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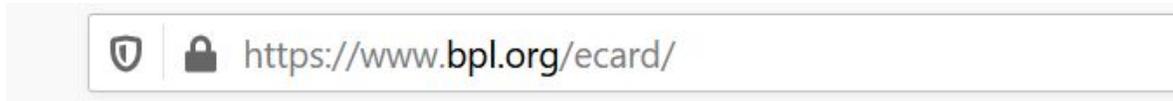
# Signing up for Boston Public Library eCard

## Get immediate access to the Boston Public Library Online resources

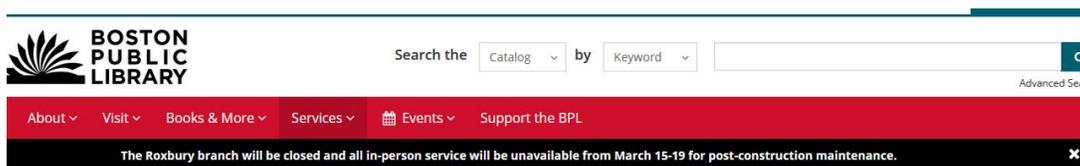
The Boston Public Library (BPL) eCard provides immediate and free access to all online resources such as E-Media (e-books, audiobooks, movies etc.), online learning and research materials. This is available to all full-time/part-time residence and those that work within Massachusetts.

### How to sign-up for the eCard

1. Type [www.bpl.org/ecard](http://www.bpl.org/ecard) into your web browser and press the enter key



2. You will be presented with the screen below. Click on “Register or Renew an eCard”



## eCards

If you are a Massachusetts resident and don't already have a Boston Public Library card, you can register for one online.

### Registering and Renewing Your eCard

- What's an eCard and how do I get one? ▼
- Am I eligible for an eCard? ▼
- Do I need an eCard if I already have a library card? ▼
- Is there anything my eCard can't do? ▼
- Am I eligible for an eCard as a property owner? ▼

### Get an eCard



[Register or Renew an eCard](#)



3. Verify your eligibility for an eCard by expanding and reviewing the statements in “Am I eligible for an eCard” section of the page

The screenshot shows the Boston Public Library website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Hours & Locations', 'Help', and 'Log In / My BPL'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Search the Catalog by Keyword'. A red banner at the top of the page states: 'The Roxbury branch will be closed and all in-person service will be unavailable from March 15-19 for post-construction maintenance.'

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[Register for an eCard](#) if you meet any of the following criteria:

- You reside permanently in Massachusetts.
- You are living in-state for most of the year to attend school.
- You commute to a Massachusetts employer on a sustained and regular basis. (Your primary place of work.) [Learn more.](#)
- You own property (real estate) in Massachusetts. [Learn more.](#)

**Other Restrictions**

Unfortunately, if you are a short-term resident staying in Massachusetts you are not eligible for an eCard. However, you can visit any of our locations and apply for a [research card](#) in-person at the [Central Library in Copley Square](#).

If you have any other card with the BPL, you are not eligible for an eCard (and don't need one!)

Children under 13 years of age are ineligible for an eCard due to COPPA restrictions.

If you have any questions about eligibility, please email [websupport@bpl.org](mailto:websupport@bpl.org).

Do I need an eCard if I already have a library card? 3.

Is there anything my eCard can't do? 3.

### Get an eCard

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4. Once you have verified your eligibility, click on the “**Register or Renew an eCard**” button shown above

**NOTE:** If you already have a physical Boston Public Library card, you will not need to apply for an eCard. The physical card provides the benefits of the eCard and more.

5. Upon clicking “**Register or Renew an eCard**” you will be presented with the screen below. Read and the click on the “**Proceed**” button.



# eCard Registration

## Getting Started

You do not need an eCard if you have a physical Boston Public Library card. Your physical card allows you all the benefits of an eCard (and more). Only one card of either type is permitted per individual. Use the button below to get started.

**You cannot renew a physical library card using this form.** Please renew physical cards at one of our locations.

If you encounter any difficulty using this form, please email [websupport@bpl.org](mailto:websupport@bpl.org).



6. Upon clicking “**Proceed**” you will be presented with the screen below.



## eCard Registration

### Eligibility

Is your primary, permanent residence in Massachusetts?

(If it is not, but you are eligible for another reason, select "No".) \*

Yes  No 

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If your current primary residence is in Massachusetts, select “**Yes**” and click on “**Proceed**”.

You will be presented with a second screen explaining your eligibility. Read and then click the “**Proceed**” button.



## eCard Registration

### Eligibility

You are eligible for an eCard as a Massachusetts resident.

