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No Late Fees with Solano County Library's Downloadable Audio and E-Books!

Library users can now download audio books and eBooks free, anytime, anywhere with a new service called Overdrive. Located at www.solanolibrary.com under "Research," Overdrive is a shared collection of hundreds of popular fiction and non-fiction items.

"The popularity of the Nook, the iPad, smart phones and other devices for downloading books made it clear that our customers want this option for their reading," said Lynne Williams, the Library's deputy director for support services.

With a Solano County Library card, Overdrive users can browse, place items in their cart or wish list, and click "checkout" to start downloading their favorite title. Overdrive leads users through the necessary steps required for setup, which includes two free applications, Overdrive Media Console for audio books and Adobe Digital Editions for eBooks.

Checkout periods are for either one or two weeks. No late fees are ever charged because titles simply expire automatically at the end of the lending period, and "go back" to the library's collection. In addition to these popular fiction and nonfiction eBooks, over 15,000 titles in the public domain are available for checkouts that never expire.

Solano County library card holders also use the NetLibrary collection, which features over 5,000 titles covering computers, business, consumer law, resumes and careers, and more. After creating a free NetLibrary account, users can check out and download

eBooks in Adobe format for durations of seven days. Downloadable audiobooks offered by NetLibrary are available in Windows Media format, which can be played on a variety of personal devices.

Users without a library card can register for an immediate "electronic library card" on the Library's Web site and start downloading at once. Overdrive and NetLibrary collections can be browsed from library computers, however downloads must go to a laptop, smart phone, e-reader or other personal device.

The Overdrive collection is a partnership with North Net Library System, a consortium of over 100 libraries in northern California that enhances services for libraries through economies of scale. The NetLibrary collection is a partnership with CALIFA, an organization formed to broker and facilitate shared services among member libraries throughout the state. "We strongly believe in partnerships in our community and beyond. We wouldn't be able to offer the breadth and depth of these collections on our own," said Williams. "Pooling resources can be a great way to save money and improve services, especially in today's economy."



What You Need

- An Internet connection via PC, Mac®, or select mobile devices.
- A valid library card.
- Free, required software available at your library's website.
 - For audiobooks on PC, Mac®, and mobile devices:
OverDrive® Media Console™
 - For PDF and EPUB eBooks on PC, Mac®, and many eBook devices:
Adobe® Digital Editions

How It Works

Step 1: Browse

1. Browse your library's website at <http://downloads.northnetlibs.org>.
2. Search by title, subject, author, or format.

Step 2: Check Out

1. Add selections to your 'Cart'. Note: If a title is not available, you may place a hold. You'll receive an email when the title is available.
2. Click on the 'Proceed to Checkout' link.

Step 3: Download ... enjoy!

1. Click the 'Download' button under each title to launch the software. See 'What You Need' (above) for required software.
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Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period.

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Transfer to a Mobile Device

After download, most titles can be transferred to a mobile device such as iPod® or Sony® Reader™. First connect your device, then:

1. For audio and video, click the 'Transfer' button in OverDrive® Media Console™ to launch the Transfer Wizard and follow the onscreen prompts.
For eBooks in Adobe® Digital Editions, drag and drop the title onto the device name on the left panel.
2. After transfer is complete, you may disconnect your device and enjoy your title on the go.

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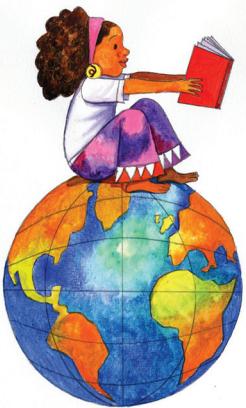
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1. Click the 'Burn' button in OverDrive® Media Console™ to launch the Burn Wizard.
2. Select the part you wish to burn. When the burn process is complete, you may enjoy your title on the go.

Help Resources

Visit your library's website and click the 'Help' link for more information.





One World,

FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER

Craft: Travel Jewelry

Wednesday, June 15 • 2:30 p.m.

