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Community College Allows Students Different Opportunities to Learn

Triton College's Library Offers OverDrive Platform to Students, Faculty and Staff *The Free Platform Allows Students to Borrow eBooks, Audiobooks, Magazines and Videos*

RIVER GROVE, III. – Triton College students and staff can now borrow eBooks, audiobooks, magazines and videos using the online platform OverDrive. The free platform allows users to read or listen to books online or to download them onto a mobile device.

OverDrive is an online platform that is a part of the Network of Illinois Learning Resources in Community Colleges (NILRC) consortium.

"Students, faculty and staff now have more access to more content than an individual library is able to provide on its own," said Director of Library Systems and Technical Services Amy Pinc.

According to Pinc, users can access OverDrive by downloading the Libby app on their mobile devices. It can also be accessed on the Triton library website under the "find books" tab and then clicking the OverDrive link.

"OverDrive has been used recently to supplement all of our recent physical book displays," said librarian Shekinah Lawrence. "Current collections include spring plants and gardening magazines, LBGT resources, Women's History Month and banned books."

The OverDrive platform was helpful to students throughout the course of the pandemic.

Dean of Academic Success Hilary Meyer said the Triton College library team immediately adjusted resources and services to a primarily online environment during the COVID-related campus closure. She explained that the program allowed Triton to continue to serve students, faculty and staff during a time of crisis.

Librarian River Seiler said future collections will supplement the physical book displays.

"We've received many positive comments from students who use OverDrive for classwork rather than just casual reading," said Seiler. "They seem to appreciate that they don't have to carry an extra book with them and can read anywhere."

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