



Austin Public Library Virtual Outreach

Work Force Solutions Provider Advisory Council Meeting

April 29, 2021

Today's Topics:

- About the Library
- Getting a Library Card
- Borrowing Books and More
- Online Resources for young children
- Online Resources for Parents
- Programs and Events
- Play Read Grow Workshops
- Questions and Answers

About the Library



About the Library

- Central Library, 2017
- Austin History Center
- 20 Neighborhood Branches
- Bookmobile & Book Bike
- Recycled Reads Bookstore



Getting a Library Card

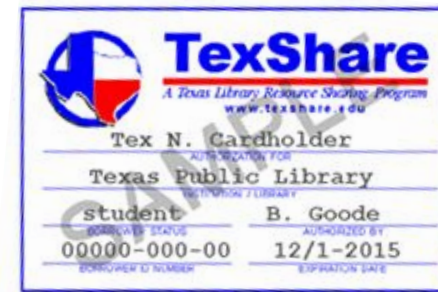
- Free to residents within Austin city limits
- Youth cards available with parent/guardian signature
- Free student cards for children in AISD and Del Valle ISD (regardless of where they live)



Getting a Library Card

Not an Austin resident?

- TexShare card from another library system – physical materials only
- E-Card – virtual materials only
 - \$22 per year
- Full-service non-resident card
 - \$120 per year
 - \$30 per quarter



Getting a Library Card

Two Ways to Apply

- Online
- In-person during open hours

You'll need:

- Current photo ID
- Proof of address



Borrowing Books and More

- 50-item limit
- 21-day checkout
- Late fees
 - \$0.25 per day for adult items
 - No late fees for youth items



Borrowing Books and More

Curbside Pickup (Current)

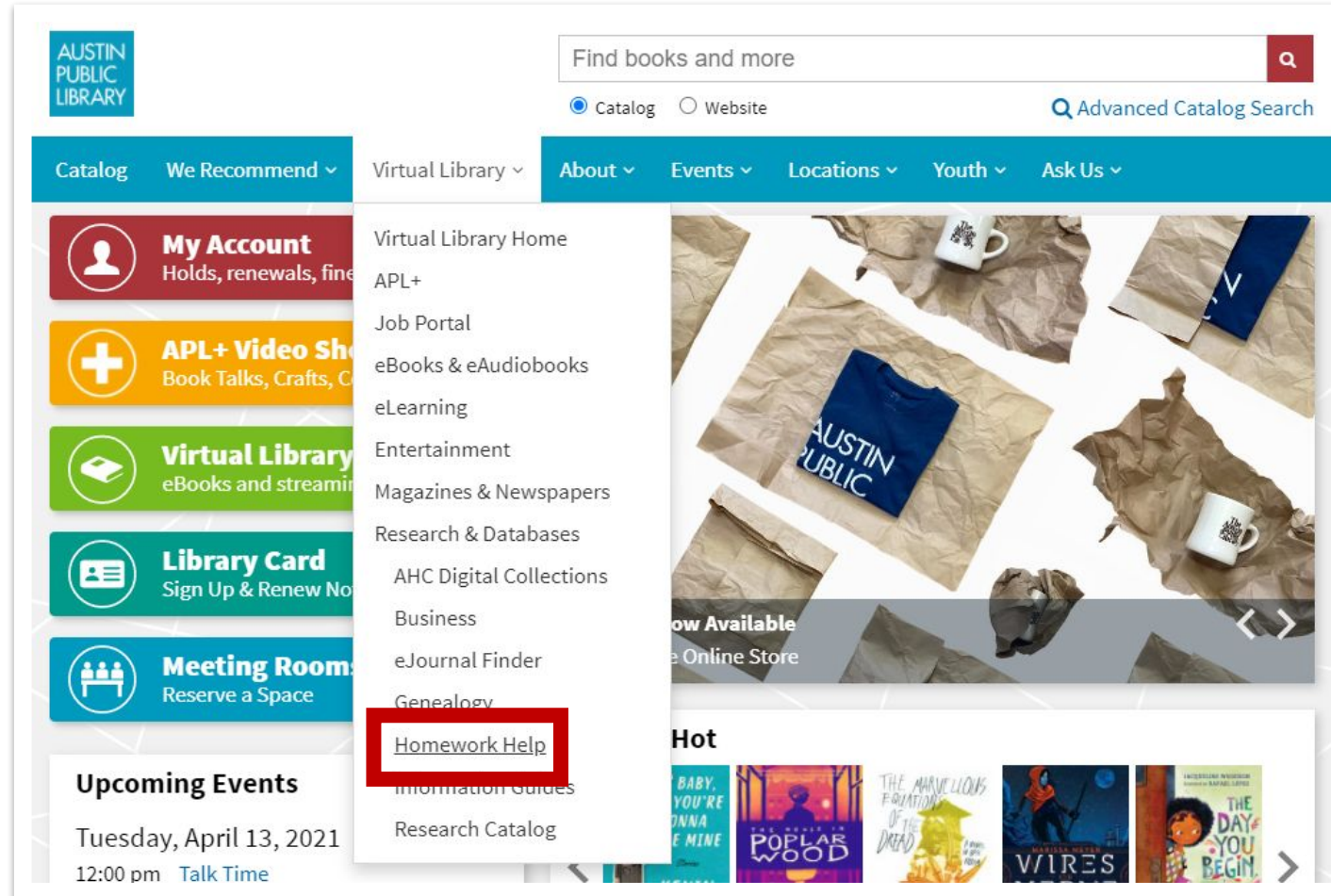
- Place items on hold
- Pickup when ready

