

About This Guide

The Guilderland Public Library Research Guides are intended to help you find resources available in the Library's collection, through electronic databases provided by the Library, and on the Internet that can be useful when researching a particular subject. If you don't have Internet access at home, you can use one of the computers in the Library that are connected to the Internet.

Where possible, we've also included contact information for local organizations that might provide additional information. For obvious space reasons, this is not an exhaustive list. If you need more help with your research, **JUST ASK A LIBRARIAN!**



About the Library

Getting a Library Card: Library cards are issued to individuals ages 5 and older (for children ages 5-16, a parent's or legal guardian's signature is required.) Come to the Library and fill out a registration form. You'll need identification showing your name, signature and current address, such as a valid New York State Driver's License. If your mailing address is a post office box, you'll need proof of your actual physical address, such as a utility or phone bill. Some registration restrictions may apply.

Using Your Library Card: You can use your Library card at any of the 29 libraries in Albany and Rensselaer counties that belong to the Upper Hudson Library System. The first time you use your card, you are limited to four items. After that, the maximum number of items allowable on a patron's account at any given time is 50, or a maximum dollar value of \$1500, whichever comes first. Certain materials can be renewed, and renewals can be done over the phone or at our website. Call the Circulation Department at 456-2400 x8 if you would like to renew items or have more questions.

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English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)



ESOL Materials at the Guilderland Library

For Adults: ESOL materials include DVDs, computer programs, CDs, books, newspapers and newsletters. Nearly everything can be checked out.

If you are looking for adult ESOL materials, you'll find them together on the shelves in the large reading room, near the periodicals. The shelves have a large ESOL sign overhead and materials are clearly labeled "ESL." on the spines.

Two items are for in-library use only: *News for You*, a weekly ESOL newspaper; and *Hands-On English*, a monthly newsletter that is stored in a binder.

The Library also has a laptop loaded with Rosetta Stone® English Language-learning software, which can be checked out for two weeks for use at home.

For Kids: Most of the ESOL materials for children can be found in the Children's Department with call numbers **J 428**. These include the popular "Muzzy" video/audiocassette tapes.

Study Rooms: The Library has five study rooms – three in the Adult Services area and two in Children's Services – that can be used by ESOL students and their tutors. Rooms can be reserved up to two weeks in advance; use is limited to two hours a day.

Library Databases: Electronic databases available through the Library's website (www.guilpl.org) offer resources for researching ESOL topics or studying English. These include:

ProQuest Platinum – a searchable file of more than 2,000 magazines and journals, with many articles in full text.

Testing & Education Reference Center – Practice tests on many ESL-related topics, including TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication.)

ESOL Information on the Internet

There are many excellent resources on the Web for researching ESOL topics, finding ideas to use in tutoring sessions, or for practicing ESOL skills. You will find many resources – for both ESOL tutors and their students – assembled on our own website, www.guilpl.org/adult/esol.php. The following are a few suggested websites.

www.eslpartyland.com

This site is for both student and teacher. Includes interactive quizzes, discussion forums, lesson plans and materials.

www.eslcafe.com

Compiled by "The Internet Godfather of ESL," Dave Sperling, this website is a great resource of tutoring ideas, activities, idioms, quizzes and more, submitted by ESOL teachers around the world.

www.esl-lab.com

Interactive listening exercises categorized as easy, medium and difficult. Includes long conversations with RealVideo.

www.esl-lounge.com

An excellent resource for ESOL activities, materials, games, and teacher forums. Click on their "links" for hundreds of other ESOL websites.

www.englishpage.com

Many free online and printable English lessons and ESOL resources.

www.englishclub.com

A web-based club for EFL/ESOL students and teachers around the world. Lots of great worksheets and a newsletter filled with tutoring tips, quizzes and discussion topics.

www.eslus.com/eslcenter.htm

Sponsored by INTERLINK Language Center, this site offers online lessons, quizzes, short stories, idioms, listening and pronunciation exercises.

Local Organizations

For more information about ESOL tutoring opportunities, ESOL instruction, or at-home ESOL Study, the following groups can provide help:

Literacy New York Greater Capital Region
1510 Central Avenue
Suite 305
Albany, NY 12205
518-452-3382
www.literacynycap.org

Capital Region BOCES
1015 Watervliet-Shaker Road
Albany, NY 12205
518-862-4800
www.bocescaereertech.org/CTEAdulteducation.htm

Capital District Educational Opportunity Center
Hudson Valley Community College
80 Vandenberg Ave., Troy, NY 12180
518-629-HVCC
www.hvcc.edu/catalog/programs/cdeoc.html

University at Albany's Intensive English Language Program
University at Albany, SUNY
135 Western Avenue - RI 291
Albany, New York 12222
518-442-3870
www.albany.edu/ielp

University at Albany's ESOL Master Class program
For registration and information email
SUNYTESOL@yahoo.com or call the TESOL program at
518-442-5010