Click **Proceed** and use your Massachusetts home address in the following form. If you have not yet moved to Massachusetts, please wait to register until you have completed your move.

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If you **are not** residing in Massachusetts, select “**No**”.

If you selected “No” on the previous screen, you will be presented with the below



## eCard Registration

### Eligibility

Are you currently attending school in Massachusetts this semester? \*

Yes  No 

If you are a student attending school in Massachusetts, select “Yes” and click on “Proceed”.

You will be presented with a second screen explaining your eligibility. Read and then click the “Proceed” button.

If you are not attending school in Massachusetts, select “No”.



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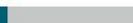
### Eligibility

You are eligible for an eCard as a resident student.

Click **Proceed** and use your Massachusetts residence address. If your school semester has not yet begun, please wait to register until you are residing in Massachusetts and attending classes.

**Please use the email address provided by your school so we may confirm your eligibility easily.** Using your everyday, personal email address may make your eligibility unverifiable and we may deactivate your account without warning.

If you are attending school remotely from elsewhere in the United States, please use the school's street address on this form. We are waiving the residency requirement during the current health crisis. You still must be currently enrolled at a Massachusetts school, however.

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If you selected “No” on the previous screen, you will be presented with the below



## eCard Registration

### Eligibility

Do you own real estate or land in Massachusetts? \*

Yes  No



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If you do not own property in Massachusetts, select “No”.

If you own property in Massachusetts, select “Yes” and click on “Proceed”.

You will be presented with a second screen explaining your eligibility. Read and then click the “Proceed” button.



## eCard Registration

### Eligibility

You are eligible for an eCard as a Massachusetts property owner.

Click **Proceed** and use the address of your Massachusetts property in the following form.

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If you selected “No” on the previous screen, you will be presented with the below

**NOTE:** This is the final option offered for eligibility for a Boston Public Library eCard



## eCard Registration

### Eligibility

Do you currently travel to your workplace in Massachusetts most days of the week? \*

Yes  No



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If you travel to Massachusetts for work and work most of the days in the week then, select “Yes” and click the “Proceed”.



## eCard Registration

### Eligibility

You are not eligible for eCard registration.

Only people who live in, own property in, or commute to work in Massachusetts are eligible for our online services.

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If you are not currently employed in Massachusetts, you will receive this screen explaining that you are not eligible for an eCard.

7. Upon selecting “**Yes**” on either of the preceding four (4) eligibility questions, you will be presented with **eCard Registration** form shown below
8. Complete all required fields on the **Contact Info** form (*indicated with the red asterisk “\*”*), and click on “**Proceed**”

## eCard Registration

**NOTE:** The verbiage here may vary depending on the selection made, however the form will be the same.

### Contact Info

You must provide your valid Massachusetts home address.

First name \*

Middle name or initial

Last name \*

Street address \*

No P.O. boxes.

Apartment, unit, suite, or floor number, if applicable

City or town \*

Please make sure city matches [USPS default label](#) for ZIP Code.

State  
MA

ZIP Code \*

Characters used: 0 out of 5.

Phone number

For example, here is the verbiage we show if you selected the student options

Contact Info

You must provide the valid Massachusetts address where you reside while attending school.

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9. Complete all fields on the **Other Info** form, and click on **“Proceed”**



## eCard Registration

### Other Info

Your birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY) \*  
You must be 13 years or older.

Email address \*  
Must be unique to this individual.

Confirm email \*

Please make note of the PIN you select. For your security, it will not be sent in your confirmation email.

#### Are you renewing?

If you have an existing eCard, what you enter below **will not** update your PIN.

PIN \*

4 digits (0-9) to use as your password.

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Confirm PIN \*

Characters used: 0 out of 4.

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**NOTE:** If you are a student, **you must** use the email address supplied by your school



9. You will be presented with a **Confirmation** view as below. Review and click on **“I Agree”** to complete your registration



## eCard Registration

### Confirmation

Verify that this information is correct. Errors may be corrected using the back button below.

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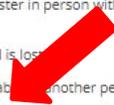
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Birthdate:

By selecting "I agree" below, I am affirming that:

- The information submitted on this form is accurate and complete.
- I am an individual who lives, owns property, is a resident student, or works in Massachusetts. (Corporations, institutions, and other organizations are not eligible for eCards.)
- I am 13 years of age or older. (Children under the age of 13 may register in person with a parent's or guardian's signature.)
- I will notify the library immediately if my address changes or my card is lost.
- I understand that my card is for my personal use and is not transferable to another person.

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**Congratulations you are now able to apply for a Boston Public Library eCard**