Python Ron

Wednesday, June 22 • 3:30 p.m.

Craft: Design Your Own Sticker Scene

Wednesday, June 29 • 2:30 p.m.

Craft: Egyptian Paper Crafts

Wednesday, July 6 • 2:30 p.m.

Wildlife Associates- This Living Earth

Wednesday, July 13 • 2:30 p.m.

Make Sticker Book and Bookmarks

Wednesday, July 20 • 10:00 a.m.

Craft: Earth Jewelry

Wednesday, July 27 • 2:30 p.m.

Ocean Adventures

Wednesday, Aug. 3 • 3:30 p.m.

Mainely Stampin': Make Your Own Travel Journal

Wednesday, Aug. 10 • 2:30 p.m.

FAIRFIELD CORDELIA

Crafts from Around the World

Tues., June 14 • 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Vaca Valley 4-H & Live Animals

Tues., June 21 • 3:30 p.m.

Rock Out with the Hipwaders

Tuesday, June 28 • 3:30 p.m.

Puppet Art Theater

Tuesday, July 5 • 3:30 p.m.

Magician Timothy James

Tuesday, July 12 • 3:30 p.m.

Rescue Vehicles

Tuesday, July 19 • 3:30 p.m.

Music from Around the World with Don O'Brien

Tuesday, July 26 • 3:30 p.m.

Bubble Lady

Tuesday, August 2 • 3:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Party and Talent Show

Tuesday, August 9 • 3:30 p.m.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

One World, Many Stories

Wednesday, June 29 • 10:30 a.m.

Oklin Bloodworth: Music with a Kiddie Beat!

Wednesday, July 6 • 10:30 a.m.

"Big Bad Bruce"; Puppet Images in Motion

Wednesday, July 13 • 10:30 a.m.

Magic Dan

Wednesday, July 20 • 10:30 a.m.

Rock Out with the Hipwaders

Wednesday, July 27 • 10:30 a.m.

One World, Many Stories: Create Your Own

Wednesday, Aug. 3 • 10:30 a.m.

"Little Elephant Has a Ball" Puppet show

Wednesday, Aug. 10 • 10:30 a.m.



"One World, Many Stories," is kids' ticket to discovering the world through reading and crafts and great events. It's free, fun and everyone 12 and younger can play. Here's how it works: sign up your kids, track their reading and collect a prize at the end. Be sure to come to all the cool shows.

"You Are Here," for teens, welcomes them on their own terms - pretty much. They earn books by reaching self-determined goals involving reading, writing and/or artwork. Our teen book club has gone online and so did our magazine, where we publish work by Solano County teens.

Check out solanolibrary.com for a complete list of events for kids and teens. Or friend us on Facebook and Twitter - events are listed there too.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for their generous support.



Many Stories



RIO VISTA

Wildlife Associates: Animal Predators and Their Prey
Wednesday, June 8 • 3:00 p.m.

Mt. Diablo Beekeepers: Real Live Bees
Wednesday, June 15 • 3:00 p.m.

"Little Elephant Has a Ball" Puppet Show
Wednesday, June 22 • 3:00 p.m.

Yoga with Tammy Trujillo
Wednesday, June 29 • 11:00 a.m.

Jeremy the Juggler
Wednesday, July 6 at 3:00 p.m.

English & Spanish songs with Juan Sánchez
Wednesday, July 13 • 3:00 p.m.

Magic Dan
Wednesday, July 20 • 3:00 p.m.

Local Animals Rescued from the Wild
Suisun Wildlife Center
Wednesday, July 27 • 3:00 p.m.

Rocknasium Portable Wall
Thursday, July 28 • 2:30 p.m.

Sandi and Stevie's Insect Songs: Sea Life Songs
Wednesday, August 3 • 3:00 p.m.

Make 'n' Take Crafts
Wednesday, August 10 All Day

Hawaiian and Reggae Music with Izi
Wednesday, Aug. 10 • 4:00 p.m.

SPRINGSTOWNE

Magic Dan
Thursday, June 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Comedian Daffy Dave
Thursday, July 21 • 10:30 a.m.

