



# Austin Public Library

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Resources & Services

# Resources

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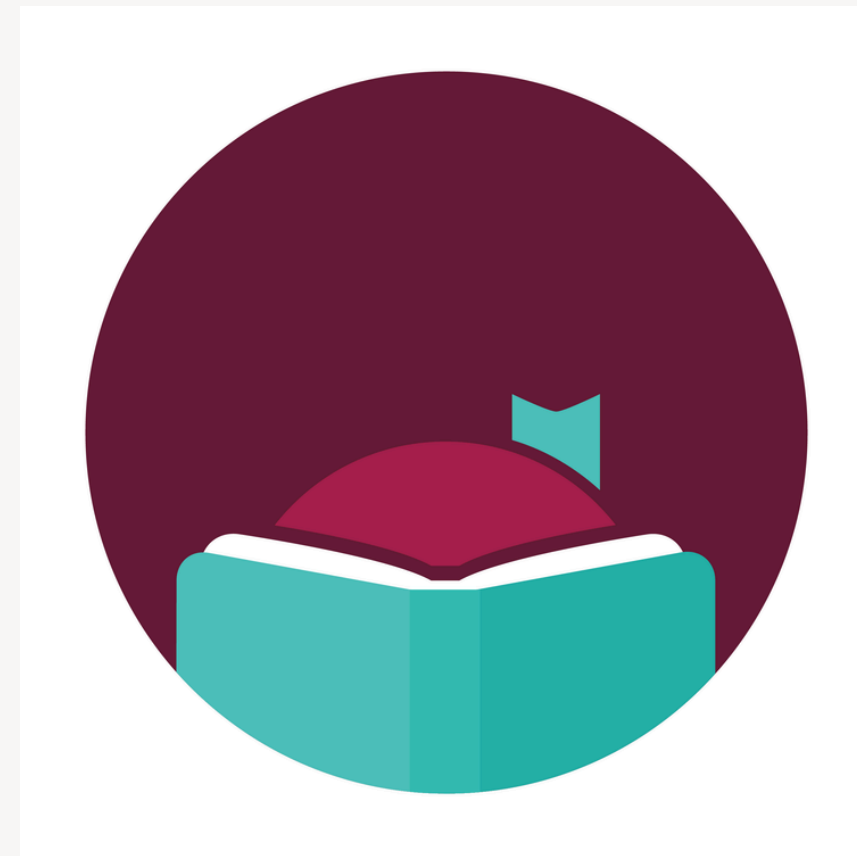
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# Magazines

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Libby (app available for iOS, Android, and Kindle Fire) offers over 6,000 magazines with no checkout limit. Titles include:

- The New Yorker
- National Geographic
- Vanity Fair
- Newsweek
- Cook's Illustrated
- Architectural Digest



# Newspapers

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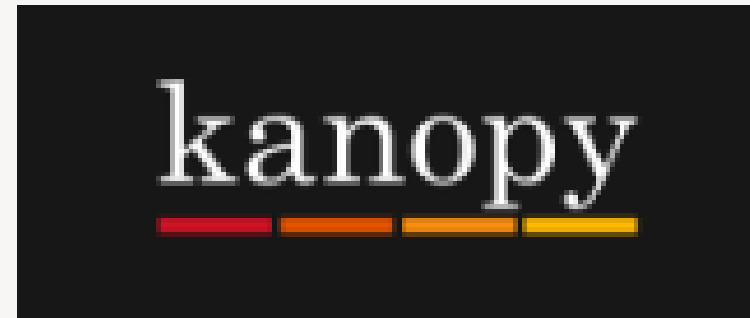
- Austin-American Statesman Image (November 2018 – present)
- AAS text-only (1989 – present)
- AAS Historical (1871 – 1980)
- New York Times
- Wall Street Journal
- Consumer Reports.org

# Movies & Music

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Thousands of films & TV shows to stream or download



Documentaries, indie & world cinema, the Criterion Collection, and PBS



Libby Extras include access to The Great Courses, IndieFlix, Qello Concerts, and Classica

# Skill-Building Resources

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- Language learning: Mango Languages & Transparent Languages
- Crafting: Craftsy (Libby Extra)
- Job hunting: Brainfuse JobNow
- Business & tech skills: Gale Presents: Udemy
- Certification practice: LearningExpress Library

# Research Guides & FAQs

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- Austin & Texas History
- Computer Training
- Genealogy
- How to Use the Catalog
- Seeds & Sustainability
- Senior Living in Austin
- Starting a Local Business

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## Research Guides

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# Research Guides & FAQs

## Ask a Librarian

Search our FAQs or contact us for library and research help.

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# Libraries of Things

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## **Holdable items for checkout**

- Wifi Hotspots
- STEM Kits
- Sunlight Calculators
- Water Meters
- Tool Library (on hiatus)

## **Grab-and-go items**

- Seed Libraries: Central & 16 branch locations
- Mending Library: Yarborough

# Recycled Reads Book Sale

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Available at all APL locations!

- Adult hardcover \$2
- Adult softcover \$1
- Media \$1
- Youth 50 cents
- Board books 25 cents

# Services

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- Ask a Librarian
- Book a Librarian
- Innovation Lab
- Passport services
- Programs

# Questions? We've got answers!

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- Ask a Librarian: Email, text, or chat during library hours.
- Book a Librarian: Make a 30-minute appointment with a reference librarian in-person at Central, or via phone, video call, or email.

**These services are available to anyone and do not require a  
Library Card!**

# Innovation Lab at Central

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Provides community access to state-of-the-art computer hardware and software to create digital content such as:

- podcasts
- videos
- 3D renderings
- music
- content creation

# Passport Services

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You can apply for a passport or passport renewal at the following Library locations:

- Central
- Ruiz
- Spicewood Springs
- Yarborough

Appointments are required.


# Programs


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APL offers free programming for all ages at all locations.

## Prime Timers


### Morning Mah Jongg!


 Friday, March 27 - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

 Howson Branch  
2500 Exposition Blvd.


## Seed Gathering


Bring your own seeds to share or help us process donations for the Seed Collection to keep it growing.

 Saturday, March 28 - 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM


 Yarborough Branch  
2200 Hancock Dr.


## New Orleans Street Music Celebration

 Saturday, March 28 - 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM


 Spicewood Springs Branch  
8637 Spicewood Springs Rd.


## The Crafty Adult: 1920s Inspired Beaded Necklaces

 Tuesday, March 31 - 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

 Yarborough Branch  
2200 Hancock Dr.

## Sound Bath Meditation with Tracy

 Wednesday, April 1 - 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

 Yarborough Branch  
2200 Hancock Dr.

# Questions?

Stop by our table or email me at  
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