Workshops and events
Community users are welcome to attend public and special events at our branches and at the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre. Events happen year-round, for details visit: events.library.ubc.ca

Irving K. Barber Learning Centre
Learn about upcoming public events, get expert assistance researching a business idea or finding scholarly articles to advance your non-profit organization, learn to digitize community materials and more at: ikblc.ubc.ca

Library Tours
For guided tours of the Library, visit: services.library.ubc.ca/facilities/guided-library-tours

Filming and photography requests
Permission is required for filming or photography at UBC. This includes any commercial or student productions taking place throughout the UBC Library system, including the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre.

For questions and guidelines for filming on campus or in the Library, visit: planning.ubc.ca/filming-photography
Getting started at UBC Library

Explore UBC Library
As the second largest research library in Canada, our collections include 9.1 million items. There is something for everyone, whether you come to visit the Chung Collection, view artwork in the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, or need guest access to computers and electronic resources.

Your Library card
People unaffiliated with UBC who want to borrow Library materials or use fee-based Library services such as interlibrary loan may be eligible for one of the following Library Cards:

• Community Borrower Cards for individual members of the public.
• Aboriginal Community Card is free for any Indigenous person living in Canada.
• Institutional Borrower Cards for businesses, corporations and government departments.
• UBC community cards: anyone with a C+CP Community Services Card receives free library access upon validation at Koerner Library.
• Guest access: On campus for just the day? You can apply for an OpenAthens login at any circulation desk to access unrestricted resources: resources.library.ubc.ca

Please note that remote access to most online resources is restricted.

How to sign up for a card
• Apply in person at Walter C. Koerner Library or at the UBC Okanagan Library in Kelowna.
• Library cards are $40 for a 4-month pass or $120 per year.
• For more information on borrowing privileges, visit: services.library.ubc.ca

Find new favourites in the Great Reads collection
Non-fiction and fiction titles are available at multiple branch locations. Browse online: greatreads.library.ubc.ca

Make it a Videomatica night
With access to more than 28,000 DVDs, 4,000 VHS titles and 900 Blu-Rays, including cult favorites, Hollywood blockbusters and foreign films, view films from the comfort of your home or a Library branch. Select your movie list at: videomatica.library.ubc.ca

Multilingual newspapers and publications
Community users can access a number of multi-lingual newspapers and publications to keep updated on global news and to discover international treasures. Start your multilingual search online at: guides.library.ubc.ca/newspapers

Children’s books at the Education Library
A range of books for children, including e-books, award-winning books and themed books. Learn more at: education.library.ubc.ca

Open access resources
The Library offers many open access resources, available to anyone, regardless of whether they have a Library card: resources.library.ubc.ca

Publicly-accessible Open Collections
The Library's Open Collections include digital photos, books, newspapers, maps, videos, theses and more. These publicly-accessible collections bring together locally created and managed content from the Library’s open access repositories. Featured collections are the Uno Langmann Family Collection of British Columbia Photographs, UBC’s First 100 Theses, and the Chung Collection. Explore now: open.library.ubc.ca

Rare Books and Special Collections
RBSC at UBC Library is home to rare books, archival materials, maps, photographs, broadsides and pamphlets, and much more. All of RBSC’s collections are available to members of the public and the UBC community on request and through weekly tours. Highlights include the Wallace B. and Madeline H. Chung Collection, the Uno Langmann Family Collection of B.C. Photographs, the Japanese Canadian Research Collection, the Norman Colbeck Collection, the Puban Collection, the Alice 100 Collection, among others.

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