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Plainville Library Provides Audio Books Online

Almost 2,000 audio books, 200 electronic books and 500 videos will be available free online from the Plainville Public Library's website, www.plainvillelibrary.org, starting in May. The Friends of the Plainville Public Library received a $1,000.00 grant from the Norton Trust Fund to start a subscription to OverDrive downloadable books. Patrons will see a button the library's website, "Free Audio Book Download", leading to the collection. They will need to type in their Plainville Public Library card number to use the new resource.

Patrons will be able to download selected books and movies onto their home computers and, in many cases, copy them to a portable player such as an MP3 or iPod. Each of the portable devices requires a different file format. The service is run by Library Connection, a cooperative formed by libraries in the greater Hartford area.

The audio books available include many recent and classic fiction and nonfiction books along with a large selection of videos from Public Broadcasting. Audio books are voice recordings of a book, e books are the actual text of books. The e books can be read on the patron's home computer or copied onto portable readers such as the Sony Reader (but not including the Kindle from Amazon).

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