Spaces you can use

Find a cozy corner or spread out with your study group in one of City Library's many spaces for reading, studying or catching up with a friend.

Children’s department

Located on the first floor, the children's area includes smaller tables for children and their caretakers to read and study. We also have a children's garden and an indoor (artificial) tree that kids can sit and read underneath.

Tween Zone

North Vancouver City Library has created a new Tween Zone within the Children’s Department to better support children in grades 4 to 7 as they learn, connect and grow. Because tweens have reading, learning and social needs that differ from younger children and teens, they needed a space to call their own. The new space was designed with deep engagement from tweens, and adds to the City’s spectrum of after-school programs and activities for school-aged children.

Teen Room

In the teen room you’ll find space to study individually or in a group, chat with friends, play games and use our public computers. The space is reserved for teen use from 3 – 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 3 – 5 p.m. on Fridays. At other times, the room is available to all.

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Study areas

Study areas are available during regular library hours. There are five areas that are available to the public for studying, either individually or in groups.

- Children’s area (first floor)

- Bookable study rooms A & B (second floor)
- Teen room (second floor)
- Group study (third floor)
- The Dr. Paul Singh Room (individual silent study only). Please see below.
- The Collaboratory: During this summer's Tween Zone construction, the Collaboratory will also be available for studying when it is not otherwise booked.

Except for the bookable study rooms, study space is first-come, first-served. If you need help finding a spot, please visit an information desk.

Dr. Paul Singh Room for silent study

The Dr. Paul Singh Room has 50 individual carrels for silent study, all with electrical access. Headphones are recommended.

Bookable study rooms A & B

- Study rooms A and B may be booked for a maximum of three hours per person, per day. To ensure everyone has a chance to use the space, you are limited to three bookings per week.
- Bookings can only be made for the current day or the next day.
- Study rooms can accommodate only two people.
- Bookings can be made at info@nvcl.ca or 604-998-3450, or at a service desk. You will receive a response during business hours. Please note, your booking is not confirmed until you hear back from us.
- A library card is needed to confirm your booking. You can sign up for a library card at the Welcome Desk on the first floor or online.

Guide to using study rooms A & B

- Please check in at the 2nd floor desk before using the room. If you are more than 15 minutes late without notifying us, we will assume you have canceled and will make the space available to others.

- Markers for the dry erase board are available for check out at the second floor desk. Please only use dry erase markers on the board.
- Rooms are not soundproof! Please keep noise levels low while in the room.
- In study rooms A and B, the doors will lock behind you. If you leave the study room, please close the door; staff will be happy to reopen the door for you when you return.
- The library is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please take your valuables with you and do not leave them unattended.
- The library reserves the right to modify or cancel any bookings.

Sensory-friendly space

On Sundays the 1st-floor program room is set up as a sensory-friendly space, with low lighting, a white-noise machine and sensory-friendly tools and furniture for individuals who need a low-stimulation space to self-regulate. Please book the space at any staff desk or by calling 604-998-3450 .

During these hours, this space is not a play space. If you wish to use the space, please check with staff at the children’s desk to ensure that it is suitable for your needs.