Getting Started with Kanopy

Kanopy has classic films, world cinema, popular documentaries and The Great Courses available for streaming on tablets, smartphones, and computers.

Create a Kanopy account on a computer

1. Go to torontopl.kanopy.com and click on Get Started. Click on the Continue button.
2. Click on Sign Up.
3. Enter your name (first & last), email address and a password or your choice. There also options to sign up using your Google or Facebook Accounts, if you wish. Click on Sign Up.
4. If you used the email account method to sign up, Kanopy will have sent you an email message. Open the message in your email account and click on the Verify My Email button.
5. A new browser tab will open. Click on Add Library Card. Enter your full 14-digit library card number (no spaces) and click on Save.
6. 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. Search for and install the free Kanopy app.
2. Open the app, scroll through the introductory screens and then tap on Sign up.
3. Create a Kanopy account using an email address and password. There are also options to sign up using your Facebook or Google account.
4. If you used the email account method to sign up, Kanopy will have sent you an email message. Open the message in your email account and click on the Verify My Email button.
5. Your browser will open to the Kanopy website. Tap on Find your library. Type in 'Toronto’ in the search box and select Toronto Public Library from the list of suggested libraries.

1. A new browser tab may open. On the Kanopy at Toronto Public Library website, tap on Continue.
2. Tap on Add library card. Enter your full 14-digit library card number (no spaces) and tap on Enter.
3. Return to the Kanopy app. It should have updated to reflect that your account set up is complete. If not, close and reopen app.
4. Tap on Start watching to begin using Kanopy.

Borrowing movies from Kanopy

1. Tap on Search to find specific movies or scroll up to browse the various categories, including Independent Film, Popular Docs, World Cinema and Must-See Classic Film.
2. To see more films from any of the categories, tap on See More> on the same line as the title of the category.
3. 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. Tap on the Play button on the film to start watching right away or add it to your Watchlist for watching later.

Kanopy content is intended for library users aged 18 years and older. See Kanopy’s Terms of Service.

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

Kanopy titles cannot be downloaded. It is a streaming only service. Using cellular data is not recommended. Wireless internet access is available at all Toronto Public Library branches.

For more information or help, visit the Help Center at www.kanopystreaming.com.