

Hurricanes Won't Stop New Orleans Public Library from Moving Forward with Technology

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(New Orleans, LA – July 31, 2007) – New Orleans Public Library was hit hard by the nation's most devastating natural disaster. Much of their collection was destroyed by flood waters when the levees broke. In addition to rebuilding our collections and libraries, NOPL is stepping into the future of library services. Their newest service, funded by the New Orleans Public Library Foundation, includes downloadable eBooks and audiobooks from OverDrive, Inc of Cleveland, Ohio. Patrons of NOPL will be able to access a digital library site from a link on the library's website, <http://nutrias.org> using a valid library card to be able to check out digital titles.

“We are very excited to start this service with OverDrive. This is an example of new and innovative services that we are providing to our community. It's just another great way to enjoy literature, especially if you're on the go!” said longtime audio book fan and Library Foundation member, Bill Settoon. “The website is user friendly and more importantly, it is accessible from anywhere in the world, anytime day or night”, added Kim-Uyen Tran, Head of the Periodicals, Arts & Recreation Division and project manager.

For patrons of NOPL to access these titles they can go to <http://nutrias.org>. They will be able to browse through a large collection of titles. That collection includes popular authors such as James Patterson, Michael Crichton, and Barbara Delinsky. There are also best selling titles including “The Overlook” by Michael Connelly and “The Time Traveler's Wife” by Audrey Niffenegger. Checkout is simple and free with just a library card.

There are currently 8 libraries which have reopened along with 6 additional temporary locations opening this summer, and now, a portion of NOPL is available 24/7 at <http://nutrias.org>. Go and check out a downloadable audiobook or eBook today! For questions or assistance, patrons can contact the library at (504) 596-2565 or by email, par_desk@gno.lib.la.us.

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