

ELSA NET RESOURCE BULLETIN CONNECTING WITH BC LIBRARIES



Library Programs and Services

Libraries often serve as the gateway to community for many newcomers. More and more, libraries are developing programs and services to help newcomers connect and find relevant resources. Below are some services that you can access for classroom resources and help your students access for their own personal learning and enjoyment.

Richmond Public Libraries

RPL have adult and multilingual services and resources. There are events, classes and resources of all kinds.

http://www.yourlibrary.ca/programs/adult_prog.cfm

Their Newcomers page offers a practice test based on the **new** citizenship booklet, Discover Canada, as well as useful information about the community and the library. Go to

<http://www.yourlibrary.ca/newcomers>

Burnaby's New to Canada page

Burnaby Public Library's Newcomer page offers lists of catalogued book for ESL, conversation circles for new immigrants, a list of recommended websites and a list of resources. Go to <http://www.bpl.bc.ca/new-to-canada>

Surrey Libraries

Need information on Canadian politics? This Surrey Libraries page has all the information you could ask for. There are names and numbers for local, provincial and national politics.

surreylibraries.ca/research/4754.aspx

Coquitlam Libraries

Coquitlam libraries offer English practice groups and language labs with headphones, microphones and software. Language labs can be accessed any time during regular library hours.

<http://www.library.coquitlam.bc.ca/ESL+Programs.htm>

Langley Libraries

As with many other libraries, Langley offers free basic computer classes including how to do basic Microsoft Word, email and use the internet.

http://www.langleypubliclibrary.org/Pages/current_events.htm

Upcoming PD Opportunities

January

January 11 - **ELSA Net**
4/5 Sharing Session

January 15 - **Grammar Review**
Vancouver Community College

January 21- **ELSA Net**
Understanding Disabilities in the ESL
Context: Towards
Inclusive Classrooms

January 24&31 - **Teaching Vocabulary**
Vancouver Community College

February

February 3
ELSA Net
Task-based Learning for
ELSA lit-3 and
Strategies for Managing
Multi-levels & Continuous
Intake

February 19
**BC TEAL Spring
Sessions**
Global Village Victoria

March

March 23-26
**Metropolis
Conference**
Sheraton Vancouver
Wall Centre



For more information about these and other PD opportunities, check out the events calendar on the ELSA Net website: <http://www.elsanet.org/resources.html>

Audiobooks and Ebooks

BC Libraries Without Walls offers a large collection of Audio and EBooks for all ages. Their comprehensive website has everything you need to begin.

Audio books and e-books offer flexibility and mobility. Students can listen and practice reading along and teachers can use books to create lessons.

To get started, you can take the digital media guided tour. This tour walks you through how to download software so that you can access books online.

You can download ebooks and audiobooks to a desk top computer or a mobile device. Another advantage is that books automatically expire at the end of the loan period—which means no more late fees!

<http://downloads.bclibrary.ca>



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Childcare Resources

The Burnaby Public Library has excellent e-books and read-along resources for children, youth, families, and adults. Although it indicates on this page that you require a Burnaby Public Library card to access these resources remotely, in fact, the Tumble Books and Tumble Readables are freely available by going through the library's main Website through the following link:

<http://www.bpl.bc.ca/e-books-and-audiobooks>. Just follow the links to the following two Tumble Book Library sites:

TumbleBooks This site offers electronic storybooks and audio books for kids, including animated storybooks and read-alongs (text highlighted as it is read aloud). In addition, they have puzzles and games and language learning activities for kids. They have an entire section dedicated to non-fiction books for young children on animals, dolphins, and other topics.

TumbleReadables These offer a collection of e-books, early readers, chapter books, teen books, classics, and poetry-drama (all Shakespeare). Those that have read-along capabilities are labelled as such. In addition, some have tests or short quizzes attached to the links.

Resources for 4/5

Courthouse Libraries B.C. <http://www.courthouselibrary.ca/> Courthouse Libraries BC is a non-profit organization providing access to legal information resources and information services to members of the legal community and the public of British Columbia. Courthouse Libraries BC operates "Clicklaw" (see below) as part of its mission to improve access to legal information for the public.

Clicklaw is an interactive resource allows users to investigate particular legal problems or issues. Designed for public use, 24 legal organizations in B.C. and Canada contributed to the resource, which was developed by Courthouse Libraries, BC. Some resources are available in other languages. <http://www.clicklaw.bc.ca/content/about>

Learning about the Law is a specific series provided for immigrant and refugee students and their teachers, which include free resources and visiting ESL teachers.

<http://clicklaw.bc.ca/learnteach/search?f=Immigrants+%26+refugees>