



## Playaways for Children and Young Adults at the B.F. Jones Memorial Library



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Playaway – the first self-playing digital audio book

– adding the innovative digital format to our existing audio book collection.

**KEYWORD SEARCH: Playaway on BV-R-PAC to view a Title List**

A **Playaway** is the self-contained audio equivalent of a book. **Playaways** are not MP3 Players, CDs, or computer software. **Playaways** are half the size of a deck of cards, and require only user-supplied earphones and one AAA battery. The **Playaways** universal headphone jack works with almost any type of headphone or mobility accessory. The universal headphone jack also works in vehicles with MP3 jacks as well as personal stereos.

Using clearly marked buttons, **Playaway** gives listeners the option of placing digital bookmarks and controlling the speed of a narrator's voice, all while easily moving both forward and back through audio book selections that can range from three to twenty-four hours.

### LENDING POLICIES:

- Playaways are available for a 2 week loan period.
- Playaways are not available for renewal.
- Playaways are issued with 1 AAA battery
- Ear buds are available for purchase for \$1.50 and are yours to keep.
- Late fees are \$ 1.00 per day maximum of \$10.00.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Can I use my own headphones?** You have to. We do not circulate headphones. The Playaway has a universal headphone jack and can work with almost any headphones, speakers or car adapters. You can purchase ear buds at the circulation desk for \$1.50 if you do not have a pair.

**Why can't I return the Playaway in the outside Book-drop?** The Playaway, like other media forms such as DVDs, CDs and VHS are very sensitive to heat and cold

**How do I know how much battery is left in my unit?** The Playaway has a small battery icon that is displayed on the screen. There are 4 levels of battery life reflected in the icon. When one bar is left, you have 20% power left. AAA batteries are available for purchase at the circulation desk for the cost of \$.50 a battery.

**How do I change the battery?** While we hope it will not be necessary to change the battery while this book is in your possession, circumstances may make it necessary. To change the battery, hold the Playaway so that the smooth side is facing you. There is a slight slit or depression in the middle of the unit. Press down and flip the top of the case off. Take the old battery out and replace it by putting the positive side of the battery (the side with the protrusion) to the right. Replace top of case. Continue to listen.

**What do I do if the Playaway locks up?** Like any good storyteller, sometimes the Playaway just needs a moment to catch its breath. First, turn it on and off. If that doesn't solve the problem, remove and reinsert the battery.

**What does the audio sound like on a Playaway?** Playaway audio is of equal or greater quality to digital downloads available today.

**How does Playaway compare to audio on cassette or CD?** Playaway is more convenient and easier to enjoy than juggling multiple CDs, cassettes or a separate player. Playaway also offers various enhanced digital features, including the ability to control the speed of the narrator's voice and digitally bookmark up to 50 favorite spots.

**How does Playaway compare to digital downloads and other forms of on-the-go downloading like cell phones?** Playaway comes pre-loaded with digital content, so it does not require information transfer fees, subscriptions, memberships, or even an Internet connection. Just plug-in your headphones and listen wherever you go.

**Why can't I add, delete or transfer content to or from a Playaway?** In order to protect the copyrighted works of authors and publishers as traditional books do, you are unable to make copies of Playaway.

**Can I use the Playaway in my car?** Yes, each Playaway has a universal headphone jack that can be used with most of the commonly available car adapters on the market, including cassette adapters and FM transmitters.

**Is the Playaway waterproof?** While the Playaway should not be harmed if it gets splashed, it should not be used under water.

**If the Playaway starts acting funny (skipping, et cetera) what can I do?** While the Playaway should not be serviced by anyone other than certified personnel, simply changing the battery seems to fix most glitches that can occur.

**As with DVDs and CDs extreme hot or cold temperatures will affect and possibly destroy Playaways. We ask that you please return all your media inside the library.**

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