

Digital Library Can Ease Traveling Frustrations

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Due to a variety of traveling debacles, I recently spent much more time than I had anticipated sitting in airports. As frustrating as it is to be forced to wait for anything in today's fast-paced world, it is reassuring to know that you have your library with you wherever you go.

Many of us travel with our laptops and that makes access to your library very easy. In this case, I was not traveling with my laptop, but I did have access to the internet with my cell phone. As long as you have your library card and access to the internet you have access to your library.

Reading a book is an excellent way to dispel the anxiety while waiting and your library has several options for obtaining books remotely. Overdrive, RB Digital Books, and Freeding all contain books that can be downloaded from your digital library.

If you have earphones and would rather listen than read, many of the books have the option to download an audio version. This can be an excellent option if you only have your phone and don't want to read off of its smaller screen.

For various reasons, a book may not be the best option for your situation. Maybe you already have a book started at home or you don't have the time to finish an entire book. You can also access magazines remotely.

There is a wide selection of popular magazines available for download from RB Digital Magazines, also from your digital library. You can find magazines on topics from cooking (bon appetit, Food Network Magazine, Paleo, and more) to cars (Car and Driver, Hemmings Classic Car, Motor Trend, and more) to current events (The Economist, Kiplinger's, The New Yorker, and more). There are magazines covering virtually every area of interest.

If you are not interested in reading either a book or magazine, your digital library still has resources for you. Perhaps you want to go back to school or get a new job. The Testing & Education Reference Center has tools to assist you in searching for a school and scholarships. It has practice tests for the GED, ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT, and many more.

It also has tools to assist you in writing a cover letter, creating a resume, preparing for interviews, developing networking skills, and negotiating a salary.

Even if your future does not include additional schooling or a new job, your digital library can help you improve your financial future. Weiss Ratings Consumer Guides provide unbiased information to assist you in making sound decisions regarding things such as automobile insurance, elder care, Health Savings Accounts, Medicare Supplement Insurance and homeowners insurance.

The guides have clear definitions of key terms, are easy to read, and contain worksheets and planners in addition to step by step instructions.

Your digital library also includes Value Line. This resource assists you in making wise stock market decisions by providing research, market analysis, and investment education.

The options listed so far are only a fraction of what is available from your digital library. Whatever your interests or goals, it is easy to turn your next layover or doctor's office wait into a positive and constructive time with the help of your digital library. In fact, with all of the useful tools and information available, you may not want to wait for layover to take advantage of them all!