Main Library
21 South Arlington Avenue • 973-266-5600
Monday - Thursday 9 am - 9 pm
Friday 10 am - 6 pm • Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
Summer Hours:
Monday - Thursday 9 am - 8 pm
Friday 10 am - 6 pm • Saturday 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Ampere Branch
39 Ampere Plaza • 973-266-7048
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Elmwood Branch
317 South Clinton Street • 973-266-7050
Tuesday & Thursday 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Franklin Branch
192 Dodd Street • 973-266-7053
Monday & Wednesday 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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Board Meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the East Orange Room of the Main Library.

The Friends of the East Orange Public Library Meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the East Orange Room of the Main Library. Newcomers are welcome to attend.

For more information on these meetings, please call the EOPL Administration Office at 973-266-5607.
Getting Your Library Card

All East Orange residents are eligible to obtain a free Library card. You can also get a Library card if you live, work, go to school or own property in East Orange. You can register for a card at the Customer Services Desk of the main Library, or at any of the branches. You can also apply for a Library card online, by visiting the Library’s Web site. Non-residents can apply for a Library card for a nominal charge of $75.00.

Adult (18 yrs and older)
Adults must present proof of residency which consists of a current government issued photo ID with an East Orange address. Otherwise must present a Photo ID and current official mail dated within the last 30 days. Official Mail Includes: utility bill; credit card bill; telephone bill; lease or rental agreement; printout of current online bill statement; MV Registration; or insurance card. Online registration and renewals are available for anyone that does not have the proper proof of residency. P.O. Boxes are not acceptable. Personal mail, junk mail, magazine subscriptions or bulk mail is not acceptable.

Young Adults (8th thru 12th grade)
Children (6th & 7th grade)
Must present 2 of the following current items: school report card; school schedule; school photo ID; state issued photo ID; or college mail addressed to the young adult or to the parents of the young adult. OR their parent may come in with the student and present the above Adult information. If student is not able to provide a piece of acceptable information with their current address, they will be issued an East Orange Public Library Student card, and it will expire on August 31.

Children (Pre-K thru 5th grade)
Children must be present when parent applies for the card. The parent/Guardian must bring in the item(s) required for the Adult card.

East Orange Employee
Must present a current pay stub with employee name and address printed on the stub and a current photo ID.

East Orange Property Owners
Must present a current East Orange property tax or utility bill and a valid photo ID.

EOPL ReBL Patrons
Patrons in good standing may apply for a County Library Card which will allow them to use participating libraries in Essex County. This card requires the same ID as an East Orange Library Card and is valid for the current calendar year.

ReBL Patrons from Visiting Libraries
Must present a current home library card with ReBL sticker attached and a current photo ID.

Our Branches
EOPL maintains three Library Branches throughout the city: Ampere, Elmwood, and Franklin. All three branches have up-to-date fiction and non-fiction collections that include children’s books, urban fiction, graphic novels and manga. The branches also provide computers with Word Processing Software and Internet access.

The Elmwood Branch is home to the Clean & Green Center Small Tools Library. Run by the City of East Orange’s Department of Public Works, the Small Tools Library loans residents equipment for small home improvement and maintenance projects.

The Franklin Branch shares a building with The Jersey Explorer Children’s Museum (JECM). One of the first non-profit children’s museums in the country to display true-to-life, interactive exhibits, the JECM serves over 19,000 children who participate in the museum’s outreach programs.

All of the EOPL Branches offer children’s programs and crafts, as well as an extensive summer reading program. Please call the individual Branch for further information.
**Junior Services**

EOPL is a great place for children. We have an extensive collection of materials designed to meet the literacy needs of children from birth through 7th grade.

We invite tots and elementary school children, along with their caregivers, to stop by to check out books, use computers, or participate in one of our many family-friendly programs. Tots will especially enjoy the Toddler Room which was funded, in part, through the generosity of the The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills. Our programs include:

- Story Times
- Technology classes
- Homework Help
- Arts & Crafts
- Gaming
- Movies
- Cultural and Educational Entertainment
- and more

Educators are also invited to check us out and school groups are always welcome by appointment. We offer Library tours and school visits designed to introduce students to the variety of resources available at the East Orange Public Library.

**Teen Corner**

The Teen Department has many programs for students in grades 8 through 12. Our programs are designed to introduce teens to the Library and to encourage literacy through games, poetry, crafts and computer classes.

Challenging activities include inspiring teens with Creative Writing sessions; giving poets an opportunity for open mic sessions at Poetry Live; teaching teens to create knitted or crocheted crafts at our In Stitches program; and designing simple pieces with Jewelry Making workshops.

