



CULTURETHEQUE QUICK START GUIDE

In order to consult the titles offered in Culturethèque, you must open the site in the latest version of Firefox, Chrome or Safari (Mac). We recommend using Chrome 11.

Once you have created your Culturethèque account, you are ready to discover the best of French culture. All resources are organized in one of 5 blue tabs at the top of the page. You can select your preferred language by clicking at the flag at the top right of the page. Click on any of the 5 tabs at the top to begin, or type in the search bar.

Hint: To see all of the items offered on the Culturethèque site, simply select “Toutes les ressources” in the search bar’s drop down menu and click “OK” without typing a search. You can then use the filters on the left to narrow your results.

READ

Magazines: Here you will find nearly 400 general interest magazines (news, culture, fashion, lifestyle...)

- Click on the magazine cover banner to begin. A selection of titles is offered OR to see all the magazine titles, select “Magazines” in the drop down menu and click “OK”.
- Click on the magazine cover that interests you then click “Consulter le document”.
- You can click “Lire ce magazine” to read that issue. You should note, however, that the featured issue may not be the most recent issue available. Scroll down the page to see the archives of this title. Here you will find the most recent issue as well as past issues.

Bandes Dessinées: 200 volumes of popular graphic novels and BDs are at your virtual fingertips

- Click on the BD cover banner to begin. A selection of titles is offered on this page or to see all the BD titles, select “BD” in the drop down menu and click “OK”.
- Click on the BD cover that interests you. You will then be able to skim the BD at the bottom of the page.
- Click “Consulter la BD dans son intégralité” and the BD will open in a new screen.

Books (fiction and non-fiction):

There are two ways to enjoy eBooks through Culturethèque. Certain titles are available for live streaming right in your web browser and some may be downloaded onto an eReader device that is compatible with the EPUB format (iPad, iPhone, NOOK, Android devices and other tablets). You may download up to 2 eBooks at a time for a period of 2 weeks. **In order to see a list of downloadable (borrowable) titles, simply type “Numilog” into the search bar and click OK.**

For general eBook searches:

- You can find a book either by clicking on the “LIRE” tab and browsing through a selection of recommended titles or by searching a specific title in the search bar.
- For a full list of eBooks available on Culturethèque, select “Livres” from the drop down menu to the left of the search bar, leave the search bar empty, and click “OK”
- Click on the book cover that interests you, then click “Consulter le document”.
- If the document is downloadable, click Téléchargez. For streaming documents, click “Oui, j'accepte que ces informations soient transmises.”

LISTEN

This section presents concerts of classical music, jazz, pop, French song and world music. It also includes interviews with personalities from the music world. Make sure to go full screen and full volume for a total listening experience!

- To see all the offerings, select “Concerts” in the drop down menu and click “OK”.
- Click on the image next to the concert or interview that interests you.
- Click “Découvrez le concert”.

WATCH

Concerts – see the Listen section above

Sciences

Presented here are a series of video lectures on fascinating scientific topics, produced by universcience.tv. Select the topic of interest and click “Lien vers la vidéo” and the clip will open.

Autoformation

Listed here is a multitude of self-instruction videos to learn different languages, office databases, software programs and how to play musical instruments. You can obtain a list of the tutorial videos by using the drop down menu and choosing “Autoformation” and “OK”. You will then have a list of the training videos on the left arranged by subject: multimedia, internet, office applications, foreign language instruction (other than French), and musical instrument lessons.

- Click on the lesson you wish to follow, then the phrase in green “Oui, j'accepte que ces informations soient transmises” and the lesson will load.

LEARN FRENCH

This section is dedicated to French language learners, and is divided by CECR Level.

“Français Facile” books:

The popular Hachette “Français Facile” books are listed under each CECR level. To consult a “Français facile” title:

- Scroll to the picture of the book you want to read and click on it.
- Click “Consulter le document”; then the phrase in green “Oui, j’accepte que ces informations soient transmises” and your book will load.
- Bonus! You can click on the speaker icon to hear the audio version of the book.

Online exercises: “J’apprends Le Français!”

You can access a series of online exercises for learning French, destined for levels A1 and A2.

- Click on the lesson you wish to follow, then the phrase in green “Oui, j’accepte que ces informations soient transmises” and the lesson will load.

YOUTH

You can obtain a list of all the kids’ resources by using the search bar’s drop down menu and choosing “Jeunesse”, then clicking “OK”. You will then have a list of books, TV shows, comics and more! To facilitate your navigation, the kids section is arranged by age.

For kids 0-5:

Two very popular TV programs: *La Famille Passiflore* and *Lulu Vroumette*. Just click on the image and select the episode you wish to view and the video will start.

For kids 6-12:

- Episodes of the popular **TV** science education program *C’est pas sorcier*. Just click on the image and select the episode you wish to view and the video will start.
- Episodes of *Atout 5*: a **TV cartoon series** of 13 minutes per episode about 3 girls and 2 boys who create a band. Just click on the episode you want and the video will start.
- **Magazines**: *Mickey Parade Géant* et *Le Journal de Mickey*. Click on the magazine cover that interests you then click “Consulter le document”. A new window will open, click on “Lire ce magazine”, or go down to the archives list further down on the page to have a list of all the available issues.
- **Comics**: including the popular *Lucky Luke* and *Cédric* series. Click the title you wish to view and then “Consulter la BD dans son intégralité”.
- **Books**: a delightful selection of **animated books** from the publisher La souris qui raconte. Click on the title you want and wait a few seconds for the book to load.

For teens:

- **Comic books**, such as *Iznougoud*, *Le Secret d’Espadon*, *Le Sphinx D’Or...*