Express Services Browsing and Checkout

- Select locations reopen May 10
- Most locations on June 28



Online Resources for Students



Online Resources for Children and Youth

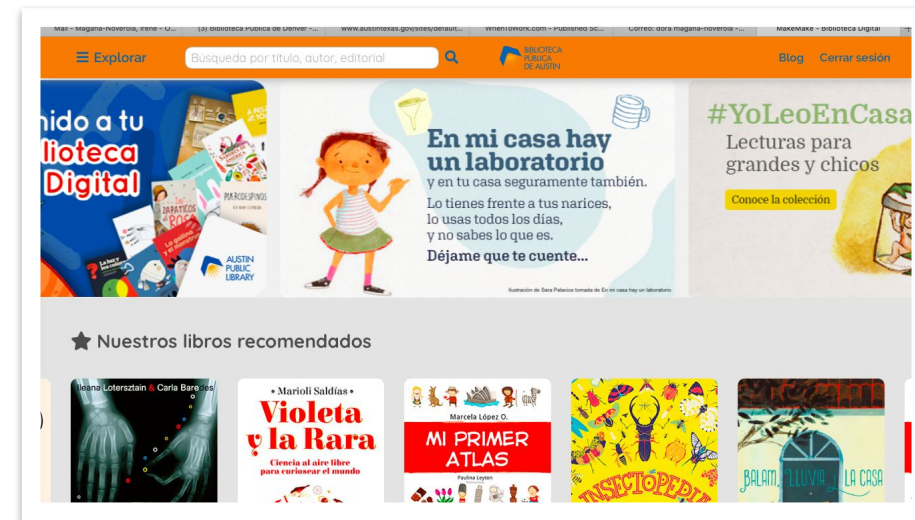
TumbleBook Library

- Animated, talking picture books
- Educational games and puzzles
- Books in Spanish and French



MakeMake

- 700 Spanish-language eBooks for children, including picture books
- Spanish interface and search



Online Resources for Students

[Libby | OverDrive](#)

- E-Books, audiobooks, magazines

[hoopla digital](#)

- digital movies, music, audiobooks, e-Books, comics

[Kanopy](#)

- more than 30,000 streaming movies and documentaries



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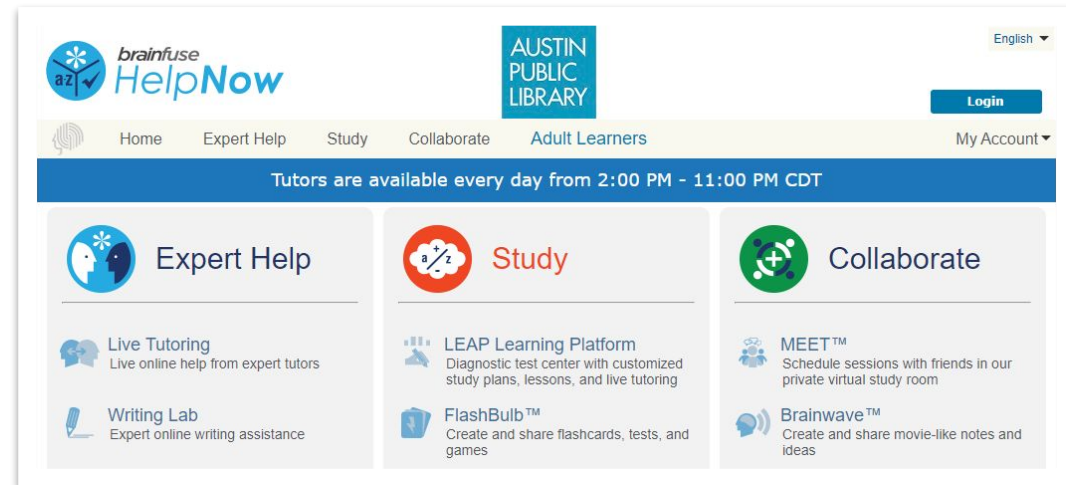
Online Resources for Students

