

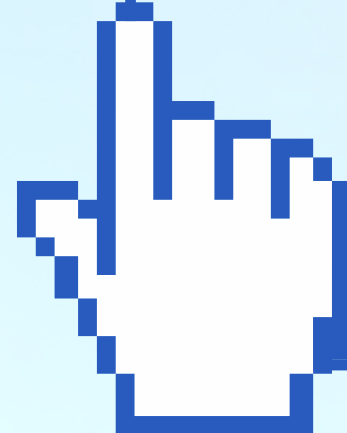


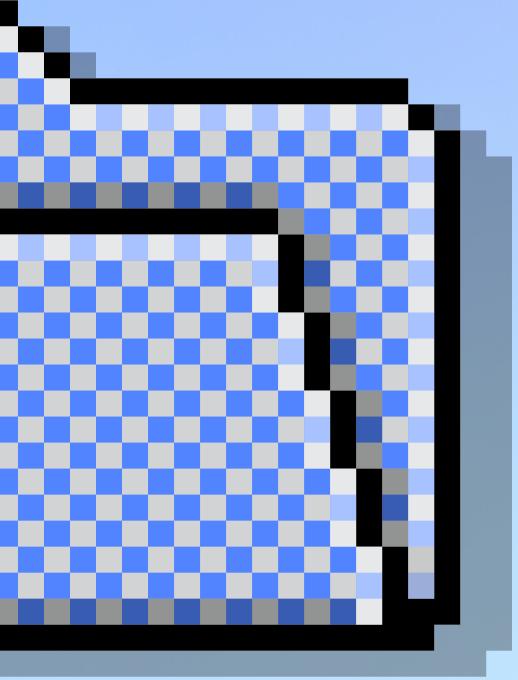
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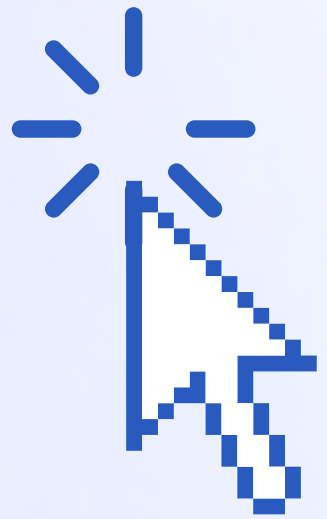
Tech Time at HTPL

Intro to Library Databases





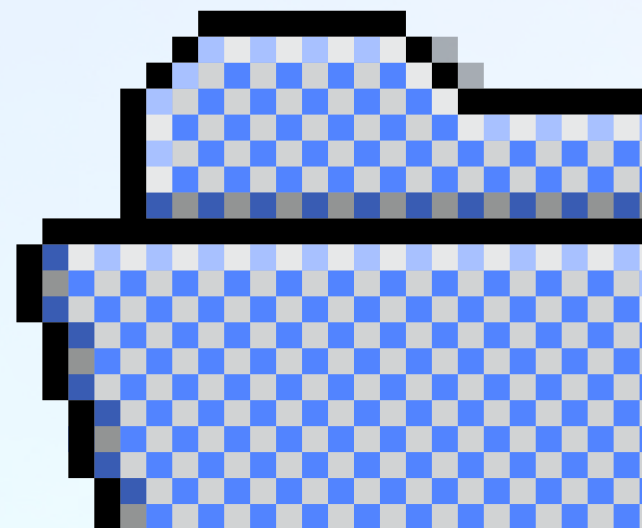
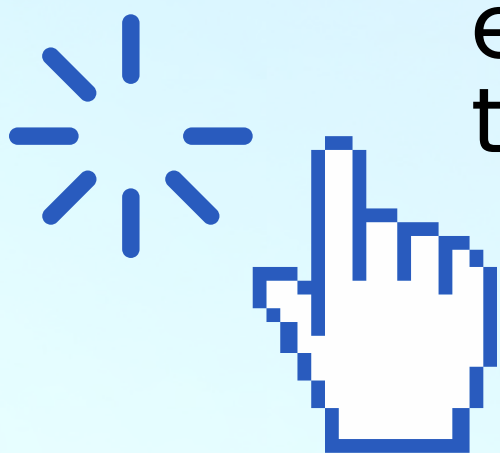
What Databases Do We Offer?

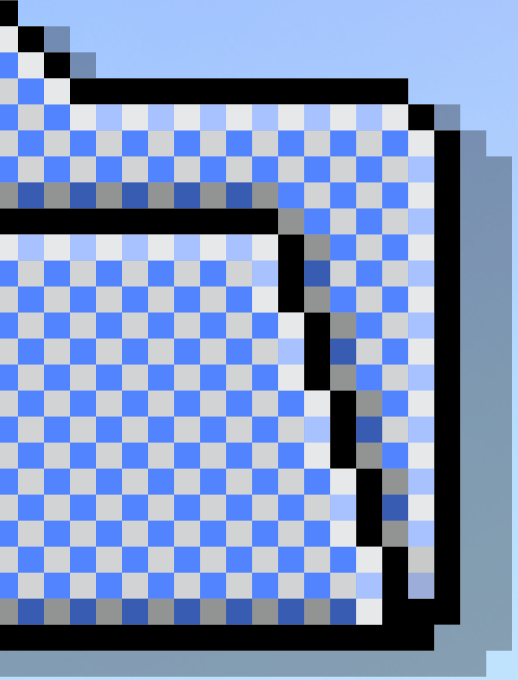


As of April 2025, HTPL offers the following eResources and databases:

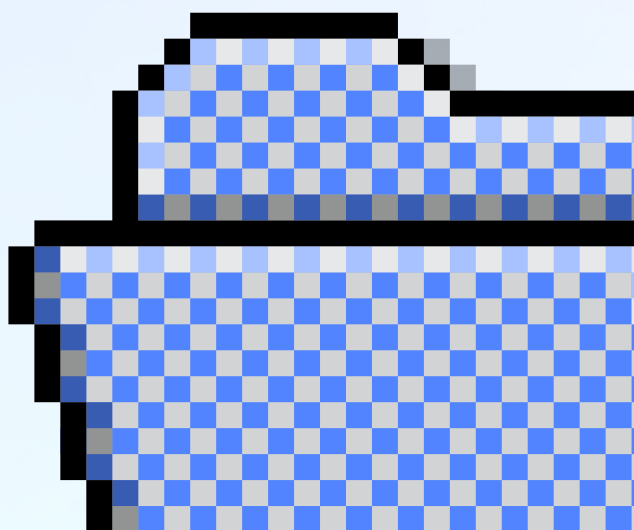
- **Entertainment:** Comics Plus, CreativeBug, Freegal Music, Hoopla, Kanopy, Libby, Scholastic BookFlix
- **News:** Newsbank, The Detroit News, Macomb Daily, USA Today
- **Databases:** Ancestry, Consumer Reports, MeL, Tutor.com, Transparent Language

This presentation will give you a summary of each eResource and database, what you can find on them, and the basics of how to navigate them!





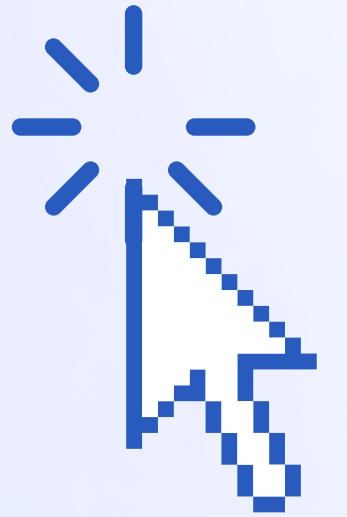
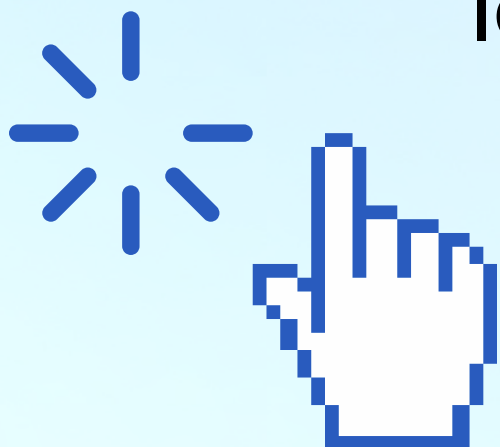
Important Reminder



In order to access these resources and databases, you must be a resident of Harrison Township and have a library card in good standing (not expired, personal information is up-to-date).

Library databases are usually subscription-based. Therefore, only residents of that service area can access them - with the exception of in-house databases like Ancestry (can be used from library computers only).

If you live in a different service area, please check with your local library to see what databases they have to offer.



Navigating Our Website

The screenshot shows the Harrison Township Public Library website. At the top is the library's logo, which features a stylized sailboat and a red sun over blue waves, with the text "HARRISON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY" below it. To the right of the logo is a search bar with a "Search Our Catalog" button. Below the search bar are two buttons: "Borrow From Another Library Search MeLCat" and "Log In To Your Account Review your library account". A dark navigation bar contains links for Home, Services, Adults, Children, Teens, Library News, Events, Contact Us, About, and Get Involved. The "Services" link is highlighted, and a dropdown menu is open, listing various services. The "eBooks, Digital Entertainment & Databases" option is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, there is a blue banner with the text "MeLCat Down" and a notice about system downtime. To the right of the banner is a section titled "Upcoming Events" with a list of activities. Below the banner is a large red banner for the "CHESS CLUB" with the text "New players welcome!" and "Wednesdays, 4-6 PM".

HARRISON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Home Services Adults Children Teens Library News Events Contact Us About Get Involved

MeLCat Down

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will experience downtime beginning March 31st for several days. During this time HTPL will not be able to process materials. Thank you for your patience. [See the full news post from HTPL](#)

eBooks, Digital Entertainment & Databases

Getting A Library Card

Borrowing Books and DVDs

The Go Library Card

Michigan Activity Pass

WiFi Hotspots for Checkout

Seed Library

CLUB *New players welcome!*

Wednesdays, 4-6 PM

Hone your skills or just enjoy a casual game, our club provides the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in

Upcoming Events

- [Preschool Storytime](#) on April 9, 2025 10:00 am
- [Drop-In Tech Help](#) on April 9, 2025 1:00 pm
- [Chess Club](#) on April 9, 2025 4:00 pm
- [Tales with Tails](#) on April 9, 2025 5:00 pm
- [Murder & Booze Book Club: The It Girl by Ruth Ware](#) on April 9, 2025 6:00 pm
- [Adult Craft Night: Pressed Flower Lanterns](#) on April 10, 2025 6:00 pm
- [Teen Take & Make Mosaic Tiles](#) on April 11, 2025
- [Kids Take & Make Flower Bouquets](#) on April 11,

Navigating Our Website

Databases and Reference

Information, Research and Homework Help

Ancestry.com



Ancestry.com Library Edition
Ancestry Library Edition brings the world's most popular consumer online genealogy resource to your library. It's an unprecedented online collection of individuals from North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, and more.
Ancestry.com is only available from inside the library. Please visit the library for access.
[View Ancestry.com Library Edition tutorial](#)
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Consumer Reports



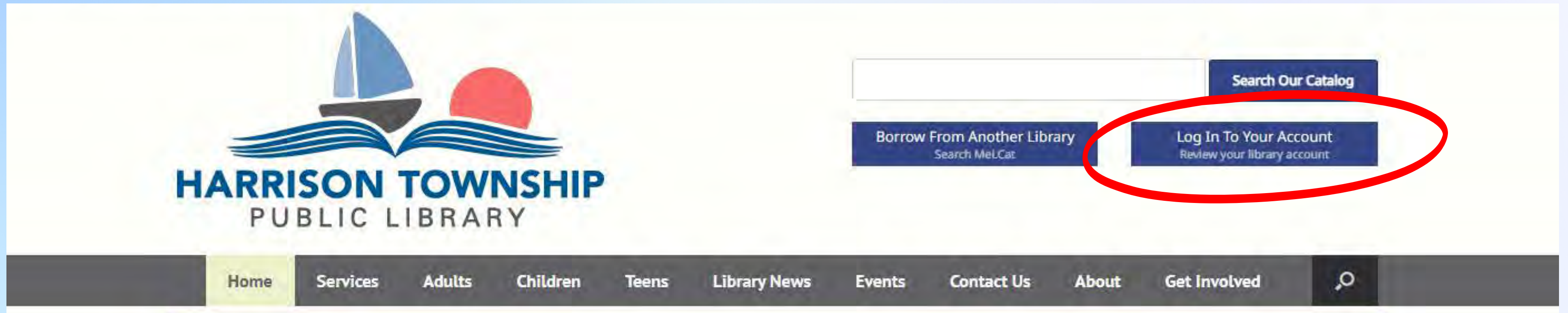
Consumer Reports
Consumer Reports is an independent, nonprofit member organization that works side by side with consumers for truth, transparency, and fairness in the marketplace.
[View Video Tutorial](#)
[Go to Consumer Reports](#)

Michigan eLibrary

[Go to MeL](#)

Many resources have tutorials available on our website in case you need further instruction!

Navigating Our Website



To access most of the library databases, you will first need to be signed in to your library account.

On our website, at the top of the home page, you will see the 'Log In To Your Account' button.

Navigating Our Website

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the htlibrary.org website. On the left, there is a search bar with the text "Find: Enter Your Search Here!" and buttons for "GO!", "CLEAR", "Help", and "More Search Options". On the right, there is a login section titled "Log in to your account: To manage reserves, renewals, etc." with a text input field containing "2150810", a password field with four dots, and "LOGIN" and "SIGN UP" buttons. A red oval highlights the login section. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "What's Hot" and contains a list of popular items, including "The berry pickers: a novel", "videorecording: Wicked", "The return of Ellie Black: a novel", "large print: The Texas murders", "The women", "2 Sisters Murder Investigations: Don't Mess With the Bird Sisters!", "videorecording: Venom, the last dance", "videorecording: Armor", "Lies he told me", and "The housemaid". The right column is titled "Electronic Resources" and contains a list of digital resources, including "Ancestry.com Library Edition", "AR BookFinder", "Comics Plus for Everyone", "Comics Plus Teen Collection", "Comics Plus Adult Collection (Age 18+)", "Consumer Reports", "CreativeBug", and "Freemal Music". A red oval highlights the "Electronic Resources" header. To the right of the "Electronic Resources" column, there is a text box that reads: "After clicking 'Log In To Your Account,' you will be taken to our catalog screen, seen here." Below this text box, there is another text box that reads: "You will complete sign-in on this screen. You will need your library card number and PIN. Your PIN is usually the phone number you registered your library card under."

Find: Enter Your Search Here! Search All Fields GO! CLEAR Help More Search Options

Log in to your account:
To manage reserves, renewals, etc.

2150810
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LOGIN SIGN UP

What's Hot

Most Popular What's New Booklists

The berry pickers: a novel

videorecording: Wicked

The return of Ellie Black: a novel

large print: The Texas murders

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2 Sisters Murder Investigations: Don't Mess With the Bird Sisters!

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Lies he told me

The housemaid

Electronic Resources

Ancestry.com Library Edition Login Needed
Ancestry Library Edition brings the world's most popular consumer online genealogy resource to your library. It's an unprecedented online collection of individuals from North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, and more.

AR BookFinder
Searching for Accelerated Reader books is fun and easy with this free online tool.

Comics Plus for Everyone
Entire collection of thousands of digital comics for adults, teens and children. This resource is available to all users.

Comics Plus Teen Collection
Entire collection of thousands of digital comics for adults and teens. (Age 13+)

Comics Plus Adult Collection (Age 18+)
Entire collection of thousands of digital comics for adults. (Age 18+)

Consumer Reports Login Needed
Consumer Reports is an independent, nonprofit member organization that works side by side with consumers for truth, transparency, and fairness in the marketplace.

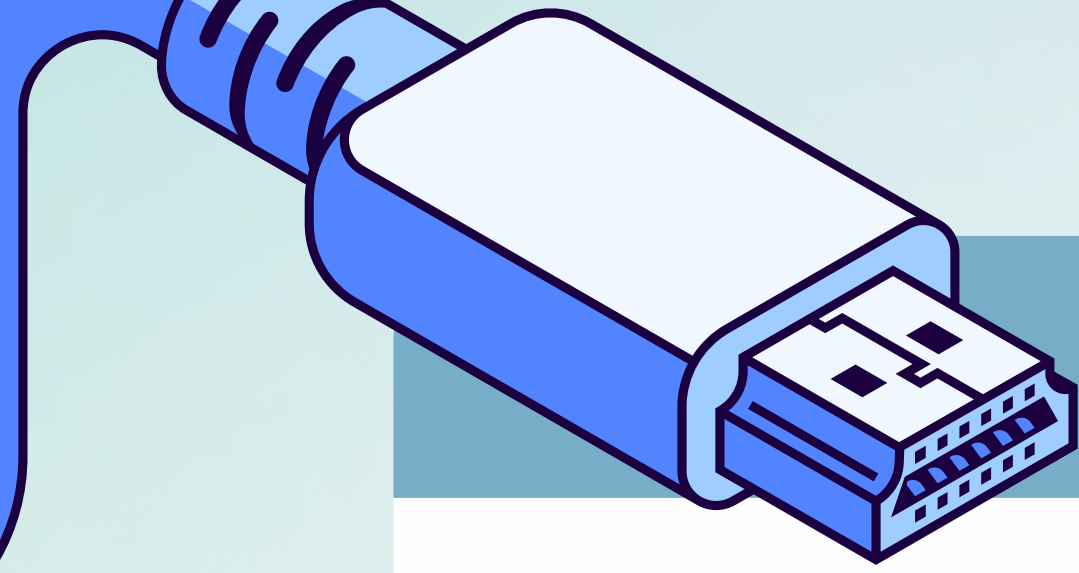
CreativeBug Login Needed
Experience the joy of making with over 1000 award-winning video classes taught by top designers and artists.

