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Playaway Audiobooks FAQ

What is a Playaway? A Playaway is an audio player and audio book all in one. It is about half the size of a deck of cards and holds content that ranges from six to twenty hours of play time.

How do I find a Playaway list? Search the Catalog by Subject Keywords: **Playaways**. Use the Limit by: option to narrow your search to Adult Book on Playaway or Children's Book on Playaway and click the Go button.

What is the loan period? A Playaway title checks out for a two-week period and may be renewed if there are no reserves on the title.

Does the Playaway I check out come with a battery? You will need to provide your own standard AAA battery. They are available for purchase at the Circulation Desk in each building for a nominal charge of \$.50. One battery will last for up to 12 hours of playtime.

How do I know how much battery life is left on my battery? The Playaway LCD has a small battery icon that is displayed on screen. There are four levels of battery life reflected in the icon. When one bar is left in the battery icon, you have 25% power left.

How do I change the battery? Locate the battery clip at the wide base of the player. Then, use a coin or a screwdriver to push the clip which will allow you to unsnap and remove the cover. After that, remove and discard the old battery and replace with a fully charged battery. Lastly, snap the cover back into place.

When I check out a Playaway, will it come with earphones? Because so many listeners use and prefer their own earphones, they are not circulated along with the Playaway. Earbuds are available for purchase at the Circulation Desk for a nominal charge of \$1.00.

What headphones or earphones work with the Playaway? Playaway was designed with a universal headphone jack to work with almost any type of headphones, earphones, earbuds, speakers or car adapters.

How does Playaway compare to audio on cassette or CD? Playaway is more convenient and easier to use than inserting multiple CDs or cassettes. It also provides the added ability for the listener to control the speed of the narrator's voice and digitally bookmark up to 50 spots to hold their place or mark a quote worth going back to.

How does Playaway compare to a digital download? Playaway comes pre-loaded with digital content, so it does not require transferring, subscriptions, memberships, or even an Internet connection. Just plug in your headphones and listen wherever you go. Playaway audio is of equal or greater quality to digital downloads available today.

Can I use Playaway in my car? Yes. Playaway was designed to use most commonly available cassette adapters and FM transmitters, available for purchase at electronic stores. Some cars now are equipped with a direct plug-in for transmitting through the car speakers.

What do I do if my Playaway locks up? Sometimes you will notice a delay in the audio track. First, turn it on and off. If that does not solve the problem, remove and reinsert the battery.

Can I add, delete or transfer content to or from a Playaway? In order to protect the copyrighted works of authors and publishers, as with traditional books, you are unable to add, delete or transfer content of a Playaway title.