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Library Offers Music Downloads

Free and legal service expected to be popular

For everyone who's ever heard a song on the radio and wanted to add it their collection, wanted a hit single off an album, or just wanted to explore the work of new musical artists, Multnomah County Library has



Vailey Oehlke

library's website at multcolib.org/freegal. This service is free for all Multnomah County Library cardholders, and all downloads may be kept permanently.

"Providing this service is a reflection of the library's priorities," said Director of Libraries Vailey Oehlke. "It gives our patrons access to more of the materials they want, in a format that is convenient and accessible while being highly efficient for the library. We anticipate that this will be a very popular new service."

Each library cardholder can download up to three songs per week (156 per year) and, unlike with checked out materials, keep the songs forever. All that is needed to access this service is a Multnomah County

Library card number and PIN.

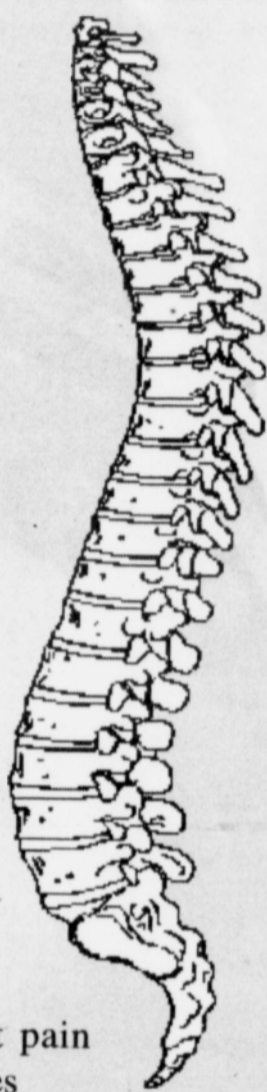
Freegal Music provides access to the Sony Music Entertainment catalog, which includes hundreds of thousands of songs, more than 100 genres of music, and more than 50 record labels.

No special software is needed to use the service, and there are no digital rights management restrictions. Downloading of songs is completely free and legal for library cardholders. Songs are downloaded in a universally compatible MP3 format, so they can be saved to any computer, mobile device or MP3 player, including an iPod. Songs can be downloaded at home or at computer stations in libraries via a USB device, such as a flash drive or MP3 player.

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Library's new text-a-librarian service. Multnomah County Library is collaborating with other libraries to offer patrons this service around the clock.

To text a question to a librarian, a patron simply sends it with the word multcolib to 66746. A librarian responds within a few minutes. There is no charge to use the service, other than the users standard text messaging rate.

Text messaging augments the many other ways Multnomah County Library patrons can connect with their library, including by chat, e-mail, phone, and on Facebook and Twitter.

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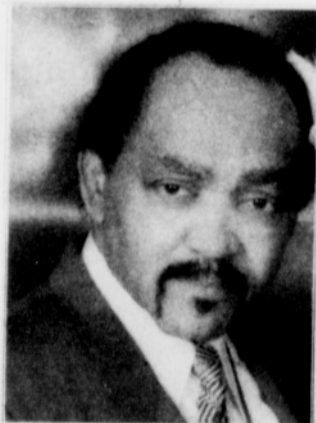
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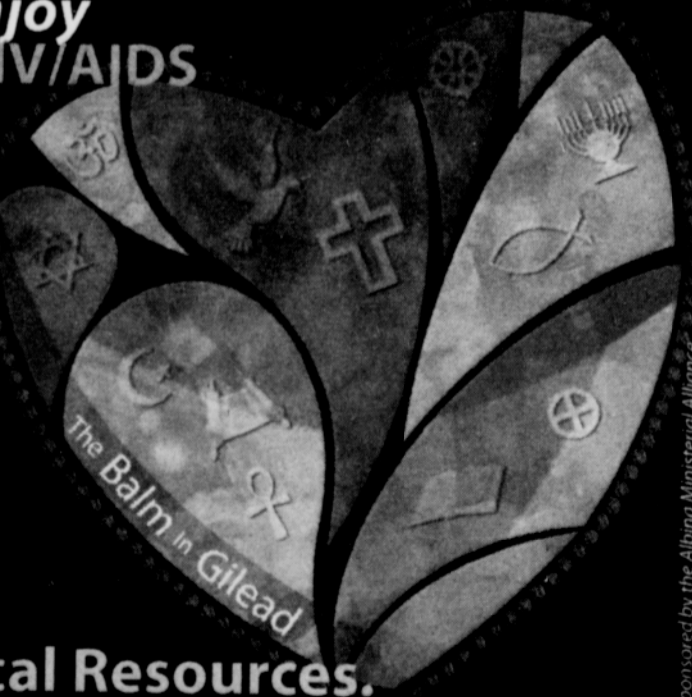
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