



LEARN SOMETHING NEW

It's always interesting and fun to learn about new things. Non-fiction books are a terrific way to explore new interests and the library is the place to start. Learn how library staff and online resources can help you search for books on several topics.

This week's activities: Discover Non-Fiction – Sharing New Skills

Suggested materials:

- Paper
- Pen or pencil
- A library card (It's free.)

Discover Non-Fiction

Maybe you are planning to adopt a new pet and need to know how to care for it. Or you want to learn how to paint with watercolours. Is there something else you'd like to learn? Here's a list of subjects to give you some ideas:

Animals
Art
Biographies
Castles

Countries
Crafts
Dinosaurs
History

Horses
Jewellery Making
Music
Pets

Robots
Space
Sports
Technology

Non-fiction books are an excellent way to find the five **Ws** of a topic: Who, What, Where, When and Why. Sometimes there is an **H** – How. **Who** invented or discovered something? **Where** was an athlete born? **How** do you make a volcano or knit a scarf?

When you've picked a topic, the next step is finding the information using the library's resources.

LIBRARY CATALOGUE

Search the **Library Catalogue** at the library or at home by visiting hpl.ca. If you visit the library in person, ask Staff to help you find information.

1. Choose **SUBJECT** from the dropdown list of the “Search by” option. In this example, we’re looking for information about Vikings. If your search isn’t producing any items related to your topic, try searching by **KEYWORD**. The keyword option broadens the search field by looking for anything that might mention that subject.

The screenshot shows the search interface of the Hamilton Public Library website. At the top, there are links for "Help" and "Log In / My HPL". Below that is a search bar with the word "vikings" entered. To the left of the search bar is a "Search by" dropdown menu set to "Subject", with other options like "Keyword", "Title", and "Author" available. At the bottom of the search bar are buttons for "Advanced Search" and a magnifying glass icon. The footer of the page includes links for "Branch Hours", "Contact Us", and "Maintenance".

2. Our first search generated over 375 possibilities. Use the **filter** options on the left side of the screen to narrow your choices. Here you can choose the format, the audience, and the kind of content (we're looking for non-fiction).

The screenshot shows a library catalog interface with the following details:

- Subject search:** vikings
- Active Filters:** Book, Children, Non-fiction
- Sort by:** Relevance
- Results:** 1 to 10 of 50 results
- Items shown:**
 - Viking** by Love, Carrie. Format: Book - 2007. Call Number: J 948.022 LOV. Available. Options: For Later, Place hold.
 - You Wouldn't Want to Be A Viking Explorer** Voyages You'd Rather Not Make by Langley, Andrew. Format: Book. Available. Options: None shown.

3. When you find an item you are interested in, you can find out more about it by clicking on the title or searching on the shelves using the **Call Number** listed. In the example above, the call number is J 948.022 LOV. You can also place a **Hold Request** on the item you would like to read using your library card.

You can also find information using any of the library's [online resources](#).

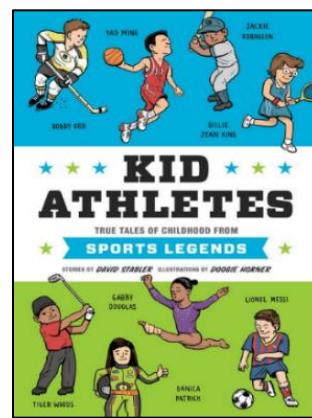
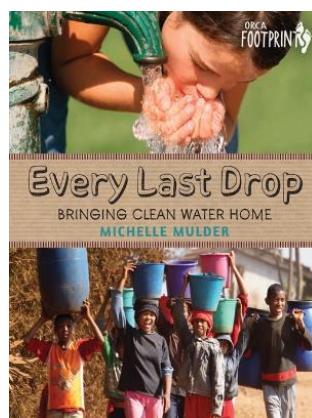
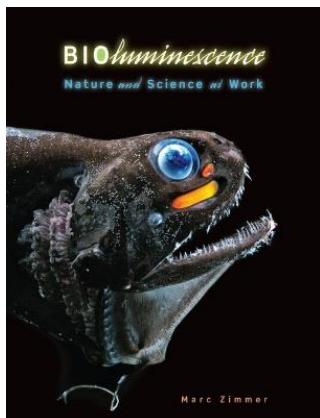
Sharing New Skills & Information

Discovering new skills and information is terrific. How can you share what you've learned? Here are some ideas:

- If you read about a sport and discovered new techniques, practice and show your family or friends.
- If you learned a new craft, you could make something for yourself or someone in your family.
- You could also show someone how to use the library catalogue to find out about something in which they're interested.

Links to eResources:

Check out our [eBooks](#) on these topics:



Hoopla Kids offers some great titles. The book *What Are Nonfiction Genres?* by Valerie Bodden is an excellent introduction to Nonfiction. Check out *The Anti-Boredom Book of Brilliant Things To Do* by Andy Seed, for fun ideas that you can do by yourself or with friends and family.

You can get a library card hpl.ca/online-card.

If you would like to share one or all your creations, please take a picture and post it to social media using the hashtag, #HPLmakesomething.



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