VISTA ROYALE COMPUTER CLUB

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Members: Vicky Getz started up the Zoom and welcomed everyone; we had 18+ participants.

Darryl Daniels was our presenter and did a comprehensive review and tutorial on using the book lending app called Overdrive so you can enjoy eBooks and audiobooks for free through your local public library or school.

The page for Indian River County Library http://www.irclibrary.org/ebooks.php says you will need:

• A valid IRC Library card
• A Smartphone, Tablet, Kindle, PC, Mac or other compatible device to read the eBook.

You will be able to check out 5 eBooks or Audiobooks at a time and can return those books at any time to check out more.

What Kind of Device Do You Have?

• Amazon Kindle: You will need an account with Amazon.com and should checkout the Kindle format for your eBooks. People who own Kindles should have already registered them on Amazon.com so please make sure you use the same account when attempting to download or manage your eBooks. [You need to know your Amazon password]
• Tablet, Smartphone or PC: Search your devices App marketplace for the Overdrive App or click here for PC. Once you download the app on your device you can search for the IRC Library or enter our zip code (32960) to find us. Once that is complete you can use that app to borrow, read, listen to, or return your items.

[Other older e-readers (Nook, Sony, Kobo, etc.) which do not have an app store may not be supported.

The app link for Apple products is here: https://help.overdrive.com/en-us/9998.html

First you have to have a library card/s from a participating library or libraries; it has a bar code number on it *and you will set the pin as the last 4 digits of your phone.* IRC Library apparently has a handout on how to connect.

Darryl said that there is an app for 'Overdrive' as well as their other reading products: 'Libby' [app 'Sara' is for schools] and the website above has links for that as well. It appears that 'Libby' can be used in a browser on your laptop.

You will need to sign into the app store of your choice on your phone/tablet and then download the software and install. You can also download from *https://company.overdrive.com/apps/*

When you set up the app:

Follow the prompts

Fill in your email address & library account number

Chose the local library branch and then it will authorize you to download eBooks or Audio Books

Find the book you want from the ones available; select it and look at a preview. Press the download button when you are satisfied. You can also do a search by title, author, character or genre if you wish. Click on what you want and then click Borrow.

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Share is only a notification to a friend of a good book.......... not the book itself. You might want to check out BIG LIBRARY READ: https://biglibraryread.com/ Apparently 'Hoopla' is another type of eBook resource; Google: 'hoopla vs overdrive' to learn more.

Darryl has been able to use more than one library at a time although usually you have to visit the library to update your card every two years.

Thanks for today's presentation, it was a great look at Overdrive. Many of our members will be taking advantage of this service. See if your favorite library is available: https://www.overdrive.com/libraries

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From Vicky: IR County Library website also has a link to all car manuals if you need one.

There was some general discussion on how/where to get your Covid 19 vaccine and if you get the AARP newsletter, you might want to read the part on pain relievers and the shots. If you can't find it, Mike Johnson provided me with the section of the paper and I will send it to anyone who wants it. Just don't want to add it to our minutes as we are having enough trouble sending them out. Also, several members of the club have been notified of an update for iPhones that is immediate.

Next week's subject will be by Vicky Getz and will be "Genealogy on the Cheap". She will show how to do genealogical research through portals at the Indian River County Library for free. If anyone wants to show some software or discuss one of their projects at a future meeting, please contact Vicky Getz at vrcomputerclub@gmail.com. Many hands make light work and a couple of members have already stepped up.

Watch your email for your zoom invitation for February 4, 2021 at 9:30.

Regards,

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