Engage, Learn, Grow with BPL

Something for Everyone

Bentonville Public Library provides a welcoming and safe space with collections and online resources to provide reliable information for anyone to explore, grow and learn about any topic that may interest them. BPL also hosts many free family-friendly programs that support diversity, community and our shared Bentonville culture. Check out these offerings, and more, at your public library!

Language & Literacy Learn a new language, improve your literacy and build reading skills at BPL.

- **Rosetta Stone** - Develop your language by skills listening, speaking, reading, and writing from the beginning, using your own natural language-learning ability.
- **Mango** - Learn a new language in the comfort of your own home! Choose from 70 foreign languages and learn vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture.
- **Little Pim** - Ages 0-6 years old: foreign language tools for tots! The method incorporates words and themes that are relevant to the child's daily life.
- **Learning Express Library** - Includes practice exams for GED, ACT, SAT, GRE plus CDL, ASVAB, Civil Service, Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMS and US Citizenship.

Language Collections at BPL:

- **World Language Collections** – various languages, all reading levels
- **Adult Literacy Collection** – easy-to-read novels and materials in the areas of life skills, job skills, religion and more.
- **Graphic Novels** – Books with visual content to assist in word association as well as novels written in multiple languages.

Genealogy & Family History BPL resources can help you discover your family history and what makes you unique.

- **Ancestry** - Find census, birth, marriage, death records and more. In Library use only.
- **Heritage Quest** - Search censuses, genealogy and local history books, Periodical Source Index (PERSI), Revolutionary War records, Freedman's Bank Records and LexisNexis US Serial Set.
- **Fold 3®** - features premier collections of original military records, including stories, photos and personal documents of the men and women who served in the military.

Specialty Collections at BPL – past local histories, family stories, cemetery records, old newspapers and yearbooks! Supported by the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society.
Databases & Downloadables

Access on BPL’s Student Portal or eLearning page. Something for all lifelong learners, pre-K to adult.

History & Biography

- **Access Video on Demand** - Browse Documentaries and watch ‘Society & Culture’ and ‘History.’
- **American History** - Browse topics such as The Civil Rights Movement, The Holocaust and ‘Peoples of the U.S.’
- **Defining Moments in U.S. History** - Includes timelines and information about historical events such as Immigration, Native Americans, Underground Railroad, Voting Rights and more.

Culture

- **Countries & Cultures** - Explore ‘Countries of the World’ to learn about history, government, people and other cultural topics.
- **CultureGrams** - Information, graphics, videos and other illustrations highlight cultures across the world.
- **Issues & Controversies** - Learn pros & cons about various social issues. Check out ‘Recent Controversies’ for current topics.
- **SIRS Issues Researcher** - ‘Leading Issues’ and ‘Trending Topics’ feature current issues with opposing viewpoints, critical questions, timelines and links to resources.
- **Teen Health & Wellness** - 'Diversity' highlights Diversity and Multiculturalism, Hate Crimes, Racism and other social issues.

People & Places

- **Essential Biography & Essential Information** - U.S. & World Biographies feature influential people in ‘Society and Social Reform.’
- **Overdrive (Libby/Sora)** - Diverse, Social Justice & Activism titles available to download and read.
- **Shapers of Society** - Read about Civil Rights Leaders and Human Rights Activists and other influential leaders in history.
- **World Book (Advanced & Student)** - Search World Book, view ‘In the Headlines’, ‘Behind the Headlines’, ‘Current Events’ and ‘Biography Center’ for events, history, people, race relations and more.