

Parent Guide

To Library Services



Corpus Christi Public Libraries
CorpusChristiTX.gov/library
Phone: (361) 826-7000

Digital Resources

Available on Library Computers:

- ABCmouse.com

Educational Resources:

- kedt.pbslearningmedia.org

Virtual Programs and Storytime:

- corpuschristitx.gov/department-directory/libraries/events-programs/virtual-programs/
- storylineonline.net
- storycub.com

TexShare Databases for Kids:

- Gale Presents: Miss Humblebee's Academy
- Gale Presents: National Geographic Kids
- Gale in Context: Elementary
- Gale in Context: Middle School
- Gale in Context: High School
- Gale OneFile: High School Edition

Visit texshare.net in the library or ask at the circulation desk how to gain access from home. Active CCPL card required for home use.

For Parents:

- Sign up through brightbytext.org/ for free parenting advice by text.

CCPL is not responsible for any content found on websites outside of CorpusChristiTX.gov/library. It is recommended to monitor your child's computer usage and be cautious when following links.



Children's Area

Our children's areas include:

- Juvenile Computers with filtered internet searching
- Board books
- Easy readers
- Picture books
- Chapter books
- Nonfiction
- Books on CD
- Books with a CD
- Vox Books
- Music
- Movies
- Magazines
- Spanish and bilingual material
- The McDonald and Hopkins libraries have areas where children ages 0-5 and caregivers can play quietly together
- Sensory Room at La Retama Central Library. Contact 361-826-7000 for details and reservations

The selection at each branch will vary.

Programs

All six Corpus Christi Public Libraries (CCPL) offer free programs and events for all ages. Our children and teen programs include:

- Family Storytime
- Games and Virtual Reality
- STEM Activities and LEGOs
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Seasonal Reading Programs
- Arts & Crafts
- Special Guests
- And More!



Visit <https://corpustx.readsquared.com/Events.aspx> to see a complete calendar!

Children in the Library

The library does not provide the degree of supervision that children need.

Children under the age of 15 should be accompanied by an adult or older sibling while visiting the library. Adults supervising children are responsible for the child's behavior and observance of rules:

- Use inside voices.
- No running or rough play.
- Take care of library books, furniture and toys.

Please see the CCPL policies on the website for a full list of behavior expectations.



Collection

Our Juvenile section (ages 0-12) and our Teen and Young Adult sections (ages 13+) have material that may not be appropriate for all ages or all readers within the designated sections.

- The same book may not be appropriate for a 1-year-old and a 12-year-old even though they are in the same section.
- The same book may not be appropriate for a 13-year-old and a 17-year old even if they are in the same section.

Parents should be aware that children also have access to all materials in the library. It is the parent's responsibility to be aware of what their child is reading and to guide them to materials appropriate for them.

Help your children become information literate by showing them how to evaluate whether information is appropriate for their maturity level, interest level, and reading level. Please ask a librarian for recommendations to consider or if you need assistance finding something.

Youth Library Card

Getting a Card for Your Child

- Parent/guardian approval required.
- The parent/guardian who opened the youth library card account is the account guarantor. See policy 200.03.1 about adding a second guarantor.
- Documents needed:
 - Proof of address and photo ID for each account guarantor.
 - ID for the child (school ID, report card, birth certificate, or insurance card with their name on it).
- Use your temporary password to log into the account and change it to a more secure password.

Responsibilities

- Guarantors are responsible for monitoring card use, material selection, use of all resources (including the internet), and all fines or fees incurred.

Accessing Account Information

- The guarantor(s) of a youth account will need to present their ID and, if available, the youth library card, to access account information at the circulation desk.
- Visit <https://corpustx.bywater.solutions.com/> to access the catalog and check your account.
- Stay informed by changing your account message settings to receive an email or text notification every time items are checked out or returned.