

Explore Our Virtual Branch | The Blue Mountains Public Library
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szd5JmcAA8g>

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<v Audio Descriptions> On Ashley's computer screen is the Library website.
Ashley: Welcome to the Blue Mountains Public Library website.

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Our Virtual Branch is your one-stop shop for all your library needs, especially when our physical branches are closed.

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You can find us at www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca.

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Here is our website.

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Halfway down the page, you'll see a link to our Event Calendar.

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This is where we list all Library, Museum and Gallery programs.

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Right now our facilities are closed because of the COVID-19 shutdown so our programs are all online.

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Most are appearing on Facebook or Zoom, but also some on Instagram and Twitter.
You can also see our recorded programs on our YouTube page.

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I'm going to head back to the home page by clicking the logo on the top left.

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Again, if you go down the page you can see the Virtual Branch button.

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To the right are Featured Links. Here you'll see important links and our major subscription-based services.

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They include Things To Do at Home, a page library staff are maintaining with links to fun activities and educational supports.

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Lynda.com, which has 3,000 plus online learning courses.

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Biblioboard, where we feature local history exhibits. OverDrive, our main e-book and audio book platform.

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hoopla Digital, more e-books audio books, but also TV and movies and music as well.

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Mango Languages Online Learning, RBDigital eMagazines and

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TumbleBooks which is a collection of talking picture books.

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To access any (some) of these collections you'll need to have a library card.

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If you go back up to the top of the Virtual Branch page.

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If you don't already have one you can actually click up here and where it says Apply Here you can just

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hit this button, and you can fill this out with your information and then you're going to hit Continue.

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We will email you a temporary card number that will give you access to online services for

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90 days and we will continue to renew this card for as long as stay at home orders exist.

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To the left we've grouped our resources by subject. Books and Reading...

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Books and Reading brings you to all the resources that provide access to e-books

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and audio books as well as links to help you discover new books to read.

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Homework help K-8 has links to help kids with their

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schoolwork including the government of Ontario's Learn at Home website.

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Local History offers a large selection of links about the history of our part of Ontario.

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Online Learning is a place to go for classes and other lifelong learning opportunities.

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We're always adding links to our Virtual Branch. If you have a question for us or

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would like to suggest a new link for a Virtual Branch, click Contact Us. Email us

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and fill out the online form with your questions or feedback.

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And of course if you are not currently subscribed to our various electronic

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communication, you may wish to subscribe to our e-newsletter.

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Our e-newsletter is the main communication between BMPL and the community.

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We also have Library News, which comes out once a month.

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In the Gallery is managed by our Arts and Culture Council. Normally this would be a promotion of the Gallery Exhibit monthly

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but at this time our Arts Council is releasing a monthly newsletter reviewing

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arts and culture which can be accessed electronically.

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Key Messages is a monthly e-newsletter from the Library Board. Kids Zone are updates on children's programs and services.

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Staff Picks are reviews and book lists written by library staff.

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Thank you for joining us on this tour of the library website.