Creative teens can express themselves with Teen ‘Zine Scene. Here, writers, artists, rappers, poets, designers, musicians, dreamers and thinkers will create and distribute their own magazine.

For fun, EOPL holds Teen Movie Nights, Teen Video Gaming and craft programs.

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**Adult Services**

The EOPL Adult Department offers a multitude of services and programs for adults 18 and over. EOPL is here to meet all of your research needs, beginning with an extensive collection of reference and non-fiction books. EOPL also has access to a wide collection of electronic resources including the Auto Repair Reference Center, Oxford African American Studies, World Book Online, The Literary Reference Center, EBSCO Host and The Latino American Experience, to name a few. For your entertainment, EOPL maintains a wonderful collection of fiction and movies.

EOPL also offers adults many programs including:

- ESL Conversation Groups
- Jewelry Making
- Knitting and Crocheting workshops
- Book Clubs
- Tax Assistance
- Newly Released Movie Screenings
- Live Poetry Programs with Open Mic
- Seminars for Small Business Owners
- Get Fit Dance Lessons
- Book Signings and more.

**Serving Job Seekers**

EOPL is committed to Job Seekers with an extensive Career Collection that includes study guides and test preparation books. The Library also offers specialized on-line electronic resources that lead Job Seekers through:

- Writing Resumes and Cover Letters
- Evaluating Career Goals
- Testing Job Skills
- Self-Paced Learning Centers
- Conducting On-Line Job Searches
- Preparing for Interviews, and so much more

**For the Homebound**

EOPL provides outstanding services to homebound individuals who reside in East Orange and are temporarily or permanently unable to travel to the library due to illness, age or disability. We offer the homebound fiction, nonfiction, large print and audio books (on cassette or CD), and videos and magazines - all of which are available for delivery. We will take your request and deliver materials and books right to your home.
Technology Services

East Orange Public Library offers the community the tools to access the latest technology. We have over 100 internet and word processing computers for adults, teens and children for research, homework and entertainment.

Through EOPL’s Web site at www.eopl.org, and our Mobile App, the public can find out information about the Library’s programs and services. These “virtual branches” offer 24/7 access to your Library account, the Library’s catalog of holdings, and an extensive array of electronic resources.

Research Databases. The Web site offers customers 24 hours access to Research Databases offering thousands of articles from encyclopedias; journals and periodicals covering a broad range of disciplines including general reference, business, education, health, general science and multi-cultural issues; full-text biographies; a literary reference center; and readers’ advisories for children, teens and adults.

Some of our more popular resources include:

◆ World Book Online
◆ African American Experience
◆ Auto Repair Reference Center
◆ Learning Express Library
◆ EBSCO Host

Downloadable Audio Books and E-Books. Customers can also find the popular ListenNJ on the EOPL Web site where you can download popular and classic Audio Books and E-Books 24/7. Enjoy downloading free titles to computers, iPods, MP3 Players, or even cell phones, all from the comfort of home. Just visit the Library’s Web site and click on the ListenNJ icon to begin downloading popular novels, children’s books, foreign language learning titles, and classic works. All you need is a computer with an Internet connection and a valid Library card with a PIN that you set up at the Library. Online guides are available for help.

Computer Training. EOPL customers also benefit from an array of computer classes offered at The Center for Information and Technology. These include:

◆ Beginners: Mouse Clinic, Keyboarding and PC Basics
◆ Basic: Microsoft Word, Publisher and Access
◆ Advanced: Microsoft Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Web Design

Be a Friend to the Library

The Friends of the East Orange Public Library is a group of concerned citizens, and business, community and civic leaders who are dedicated to enhancing the Library’s services for its patrons and the community.

It is through the collaborative efforts of the Friends that EOPL is able to provide a broad range of services. The Friends facilitate new ideas by cultivating support from the community, sharing information and undertaking cooperative ventures to benefit the Library.

Fund-raising events such as the annual “Book Sale” and “Evening of Dance,” which are sponsored by the Friends, increase the Library’s budget to purchase computers, videos, audio books, and reading and educational materials. Cosponsored cultural events highlight local and regional talent in the areas of music, art, dance and poetry. In addition, the Friends provide the funding for the annual Summer Reading Program for the youth.

The Friends need your help to continue their good work. Besides helping to ensure that its many activities continue, a Friend’s membership entitles you to:

◆ Receive noteworthy publications and invitations to special events.
◆ Deduct your membership dues and additional contributions from your Federal Income Tax.
◆ Receive a complimentary “THANK YOU” tote bag.

Basic membership starts for as little as $25.00, and senior citizens (60+) and students can join for $15.00. For more information about the Friends, please call 973-266-5607, or visit the Library’s web site where you’ll find an application to join.