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## **What is MontanaLibrary2Go?**

MontanaLibrary2Go (<http://montanalibrary2go.org>) is an online service that offers participating libraries' registered library patrons free access to a collection of nearly 30,000 contemporary, classic, and bestseller audiobooks and e-books (books in electronic, or digital, format).

These books check out just like a physical book or audio CD, except that you can check them out at any time, from anywhere – an online library “to go.” Patrons can download the books to their electronic devices or computers, or they can read or listen to books in an online browser.

## **Why does my library need MontanaLibrary2Go?**

Downloadable and streaming library books and audiobooks are a valuable service in a large and mostly rural state such as Montana, where citizens often live many miles from the nearest public library. Online services such as MontanaLibrary2Go provide Montanans with the convenience of an "anytime, anywhere" collection, while maintaining the quality content and high level of support of traditional library services.

Overall, the number of Montana residents who make use of this statewide service continues to increase across all library locations.

By joining the statewide group, where individual costs are carefully assigned to make sure that all libraries can afford to participate, these libraries are providing their communities with an online collection that they may not otherwise be able to afford on their own.

## **How much does MontanaLibrary2Go cost?**

Participating libraries pay an annual subscription cost so that their patrons can enjoy free access to MontanaLibrary2Go.

The Montana State Library contributes funding to lower the cost of this service so that all libraries can afford to offer their library patrons a larger collection than they could otherwise afford. The costs are based on the library's use and range from around \$500 for the smallest libraries to thousands of dollars for the largest public libraries.

Please feel free to contact Statewide Projects Librarian, Cara Orban, if you have more questions about MontanaLibrary2Go: [corban@mt.gov](mailto:corban@mt.gov) or 406-444-5350.