

Playaway FAQs

What is a Playaway?

A Playaway is a pre-loaded digital audio player about half the size of a deck of cards that holds an entire book, up to 60 hours of playtime.

How does Playaway compare to audio books on cassette or CD?

Playaway is more convenient and easier to enjoy than juggling multiple CDs, cassettes or a separate player. Playaways allow the listener to control the speed of the narrator's voice and automatically bookmarks the last place they left off after powering down.

How does Playaway compare to digital downloads and other forms of on-the-go downloading like cell phones?

Playaway comes pre-loaded with great digital content, so it does not require information transfer fees, subscriptions, memberships, or even an Internet connection. Just plug-in your headphones and listen wherever you go.

Can I use any set of headphones with my Playaway?

A universal headphone jack allows customers to use any headphones, speakers or car adapters for listening. Headphones will be available for purchase at the East Branch Help Desk for \$1 and additional Playaway accessories are available at www.playaway.com.

Where can I get Playaways?

The Rockford Public Library Playaway collection will be housed at the East Branch Library, 6650 E. State St. Customers can also use the online Max catalog at www.rockfordpubliclibrary.org to browse the Playaway collection, place titles on hold and have them delivered to any RPL location.

How do I find the Playaway collection in the Max catalog?

Customers can find the Playaway collection in the catalog by selecting "Playaway Collection" under "Format" in the Power Search functionality.

How many Playaways can I check out and how long is the loan period?

Customers can check out three (3) Playaways at a time with a lending period of 21 days (3 weeks). Playaways can be renewed the same way as other books/audio books as long as no other customer has the item on hold.