

**Bolton
Council**

Information

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Bolton
Library and
Museum Services

Bolton Library and Museum Services are committed to providing you with the same useful, accurate and timely information at home as we would in our Libraries!

Our eLibrary

Your membership gives you free instant access to a wide range of eBooks, eAudio books and eMagazines: <https://www.boltonlams.co.uk/libraries/elibrary>

If you're not a member join online! <https://bolton.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN>

You can use a temporary membership number to access our e-Services.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/discover-library/online-information-resources>



Online Information Resources

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Our information resources are easy and free to use. All you need is the 8-digit borrower number on your library card. (If you are using a smart card, please enter the 8-digit number written on the reverse of the card).

eBooks and eAudiobooks from Borrowbox

<https://fe.bolindadigital.com/bolton>

Our eBook and eAudiobook service allows you to download eBooks onto your computer, eBook reader, tablet or smartphone. They are completely free to borrow and there are no overdues. Loans simply expire after three weeks. You can borrow up to six eBooks and six eAudiobooks at any one time.

To use this service you will need:

- to be a member of Bolton Libraries - anyone who lives, works or studies in Bolton can [join the library online](#)



- your library card number – this 8-digit number prefixed with 16P (e.g. 16P01234567) can be found on your library card underneath the barcode
- your PIN -this is the first four digits of your date of birth, unless you have changed it. If you have forgotten your PIN please use [contact us](#) for assistance
- to have access to the internet

For accessing Borrowbox via a tablet or smartphone click [here](#).

For accessing Borrowbox via a pc or e-reader click [here](#).

eMagazines from RBDigital

<https://www.rbdigital.com/greatermanchester/service/magazines/landing?>



Read full digital copies of your favourite magazines for free from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Borrow an unlimited number of magazines to keep forever or delete when you want.

[RBDigital](#) magazines can be read on a variety of computers and mobile devices. The RBDigital app is designed for offline reading.

To access the magazines through an app it must first be checked out while you are online through the website - You cannot checkout new titles though the app alone.

Instructions on how to create an account and download magazines are available [here](#).

Ancestry Library Edition – Family History Resource

<https://bolton.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/LOGINB?RDT=/spydus.html>



Thanks to Proquest, Ancestry Library Edition is now accessible from home for the duration of our closure period. Users will need their 8-digit borrower number and PIN. Please click the link above to access the site and choose Ancestry Library Edition.

Help for Home schooling

Here are some links which can help with home schooling and homework, whether you're starting from scratch or following a scheme.



Online Resources for Children and Students

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/discover-library/online-resources-children>

Bolton Libraries have a range of online resources designed especially with children and students in mind.

All you need is the 8-digit borrower number on your library card. (If you are using a smart card, please enter the 8-digit number written on the reverse of the card). If you aren't currently a member, please see the [Join the Library](#) page.



Hungry Little Minds

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

This website brings together resources and activities for children under 5, including apps for smart devices.



BBC Tiny Happy People

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Tiny Happy People is full of resources to help you develop your child's communication skills. There are simple activities and play ideas, as well as advice and guidance about your child's development.

Online Courses

Staying at home might be an opportunity to learn a new skill, broaden your knowledge or even develop your career.

The following websites provide access to FREE online courses. Please note: most of these require registration with an email address and some sites include paid for courses.



Open University

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>

Produced by The Open University all **OpenLearn** courses are free to study. There are nearly 1000 free courses across 8 different subject areas and the courses are available to start right away.



Edx - free courses from the best universities

<https://www.edx.org/>

Over 2500 courses offered for free from 140 institutions. Founded by Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 2012, edX offers high-quality courses from the world's best universities and institutions to learners everywhere.



FutureLearn

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>

A diverse selection of courses from leading universities and cultural institutions from around the world. Courses are delivered one module at a time with multiple accessible options so you can fit learning around your life. Please ensure that you choose the free option.



Learn My Way

<https://www.learnmyway.com/>

Free courses from the Good Things Foundation on using a computer, browsing the web, sending an email and finding work online.

<http://www.codecademy.com/>



Learn to code interactively for free. Learn to build a website interactively for free using SQL, Java, HTML & CSS, JavaScript and much more.

COVID 19 Information and Guidance

Here you can find information, advice and guidance about the coronavirus. This information is updated regularly and is provided by authoritative sources



UK Government

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

This brings together all the most up to date information about COVID 19 and how to keep yourself and your family safe and healthy. It also includes advice for businesses and employers.



NHS Coronavirus Hub

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

This is the NHS site full of [advice](#) and [information](#), and includes a [symptom checker](#).



Bolton Council

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/news/article/683/coronavirus-update-and-advice>

Bolton Council will provide a [daily update](#) on how services are adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Keyworkers and parents of vulnerable children can find information about education provision for their children [here](#).



Public Health England

<https://phelibrary.koha-ptfs.co.uk/coronavirusinformation/>

The Public Health England Knowledge and Library Services Team have developed a comprehensive set of information resources about the virus, its symptoms and how to promote public health.



If you are concerned about any misinformation that may be in circulation concerning COVID-19, refer to the [Coronavirus Misinformation Tracker](#) provided by NewsGuard.

Medical Research

If you would like to find out more about the coronavirus and the work being done to combat it, several publishers have made their medical research journals available for free during the COVID 19 outbreak.



The British Medical Journal

<https://www.bmj.com/coronavirus>

The BMJ has collected all their coverage of the coronavirus outbreak from across the BMJ's journals and learning resources. All articles and resources are freely available.



Oxford University Press

<https://academic.oup.com/journals/pages/coronavirus>

The OUP has made content from their online resources and journals freely accessible to assist all who are working to address this health crisis or wish to find out more about the ongoing fight against the virus.



Elsevier

<https://www.elsevier.com/connect/coronavirus-information-center>

Here you will find expert, curated information for the research and health community on the virus and its effects. All resources are free to access and include guidelines for medical professionals and patients.



Cochrane

Cochrane Foundation

<https://www.cochrane.org/coronavirus-covid-19-cochrane-resources-and-news>

Cochrane collates high-quality information about health-related research for health professionals, carers and researchers.

This page highlights content relating to the coronavirus pandemic and the various related activities that Cochrane is undertaking in response.

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