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The San Diego Public Library Helps Travelers Lighten Their Loads *Great Access Options with the Technology You're Probably Already Carrying*

With some airlines charging extra for luggage, the good news this summer vacation period is that patrons of the San Diego Public Library won't need to pack as many heavy travel guides or language books on their next trip.

The first stop on any vacation should be San Diego Public Library's website, www.sandiegolibrary.org where anyone with a library card can manage their library account, access the full text of Frommer's guidebooks to 38 destinations in the United States and around the world, or learn a foreign language with a downloadable audio book.

Once patrons have set up their online library account they will also be able to renew certain items they've checked out, place holds on materials to have them sent to the branch of their choice for free pick up and manage other services. Users can also read a whole host of magazines and newspapers at home or on vacation from popular titles like the New York Times or Newsweek through advanced research journals for researchers and academics.

Electronic travel books are easily searchable so users can quickly look up a particular tourist spot or find a restaurant. After creating a username and password on the library site, library users can access these or over 400 electronic books on a wide range of subjects from 'how to' books, including Idiots and Dummies guides, Cliff Notes and even novels without needing to have their library card with them. And they can do it just as well from their own laptop, any airport or hotel computer or Internet café.

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OverDrive digital audio titles can be checked out and downloaded to your personal computer. Once downloaded, the eAudiobook files can be transferred to a supported MP3 player, and some can be burned to CD. Ipod users will soon be able to benefit too. Take titles on the road, to the beach, or listen at home on your ‘staycation.’ There are no late fees or overdue notices; the digital titles automatically expire.

Although even the novice computer user will quickly master the use of these resources on San Diego Public Library’s website www.sandiegolibrary.org, knowledgeable staff-members are able to assist patrons that visit the Central Library, in downtown San Diego, or any of the 35 branches of the San Diego Public Library to ready their accounts.

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