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Title Heading

OverDrive acquires RBdigital lending platform

This means that over the coming months, all RBdigital library customers and RBdigital app users will be migrated to the OverDrive platform and Libby. We expect that the OverDrive platform will be enhanced with content that was unique to the RBdigital platform, including new Recorded Books audiobook releases, and we will be exploring additional content relationships such as digital magazines from ZINIO. After the customer and patron migration is complete, the RBdigital platform will be discontinued.

If you are a current RBdigital customer, it is my understanding that your content will be migrated to your Bridges Advantage account. If you don't have an Advantage account it will be created for you.

If you are not a RBdigital customer, you will not experience any change.



Black Lives Matter: Community Read

Earlier this month, OverDrive announced **Black Lives Matter: Community Read**. This OverDrive digital book program is created to provide your library simultaneous access to important titles on social justice and anti-racism.

- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander, is available as an audiobook through July 15, 2020.
- Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla F. Saad, is available as an ebook June 22, through July 12, 2020.
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas, is available as an ebook and audiobook June 22, through July 19, 2020.
- So You Want to Talk about Race by Ijeoma Oluo, will be available as an audiobook from June 29 through July 26, 2020.

In light of these titles being available for simultaneous access for a short period of time, OverDrive has decided to postpone the next Big Library Read until August.

Bridges Authentication

This only affects libraries who use the State Library server to authenticated your patrons on Bridges. If your patrons log in on your ILS, you'll see no changes. You may remember hearing at the Bridges Crisis Response Conversation that we would be moving Bridges patron authentication to a new service. The process has started. I've had conversations with some of you already, for others I've already had enough information. For still others, you'll be hearing from me soon. The new server requires patron numbers to be at least 5 characters long. Some you have numbers that are too short. I would propose a simple solution would be to add leading zeros to bring yours up to 5 characters. We would be able to merge old and new versions of those

numbers so that your patrons do not lose their holds and history. They will, though have to get used to entering a slightly different number.

If you've never spoken to your ILS vendor about authenticating Bridges access, you might want to see if they can handle it. That would allow you to keep your current numbering system.

There are many of you to transition, I will be in touch when it's your turn.

Thank you for being a Bridges member library!

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