Getting Started with Kanopy Movies and Documentaries

Kanopy has classic films, world cinema, popular documentaries, Criterion Collection and more for streaming on computers, and mobile devices.

Create a Kanopy account on a computer
1. Go to torontopl.kanopy.com and click on Sign Up. Click on the Continue button.
2. Enter your name, email address and a password or your choice. There is also the option to use a Facebook or Google account. Click on Sign Up.
3. If you used the email account method, open a new tab in your browser and sign into your email. Open the message from Kanopy in your email account and click on the Verify My Email button.
4. Another browser tab will open. Click on the Connect → button. Enter your 14-digit library card number (no spaces) and click on Save.
5. Click on Watch Now to get started.

Create a Kanopy account on your smartphone or tablet
1. Open Apple’s App Store or Google’s Play Store on your device. Find and install the free Kanopy app.
2. Open the app, scroll through the introductory screens and then tap on Sign up.
3. Enter an email address and password. There is also the option to sign up using your Facebook or Google account. Tap on Sign Up.
4. If you used the email account method to sign up, open the message in your email account and click on the Verify My Email button.
5. Return to the Kanopy App (this may have been done automatically when verifying your email address). Tap on Find your library.
6. Type in ‘Toronto’ in the search box and select Toronto Public Library from the list of suggested libraries.
7. Type in your full 14-digit library card number (no spaces) and tap on Verify.
8. Tap on Start watching to begin using Kanopy.

Borrowing movies from Kanopy
1. Tap on Search box to search by title, actor, director or subject.
2. To Browse, scroll through the various categories on the homepage or by subject by clicking on Browse ▾ next to the Search box on the website (or tap the menu button ☰ on a smartphone or tablet).
3. Children’s movies, television series and shorts are available through Kanopy Kids. Click on the Kanopy Kids button next to Browse ▾ on the website (or tap the menu button ☰ on a smartphone or tablet).
4. Once you find something of interest, tap on the movie to open the detail page for the film. A synopsis of the film and details are available.
5. Kanopy videos are always available. Click or tap on Watchlist to a video it to a list of titles for watching at a later time.
6. When you are ready to watch a Kanopy video, tap on the Play button to borrow the video and start watching right away.

Kanopy titles will automatically expire after 3 days. A maximum of 8 items can be borrowed per calendar month.

Items borrowed through Kanopy Kids are included in the 8 item maximum/month borrowing limit. Please note: Kanopy content may change similarly to other subscription websites.

Kanopy titles cannot be downloaded. It is a streaming only service. For more information or help, visit the Help Center at help.kanopy.com.