10 COOL THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY

1. Ask a Librarian

Now you can connect to a librarian through your computer at any time. Chat with us 24/7 to find answers, articles and more. You can also email us for more extensive research requests including obituary searches, genealogy and local history questions.

2. Houston Public Library App

Download our free mobile application and search our catalog for books, movies, music and more, with easy search features designed for mobile devices. Check your account, place holds or renew items, get library hours and directions, find upcoming events, or contact us.

3. FLIP Kits

Nurture a love of reading and learning with the Family Literacy Involvement Program (FLIP) kits. These kits, available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese, allow parents and their children to read a book and complete a related activity together.

4. Tumblebooks

Keep children interested and involved with reading with these animated talking picture books, suitable for elementary school children. These picture books integrate sound, animation, music, narration, and activities to keep them engaged in learning.

5. Brainfuse

Get FREE help with math, writing, science, customized study plans, lessons and more with live tutors Monday – Sunday 2 PM – 11 PM! Are you Job hunting or switching careers? With your FREE library card, sign up for a FREE résumé writing lab and FREE interview coaching.

6. Digital Archives

The Digital Archives is your connection to primary resources about historical events. The material ranges from oral histories, film clips, photographs, maps, manuscripts, to books and more, from our Special Collections libraries. Be sure to check out the Educator and Student Resources section.

7. Learning Express Library

FREE practice tests are available for high school, college, or career, and include STAAR, GED, AP, SAT, Civil Service, ASVAB, U.S. Citizenship, Law Enforcement, Cosmetology, Nursing, Real Estate and more. Many lessons are also available in Spanish.

8. Free Video and Music Downloads and Streaming

Are you a music lover? Cardholders can download three (3) songs a week and access up to 3 hours of streaming music per day from Freegal's 9 million songs. Hoopla offers more than just music with their thousands of digital videos, music and audiobooks available for both computers and mobile devices.

9. Free E-Books

Access thousands of e-books and e-audiobooks for all ages through OverDrive, OneClickDigital, EBSCOHost, and ComicsPlus to read or listen to on your computer, tablet or smart phone.

10. FREE Programs, Classes, Workshops, and Special Events

They're FREE and there is something for everyone from book clubs to computer classes to workshops and seminars. There are hundreds of topic choices from health and wellness to finding a job; from author talks and poetry slams to starting your own business.

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10 项您尚未了解的图书馆便捷服务

1.向图书管理员提问

现在您可以随时通过您自己的电脑与一位图书管理员联系。 使用聊天功能随时寻找答案、文章及其他。 对于需要花时间做研究的问题，包括：寻找讣告、家谱及本地历史等等，请发电邮给我们。

2.休士顿公共图书馆应用软件

只需下载图书馆免费移动应用程序，使用专为移动设备设计的便捷搜索功能，即可查询目录找到所需要的图书、电影、音乐等等。此程序还能帮您做下面的事：账户查询、图书预订及续订、开馆时间及路线、得知将要举办的活动或直接与我们联系。

3.FLIP 包

通过使用家庭扫盲参与计划（FLIP）包来培养对阅读和学习的喜爱。这些 FLIP 包有几种语言：英语、西班牙语、汉语和越南语，让父母和孩子们一起读一本书并完成一个相关的活动。

4.动画书

馆藏有声图画书，适合小学生，吸引孩子们的兴趣和注意力。这些图画书集声、像、音乐、解说及活动于一体，帮助孩子集中精力学习。

5.补习充电

我们的补课老师可以到现场免费为您补习数学、写作、科学、量身定制的学习计划和功课等等：周一至周日下午两点到夜里十一点！您在找工作还是换工作？如果是这样，用您免费的图书馆卡，可以报名参加学习班，教您如何写简历、如何进行面试，全部免费。

6.数字档案

数字档案是存储历史事件的主要来源。其内容相当广泛，从口述历史、电影片段、相片、地图、手稿到图书及其他资料一应俱全，藏于特别收藏馆内。请留意教师及学生资源专区。

7.学习快车图书馆

馆藏考高中、大学及专业的免费习题，包括 STAAR、GED、AP、SAT、公务员、ASVAB、入籍考试、执法、美容、护士、房地产等等。许多科目也提供西班牙语版本。

8.免费录像及音乐下载及流媒体

您是音乐爱好者吗？任何持卡人都可以从 Freegal 总计九百万首的歌库里每周下载三首歌，每天访问三小时的流媒体音乐。除了音乐， Hoopla 还为电脑和移动设备提供几千个数字化录像和有声读物。

9.免费电子书

登录 OverDrive、OneClickDigital、EbscoHost、ComicsPlus 等网站，可以在您的电脑、平板电脑、或智能手机上阅读或收听数千本老幼皆宜的电子书或有声电子书。

10.免费课程、研讨会及特别活动

读书会、电脑课、研讨会等等全部免费，总有一项活动适合您！题目也应有尽有：从健康到求职，从笔者会谈到诗歌点评，甚至包括如何创业。

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