



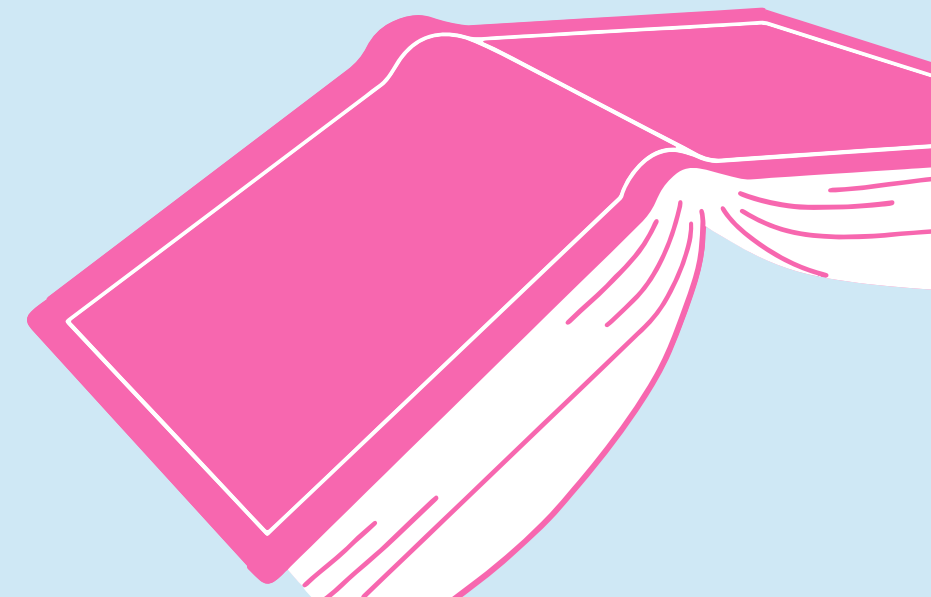
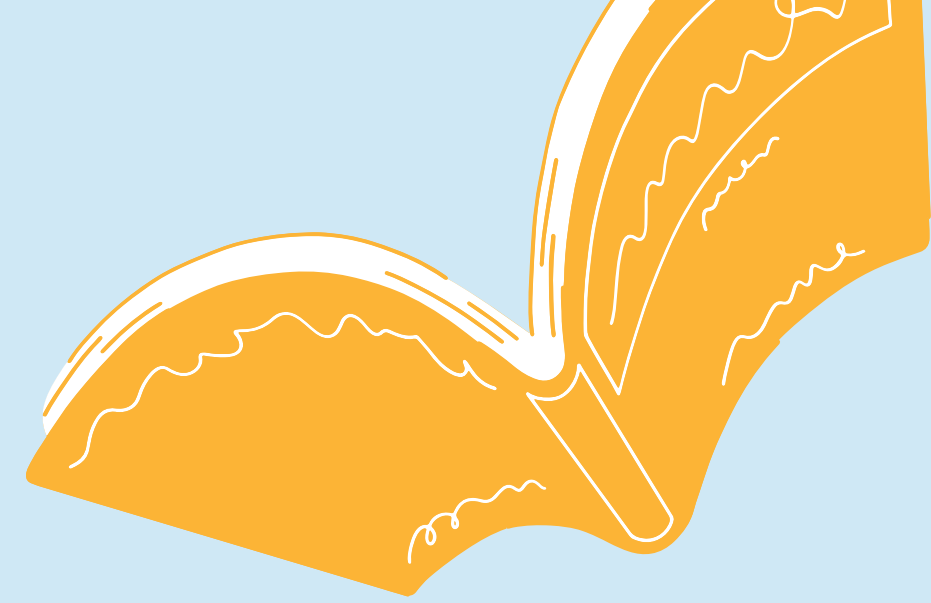
# FROM CARD TO CLASSROOM:

Free Public Library Resources  
for Multilingual Learners

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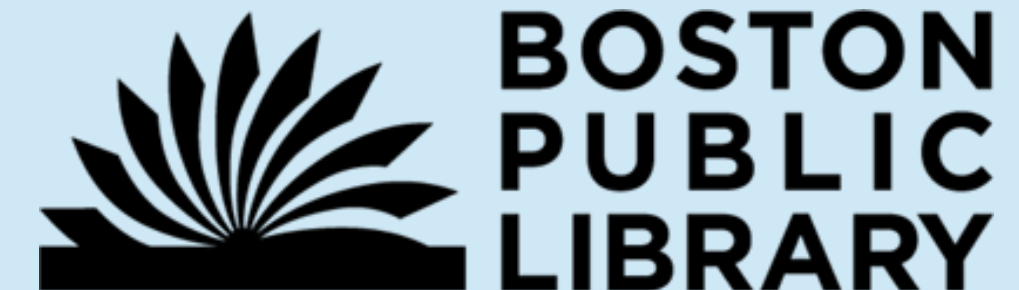
# GOALS

- Obtain and demonstrate how to sign up for a Boston Public Library eCard.
- Navigate Libby/OverDrive, Hoopla, and key library databases for multilingual and leveled resources.
- Share and promote public library resources with students and families in accessible ways.



