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There's a lot to do in Windsor

Why is a librarian sitting in a fire truck?

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Because when I was a kid, I really wanted to be a fire fighter. I even followed the fire trucks when they passed my house and I dressed up in a big coat and pretended to be one as often as I could. I'm still fascinated by them today.

But as an adult, I developed a real interest in history and the Civil War. I've read hundreds of books on the subject and I think it has taught me things that have made me a better librarian.

At our library, we've introduced some new things that will interest children and young adults. For instance, we have a Wilson Kids Club, where kids can meet, socialize and use the computers. This summer, we'll be showing movies and we'll even learn about birds of prey and why the sea is salty. Those aren't traditional things for a library but they help bring youngsters in so they are exposed to the world of books and learning.

Now, if I could just couple my fascination with firefighting to my work at the library. Maybe I could have Windsor Firefighters visit and tell about what it's like to drive one of these big trucks. I could even come dressed in one of the firefighter's coats and helmet.

The Wilson Branch, your four-alarm library! You know, that isn't a bad idea!

