

Back in the Groove of Things



Attention all teachers, parents, caregivers and eager minded students! Regardless of whether you are a student hoping to get a head start on your school projects, a teacher wanting to steer your students towards authoritative and current materials, or a parent trying to help your child with their homework, keep in mind that at the Brockville Public Library we have an extensive non-fiction curriculum-based collection for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

In addition to our regular print versions of our “At Issue”, “Opposing Viewpoints” and “Current Controversies” series, for a short time, we are offering a trial of “Canadian Points of View”. This online database provides Canadian students and researchers with a source of balanced information pertaining to a growing array of current social and political issues. It features a series of full-text essays representing opposing viewpoints on a variety of important issues. This full-text database provides students with a series of essays that present multiple sides of a current issue on 100 key topics of interest, each with an overview (objective background/description), point (argument), counterpoint (opposing argument), and a corresponding *Critical Thinking Guide*. Topics in *Canadian Points of View Reference Centre* include: the environment, health, human rights, crime, race, technology, substance abuse, and many more varied subjects of interest. You can access this database from home with your library card at www.brockvillelibrary.ca or at the library if you don't have a library card.

In our Juvenile collection, we have a large number of resources available covering all subject areas, from Kindergarten through to middle school. Our resources have been hand selected to support the current curriculum in our local schools.

To round out our academic resources, the library also subscribes to EBSCO Host, an easy to use service that helps students, academics, parents, and entrepreneurs research information quickly and efficiently from trusted sources. There is 100% full-text access to Canadian and International journals, magazines, newspapers, newswires, encyclopedias, almanacs, etc. EBSCO Host allows you to print, email or download multiple articles. If you are a Brockville Public Library member you can access this service from home or from school by going to www.brockvillelibrary.ca and from our main page click on “Online Databases”. **Please note: articles found using this service **do not** count as one of your “Internet sources”, because all the articles are **originally** found in journals, reference books etc. The original source will be listed at the top of the article and that is the information that is cited in your bibliography. If you are not a Brockville Public Library member you can access this service free of charge from within the library by clicking on “Online Databases” from our home page.

If you need to use the Internet after school hours, we have five Internet stations available free of charge. All are equipped with Microsoft Office Suite 2007 and include Power

Point, Microsoft Word, Publisher and Excel and can be booked for a period of one hour. In addition, we have two computer workstations available specifically for word-processing, and can be booked for periods longer than one hour. Printing is available at 25¢/page.

If you have your own lap top you can take advantage of our wireless internet access. Please ask at the Information Desk on the second floor for details.

In the “Kids Space” area of our website we offer a “Homework Help” section. Here there is an annotated listing of pre-selected websites covering Grammar, Science, Math, Canadiana, Ancient Civilizations, French, as well as a list of general resources. Our “Teen Zone” also has homework help sites covering current events, essay writing techniques, environmental issues, and general resources.

If you are a parent, grandparent, or caregiver, and find yourself with more time to join groups geared towards preschool children, you may be interested in our Children’s Programs. Registration for Tales for Two’s and Pre-School StoryTime will be announced during the month of September at www.brockvillelibrary.ca/childrens-programs.htm.

Whether you need help with a school project, want to relax with a good book, or browse the Internet, visit us at the Brockville Public Library. Our friendly staff can help you with all your information needs.

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