

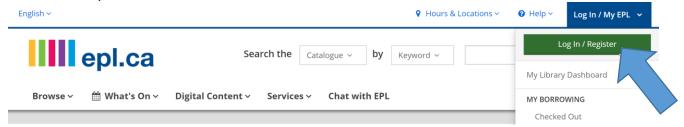


Dear Parents/Guardians:

Edmonton Public Library (EPL) has an important message to share as your family moves to online learning: EPL has you covered for entertainment!

You may already be using EPL's awesome digital content – <u>Tumblemath</u>, <u>Solaro</u> and <u>Brainfuse</u> among other FREE resources – to support your child's learning. When you all need a break, turn to EPL for some fun. Check out <u>EPL from Home</u> for a great collection of entertainment and learning resources that appeal to all ages.

To get started with digital content, go to <u>epl.ca</u> and login with your library barcode number and password.



If you or your child need to get a library card, register online at epl.ca/card

Here are a few ideas featured on EPL from Home to get you started:

1. Have a laugh with Hoopla

Create a free account on <u>Hoopla</u> to instantly stream hilarious audiobooks for kids. Many books, like the *Captain Underpants* series by Dave Pilkey are now "bonus borrows" which means they don't count against your monthly borrowing limit. Who doesn't love *Captain Underpants*? Hoopla also has lots of funny kids movies, TV shows, eBooks and comics.

2. Become a back yard birder

With <u>Birds of The World</u>, watch videos and hear sound recordings of thousands of species. Look out your window, explore your back yard and try to identify your feathered friends with the help of this amazing database.

3. Take an art class

<u>Creativebug</u> is an amazing collection of instructional videos across all media of art and craft. From weaving to watercolour, get ready to create something awesome. If you don't know where to start, try this <u>EPL curated list</u> of recommended courses.







4. Vote for your favourite YRCA 2020 book!

The Young Reader's Choice Awards (YRCA) features an exciting and diverse collection of books that students can read and vote on throughout the school year. With voting for the YRCA 2020 nominees closing on May 31st, don't hesitate to get over to our <u>YRCA webpage</u> to revisit the titles and submit your vote.

5. Get creative in the kitchen

Travel around the world with <u>A to Z World Food</u>. Choose a country on the interactive map, explore its food culture, pick a recipe, and get cooking.

6. Read some comics

You can find a huge collection of comics and graphic novels on <u>Hoopla</u>, <u>Overdrive Kids</u> and <u>Freading</u>. These databases have a lot of content, so try the following search strategies.

- In **Hoopla**, use "Advanced Search" and select "Comics" from the **format** drop down
- In **Overdrive Kids** use "Advanced Search" and select "Comic and Graphic Books" from the **subject** drop down
- And in **Freading** click on "Categories" and choose "Comics & Graphic Novels"

Finally, remember to take advantage of all the free resources available to you from Learn Alberta through the <u>Online Reference Centre</u>. You don't need a library card to access these databases.

This list is just the beginning. Go to <u>epl.ca</u> for more inspiration. If you need help, call the library at 780-496-7000 or connect online at <u>epl.ca/contactepl</u>.

We are here for you!

