Library Resources for Royal Oak Public Schools

The Royal Oak Public Library is here to help students, parents and teachers access library resources, teacher and student library cards, readers’ advisory, and to fulfill requests for resources for projects, reports and more. Adults (including ROPS teachers!) can register for a library card online, along with Royal Oak student card applications.

Please note—children who go to school in Royal Oak but live in another city are eligible for a library card that must be renewed every school year and allows 3 items to be checked out at one time. Students may visit the library in their home city for a card with full privileges that may also be used at the Royal Oak Public Library. Follow this link for more information about library cards and borrowing privileges. https://ropl.org/1053/Apply-for-a-Library-Card

There are a number of routes to reach the digital collections and other resources for students, parents and teachers. Two top resources for students, teachers and parents is Tutor.com, a fully online tutoring service, and Lynda.com, another invaluable resource. Lynda.com also offers Canvas training and tutorials. Find these databases alphabetically under Research > Databases.

The Library Catalog
Browse the Royal Oak Public Library catalog at here: https://catalog.tln.lib.mi.us/?section=home.

The Royal Oak Public Library (ROPL) is a member of The Library Network, a public library cooperative serving 74 libraries in southeast Michigan. ROPL cardholders have borrowing privileges with other member libraries. Please note: Many libraries currently have access restrictions in place due to the ongoing health emergency. Please check with the library prior to visiting.

Navigating resources for Kids, Teen or Parent and Teacher Resources is easy to follow from our home page, https://ropl.org/148/Library. Go to Kids/Teen on the gray bar near the top of the page. (Home > library > Kids/Teen). On this page you’ll see on the left side a gray box with the breakdown of selections: Kids, Teen or Parent and Teacher Resources. The same selection is listed to the right in the white box with a brief description of each category and FAQ’s.

Selecting Kids from either link will take you to:
- Book Awards
- Databases
- eBooks
- Readers’ Advisory
- Coding Tools
- Youth Summer Reading Program
Book Awards
This link lists awards given for outstanding youth literature, authors and illustration. Selecting awards will link to The American Library Association (ALA) page with complete lists of all the awards to date:

- The Caldecott Medal
  - It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of ALA, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

- The Geisel Award
  - given annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished American book for beginning readers published in English in the United States during the preceding year.

- The Coretta Scott King Book Awards
  - are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values.

- The Newbery Medal
  - awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of ALA, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

- The Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal
  - awarded annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished informational book published in the United States in English during the preceding year.

Databases in Kids

- Biography Reference Center
  - More than 450,000 biographies. Includes complete full text run of Biography Today and Biography Magazine as well as thousands of narrative biographies.

- Britannica Fundamentals
  - Pre K - 2nd grade. Play and read to learn letters, numbers, shapes, animals, and more.

- Britannica School
  - Nonfiction content geared for K-12 students. Includes over 132,000 encyclopedia articles, 103,000 images, 7,500 multimedia elements, more than 27,000 eBooks, and novels and essays. Tools include translation for 50+ languages and read-aloud functionality. Includes Lexile ranges and alignment with Michigan Department of Education Academic Standards across a variety of subjects.
    - Britannica School - Elementary
    - Grades 3-4. Find information on countries, animals, and people. Watch and learn with videos, games, and activities.
    - Britannica School - Middle
Grades 5-7. Find maps, photos, articles, and famous people and places. Compare countries and tour the U.S.A. For homework help and your curiosity.

- **Learning Express Library**
  - Offers over 700 courses, practice tests, tutorials, eBooks and flashcards. Practice tests offered include ACT, SAT, PSAT and TOEFL as well as trade certification, civil service, math/reading tests and citizenship.

- **PebbleGo**
  - Curricular content hub specifically designed for K-3 students. Packed with informational articles, ready-made activities, and literacy support for students of all abilities, it boosts engagement and fosters independent learning in core subject areas.

- **Pronunciator**
  - With 4000 courses available, Pronunciator gives Royal Oak patrons access to 80 languages. In addition, Pronunciator also provides ESL courses in 50 different languages to help learn and improve English language skills.

- **World Book - Early Learning**
  - Recommended for early elementary. Follow Trek and Taffy the cat around the world learning about colors, numbers and other fun things.

