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Support for Learning @ Home

Digital content offered by Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL) can support learning at home by providing access to downloadable books (fiction and non-fiction), online encyclopedias, French materials and language learning. Our online Library resources are free, high quality and available from anywhere with an internet connection. Visit ecrl.library.ns.ca/digital-content for a complete list of ECRL's digital content.

The Library recommends the following to support education and help families save money:

- Downloadable ebooks and audiobooks (both fiction and non-fiction) are available from both **OverDrive** and **hoopla**. The wide selection will help children, from the early years to high school, find something they want to read.
- **hoopla** also offers downloadable music, television and films, with plenty of kid-friendly content.
- **World Book Online** is an encyclopedia designed to make knowledge accessible and easy-to-find and is designed to engage students of all ages. Our subscription to World Book Online includes **L'Encyclopédie Découverte**, World Book's French-language encyclopedia, and **Kids eLearn**, the premier general reference website uniquely developed for Arabic speaking youth.
- Current issues of adult and kid-friendly magazines are available on **RBdigital** and **PressReader**.
- **Universalis Junior** is a French-language reference tool for ages 7 and up.
- **Lynda.com** is an online learning platform with free video tutorials for learning business, software, technology and creative skills. Older students may find tutorials to help them succeed at school, or pursue personal interests.

Students and families who do not yet have a free library card are encouraged to register online by visiting ecrl.library.ns.ca/registration. New library users will be provided with an account number and PIN by email, which they can use to enjoy everything the library offers online. ECRL will waive any past fines or bills to make these high quality digital collections and learning opportunities available to everyone during this difficult time. If users need assistance with digital services they can call ECRL's toll-free phone number at 1-855-787-7323 (call Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm) or email membership@ecrl.ca.

"Managing your child's education can be a challenge, one made increasingly stressful by the disruption to parents' lives, whether they are working from home, dealing with the loss of employment, or still having to go out to work every day. Our goal is for these new resources to help make learning at home easier," said CEO, Laura Emery. "They're free and the quality is excellent. These resources are all accessible from our digital content page. Parents can save a lot of time and effort by using digital Library resources."

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