Brainfuse HelpNow

- Online tutoring for students in grades K-12
- Available daily from 2 to 11 p.m.

Other Resources

- Online encyclopedias
- Primary sources databases
- Practice tests for AP exams, SAT and PSAT



Online Resources for Parents

The screenshot displays the Austin Public Library website interface. At the top left is the "AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY" logo. A search bar with the placeholder text "Find books and more" and a magnifying glass icon is located at the top right. Below the search bar are radio buttons for "Catalog" (selected) and "Website", and a link for "Advanced Catalog Search". A horizontal navigation bar contains links for "Catalog", "We Recommend", "Virtual Library", "About", "Events", "Locations", "Youth", and "Ask Us". On the left side, there are five main service tiles: "My Account" (Holds, renewals, fines), "APL+ Video Store" (Book Talks, Crafts, etc.), "Virtual Library" (eBooks and streaming), "Library Card" (Sign Up & Renew Now), and "Meeting Rooms" (Reserve a Space). A dropdown menu is open under "Virtual Library", listing resources: Virtual Library Home, APL+, Job Portal, eBooks & eAudiobooks, eLearning, Entertainment, Magazines & Newspapers, Research & Databases, AHC Digital Collections, Business, eJournal Finder, Genealogy, Homework Help, Information Guides, and Research Catalog. Below these tiles is an "Upcoming Events" section showing "Tuesday, April 13, 2021" at "12:00 pm" with the event "Talk Time". The main content area features a large image of a blue "AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY" t-shirt and a white mug on brown paper bags, with text "Now Available" and "e Online Store". Below this is a "Hot" section displaying book covers for "BABY, YOU'RE ONNA MINE", "THE MARVELOUS EQUATION OF THE DEAD", "THE VOICES OF POPLAR WOOD", "VIRES", and "THE DAY YOU BEGIN".

Online Resources for Parents

Job Portal

- Find help for creating an email address, making a resume, and searching for jobs
- Request a meeting with a job coach to help with your job search

Job Portal

This Job Portal was created during the COVID-19 Pandemic as a way for Library staff to offer help to the Austin community through a challenging and uncertain job market.

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|  | Get an Email Address | + |
|  | Create Your Resumé | + |
|  | Write Your Cover Letter | + |
|  | Search for Jobs | + |
|  | Prepare for Interviews | + |
|  | Get Job Coaching | + |
|  | Explore Careers | + |
|  | Explore Skills & Training | + |
|  | Explore Resources for Diverse Populations | + |
|  | Know Your Rights & Benefits | + |
|  | Understanding Unemployment | + |

Online Resources for Parents

LearningExpress Library

- View computer tutorials
- Improve reading and math skills
- Prepare for career and licensing exams
- Study for the GED exam

