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Get a detailed look at all the online resources
and services that the library has to offer 24/7.



What is a Library Resource Guide?

As a service to you, the Lafayette Public Library subscribes to a large selection of online databases that contain information on a wide variety of subjects. You will gain access to online learning, homework help, magazine articles, newspaper articles (including The Acadiana Advocate), test-taking practice and tips, career and job-seeking resources, health information, business information, a language-learning tool, automotive repair help, genealogy resources, and more at lafayettepubliclibrary.org.

This resource guide is meant to serve as an introduction to our digital and physical resources available to you. Thank you for being a part of our library community!



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Getting a Library Card

A library card is free if you live, work, or attend school in Lafayette Parish. If you do not have a library card, then you can apply for one online if you are 18 years or older. Just visit lafayettepubliclibrary.org/getacard. You will need to review our library card policy to see if you qualify. After the information is verified, a library card will be mailed to you along with a confirmation email.

Have a reference question? You can Ask-A-Librarian any question by calling one of our regional libraries for assistance or emailing reference@lafayettepubliclibrary.org.

Renew Dat!

RENEW DAT automatically renews your non-digital library items! Your non-digital items will automatically renew (if there are no other holds) before they are overdue letting you return them at your convenience.

All items have a renewal limit. If an item reaches its renewal limit or if another patron has placed a hold on the item, then it will not renew. You will receive an overdue notification ahead of the item's due date along with a 14-day grace period to return the item.

Most items will automatically renew, and you will receive an email notification of the new due date and renewal limit. Late fees will apply when an item's renewal limit is reached and the item has not been returned within the grace period.

Library Drive-Thru Services

Drive-thru window service is accessible at the Main Library and Regional Libraries. You can pick up your requested materials if you have been notified that they are available for pick up. Drive-thru service is available every day during regular library service hours up to 30 minutes prior to closing.

As always, library materials can be returned in any book drop or at any library location -- we'll handle making sure they find their way to their proper branch. You can request materials by contacting circulation, our LPL Mobile App, or via the catalog on our website at lafayettepubliclibrary.org. You can also check the status on your holds by visiting any one of these services. Checking out books has never been more simple!

Error 404 - Book Not Found

If a book or other library material is not found in the Lafayette Public Library's collections, patrons have options available! Help us build our collection by visiting our website and clicking "Request Title Not Currently at LPL."

We also offer Interlibrary Loans! Interlibrary Loan (ILL) involves borrowing materials from in-state and out-of-state libraries. Requests for materials through ILL can take as little as one week, or up to one month, depending on availability. Most requests are filled within a two-week period. The library will attempt to fill requests for audiovisual materials such as DVDs, audiobooks, music, etc. only if these items

are available to borrow from other Louisiana libraries.

Requests can also be placed by phone at 261-5757 or in person at any Lafayette Public Library location.



Get Connected with LPL Mobile

You can use your mobile device to connect to library services, no matter where you are! The LPL Mobile app was recently updated to include a customizable new look, more features, and is available for free in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Use the app to put books on hold, check due dates, extend your checkout date, and much more. The app will let you know when your holds are available, and you can even select your pickup location.

Download and read eBooks and listen to eAudiobooks directly through the app in a variety of formats. And, through the LPL Mobile app, you can register for our reading programs such as the Summer Reading Challenge and 100 Book Club.

If you are looking for an item that's not already in the Lafayette Public Library's collection, then use the Item Request tab. We will try to locate that item for you through an InterLibrary Loan.

The app includes short links to some of our more popular online resources. You'll find the latest magazines by using RBDigital and Flipster. Or even learn a language with Pronunciator. It's all in one convenient location with your LPL Mobile app!

Video Rentals

For many patrons, the feeling of wandering the shelves of the local video store looking for that perfect movie seems all but gone. In the era of digital streaming, those video stores have vanished, and that feeling along with it. However, movie rentals make up a huge chunk of your library's checkouts.

Checking out a movie from the library is free with your library card -- there are none of the access fees that come with the increasingly-splintered digital streaming market. You can check our catalog online and pick up your movies or favorite TV series from the branch of your choice, OR visit one of our locations and see what's available for yourself. With our new "Binge Box" service, you can even check out an entire collection of movies on a theme!

For your next family movie night, consider bringing back the tradition of browsing the shelves to see what's playing. Stop by your local library.

Never Get Bored with our Board Games

Have you played all the board games in your house a hundred times and need something new to play? We've got you covered! Stop by the Main Library or any of the Regional Libraries and browse our collection of board games, tabletop games, and card games. Whether you are looking for a classic to play with the kids or something fun and new to play with your friends on game night, we've got it!

You can also browse our catalog online by simply typing "board games" in the search bar, and you can even place one on hold for pickup at your closest library location. We have games for all ages and skill levels, so what are you waiting for? Stop by and pick up some fun today!

Game On: Check Out Game Rentals!

We get it. Gaming can be an expensive pastime. Consoles and peripherals aren't cheap, and games can be surprisingly short! Why not try before you buy? Visit our catalog where we have hundreds of games on a wide variety of consoles, such as Wii, Xbox One, PS4, and more available for checkout.



