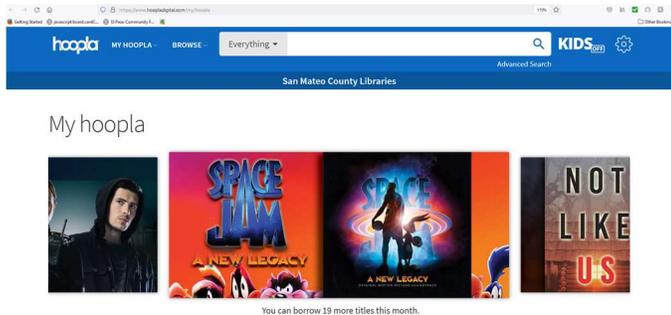




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Big Doings with Online Library Resources

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Hoopla's first screen

The San Mateo County Library system has been providing an exceptionally good online service during this troubling year-and-a-half of Covid-affected operation. Hoopla (at hoopladigital.com) gives all library patrons access to audiobooks, movies, music, comics, ebooks, and television. Log in with your library card number (exact steps for setting up your free account are clearly given on the site), and you'll be amazed to find what's available.

I've been using Hoopla to read the Harry Potter series. I'm on the 6th installment now. Each of the books when downloaded comes with a return date 21 days later. I've found that I needed more time than that to complete a few of the books, but that's not been a problem, because Hoopla has readily allowed renewals of the titles I've picked.

Its ease of use and wide variety of titles has made me a big fan of Hoopla. But that's not the only online resource set up by our Library. **Overdrive** is

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Aaron's Question Column



Checking the AQI in Foster City at AIRNOW.GOV

Question: What is the Air Quality Index - and what have been the trends in overall air quality in the Bay Area - and/or the Salt Lake City area - over the past decades?
-Jerry

Aaron's Answer (A'sA): An Air Quality Index, or AQI is a government-run system used to tell the citizens in that country how polluted or unpolluted their air is. The AQI is similar to a yardstick or thermometer which measures various pollutants throughout a certain period of time (24 hours for most pollutants, 8 hours for carbon monoxide and ozone).

There isn't any definitive evidence which I can find relating to the air quality of California and Utah over the past few decades, but many sources say that California and Utah are at near all-time highs in pollution. This is due to the rampant wildfires of Utah and California.

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