

# The Secret's Out: Public Libraries Aren't Just for Books

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**Disclaimer:** No two libraries are created the same. Check your local library for specific offerings.

Consider purchasing a non-resident library card for a library out of your area to access the digital resources that your local library may not provide.

## What many libraries provide in physical space

**Materials:** books, magazines, audiobooks on CD and Playaways, DVDs, Blu-Rays, music CDs, video games, library of things (anything from baking pans, to musical instruments, to laptops and hot spots)

**Services:** holds shelves, Lucky Day materials, self check-out, computer labs, printers (with free printing allowances), study rooms, maker spaces, play areas, quiet reading areas, cafés, knowledgeable librarians

**Programs:** story time for various ages, summer/winter reading programs for all ages, book clubs, Lego clubs...

## What many libraries provide in virtual space

**Materials:** eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, music, movies, TV series, databases, etc. (See select online resources below.)

**Services:** get an electronic library card, Ask a Librarian chat, cultural passes to local attractions

**Programs:** virtual activities for all ages, check your library for specific offerings

## Select online resources provided through many libraries

(\*Cassandra's favorites)

**\*Overdrive/Libby:** eBooks & eAudiobooks. Can add multiple cards to your account. May also read on Kindle.

**\*Hoopla Digital:** eBooks, eAudiobooks, music, movies, TV shows (has a kids' mode for safe browsing).

**\*Freemusicarchive.org:** Commercial-free music streaming, free weekly music downloads to keep forever.

**TumbleBooks/TumbleMath:** Read along picture and chapter books (available in Spanish and French, too).

**Academic journals:** EBSCO, Social Sciences Full Text, Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection, etc.)

**BookFlix:** Picture books turned to video with supplemental books and activities. Created by Scholastic.

**\*LinkedIn Learning** (formerly Lynda.com): How-to videos/courses on a variety of job skills/software.

**Novelist:** Book lists, next read recommendations, resources for discussions and curriculum.

**\*Rosetta Stone:** Interactive & immersive language learning platform for 30 different languages.

**Creativebug:** 1,000+ online and on-demand art & craft classes.

**Ancestry:** Access to census reports, birth & death records, immigration records, newspaper articles, yearbook photos, and much more.

**Consumer Reports:** Ratings, reviews, recommendations, & buying advice for thousands of products.

**Udemy:** 3,500+ online video courses, taught by world-class instructors, across 75+ different categories.

**Mango Languages:** Interactive way to learn various languages including Spanish, Japanese, and even Pirate.

**Scholastic Teachables:** Searchable & printable educational materials created by teachers for grades PreK-6.

**Universal Class:** Online courses in 500+ areas of study.

**Flipster:** Online magazines.