Wildlife Associates presents: This Living Earth
Thursday, August 4 • 10:30 a.m.

SUISUN

Jeremy the Juggler
Wednesday, June 29 • 10:30 a.m.

Timothy James, Magician
Wednesday, July 6 • 10:30 a.m.

Norcal Bats
Wednesday, July 13 • 10:30 a.m.

Hula Dance
Tuesday, July 19 • 6:30 p.m.

Puppet Art Theater presents "The Three Billy Goats Gruff"
Wednesday, July 20 • 10:30 a.m.

Step Up Music
Tuesday, July 26 • 3:30 p.m.

Ane Carla Rovetta, Artist and Storyteller
Wednesday, July 27 • 10:30 a.m.

VACAVILLE CULTURAL CENTER

Flag Day

Make your own flag and parade around the library!

Wednesday, June 29 • 10:30 a.m.

Dragon, Tiger and Bear: Theater show

Wednesday, July 6 • 3:30 p.m.

Songs & Storytelling with John Carter

Wednesday, July 13 • 3:30 p.m.

The Corny Crow Show with Steve Chaney

Wednesday, July 20 • 3:30 p.m.

Rock Out with the Hipwaders

Wednesday, July 27 • 3:30 p.m.

Global Crafts and Games

Weds., Aug. 3 • 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Chalk Day!

Wednesday, Aug. 10 • 10:30 a.m.

VACAVILLE TOWN SQUARE

Sharon's Petting Zoo

Ponies, llamas, guinea pigs, goats, chicks, bunnies and more!

Thursday, June 30 • 4:00 p.m.

Heather Rogers, Magician

Bay Area's top female magician will do tricks to astonish you.
McBride Senior Center

Thursday, July 7 • 4:00 p.m.

Art Anyone?

Painting fun with Lou Breimon
McBride Senior Center

Thursday, July 14 • 4:00 p.m.

Extreme Science

Thursday, July 21 • 4:00 p.m.

Magician Timothy James

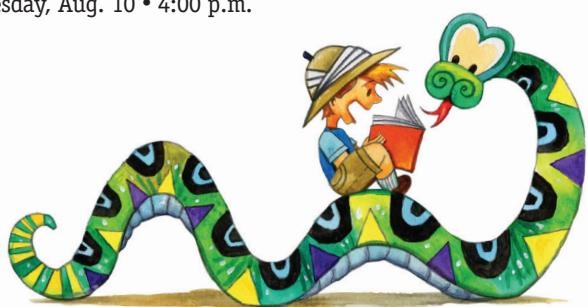
McBride Senior Center
Thursday, July 28 • 4:00 p.m.

Special Surprise

Thursday, August 4 • 4:00 p.m.

Magician Gerald Joseph

Thursday, August 11 • 4:00 p.m.



Literacy Learner Discovers Pre-Literacy Benefits for Baby



Ana Lopez remembers the first time someone told her the importance of reading to babies, "People said you should listen to music, talk with your babies, and read. I thought that sounds kind of boring... Why would I do that with a baby?" Ana laughs and shakes her head at this memory. Ana laughs because reading to her daughter is now a part of her daily routine. Every Tuesday, she takes her 6-month old daughter, Nancy, to Fairfield-Cordelia Library's Baby Bounce storytime. "I enjoy (watching) Nancy...She likes to listen," says Ana. Ana is a regular library user now. Recently she attended Baby Bounce at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., went home for

lunch and then returned to the Fairfield-Cordelia branch for an afternoon program. Jeanne Strong, Ana's literacy tutor laughs, "I think Ana would live in the library if she could." After working with each other in the Library's Adult Literacy Program for over a year, Jeanne realized Ana did not have opportunities to practice speaking English outside of their sessions. One day, Jeanne found out that Ana's mother was a knitter. Jeanne immediately suggested that Ana and she attend Fairfield-Cordelia's Crochet and Knitting Club. "It was a learning and social experience. I thought she could listen to instructions and it would help her speaking skills," says Strong.