Looking for eBooks and Audiobooks? Libby, by OverDrive

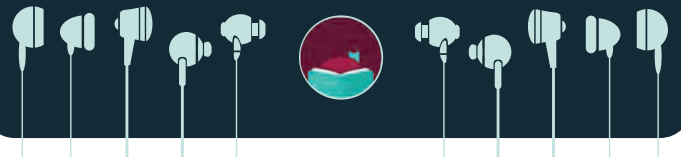
Read or listen to over 28,000 eBook titles and 5,200 audiobook titles online. You can search for a title or set your preferences and browse suggested titles, and then borrow or put them on hold instantly. New titles are added regularly, so you'll never run out of material! Download the Libby by OverDrive app to read or listen to books on your smart phone or tablet.

Libby allows you to read across devices so that you never lose your place! You can also download eBooks and audiobooks for offline reading, enjoy audiobooks in your car through Bluetooth connection, and even send your eBooks to your Kindle. Both services provide special sections just for kids and teens that filter out adult materials and include eBooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, and read-alongs.

The best thing about digital content is that it's available 24/7, even when the library is closed. Charge up your favorite device, load it up with the latest reads, and be prepared for hours of entertainment.

If you aren't sure where to start, be sure to browse Libby's recommendations or use their powerful search options to pick a genre you love, sort by "available now," and dive in!

In late 2020, Overdrive added RB Digital's collection to the app as well, so there's even more to listen to than ever before. While Libby will automatically remind you to renew or return your books, we ask that you kindly return your checkouts when you're done.



Digital Magazines - Available at your library through Flipster & RB Digital

Be sure to check out our digital magazine collections with these amazing services. Skip the newsstand and get the latest issues of all of your favorites from your library! Read your favorite magazines digitally, available only through the Lafayette Public Library. Unique to Flipster, you'll even find Regional Magazines, like *Acadiana Profile*.

Flipster

Cosmopolitan (US), Discover, Food Network Magazine, Elle, Highlights, Motor Trend, Good Housekeeping, Essence, People, Men's Health, The New Yorker, Rolling Stone, Field & Stream, Entertainment Weekly, Vogue, HGTV Magazine, Martha Stewart Living, O (The Oprah Magazine), National Geographic, and many more!

RB Digital

American Patchwork & Quilting, AppleMagazine, Astronomy, Bon Appetit, Car and Driver, Destination Weddings & Honeymoons, ESPN the Magazine, Esquire, Marie Claire, Reader's Digest, Soap Opera Digest, and more!



Library Programs

Make Music with the M.I.Brary

The Lafayette Community M.I.Brary, located in the Chenier Branch Library, is now home to nearly 40 musical instruments including acoustic and electric guitars, keyboards, violins, and drums. But did you know that through the M.I.Brary, you also have access to a steel lap guitar, an electric banjo, a mandolin, a dulcimer, accordions, bongos, ukuleles, and even a glockenspiel?! The Musical Instrument Library is always growing and changing!

So, if you've ever wanted to take a musical instrument for a test drive, now's your chance! All you need is a library card*, and you can check out any one (1) instrument of your choice for 28 days! Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org/mibrary for more details.

*You must be 16 years or older and be in good standing to check out an instrument. Loan does not renew after 28 days. See website for a full list of rules and instruments available.



Library Events Calendar

If you're not already familiar with library programming, your library offers literally hundreds of activities, crafts, entertainment, contests, book clubs, and educational events each year. You can keep up with everything offered by picking up our BookTalk Newsletter each month or by visiting the Events Calendar online at lafayettela.libcal.com!

Makerspace & Tech

Come MAKE with us at the library! Our Makerspaces and Tech Labs offer classes in digital media, paper and textile arts, electronics and fabrication, as well as open access time. Open Access time allows patrons to explore and experiment as they independently work on projects of their choosing. Self-guided online tutorials are available for most applications.

Our Makerspaces have a variety of equipment, from sewing machines to 3D printers. Visit the Services section of our website for a list of equipment and available hours at each location.

Additionally, we offer workshops and tutorials on how to use our equipment. Space is limited for these programs, and they often do require registration. To sign up, visit our Calendar of Events and click on the specific class and date of the program you want to attend.

The possibilities are endless: check out this amazing custom mechanical keyboard, built by one of our patrons using the laser cutter in our Makerspace!



Join the 100 Book Club

Lafayette Public Library's Annual Reading Challenge

Make it your New Year's resolution to read more books! Better yet, strive to read or listen to 100 books between January 1 and December 31, so you can become a member of the LPL's 100 Book Club. Receive cool prizes and recognition, plus the bragging rights to say you accomplished something few others will! Registration begins January 4 in our libraries and online. Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org or download the LPL Mobile app to sign up.

Summer Reading Challenge

Are you up for the challenge? Light reading over the summer is a fun and easy way for students to prevent a decline in reading achievement. With our Summer Reading Challenge, children can discover learning activities, teens can strengthen reading skills, and adults can explore great books. The Lafayette Public Library is challenging you, your family, and friends to help us reach our summer community goal.

