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LA VIE FRANÇAISE at Hastings District Libraries

Whether French is your first language, a second language or you're just interested in anything to do with France, there's no shortage of books and resources at Hastings District Libraries to bring out the Francophile in you.

If you're travelling to France, you can pick up a travel guide from any of the three Hastings libraries to help you plan your trip. You will also discover some entertaining travel stories and memoirs about people relocating to France which offer a wealth of holiday inspiration.

But before you pack your suitcase, you might be planning to improve your French. There's a range of French language book and CD sets, as well dictionaries and pocket guides just waiting on the library shelves. Or visit the library website for Language Nut, an online resource that will help you learn French in a fun, interactive way. The website also has LOTE 4 Kids, a resource with read-along story books in French and many other languages.

If you want to read French, Hastings Library has a selection of books from French publishers - look for the bright pink spine labels of the Community Languages

Section. Or try a movie from the selection of foreign language films in the DVD collection. Among these are classics like *The Intouchables*, *Coco Avant Chanel* and festival favourites like *Antoinette in the Cévennes*.

You might like to get in the mood with some French food. There are some stunning recipe books in the cookbook section of the library. Or if you've ever wanted to visit the great art museums of France, browse the libraries' collection of glossy art books to help you bone up on Monet, Gauguin and Co.

The e-library has a rich vein of French books and magazines available to download. The popular app Libby has more than two hundred e-books in French, including children's books and books for grown-ups; and 170 magazines - among them *Paris Match*, *Vogue France* and *Elle Decoration France*. Fantastique!

Before you leave the library website, take a moment to visit Beamafilm, the library's streaming service for movies, documentaries and TV series. There are dozens of French movies here, with some famous names, like Audrey Tautou, Isabelle Huppert and Jacques Tati. There are documentaries about French artists and history makers, French comedies and much more.

Whether you want information about France, its culture or language, it makes sense to pay a visit to the library, either in person or online. If you need a hand finding what you want, just ask one of the friendly library staff - they're always happy to help.



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