

Staying Connected During Library Closures

Teachers, parents, and students: we're still here for you. We want to help you navigate the new reality of online learning. Here is a list of our services that could help you in your virtual classroom.

Ask the Library

If you have any questions about our services, you can call our new Ask the Library phone line at 902-490-5753 or email us at AskLib@halifax.ca.

The Ask the Library line is staffed:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-9:00pm

Friday-Saturday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 12:00pm-5:00pm

You can also leave a message after hours, and we'll call you back.

Online Card Registration

Many of our resources require a library card to access. If you or your students need a card, you can get a temporary one using our [online card registration](#).

Internet Access

Our internet is still on. At some branches, our WiFi will reach outside the branch. People can park outside near the building and access our free internet.

"Virtual Library" for Kids & Teens

Our Children's Services team is busy creating virtual storytimes, craft videos, STEAM activities, reading recommendations, contests, cooking videos, and more for [kids](#) and [teens](#), all gathered in one convenient place on our website, and updated daily.

Note: Summer Reading Club information will be coming soon, and shared on our Kids' page!

E-Library Tools

Access a list of all of our free E-Library [online resources here](#).

Here are a few highlights from our E-Library. If you need any help getting started, you can find quick video tutorials for most of these resources [here, on Niche Academy](#).



E-Books and Audiobooks via OverDrive

The Library has over one million digital titles available for download, including teens' and kids' books. We have set up a separate kids' room to help children, parents and teachers easily find resources. You can find the Kids' room on [OverDrive here](#). This is a great way to keep kids reading at home who may have run out of physical "just right" books to keep them reading.

We also have a More Languages room set up where you can find material in French, Chinese, Arabic, Spanish, Korean, German, and Russian. You can find the [More Languages room here](#).

Our collection can be accessed through tablets and phones, computers (through a browser) or e-readers. Download the Libby app through your preferred app store to get started. If you have any questions about accessing this collection, please call our Ask the Library line and someone will help you get set up.

Hot tip: our Duke Classics and Project Gutenberg books are all simultaneous-use, so classes could read the same book. [Here is a list of Always Available Classics for Kids](#).

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World Book Online

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