

Did You Know We Had That?

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It's always a fun time of year when the weather turns, and people start to think about indoor projects or planning for the next year just around the corner. When patrons stop by the library for ideas or inspiration, we're always happy to help point you towards a useful book or resource. A lot of times though, I find that sharing the wonderful resources the library has for free results in a look of surprise and a reply that usually includes "I didn't know the library had that!" Well, here's your chance to know ahead of time about all the great things the library can assist you with in your winter preparations.

Are you last minute wondering about gift ideas? Check out our Memory Lab or 3D printer! In the Memory Lab, you can digitize old photos, vhs tapes, cassette tapes, and more. We'll train you on how to use the equipment and software and provide support as needed. If you think it sounds too technical, think again. We've had patrons with very little computer savvy be able to complete their projects with just a little bit of practice. Best of all – it's free! If you sent your vhs tapes to a company to digitize, they can charge up to \$1,000 or more. Take advantage of this great free service we offer to the community and call the library to set up an appointment to get started. You can also make a reservation through our digital resources page on our website (more about those great resources later). Our 3D printer is a great and cost-effective way to make customized kitchen and garden doodads, artistic knick-knacks, or small puzzles and toys. We've streamlined the print request process through our website, and you only need to pay a nominal cost for the materials and time of the printer.

Do you have someone in your life preparing for college entrance exams, placement tests, or professional certification or licensure exams? The library has a variety of preparation courses and practice tests online – for free! Everything from the ACT and SAT to Nursing or CDL exams. Preparation courses can cost hundreds of dollars – not to mention the time and gas spent traveling to where they decide to hold the course. The library has materials for a variety of fields.

Setting a goal to make time for that artistic hobby or to craft a project as a gift? The library provides free access to Creativebug with your library card! You can check out thousands of workshops and daily or weekly practice sessions for all sorts of arts and crafts. Each class is divided into manageable sections, and you can go at your own pace. It's easy to search for the classes that interest you by topic or even instructors that you find easy to follow and understand. You can get started by clicking on the link from our digital resources page.

There are even more great things that the library has, but I don't have space to share them all here, so stop by or give us a call. We'd be happy to help you find your next helpful resource or great read. The library is located at 17 N. Broadway and is open to the public Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.