

Databases

Surrey Libraries provides a range of free online databases. Most you can access from home but a couple you will have to use here at the library. They range from car repair (Alldata and Auto Repair Reference Centre) to English language instruction (Mango and Road to IELTS) to business research (Reference Canada) and job listings (Career AIM and Job Free-way).

E-books

The library has a number of ebook services, both for children and adults. There are also a number of websites offering free ebooks. Many of these offer a wide range of title and are especially great if you like to read classics.

Naxos Music Library

Free, legal music streaming or classical, jazz, world and folk music. Use either from home or at the library.

Family History

Discover your past, discover yourself! We have one of the largest, Canadian family history collections in the country, and our extensive resources, programs and expertise can help you on this path.

At Cloverdale Library

Email: familyhistory@surrey.ca or surreylibraries.ca/services/family-history

Kids Games

Games Kiosk

surreylibraries.ca/games-kiosk

A number of free online and fun learning games that you can use either in the library or from home. Great for early literacy. Check our web site in Kids Space. The library also keeps a list of fun online games and websites for children.

The Read-Ability Department

You don't need to be able to come to the library to access our services. If you are unable to reach our locations due to age, illness or disability or know someone who is, we can deliver. To find out if you are eligible or to apply please contact us at:

READ-Ability Services

City Centre Library Tel: 604-598-7399

Email: readability@surrey.ca

Local Authors

surreylibraries.ca/local-authors

We have a range of services and programs for local writers of all levels. This includes programs like:

Writing Groups for Teens and Adults

These groups meet at a number of our branches across Surrey. They give you a change to share your work and have it critiqued in a supportive environment.

Young Adult Writing Contest

Every summer we have a writing contest for teens.

Online tools like:

Biblioboard

Access ebooks and media from local and indie authors.

Pressbooks

Writers, format your eBooks and print books with Pressbooks! This online tool allows you to create professional quality versions of your book in ePUB, MOBI, and PDF.

Self-E

Online tool for author submission to BiblioBoard.

Lynda.com for Authors

Learn how to design, publish, and market your ebooks.

Looking for services not covered in this brochure?

Please ask at your local library. We are here to help. www.surreylibraries.ca or 604-598-7300.

You can also call 211 for a free, confidential, multilingual information and referral line to a full range of community, social, and government services. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Interested in some more resources or information? Ask library staff or check us out on the web here:

www.surreylibraries.ca/lowcost

If you would like further information or if you spot a change that is needed you can email us at

libraryinfo@surrey.ca



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Activities in the LIBRARY



www.surreylibraries.ca

This brochure lists programs for all of Surrey Libraries. For more details, contact or visit any Surrey Library or our website above

Library Branches

City Centre Library (CC)

10350 University Drive,
Tel: 604-598-7420

Cloverdale Library (CV)

5642 - 176A Street
Tel: 604-598-7320

Fleetwood Library (FL)

15996 - 84 Avenue
Tel: 604-598-7340

Guildford Library (GL)

15105 - 105th Avenue
Tel: 604-598-7360

Newton Library (NE)

13795 - 70th Avenue
Tel: 604-598-7400

Ocean Park Library (OP)

12854 - 17th Avenue
Tel: 604-502-6304

Port Kells Library (PK)

18885 - 88th Avenue
Tel: 604-598-7440

Semiahmoo Library (SE)

1815 - 152nd Street
Tel: 604-592-6900

Strawberry Hill Library (SH)

7399 - 122nd Street
Tel: 604-501-5836

Getting a Library Card

Library cards are free and it takes about 5 minutes to sign up!

- Bring 2 pieces of identification to any of our 9 branches. We need to see photo ID and proof of your current address.
- Proof of your address can be a piece of mail in your name, a driver's license, a rental agreement etc.
- If you are unsure what to bring, please call and ask.

The Perks of Having a Card

- You can borrow items from any of our 9 branches and return them at any of these branches.
- You can order books in from any of our branches and pick them up at any branch.
- You have access to a large eBook collection and a number of online services that provide information on car repair, learning languages and much more.
- We can even bring books in for you from other libraries across Canada.