Freemal Music

After clicking 'Log In To Your Account,' you will be taken to our catalog screen, seen here.

You will complete sign-in on this screen. You will need your library card number and PIN. Your PIN is usually the phone number you registered your library card under.

Once you sign in, you can access the electronic resources directly from the column on the right hand side. Or you can go back to htlibrary.org's home page and navigate to the databases tab from there.



Regular Databases

Ancestry.com

- Ancestry is an online genealogy resource.
- You can also access specific census reports, birth/marriage/death certificates, military records, and immigration records.
- We have the library subscription, which means you can only access it from inside the library on one of our computers using your library card.
- Most of Ancestry is simply filling in forms and hitting search to browse a list of results that may or may not be relevant to what you're aiming to find.



This is what Ancestry's home page looks like.

Search over 800 million obituaries and 220 million marriages in our Newspapers.com indexes.



Start searching billions of records
and discover your family's story.

Begin Searching

Family history search. Simplified.

StoryScout® can bring the fascinating details of your ancestors' lives directly to you, and put you on a path to start making your own family discoveries.

items marked with ★ are required

To find your family's stories, start with a
grandparent. ★

 Grandfather

 Grandmother

First Name ★

Last Name ★

First Name

Last Name

Place your ancestor might have lived ★

City, County, State, Country

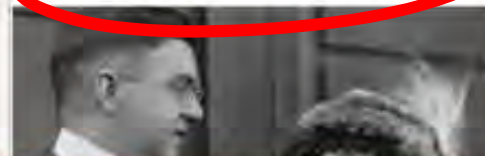
 **Find your stories**

SEARCH CENSUS

SEARCH VITALS

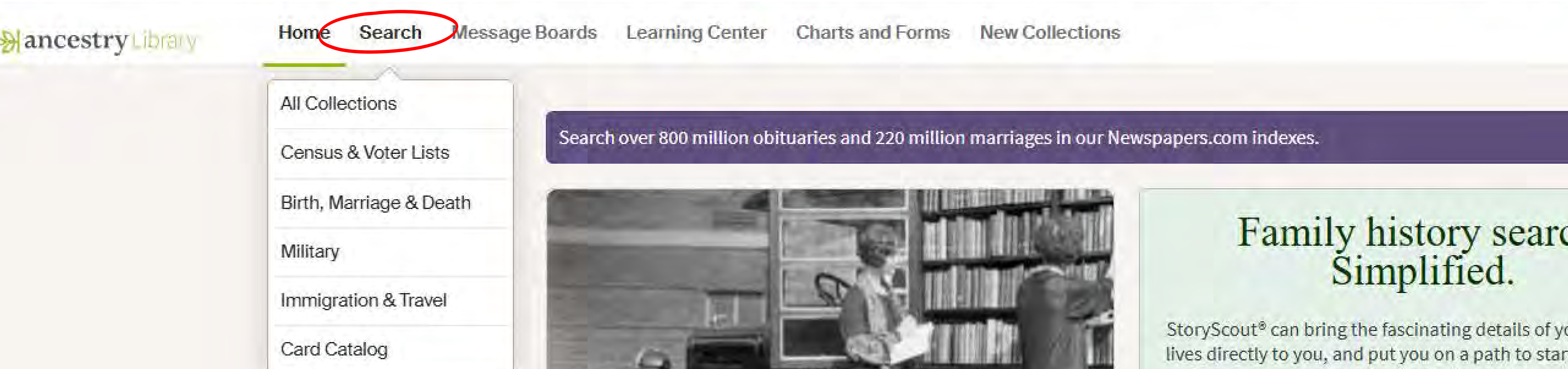
SEARCH MILITARY

SEARCH IMMIGRATION



These are the tab options on Ancestry.

Clicking 'search' will give you a drop down of options.



This is what Ancestry's general search page looks like.

Search

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

Place your ancestor might have lived

Birth Year

📅

Search

Show more options ▾

Explore by collection

View all

[Birth, marriage & death](#)
[Birth, Baptism & christening](#)
[Marriage & divorce](#)
[Death, burial, cemetery & obituaries](#)

[Census & voter lists](#)
[U.S. Federal Census Collection](#)
[UK Census Collection](#)
[Canadian Census Collection](#)
[More...](#)

[Immigration & travel](#)
[Passenger lists](#)
[Citizenship & naturalization records](#)
[Border crossings & passports](#)
[More...](#)

[Military](#)
[Draft, enlistment and service](#)
[Casualties](#)
[Soldier, veteran & prisoner rolls & lists](#)
[More...](#)

[Schools, directories & church histories](#)
[City & area directories](#)
[Professional & organizational directories](#)
[Church histories & records](#)

Explore by location

USA

Africa

Asia

Europe

North America

Oceania

South America

This is an example of a result from searching.

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HomeSearchMessage BoardsLearning CenterCharts and FormsNew Collections

Carole Henry

in the Detroit, Michigan, U.S., Border Crossings and Passenger and Crew Lists, 1905-1963



Detail

Source

Name	Carole Henry [Carol Henry]
Gender	Female
Age	2
Nationality	Scotch
Birth Date	abt 1939
Birth Place	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Arrival Date	2 May 1941
Arrival Place	Detroit, Michigan, USA
Departure Contact	Grandfather, Grandpa Kenneth S Mackennon
Accompanied by	Mother Frances
Arrival Contact	Father Thomas Jack Henry
Father	Thomas Jack Henry
Mother	Frances

Print

Send Your Find Home!

Enter your email address and we will send you a link to your personalized Discovery Page where you can view and download all of the great finds you make while here.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Provided in association with National Archives and Records Administration

Suggested records



North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000
Carol Henry



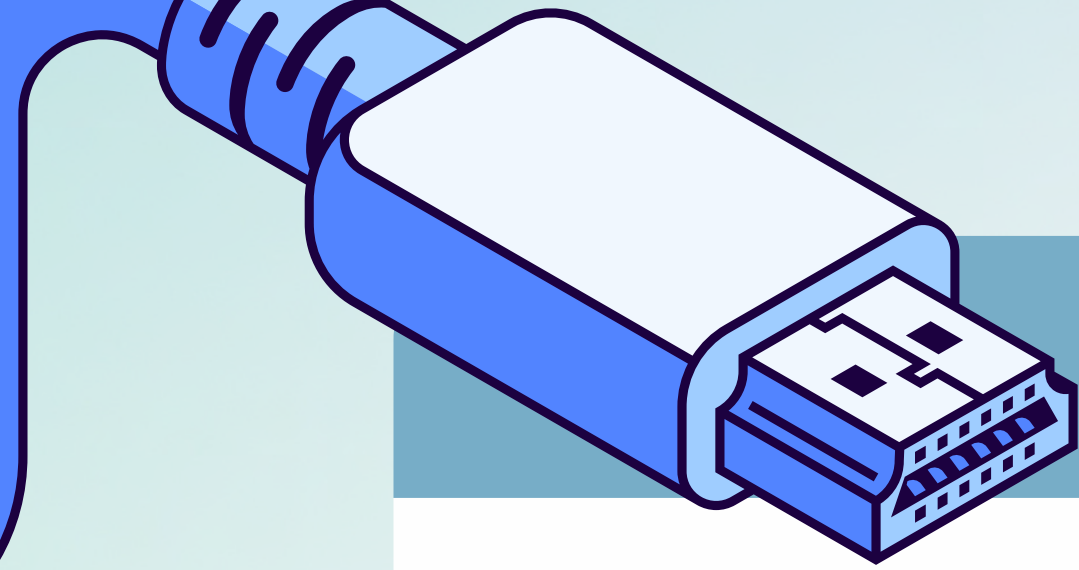
U.S., Newspapers.com™ Marriage Index, 1800s-current
Miss Carol Ann Henry

You can click on the original photo of the document if there is one available.

Detail tab will show information in a list. Source tab will provide links to where the info came from, if available.

If you click send document, you can email the information directly to yourself.

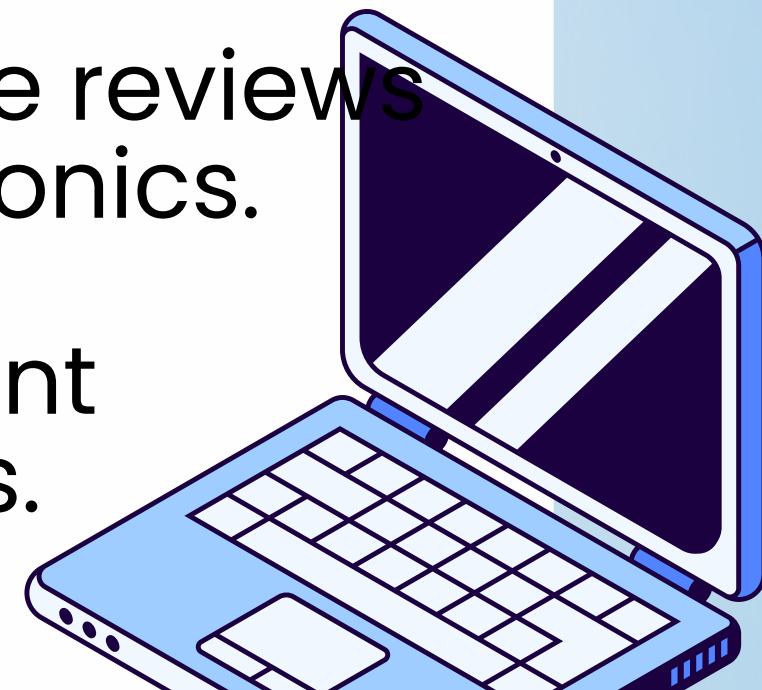
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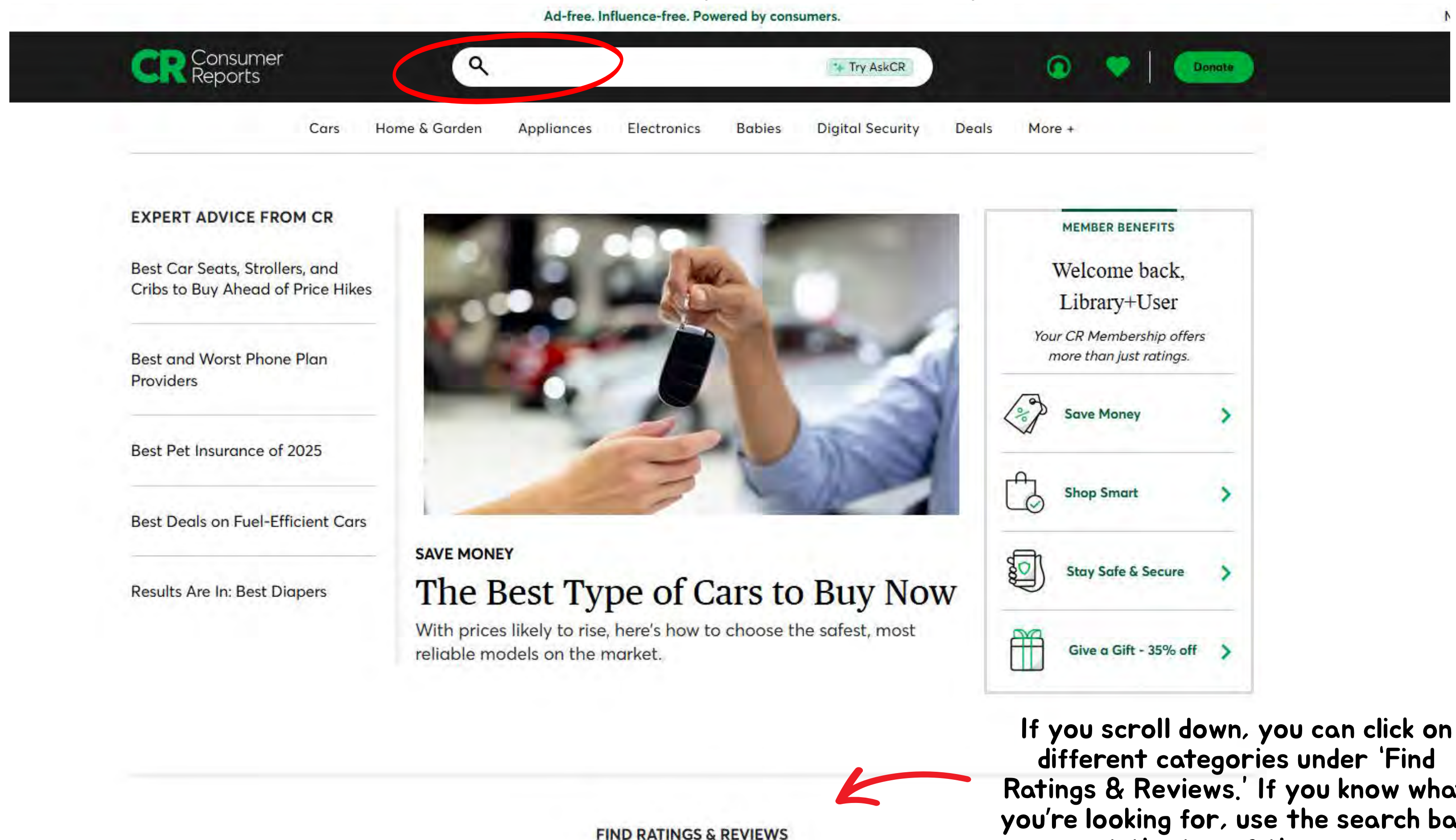
Regular Databases

Consumer Reports

- Consumer Reports is “an independent, non-profit organization that provides unbiased product testing, ratings, and reviews, along with consumer advocacy, to help consumers make informed decisions about products and services.”
- Many people turn to Consumer Reports for reliable reviews and ratings for cars, home appliances, and electronics.
- They also publish a magazine.
- You will need to be signed in to your library account through htlibrary.org to access Consumer Reports.



This is what Consumer Reports' home page looks like.



This is what a completed search might look like.

Results matching "Toyota Camry"

All [Rated Products](#) [Expert Advice](#)

These are results for the search 'Toyota Camry.' You can click on a result to go to that page, or you can select 'View All Product Ratings' to view more potential results.

Product Ratings

[View All Product Ratings \(54\)](#)

82  MIDSIZED CARS 2025 Toyota Camry From \$28,700 ✓ CR RECOMMENDED	82  MIDSIZED CARS 2025 Toyota Camry Hybrid From \$28,400 ✓ CR RECOMMENDED	 MIDSIZED CARS 2024 Toyota Camry From \$25,550 ✓ CR RECOMMENDED	 MIDSIZED CARS 2024 Toyota Camry Hybrid From \$25,550 ✓ CR RECOMMENDED	 MIDSIZED CARS 2023 Toyota Camry From \$24,300 ✓ CR RECOMMENDED
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Expert Advice

Under 'Expert Advice,' you might find additional articles or videos that relate to your search. This is especially helpful if you'd like to see the product in action.

[View All Expert Advice \(153\)](#)



This is what it looks like if you click on a search result (in this case, for a car).

82

2025 Toyota Camry

CR MPG: 48 mpg

\$28,700 - \$36,425

View Pricing Information

Overview

Ratings & Specs

Road Test Report

Reliability

Owner Satisfaction

Photos & Video

View Pricing Information

Overall Score

#2 of 9 Midsized cars

82

6382

ROAD TEST

91 / 100

PREDICTED RELIABILITY

56 / 100

[Details](#)

PREDICTED OWNER SATISFACTION

4 / 5

[Details](#)

[See All Ratings & Specs](#)

Road Test

When Toyota redesigned the Camry sedan for 2025, the automaker took on a challenge that has vexed companies from Coca-Cola to Facebook: How do you update a broadly beloved product? If you don't keep up with the times, you'll get eclipsed by more innovative competitors. But if you change too much, you'll alienate existing customers.

Highs

✓ Excellent fuel economy

✓ Smooth electric power at low speeds

Lows

✗ Gas engine gets noisy when revved

✗ Low stance makes it difficult to get in and out

View Road Test Report

You can scroll through the main overview page, or you can use the tabs to explore info like Reliability, Owner Satisfaction, etc.

For cars, you can choose many options like 'View Road Test Report' and more.

This is what it may look like if you're exploring Consumer Reports.



Dishwasher Basics

What's the dish on dishwashers? The best ace our cleaning tests, are relatively quiet, and often have features like adjustable racks, stainless steel interiors, and cycle options that suit your lifestyle.



Learn about the key dishwasher features to consider when choosing a new model.

Top Dishwasher Questions From the Buying Guide

What makes a good dishwasher? >

What kinds of features do dishwashers have? >

Which brands make the most reliable dishwashers? >

[Learn more in the Buying Guide](#)

This page is what you'd see if you clicked 'appliances,' then 'dishwashers.'

If you don't search for a specific product, you can browse that type of product and view trending products, highest rated products, videos, and so on.



