

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY REMOTE RESOURCES: A SUMMARY FOR TEENS & THEIR FAMILIES

eCARDS

Students who do not already have a library card can sign up online for an eCard (or have a parent or guardian do so, if the student is under 13). See <https://www.bpl.org/ecard/> for more information.

A video explaining the sign-up process can be found at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdvWJIs-1V4&feature=youtu.be>

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES (GENERAL)

This page describes the electronic resources that can be accessed with either a regular library card **OR** an eCard: <https://www.bpl.org/online-resources/> For eBook and streaming resources specifically, see: <https://www.bpl.org/resources-types/ebooks/> Our most popular eResources include:

Hoopla: Borrow up to 12 titles a month. Movies and TV shows can be kept for 72 hours, music albums for 7 days, and eBooks and comics for 21 days.

Kanopy (movies only): Watch up to 4 movies per month. Once you click "play" on a video, you will automatically use up one of those credits, and you will have 72 hours to watch that movie as many times as you like without using another credit.

OverDrive: Borrow up to ten titles at a time. eBooks and audiobooks are lent for 14 days. Occasionally, a different loan period is set by the publisher, which will be displayed at check-out.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES (TEEN-SPECIFIC)

Check out this page for plenty of resources just for teens, including lists of recommended eBooks and audiobooks (compiled by your teen librarians!), job help, resources for foster kids and homeless youth, health info, test prep, college planning, and more: <https://www.bpl.org/teen-resources/>

HOMEWORK HELP

Students in grades K-8 can seek [help with their homework](#) from the BPL's high-school mentors **Monday through Thursday, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.**, by following this link: www.uberconference.com/bplhomeworkhelp There is a limit of 15 students at one time.

YOUTH SERVICES TELEPHONE HELP

The BPL's youth librarians are available to answer questions from or about children and teens! To ask about youth programs or resources, find information for a school assignment, or get a book recommendation, call **617-536-5400** and press **2** for Youth Services Assistance between **9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday or Tuesday**, OR between **11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday**.

TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The BPL's teen volunteer program will be moving online this summer! To apply, follow the instructions on this form: <https://d4804za1f1gw.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/30/2019/12/02114122/Teen-Volunteer-Application.pdf>

Virtual interviews will be held **June 15 and 16** between **3:00 and 5:00 p.m.** Volunteers will start work **July 1** and will be asked to help with book lists, online programs, and other remote resources for their fellow teens. They will also attend virtual trainings and enrichment sessions with our teen librarians!

FUN AND GAMES

Twitch: Check out our Twitch channel at <https://www.twitch.tv/BPLts> to chat and play games with fellow teens and librarians! We stream **Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** and **Thursdays, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Virtual Teen Room: E-mail virtualteenroom@bpl.org to gain access to our Virtual Teen Room on Discord, where teen librarians host exciting programs **Monday through Friday, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Join us for Maker Mondays, Gamer Tuesdays, Anime Wednesdays, Jackbox Thursdays, and Music Fridays.

Virtual Escape Room: Think you have what it takes to solve puzzles, defeat a witch, and save a magical realm? Try our virtual escape room, hosted on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays in April and May, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.** Sign up at <https://allevvents.in/boston/the-grimm-escape-a-virtual-escape-room-for-teens/200019531996219>. **(SCROLL DOWN TO FIND ADDITIONAL DATES.)**

SOCIAL MEDIA

(Check often for updates!)

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/bplteencentral?lang=en> (@BPLTeenCentral)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/bplbostonteens/> (@bplbostonteens)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bostonpubliclibrary/> (@bostonpubliclibrary)

CONTACT A MATTAPAN LIBRARIAN

To get in touch with Emily Robinson, Teen Librarian at the Mattapan branch of the BPL, e-mail erobinson@bpl.org. Emily is working remotely Monday through Friday, and is happy to answer questions, take suggestions, make virtual class visits, or create book-talk or tutorial videos on request.