



Back-to-School Resources

Library Materials

At the Nicholson Memorial Library, you can find a variety of materials to suit both your and your children's needs according to age, grade level, reading level, and language, including Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Braille.

- **Books to Read Aloud**

- **Picture Books**– The Library has a large collection of picture books based on a wide range of fun and educational topics. These are great for parents to read aloud to their early learners.
- **2x2s**- This collection consists of a combination of fiction and nonfiction picture books recommended for children age 2 through grade 2 by the state of Texas.

- **Books for Beginning Readers**

- **Easy Readers**– This is a collection of short, leveled books for readers just starting out. Easy Readers range from level one with short and simple sentences, colorful pictures, and sight words, to level three with more complex sentences, fewer illustrations, and easy-to-follow chapters.

- **Books for Knowledge**

- **Juvenile Nonfiction**– For those looking for books based on facts, this collection includes the following subjects: computer science, philosophy and psychology, religion, social sciences, language, science, technology, arts, literature, history, and geography.

- **Books for Parents and Teachers**

- **Parent/Teacher Collection**– This collection includes books for parents and teachers based on a variety of parenting topics and school subjects.
- **STAAR Testing Guides**– The Library has subject practice tests and strategy guides available to check out for each grade level taking the STAAR Test.
- **GISD Textbooks**– A collection of GISD textbooks used in past school years is available for use at our Central Library.

- **Books for Listening**

- **Audio Books on CD**– The Library has a large collection of audio books on CD that are great for family or group listening.
- **Playaways**– Great for individual listening, all that is needed is a pair of headphones and a battery.
- **Books with CDs**– These are picture books that come with CD read-a-longs and are perfect for those looking for audio books with a visual aid.

***If you are interested in book lists by age, reading interest, or topic, please contact one of our Children's Desks for more information!**

Downloadable Materials

[OverDrive](#)

Enjoy a downloadable collection of more than 65,000 audio books, eBooks, and Kindle books that can be used on a PC, Mac, smartphone, or tablet. Apps are available for iPhone, Android, and Windows Mobile.



[PressReader Newspapers from RBdigital](#)

Access thousands of newspapers daily, plus 90 days of back issues from national and global publications. Over 100 countries in 60 languages provide papers that can be translated into more than 16 languages. Local papers include *The Dallas Morning News*, *Star Telegram*, *Houston Chronicle*, and *San Antonio Express News*.



[RBdigital Comics](#)

Enjoy 30-day checkouts of more than 1,500 comics and graphic novels. Choose from Disney Comics' beloved characters and stories such as *Frozen*, *Star Wars*, and *Mickey Mouse*; Marvel's *Captain Marvel*, *Spiderman*, and *The Avengers*; and other favorites like *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, *Transformers*, *Hellboy*, and *My Little Pony*. Read in the RBdigital app or a desktop browser.

[RBdigital Magazines](#)

Access complete, full-color digital magazines including over 50 popular titles like: *Us Weekly*, *Newsweek*, *Food Network*, *HGTV*, *Kiplinger's*, *Wired*, *Woman's World*, *Cosmo*, *Vanity Fair*, *Taste of Home*, *Golf Digest*, *Highlights* and more. Stream magazines from your PC or Mac, or download magazines to mobile devices for offline reading. Enjoy mobile apps for iPad, iPhone, Kindle Fire, and Android.

Homework Resources

[Credo Reference Collection](#)

The Credo Complete Core Collection is the ultimate general reference resource for researchers at any level. Gather background information on your topic from more than 1,000 full-text encyclopedias and subject handbooks, as well as 500,000 images and audio files, and 1,000 videos.



[Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)

GVRL is a database of encyclopedias and specialized reference tools that all ages can use. These reference materials once were accessible only in the library, but now you can access them online from home 24/7. There is no need to check out and, with unlimited simultaneous access, no waiting.