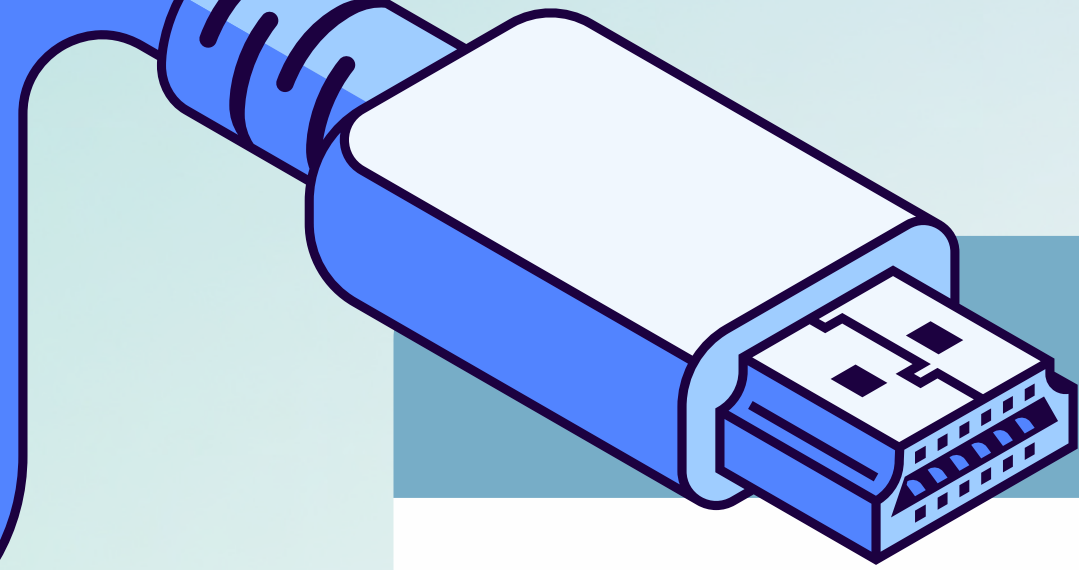
As a library user, you have access to all of the valuable content on Consumer Reports as determined through your library membership.

Your library provides you with:

- Unlimited access to unbiased ratings and reviews for over 8,500 products and services
- Test scores on performance, safety and reliability
- Shopping advice to save you time and money
- Expert buying guides and how-to videos
- Latest news on recalls, health, money & food

[Return to previous page.](#)

Please note that as a library user, you cannot modify the library account information.



Regular Databases

Tutor.com

- Tutor.com “partners with colleges and universities, K–12 schools and districts, libraries, employee benefits programs, and the U.S. military to provide learners with no-cost, personalized online tutoring in English and Spanish.” They help learners of all ages—from kindergarten through college, graduate school, continuing education, and career.
- You will need to be signed in to your library account via htlibrary.org first before accessing Tutor.com.



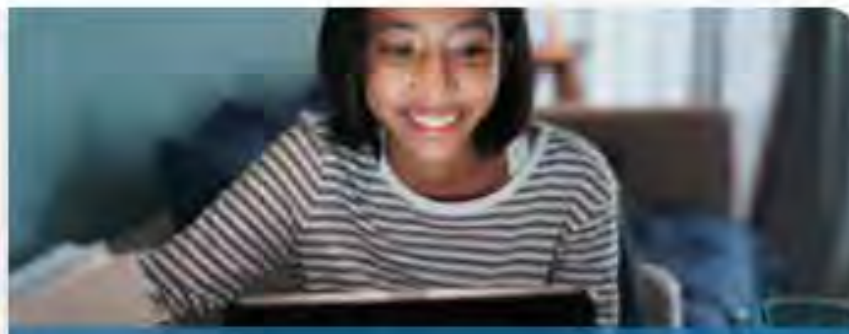
This is what Tutor.com's home page looks like.



Welcome!

Whatever you're working on, we're here to help. Let's get started.

You can select from options at the top of the home page, but the most common selection is 'Connect With a Tutor Now.'



Connect with a Tutor Now

Get on-demand expert help in the subject of your choice—no appointment necessary!

CONNECT NOW



Writing Review

Submit a draft of your writing, and get expert feedback.

SUBMIT



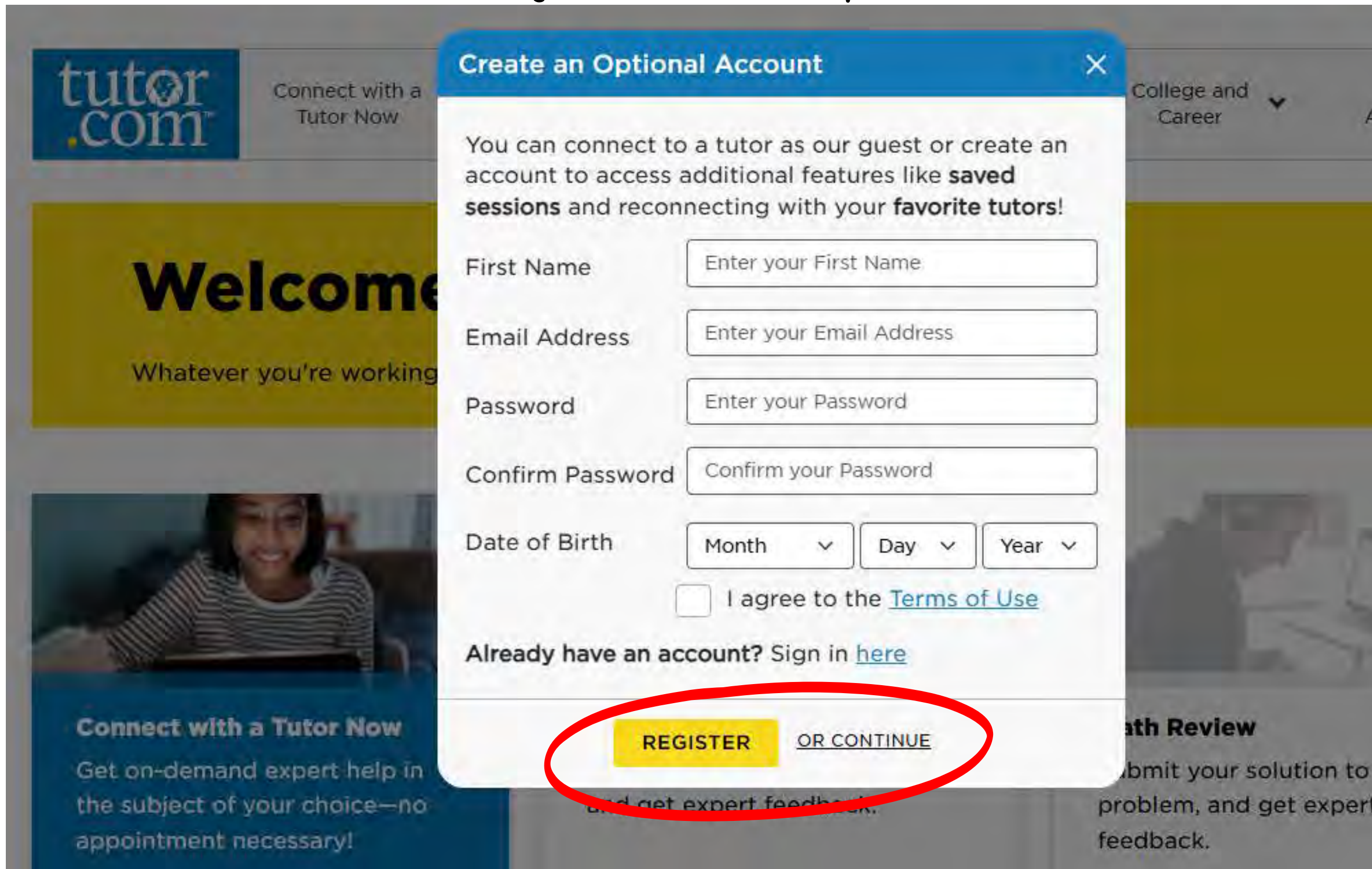
Math Review

Submit your solution to a math problem, and get expert feedback.

SUBMIT

Creating a Tutor.com account (optional)

If you feel like you will use Tutor.com on a regular basis, you might benefit from creating an account. This is optional.



The image shows a screenshot of the Tutor.com website with a modal window titled "Create an Optional Account" overlaid. The modal contains a form for creating a new account. The form fields are: First Name, Email Address, Password, Confirm Password, and Date of Birth (with dropdowns for Month, Day, and Year). Below the Date of Birth field is a checkbox for "I agree to the Terms of Use". At the bottom of the modal, there are two buttons: "REGISTER" (highlighted with a red circle) and "OR CONTINUE". The background of the website is dimmed, showing a "Welcome" banner and a "Connect with a Tutor Now" button.

tutor.com Connect with a Tutor Now

Welcome
Whatever you're working

Create an Optional Account X

You can connect to a tutor as our guest or create an account to access additional features like **saved sessions** and reconnecting with your **favorite tutors**!

First Name

Email Address

Password

Confirm Password

Date of Birth

☐ I agree to the [Terms of Use](#)

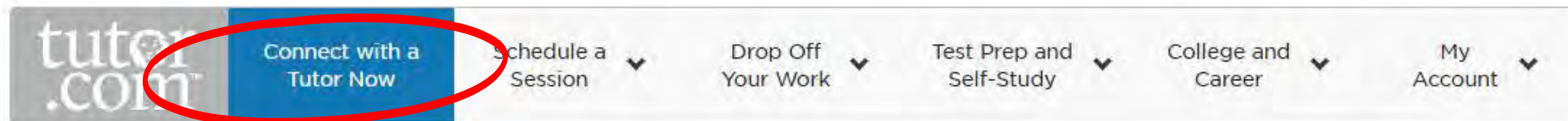
Already have an account? Sign in [here](#)

REGISTER [OR CONTINUE](#)

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This is how you connect with a tutor.



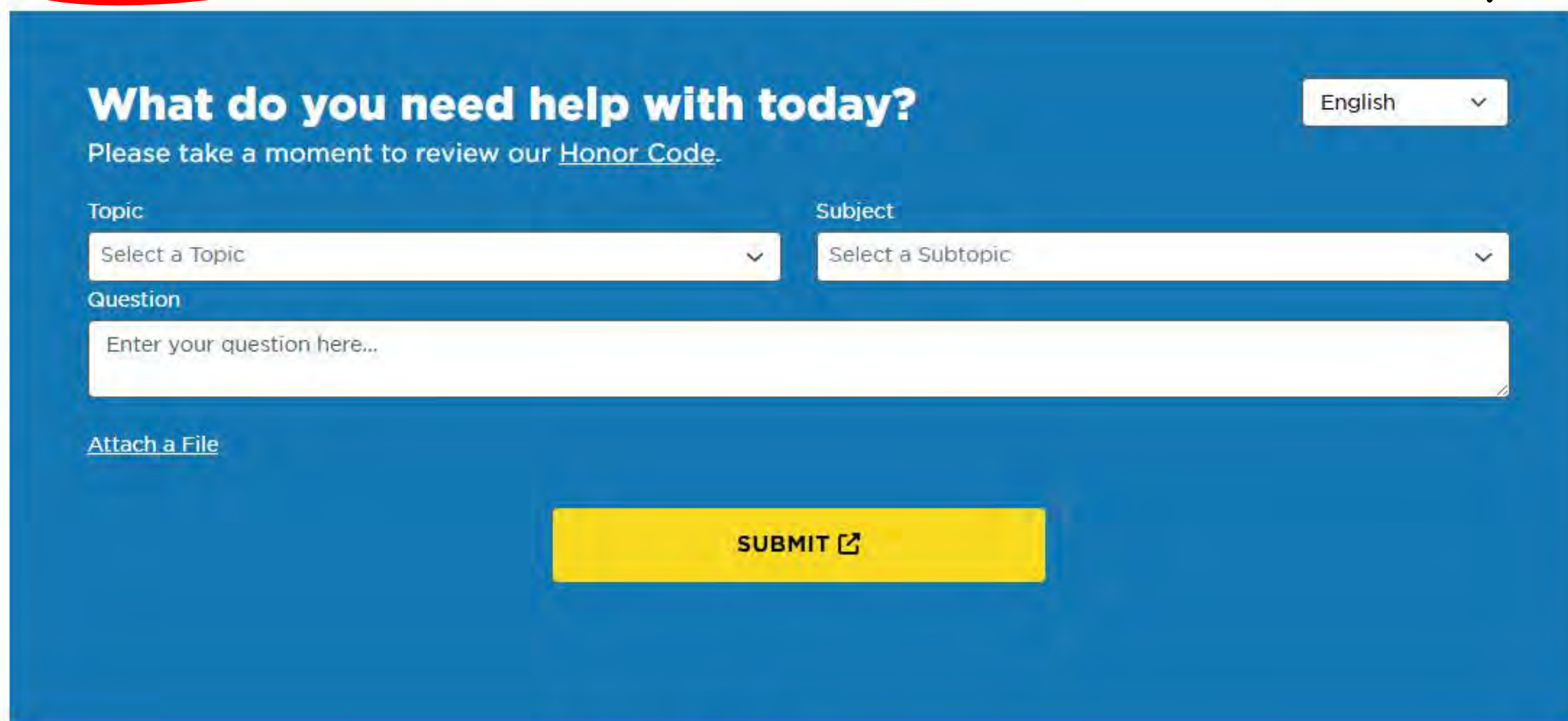
Connect with a Tutor Now

Open 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Get a [tour of Tutor.com!](#)

Before using, you can select 'get a tour of Tutor.com' to learn more.

To connect with a tutor, select the button at the top of tutor.com, then fill out the form. When you hit submit, Tutor.com will take a few moments to find someone that best matches your needs.



What do you need help with today?

Please take a moment to review our [Honor Code](#).

English

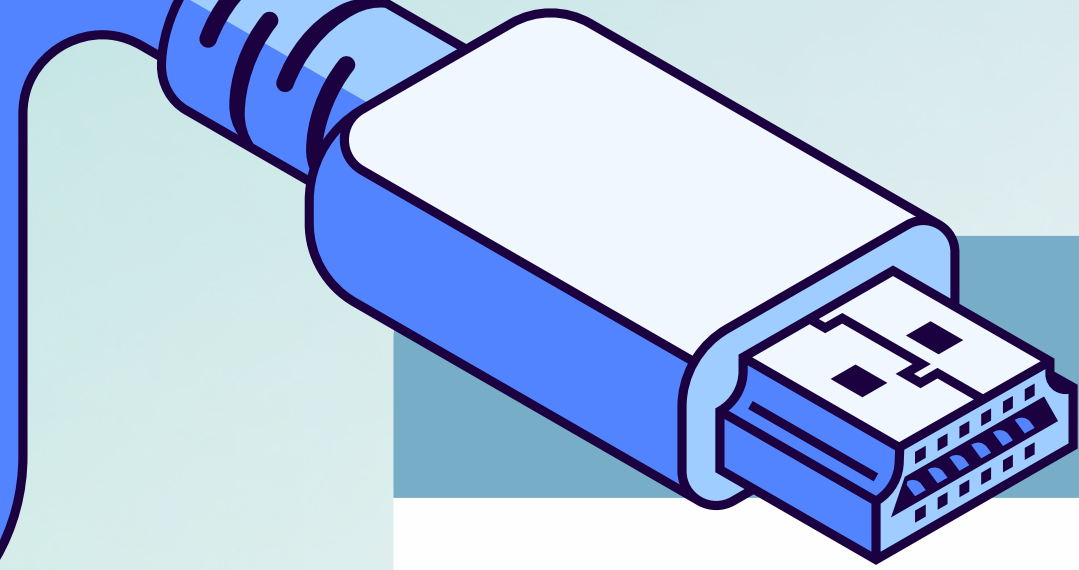
Topic: Select a Topic

Subject: Select a Subtopic

Question: Enter your question here...

[Attach a File](#)

SUBMIT



Regular Databases

Transparent Language Online

- Transparent Language is an interactive language-learning platform with over 110 languages available to learn. It focuses on building listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, and also includes ESL courses for speakers of many languages.
- You can use Transparent Language on desktop, or you can download their mobile app.
- You will need your library card number.



After clicking the link from the HTPL website, Transparent Language will ask you to Sign Up.



Log In **Sign Up** About

Your Library Card Number, Student ID, or Other ID #

USER ID

Submit

USERNAME*

NAME

EMAIL

PASSWORD*

*Must be between 8 and 64 characters long
Must contain at least 1 lowercase letter
Must contain at least 1 uppercase letter
Must contain at least 1 number*

CONFIRM PASSWORD*

☐ I want to receive updates
By checking the box above, I confirm that you may send me emails about updates to this program and special offers for other products.

☐ I agree to Transparent Language's [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#). If this account is for myself, I confirm that I am 16 years of age or older. If this account is for a child, I confirm that I am a parent or other adult with authority to create an account for that child.*

Create Account

[I already have an account.](#)

The next screen will prompt you to choose a language you would like to learn.