Each year, thousands of patrons participate in our challenge and earn prizes provided by the library and donated by our business sponsors. Our Summer Reading Challenge is available for patrons of all ages, not just children. In addition to reading, each year has a theme that our staff creates programming activities around.

See for yourself: Visit lafayettepubliclibrary.org as well as our Facebook page for updates and information about virtual book clubs, summer performers, crafts, and much more.

Lafayette Reads Together

Lafayette Reads Together (LRT) began when the Lafayette Public Library was approached by a Lafayette Parish School System librarian who was interested in partnering for a community read. The library had previously participated in the National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read, but this would be the first community-wide partnership involving several organizations throughout Lafayette Parish.

The goal of the program is to get the whole community reading, discussing, and exploring the same book. Thanks to the Lafayette Public Library Foundation, free copies of the chosen book are distributed to all interested patrons, allowing everyone, regardless of socioeconomic status, educational background, race, and age, a chance to participate in the community read. Lafayette Reads Together has become an annual event with book discussions and LRT-related programs scheduled from January through March each year.

Businesses and groups can also join by simply agreeing to the distribution of books to employees or members and encouraging them to read or host LRT-related programs.

Business Source Complete

Powered by **EBSCOhost**, this database allows the user to search business videos, company information, company profiles, industry profiles, market research reports, and more. Simply type in the name of a company in the basic search engine to discover full-text content about various businesses and business topics, or use the advanced search to find more specific results.

Cypress Resume

If you need to update your resume or create one from scratch, you're in luck. Cypress Resume is an online resume builder that lets you create professional-quality resumes in 3 easy steps. Specifically designed for job seekers skittish about writing, Cypress Resume allows anyone to create a great resume that will stand out to potential employers in a manner of minutes. In step one, add your contact information, work history, and education. In step two, select the title of your desired job or select the skill set you wish to highlight. In step three, choose from a collection of concise and professional job statements.

Once your resume is complete, you can even drop your resume off for review online at the **Homework Louisiana** (see page 10) site. In addition to receiving resume tips, you can also connect with a career coach or search online job resources. Homework Louisiana provides links to career information, federal and government jobs, civilian jobs for veterans, and occupational assessment sites.

If you're preparing for an interview, Homework Louisiana provides over 40 links to sites on successful interviewing, phone interviews, dressing for success, interview blunders, and questions you should ask employers. Additional job search websites are also highlighted. Learn how to work with a professional recruiter, how to build your personal brand, and how to expand your job search efforts.

LearningExpress Library

This site provides a treasure trove of information for anyone who's looking for a job. Be sure to check out the Job and Career Accelerator, where you can take practice exams for civil service jobs as well as for careers in health-related fields, real estate, law enforcement, education, and the military. If you're thinking about making a career change, you can take an online skills quiz to determine what occupations are a great match for you based on your interests.

Other tools can help you find in-demand, military-to-civilian, or green economy occupations. There's also a job search engine that gives you access to over 5 million job postings from job boards, government and corporate sites, online classifieds, and more. If you're a new graduate, you can take an online tutorial guiding you through your search to find an internship or your first job. Once you have identified jobs that interest you, LearningExpress Library provides job interview tutorials, resume and cover letter help, and sample interview thank you and follow-up letters.

Louisiana Jobs and Career Center

Is it time for a new job or career? Have you been laid off or are between jobs, and you are unsure of your next step? Do you need some pointers on how to create a resume? The State Library of Louisiana is here to help with their job hunting site! This site provides between-job resources, job search resources, and a "Find a Job" feature that includes resources for veterans. Maybe you are currently employed but are looking for something more — search for volunteer opportunities as well as licensing and certification information as well.

Value Line

"Buy! Sell!" The stock market has its ups and downs, and Value Line is here to help you navigate the ever-changing world of shares. The site's dashboard provides you with *Market Daily Updates*, and the "Browse Research" feature allows the more seasoned investor to view value line featured lists. "Markets" provides daily looks into the stock market today, industry reports, and more. The site also provides stock selection service, innovative online research tools, and an entire page dedicated to investment education. *This service is typically for in-library use only, but will be available for remote access to all library subscribers until the COVID-19 crisis passes.*

Business & Careers



So what is this section about?

The Lafayette Public Library has resources for job-seekers, businesses, and independent entrepreneurs. Library study rooms are perfect shared workspaces for your team to plan, or if you need a quiet space to touch up your resume. The resources here will help you find the perfect place to start.

If you're just beginning your career and are unsure where to start, LearningExpress Library can help you find the right fit and even point you towards training programs and scholarships. The Louisiana Jobs and Career Center (laworks.net) is a comprehensive one-stop for both workers and employers.

Patrons who are looking for ways to improve their existing skills or learn new ones can also find resources in this guide under **Adult Learning**, on page 9. We highly recommend Lynda Learning Library (also known as LinkedIn Learning), which has an enormous collection of courses in everything from soft skills to the latest versions of industry-specific software. Generally, Lynda subscriptions can cost up to \$29.99/mo, but we are proud to offer this service to our patrons at no direct cost. Best of all, you can quickly update your resume and LinkedIn profile with the new skills you've learned. Try it today!

