

# 10 Things You Didn't Know Were at Your Library

## 1. Ask a Librarian

Connect to a librarian through your computer at any time. Chat with us 24/7 to find answers, articles and more. You can also email us for more extensive research requests including obituary searches, genealogy, and local history questions.

## 2. Houston Public Library App

Download our free mobile application from your app store and search our catalog for books, movies, music, and more, with easy search features designed for mobile devices. Check your account, place holds or renew items, get library hours and directions, and find upcoming events.

## 3. FLIP Kits

Nurture a love of reading and learning with the Family Literacy Involvement Program (FLIP) kits. These kits, available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese, allow parents and their children to read a book and complete a related activity together.

## 4. Tumblebooks

Keep children interested and involved with reading with these animated talking picture books, suitable for elementary school children. These picture books integrate sound, animation, music, narration, and activities to keep them engaged in learning.

## 5. Brainfuse

Get FREE help with math, writing, science, customized study plans, lessons, and more with live tutors Monday-Sunday 2pm-11pm! Are you job hunting or switching careers? With your FREE library card, sign up for a FREE résumé writing lab and FREE interview coaching.

## 6. Digital Archives

The Digital Archives is your connection to primary resources about historical events. The material ranges from oral histories, film clips, photographs, maps, manuscripts, to books, and more, from our Special Collections libraries. Be sure to check out the Educator and Student Resources section.

## 7. Learning Express Library

FREE practice tests are available for high school, college, or career, and include STAAR, GED, AP, SAT, civil service, ASVAB, U. S. citizenship, law enforcement, cosmetology, nursing, real estate, and more. Many lessons are also available in Spanish.

## 8. Free Video and Music Downloads and Streaming

Are you a music lover? Cardholders can download three (3) songs a week and access up to 3 hours of streaming music per day from Freegal's 9 million songs. Hoopla offers more than just music with their thousands of digital videos, music, and audiobooks available for both computers and mobile devices.

## 9. Free E-Books

Access thousands of e-books and e-audiobooks for all ages through OverDrive, OneClickDigital, EBSCOHost, and ComicsPlus to read or listen to on your computer, tablet, or smart phone.

## 10. FREE Programs, Classes, Workshops, and Special Events

They're FREE and there is something for everyone from book clubs to computer classes to workshops and seminars. There are hundreds of topic choices from health and wellness to finding a job; from author talks and poetry slams to starting your own business.