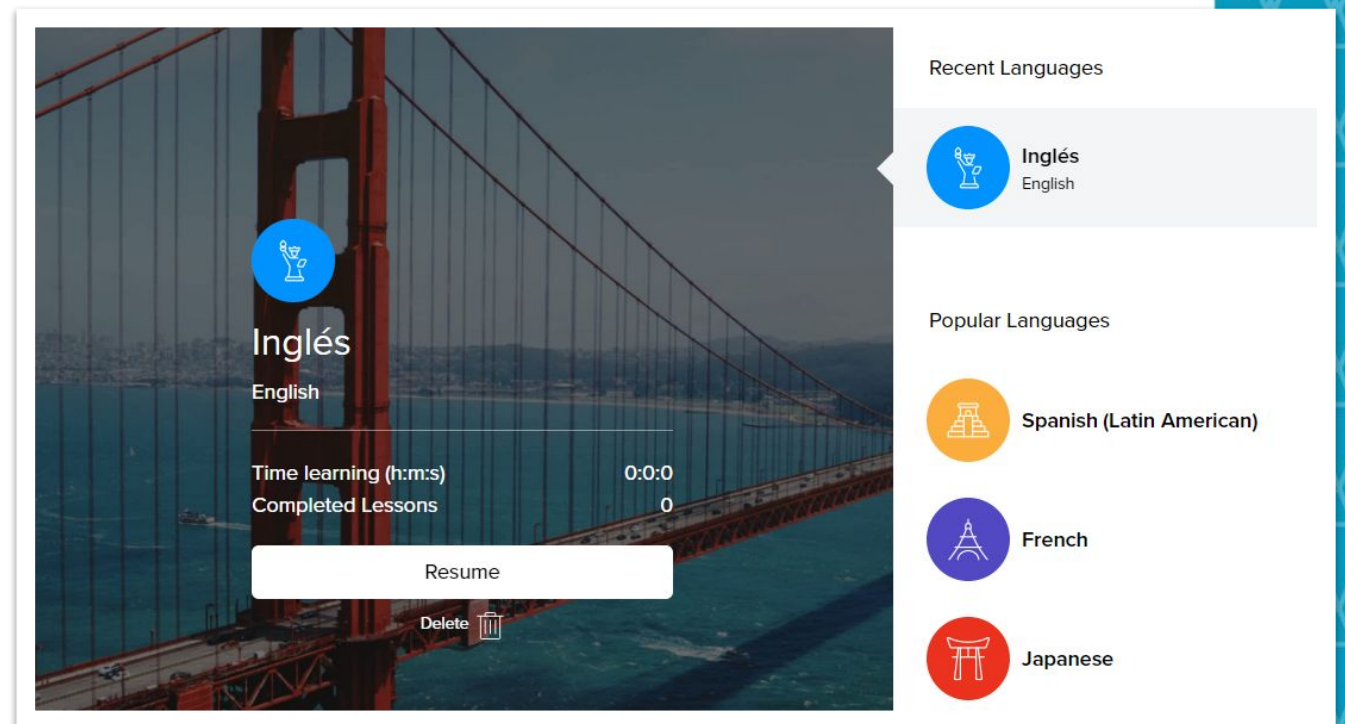
The screenshot shows the LearningExpress Library website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Find Tests, Tutorials, eBooks." and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is the "Austin Public Library" logo and the "EBSCO LearningExpress®" text. A navigation bar contains links for "Home", "Sign In/Register", "Contact Us", and "Help". The main content area features a grid of eight resource cards, each with a representative image, a title, and a brief description.

| Resource | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Career Center Plus | Make your work goals a reality—start a new career or advance in your current field. |
| Job & Career Accelerator | Powerful tools and guidance to achieve your career goals. |
| High School Equivalency Center | Guided support and preparation to help you earn a high school equivalency credential. |
| College Admissions Test Preparation | Prepare for important exams like the ACT®, SAT®, AP® Tests, and more. |
| School Center | Skill-building resources for classroom and homework success. |
| College Success Skills | Tools for navigating campus, your courses, and life. |
| College Center Plus | Achieve your undergrad goals and prepare for future success. |
| Adult Core Skills | Achieve your personal education and career goals. |
| Computer Skills Center | Video courses to learn popular software and computer basics. |
| Recursos Para Hispanohablantes | Herramientas de aprendizaje, carrera y ciudadanía en español. |