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-  Find a Career Match
-  Explore Occupations
-  Search for Jobs and Internships
-  Tools to Get Hired
-  Career Library
-  School and Scholarship Finder

References & Resources



So what is this section about?

One of the major tasks of a public library in 2020 is to help improve information literacy. Information literacy is a set of abilities requiring individuals to “recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and effectively use the needed information.”

Information literacy forms the basis for lifelong learning. It is common to all disciplines, to all learning environments, and to all levels of education. It enables learners to master content and extend their investigations, become more self-directed, and assume greater control over their own learning. An information literate individual is able to discern fact from fiction and keep up in the information age.

We do this by providing great databases for our patrons that can put useful information at your fingertips, as well as tools like Credo that have quick tips to avoid bias in searches, find relevant sources, and research your questions to a conclusion! Just sign in with your library card or click the web portal on our site, and you're good to go!

Chilton Library



Detailed information on vehicle maintenance and repairs. Choose the year, make, and model of your vehicle, and Chilton Library will provide you with step-by-step service and repair procedures, a labor estimating tool, diagrams to simplify troubleshooting, close-up photographs and illustrations for visual support, a list of recalls and bulletins, and more for your specific vehicle.

CINAHL

Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature



The authoritative resource for nursing and allied health professionals, students, educators, and researchers. This database provides indexing for more than 3,000 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health. The database contains more than 2.3 million records dating back to 1981.

Consumer Health Complete



A comprehensive health and wellness database powered by EBSCOhost. Search through evidence-based reports, encyclopedias, fact sheets, images, diagrams, videos, and even articles from popular magazines such as American Fitness and Popular Science for medical and health resources. A “quick find” section allows you to search alphabetically for a disease, condition, injury, or procedure. Use the “search by topic” section to find information on alternative treatments, children’s health, medications, mental health, pregnancy, substance abuse, and much more.

CREDO Reference



Unsure where to begin your research for a paper or project? Look no further! Credo Reference is an extensive online research collection containing almost 900 online dictionaries, encyclopedias, thesauri, and other reference tools. Credo Reference provides tips on how to select and narrow down your research topic, how to avoid bias in your searches, and how to find relevant sources. Students looking up current events and will benefit from the powerful search engine which provides frequently-updated, credible background information on issues.

EBSCOhost



A database of databases—Use EBSCOhost to find the right site for your search. The home page offers a list of all available databases including eBook Collection, Audiobook Collection, Academic Search Complete, Health Source (consumer edition and nursing/academic edition), Regional Business News, Science Reference Center, BIR Entertainment (information on music and DVD/video titles), and more. Simply click the link and start searching. Available in English, Spanish, and French.

Exceptional Lives



Exceptional Lives is a personalized disability information platform for families, caregivers, and professionals. The site provides easy-to-read guides, a resource directory, and expert help through the helpline (call or text), email, or online chat. Videos and blogs will help guide you through questions you may have or situations you may encounter in caring for a child with special needs. There is also a page dedicated to Louisiana topics and guides including health insurance, Medicaid waivers, and help with applying for SSI benefits.

Explora (EBSCO)



Reliable content from the world’s leading magazines and reference books found within the EBSCO databases. Explora allows the user to browse categories organized by popular topics or search for a specific topic. There are also specialized research centers for students and teachers. Explora provides relevant results for research including primary source documents, news articles, and Associated Press videos.

GALE - Cengage Learning



Like you, we believe learning is for everyone. Gale provides resources for patrons that enhance research, provide learning solutions, support business success, and enable libraries to create more focused programming.

Gale eBooks

Explore this database of encyclopedias and reference sources within the Gale eBooks platform. For multidisciplinary research.

Gale Literary Index

Search this digital master index to find coverage of authors and works in products published by Gale.

Gale Literature: Scribner Writer Series

Browse original scholarly essays on authors from around the world. Places authors and their works in personal and historical context.

Gale Literature: Twayne’s Author Series

Find in-depth critical introductions to the lives and works of major writers. Includes influences of literary movements.

Global Road Warrior



This large-scale database provides information about culture, history, language, travel information, and education systems of 175 countries. Select a country for a complete overview including current time and weather conditions in the capital. Learn basic facts and demographic information as well as helpful looks into business culture, what immunizations are needed to travel, what foods are common, what music is popular, and so much more!

If the site is being used for a school project or paper, proper citation formatting is provided.

Government Documents for Public Review

The Lafayette Public Library System has print copies of some federal, state and local government documents available for review on the third floor of the Main Library located at 301 West Congress Street. Because they are strictly for public review, these documents cannot be checked out at any time. LPL provides links to public review documents when available. Visit our website to find the latest list!

Stay current with Free News Resources from your Library

Online readers trying to keep up with the news are familiar with these dreaded words: "We're sorry, but you've reached the maximum of 5 free articles per month. This content is available to subscribers only." Did you know that your library card provides you with a subscription to local and national news? Check out these resources to keep up from your desktop or mobile device.

