



TIPS | for parents Resources at Your Library

The public library is full of free resources for you and your family. Learn more about these resources below!

Getting Started

The Library

The library is a public service for the community. Visitors can borrow books and other items for free from the library. Many libraries also have computers for public use.

The Librarian

The librarian is a person who works at the library. The librarian can help you find materials and answer questions.

Library Cards

A library card is a small card used to check out materials. This means you can take the materials home for a short time, and then return them to the library.

Questions

Who can use the library?

The library resources are available to the general public. You do not have to be a U.S. citizen to use the library or sign up for a library card.

Where is the library?

Many towns have their own public library. In big cities, libraries may have many different locations, or branches.

How do I find the library?

You can ask your child's teacher for more information, or look in the telephone book under the Municipal section for "Libraries."

Do libraries have books and materials in other languages?

Yes! Many libraries are now offering materials in different languages such as Spanish.

How do I get a library card?

To get a free library card, bring in one proof of identification that has your current address, such as a driver's license or phone bill. Many libraries offer library card applications in Spanish.

How do I borrow materials?

After you sign up for a free library card, you can take home, or check out, materials for a few weeks at a time. When you're done with those books, return them to the library, and then check out some more!

What happens if I don't return the materials on time?

If you don't return books and materials on time, you may need to pay a small amount of money, or fine.



What can I find at the library?

The library has many kinds of free resources for children and adults. These resources can help you or your child learn a new language. In addition, many of these resources may also be available in Spanish!

Books for all age groups

Babies, Toddlers, and Children

- Board books
- Picture books
- Chapter books
- Non-fiction books

Teenagers

- Young adult books
- Non-fiction books
- Reference books
- Graphic novels

Adults

- Novels/bestsellers
- Mysteries/science fiction
- Reference/consumer guides
- ESL books

Other Reading Resources

- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Audiobooks:
books on tape or CD

Music and Movies

- Music CDs
- Children's music
- DVDs: Movies and
TV shows

Computers

- Free Internet access
- Homework help
- Computer classes
- Educational games
for kids

Homework Help

- Reference materials
- Telephone or Internet help
- Computers
- Tutoring program

Special Programs for Children

- Story time and puppet shows
- Summer reading
- Author visits

Workshops for Adults

- ESL classes
- Tax help
- Parenting classes

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