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New service lets Boston Public Library cardholders stream, download movies, TV shows, music, audiobooks

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A new service launched this week allows Boston Public Library cardholders to instantly stream or temporarily download thousands of movies, TV shows, music and audiobooks to their computers, smartphones or tablets, officials said.

“The collection includes everything from new and notable titles to favorite classics for children and adults, including educational and instructional videos, foreign films, and top-selling music albums,” the library said in an announcement. “All titles are available for simultaneous access with no waiting periods, and new content is added weekly.”

Users can download up to 10 titles per month with checkout times ranging from three days to three weeks, officials said. An automatic return ensures no late fees.



The service is run through hoopla, which partners with local libraries to offer media streaming. Users log in with their library card and then create a hoopla reader account.

To sign up or learn more, [click here](#).

“When we surveyed our users earlier this year, access to streaming content was the top-requested new service,” Michael Colford, director of library services, said in a statement. “Free digital streaming is an excellent addition to Boston Public Library’s growing online collection, and it is available twenty-four hours a day.”

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Genetically Modified Foods Confuse Consumers

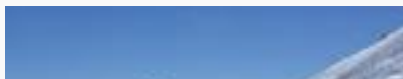
Genetically modified foods have been around for years, but most people in the United States have no idea if they are eating them.

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A convicted sex offender who killed his 12-year-old niece after luring her to his house with a ruse about a pool party is due to be formally sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.



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Connecticut lawmakers moved forward this week on a new nutrition bill that could remove chocolate milk from public schools.

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The girls lacrosse team at Exeter High School is honoring their late coach Stephen Arkell, a New Hampshire police officer who was killed in the line of duty.

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The planned documentary by the Oprah Winfrey Network on Michael Sam, the NFL's first openly gay player, has been postponed.

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Woman Falls Down Elevator Shaft at Fenway Park

A 22-year-old woman is hospitalized after falling down an elevator shaft at Fenway Park Friday during a Red Sox game, according to the Boston Fire Department.

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The Obama administration and Congress are moving quickly to respond to a growing political firestorm over allegations of treatment delays and falsified records at veterans hospitals nationwide.

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Conn. Exhibit Looks at Benedict Arnold as Hero

A new exhibit on display at the Slater Memorial Museum is the latest effort to bring heightened visibility to a subject Norwich has deliberately ignored for centuries.

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Testing Inconclusive, Suspected Bobcat Returned

A judge has returned a 38-pound feline to a New Jersey woman after DNA testing couldn't conclusively say whether it was a purebred bobcat.

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Nissan's Taxi of Tomorrow Hoping for a Fare Future

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Teen's Arm Reattached After Pasta Accident

Four surgeries later, 17-year-old Brett Bouchard can move his arm after it was severed below the elbow.



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Red Sox Fall to Tigers, 1-0, Back Under .500





The loss drops the Sox back below .500, at 20-21, and 10-12 at home.

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North Reading Man Busted Allegedly Selling Drugs Out of Restaurant

Richard "Ricky" Ward faces a number of drug charges following a six-month investigation by police.

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Federal prosecutors say there's no need for a hearing on what defense attorneys have called leaks and improper comments in the case of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

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