# WHY PUBLIC LIBRARIES?

- **Equity & access:** free books, media, and databases at home and school
- **Multilingual features:** translate interfaces, read-aloud, bilingual content
- **Identity-affirming choices:** representation across languages & cultures
- **Family engagement:** easy to share with caregivers via QR codes & links

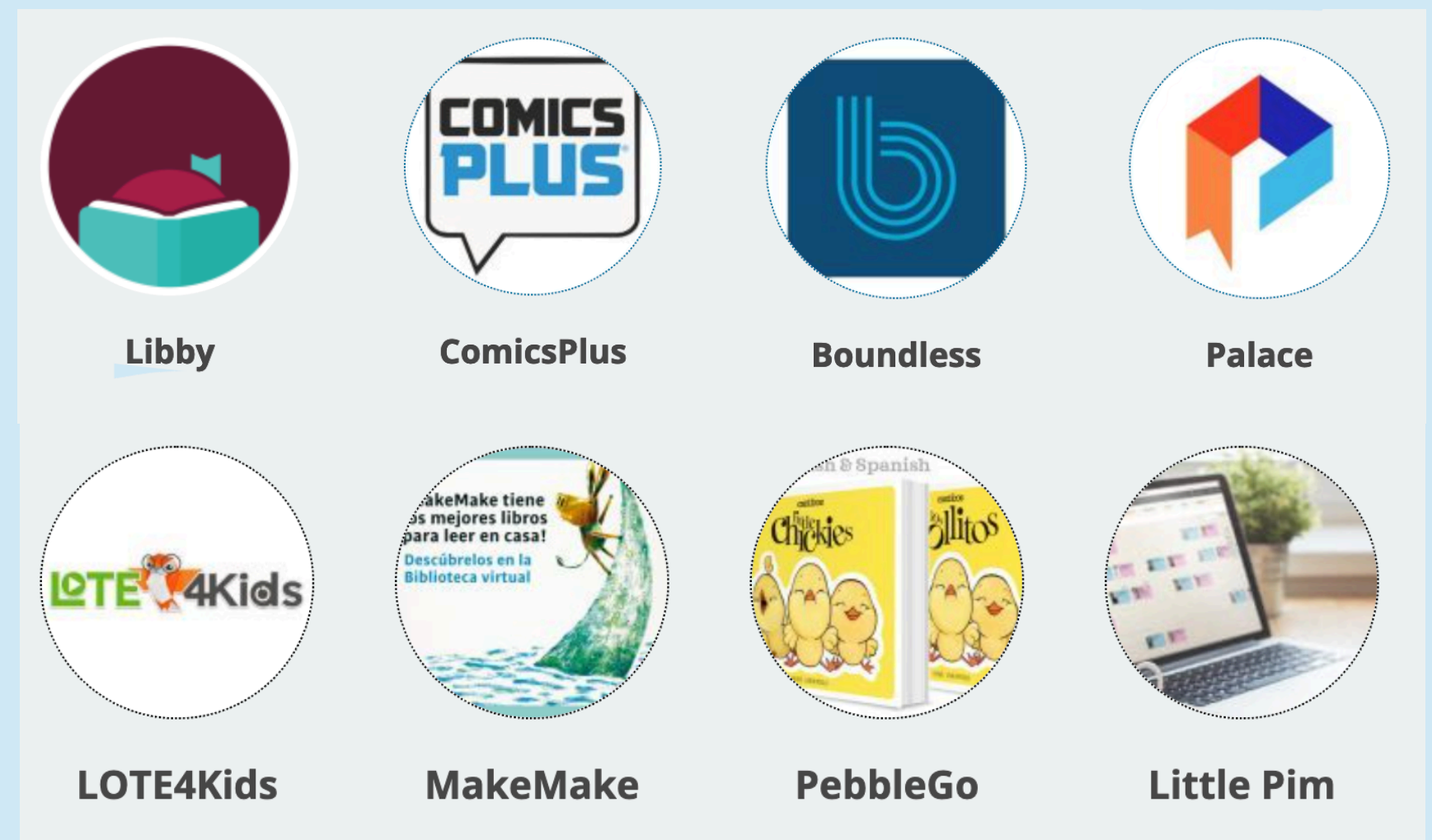


# FREE RESOURCES FOR ALL MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS



Thank you BPL

- An eCard is a Boston Public Library card that you can sign up for online, opens a new window and which provides access to all online resources, including Libby, Boundless, and Palace.
- eCards are available to anyone who lives, resides part-time to attend school, owns property, or works in Massachusetts.
- eCards do not allow you to check out physical items such as museum passes, DVDs, and physical books. To check out physical items, you need a physical card.



[HTTPS://WWW.BPL.ORG/ECARD/](https://www.bpl.org/ecard/)

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# Resources





# SHARE IT FORWARD

- **Pick 1 resource**
- **Pick 1 audience**  
(students / families / colleagues)
- **Pick 1 channel**  
(LMS / text / backpack / staff email)