NewsBank

Provides access to over 9,000 news sources. The left side of the homepage offers a list of special reports with the most currently-trending topics listed at the top as well as links to daily headlines and events. The center of the homepage offers clickable links to find a topic, access world news, or access America's news. NewsBank even provides access to local news sources which are found under "Louisiana News Sources" or separated into *The Times-Picayune Collection*, the *Acadiana Advocate* collection, and the *Baton Rouge Advocate* collection. These collections offer full text of papers as well as access to now-defunct publications and blogs. Digital text versions of the newspaper are available on the same day as publication, and articles, puzzles, and comics can be printed simply by clicking the printer icon at the top of the page. *Please note that the New Orleans Advocate and the Acadiana Advocate are available as image editions as well.*

The New York Times

In order to access the site from outside the library, simply visit nytimes.com/register to set up a free, basic account. Then visit lafayettepubliclibrary.org, click the Free Stuff for Our Patrons tab or search the library's catalog for New York Times Online, and follow the link for a 72-hour pass (patrons can use an unlimited number of passes throughout the year). Once on the site, patrons have access to news and content from all of the various sections of the paper, and content is constantly updated. Patrons can search for articles from as far back as the 1800s!

Newsstream

Provides searchable, text-based access to hundreds of US newspapers including Lafayette's own *Daily Advertiser* (articles date back to 2002). A list of publications can be found on the site in the top menu; there, the user can search for a specific publication or see a list by subject, language, or publisher. An advanced search page is also available where the user can limit by one or more aspects such as publication, type of article, subject field (author, title, byline), and more. A link for educational materials for using the site better is provided on the site as well.

Legal Forms Library

Unless you're a lawyer, legal forms and jargon can be a confusing hassle. Legal Forms Library is here to help! This site offers an easy-to-use, step-by-step approach to addressing complex legal matters, so no special skills or extensive knowledge of the law is required. Legal Forms Library makes it simple to browse categories by alphabet, by main categories, or by popular topics including divorce, wills, real estate, bankruptcy, landlord tenant, name change, incorporation, paternity, and more.

State Library of Louisiana

Historic Photograph Collection - The State Library of Louisiana has two collections in the Louisiana Digital Library. This is a fantastic resource for anyone looking into the history of the region for fun or for research purposes.

Louisiana Historical Photographs of the State Library - collection features black and white and some color photographs from the early 1900s to present. There are large collections of Department of Transportation, Tourism, Conservation, and Environmental Quality images.

Louisiana Works Progress Administration - collection covers the state and includes photographs, traditional songs, beliefs, customs, sayings, stories, recipes, legends, jokes, and accounts of local history.





Genealogy & Research

The Lafayette Public Library offers excellent resources for anyone interested in local history and genealogy. You'll find books on basic research techniques for the novice, as well as advanced methods for the more experienced researcher. Although the Main Library houses most of the print genealogy materials (books, periodicals, and microfilm), a smaller collection of resources is available at the North Regional Library.

Collections

Our collection is focused on Louisiana, the American South, Francophone genealogy, and individual family histories of local interest. Numerous books pertain to church and cemetery records, heraldry, ethnicity, and surnames. There is also information on military records, the Mayflower descendants, immigration, and censuses. The library subscribes to several genealogical periodicals, and city directories for Lafayette are available for most years from 1946 to the present.

Getting Started

Where to start? Experts agree that if you are researching your own family tree that you should start with yourself, then work backwards from there. Genealogy is the study of vital events in a family. What we mean by vital events are documentations of births, marriages, and deaths. This may also include divorces and adoptions. Establishing links with this information makes up a family's pedigree, or family tree.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

If you wish to borrow materials that LPL does not own, you may be interested in using our Interlibrary Loan (ILL) services. ILL involves borrowing materials from in-state and out-of-state libraries. Requests for materials through ILL can take as little as one week, or up to one month, depending on availability.

Lafayette Genealogical Society

The Lafayette Genealogical Society's mission is to encourage an interest in all family history, as well as collect, preserve, and make available Attakapas area history. This includes the parishes of Lafayette, St. Martin, St. Mary, Acadia, Vermilion, Evangeline, and Iberia. As an organization of genealogists, they work together in preserving family history and local history.

For years, the Lafayette Genealogical Society has assisted patrons with mapping out their family trees and held lectures on genealogy with special guests. Be sure to visit our calendar to find out when their next appearance will be by visiting lafayettepubliclibrary.org/calendar.

Although the group meets in Lafayette and has a particular interest in Louisiana history, many members have family lineages that require research outside of Louisiana. The Lafayette Genealogical Society currently has 115 members that reside in Louisiana, Canada, France, and elsewhere. If you would like to learn more about this non-profit organization, visit their website at lafayettegenealogicalsociety.org.

