Digital library

The digital library's doors are always open. Here you can find and access ebooks, e-audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, resource guides and lots more. You can even learn a language or a new skill — all from your own living room. We are here to help. Please contact us at 604-998-3450 or info@nvcl.ca if you have a question.

Popular requests

Borrow ebooks and audiobooks

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Digital resources by subject

Arts & crafts

Creativebug

Access now

Thousands of arts and crafts video classes for all ages. New content is added daily. Learn drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, paper crafts, cake decorating, soap-making, jewelry making, canning and lots more.

Tutorial

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Access information

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- Requires separate Creativebug account.
- Download the app for Apple or Android, but make sure to set up an account on the website first!

Automotive

Auto Repair Source

Access now

Auto Repair Source provides service and repair information for thousands of vehicles. All content comes from the original equipment manufacturers and includes repair information, diagrams, maintenance schedules, parts and labour estimates, and service bulletins and recalls.

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ProDemand

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Database of manuals from Mitchell1, with information about repairs, service, maintenance and more. Once you have arrived at the ProDemand home page, click the **Login** button.

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- This product is only available in the library.

Tests.ca

Access now

Online practice for the written part of the British Columbia driving test. The tests are based on the latest version of ICBC's *Learn to Drive Smart* handbook. Please note that the practice questions do not necessarily reflect the nature or difficulty of the questions on the actual test. **Correctly answering the practice test questions does not guarantee that you will pass the ICBC test.**

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Vehicle Safety and Inspection Online

Access in library

Provides current vehicle safety and inspection standards and related BC legislation from official sources. The product's statement of use is on its home page (above link). Read the statement, and then click "Agree" to use the database.
Access information

- in-library use only

Book recommendations

Novelist Plus

Access now

An online readers' advisory which helps readers of all ages to find their favourite fiction and nonfiction books and authors. To learn to use *Novelist*, click the tutorial button or read the Novelist Plus help page.

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Kanopy Kids

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Kanopy Kids provides unlimited access to streaming movies, TV shows, and animated picture books. For children ages 2 and up. It features a diverse selection of educational and entertaining content.

Please be aware that parents/legal guardians are responsible for their children's use of *Kanopy*.

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- Users have unlimited streaming of Kanopy Kids.
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Solaro

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Tumblebook Library

Access now

An collection of animated, talking books for grades K – 6, including picture books, read-along chapter books, National Geographic videos, non-fiction books, graphic novels, playlists, and books in Spanish and French.

Tutorial

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Consumer

BC Building, Fire & Plumbing Codes

Access now

Provides access to the latest provincial codes. Choose from the building, fire or plumbing code books.
Access information

Use for free from home or in the library.

Consumer Reports

Access now

This product provides buying advice, product ratings and reviews, recommendations and money-saving tips. Watch video reviews on items like appliances, cars, electronics, home and garden equipment, health care products and more.

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Ebooks & audiobooks

Bibliothèque Numérique de la Colombie-Britannique (French ebooks)

Access now

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Libby ebooks & e-audiobooks (Overdrive)

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- Maximum of 7 items out at a time and 7 holds at a time
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- App available for Apple and Android

O'Reilly Technical ebooks & Video Courses

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- Maximum eight users at a time

Palace Project

Access now

The Palace Project is an ebook and audiobook platform that provides access to all titles available in Libby, as well as many additional audiobooks published by Audible (Amazon) that are not available through Libby.

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- App available for Apple and Android

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Genealogy

Ancestry Library Edition

Access in-library

Ancestry Library Edition is a genealogy research resource. It contains census and vital records, baptism, marriage, and burial records, immigration and passport records and other documents from Canada and the rest of the world.

Help is available on Ancestry Library Edition's help guide.

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Government

BC Building, Fire & Plumbing Codes

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BC Laws

Access now

Find every public act and regulation of public interest currently in force in BC. Includes new and recently amended laws that have yet to be published in official print formats. This current consolidation is an unofficial version of BC statutes and regulations. For support, see the BC Laws FAQ and glossary.

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BC Stats

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The BC Statistics portal contains both a public site and a secure subscription-based site that is only available in the library. Provides statistics for a range of topics including demographics and employment.

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Statistics Canada

Access now

Statistics Canada is the national statistical office. The agency ensures Canadians have the information on Canada's economy, society and environment that they require to function effectively as citizens and decision makers.

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Health & Medicine

Medline Plus

Access now

MedlinePlus provides medical information to the general public. It is a service of the US National Library of Medicine, which is part of the US National Institutes of Health, and the world's largest medical library.
Access information

Free for anyone to use anywhere

Merck Manual Consumer Version

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The Merck manuals are among the world’s most widely used medical information resources. The Consumer Version is intended for the general public. It is clear and easy to understand, and provides information on thousands of health topics.
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Free to use everywhere for anyone

PubMed

Access now

PubMed is an index containing over 30 million citations from biomedical journals on medicine, nursing, dentistry and more. Many citations include links to full text articles available for free.
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General Tutorial

ASL Tutorial

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- Requires creating an account with your email address
- Get the app for Apple or Android

Mauril

Access now

Mauril is a platform for learning English and French through entertaining audio and video from CBC/Radio-Canada — from news, current affairs and documentaries, to comedy, drama and variety. The all-Canadian content provides users with a diverse and culturally relevant learning experience.

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- Free for everyone in Canada.
- Apps for Apple and Android.

