

Let the Library Make Your Holiday Travels More Entertaining

The holidays are all about travel. Driving from Grandma's to Aunt Susie's and back, only to do it all again in a few days for the other side of the family. After several hours of listening to radio stations fade in and out, you might start wondering if there is a better alternative. There is. While expensive and somewhat impractical to buy for yourself, the library has a wide selection of audio books to check out and listen to while you drive.

Depending on your vehicle, you probably have a tape or CD player along with your radio, or in a few cases, both. The library has a wide selection of books on both cassette and CD, including romance, mystery, thrillers, classics, and lots of nonfiction as well. If you are traveling with kids, you might take a few children's audio books so the whole family can listen while you drive. If you have fans of Harry Potter in your family, the audio book versions of those books are not to be missed, as they are narrated very well, full of voices and accents for the various personalities at Hogwarts. If you're looking for something specific, give us a call and if we don't have it on the shelf we'll check Columbus' holdings. If they have the title, we'll bring it in for you. They check out like any other book, for three weeks at a time. If you are still driving around to holiday gatherings after that time, my heart goes out to you, but we'll renew it for another three weeks if you need it.

If your vehicle is equipped with a DVD player, or you have a portable player that you take on long trips, come in and browse our DVD collection. They are a cheaper alternative to renting them from a rental store, and certainly cheaper than buying them. You are allowed to check out four DVDs per card and they are due back in one week.

Lastly, if you have an MP3 compatible stereo in your vehicle or have an MP3 player that can interface with your car's audio system, come in and ask us about downloadable audio books. It's a new service that we offer, and it can be a nice alternative to shuffling CDs or cassettes around every hour. From your PC or ours, you can log into our Overdrive book collection and download titles that can be transferred to your MP3 player. The titles are good for one week, and then the files no longer work and are easily deleted from your player or PC.

Whatever your choice, an audio book or DVD for you or the kids can make your long drives a little bit better and brighter. Happy Holidays!

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