

Winnebago Public Library

Zinio for Libraries Digital Magazines

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Zinio?

Zinio, “the world’s largest newsstand,” offers full color, interactive digital magazines for purchase. Recorded Books Digital (RB Digital) has contracted with Zinio to deliver Zinio for Libraries, a service that allows libraries to purchase subscriptions to selected magazines and make them available FREE to holders of library cards.

2. What magazines can I get through Zinio?

Pick up a list at the library or go to www.winnebagopubliclibrary.org and click on Magazine List.

3. How can I begin using Zinio online magazines?

Here’s what you need to get started:

- A valid Winnebago Public Library card (District patrons and WCUSD students) with a 14 digit bar code. If you have an older card, now is a good time to come in and get it upgraded! It takes just a few minutes.
- A computer (PC or MAC) or a mobile device with current browser software such as Internet Explorer 9 or above or Google Chrome.
- Software or an App, depending on the device you are using. Apps are available for iPad®, iPhone®, Kindle Fire/Kindle Fire HD®, Android®, and Blackberry Playbook™.
- An internet connection

Pick up a user guide at the library or go to www.winnebagopubliclibrary.org, click on Zinio Digital Magazines, and then click on User Guide.

4. What devices does Zinio work on?

Zinio can be accessed through your PC or Mac, iPhone®, iPad®, Android®, Kindle Fire/Fire HD™, and Blackberry® Playbook.

5. Can I read magazines through Zinio if I don’t have a computer or a tablet or smart phone?

You are welcome to visit the library and use one of the library public access computers to read your magazines online. You will not be able to download magazines unless you have your own plug-in storage device.

6. Does the library loan out laptops or tablets?

At this time, the library does not loan out any devices.

7. Is the library cancelling its print subscriptions?

In a word, no! The Winnebago Public Library is committed to providing its users with access to materials in a variety of formats. The library continues to provide magazines in print for those able to come in to the library to enjoy them. In fact, the number of print subscriptions has increased for this year. Some magazines are available in both print and digital format. Zinio digital magazines allow the library to extend its services to those who may not be able to come into the library and to those who prefer to access library services while away from the library building.

8. How is Zinio funded?

Introduction of eReading resources is funded through a Per Capita Grant from the Illinois State Library. Some magazines are supported by the Winnebago Community Unit School District #323.

9. How is the library partnering with the Winnebago schools in this service?

The Winnebago Public Library and the Winnebago Community Unit School District are cooperating to introduce Zinio to students in the community through in school orientations and use of digital magazines for student assignments. In-school orientations will begin with the high school. The partnership has also enabled the schools to support digital magazines of value to students and faculty that the library might not otherwise have been able to purchase. The partnership will be evaluated at the close of the school year in spring 2014.

10. How can I suggest that the library subscribe to a magazine?

If you are interested in having the library subscribe to a magazine, either in print or digital format, please speak with or send an email to the [library director](#). The Library Director makes selection decisions based on the library's selection criteria and availability of funds.

11. Can I purchase magazine subscriptions through Zinio—for myself or for the library?

Yes, you can purchase subscriptions for yourself. Zinio has more than 1,000 digital magazines available for you to choose from. You will need a credit or debit card to make purchases. Any subscriptions you purchase will be added to your personal account. They will *not* be added to the WPL collection. Access to the option is on the YOUR LIBRARY screen in Zinio.

Thank you, but—No, you may not purchase magazine subscriptions *directly* for the library. We welcome your suggestions for purchases (see # 11 above). We also welcome donations that support the library's purchase of magazine subscriptions.

12. I'm a non-resident card holder. Can I access Zinio?

Yes, non-resident patrons can access Zinio. Non-resident patrons have no access to library services at their home location and pay a fee to the Winnebago Public Library District for their library services.

13. I'm a reciprocal borrower card holder. Can I access Zinio?

Reciprocal borrowers have limited service access at Winnebago Public Library because they have library services available to them through another district. Access to Zinio is not available to reciprocal borrowers. Check with your home district library about access to eReading resources.

14. I'm a student in the Winnebago Community Unit School District? Can I access Zinio?

WCUSD students may access Zinio, even if they reside outside the Winnebago Public Library District.

Didn't find the answer to your question here? Contact the [library director](#).