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Extra Value Deal, by [Kevin Wadzinski](#)

With the growing popularity of e-readers, such as Amazon's Kindle, and the ubiquity of the smartphone, it was only a matter of time before [SJCP L](#) embraced the digital word. A couple of months ago SJCP L added the ability for patrons to download e-books and digital audiobooks from home through the [Overdrive Media Console](#).

For any non-St. Joseph county resident who has been on the fence about whether to get a [non-resident library card](#), the addition of Overdrive adds significant value to your purchase. Now, in addition to getting access to such [databases](#) as the Historical Chicago Tribune, Newspaper ARCHIVE and Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, non-resident card holders will also be able to download and read [A Game of Thrones](#) or listen to Tina Fey read her bestselling book [Bossypants](#). All from the comfort of your home, no matter how far away that might be.

Overdrive also makes it easy for subscribing institutions to submit their own scanned material, provided it is not under copyright protection. So far we have uploaded a 1910 history of the local YMCA, the wonderfully titled [A Manhood Factory in the Center of South Bend's Greatest Industries](#). We are looking forward to making more local materials available to our patrons digitally. Stay tuned for updates!

Upcoming Ancestry.com Class

Join us at the Main Library to hear Lisa Ellam present "All About Ancestry.com" a two-part class scheduled for Wednesday, November 2 and November 9, at 6:00 p.m. With over 7 billion records, Ancestry.com is one of the most popular and comprehensive internet tools for family history research. Learn tips and search strategies for this SJCP L online database and see how you can get free access to it at any SJCP L location! Attend this two-part class to practice (bring your own family information) and receive personal instruction on using this exciting genealogy resource. Pre-register [online](#) or by calling 282-4621.

New Books

- *Haunted Lake Michigan: Ghosts, Shipwrecks and Scary Mysteries of a Great Lake*, by Frederick Stonehouse
- *Murder in Burnt Orange: A Hilda Johannon Mystery*, by Jeanne M. Dams
- *America's Women in the Revolutionary Era, 1760-1790: A History Through Bibliography, Vols. 1-3*, by Eric G. Grundset
- *Rest In Peace: A History of American Cemeteries*, by Meg Greene