

Welcome to the library, budding scientists!

EPL has all kinds of free resources that you can access in-person and online with your library card.

Who can get a library card?

Anyone that lives in Edmonton can get a library card for free! If you are under 18 a parent or legal guardian must be present with valid ID and a proof of Edmonton address in order to create a library card for you. Visit your local branch or <https://www2.epl.ca/register/> to register online.

Don't live in Edmonton? Visit your local library system to see what they can do for you.

Remember, an EPL card is **not** required to read, research, or study in one of our branches. **Everyone is welcome to visit!**

How to use the catalogue

EPL has all kinds of physical materials (books, CD audiobooks, DVDs, etc.) and digital materials (eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, streaming videos, etc.). Borrowing items is free with your library card, and most items can be borrowed for 3 weeks at a time (some exceptions include streaming videos).

Searching the catalogue: tips and tricks

You can look through EPL's whole collection by searching the EPL website. For general searches, search by "Keyword." You can also search by "Title" and "Author" if you are searching for a specific item.

Search the by

Advanced Search

Once you have a list of options, you can narrow them down using filters. Filters can be found on the left side of the website on desktop or through the "Filter results" button on mobile. You can also apply several filters at the same time.

Keyword search: **snakes** Save search

Broaden search Search other resources

Sort by: Relevance

1 to 10 of 474 results

Filter your results by...

Available Now

Format

Books

Book (147)

eBook (99)

Graphic Novel (7)

Large Print (4)

Audiobooks

Downloadable Audiobook (19)

Streaming Audiobook (9)

Audiobook CD (7)

Movies & TV

Snakes
by Hand, Carol

Book - 2022 | ON ORDER
ON ORDER
On order [View details](#)
Holds: 2 on 1 copy

Snakes
by Bishop, Nic

★★★★☆

Book - 2016 | First edition.
J 597.96 BIS
Available [View details](#)

Some useful filters include:

- Availability = choose the library branch you are going to visit to see if your item is currently there
- Format = choose whether you'd like a book, eBook, audiobook, DVD, etc.
- Content = select "Non-fiction" to remove results that you cannot use for research
- Audience = selecting "Children" or "Teens," depending on your age, will help you find the right kinds of resources for you

Once you find an available item that you would like to use, check where it is by clicking "View details." A pop-up will tell you which branches have your item on their shelves.

Availability details



Snakes
by Bishop, Nic
Book - 2016
Copies: 4

Available (2)

Location	Collection	Call No.	Status
Castle Downs	Children's - Non-Fiction	J 597.96 BIS	AVAILABLE
Heritage Valley	Children's - Non-Fiction	J 597.96 BIS	AVAILABLE

Placing a Hold

Is the item you need unavailable? Put yourself next in line by placing a hold.

The screenshot shows a library record for the eBook 'Anacondas' by Colleen Sexton. The record includes the book cover, the title, author, and format (eBook - 2013). It indicates that all copies are in use and there are 0 holds on 1 copy. A green 'Place hold' button is highlighted with a red box. Below the button is a dropdown menu currently set to 'For Later'.

You can choose the branch where you will pick up your items, and EPL will call or send an email when your item is ready to pick up.

How to access a computer at the library

All EPL branches have public computers that are accessible during open hours. You will need your library card number and PIN to book a station in person or in advance through mypc.epl.ca. Non-Edmonton residents can visit customer service to request a temporary pass. Computers are bookable for one hour.

It may be possible to request more than one hour, but it depends on whether there are other people waiting to use a computer.

Printing and photocopying are available at \$0.10/page black and white or \$0.50/page in colour.

Databases

Databases are a great place to find information and articles from credible sources. EPL has many databases that are free to use with your library card! Check out the options below or ask an EPL staff member to help choose the right one for you.

Accessing Databases

Visit www.epl.ca and click on the Digital Content tab. For great student-focused databases, try clicking "Kids' Online Resources" or "Learn" for a curated list of suggestions! You can also search the website by database name.

