Getting a library card

To get a Public Library of Chelsea library card, you have to go in person.
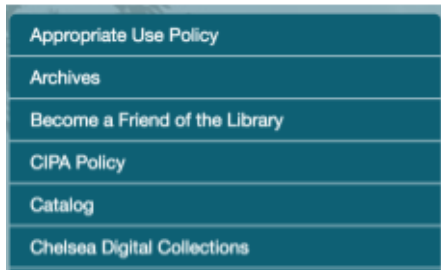For help getting to the library, scroll down on the library's page and click on "Directions to the Library".

To find out if you're able to get library card, from the Library's main page, scroll down until you see "Frequently Asked Questions" on the left.

Click "Can I get a library card? What do I need to do so?" to see what documents you need in order to get your free library card.
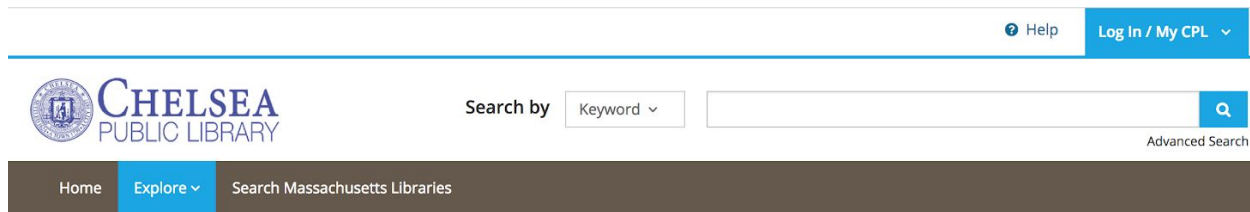
Click here to see how you can use your Boston Public Library card in the Public Library of Chelsea and vice-versa. For how to get a Boston Public Library Card see our Boston Public Library Tutorial.

Using the Catalog and logging in

To get to the catalog, click the "Catalog" button on the left side of the page.
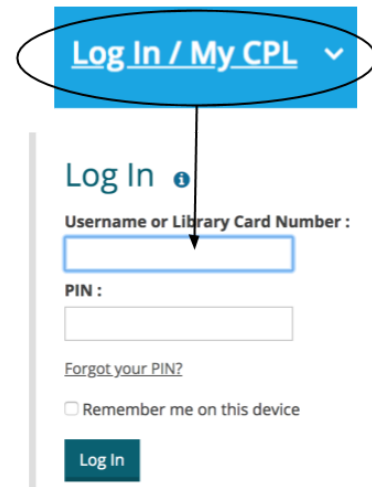
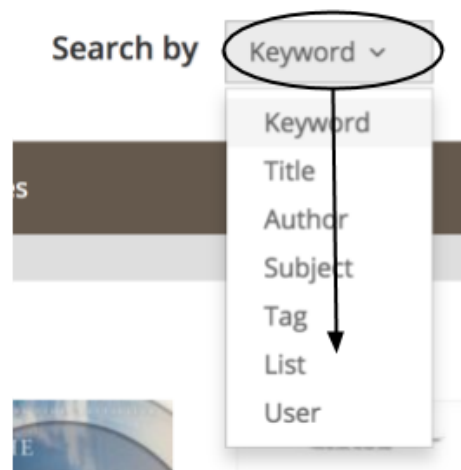This will redirect you to the Public Library of Chelsea's Catalog page.

If you already have a library card, logging into your account is easy!

Click "Log in/ my BPL" in the upper right corner and put in the card number on the back of your library card and your pin.

Follow the instructions to finish setting up your account

Using the Catalog is easy! Whether you know exactly what you are looking for or not, click where it says "Keyword" and select the best option for you from the dropdown menu.

Then type what you're looking for in the search bar. For example, if I wanted to search for the book "The Color Purple" it would look like this:
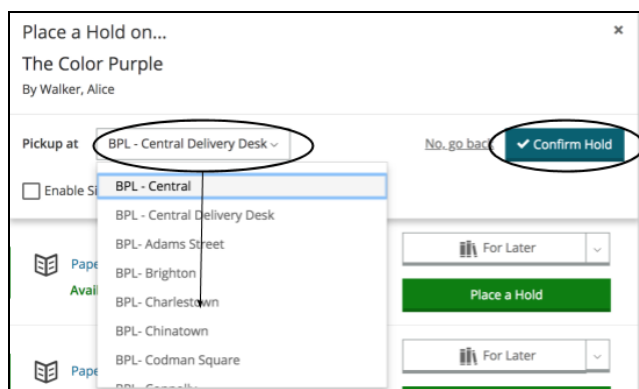
Search by Title ∨   The Color Purple   🔍

Advanced Search

📚 **Books** ∧
- ☐ Book (37)
- ☐ eBook (11)
- ☐ Paperback (9)
- ☐ Large Print (1)

🎧 **Audiobooks** ∧
- ☐ Audiobook CD (2)
- ☐ Streaming Audiobook (1)

🎥 **Movies & TV** ∧
- ☐ Streaming Video (10)
- ☐ DVD (2)

You'll see that there are many results, you can narrow them down using the categories on the left side of the screen.