Road to IELTS

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Canadian Legal Information Institute

Access now

Free access to federal and provincial statutes and case law, searchable, with consolidated texts.

City of North Vancouver bylaws

Access now

Bylaws are laws created by local governments to plan, govern and maintain safety within communities. The bylaws of the City of North Vancouver are enacted to administer and regulate the activities within the boundaries of the City.

The most frequently requested bylaws are regulatory bylaws. Common topics include utilities, signage, animal control, and licensing.

Contact bylaw@cnv.org or 604-982-8302, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Civil law in BC

Access now

Covers issues related to agreements between people and organizations, including those related to employment, housing and lawsuits.

Justice Laws

Access now

Access to federal acts and regulations in both official languages. Consolidations are generally updated every two weeks.

More legal resources

Access now

Visit our comprehensive legal resources page for links to much more federal, provincial and municipal legal information. This page contains links for anyone seeking free legal help; info for tenants and landlords; and links to legal glossaries and dictionaries.

Library help

Interlibrary loans: Illume

Access now

Use the Illume database to find a book that isn't in the City Library collection and request it via interlibrary loan.

Learn more about requesting an interlibrary loan.

Niche Academy: Library Tutorials

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Movies, TV & video

Kanopy

Access Kanopy

Access Kanopy Kids

Access Great Courses

Kanopy is an on-demand video streaming service which provides access to over 20,000 documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films, educational videos, and more. Kanopy has an extensive selection of kids' movies and TV shows. It also includes the Great Courses, a lecture series taught by award-winning experts and professors. Includes content in over 100 languages.

Tutorial

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Access information

- Licensed for City of North Vancouver residents only
- Requires creating a Kanopy account with your email address
- Users have access to 15 tickets per month
- Movies and documentaries are typically 2 – 4 tickets for 48 – 72 hours of access
- TV series and The Great Courses are 5 tickets for 5 – 7 days of access
- Kanopy Kids does not cost any tickets
- Get the app for your Smart TV or mobile device

Music

BBC Music

Access now

CBC Music

Access now

CBC Music playlists

Access now

The Great 78 Project

Access now

Newspapers & magazines

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CBC Corner

Access now

CBC Corner is a free digital portal that features a wide variety of content and resources from CBC and its partners, including news, streaming TV, podcasts, radio programs, kids' content & news, and much more!

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- Free for anyone to use anywhere

Ground News

Access now

Ground News is a news comparison platform that aggregates reporting from thousands of news sources and provides tools that highlight political bias, ownership structures, factuality ratings, and differences in how stories are covered across the ideological spectrum.

Tutorial

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- Users must log in via Libby/OverDrive - instructions are provided for smartphones and tablets and for web browsers on a computer.
- Log in expires after 30 days and users must re-log in after that time.
- App available for Android and Apple iOS - details available here.

Libby Magazines (Overdrive)

Access now

NOTE: The Economist is no longer available through Libby Magazines and can now be accessed through PressReader.

Libby (also called Library2Go) has a rich collection of digital magazines, including hundreds of popular titles such as *Newsweek*, *Star Magazine* and *National geographic*. Read online or in the Libby app. Check out OverDrive's help pages to get started.

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- Requires an NVCL card with a barcode that starts with 23287
- All magazines are simultaneous use — no holds or waitlists
- Check out an unlimited number of magazines
- 21-day checkout period
- Download the app for your device at OverDrive's Device Help page
- App available for Apple and Android

New York Times Online

Access in-library

Access from home

Access to current and past articles from *The New York Times*, including the U.S., Canadian and International editions. Also includes access to the archives from 1851 – 2002, with five PDF downloads per day allowed from the 1923 – 1980 date range (off-site access only). Read more about the NYT Archives. *New York Times Crosswords and Cooking are not included in library access.*

Tutorial

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Access information

- Logging in with the "access" link above provides free access for 24 hours, after which you will need to log in again.
- There is a daily limit on the number of users who can access the Library's *New York Times* subscription
- Requires creating a *New York Times* account with your email address
- Get the Apple or Android app

Please note: app access is available, but you will need to log in to this webpage first via the link above **each day** to renew your access token. We recommend reading on your browser instead of the app for this reason. If you prefer to use the app, you can switch over to the app **after** you have logged in via the link above.

North Shore Digital Libraries

Access now

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Tutorial

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PressReader

Access now

PressReader offers an endless stream of stories from top newspapers and popular magazines from around the world to read, discuss, and share. Newspapers like the *Vancouver Sun*, the *Province*, and *National Post*, and magazines like *Maclean's*, *Chatelaine* and *Vanity Fair* are available just as they appear in print. Learn how to use *PressReader* by clicking the tutorial button above, or view the PressReader help center.

Please note: *The Globe and Mail* is only available on library computers, or when using the library's "Libair" Wi-Fi network.

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- Get the app for Apple, Android, or Microsoft

Online learning

LinkedIn Learning

Access now

This iconic service offers professional-level video instruction to develop your business, creative, and technology skills. It offers 15,000 courses and learning paths on subjects including software, programming, audio and music production, photography, design, marketing, and 3D animation.

Tutorial

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- 20 users at a time
- App available for Apple and Android. Use **“northvancitylibrary”** as the Library ID when logging in.

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Points to the Past

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The Great Courses on Kanopy

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Research

Academic Search Elite

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Merck Veterinary Manual

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SEARCH RESOURCES
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The Collaboratory

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Help with technology

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