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Need a New Year's Resolution? Try going beyond books from the Library

Books are our stock in trade. We are, after all, the library. But why are books so important? Because they hone literacy, imbue us with knowledge, and provide limitless entertainment, and we value being literate, knowledgeable, and entertained.

That is exactly why we have expanded beyond books for a while. Please don't forget that, with merely clicking on an app from our website, you can access lessons for fourteen languages, thousands of songs, and over 200 different magazines.

Although we have many people using these services that the library subscribes to for us, I'm amazed it's not ten times more popular. I can only attribute this to people not being fully aware of how extensive and easy to access all this is. So, let's take a look.

Magazines are still popular, yet expensive if you want a few subscriptions coming to your house plus all that paper. The library subscribes to **R.B. Digital** which gives all of us access for free to over 200 magazines.

To give you an idea of the range of that, when you search R.B. Digital for genres, forty pop up including categories such as crafts, cycling, games, health and fitness, literary, children, men, and women plus 32 more. Or you can browse all 200 magazines and see what's there. Once you sign up using the icon on the library's home page, you can receive as many of these magazines as you want on your phone, tablet, or computer. I can attest that seeing magazines on something like an iPad is gorgeous. Not only do they look great (yes, they absolutely do look better than paper), but of course you have control over type size, and you can hop around using Table of Contents links or just go through it page by page.

What's more, you can find current issues and some past issues. Once you download them, that's it. You own them. There is no returning them. Read at your leisure. If you are worried they are cluttering your hard drive, no problem. You can archive them in the cloud and always get them back. This is one of the best possible deals available at the library. If you aren't sure how to get started, stop in. What's more, you can get an e-mail notification when a new magazine among your favorites becomes available.

Then there's language learning. Have a vacation to Italy planned? Why not hop on the library's subscription to **Rocket Languages**, sign up free, and choose Italian to learn? What do you have to lose? The beauty of Rocket Languages is that you learn to read and speak (and the

all-important listen) – and can skip forward or back. Choose from fourteen languages including American Sign.

The last free service to consider is our oldest of these three, **Freegal**, which is a combination of “free” and “legal” and means you can download songs to keep on your own device free and legally. You can browse by songs, artists, albums, music videos, and even a smaller selection of audiobooks. You can also search under trending, new, genre, and artists. Here is yet another opportunity to have something you don’t return – all free through your library card.

You do need to be a cardholder and have a library password to get started on everything. Becoming a more literate, knowledgeable, and entertained person has more possibilities than you might think. All free, all yours forever. What a deal.

See you at the Library!

Upcoming Events: Regular weekly events have resumed after the holidays. See our Calendar on the Library’s website for details.