CHOOSE A LANGUAGE TO LEARN

Afrikaans	Croatian	Hawaiian	Lithuanian	Shughni
Albanian	Czech	Hebrew	Luxembourgish	Slovak
Altai	Dakota	Hindi	Macedonian	Somali
American Sign Language	2 Dialects Available	Hmong	Malagasy	Spanish
Amharic	Danish	Holikachuk	Malay	2 Dialects Available
Arabic	Dari	Hungarian	Maori	KidSpeak Available
4 Dialects Available	Deg Xinag	Hupa	Michif	Swahili
Armenian	Denaakk'e (Koyukon)	Icelandic	Mirandese	Swedish
Azerbaijani	Denesuline	Indonesian	Mongolian	Tagalog
Balinese	Dinak'i (Upper Kuskokwim)	Iñupiaq	Nahuatl	Tajiki
Baluchi	Dutch	Irish	Naskapi	Tamil
Bambara	Ekpeye	Italian	Natchez	Tanacross
Bashkir	El Molo	KidSpeak Available	Nepali	Taqbaylit
Belarusian	English	Japanese	Nogai	Thai
Bengali	KidSpeak Available	Kalmyk	Northern Pomo	Tongan
Benhti Kenaga' (Lower Tanana)	Esperanto	Kaqchikel	Norwegian	Turkish
Bosnian	Estonian	Kazakh	Oji-Cree	Turkmen
Breton	Faroese	Kituba	Ojibwe	Tuvan
Bulgarian	Farsi	Koasati	3 Dialects Available	Ukrainian
Buriat	Finnish	Korean	Pashto	Upper Tanana (Nee'aanèegn')
Cambodian (Khmer)	French	Kurdish	Polish	Urdu
	3 Dialects Available	Kwakwaka	Portuguese	

This is what Transparent Language's home page looks like.

Transparent Language®

German ▼

Mobile Access









Learning

Browse

My Transcript

Resources

KidSpeak ▼

MY LEARNING PATH



Lesson Filter:

☒ Not Started

☒ In Progress

☐ Completed

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Welcome

Learn

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German Alphabet - Familiarization

Learn

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German Alphabet - Assessment

Start

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Unit 1: Hello! - Lesson 1

Learn

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Unit 1: Hello! - Lesson 2

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Unit 1: Hello! - Lesson 3

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Unit 1: Hello! - Lesson 4

Learn

...

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Unit 1: Hello! - Lesson 5

Learn

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⌵

Show 57 More

MY PERSONAL GOAL

...

0%

0 of 5 Minutes Today

0

Day Streak

LEARNED VOCAB

...

0 Total Words and Phrases Learned

Learn something new to start building your vocab.

PRACTICE

Choose a skill you'd like to practice:

Listening

Reading

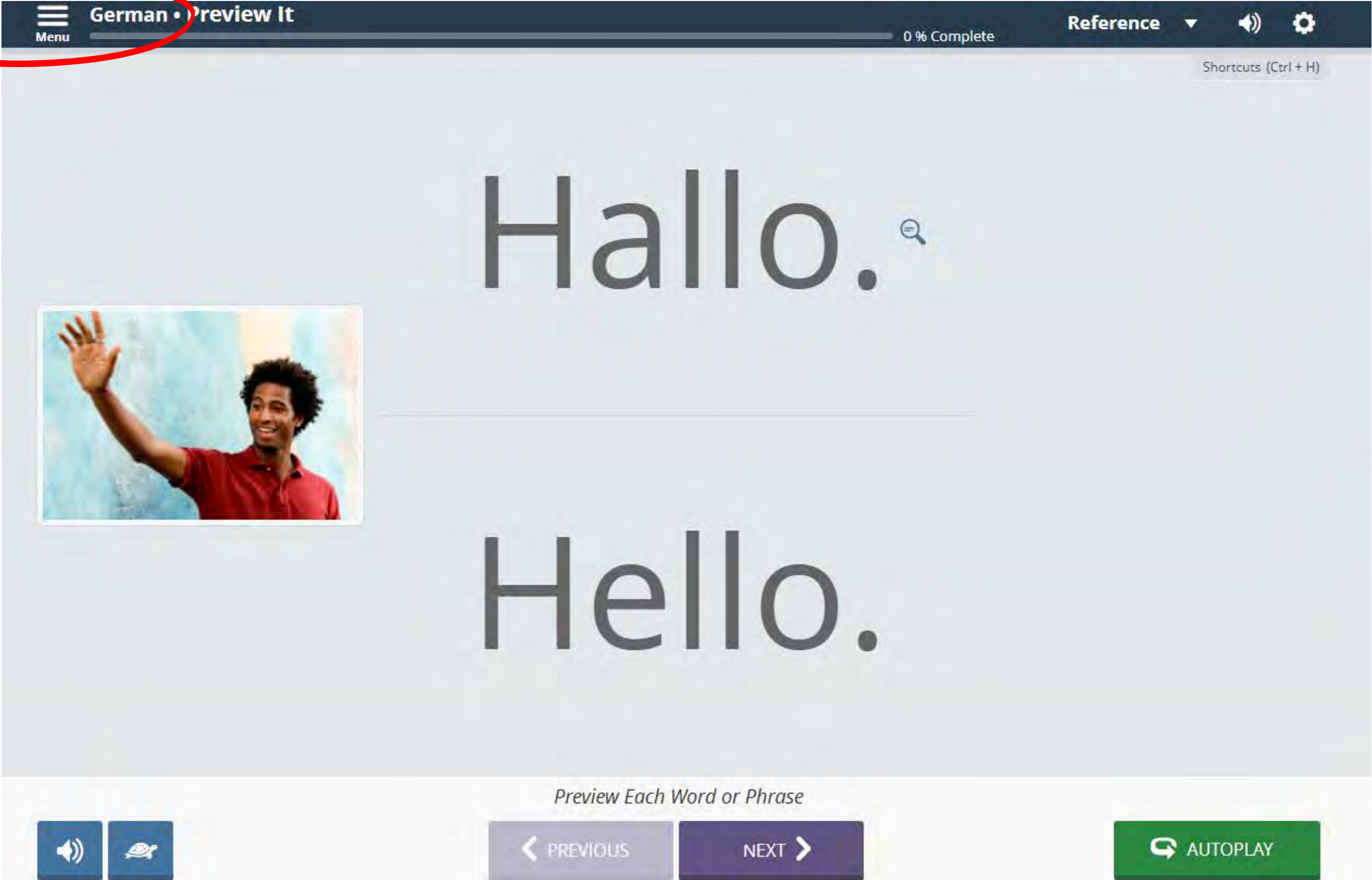
Speaking

Writing

Get Started³

Language Lessons

Clicking on the Menu option will bring up different learning activities to pick from.



The screenshot shows a language learning application interface. At the top, a dark blue header bar contains a menu icon (three horizontal lines) and the text "German • Preview It", which is circled in red. To the right of this are icons for "Reference", a speaker, and a gear. Below the header, the main content area has a light blue background. It features the word "Hallo." in large grey font, followed by a magnifying glass icon. Below this is a horizontal line, and then the word "Hello." in the same large grey font. To the left of the "Hallo." text is a small video thumbnail showing a man with curly hair, wearing a red shirt, waving his right hand. At the bottom of the interface, there is a light grey bar. On the left, there are two blue buttons: one with a speaker icon and one with a turtle icon. In the center, there is a text label "Preview Each Word or Phrase" above two purple buttons labeled "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT". On the right, there is a green button labeled "AUTOPLAY".

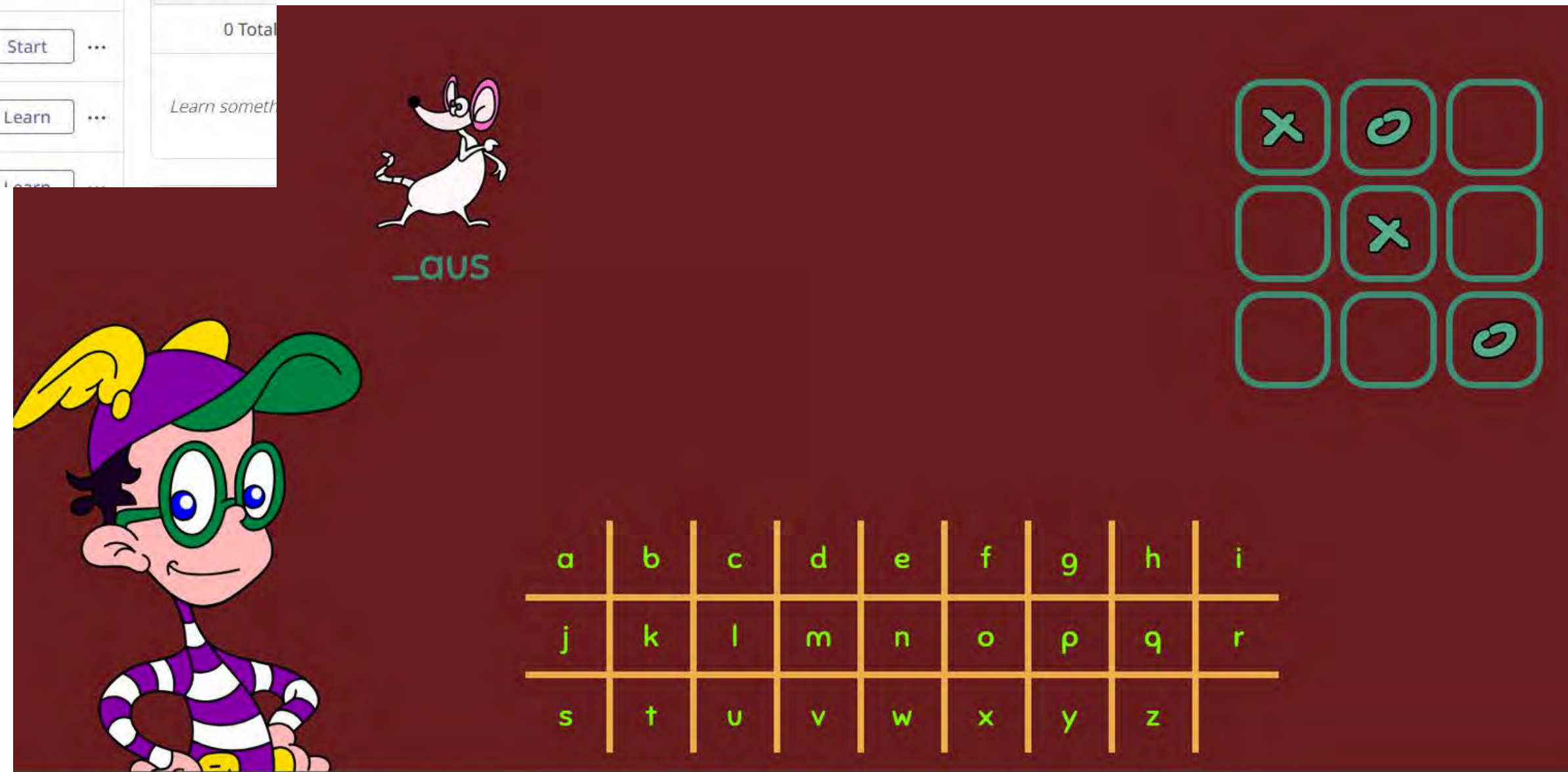
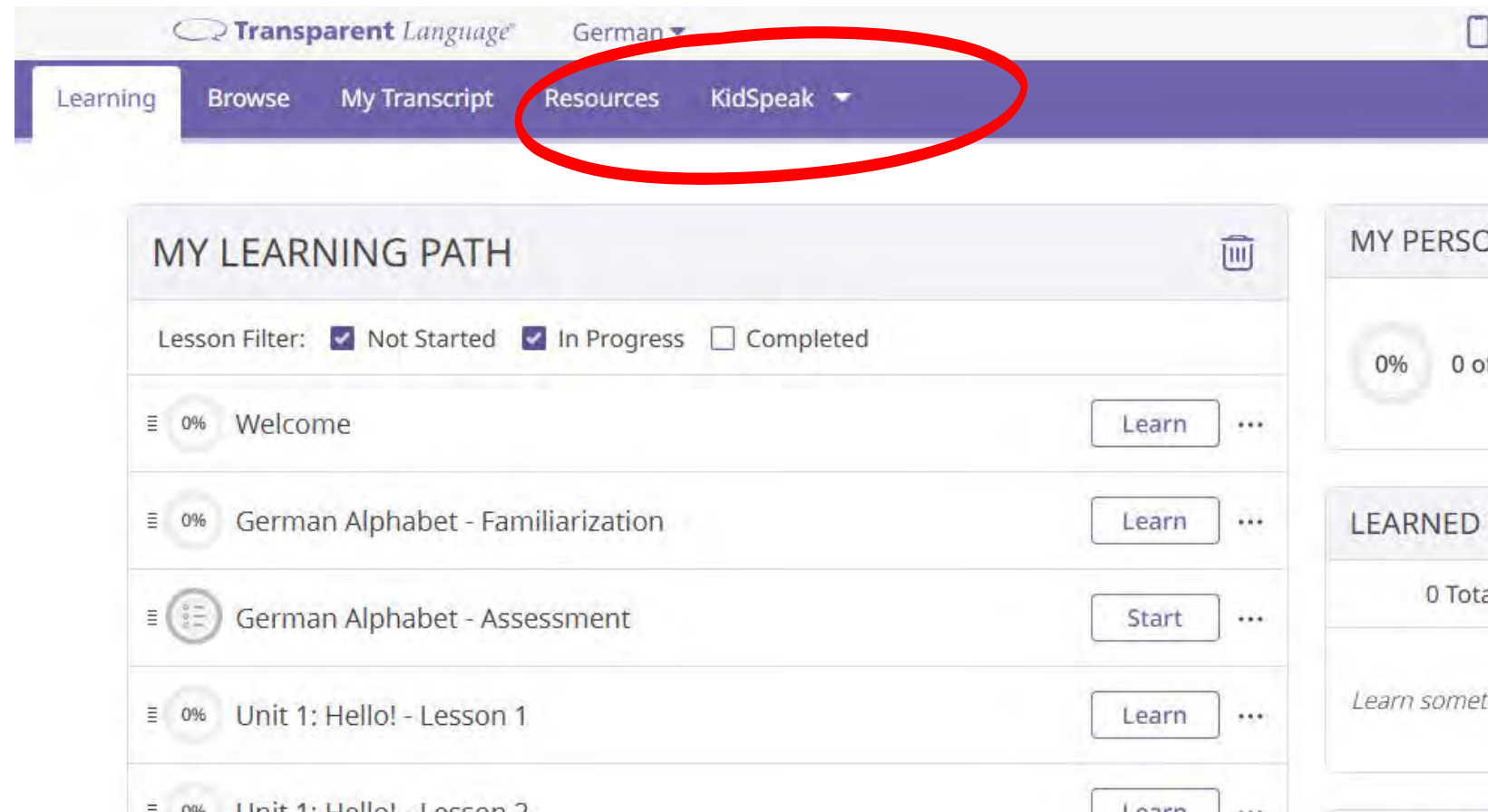
Learning activities are available by clicking on the Menu option

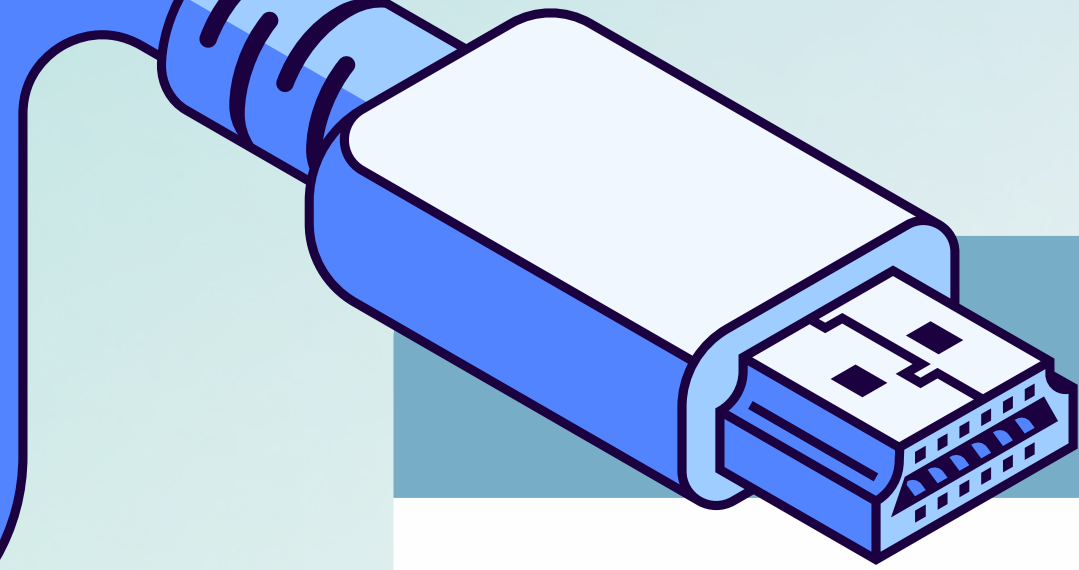
The screenshot displays the Transparent Language web application interface. At the top, the 'Transparent Language' logo is visible on the left, and navigation links for 'Mobile Access', user profile, notifications, and help are on the right. The main header area includes a 'Welcome' message, a 'Print / Save' button, a 'Menu' icon, and the current lesson title 'German • Matching' with a '0 % Complete' progress indicator.

On the left sidebar, a list of five learning activities is shown: '1 Preview It' (marked 'Complete!'), '2 Pronunciation', '3 Listening Recognition', '4 Matching' (highlighted in blue), and '5 Produce & Say It'. Below this list, a yellow banner reads 'Words and Phrases You Are Currently Learning', followed by a list of items: 'Hello.', 'German', 'yes', 'Thank you.', and 'no'. At the bottom of the sidebar is a link to 'Mark Lesson as Learned'.

