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Zinio: Your Favorite Magazines Online

Columbus Public Library users now have free access to over 40 different magazines online through the partnership of Recorded Books Digital and Zinio. Zinio Digital Magazines is a digital reading platform that recreates magazines digitally. The pages look the same as the paper magazine but users get the added benefit of keyword article searches and interactive media such as videos and links to websites. You can download and view current issues of popular magazines on your computer or mobile device. Unlike e-books, Zinio magazines can be downloaded by multiple users at a time and they never expire.

With Columbus Public Library's Zinio access, users are creating two accounts. One account is with Recorded Books Digital, which allows the library to offer users free access to magazines. The second is with Zinio, which allows users to actually read those magazines. Because of these two accounts, you will have to sign in twice before downloading new magazine issues and you will have to select new magazines using a web browser, even if you plan to read the magazines with the Zinio app on your mobile device.

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First you will need to create a library collection account. This account will allow you to access (for free) the magazines that Columbus Public Library subscribes to. You will need to enter your library card number and after validating, you should type your email and create a password. You will be able to continue with the set up process when you receive an email and click the activation link. Once this step is complete you can log in to your library collection account and view the magazines that are available for you to download for free.

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Now you're ready to start reading! Simply click the magazine you want to read and it will open in your browser or you can download the magazine so you can read it offline. To select another magazine to read go back to your library collection page (using the tabs at the top of your web browser) and select another magazine.

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