By Anika Johnson, Literacy Program Assistant

Attending the Crochet and Knitting Club gave Ana confidence in her speaking skills. Her new confidence transferred to her desire to increase her reading skills. "I started reading books about babies and what happens when you start reading early. I hoped that if I started reading early she would not have the problem I have," confides Ana. Ana uses her new literacy skills to read to Nancy daily. She also encourages her 11 year old son—now an honor roll student. Jeanne remembers Ana's first steps at learning to read a story out loud to her daughter, "At first Ana was only reading the words. Now she reads with expression. She understands she can read the story as it's written or talk about the pictures, make noises for animals, or make up her own story." Thanks to good advice from her tutor, Ana Lopez is now a lifelong learner and library user.

These Personal Trainers Aren't in the Gym

If you want to pump up your computer skills, make an appointment with one of the library's volunteer computer trainers who will work one-to-one with you to help you achieve your "computer fitness" goals.





S U S A N R E E V E
Citizen of the Year



It isn't every day that someone is named Citizen of the Year and Solano County Library is proud to announce that one of its own Supervising Librarians, Susan Reeve, has been presented with this honor in Rio Vista. We congratulate her and are pleased by her service in the community that extends beyond her position at the Rio Vista branch of the Solano County Library.

Susan Reeve was born in England where she attended

the University of Durham; after immigrating to the United States in 1976 she attended UC Berkeley and earned a Master's Degree in Librarianship and Information Studies. She moved to Rio Vista in 2001 and has become actively involved in many civic activities: such as serving on Rio Vista CARE's Community Council and the Board of Directors for the Center of Movement, and supporting the National Alliance for Mental Illness.

Reeve's passion for serving the community and helping people find information they need has been her trademark for the ten years she has functioned as supervising librarian. She is credited with emphasizing the library as a staple in the community by helping to facilitate the use of the June Rowan Meeting Room to host instead of house? meetings of local community groups. As a contributing writer for the River News-Herald, Reeve has been able to advocate use of

the Rio Vista Library's resources both online and in print.

Susan says she is "Rio happy!" As someone who has lived in Rio Vista a relatively short amount of time, Reeve has admiration for the many people who have been serving their community diligently for several decades. She acknowledges this honor gratefully and thanks Rio Vista and its inhabitants whom she admits she has admired since her move to the Delta.

Congratulations, Susan!

By Victoria Pena, Graduate Intern

Mystery, or Happy Ending?

From parolees to grandmothers, people from all walks of life come to Nancy Redfield's computer classes, and each one has a story. One story has a happy ending – and a mystery...

One morning before teaching a computer class, I noticed a young man waiting for the class to start. He seemed so out of place that I asked him if he was there for the class. I assumed that since he was so young that he must already know how to use the computer, and I told him that our classes are very basic. He stayed for the class & he really did need help. He came every week for a couple of months, and then he quit coming.

A year or so later I saw him in the Library's computer center. He asked me for help. He was working on an assignment for college – he was creating an Excel spreadsheet and it was too advanced for me to be much help. I don't know why he didn't know how to use computers before he came to our classes, but it was very rewarding to see how much he learned once he started.

Nancy Redfield is a librarian at the Fairfield Civic Center Library.



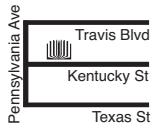
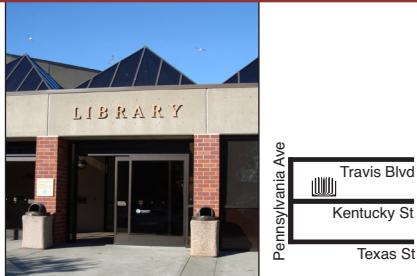
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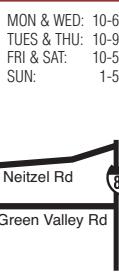
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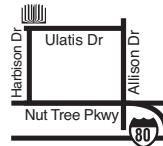
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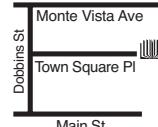
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