Online Resources for Parents

Mango Languages

- Learn more than 70 world languages
- More than 20 ESL/ELL courses



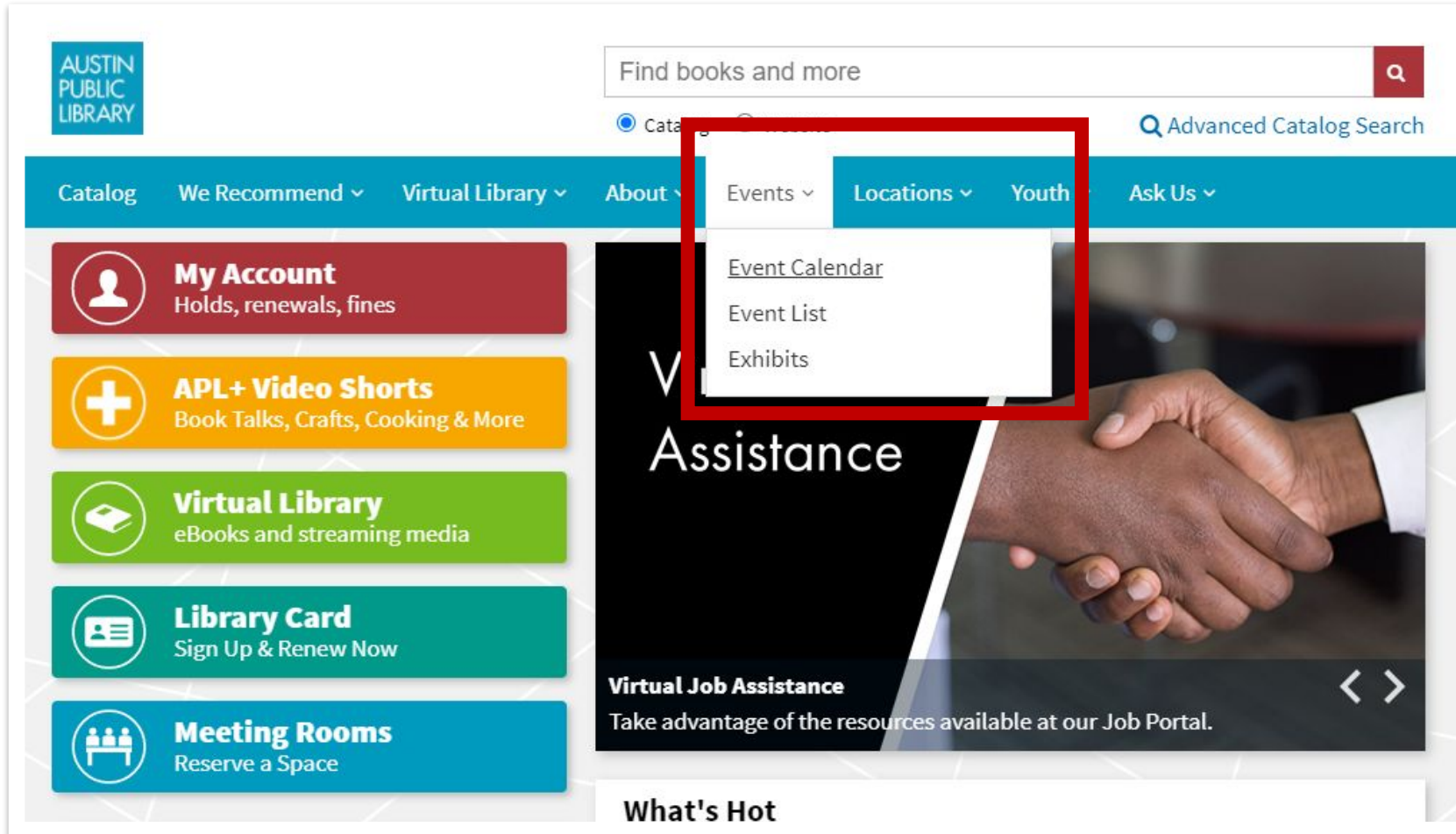
Programs and Events

APL+

- Video content created by Austin Public Library staff
- Content for adults, teens, children, and world language speakers
- Available 24/7



Programs and Events



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Live Virtual Events

- Programs for children, teens, and adults
- Access online through Microsoft Teams
- Require registration

| May 2021 | | | | | | |
|----------|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 |
| | | | | | | Talk Time Hablemos Inglés 10:00 am Online Event |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| | | Virtual Read-Watch-Talk The Martian 7:00 pm Online Event | Just for Teens: Teen Council Social Hour Meet members of the Teen Library Council 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Online Event | Virtual YA For Adults Book Club Frankly in Love 7:00 pm Online Event | | |
| | | | Virtual LGBTQIA Book Club The House in the Cerulean Sea 7:00 pm Online Event | Virtual Controversy & Conversation An American Ascent 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Online Event | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | Graphic Novel Book Club The Low, Low Woods 6:30 pm Online Event | Talk Time Hablemos Inglés 12:00 pm Online Event | Talk Time Hablemos Inglés 11:00 am Online Event | Talk Time Hablemos Inglés 5:00 pm Online Event | El Club de lectura 6:00 pm Online Event | Talk Time Hablemos Inglés 10:00 am Online Event |
| | | | Virtual Adult Story Hour | Virtual Read the World Book Club | | |

Programs and Events



Live Virtual Events presented through partnering organizations

- Storytimes
 - Spanish & ASL
- Book Clubs in Spanish
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- And more!



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