Library Online Resources

How to Find Them

- Start on our homepage
- Click on **Reading & Research** in the top menu, then select **Online Resources**
- By default you see all of the resources, but this can be narrowed down by selecting a category at the top of the page (Education, Finance, News, etc.)

Brief Overview

- **Ancestry.com** – *In library only*
  - The largest family history site with more than 4 billion names in world-wide historical records, family tree services, census information, and genealogy resources.
  - **Good for:** More in-depth genealogy, including military and immigration records.
  - **Prompt:** Search for information on a parent, grandparent, or yourself.

- **Auto Repair Reference Center** – *May need Kansas Library card*
  - Access repair, maintenance, and service information for your vehicle.
  - **Good for:** Finding step-by-step repair information, wiring diagrams, and estimated labor times.
  - **Prompt:** Search for information about your vehicle.

- **BookFLIX** – *May need Kansas Library card*
  - An online resource for kids to use. Watch classic children's storybook videos from Weston Woods, Children's Press, and Scholastic. No software required, use directly online.
  - **Good for:** Pairing related fiction and nonfiction children’s books.
  - **Prompt:** Pick a topic and find an interesting pair of books.

- **Consumer Reports** – **Library card needed**
  - Explore product reviews and ratings with full access to the online version of Consumer Reports.
  - **Good for:** People interested in reviews and buying guides for a wide range of products.
  - **Prompt:** Search for a review of a product you are interested in buying (e.g. dishwasher, car, camera).

- **Encyclopedia Britannica** – *May need Kansas Library card*
  - Explore the updated online encyclopedia from Encyclopedia Britannica with hundreds of thousands of articles, biographies, videos, images, and web sites.
  - **Good for:** Reference information for children through adults with articles that can be adjusted for different reading levels.
  - **Prompt:** Search for koalas and compare the information at different reading levels.

- **Explora** – *May need Kansas Library card*
  - Contains full text for thousands of reference magazines, journals, and publications covering a wide range of subject areas.
  - **Good for:** Finding reference information covering a wide variety of topics from a wide variety of sources, including: ebooks, academic journals, and periodicals.
  - **Prompt:** Search for the Dust Bowl and learn more about it.
• **Flipster Magazines – Library card needed**
  - Digital magazines including *Better Homes & Gardens, National Geographic, Rolling Stone*, and more.
  - **Good for:** Reading right from your browser or with the app.
  - **Prompt:** Look at all the titles available.

• **Genealogy Connect – May need Kansas Library card**
  - A collection of nearly 600 genealogy research and reference publications in searchable PDF format.
  - **Good for:** “Designed to empower researchers, this advanced online tool instructs users in proper research methods, helping them organize and define goals to build the best possible family tree.”
  - **Prompt:** Pick a subject you’re interested in and see what you find.

• **Heritage Quest – May need Kansas Library card**
  - Find U.S. census records, Revolutionary War materials, and Freedman's Bank records.
  - **Good for:** Old census records and city directories.
  - **Prompt:** Search for a relative and see what you can learn.

• **Hoopla – Library card needed**
  - A new digital streaming service offering music, audiobooks, ebooks, movies, and TV episodes free to Manhattan Library cardholders. Each patron can check out five items per month.
  - **Good for:** Streaming movies, TV shows, music, audiobooks, ebooks, and even comics. Can be used on a computer or through an app.
  - **Prompt:** Search for an ebook you want to read or browse through the movies and see if there are any you like.

• **Kansas Historical Society – Public**
  - Research Kansas history and genealogy, access records and collections, get information about historic sites, and read articles relating to Kansas History.
  - **Good for:** People interested in Kansas history or wanting to plan a trip to an historic site.
  - **Prompt:** Pick a place you’d like to visit and learn more about it.

• **Kansas State Library Card**
  - A card used to access all of the Kansas Library resources. The resources should identify your Kansas IP address, but the card will ensure that you can log in. You can sign up for a card at the Reference Desk.
  - **Good for:** Accessing all of the Kansas Library resources.