Ancestry Library Edition



Similar to the subscription-based version of Ancestry.com, Ancestry.com Library Edition is an online source of genealogical and historical information with over 1.2 billion records in over 3,000 databases, and it's all free to you with your library card! If you've ever wondered about your family history, now is the time to dive in! You can access the Ancestry.com Library Edition database from any computer within our library system, and you can even send documents home! Log in today and start learning about who you are.

Please note that this particular service is only available in-person at one of our library locations.

Heritage Quest Online



Sometimes genealogy searches can be confusing and overwhelming, but Heritage Quest Online is here to help. Powered by Ancestry.com, this genealogical database allows the user to search census information, local history books, wills, city directories, military records as far back as the Revolutionary War, cemeteries, and Freedman's Bank. You can also find helpful guides under the "Research Aids" tab that will get you started with your search and help lead you beyond searching the census. As you find the records you need, there is a handy "send document" button that allows you to send the records to your personal email address.

MyHeritage



A simple, easy-to-use genealogical database with access to over 12 billion historical records from all over the world, 2.4 billion family tree profiles from MyHeritage and Geni, hundreds of millions of Nordic records, more than 600 million historical photos, exclusive databases such as the Jewish Chronicle historical newspaper, and so much more. With more than 100 million additional records added on every month, MyHeritage is a great resource for your ancestry search!



Pronunciator

Hello! Hola! Ciao! Konnichiwa!

pronunciator: 

Have you ever wanted to learn another language? Do you have a business trip to another country coming up soon, and you need to learn the basics? Is English your second language, and you would like to be more fluent? Begin your language journey with Pronunciator!

Pronunciator provides access to 163 languages and counting – each featuring 10,000 instructional phrases, hundreds of live 30-minute classes per week led by qualified teachers, the largest English as a Second Language (ESL) curriculum on the planet, and much more. Pronunciator also offers lessons for people whose native language is not English. It even has lessons for younger patrons, with specialized courses designed for specific age ranges from birth through high school.

Simply select the topics you love, the skills you want to build, and how much you want to study each day, and Pronunciator will build a robust and effective personalized course just for you – in a matter of seconds. You can also create a personalized study guide and dozens of personalized audio lessons for every course you build.

With 163 languages to choose from (and 137 home languages to learn them in), as well as the most comprehensive collection of instructional phrases, audio recordings, and videos in the world, you'll never run out of possibilities.

And, if you're learning a language for your job, we've got you covered. Whether you're a nurse, a firefighter, a cashier, a carpenter – or any of 60 occupations – you can build a personalized course designed specifically for your job.

Want to learn American Sign Language? Pronunciator has the largest program in the world, with 20,000 instructional videos. How about American English as a Second Language (ESL)? Pronunciator has the largest course in the world, with 50,000 instructional phrases and 10,000 videos. They even have ESL for Australian, British, Canadian, Indian, Irish, New Zealand and Scottish English. Create a personalized ESL course taught in the language of your choice, focusing on the skill or skills most important to you: speaking, understanding, reading, and/or writing.

Each course features a wide variety of activities to keep you engaged; video clips and human voices to keep it real; and progress tracking to keep you motivated. Plus, you can resume where you left off with a single click or tap from any mobile device or desktop computer.

Sanborn Maps

Cities and towns are ever-changing, and Sanborn Maps gives you the opportunity to see a city's maps between 1867 and 1970! Sanborn maps chart the growth and development of Louisiana towns and cities and were created to assist fire insurance companies as they assessed fire risks in an area. If you've ever wondered what your neighborhood or even your whole city looked like before 1970, Sanborn has a Louisiana map for you!



Lynda: LinkedIn Learning

What if you could learn photography, Photoshop, animation, web development, marketing, graphic design, and video production all in the same place? How about mastering Microsoft Office and Adobe suites? What if all the courses were taught by industry professionals and FREE to you? If that sounds too good to be true, it's not! It's all at Lynda.com (also known as LinkedIn Learning!)

Lynda.com offers an unparalleled learning experience through thousands of online video tutorials in business, education, and tech skills taught by expert instructors. With just your library card, you have unlimited access to every video in the extensive subscription library, and you have the ability to learn anywhere by switching between your computer, tablet, or mobile device.

