations! Let's face it, libraries are usually not spoken of in the same breath as the words "new and exciting", but we've come a long way in making sure that BCPL is there to feed your cravings for the new. Whether it's by ordering multiple copies of the most popular releases, or by offering digital editions for the latest e-readers, we constantly strive to stay ahead of the game in our mission to provide you with resources for learning and enjoyment.

Are you an e-reader? I recently was able to take a Nook for a test drive – my first experience with reading in the digital age. Okay, so my fondness for things new came to a screeching halt and I quickly reverted back to my old fashioned paper books. I think that's one area where I'm going to need a little coaxing, so that's why I plan on attending the program at the library entitled "e-books ; Getting Started". Be sure to join reference librarian Jason Hatton on April 20 as he tries to make us all feel a bit more comfortable with our new e-books.

Disney has also arrived on the BCPL website! You can now check out and download picture books from a selection of over 600 Disney's favorites. They can be read on both Windows and Mac computers, and many feature interactive games sure to keep your young ones engaged and entertained. When you add in Tumble Books, with it's selection of games, puzzles, and picture books, it's clear that the BCPL website is the place to stop for entertainment resources.

So come to the library and ask to see what's new. We'll be glad to show you. Here's a short list of some of my favorite new picture books about new things:

Bella and Stella Come Home by Anika Denise is a wonderful look at moving to a new home.

Pick a Pup by Marsha Wilson Chall is a must read for any preschooler looking to pick out their first dog.

There's Going to Be a Baby by John Burningham and Helen Oxenbury offers a fine old fashioned look at what happens with a new baby in the house.

I Can Do It Myself by Diane Adams is a wonderful look at a young girl who's trying a lot of new things by herself for the first time.

Even Monsters Need Haircuts by Matthew McElligott is a great look at haircuts that is sure to entertain and maybe help allay a few anxieties about that trip to the barbershop.

If you've never visited the library with your children, or never visited our website at <http://barth.lib.in.us/>, now is the time to try something new! We would love to see you. Your new library card is waiting.

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