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Re: NOLS surpasses 100,000 digital checkouts for 2023

NOLS surpasses 100,000 eBook, eAudiobook, and digital magazine checkouts for 2023

Public libraries continue to evolve to meet the needs of patrons through digital connectivity. As of July 26, library cardholders of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) have borrowed a record-breaking 100,000 eBooks, eAudiobooks, and digital magazines through Libby and the Washington Anytime Library in 2023.

NOLS patrons borrowed more than 100,000 items in a single year for the first time in 2018. Since then, the date by which 100,000 items are borrowed has occurred earlier each year—from November 26 in 2018 to July 26 in 2023. This illustrates the continued growth and importance of libraries to the community.

The 100,000 checkout was the eBook edition of "[The Blood Card](#)," by Elly Griffiths. The third book in the author's Brighton Mysteries series, main character and stage magician Max Mephisto reunites with Detective Inspector Edgar Stephens to solve a murder involving a British war hero on the eve of Elizabeth II's coronation. An eAudiobook edition of this title is also available, or start the series with "[The Zig Zag Girl](#)," available as both an eBook and eAudiobook.

Digital book lending is a convenient way for readers to discover—or rediscover—the Library’s programs and resources. NOLS has provided patrons with 24/7 access to OverDrive eBooks and eAudiobooks since 2008 and added access to digital magazines in January 2022.

As a part of the Washington Anytime Library and Washington Digital Library Consortium, NOLS reflects the diverse community of the North Olympic Peninsula by offering nearly 140,000 copies of over 77,000 unique titles, including bestsellers, new releases, and treasured classics. Readers of all ages can select from virtually every genre, ranging from mystery and romance to cookbooks and travel guides, young adult and children’s titles, graphic novels, and so much more.

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