

We're Here to Help – and “Books Are Out of This World”

A patron told me last week that I have a great memory. I just chuckled and thanked her, never revealing my dark horrible secret. I have a terrible memory. Just ask our family medical providers, my mother, my boss, my husband, and anyone remotely involved with my life and they can all tell you tales of missed appointments, forgotten birthdays, and items forgotten at the grocery store. I hold out hope that my winning personality makes up for this personal failing; however the jury is still out on that one.

So why was our patron so impressed? It was because she asked me if I knew the name of a book she had read in 1982 about a dog that had a grey cover. I asked her a couple of more questions, told her the title and had a nice moment of remembering the first time I had checked out the book from this very library.

Now my odd little memory trick is by no means infallible, it is merely a reflection of the passion I have for books. I have gotten to know a lot of our patrons here at the library and they know how much I like to talk about books, so they often search me out for help in looking for that perfect book for their son or daughter, or in remembering that book they read in 1982. I am grateful to all those patrons because they give me a chance to talk books with fellow book lovers!

So if you find yourself looking for a great book recommendation, help in finding an AR book that your child will actually want to read, or in just navigating through the sea of children's literature, have I got a deal for you! Our Winter Reading Club is going on now, and this is a great time to come in and get to know us! Our theme this year is BOOKS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD and not only can your child get prizes for reading books, but we have lots of great programs about space for all ages. This is for everybody, so even parents can come in, sign up and get good stuff. This month you can take a field trip to Columbus' own planetarium, learn about microgravity and surviving in space from our good friends at Space Port Indiana, and make your own edible active galaxy. Check our website www.barth.lib.in.us for all the programs you won't want to miss.

As part of our space theme, the library is hosting “Visions of the Universe”, a touring display from NASA chronicling the past 400 years of space exploration. Be sure to take a stroll along these photographs. It's a great way to bring home exactly how far we've come.

If your passion is space exploration, books, or if you can just help me figure out how to remember all those little things that don't have anything to do with books, come see me at the library. Let's talk.

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