The main content area is titled 'German • Matching' and contains the instruction 'Drag Each Item to its Match'. It features two columns of items for matching. The left column contains five numbered boxes: 1. 'yes', 2. 'German', 3. 'no', 4. 'Thank you.', and 5. 'Hello.'. The right column contains five lettered boxes with audio icons and German text: a. 'Hallo.', b. 'Danke.', c. 'ja', d. 'Deutsch', and e. 'nein'.

KidSpeak - Language learning games for kids





Regular Databases

MeL

- MeL is the Michigan Electronic Library. It is a statewide service of the Library of Michigan.
- Via MeL, you can order interlibrary loans, but you can also access hundreds of databases using your library card, all for free.
- We will be doing a full deep dive into MeL at our June Tech Time presentation. For the sake of this presentation, we will show you where to access MeL databases.



Click 'eResources' at the top of the mel.org home page.



eResources

Kids

Library Staff

Educators

Find the right resources.
Better. Faster.

MeLCat Keyword Search

for music, books, audio, and more



MeLCat Classic



This is mel.org's eResources page.

eResources



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K-12 Schools

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[LearningExpress Library](#)

[See More](#)

Go to eResource by Letter

You can browse databases in various ways on this page. You can search by letter, or you can view the given categories and select 'see more.'

All A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z #

MeL Information

MeL has over 50 databases to explore, so unfortunately, we cannot show you all of them in this presentation!

These databases are usually set up in a basic layout, prompting you to search for key words, then giving you a list of results (articles, pictures, etc. depending on the database you are using).

Some popular databases are listed below:

- AtoZ Databases: Info on businesses, homeowners, healthcare, and jobs
- Auto Repair Source: Repair info, service alerts, and recalls for cars
- Consumer Health: Supports the health and wellness information needs of patients
- Hobbies & Craft Source: Texts about the arts, games, outdoors, etc.
- LearningExpress Library: Resume building, practice tests, tutorials, etc.
- Legal Source: Legal info for attorneys, paralegals, educators, etc.
- Michigan History Magazine
- MyHeritage: Family history, genealogy, census records, etc.
- NoveList Plus: Book recs, discussion guides, read-a-likes, series information
- Small Business Source: Provides resources for starting and operating a business

This is mel.org's eJournals page.

Selecting 'eJournals' instead of 'eResources' at the top of mel.org will take you to this page, where you can browse journals and articles by topic or by running a search with keywords.



Searching: Library Publications

Search



Publications

Browse By Discipline

Find resources available from the library's collection

[Agriculture & Agribusiness \(546\)](#)
[Anatomy & Physiology \(69\)](#)
[Anthropology \(210\)](#)
[Applied Sciences \(226\)](#)
[Architecture \(182\)](#)
[Arts & Entertainment \(347\)](#)
[Astronomy & Astrophysics \(53\)](#)
[Biography \(32\)](#)
[Biology \(833\)](#)
[Biotechnology \(102\)](#)
[Botany \(139\)](#)
[Business & Management \(2616\)](#)
[Chemistry \(550\)](#)
[Communication & Mass Media \(720\)](#)
[Complementary & Alternative Medicine \(146\)](#)
[Computer Science \(675\)](#)
[Construction & Building \(188\)](#)

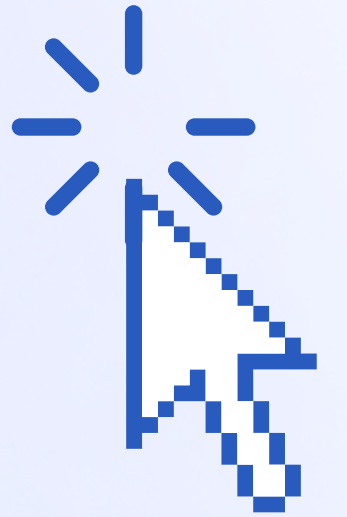
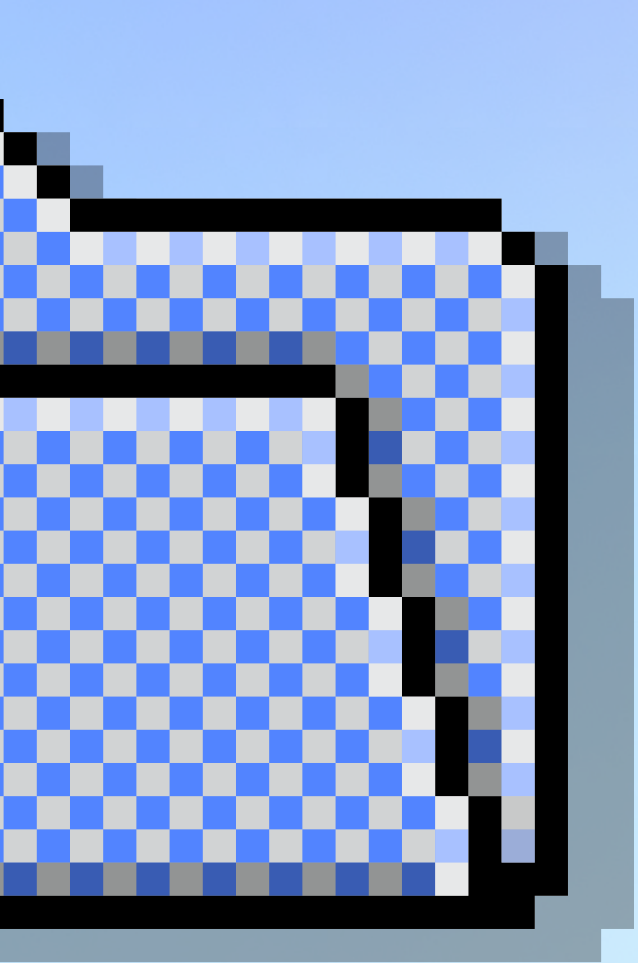
[Consumer Health \(86\)](#)
[Dance \(17\)](#)
[Dentistry \(25\)](#)
[Diplomacy & International Relations \(344\)](#)
[Drama & Theater Arts \(261\)](#)
[Earth & Atmospheric Sciences \(375\)](#)
[Economics \(667\)](#)
[Education \(2659\)](#)
[Engineering \(954\)](#)
[Environmental Sciences \(786\)](#)
[Ethnic & Cultural Studies \(1147\)](#)
[Film \(71\)](#)
[Forestry \(72\)](#)
[Geography & Cartography \(184\)](#)
[Geology \(72\)](#)
[Health & Medicine \(3047\)](#)
[History \(1558\)](#)

[Information Technology \(361\)](#)
[Language & Linguistics \(431\)](#)
[Law \(1602\)](#)
[Library & Information Science \(477\)](#)
[Life Sciences \(472\)](#)
[Literature & Writing \(1556\)](#)
[Marketing \(156\)](#)
[Mathematics \(544\)](#)
[Military History & Science \(119\)](#)
[Mining & Mineral Resources \(41\)](#)
[Music \(381\)](#)
[Nursing & Allied Health \(268\)](#)
[Nutrition & Dietetics \(111\)](#)
[Oceanography \(119\)](#)
[Pharmacy & Pharmacology \(230\)](#)
[Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy \(27\)](#)
[Physics \(417\)](#)

[Political Science \(465\)](#)
[Politics & Government \(2017\)](#)
[Power & Energy \(171\)](#)
[Psychology \(831\)](#)
[Public Health \(193\)](#)
[Religion & Philosophy \(882\)](#)
[Science \(834\)](#)
[Social Sciences & Humanities \(1995\)](#)
[Social Work \(80\)](#)
[Sociology \(795\)](#)
[Sports & Leisure \(387\)](#)
[Sports Medicine \(13\)](#)
[Technology \(1514\)](#)
[Veterinary Medicine \(85\)](#)
[Visual Arts \(663\)](#)
[Women's Studies & Feminism \(149\)](#)
[Zoology \(298\)](#)

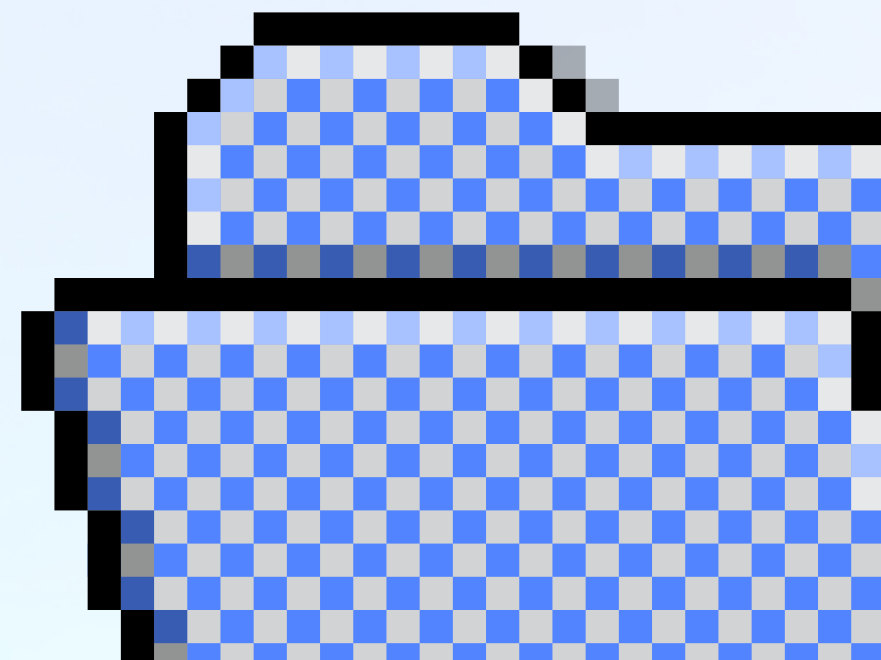
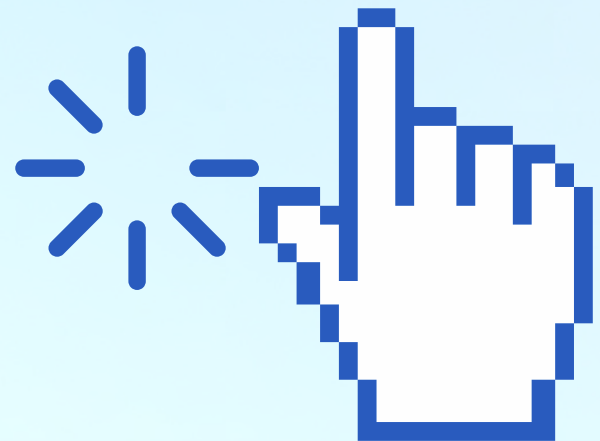
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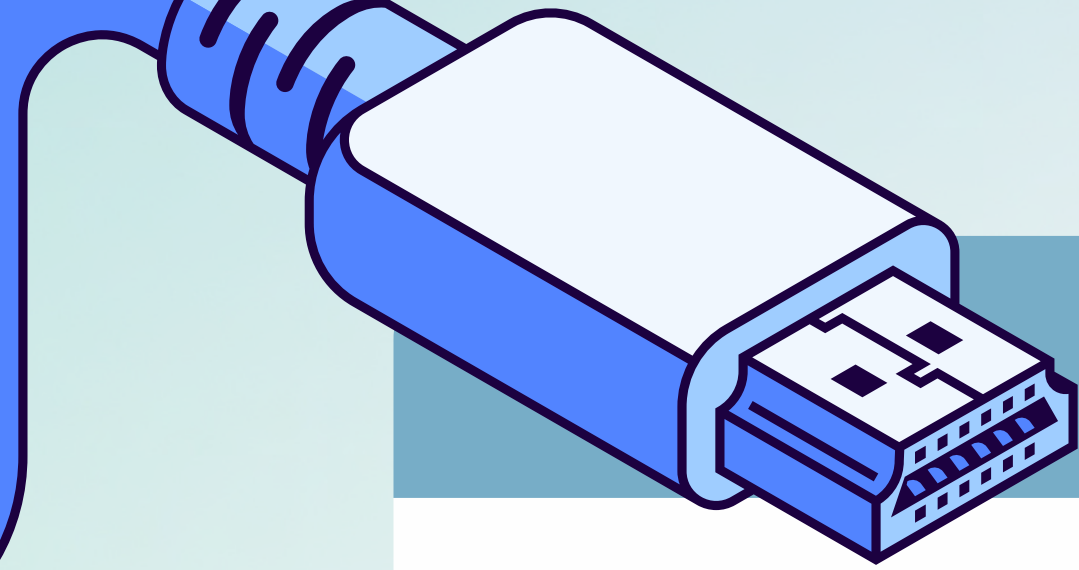




Entertainment

**Comics Plus, CreativeBug, Freegal Music, Hoopla,
Kanopy, Libby, Scholastic BookFlix**





Entertainment

Comics Plus

- Comics Plus is a digital platform offering thousands of digital comics, graphic novels and manga to readers of all ages.
- You can access titles using a smartphone, tablet, or web browser, and titles can be downloaded to multiple devices. You will need to download the app if you use your phone or tablet.
- There is never a wait to read, and you can download titles for offline use.
- Similar to Libby but with comics/manga.



Comics Plus has different options.

When under our catalog page, you can choose from 'Comics Plus for Everyone,' 'Comics Plus Teen Collection,' or 'Comics Plus Adult Collection (18+).'

The screenshot shows a library website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with a dropdown menu labeled 'Search All Fields', buttons for 'GO!', 'CLEAR', and 'Help', and a link for 'More Search Options'. On the right side of the header, there is a login section with the text 'Log in to your account: To manage reserves, renewals, etc.' and a login button.

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column lists various digital resources, including books and audiobooks, with their respective cover images. The right column lists digital resources, including 'Ancestry Library Edition', 'AR BookFinder', 'Comics Plus for Everyone', 'Comics Plus Teen Collection', 'Comics Plus Adult Collection (Age 18+)', 'Consumer Reports', 'CreativeBug', 'Freegal Music', and 'Hoopla'. A red arrow points to the 'Comics Plus for Everyone' link in the right column.

Search Bar: Search All Fields, GO!, CLEAR, Help, More Search Options

Login: Log in to your account: To manage reserves, renewals, etc. LOGIN

Left Column Resources:

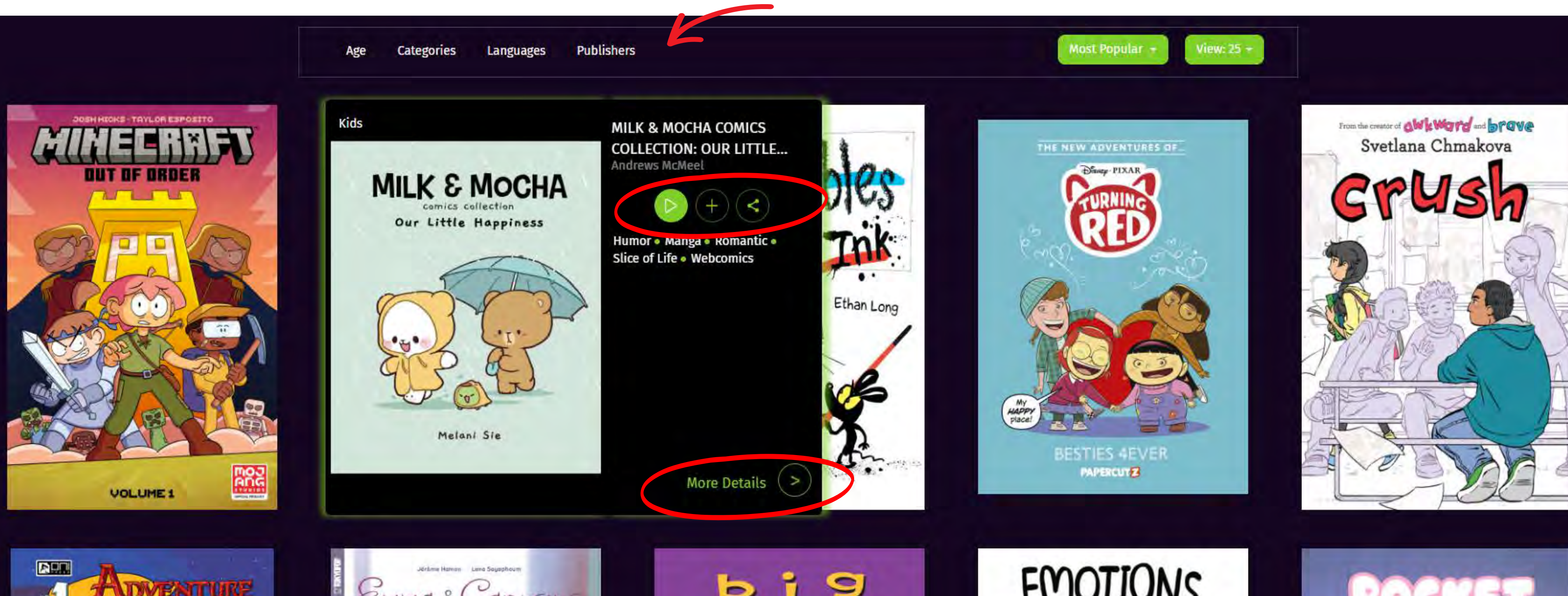
- The berry pickers: a novel
- videorecording: Wicked
- large print: The Texas murders
- The women
- The return of Ellie Black: a novel
- 2 Sisters Murder Investigations: Don't Mess With the Bird Sisters!
- videorecording: Venom, the last dance
- videorecording: Armor
- The waiting: a Ballard and Bosch novel
- Lies he told me
- The housemaid
- large print: Holmes is missing: a Holmes, Margaret & Poe mystery
- The it girl

