Highlighted Service of the Month: MasterFILE

Doing your homework to be an informed consumer before making purchases is always a good thing. The library provides access to Consumer Reports through a database called <u>MasterFile Premier</u>. Once signed in with an active library card, you can simply click "Publications" on the top toolbar and then enter "Consumer Reports" in the second search box that appears. After clicking on the "Consumer Reports" record, you can browse all issues by year on the right-hand side or click "Search within this publication."

MasterFile Premier also contains full text articles for nearly 1,700 periodicals covering general reference, business, health, education, general science, multicultural issues and much more! It also contains full-text for nearly 500 reference books and over 164,400 primary source documents, as well as an Image Collection of over 502,000 photos, maps and flags.



To access this valuable database from home or work, click <u>here</u>. Log in with your Chester County Library card number and start your search!

The 5- top checked-out titles for January 2025 at Chester County Library and Henrietta Hankin Branch:

- 1. <u>The Women</u> by Kristin Hannah
- 2. The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
- 3. Tom Lake: A Novel by Ann Patchett
- 4. The Wedding People by Alison Espach
- 5. <u>All the Colors of the Dark</u> by Chris Whitaker

Some Program Highlights for March 2025

- Sunday, March 2, 2-3 pm Trust Speakers Series: Author Lu Ann Cahn: I Dare Me (In-person at Chester County Library) Join us for an inspiring evening with Lu Ann Cahn, author of I Dare Me! Hear her transformative story of trying something new every day to break free from the "stuck" feeling and live life fully. Don't miss this chance to be inspired! Register <u>here.</u>
- Thursday, March 6, 4:45-5:30 pm, sproutSTEM Workshop (In-Person at Henrietta Hankin Branch Library): Join us for some hands-on science in this month's Slime-Making Workshop. In this fun STEM activity, students will explore chemistry by creating their own slime using everyday materials like glue, baking soda, and activators. They'll learn about polymers, chemical reactions, and the properties of matter-- all while stretching, squishing, and experimenting with their slime creations. Program is for kids GRADES 3-5 only (FIRM). Register here.
- Monday, March 10, 6-7:30 pm, Simplify Your Spending and Saving Strategies Seminar (In-Person at Henrietta Hankin Branch Library): The "Simplify Your Spending and Saving Strategies Seminar" helps clients refine their financial plans. Participants will learn goal-setting, balancing saving, spending, and borrowing, debt control, credit score improvement, and savings options for now through retirement. The seminar will be led by a professional Financial Advisor from Edward Jones. Register here.
- Sunday, March 16, 2-3 pm, Holi Paint Party (In-person at Chester County Library): Happy Holi! Celebrate the Festival of Colors with themed activities:
 - Read *Festival of Colors* by Kabir & Surishtha Sehgal
 - o Dance to Balam Pichkari from Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani
 - Create spring-themed splatter paint art (bring a smock or wear old clothes)

Children 6+ must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Register here.