When you've found the item you want to check out, click the green "Place a hold" button, choose the location you want to pick it up at, and click "Confirm Hold"

Place a Hold on...   ✕

The Color Purple
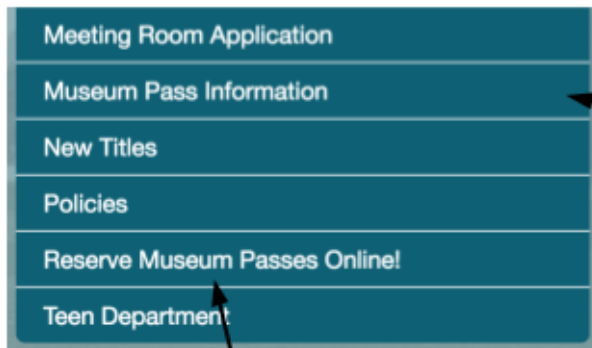By Walker, Alice

Pickup at   BPL - Central Delivery Desk ∨   No, go back   ✔ Confirm Hold

☐ Enable S
- BPL - Central
- BPL - Central Delivery Desk
- BPL- Adams Street
- BPL- Brighton
- BPL- Charlestown
- BPL- Chinatown
- BPL- Codman Square

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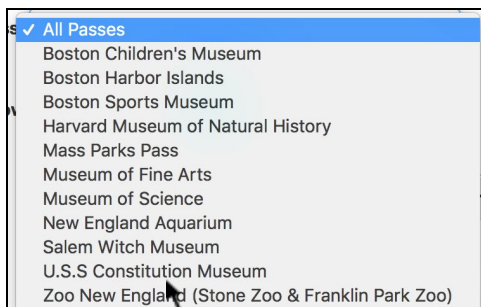📚 For Later ∨

Place a Hold

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This same process can be used to find ebooks, audiobooks, videos and music.
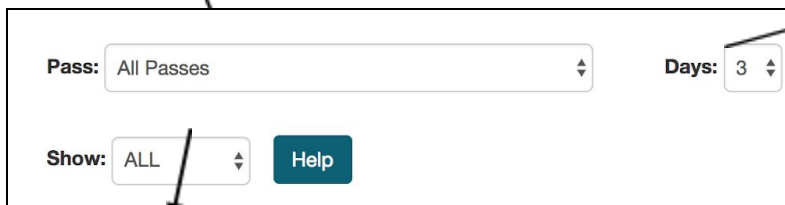
Museum Passes

The library does more than renting out books! On the Library's main page click on "Museum Pass Information" to see details about passes that the museum offers and how to reserve one.
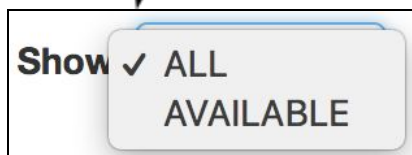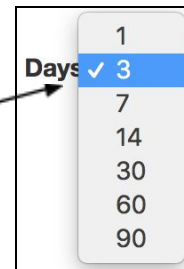
Click "Reserve Museum Passes Online" to be redirected to a new page where you can see what passes are available when.

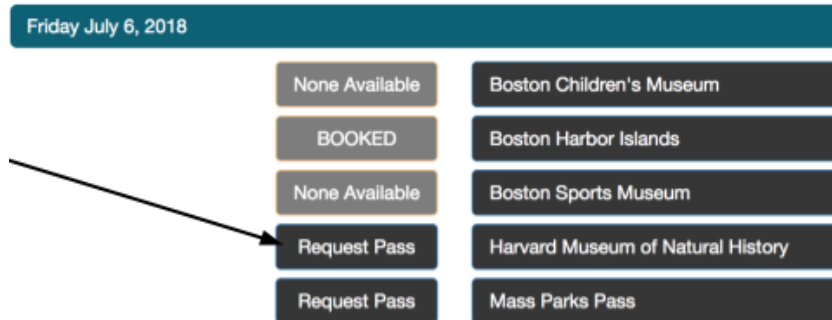Click where it says "All Passes" to filter by what museum pass you want

Click next to "Days" to filter by when you want your pass.

Click next to "Show" to either show all passes or just available ones.

From there, scroll down to see passes within the number of days that you specified.

When you find the pass and day that you want and it says "Request Pass" next to it, it is available!

Friday July 6, 2018

None Available	Boston Children's Museum
BOOKED	Boston Harbor Islands
None Available	Boston Sports Museum
Request Pass	Harvard Museum of Natural History
Request Pass	Mass Parks Pass

Click "Request Pass" and follow the directions to book your pass!

Children's Department

The Children's Department at the Chelsea Public Library serves children from preschool age to middle school age, as well as their parents, guardians, teachers, and caregivers.

Chelsea History at Archives.org

Children's Department

Directions to the Library

To get to their page, click "Children's Department" on the main page.

Boston Public Library/Kids

Chelsea Reads Park by Park

Juvenile Department Policy

Libraries Rock: 2018 Summer Program Video!

Music & Movement

Summer Reading Club

Upcoming Events

On the Children's Department page, click here to access online learning materials for children

Click around these tabs to see events for children at the library.

Congrats! You're ready to explore resources at the Chelsea Public Library!