- **World Book - Kids**

**eBooks for Kids**

- **EBSCO eBooks K-8 Collection**

- **OverDrive for Kids**
  - With OverDrive, you can borrow and enjoy free eBooks, audiobooks, and more from your library’s digital collection. All you need to get started is an internet connection and a library card.

- **TumbleBook Library**
  - Online site to help children learn and read English. TumbleBooks are animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they’ll love.

**Readers’ Advisory**

- **NoveList K-8 Plus**
  - Need a book for school or just for fun? With its fun, intuitive interface, and extensive feature content, NoveList K-8 Plus makes it easy. Accessible at home for Royal Oak patrons or in the library.
Coding Tools: Learn to Code!

- Code.org - Express Course
  - Learn computer science by trying these lessons at your own pace! Learn to create computer programs, develop problem-solving skills, and work through fun challenges! Make games and creative projects to share with friends, family, and teachers.

- Code Club International

- Hour of Code
  - Try a one-hour tutorial designed for all ages in over 45 languages. Join millions of students and teachers in over 180 countries starting with an Hour of Code.

- Kahn Academy - Computer Programming
  - Learn the basics, starting with Intro to programming. Khan Academy produces many online tools in the form of short lessons in the form of videos that help educate students.

Youth Summer Reading Program

- This annual program link is live during the summer, generally from mid-June to August 1. All ages are encouraged to join the Summer Reading Program (seasonally) to track reading progress, avoid the “summer slump”, have fun and win prizes!

Teen tab will take you to:

- College and Scholarship
  - College Navigator
  - Federal Student Aid
  - State of Michigan: the Student Scholarship and Grants Division

- Databases
  - Biography Reference Center
  - Britannica School
    - (Middle School & High School)
  - LearningExpress Library
  - Opposing Viewpoints in Context
  - Pronunciator

- eBooks
  - Overdrive for Teens
  - TeenBookCloud

- Find Great Teen Reads
  - NoveList Plus

- Help Agencies
Parent/Teacher Resources
Find Parent/Teacher Resources under Kids/Teens on our website

- **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**
  - This nationwide initiative encourages reading to newborns, toddlers, and preschoolers to foster a love of books and prepare them for school. All children from birth through the time he or she enters kindergarten can participate. Families are encouraged to participate together, so feel free to sign up multiple children. The program is self-paced, so it can take anywhere from a few months to a few years! It’s really up to you and depends on how often you read together.

- **Apps: Early Learning**
  - 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
  - Common Sense Media
  - Every Child Ready to Read App List
  - Kindertown Apps
  - Reading Rockets

- **Homeschool**
  - Curriki
  - Home Educators Resource Directory
  - Homeschool Curriculum
  - Home School Legal Defense Association - Michigan
  - Learning Tangent Homeschool Magazine
  - Michigan Homeschooling by A to Z Homeschooling
  - The Modern Homeschool Family
  - Oakland Homeschool Music
  - Simple Homeschool

- **Royal Oak Area Preschool and Child Care Directory**
  - A Royal Oak Public Library publication in association with our annual Preschool Information Night held in January. Updated annually

- **School District Information**
  - Royal Oak Schools
  - Berkley Public School District
  - Clawson Public School District
  - Madison Heights School District
  - Oakland County Preschools

- **Tutors**
  - Many area schools have after-school homework clubs or other tutoring options. Begin your tutor search by talking with your student’s teacher or school
counselor. Your school may have a list of peer tutors, paid adult tutors, or tutoring options at neighborhood centers close to your school.

- See our Databases for free tutoring resources

- **After School Programs**
  - Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan
  - Salvation Army Middle School After School Program

- **Fee-Based Tutoring**
  - Kumon
  - LDC
  - The Student Connection
  - The Tutoring Center

- **Private Tutoring (Freelance Tutors)**
  - University Tutor

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**Digital Library**

- **Audiobook Cloud**
  - AudioBookCloud is an online library collection of streaming audio books. All titles are always available;
  - no software, no downloads, no checkouts, no headaches!