Children's Activities

Each branch of Surrey Libraries has a wide range of children's events. At every branch you will find the 2 following activities:

Storytimes

We have story times at each of our 9 branches at a variety of times. Come in with your child for a fun story and a song! Special storytime for fathers and their babies are at a number of branches.

Summer Reading Club

Every summer we have a fun program that encourages reading while school is out. Come in for stickers, stamps, colouring contests and a wide range of great events.

Each local branch of Surrey Libraries has a wide range of children's events. The following is a sampling of our recurring events happening at some of branches. For up to date events, ask at your local branch, phone or check out online under Programs at a Glance.

Book Clubs

We have book club kits for children if you or your child are interested in starting your own book club.

Dog Tales

Want to encourage your child to read? Register to spend 15 minutes reading to a cute and cuddly dog! (Ages 6+). Register the day of the event.

FAB Fridays @ Strawberry Hill Library

Crafts, board games, movies, x-box tournaments and more.

Family Board Games

Board game fun. Offered at a number of branches.

Family LEGO Club @ Surrey Libraries

We have the LEGO, you bring the ideas! A free program for the whole family! LEGO Club is a monthly drop-in program that's fun for all ages.

Terrific Tuesday @ Cloverdale Library

Ages 6 –12. Free! Drop in. Come and try fun activities, great games and make amazing crafts! With snacks.

Preteen/Teens

Each branch of Surrey Libraries has a range of teen events. Check at your local branch for upcoming events. Below is a sampling of what you will find at many branches.

Book Clubs

Some of our branches offer book clubs for preteens and teens.

Reading Buddies

Great way to get volunteer experience and learn mentorship skills. You will help readers in grade 2-4 practice their skills and be reading with them in a relaxed environment.

Teen Library Council

Teen Library Council is a great way to earn volunteer hours while helping the library offer better service to teens. For ages 13-18.

Youth English Conversation Circle

If you are an English language learner or have basic or intermediate English skills, join us for these fun, weekly sessions.

Adults

Surrey Libraries offers a range of programs for adults throughout the year.

This ranges from author events to seminars on legal or health topics.

Book Clubs @ Surrey Libraries

Wide range of different book clubs for adults and seniors including ESL book clubs.

Book Chat @ Surrey Libraries

Less formal book club? Try our Book Chat! Bring a book you have enjoyed, and come and chat with others over tea and coffee. Find out what others recommend and discuss your favorite titles.

Computer Classes

Surrey Libraries offers a series of free computer classes aimed at complete beginners. Classes are offered at our City Centre, Guildford, Semiahmoo and Strawberry Hill branches.

Movies @ The Library

Many branches show movies for both children and adults. Ask at your local branch for the next showing. Or, borrow a DVD from our large collection of DVDs for children, teens and adults.

Technology Help

Get one to one technology help in a no stress atmosphere. Bring your technology questions, your tablets and eReaders! We will help you with questions about:

Computer Basics: mousing, internet searching, Microsoft Word.

Tablet basics: downloading apps, eBooks, magazines, essentials on using eReaders or laptops.

Book a librarian

Take a tour of the library, or learn how to use library resources, including the library catalogue and Account, eBooks, internet and Microsoft office.

Free Online Magazines, Ebooks & More

Surrey Libraries provides a wide range of digital resources. This is a sampling, to see more, ask staff or have a look on our website.

Magazines & Newspapers Online

Surrey Libraries provides a wide range of free online magazines through a few different sources.

Through **RBDigital Magazines** you can read beautiful colour copies of popular magazines like *Vogue*, *GQ* or the *New Yorker* on your smartphone, tablet or home computer.

With **EBSCO** you can access popular titles like *Consumer Reports* and search for articles from a wide range of publications. It's great if you are researching a specific topic.

Press Reader lets you read current newspapers from Canada and around the World in nice colour copies online. Most newspapers go back 30 days.

Canadian Newstand lets you search newspapers from across Canada including local papers like the *Surrey Leader* and major Canadian papers like the *Globe & Mail*. Many go back to 1985.