

PATRON OVERDRIVE ACCESS

Beginning on September 1st, 2011, non-resident card holders outside of our local service area will no longer have access to the digital audio and ebook service OverDrive. This policy has been created by the Alliance Public Library Board of Directors in response to publisher concerns over licensing and digital access rights.

As the Alliance community library, we pay a yearly consortium fee to OverDrive based on our local population. This membership is used to purchase books that are available to patrons of all participating Nebraska libraries. With the continued growth of ebook popularity, a number of publishers involved in OverDrive have requested only patrons who reside within the service area of the participating library be allowed access to the digital collection. In compliance with this request, and in an attempt to encourage active participation in the development of ebook collections by both publishers and libraries, we will be restricting access to our OverDrive collection to residents with mailing addresses with a 30 mile radius of Alliance. This includes Hemingford, Angora, Lakeside and Ellsworth.

In the coming years, ebooks will become an essential staple in an increasingly digital world, and libraries will be called upon to embrace this evolution. Please encourage your local library to join the Nebraska OverDrive Consortium so that together our libraries will stride confidently into the digital age.

If you have questions concerning this policy, we can be reached Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm at 308-762-1387 or by visiting the library at 1750 Sweetwater Avenue in Alliance.

Thank you,

The Alliance Public Library