• **Kansas State Library Online Resources – May need Kansas Library card**
  - Additional resources available to anyone in the state of Kansas.
  - **Good for:** See all of the resources available through the Kansas State Library, covering: General Research, Skill Builders, History & Genealogy, Business & Technology, Health, Stats & Government, Librarian & Educator Resources, and Spanish language resources.
  - **Prompt:** Find a resource not listed on our page and explore it.
• Learning Express Library – May need Kansas Library card
  o Access practice tests and tutorials for all ages from elementary to post graduate degrees. Tests include GED, GRE, U.S. citizenship, and workplace improvement skills.
  o Good for: People wanting more practice for various standardized tests or to learn a new skill.
  o Prompt: Search for a subject or test you’re interested in and see what Learning Express has to offer.

• Libby – Library card needed
  o A new app to access Sunflower eLibrary, built from the ground up to be intuitive and easy to use.
  o Good for: Accessing Sunflower eLibrary from a mobile device.
  o Prompt: Download the Libby app, set up your account, browse for an ebook or audiobook.

• Lynda.com – Library card needed
  o A leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals.
  o Good for: Learning a new skill in a wide variety of categories, from animation to computer programming to video editing.
  o Prompt: Search for something you want to learn, like drawing or video editing, and see what videos are available.

• Mango Languages – May need Kansas Library card
  o Conversation tutorials for more than 70 languages including ESL courses taught in the user's native language.
  o Good for: Learning a new language in a fun and engaging way.
  o Prompt: Create an account and find a language you want to learn.

• Manhattan Community Information Center – Links to library catalog
  o Information about the Manhattan, KS community is available through our catalog.
  o Good for: Finding information about local businesses, organizations, and clubs.
  o Prompt: Search for food and see what resources you find.

• Mercury – In library only
  o Read the complete eEdition of Manhattan's local paper.
  o Good for: Keeping up with local news.
  o Prompt: Browse through the paper and see what’s happening in town.

• Morningstar – Library card needed
  o Comprehensive investment information with easy-to-use portfolio tools and calculators.
  o Good for: Researching stocks, mutual funds, and ETFs.
  o Prompt: Search for “CMG” (Chipotle) and see how they’re doing today.

• Newsbank – Library card needed
  o Digital copies of the Manhattan Mercury newspaper from 1997 to today.
  o Good for: Reading past issues of the Manhattan Mercury and 27 magazines.
  o Prompt: What was on page a8 of the Manhattan Mercury on May 22, 1997?
• New York Times – Library card needed  
  o Full text of The New York Times available inside and outside the library. Enter your library card and password, then redeem the access code and create an account. Inside the library, log in with your account.  
  o Good for: Finding news at a national and international level.  
  o Prompt: Browse through the paper and see what is happening around the country and the world.

• NoveList Plus – May need Kansas Library card  
  o Good for: Finding your new favorite book and searching for books outside of normal genre categories.  
  o Prompt: Click on “Try our appeal mixer” below the first row of books and find a new book.

• Riley County Genealogical Society – Public  
  o An independent facility focusing on Riley County, Kansas and its surrounding counties. RCGS also has more than 5,000 holdings from other states and countries.  
  o Good for: Finding out about upcoming events and learning more about the RCGS.  
  o Prompt: Click on the events page and see what events are coming up.

• Sunflower eLibrary – Library card needed  
  o The Sunflower eLibrary, by Overdrive, offers a wide variety of ebooks, audiobooks, and videos for checkout. Use your Manhattan Library card and password to log in.  
  o Good for: Accessing audiobooks and videos that the library doesn’t have physical copies of.  
  o Prompt: Browse through the Just Added section and click on a book that looks interesting.

• Tumblebooks – Library card needed – May need Kansas Library card  
  o A collection of animated, talking picture books, which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they’ll love.  
  o Good for: Younger children who want to follow along with an engaging narrated story.  
  o Prompt: Find a nonfiction book.

• Value Line – Library card needed  
  o Provides in-depth financial investment-related research information including historical markets, company data, mutual funds and analytic tools, and expert analysis commentary.  
  o Good for: “Accurate and insightful investment research on companies, industries, markets and economies.”  
  o Prompt: Search for “MORN” (Morningstar Inc.) and see how they are doing.