- **BiblioBoard Open Access**
  - Explore an assortment of rich historical and carefully curated multimedia content, as well as high-quality open access journals, textbooks, and other open educational resources.

- **Creativebug**
  - A wide variety of free art and craft videos from talented and inspiring instructors. Classes are broken up into manageable video segments that you can explore online at your own pace.

- **Ebsco eBooks Public Library Collection**

- **Freading**
  - Freading is a downloadable eBook service for registered library cardholders.

- **Hoopla (Borrow limit increased to 10)**
  - With hoopla you can instantly borrow eBooks, audiobooks, comics, movies, music, and more, 24/7 with your library card. Hoopla now supports Amazon Alexa devices. Patrons can play borrowed audiobooks and music albums directly on their Amazon Echo, Dot, Spot, and Show devices.

- **Kanopy**
  - The popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy is now available for free at ROPL. Library card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films instantly. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.
• **OverDrive**
  - With OverDrive, you can borrow and enjoy free eBooks, audiobooks, and more from your library's digital collection. All you need to get started is an internet connection and a library card.

• **RBdigital**
  - RBdigital offers online magazines and audiobooks. All you need is a Royal Oak Library card and an internet connection. You can choose from several hundred popular and current magazines, access back issues of selected titles, and download them to your mobile device or read them on your computer. With RBdigital Unlimited Audiobooks, you can discover 30,000+ multi-access titles including many exclusive audiobooks from bestselling authors.

**More Databases and Websites**

Back to the homepage on the gray bar, beyond the Kids/Teens section there are even more resources (great for High School and adults) through the *Research* tab: (hover over the tab for a quick pop-up list). Below is a list of highlights:

• **Newsbank: Access World News**
  - Find information for research on global issues and events, education, political and social issues and more including newspapers, videos and web-only content featuring the Detroit News, Royal Oak Review, USA Today, international sources and more.

• **Biography Reference Center**
  - More than 450,000 biographies. Includes complete full text run of Biography Today and Biography Magazine as well as thousands of narrative biographies.

• **Business/Investing**
  - **Occupational Outlook Handbook**
    - Access the online edition at the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Research the working conditions and qualifications for a wide range of careers, along with forecasted demand and expected salaries.

• **Computers/Technology**
  - **Consumer Reports Online**
  - **Tutor.com**

• **Encyclopedias**
  - **Britannica School**
  - **Britannica School Learning Zone**
  - **Britannica School Elementary**
  - **Britannica School Middle School**
  - **Britannica School High School**
  - **Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos**
    - Designed for young Spanish speaking students or those learning Spanish as a second language. Full text articles, maps, flags, and more. Dozens
of hands-on activities and links to Spanish language websites. Also includes a visual dictionary.

- **Government**
  - Michigan.gov
  - ROMI.gov
  - USA.gov

- **Health**
  - MedlinePlus.gov
  - MentalHealth.gov
  - Nutrition.gov

- **Online Courses**
  - Gale Courses
  - Lynda.com
  - Tutor.com

- **Find an Article (Magazine, Journal or Newspaper)**
  - Academic Search Complete (Designed for academic institutions)
  - ERIC: Education Resources Information Center (ERIC is an authoritative database of indexed and full-text education literature and resources)
  - Legal Source (Authoritative database for current issues, studies, thoughts and trends of the legal world)
  - The New York Times
  - Newsbank: Access World News
  - Newspaper Source Plus (Primary full coverage newspapers are The Washington Post and USA Today)
  - Opposing Viewpoints in Context
  - Royal Oak Review Newspaper

- **Local History**
  - Yearbooks for Dondero, Kimball, and Royal Oak High Schools starting in 1928
  - Polk City Directories for Royal Oak from 1922 to 1960
  - Bresser's Criss Cross Index for the Royal Oak area covering 1952 to present
  - Historic atlases of Oakland County
  - A series of lectures by Father Charles Coughlin in addition to his paper “Social Justice” from 1938-1941
  - Old City Ordinances
  - Royal Oak City Budgets back to the 1940s
  - Various City Planning Studies
  - Royal Oak and Oakland County history books
  - An extensive newspaper clipping file of Royal Oak newspapers
  - Microfilm of the Daily Tribune back to the early 1900s