

## Our Mission

*The library encourages literacy by sharing resources and experiences that nurture curiosity, education, and growth to create a connected and thriving community.*

*Library Policies include, but are not limited to:*

- Lost and damaged items will incur replacement costs.
- Please report any damage you notice before checking material out to avoid charges.
- Limit 20 items per card, five DVDs.
- One-week checkout for DVDs.
- Three-week checkout for books and audiobooks
- Three automatic renewals unless an item is on hold.
- Limit two eBooks at a time.
- Rules of Behavior and other policies are available at the front desk or by scanning the QR code on this brochure.
- Late fees are .15¢ per day for books and \$1.00 per day for DVDs.
- Children under 18 are late fine-free!



*"Access to knowledge is the superb, the supreme act of truly great civilizations. Of all the institutions that purport to do this, free libraries stand virtually alone in accomplishing this mission."*

- Toni Morrison.



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# Big Rapids Community Library

## Hours

**Monday to Friday**  
**11:00 am- 6:00 pm**  
**Saturday**  
**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**





## Programs

### Early Literacy

# ABC

The library is the place for early learning! Play and learn on our AWE computers or check out our extensive collection of children's books. Join us for storytime and programs like 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, AtoZ Kits, or enjoy the Literacy Playground in the park for a day of free play!

### Summer Reading & Fun for Families

Summer Reading is fun for all ages! Sign up, attend programs, and read all summer long to earn prizes.

### So much more!

Author talks, book discussion, outdoor films, craft kits, Homebound Delivery, lit subscription boxes, music, playgroups, storytelling, and scavenger hunts. The library is your place to connect and learn!

## Library Cards

You will need valid photo identification and proof of your current address to get a card. Library cards are free to residents of Big Rapids and contracted townships. Non-residents can purchase a library card for an annual fee. For more information, please see library staff.



### Your Account

Access your account online at [bigrapids.biblionix.com/catalog](http://bigrapids.biblionix.com/catalog) with your library card barcode and PIN, the 10-digit phone number on your account.

Some features include:

- Auto-renewals
- Lobby Pick-up
- Notifications by text or email
- Place a reserve
- Subscribe to favorite authors

### Our Collection

Your library card gives you access to a collection of over 55,000+ books and movies to check out and enjoy. Plus, access to eBooks and audiobooks through Libby.

We even have board games!

## Services

### Libby

eBooks, audiobooks, Kanopy streaming films, all at your fingertips with the Libby app:  
<https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby>

### MeL.org

You can request items from other libraries in Michigan! To view your MeLCat patron record, select your library from the list of participating libraries. From your record, you can check the status of your requests, cancel requests, and renew MeLCat materials. For in-depth, MeLCat help, please contact your library staff. Find helpful eResources here:  
<https://mel.org/az.php>

### Niche Academy

- [my.nicheacademy.com/bigrapidslibrary](http://my.nicheacademy.com/bigrapidslibrary)
- eResource training is always available
- video tutorials
- links directly to library resources

### Computers & Wi-Fi

Need access to the internet? We have a computer lab and free Wi-Fi to get you connected. Copy, fax, and print for a small fee per page.

