



All About Vancouver



Vancouver is in **Canada**, in the province **British Columbia** (a province is just like a state). Vancouver is about 2,200 miles from Melrose Park. It is on the West Coast, bordering the Pacific Ocean.

33 million people live in Canada, and 600,000 people live in Vancouver (it's about the same size as Milwaukee). It is the eighth-largest city in Canada.

People in Canada mostly speak English. In one province, Quebec, most people speak French. English and French are the official languages of Canada. Just like in the United States, people in Canada speak many different languages, like Chinese, Punjabi, Spanish, Inuktitut, and Italian.

Canadians love winter sports—especially hockey—and many Canadians are excited to host the Olympic Games once again.

Books about Canada

Canada / **J 971 ROG**

Canada: Star of the North / **J 971 SAT**

Canada: Good Neighbor to the World / **J 971 BRY**

Meet the Mascots!



This year's mascots for the Winter Olympics are based on mythology from First Nations peoples.

Sumi is an animal spirit from British Columbia who wears a hat that symbolizes an orca whale, and has the wings of a thunderbird and the legs of a black bear. **Quatchi** is a sasquatch from the deepest parts of the forest. Many places in Canada and the United States have myths and stories about the Sasquatch—also known as Bigfoot. **Miga** is a sea bear, which is part killer whale and part bear. Miga is half Kermode bear, a special bear that only lives in Canada.



Mukmuk is the first-ever Mascot Sidekick! He is a **Vancouver Island Marmot**, which is an endangered species in British Columbia, Canada, where the Olympics take place. Hopefully, Mukmuk will raise awareness about these marmots and help stop them from becoming extinct.



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The XXI (21st) Winter Olympics

The Winter Olympics are held every four years. The very first Winter Olympics was held in Chamonix, France in 1924. The 2010 Winter Olympics will be held in Vancouver, Canada, from February 12-28. This will be the third time Canada has hosted the Olympics. More than 80 countries will send their very best athletes to compete in 15 sports and about 80 events. Some of the most popular sports are hockey, figure skating, snowboarding, and skiing, but there are a few sports you might not know about, like luge and biathlon.

The Olympics are an important tradition shared by countries around the world. With only two exceptions, even in times of war and natural disaster, athletes from many different countries have come to the Olympics to meet other competitors and challenge each other's athletic skills. In many sports, the Olympics are the most important event of all, and a gold medal is the highest achievement for an athlete.

To find out more about the history of the Olympics, present and past Olympic sports, and famous athletes, check out some of these books! You can also read about the 2010 Olympics online at:

www.vancouver2010.com



The Olympics

Freeze Frame: A Photographic History of the Winter Olympics / **J 796.98 MAC**

The Winter Olympics / **J 796.98 BRI**

Olympism: A Basic Guide to the History, Ideals, and Sports of the Olympic Movement / **YA 796.48 OLY**

Ancient Greece and the Olympics / **J 796.48 OSB**

Top 10 American Men's Olympic Gold Medalists / **J 796.0922 KNA**

Top 10 American Women's Olympic Gold Medalists / **J 796.0820 DIT**

Women Olympic Champions / **J 796 AAS**

Olympic sports

Skiing & Snowboarding

A Basic Guide to Skiing and Snowboarding / **YA 796.93 BAS**

Skiing / **J 796.93 BRI**

Snowboarding Skills: The Back-to-Basics Essentials for All Levels / **J 796.9 KLE**

Adrenaline: Snowboarding / **J 796.939 GIF**

Extreme Snowboarding / **J 796.9 RYA**

Snowboarding / **J 796.93 WOO**



Apolo Ohno has won FIVE Olympic medals, and he is back for more!



Mirai Nagasu will compete for the USA in the 2010 Olympics.

Speed skating, figure skating, and hockey

Figure Skating / **J 796.91 BRI**

Figure Skating In Action / **J 796.91 CAL**

A Basic Guide to Figure Skating / **YA 796.912**

Speed Skating / **J 796.941 BRI**

A Basic Guide to Ice Hockey / **J 796.962 BAS**

Great Moments in Hockey / **J 796.962 BUC**

Bobsledding and the Luge

A Basic Guide to Bobsledding / **YA 796.95 BAS**

Skeleton: High-Speed Ice Sliding / **J 796.95 COV**

Bobsledding and the Luge / **J 796.9 BRI**

Olympic athletes

Figure skaters

Kristi Yamaguchi / **J B YAM**

Nancy Kerrigan / **J B KER**

Scott Hamilton / **J B HAM**

Tara Lipinski / **J B LIP**

Michelle Kwan / **J B KWA**

Hockey players

Sergei Federov / **J B FED**

Wayne Gretzky / **J B GRE**

Brett Hull / **J B HUL**

Top 10 Hockey Scorers / **J 796.96 KNA**

