

## **Audiobooks Service to Add Videos**

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On April 13, "Audiobooks, Music & More" will debut the "More" with a collection of American Sign Language instructional videos. The first of our new video collection comes as part of an ILDP grant purchase.

More videos will follow and will include feature and educational films, and then educational games and puzzles.

The first glimpse of the new website and collection will be during Tri-Conference in Topeka. The session on April 13, at 10:45 a.m. will preview the enhanced website, and will also feature a demonstration by OverDrive of their Download Station for libraries. Future plans for the service and a Q&A session will be part of the hour-long session.

Turnover rates (checkouts / number of titles) continue to increase each month, up to the current 10.68 checkouts per title. That number should continue to rise with the addition of videos.

For libraries interested in increasing their public performance titles, there are a number of preschool and educational videos available for maximum access OR public performance rights. Libraries interested in this option can perform an advanced search for only videos with public performance rights. Prices range from about \$10 - \$50 for most titles.

Libraries can view one-minute excerpts of videos or preview an entire video before purchasing. To enable this function, staff members will need to have their Content Reserve accounts set up for this function. Contact Patti Butcher or Eric Gustafson for more information.

All libraries participating in the statewide project should have received a letter of understanding regarding the purchase of videos in our statewide consortial environment. Please remember that everyone with a Kansas Library Card will have access to all the videos purchased by our group.

Join us on April 13 at Tri-Conference for the debut of downloadable videos in Kansas!

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