

Librarian's Shelf by Rachelle McPhillips

New Digital Library Resources at Columbus Public library

Columbus Public Library has added RBdigital comics to its Digital Library offerings. Library cardholders now have access to hundreds of comics and graphic novels on RBdigital mobile apps and web browsers.

Patrons of all ages will find something to love in this new collection—from Disney Comics' beloved characters and stories such as Frozen, Lion King, Star Wars, and Mickey Mouse, to Marvel Comics' blockbusters Captain Marvel, Spiderman, The Avengers, and X-Men. RBdigital Comics also features other popular titles from top brands, including Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Hellboy, Transformers, Ghostbusters, and My Little Pony.

Patrons can check out comics as an entire volume—rather than having to check out each individual issue—and can instantly read checked-out comics on the RBdigital app or desktop browser.

We are also offering unlimited access to wellness and personal development classes on Learn It Live.

Learn It Live offers interactive, live video courses and thousands of recorded courses on health and wellness, spirituality, personal development, and more. This unique service allows library patrons to interact with top authors and expert instructors from around the world. Topics include cooking, nutrition, child care, financial wellness, fitness, yoga, mindfulness, meditation, stress reduction, and more.

Learn It Live can be enjoyed on your mobile devices through the RBdigital app, as well as desktop computers via <https://columbusne.rbdigital.com>. Please see a library staff member for more information on how to access this service, or call us at 402-564-7116, opt. 2.

The digital side of Recorded Books known as "RBdigital" has been acquired by OverDrive. This means that CPL cardholders will be able to access more content through one service. Migration for our library is still pending. Ebooks and audiobooks will be first to transfer and the magazine, comics, and streaming services will follow.

In November, City of Columbus voters will have the opportunity to approve the issuance of bonds for a building that would unify our Public Library and City Hall in downtown Columbus. No additional taxes would be needed to fund the development, construction, or furnishing of this building. These bonds would be paid using an existing half percent (½ %) sales tax that was approved by voters in 2016 for the exclusive purpose of constructing new fire, police, and library/cultural buildings.

The ballot question asks Columbus residents to give the City of Columbus permission to issue bonds to pay for the library/cultural portions of this proposed facility, including a community room with an art gallery and shell spaces for a children's museum and coffee shop.

If approved by voters, site and floor plans would be finalized and building materials selected. Meanwhile the library would continue to serve the community from a temporary location for an estimated two years while the current building is removed and new construction is completed.

Visit <https://buildingtogethercolumbus.org> to learn more.