

Brockville Library Website Gets a Facelift

The Brockville Public Library is pleased to announce the launch of our newly designed website at www.brockvillelibrary.ca. The new site has an updated look and streamlined functionality which will improve access to our library materials, services and research links. In addition to the content you are already accustomed to finding, several new features have been implemented

From our main page you now have the ability to search our online catalogue. In the top right corner of the site, you can enter any search term and click on “GO”. Your search will be remembered and carried over to our online catalogue. Instructions on the use of our online catalogue as well as logging into your own library account are available at www.brockvillelibrary.ca/search.htm.

The latest news from the library will now be highlighted on our main page. Our goal is to keep you updated and informed of our resources, services and current issues in our ongoing effort to serve the members of Brockville and area.

We have added a new section to our site called “How to Use the Library”. This area will answer frequently asked questions pertinent to library membership such as, “How do I get a Library Card?”, “How long can I borrow items for?”, “Can I place holds on Library Materials?”, and “How do I access my Library Account?” For the answers to these questions and others, you can access our main page and click on “About the Library” and choose “How to Use the Library” from the drop-down menu, or directly at www.brockvillelibrary.ca/how-to-use.htm.

New Website Features include:

Latest news highlighted on the home page.
The ability to search our online catalogue directly from our main page.
Re-designed and updated “Teen Zone” and “Kids Space” areas.
A “Staff Picks” area

Available from our new site are PDF versions of many of our administrative documents such as library policies, annual reports, strategic plans, accreditation reports, and library board minutes. All of these documents are available in our “About the Library” and “Library Services” areas. Also available online is the current edition of our monthly newsletter and book column as well as archived additions. These documents are available under the “Forms & Publications” menu. In order to view any of the above mentioned documents you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader which you can download from our site.

An added addition to our new site is access to the “Knowledge Ontario” databases. Knowledge Ontario is a province-wide initiative that is providing Ontario residents access to improved information resources. Knowledge Ontario consists of six components that will be put in place over time. The first of these components is “Resources Ontario”. All Ontarians can enjoy free access to a core of digital information resources, including full-text articles from magazines, newspapers, journals, essays, encyclopedias, dictionaries and eBook collections. To access the Knowledge Ontario databases, visit us at www.brockvillelibrary.ca/online-databases.htm. You will require your library card number to access these databases.

We have added a “Staff Picks” section to our website. Our library staff are avid readers and we are always asked what we like to read. Now we invite you to share and explore some of our favourite reads online. As you browse our selections, you will quickly discover that we read widely in all genres and areas. These selections are available at www.brockvillelibrary.ca/staff-picks.htm. Books can be put on hold by logging into your account at www.brockville.canlib.ca. To do this you will need your 14-digit library card and assigned PIN number. You can obtain your PIN number at the circulation desk at the library.

Features coming in the Future:

Virtual Book Club
Online Survey Capability
Brockville Library Teen Board magazine, “Off Topic”

In addition to the main areas of our website, we have also revamped our “Kids Space” and “Teen Zone” pages. Each of these sections offer additional resources and a fresh new look.

If you are having trouble finding any information on our site, please click on the “Site Map” link available at the bottom of each page.

We hope you find this new version just as informative and fun as our previous site. Any comments and/or input regarding our newly designed site can be directed to info@brockvillelibrary.ca. Check back often as we are always updating our site and adding to our online resources. If you do not have Internet access at home, you can sign up to use one of our five Internet Stations. We also have three “Express Stations” available for emailing and quick Internet searches. All of these are offered FREE of charge.

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