The screenshot shows the EPL.ca website interface. At the top left is the EPL logo. To the right is a search bar with the text "Search the Catalogue by Ke". Below the search bar is a navigation menu with items: "Browse", "What's On", "Digital Content" (highlighted in blue), "Services", and "Chat with EPL". Below the navigation menu is a "Digital Content" dropdown menu. This menu is divided into three columns: "VIEW", "ACTIVITY", and "SUBJECT". Under "VIEW", there are three items: "Getting Started Guide", "All Online Resources", and "Kids' Online Resources" (highlighted with a red box). Under "ACTIVITY", there are five items: "Learn" (highlighted with a red box), "Listen", "Read", "Research", and "Watch". Under "SUBJECT", there are six items: "Arts & Literature", "Business, Finance & Law", "Canadian Content", "Consumer & Auto", "Genealogy & History", and "Reference & Research".

If you are in a library branch or on a library computer, you will not need to sign in with your card number and PIN. If you are elsewhere, have your card number and PIN handy!

Can't remember your PIN? No problem. Drop in to a library branch with your adult guardian and we can reset it for you!

Which Database Should I Use?

Databases target certain topics and age groups. Here are our suggestions for you!

Grades 4-6

National Geographic Kids

Includes magazines, books, videos, and pictures on a wide variety of topics. New issues of *National Geographic Kids Magazines* appear online a minimum of 90 days after publication date.

Features:

- Print full articles
- Search with keywords
- Text-to-speech
- Dictionary
- Citations

PowerKnowledge Databases

All of the PowerKnowledge databases have the same cool features, focusing on different topics. Each database also has a section dedicated to Science Fair Projects, from sample experiments to an all-you-need-to-know [Science Fair 101](#).

Features:

- Articles can be downloaded as Word documents or saved to Google Drive
- Videos with transcripts
- Citations
- “Find Out More” section to suggest additional web sites and books

[PowerKnowledge Earth & Space Science](#)

Covers topics like earth cycles, ecosystems and biomes, energy and matter, weather and climate, rocks and minerals, water, and space.

[PowerKnowledge Life Science](#)

Covers topics like animals, endangered species, plants, food chains and webs, habitats and ecosystems, adaptation, and the human body.

[PowerKnowledge Physical Science](#)

Covers topics like atoms and molecules, elements and the periodic table, energy and matter, force and motion, and temperature and measurement.

Grades 4 & Up

[Birds of the World \(formerly Birds of North America\)](#)

A research database and encyclopedia specifically about birds! Includes thousands of species with pictures, diagrams, video, and audio.

Features:

- Citations

[Canada in Context](#)

Focused on Canadian content and perspectives. Includes full-text magazines, academic journals, news articles, images, videos, and links to other vetted resources.

Features:

- Search or browse current events and news articles
- Download or print articles
- Text-to-speech
- Modify text size, font (including Dyslexic-friendly font) or translate articles
- Citations

[National Geographic Virtual Library](#)

Access to more than 120 years' worth of articles and photos from National Geographic Magazine.

Features:

- Print full articles or photos
- Search with keywords
- Citations

[Science Reference Source \(Formerly Science Reference Center\)](#)

This amazing research center spans all areas of science and has thousands of magazines, journals, encyclopedias, reference books, images, over 1,000 experiments, and more than 2,000 videos.

Features:

- Search or browse by category or popular sources
- Filter searches by type (books, magazines, academic journals)
- Print full articles
- Download as PDF
- Speech to text
- Citations

[World Book \(formerly World Book Encyclopedia\)](#)

A great starting point for everyone. Includes more than 25,000 World Book Encyclopedia articles, edited to suit students from grades 4 through 12 and adults. Also includes more than 1,800 tables, 100 animations and videos, 10,000 pictures, 500 maps.

Features:

- Select your age group
- Search or browse by current events
- Text-to-speech
- Modify text size or translate articles
- Citation Builder