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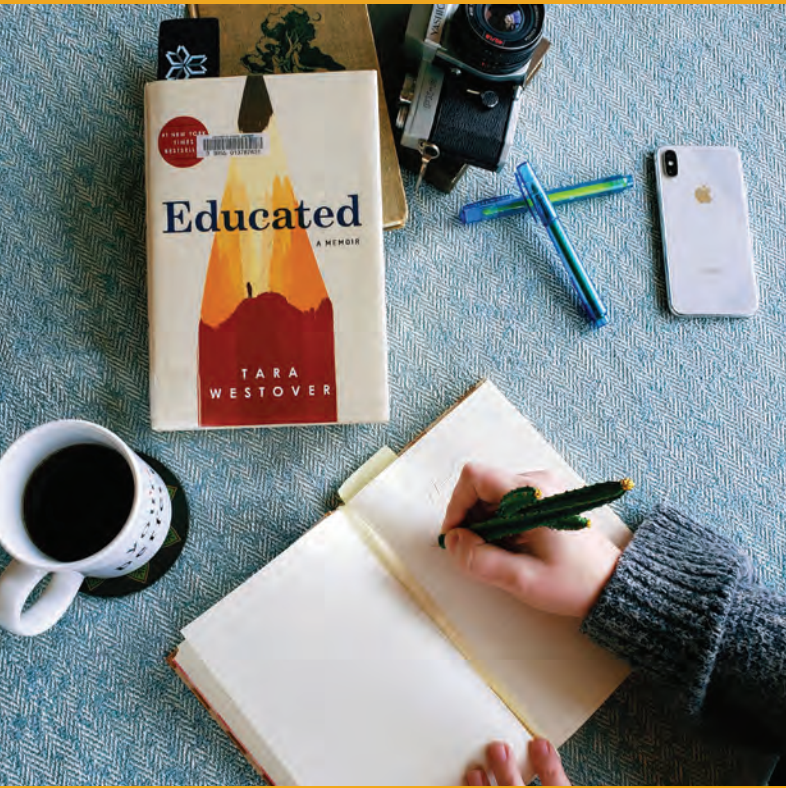


ONLINE LEARNING

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Student Learning



So what is this section about?

This section contains resources specific to students. Lafayette Public Library provides many online resources for students from preschool all the way to college and beyond. Here you will find websites with access to homework help, tutoring, references, test prep, practice tests, AP video lessons, and more. Since learning doesn't end in the classroom, these sites also provide access to continued education, adult education, and learning new languages. The end goal to all education is putting it to good use.

Study Rooms

Our study rooms are perfect for individuals or small groups who need a private space for studying, group projects, meetings, or just a quiet place to read. Each room provides a table and chairs as well as WiFi access. Rooms can be booked in 2-hour blocks and are available to any patron in good standing. To book a study room at the Main Library or any Regional Library, visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org/spaces.

Exam Proctoring

Registered library cardholders in good standing with the Lafayette Public Library System are eligible for this free service. To qualify for a card, applicants must live, work, or attend school in Lafayette Parish. For patrons not qualifying for a library card as a resident of Lafayette Parish, reciprocal borrower's cards will be issued. The individual must show a valid library card from the parish he resides in, and that parish must be a member of a reciprocating library. Test takers are required to present a valid picture I.D. at the time of the exam.

Test Taker's Responsibilities

The Lafayette Public Library may proctor exams based on the availability of personnel, facilities, and the technology to do so. Students are required to provide their own laptops when specialized software is required.

Test takers must obtain approval from the educational institution before library staff will act as proctors. Schools may have specific requirements for proctoring. If the school requires a signed Proctor's Agreement form before the test is sent, email it to proctor@lafayettepubliclibrary.org.

Once the test taker and proctor are approved, the test taker can schedule an exam by completing the online Proctoring Service Request form. Each test must be submitted individually and scheduled a minimum of 3 days in advance.

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Homework Louisiana

One of our most used resources for kids and teens. This popular resource provides 24/7 live tutoring available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Test Prep features Princeton Review materials and practice tests, and students can create an account so they can track their progress. Homework Louisiana provides so much more than just tutoring, though!

Services include: academic tutoring with the option to submit essays and math problems for review; test preparation with SAT/ACT essentials, AP video lessons, HiSET/GED resources, practice quizzes, and standardized test prep; and job search assistance with online job search, resume, and cover letter help and review, and interview preparation. This service is available within the public library, from home, or from campus.

LearningExpress Library

A comprehensive interactive learning platform with skills practice for elementary through college-age students. This site includes career preparation, job and career accelerator (tools and guidance to help discover careers of interest and the skills necessary for them), a high school equivalency center, college admissions test preparation, a school center (resources for classroom and homework success), adult core skills, computer skills center, and more! The site also contains a useful job search feature.

Job and Career Accelerator

The LearningExpress Library's Job and Career accelerator is an amazing tool for students who are looking to the future. With it you can: find a career match, explore occupations, search for jobs and internships, visit the career library, and even use their school and scholarship finder.

