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New year brings new digital download service to Dearborn public libraries

DEARBORN, Mich. – Are you interested in having a wealth of information and entertainment at any time of the day or night? Now you can check out books, audio books and videos from the comfort of your own computer.

Dearborn's public libraries, in cooperation with 19 Michigan public libraries and the Michigan Library Consortium, is now offering digital downloads of video, audio books and eBooks through OverDrive, a leading digital media services provider.

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The digital collection contains more than 250 videos that include classic TV series such as *The Dick VanDyke Show* and films such as the silent timeless movie *Birth of a Nation*.

In addition, there are documentary films from such sources as A & E Television and Image Entertainment, featuring subjects like our national parks and the Nile river.

If you are a fan of the IMAX productions there are also some of those features in the collection. For library patrons interested in music videos there are featured artists such as Deep Purple, Chick Corea and KISS.

Audio books and eBooks are found in both the “always available” section, and also a regular collection of titles to be checked out. “Always Available” means that these items can be downloaded to your PC, laptop or MP3 player at any time – there is never a waiting list for these titles.

If you want a title in the regular collection that is currently checked out, you can place a hold on it. You will be notified via email when your digital title becomes available for checkout.

The digital library titles are designed to be retrieved from your home computer. To access the digital collection you need to click on the digital library announcement on the Dearborn public library system’s website:

www.dearbornlibrary.org.

The collection is available to all Dearborn Public Library card holders whose cards are in good standing. In order to use the collection you will need to have your library card number and PIN.

Titles in the digital library are included in the library's regular catalog. So, if you are browsing the catalog and see "electronic resource" in the format line that means it is a digital copy available through OverDrive.

If you have questions about this new service, call 313.943.2330.

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