[HelpNow](#)

Need help with schoolwork? Get access to free, online tutoring. Tutors are available for grades K-Adult in math, science, social studies, language arts, reading, literature, and more. Spanish-speaking tutors are also available. Tutoring is available seven days a week from 3 to 10 p.m.



[Science in Context](#)

Science in Context contains more than 200 science projects and millions of full-text articles drawn from national and global newspapers, magazines, and journals.



Education

Adult Learning Center

The Adult Learning Center can help you pass the GED or the U.S. Citizenship test with test coaching, practice exams, and helpful resources. You can also get assistance with writing resumes and cover letters, or connect with an expert to learn MS Word, Excel, or PowerPoint. Experts are available 7 days a week from 3 to 10 p.m.



BrainHQ

Built by top neuroscientists, with exercises proven in dozens of published studies to make real and lasting improvements in brain function, BrainHQ is your personal brain gym. BrainHQ has more than two dozen brain-training exercises organized into six categories: attention, brain speed, memory, people skills, intelligence, and navigation. Accessible on most Internet-connected devices, and through the iPad app.



Mango Languages

This linguist-approved software teaches real conversations in more than 70 languages and makes it fun. You will build language proficiency and cultural understanding around real-world communication skills that you'll actually need. Popular languages include Spanish, French, English, Japanese, German, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Korean.



Testing & Education Reference Center

Testing & Education Reference Center (TERC) offers practice tests for academic exams, such as the STARR, GED, SAT, ACT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, and Accuplacer. Users can also prepare for vocational exams like the ASVAB, the postal exam, NCLEX, PCAT, PANCE, the real estate licensing exam, cosmetology tests, law enforcement exams, and the firefighter test. TERC also contains a college planning center, and basic skills tutorials.



Universal Class

Universal Class contains courses in more than 30 subject areas, many offering continuing education units (CEUs). More than 500 courses are available, all designed and led by professional instructors. Universal Class includes videos, assignments, quizzes, and options for social media interaction with classmates. Patrons may take multiple classes and learn at their own pace.



Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center

Discover "how-to" instructions for virtually every hobby with full text for more than 1,500 leading hobby books and craft magazines that cover Arts & Crafts, Collecting, Home & Garden, Indoor Recreation, Kids' Crafts, Model Building, Needlecraft, and more. Includes a Crafts Spotlight and Featured Video.



Services

Public Computers and Wi-Fi

Each library has Internet computers available for use by children, teens, and adults who are library cardholders.

Public Wi-Fi is available inside all of our buildings during operating hours and outside of our buildings 24/7.

Printing and Scanning

Copying, printing, and [mobile printing](#) is available starting at \$0.15 per page at each library.

Most libraries have free scanning available.

Virtual Programming

Facebook Live Storytime:

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and more from home! Tune in with your kids and help maintain their early literacy skills.

Please visit our [Facebook page](#) for the latest schedule!

Teen Advisory Board:

The Teen Advisory Board is now accepting applications! TAB meets once a month on Wednesday evenings to discuss what kinds of programs and services teens would like to see in the library. Receive volunteer service hours while socializing with your peers!

Call 972-205-2517 to register and receive a link to this online event. Teens applying for board membership will need parental consent.

More Events Coming Soon!

Follow us on social media and stay tuned for more virtual programs.

Connect with the Library

By Phone:

Central Library

Children's	972-205-2517
Reference	972-205-2502
Circulation	972-205-2524

North Garland Branch

Children's	972-205-2804
Reference	972-205-2803
Circulation	972-205-2802

South Garland Branch

Children's	972-205-3934
Reference	972-205-3931
Circulation	972-205-3920

Walnut Creek Branch

Children's	972-205-2585
Reference	972-205-2587
Circulation	972-205-2586

Online:

Through our Website at
www.Library.GarlandTX.gov

On Twitter
[@GarlandLibrary](https://twitter.com/GarlandLibrary)

On Facebook
www.Facebook.com/GarlandLibraryTX

Email:

Lib-support@GarlandTX.gov



GARLAND
LIBRARY