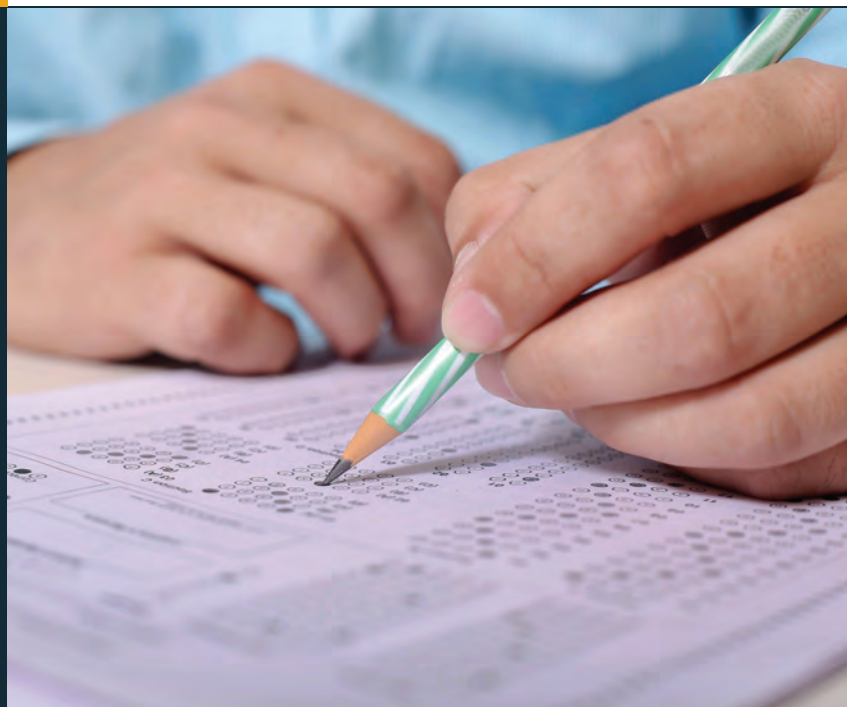
TrueFlix



Have you ever wondered why spiders aren't considered to be insects? Did you know that leaf-cutter ants can carry more than 50 times their body weight? That monarch butterflies migrate over 3,000 miles each winter to escape the cold weather? These are just a few of the facts you'll discover by reading one of the TruFlix books on animals.

In addition to animals, TruFlix offers many other topics to explore: earth science, ecosystems, extreme nature, great discoveries, health, and outer space are just a few. The coverage on disasters, for example, delves into pandemics, oil spills, 9/11, and the Titanic.

If you're a history buff, you'll want to read the online books on Ancient Greece, the 13 colonies, westward expansion, and many other topics in the people, places, and history section.



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Online learning resources available 24/7

Introducing Adventure Kits

Looking for STEAM activities for your family or a new hobby as an adult? The Library's new Adventure Kits are the perfect option for you.

From bird watching to robotics, we now have over 15 different kits that offer a box of adventure for all ages. Each box includes all supplies needed for the adventure to begin, and many have suggested activities. Examples include:

Tech

Little Bits Synth Kit
Ozobot Evo Robot Kit

STEAM for Families

Backyard Explorer kit
Simple Machines Kit

Hobbies

Jewelry Repair Kit
Metal Detector Kit

Early Literacy

Rhyme Time Kit
On the Farm Kit

Brought to patrons generously from Cox Communications.



SPOTLIGHT ON: TumbleBooks

Our younger patrons can connect with eBooks and amazing resources with this trio of services. These carefully-curated collections have something to offer regardless of your child's age level and reading ability!

TumbleBook Library

One of our most promoted resources, and for good reason! TumbleBooks are animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music, and narration to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you. This amazing database is intended for grades K–6, and includes books in English, French, and Spanish. The collection includes fiction and nonfiction titles, graphic novels, a small collection of National Geographic videos, and online puzzles and games. TumbleBook Library also includes Common Core information, Accelerated Reader information, and lesson plans for many of the books.

Parents love the read-along feature which highlights the words as they are read! If you are looking for something a little more portable, you can also download the TumbleBook Library app on your smartphone or tablet.

TumbleBookCloud Junior

Provides over 600 titles and reading levels from grades 3–6 for adventurous young readers who wish to go beyond the picture book collection in TumbleBook Library! TumbleBookCloud Junior contains early reader chapter books, children's classics, graphic novels, children's audiobooks, and new National Geographic videos – many of which are paired with our eBooks – a perfect complement to support Common Core Curriculum!

The layout of this program is very similar to that of its companion site, TumbleBook Library, and makes transition easier from one to the other.

Teen Book Cloud

Perfect for the teen or young adult literature lover who seems to read faster than the library can reshelve books! This middle school and high school collection contains over 600 titles including a vast array of teen novels, classics, poetry, short stories, teen audiobooks, our very popular graphic novels, world-class educational videos from National Geographic, and a section for AP English.

The collection is available online around the clock. No downloads, no waiting! If you can access the internet, you can be reading, watching, or listening to fantastic content.



Library Museum Passes

The Lafayette Public Library is proud to offer the museum pass program that provides free family admission to five museums and historic sites in Lafayette Parish. Due to the success of the library's partnership with the Hilliard Art Museum, the museum pass program now includes the Alexandre Mouton House, Children's Museum of Acadiana, Lafayette Science Museum, and Vermilionville Living History Museum. Check your library's circulation desk for availability.



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 Friday 8:30 – 6:00
 Saturday 9:00 – 5:00
 Sunday 12:00 – 6:00

BUTLER MEMORIAL BRANCH

309 Cora St., Lafayette
 Phone 234-0363
 Mon – Thurs 3:00 – 7:00

CHENIER BRANCH

220 W. Willow, Bldg. C, Lafayette
 Phone 291-2941
 Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 7:00
 Friday 9:00 – 6:00
 Saturday 11:00 – 3:00

DUSON BRANCH

310 Ave. Au Nord, Duson
 Phone 873-3521
 Monday – Friday 9:00 – 6:00

MILTON BRANCH

108 W. Milton Ave., Milton
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