Right Column Resources:

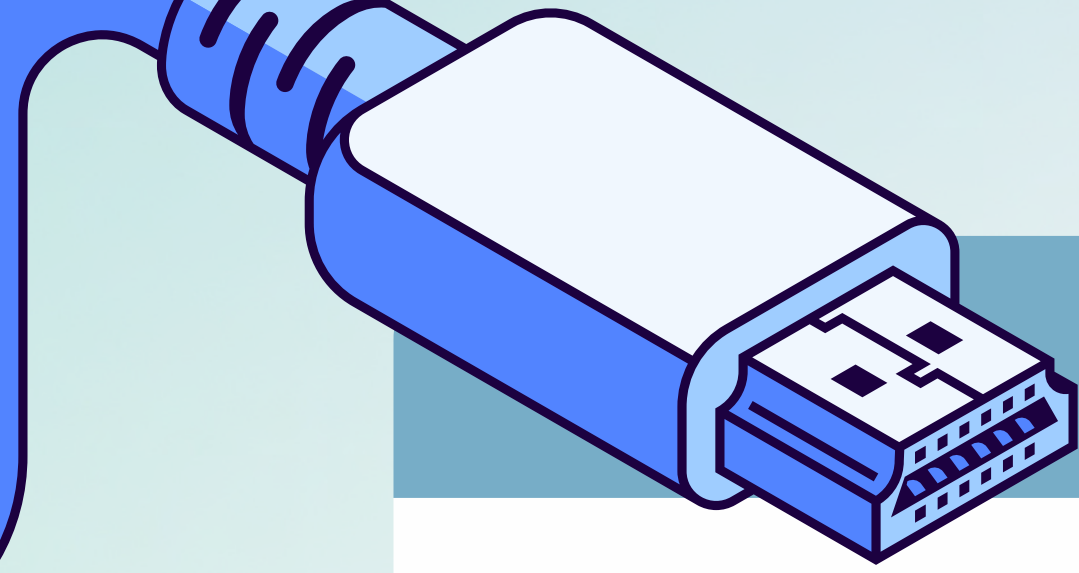
- Ancestry Library Edition brings the world's most popular consumer online genealogy resource to your library. It's an unprecedented online collection of individuals from North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, and more.
- AR BookFinder Searching for Accelerated Reader books is fun and easy with this free online tool.
- Comics Plus for Everyone** Entire collection of thousands of digital comics for adults, teens and children. This resource is available to all users.
- Comics Plus Teen Collection** Entire collection of thousands of digital comics for adults and teens. (Age 13+)
- Comics Plus Adult Collection (Age 18+)** Entire collection of thousands of digital comics for adults. (Age 18+)
- Consumer Reports** Login Needed Consumer Reports is an independent, nonprofit member organization that works side by side with consumers for truth, transparency, and fairness in the marketplace.
- CreativeBug** Login Needed Experience the joy of making with over 1000 award-winning video classes taught by top designers and artists.
- Freegal Music** Freegal is a free and legal (free+legal=Freegal! Get it?) music download service. You can download songs and keep them forever with library card!
- Hoopla** Hoopla is here! Instantly borrow free digital movies, music, eBooks and more, 24/7 with your library card.
- Kanopy

Let's explore the Comics Plus Adult Collection.

As you browse Comics Plus, if you hover over a title, you will see options to read (play button), add to shelf (plus button), or share the title. You can select 'more details' for further information about the title.



If you read the title without adding it to your shelf, you may have to search for it later on. Clicking the play button will open the book immediately for reading!

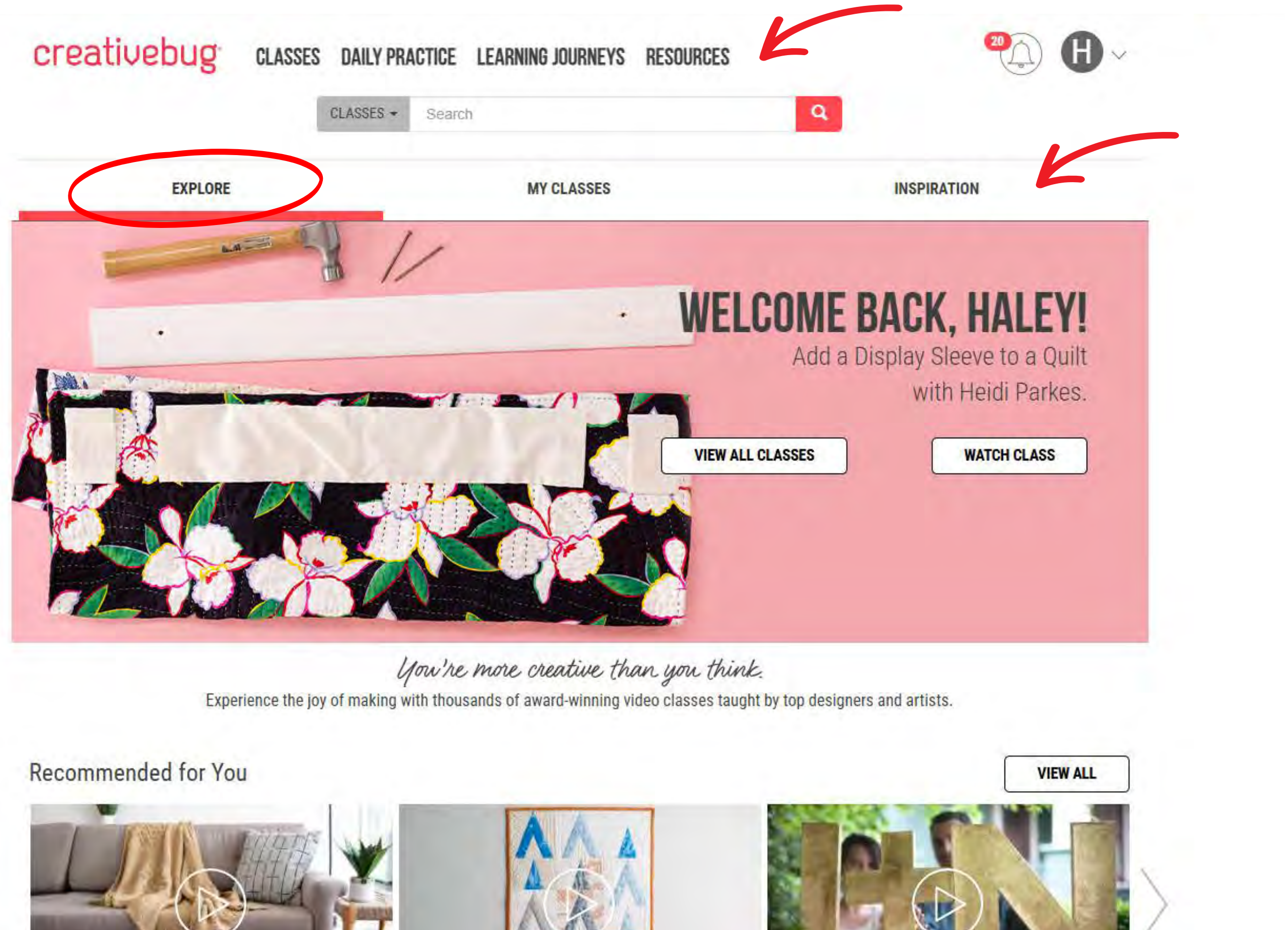


Entertainment

CreativeBug

- CreativeBug offers thousands of online art and craft classes. You can start and stop projects at your own pace.
- You can save classes, complete daily practice activities, attend live events, or access additional resources like specific crafting blogs or collections.
- Please note that as of April 2025, the future of CreativeBug is uncertain, as it was owned by JoAnn Fabrics, which has closed down. As of right now, we are unsure if it will be purchased by a separate company or permanently shut down.

This is what CreativeBug's home page looks like.

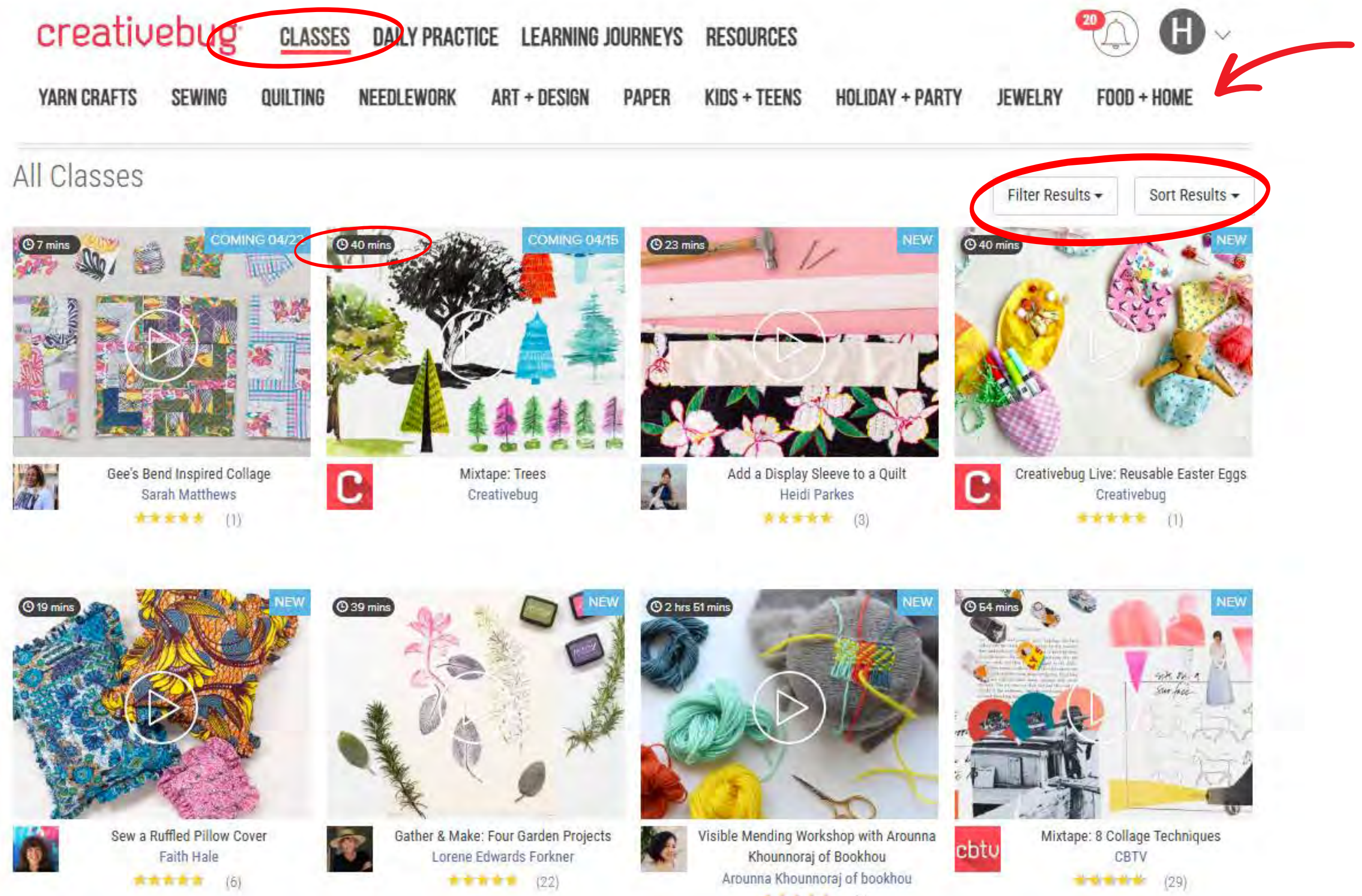


You can choose from options along the top bar (classes, daily practice, etc.) or you can explore, view previous classes, or look for inspiration (public photos uploaded by other CreativeBug users).

This is what CreativeBug's 'classes' page looks like.

You can browse classes by filtering or sorting your results (right hand side), or you can select a category at the top (yarn crafts, sewing, paper, etc.)

The thumbnails for each video will tell you how long it is. You can click the play button or the title to view more information and/or to start the class (see next slide).



This is what an individual class page looks like.

You will see the class title and ratings at the top.

Home > Classes > Food + Home > Plants & Flowers

Gather & Make: Four Garden Projects

★★★★★ [22 ratings >](#)



Taught by **Lorene Edwards Forkner**

GET STARTED

GALLERY

RESOURCES

'Get Started' will provide basic instructions and materials you'll need. Gallery will show photos of the project. Resources will provide transcripts, pdfs, and additional info if available.

Over here is the difficulty level of the class, the total length of the videos in the class, and the different videos included in the class.

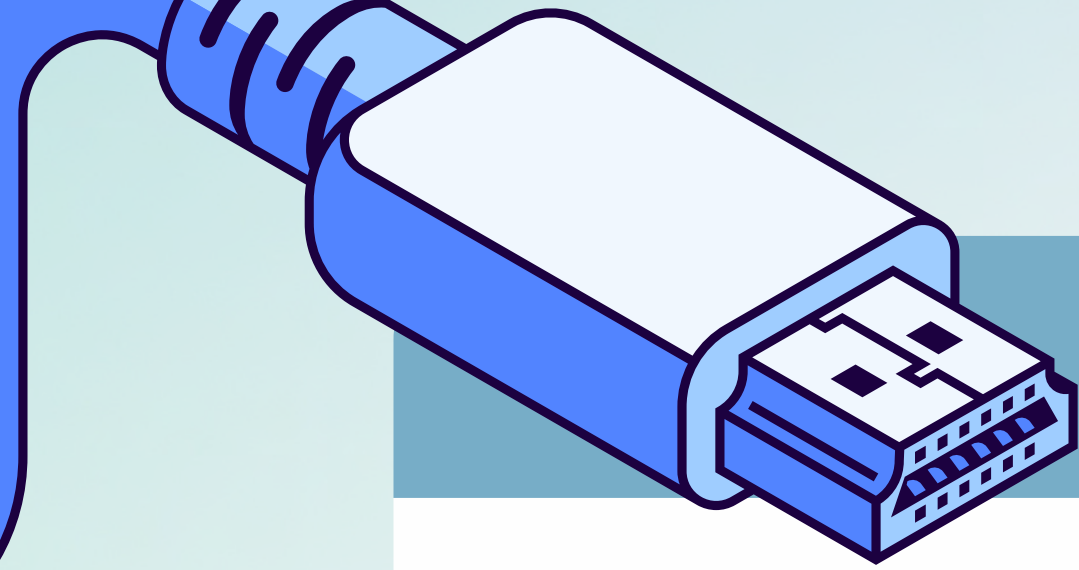
All levels | 39 min 38 sec

Gather & Make: Four Garden Projects

Overview	01:27
Materials	03:11
Kokedama	13:14
Winter citrus salt	03:42
Inked leaf prints	09:05
Threading botanicals	08:59

You can add classes to your watchlist for later.

ADD TO WATCHLIST



Entertainment

Freegal Music

- Freegal is a free and legal (free + legal= Freegal! Get it?) music downloading service. You can download songs and keep them forever with your library card!
- There are over 18 million songs on Freegal, and the platform is constantly adding more.
- You cannot request songs/albums to be added to Freegal. It works similarly to Hoopla – we subscribe, everyone gets the same content.
- Freegal has a mobile app, or you can access via desktop.
- You will need your library card and PIN to access Freegal.



This is what Freegal's home page looks like.
You will see your remaining downloads/streaming time at the top.

Harrison Township Public Library

5 Downloads | 05:00:00 Streaming

Search

Help Settings

- Home
- My Music
- My Playlists
- Favorites
- Wishlist
- Genres
- Downloads
- Advanced Search

Install App

MILEY CYRUS
END OF THE WORLD

Djo
THE CRUX

EXPLORE PLAYLISTS

DISCOVER ARTISTS

DISCOVER ALBUMS

NEW ARRIVALS

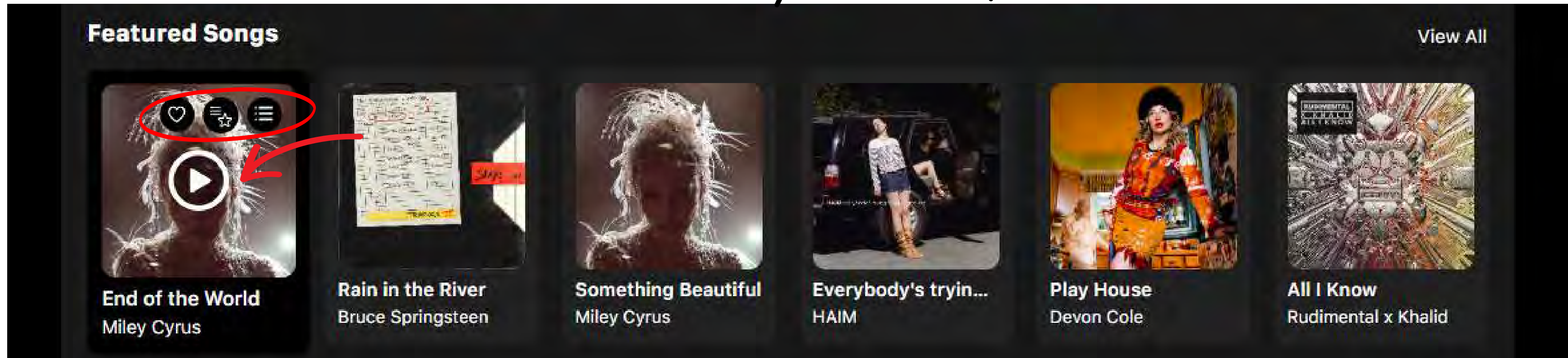
NOW TRENDING

Featured Songs [View All](#)

- End of the World
Miley Cyrus
- Rain in the River
Bruce Springsteen
- Something Beautiful
Miley Cyrus
- Everybody's tryin...
HAIM
- Play House
Devon Cole
- All I Know
Rudimental x Khalid

To play a song on Freegal, you can click on the title or hit play.

