

Recording station

Explore video and audio recording at the library! The recording station is a sound-baffled 10' x 14' room, equipped with professional video and audio production equipment.

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What's your next project?

- Film and produce your own YouTube video or vlog
- Rehearse a job interview and get feedback from others
- Record an audition tape or performance
- Record your music*
- Create your own audiobook
- Record a podcast

Free with a library card registered at North Vancouver City Library!

**Note: Because the booth is not 100% sound proof, there are some instruments (drums, brass, guitar amplifiers) that cannot be accommodated. However, we offer virtual instruments via software to include in your recording.*

Using the recording station

Step 1: Request a booking

- Check the [station availability calendar](#)

- Fill out a [booking request form](#) — give us a first choice date and a backup just in case
- Request the equipment you want to borrow on the booking request form
- We will get back to you within 24 hours — please note that your booking is not confirmed until you hear back from us!

Step 2: Arrive for your booking

- Please plan to arrive approximately 15 minutes before your booking if you need to borrow any additional equipment (cameras, microphones, etc.)
- Check in at the third floor desk with one piece of photo ID (and your library card if you haven't pre-booked)
- If you are more than 10 minutes late for your booking, it will be cancelled and the time slot opened to other customers

Reminders

Please bring a USB flash drive (memory stick) or an external hard drive for saving your files and a 32 GB or greater SDXC card to use in the camcorder.

Station Availability: the Recording Station will be **closed for maintenance from June 28 to July 8** while we upgrade critical equipment

[Request a booking](#)

[Station availability calendar](#)

Booking policies

- All bookings are on a first-come, first-served basis and require at least 24-hours' notice
- Users must be at least 10 years old
- Bookings are for a maximum of three hours per day per group and for a maximum of four

- Book up to one month in advance
- No more than four upcoming bookings in the system at one time
- Capacity is limited to four people in the room
- The station is bookable during regular library hours, with one hour at the beginning and end of the day reserved for cleaning

Available video equipment

In the booth

- Video lighting
- Green screen
- Adobe Premiere Elements 15 video editing software
- Adobe Premiere Pro video editing software

Borrow from the desk

- SONY FDR-AX53 HANDYCAM, with Rode VideoMic Pro Plus and Parrot teleprompter
- User smartphone kit, with Rode VideoGo microphone
- Reversible black/white backdrop
- Camera tripod

Video production tutorials

Get started with videography at the recording station:

- [Video recording quick start guide](#)
- [Using the parrot teleprompter](#)
- [Windows video editor quick start guide](#)
- [Fixing audio sync issues with Handbrake](#)

Learn more: [video production tutorials](#)

Available audio equipment

In the booth

- Digital audio interface: Focusrite Scarlett 18i8
- 2 desktop microphones: Audio-Technica AT2020
- Midi Keyboard: M-Audio Keystation 49II
- M-Audio compact desktop reference monitors
- Headphones: Audio-Technica ATH-M30X
- Audacity Digital Audio Workstation software (basic)
- Pro Tools 12 Digital Audio Workstation software (advanced)
- Pro Tools sound libraries, including Addictive Drums 2, Sans Amp, Air organ, piano, and other synth sounds

Borrow from the desk

- 2 vocal/instrument mics with full-sized stands: Shure SM-58
- Music stand

Audio production tutorials

Get started with audio recording at the library:

- [Audio recording quick start guide](#)
- [Getting started with Audacity](#)
- [Getting started with Pro Tools](#)
- [Using the MIDI keyboard with Pro Tools](#)

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