

# THIS IS **YOUR** LIBRARY

## Services

### Telehealth

Seniors and those on assisted living in the city of Reading are eligible to receive telemedicine support, including training. Call Main Library to schedule an appointment.

### Meeting Space: Free to the Public

Equipped with powerful, up-to-date technology, the Dr. Jerome I. Marcus Learning and Meeting Commons at the Main Library, and at the NE and SE branches, can seat up to 12 people. Rooms at other branches and the RPL Foundation can hold up to 30 people.

### Public Computer and Internet Access

Free public computers at all RPL locations for youth and adult use. WiFi is accessible outside our buildings 24-7. You can also check out a hotspot to take the internet home, with your library card.

### Outreach Initiatives

From early literacy education to delivery services to senior residences, RPL works hard to provide all city residents access to our collections and services.

### Local History & Genealogy Research

The Pennsylvania Room at the Main Library houses a special, uncirculated collection of materials covering the history of Reading and Berks County. A dedicated staff member is available to assist you with genealogy research.

### U.S. Passport Service

Main Library is a passport acceptance facility, available by appointment only, for a fee. Visit [ReadingPublicLibrary.org](http://ReadingPublicLibrary.org) to book an appointment.

## Main Library

100 South 5th Street, Reading, PA 19602

Free Parking Available at Rear of Building

(610) 655-6350

(610) 655-6355 Reference

(610) 655-6365 Administration

[ReadingPublicLibrary.org](http://ReadingPublicLibrary.org)

[info@readingpubliclibrary.org](mailto:info@readingpubliclibrary.org)

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## Our Other Locations

### Northeast Branch

1348 North 11th St  
Reading, PA 19604

(610) 655-6361

[RPLne@readingpubliclibrary.org](mailto:RPLne@readingpubliclibrary.org)

### Northwest Branch

901 Schuylkill Ave  
Reading, PA 19601

(610) 655-6360

[RPLnw@readingpubliclibrary.org](mailto:RPLnw@readingpubliclibrary.org)

### Southeast Branch

1426 Perkiomen Ave  
Reading, PA 19602

(610) 655-6362

[RPLse@readingpubliclibrary.org](mailto:RPLse@readingpubliclibrary.org)



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## Our Collection

Our collection comprises over 300,000 materials, including traditional books, DVDs, and periodicals. Our non-fiction titles cover a vast array of subjects, and our fiction selection is truly comprehensive. Patrons with vision limitations can borrow our large-print titles.

If we don't have the book or film you're looking for, ask us to purchase it!

## eMedia

Our digital media services bring streaming movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics, and TV shows to your computer, tablet, phone, and TV.

## Spanish Language Collection

We offer a selection of fiction and non-fiction titles in Spanish, which are shelved in our Reference Department. In addition, we regularly add Spanish-language films on DVDs and music on CDs.

## Interlibrary Loan

Interlibrary loan is a free service that allows library card holders to borrow books, audio visual materials, and articles that are not available at their home library. We supply ILL materials for all RPL branches and Berks County Public Libraries.



## Children and Teens Collection

The Children's and Teen departments maintain large collections of materials in a variety of formats including graphic novels, e-books, movies, and Spanish-language as well as traditional books. We loan STEM kits, read-along sets, phonics kits, educational toys, admission passes to local attractions, and more.

## Children's Programming

Our four locations offer innovative, enriching programs and activities. Each location has a variety of educational toys and dramatic play stations for children to explore while they visit.

Each summer brings a Reading Challenge with incentives and prizes along with exciting in-person performances, weekly STEM activities, crafting, cooking, movement, and more.

## Teen Scene

Main Library's Teen Loft includes a lounge area to read, meet friends, play games, and use computers. Our branch libraries offer dedicated teen spaces and weekly activities. Creative programs foster belonging and community involvement. We encourage teen input in the design of programs and services.

## Who We Are

### Our Roots

Founded in 1763, Reading Public Library is the sixth oldest library in America. The building that houses RPL's Main Library was completed in 1913, funded by industrialist-turned-philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. The first three branches were built between 1917 and 1927. Today's branch locations serve the same neighborhoods as the original branch libraries.

### Our Mission

Reading Public Library serves the city of Reading as a community center, cultural center, job resource center, and people's university. We are committed to meeting the needs of a diverse and dynamic population by empowering people through literacy and access to information. More than just a warehouse for books, we are a 21st-century institution well positioned to close the literary, cultural, and digital divides within our community.