You can select the heart icon next to a song or album to 'favorite' it for easy access. You can select the icon with the lines and start to add a song/album that hasn't been released yet to add it to your 'wishlist.'

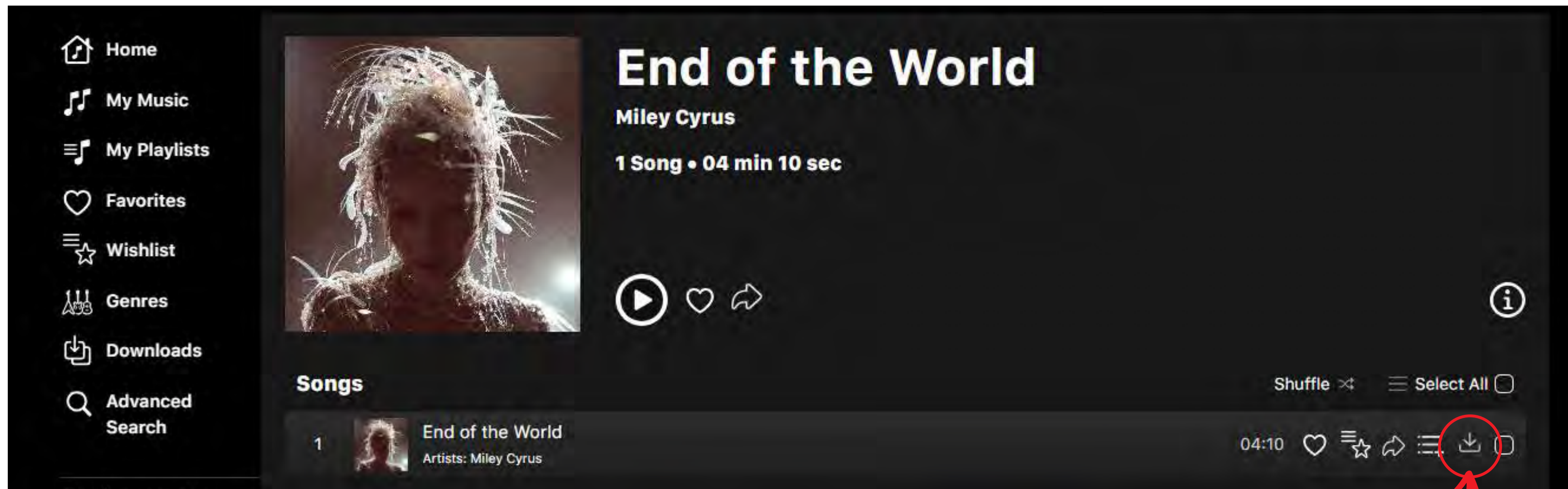


If you select the third icon with the three lines, you can add a song or album to a playlist. You can make unlimited playlists.

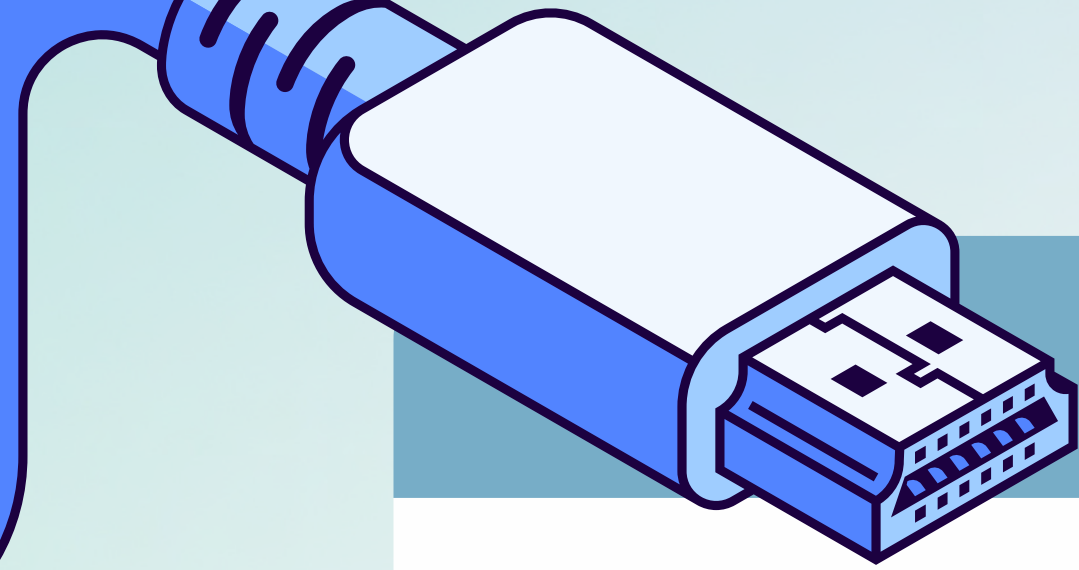
For more options when selecting a song or album, click on the title of the song/album and you will see more info (see next slide).

Downloading a Song or Album on Freegal

After clicking on the title of the song or album you wish to download, select the download icon. It will download to your device in .mp3 format.



If you are downloading an album but only want certain songs from it, you can utilize the 'select' box(es) next to each song, select the songs you wish to download, then download them as a group.

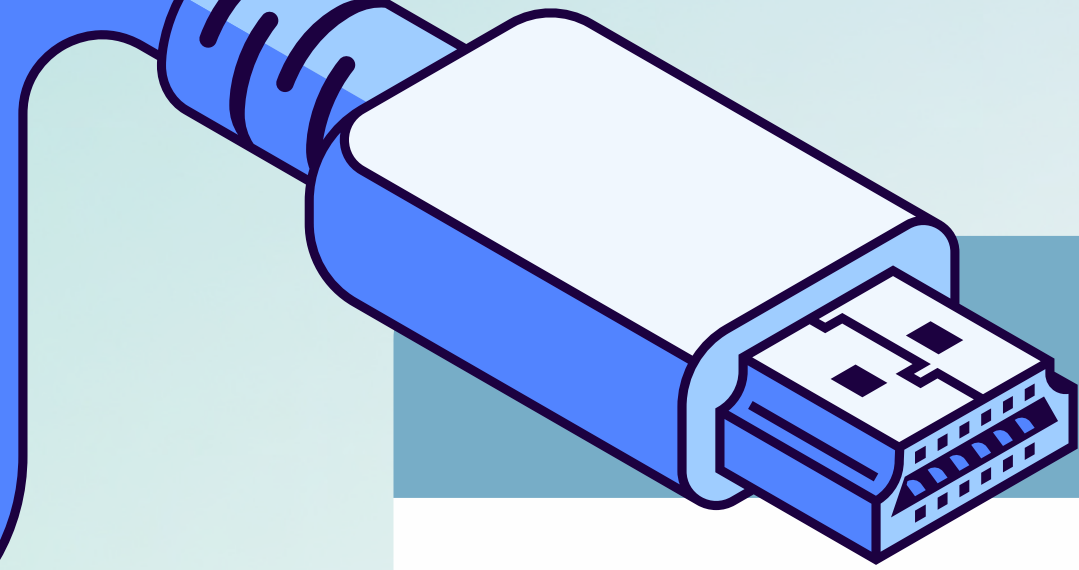


Entertainment

Hoopla

- Hoopla offers audiobooks, ebooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines, and music, free with your library card. Hoopla can be synced across devices and accessed via your smartphone, computer, tablet, or smart TV. HTPL patrons can have up to 5 items per month with Hoopla, and returning an item early will not free up space for another item.
- You can find more information on Hoopla on our website under Services → eBooks & Digital Entertainment OR visit our old Tech Time presentation under the Adults → Tech Time tab.

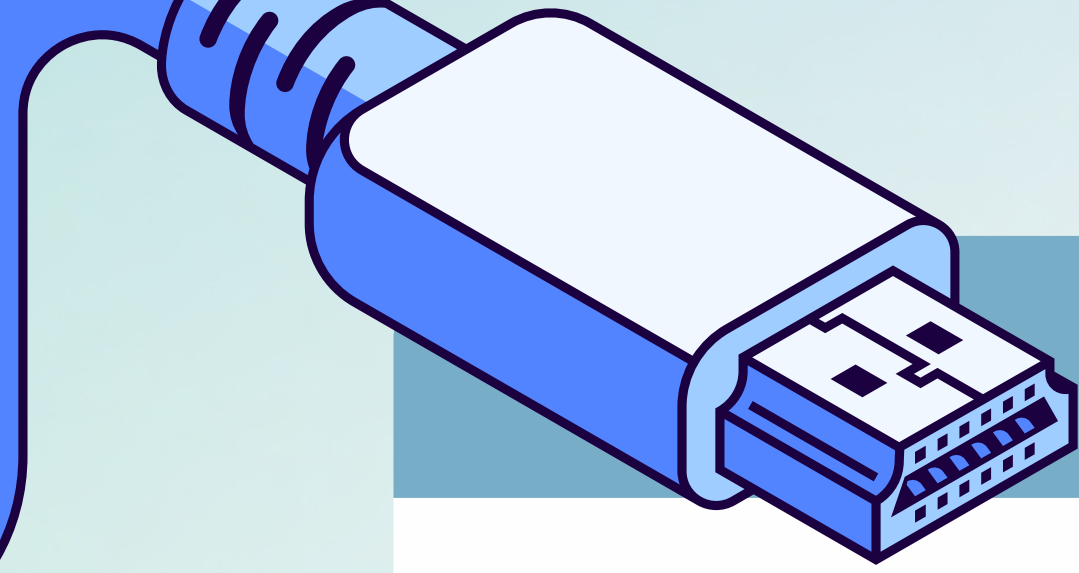




Entertainment

Kanopy

- Kanopy is a streaming app that provides free access to popular classic movies (including some from the Criterion Collection), independent films, and documentaries.
- HTPL patrons can borrow 10 titles per month to stream for free (3 day check out).
- The app's design is very similar to Netflix – you select a film, and it will pull up a screen with play/pause and fast forward buttons, etc.
- More information on Kanopy can be found on our website under Services → eBooks & Digital Entertainment OR visit our old Tech Time presentation under the Adults → Tech Time tab.

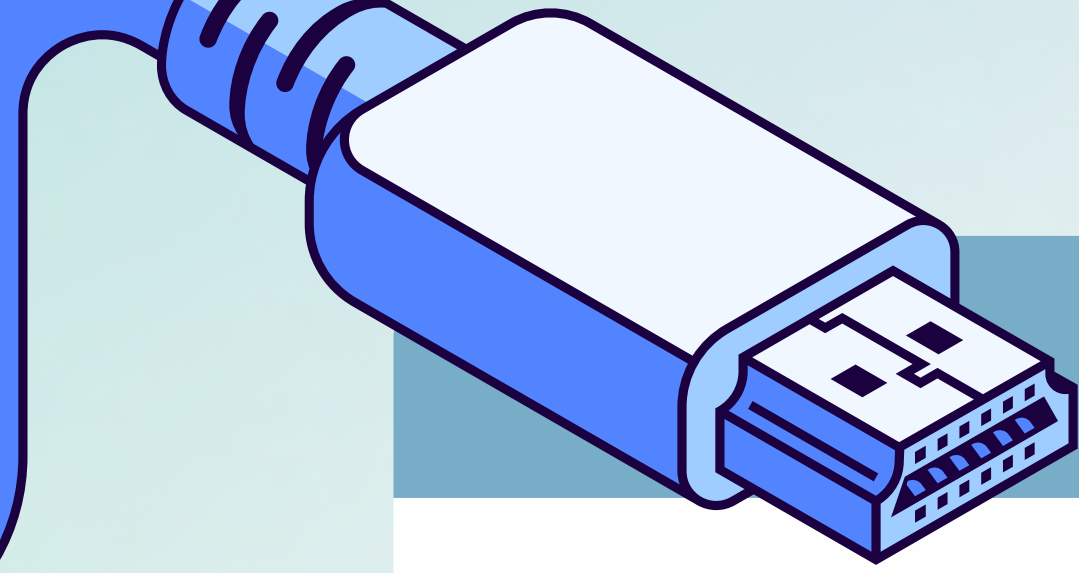


Entertainment

Libby

- Libby is an app that allows you to borrow free ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines from your local library. It works similarly to an in-person library in the sense that librarians purchase titles monthly for digital use, and you can place holds if the items are checked out. HTPL patrons can have up to 10 items at a time on Libby.
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Entertainment

Scholastic BookFlix

- BookFlix is an early literacy resource where you can access fiction and nonfiction ebooks for kids ages preK to 3rd grade.
- These titles are thematically paired and designed to bridge learning-to-read and reading-to-learn. They include animated storybooks and activities for early learners and even feature some well-known celebrity narrators.
- You will need our library ID to access BookFlix. **The username is read101 and the password is read** (this is on our website).
- Only available as a web resource. Does not have an app.



This is what the BookFlix home page looks like.

BOOKFLIX

Title Search

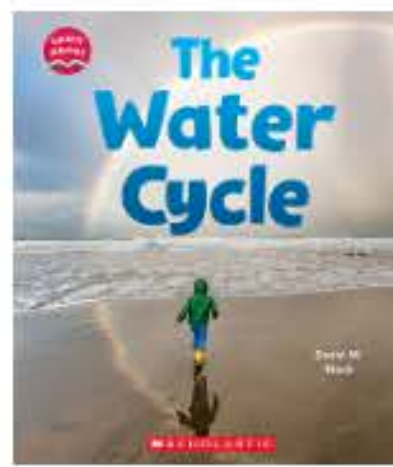


☐ Español



Featured Pair

Check it out!



Explore the world of reading!

Pick a category to find your next story.



