

The Discovery Kits are made possible by:

A federal Library Services and Technology Act grant, administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



Boston Public Library

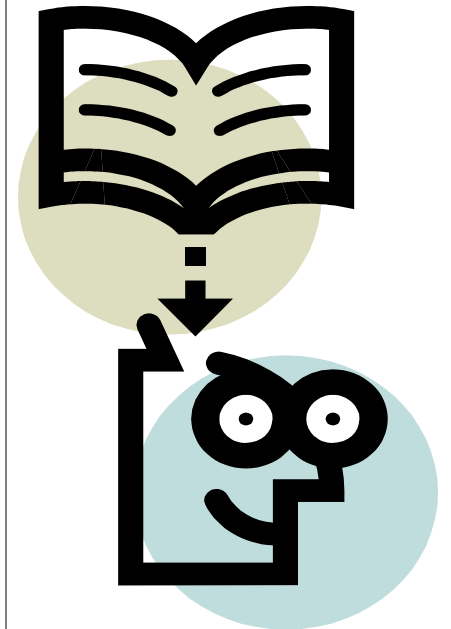
Boston Public Library
700 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
Phone: 617-859-2371

*Boston
Public
Library*



Books are just
the beginning!

**Discover the
world around
you!**

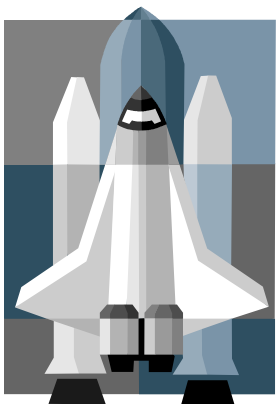


Boston Public Library

Tel: 617-536-5400

Discover the world around you with the following kits:

The Boston Public Library's Discovery Kits are intended for Boston students in grades



6-12. Subjects were chosen to be of special interest to students and to supplement their studies as well as to coincide with the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework.

The kits serve to capture the imaginations of teenagers

and link them to the library's expansive research collections. They contain documents and objects to pique the interest of teens. Teens will become aware of the value of library resources and detailed items collected by the BPL. The intent is to interest middle and high school students in doing their own research and exploring library materials.

Borrowing Discovery Kits

- Discovery Kits may be borrowed for six weeks on a first come, first served basis. One renewal is permitted.
- Kits are examined upon check-out and check-in, and the borrower will be charged a replacement cost for all missing or damaged items.

All kits will be checked out and returned to the Audio-Visual Department.

Discovering Patents

Discover the importance of patents in history and how to patent your own invention. Videos, books and pamphlets highlight famous inventors and their ideas and explain the patent process.

The Houses In Which We Live

Mini Kits: Restoring and Remodeling a House; Designing a New Structure to Fit an Existing Neighborhood; and How to Identify House Styles and Age

To inspire students to research the home in which they live and entire neighborhoods.

Immigration Boston's Ellis Island: A Century of Immigration

Mini Kits: Doing Your Own Family History; Oral History: Eyewitness History; Our Neighborhood Today: Understanding Our Own Culture, Introducing East Boston

Explore the experiences of Boston immigrants in the early 1900s focusing on entry into Boston and the opening of the Immigration station in 1919 and continuing with a look at where immigrants settled, using East Boston as an example.

Investing for Teens

Mini Kits: Students Rights; Kirstein Business Branch Resources; and Information on Financial Careers

Learn how to research a stock to make informed decisions about buying and selling. Those considering a career in investing will find plenty of information to help them make a decision and get the training they will need.

Murals of the Boston Public Library

Learn about the public art that is all around us. Students will learn about the world-famous murals at the Boston Public Library from conception through public reaction. This art includes works by John Singer Sargent, Edwin A. Abbey and Puvis de Chavannes.

Music Copyright and You

In the era of downloading music from the internet, this kit provides a timely look at a confusing topic. Students will learn about music copyright law including what it is, who it protects, why it's important and how to copyright original music.

The Science and Technology of Warfare

Mini Kits: Science Goes Boom: Bombs through History; Biological and Chemical Warfare

From early warships to spy planes, advances in technology have led to changes in the way people go to war. In the Middle Ages, battlements and fortifications were created to protect territories. Later wars were waged on the sea, in the land, and in the air.

Shakespeare: His World, Work and Influence

Mini Kits: Shakespearean Theater; Shakespearean Language; and Dark Lady of the Sonnets

Students will learn about the plays as Shakespeare would have seen them performed. Videos of his play and adaptations of his work as well as CDs of the music and songs from his plays bring Shakespearean theatre and poetry to life.

Transcendentalism

Minikits: Henry David Thoreau; The Transcendental Club and The Dial; Brook Farm

Discover Transcendentalism and the intellectuals who were inspired by this philosophical and literary movement. Using collections of photos, biographies, artwork, newspaper articles, letters and maps, learn about the whole communities such as Brook Farm in West Roxbury and were created by its followers.