The following are steps that you can take to find books, audiobooks, electronic books and audiobooks, DVDs, online journals, and much more.

Steps to finding information at the library
Finding books when you are not in the library
Go to bcslibrary.org

Select “Books, Music, Movies” and then put title, author, or keyword in the search bar
Then you will come to this page.

If you are in the library you will be on this page to start
What is a Keyword?

A word that serves as a key to finding related items. If you know some words in the title, know the character in the book, or the name of the author, just putting in that word will bring you closer to your book.
If you want a book on pigeons, just type that word into the search box
Use the filters in the left hand column to narrow down your search. If you want fiction, English language, Juvenile chapter books and just what our library has, then choose the boxes that are checked.
If you know the name of the author of a book, just put their last name first, then a comma, and then their first name.
Or just put the author’s first name and then last name and it still works!
Or you can change the search by from “keyword,” to “author,” then put their last name first, then a comma, and then their first name.
If you want an audio book, then change this box to sound recording
Audio books are CDs where someone reads the entire story to you.

Audio Books are just the CD without the book.
Read-a-longs are the book and CD.

Both are in the Youth Services department at the library.
Look for this number which will tell you how many books are in. If the number is zero, then they are all checked out. Remember to limit your search to just our library if you want the book right away.
If the number is zero or if the book is only at the Bryan library, you will need to hit the Place Request button.
After you press that button, you will see this screen. Put your library card number and your password number in the boxes. Then hit “log in.”
If you want to know more about the book, hit “Full Display.”
Some of the titles will have a list of the series, similar titles, and reviews.

Be sure to check out all the information.
If you want additional information about the book or if parents want honest reviews concerning age appropriateness, go to Amazon.com and usually the first couple of reviews are professional journals. These journals are the views of teachers and librarians and they will be honest about what’s in a book and the if it’s appropriate for your child’s age.
If the book has a J then number and letters, it’s a non-fiction book

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If the book has a JF or JE, then just letters it’s a fiction book

JF
Pilkey
JE
Brown

If the book has a JB and then letters, it’s a biography or autobiography

JB
Washington
Juvenile Graphic Novels are on the wall next to the windows.

Picture Book Concepts are on the shelves surrounding the librarians.

Picture books are in the bins in the Youth Services department.

Juvenile Fiction books are on the tall shelves.

Juvenile Biography books are on the tall shelves that are parallel to the windows.

Juvenile Non-Fiction are on the tall shelves.

Beginning Readers are on the wall next to the windows.

Picture Book Concepts are on the shelves surrounding the librarians.
If you need to find an online journal, click on the Magazine, Newspaper Articles tab.

Usually online journals have the latest information on a subject.
If you are in the library, you will go directly to this page. If you are not in the library, a login page will appear. Use this code:

Logon: RMN1051  
Password: TX77803

Look around at all of the cool subjects before you click on one.
Put your keyword in the search bar. If you only want the whole journal (magazine) article, then check “Full text. You can also limit to a certain magazine or date.
And your journal (magazine) article will be there!
If you want an electronic book, go to bcslibrary.org and look for these two boxes on the front page:

Click on the box for a list of electronic books and electronic audio books.
You will need to download the OverDrive app or the OneClick Digital app. Follow the help instructions that will guide you on how to download.
If you want to choose a book, click on borrow. If it’s out, click on “place a hold,” and when it’s ready, you can borrow it.

You can borrow up to 3 books. You borrow them for 2 weeks. After 2 weeks, they check themselves in, so you don’t have to do it.
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We truly appreciate your input!