Animals and Nature



Earth and Sky



People and Places



ABCs and 123s



Adventure



Family and Community



Celebrations



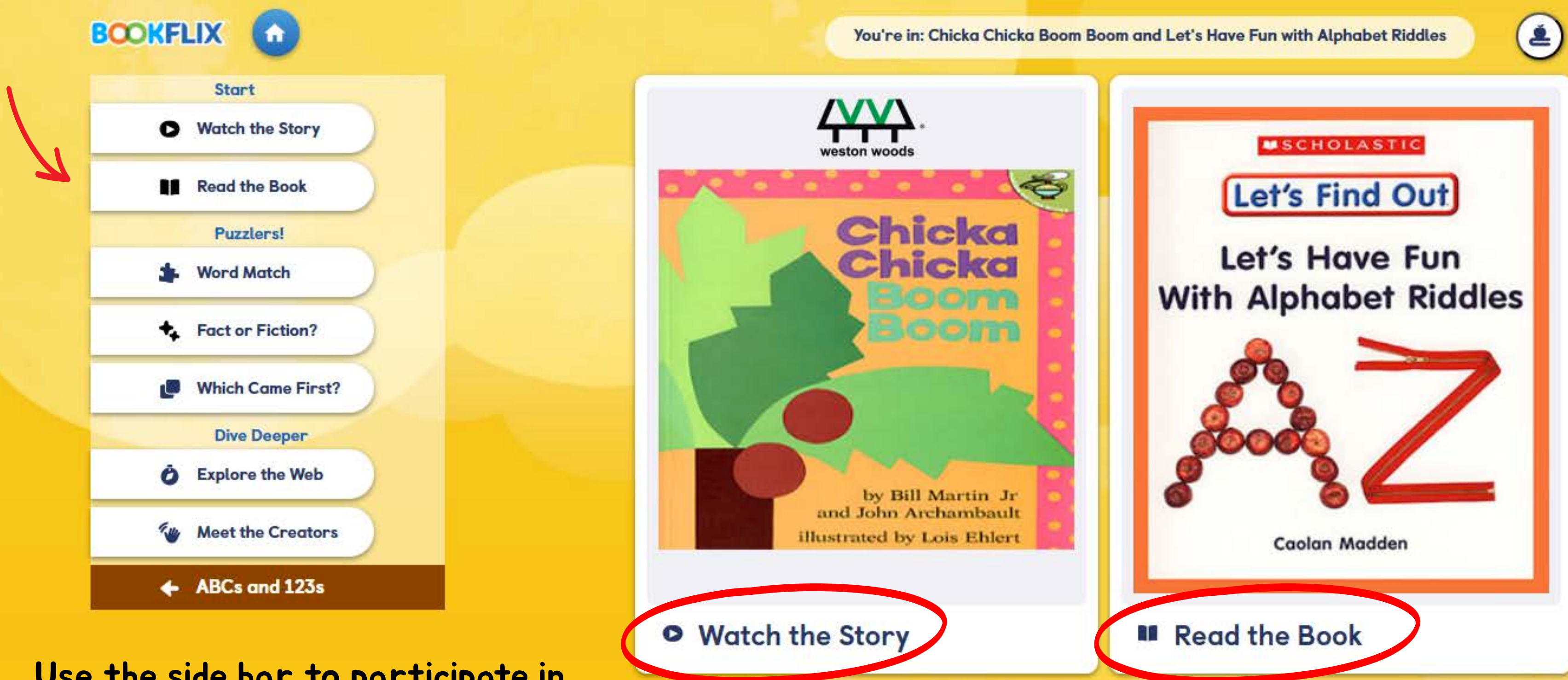
Music and Rhyme



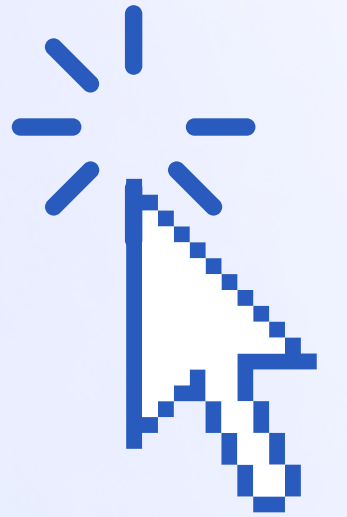
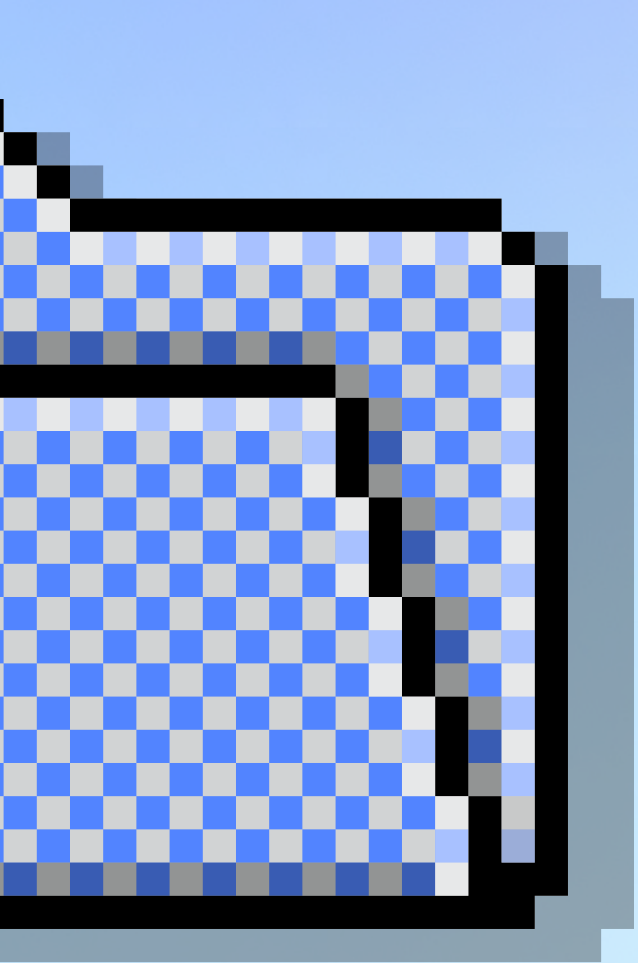
Imagination

You can select a category to browse titles, or you can search for specific books.

This is what a title page looks like on BookFlix.

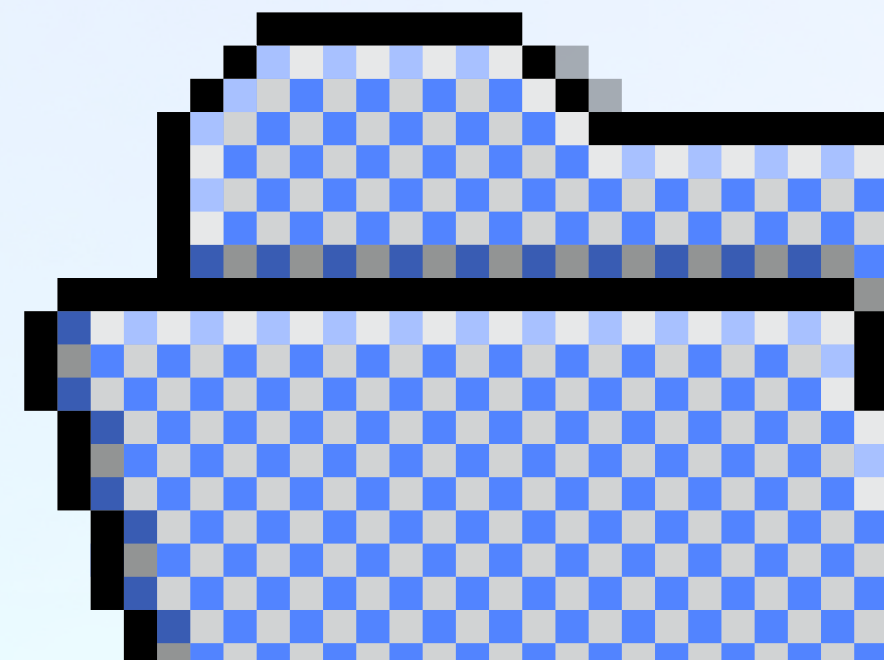
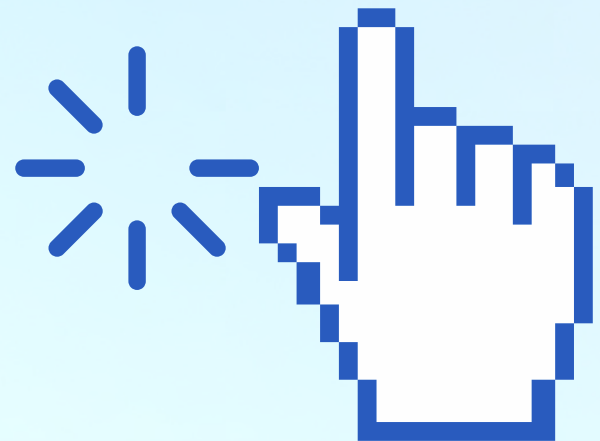


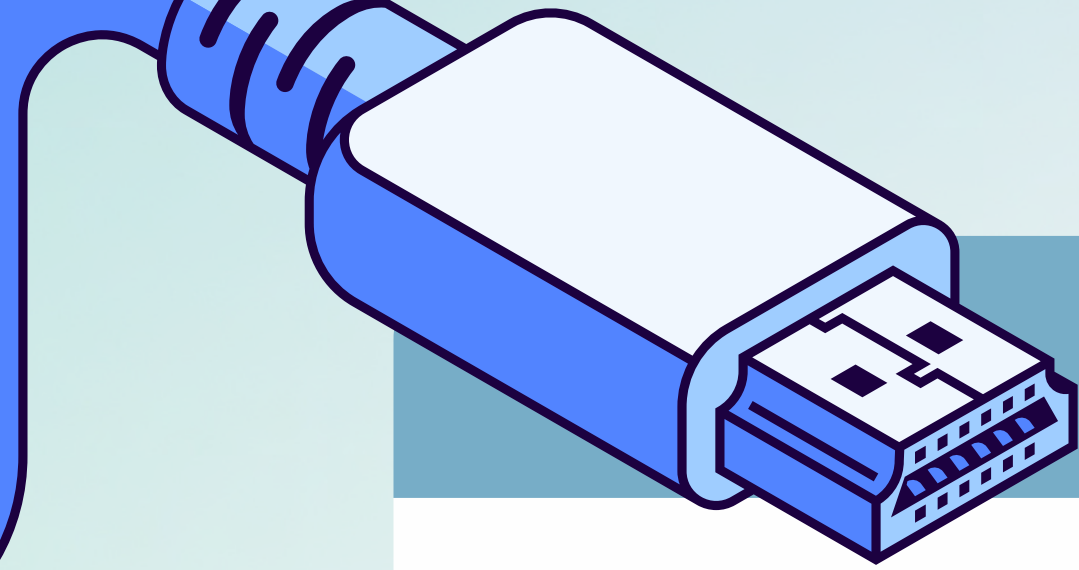
Use the side bar to participate in activities or view the story.



News

**Newsbank, The Detroit News, Macomb Daily,
USA Today**





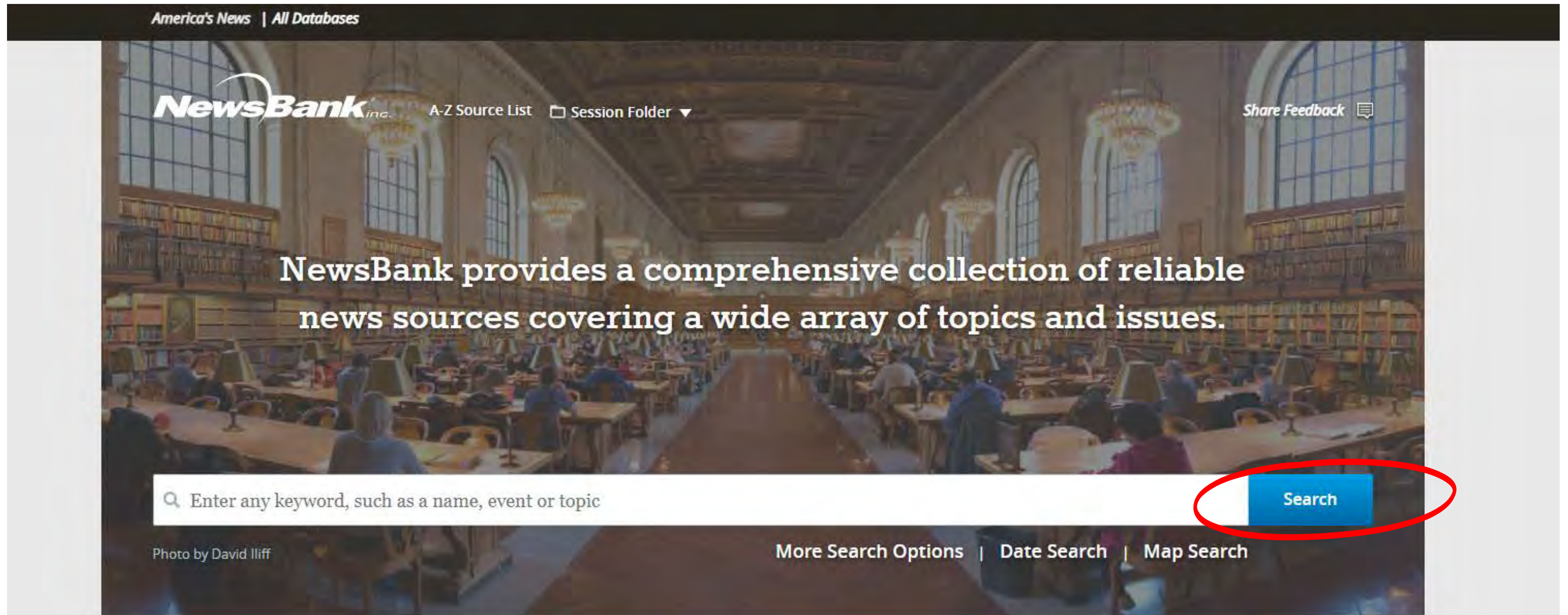
News

NewsBank

- NewsBank provides access to thousands of newspaper titles, including current and past issues of local titles like Macomb Daily and The Detroit News. NewsBank has been established for over 50 years.
- You will need your library card and PIN to use NewsBank (as well as our other news databases).
- Must be accessed via web browser. Desktop has the best formatting, but mobile shouldn't have any major issues.



This is what the NewsBank home page looks like.



You can select a category to browse titles, or you can search for specific keywords.

Suggested Topics

Quick Links

*Trending Now

17 UN Sustainable Goals

>Events Holidays Observances

Hot Topics

This is what a search result looks like on NewsBank.

NewsBank inc.

New Search A-Z Source List Session Folder ▼

macomb

Search

Advanced Search

693,270 Results | Hide Duplicate Articles ? | Save Search | Create Alert

Sort by

- Best Match
- Newest
- Oldest

Date selector

1980 - 2029 (Decades)

Apply

Date search

From

To

Select Articles 1 - 60

100+ criminal cases risk dismissal The Board of Commissioners votes today on hiring a special prosecutor to remedy the dilemma.

April 15, 2025 | Bay City Times, The (MI) | Cole Waterman - Cole_Waterman@mlive.com | Page 002 | Lexile: 1390, grade level(s): >12

Preview

Detroit News, The (MI): Page 4

April 15, 2025 | Detroit News, The (MI) | Detroit, Michigan | Page 4

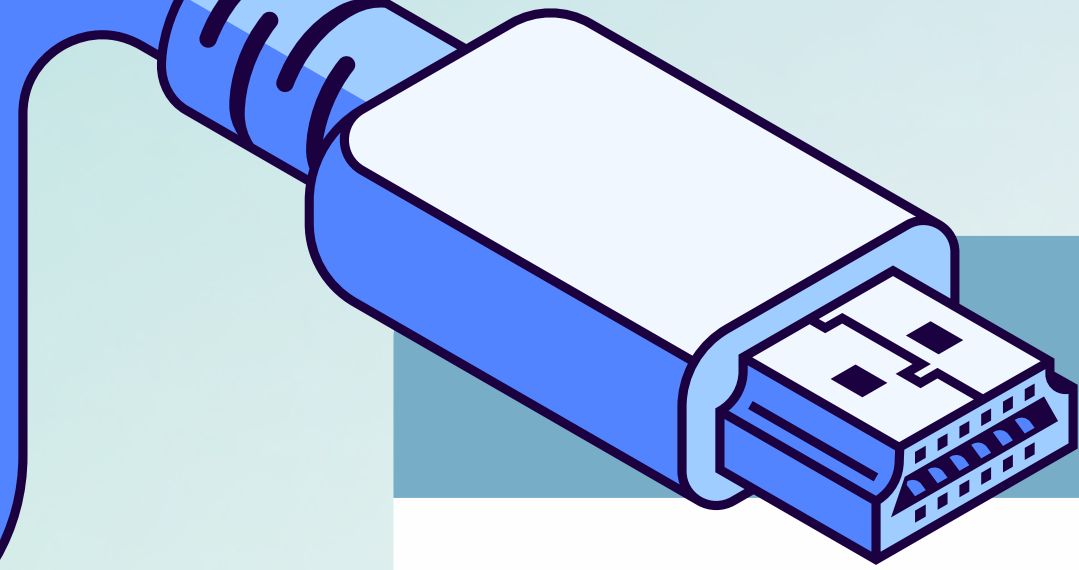
Preview

Michigan class sizes go high as reading scores go low - Number of kids allowed goes against recommendations

Preview

You can scroll through results or use the filters on the left hand side to eliminate unwanted results.

Click on a title to view the document. It will open a reader, with options to download, print, etc.



News

The Detroit News, Macomb Daily, and USA Today

- The Detroit News, Macomb Daily, and USA Today are all provided through Newsbank. You can access their collections directly from our website for easy browsing, or you can do your own searching through Newsbank.
- All three newspapers can be read in full text or full image format.
- You can browse issues by date or read the latest issue. You can also manually search for keywords (events, names, etc.)



This is where you can easily browse local news.

Suggested Topics

***Trending Now**

17 UN Sustainable Goals

>Events Holidays Observances

Books and Authors

Business and Economics

Civics Government Politics

Criminal Justice

Diversity Equity Inclusion

Education

Environment

Health

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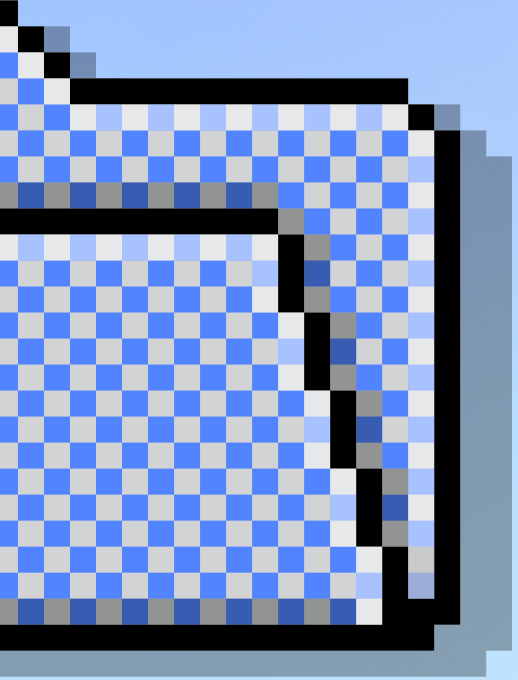
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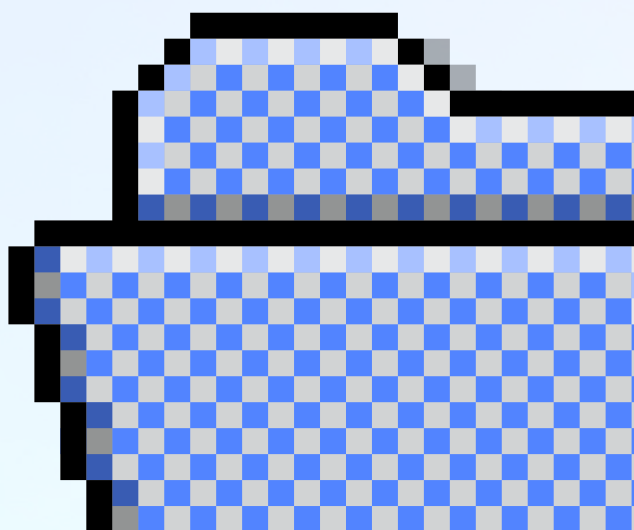
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