

Welcome to the **Greater Worcester Chess Club Library**! Special thanks to the generosity of Marc Quevillon for donating the bulk of the books in the library. If you likewise wish to donate books to benefit others, we will gratefully accept your offer. We currently have close to 600 titles!

We have a few policies and procedures to make borrowing books clear and easy:

1. **To request a book**, click the request button on the library page of the Chesspals website, or email Bob Secino at <jonessecino@verizon.net>. Provide the author and title. It's best to make your request by Thursday morning. I will do my best to bring the book to the next club meeting.
2. Keep the borrowed book for **up to 4 weeks**; after that, please **either return it or request a 4-week renewal**. Your renewal request will be honored unless another club member requests the book. If you forget to return it, I may send you a gentle email reminder. (However, I would much rather use my time to study chess! 😊)
3. **The limit on the number of books** you may borrow at the same time is three (3).
4. Some of the books contain **marginal notes or underlining** from previous owners. Please do not add your own notes or underlining. Return the book in the same good condition in which you received it.

Notes to help you navigate the library:

For each book, the spreadsheet provides information about the author(s), title, date of publication, publisher, category, and notation.

a. **Categories** include broad, alphabetized headings such as *endgame, game collection, general instruction/improvement, middlegame, openings, puzzles, strategy, tactics, writing about chess*, and more! Each category is further alphabetized by author. Many categories include **subcategories**—especially the openings, which are further broken down into 1.c4, 1.d4, e4 (with specific openings for each), “not 1.c4, 1.d4, or e4,” repertoires for one color (or both!), traps, etc. Not surprisingly, the library stocks more opening books than any other category.

b. **Notation**: Since roughly 1980, chess books are published using **algebraic notation**. For example, 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3. Before 1980, chess authors used **descriptive notation**. For example, 1.PK4 PQB4 2.NKB3 NQB3 3.PQ4 PxP 4.NxP NB3 5.NQB3, etc. Don't despair! Descriptive notation is easy to learn. Either google it or ask a club member who is “bilingual.”

Fun fact: Did you know there are more books published on chess than for all other games **combined**?

Reading is power!

Your friendly librarian,

Bob Secino, <jonessecino@verizon.net>