


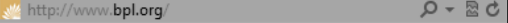




GETTING (AND USING) A BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY E-CARD


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September 2015

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Select eCards from the drop-down menu

The image shows a screenshot of the Boston Public Library website (www.bpl.org) with a yellow arrow pointing to the 'eCards' dropdown menu in the top navigation bar. The website features a blue header with the Boston Public Library logo and navigation links. A sidebar on the left contains links to Central Library Hours, Research Dept. Hours, Teen & Children's Hours, Gallery Hours, Branch Hours, and Holiday Observances. The main content area is divided into sections: 'How Do I ... ?' with a list of services, 'Exhibitions' with two featured exhibits, 'New & Noteworthy' with a list of updates, and 'Events' with three upcoming events. The 'eCards' dropdown menu is highlighted, showing a search bar and a 'go' button.

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Click **Get or Renew Your eCard** and enter information as instructed

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The Boston Public Library eCard gives you instant access to thousands of ebooks, movies, audio files, magazines and more.

Get or Renew Your eCard

Benefits
Your BPL eCard gives you access to:

- Downloadable ebooks and multimedia
- Research databases
- Digital magazines through Zinio
- Streaming media through Hoopla
- Account creation in our online catalog


Eligibility
To register for an eCard, you must meet one of the following criteria:

- You reside permanently in Massachusetts
- You live in-state for part of the year to attend school
- You commute to a Massachusetts employer on a sustained and regular basis
- You own property in Massachusetts

Additionally, you must be an individual age 13 or older with no other active library card with the BPL. To comply with COPPA, we can't allow children under 13 to fill out the registration form.

When Your eCard Expires
You can renew your eCard by resubmitting the registration form. Be sure to submit your updated address if has changed. [Renew now.](#)

Upgrade Your eCard
Full BPL library cards entitle you to all benefits of an eCard and more, including:



Once you've checked your email and retrieved your e-card account number,
Borrowing e-books and audiobooks

Download OVERDRIVE, a free borrowing software app.overdrive.com

The screenshot shows the OverDrive app website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the OverDrive logo and a 'SIGN UP' button. Below the navigation bar, a large image of a man in a green and white plaid shirt reading a tablet is the background. Overlaid on this image is the text 'Read, Listen, Watch, Enjoy.' in a large, white, serif font. Below this text is a smaller line: 'One app, thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, and videos from your local library.' In the bottom left corner, there's a blue button with the text 'GET STARTED'. In the bottom right corner, there's a video player icon with the text 'See how it works.' and a play button icon. At the very bottom, there's a small image of the OverDrive app on a tablet and a smartphone.

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Click Electronic Resources

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Read newspapers, journals, electronic books, and more without leaving your computer.

Search databases listed by subject:

Architecture	Encyclopedia	Language Learning	Psychology
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Education	Hobbies	Political Science	Video

Search databases alphabetically by title:

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Already know the article or journal you need?

Search full-text E-Journals by journal title from any BPL Branch or remotely using a BPL library card.

Try [journalseek.net](#).

Need to decipher an abbreviated journal title from a citation?

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- Type in search terms and change “Search by” drop down menu to Keyword
- Check Choose all, then click “Search.”
- You will be required to enter your e-card # and password.

The screenshot shows the Boston Public Library's Electronic Resources page. The browser address bar indicates the URL is <http://www.bpl.org/electronic/alpha.asp>. The page features a navigation bar with links like 'My Account', 'Kids', 'Teens', 'Support the BPL', 'Jobs', and 'Links'. A search bar at the top right allows searching for books, movies, music, etc., or directly on bpl.org.

The 'Electronic Resources' section is highlighted with a yellow circle, showing the following elements:

- Choose databases OR Choose all** (with a checkbox)
- Enter search term(s):** (input field)
- Search by:** (dropdown menu set to 'Title')
- Search** button
- Advanced Search** link
- Icon Key:** (Description, How to use, Full Text, No remote access, Limited remote access)
- #** (list of resources)
- A** (list of resources)

The sidebar on the left lists various resources by subject, including Architecture, Art, Audio Books, Biography, Business, Dance, eBooks, Education, Encyclopedia, Film, General, Genealogy, Government, and Health.

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You may listen to the article if you choose.

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