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Reading Public Library Teams Up with Wyomissing Public Library to Expand Reading Through Ebooks and E-audiobooks

Shared goal to promote digital learning in the communities

READING, Pa. – August 4, 2020 – As people increasingly read and listen to books on their smartphone or tablet, they're discovering one of the best resources is their local public library. Residents of Berks County can now access an even wider selection of popular digital ebooks and audiobooks free from both Reading Public Library and Wyomissing Public Library. With a valid card from either library, community members can borrow from both Reading Public Library and Wyomissing Public Library's digital collections by downloading [Libby](#), the award-winning one-tap reading app from [OverDrive](#). Readers can also visit the libraries' websites at <https://reading.overdrive.com/> and <https://wyopublib.overdrive.com/>.

"Providing free online digital resources is more important than ever, said Bronwen Gamble, Executive Director at Reading Public Library. "Our eMedia circulation rose by 65% since April and we are pleased to partner with the Wyomissing Public Library to bring a wider array of materials to our communities."

Colleen Stamm, Wyomissing Public Library Director, added, "The Wyomissing Public Library is so excited to be able to partner with the Reading Public Library in this new venture. We have offered OverDrive ebooks and audiobooks to our patrons since 2013, and we look forward to expanding and sharing our resources with library patrons throughout Berks County."

Named one of PCMag's Best Free Software of 2019 and one of Popular Mechanics' 20 Best Apps of the 2010s, Libby seamlessly connects first-time users and experienced readers with Reading Public Library and Wyomissing Public Library's digital collections. These tailored collections offer ebooks and audiobooks including bestsellers and new releases in a variety of topics. Readers of all ages can select from virtually every subject ranging from mystery, romance, children's, business and more.

Readers may browse both Reading Public Library and Wyomissing Public Library's digital collections, instantly borrow titles and start reading or listening for free with a valid library card. This service is compatible with all major computers and devices, iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets and Chromebook™. Through Libby, readers can also “send to Kindle®” [US only]. All titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period and there are no late fees. Readers can also download titles onto Libby for offline use.

To get started enjoying ebooks, audiobooks and more, visit <https://reading.overdrive.com/> and <https://wyopublib.overdrive.com/> or download Libby today.

About Reading Public Library

Reading Public Library was founded in 1763. Our mission is to generate a library for the future by meeting the informational, educational, and recreational needs of library consumers today. Innovative programs and service to Berks County residents are the hallmarks of our award winning library.

About Wyomissing Public Library

The Wyomissing Public Library was founded in 1913 by a group of civic-minded individuals to meet the growing needs of the Borough of Wyomissing. The organization moved to its current location at 9 Reading Boulevard in 1932. The library has grown into a true community resource. In addition to offering traditional library resources such as books, magazines and DVDs, the library also offers online digital media including eBooks, eAudioBooks, and much more. The library also offers educational and entertaining programs for the children, teens, and adults in our community.

About OverDrive

OverDrive is the leading digital reading platform for libraries and schools worldwide. The company strives to create “a world enlightened by reading” by delivering the industry's largest catalog of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and other digital media to a growing network of 50,000 libraries and schools in 78 countries. OverDrive's popular reading apps provide best-in-class user experience and tools for staff management: the [Libby](#) app for libraries is one of *PCMag's* Best Free Software of 2019 and *Popular Mechanics'* 20 Best Apps of the 2010s, while the student reading app [Sora](#) is one of *TIME's* Best Inventions of 2019. Founded in 1986, OverDrive is based in Cleveland, Ohio USA and was named a Certified B Corp in 2017. OverDrive was acquired by funds affiliated with global investment firm KKR in 2020. www.overdrive.com

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