

Librarian's Shelf by Karen Connell

### New to Your Digital Library

Columbus Public Library cardholders have had access to free and legal music downloads through Freegal Music for just over a year. Three songs could be downloaded each week per library card with no need to return the song files; they were yours to keep and even transfer the mp3 files to multiple devices. Users could also download music videos from a selection of 15,000 mp4 formatted videos.

Now with additional features from Freegal Music, cardholders can download five songs each week and stream three hours of music each day. A counter will notify you of your streaming allotment and usage in the top right corner of the Freegal Music website. With the complete Sony Music Entertainment catalog and six million songs from 28,000 recording labels from over 80 countries, users have a wide selection of music from which to choose.

To use Freegal Music on your computer, start at the Digital Library page of the Columbus Public Library website ([www.columbusne.us/digitallibrary](http://www.columbusne.us/digitallibrary)). From the list of all our online resources, click the Freegal Music link and enter your library card number on the Freegal Music login page. On the left-hand side of the following page, you can see controls that relate to streaming, such as the ability to set up playlists or listen to playlists Freegal has created. On album covers there will be a "stream now" button, allowing for entire album to be streamed, and on songs the sampling button will now stream an entire song.

If you do not see the streaming option, simply logout and log back in. The first time you use the new Streaming Interface, a large pop-up screen entitled "Streaming 1-2-3" will walk you through the basics of streaming. The FAQs page also contains detailed information about how to use all features of Freegal Music.

With the updated Freegal Music Android and iOS apps, users can access streaming and download music and videos on their mobile devices.

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You can also call 402-564-7116 or stop by the Columbus Public Library for help regarding these and any of our digital resources.