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KIRKWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BECOMES FIRST LIBRARY IN MISSOURI TO OFFER DVD EXPRESS

New service allows patrons to check out latest hit movies for three days

Beginning July 8, Kirkwood Public Library becomes the first library in Missouri to offer the latest movie releases on DVD through the Apex DiscXpress II system. This new service is only available in a handful of states, again putting Kirkwood on the leading edge of a new trend in library service.

Similar to the popular Hot Reads collection, patrons will now have the opportunity to check out the latest movies in the library's Hot DVD collection. To allow more people to enjoy these popular titles, the Hot DVDs will check out for three days and the DVDs will not be used to satisfy holds. The library plans to keep five copies of each title. So walk into the library anytime and see what awaits you. It's another opportunity for serendipity to strike.

Through a matching grant from LSTA (Learning Services & Technology Act) and IMLS (Institute of Museum & Library Services), the library purchased a secure machine – officially called the DiscXpress II – to house the Hot DVD collection.

In addition, a generous gift from the Friends of the Kirkwood Library allowed for the purchase of \$30,000 worth of Hot DVDs to get the collection started. You'll notice the machine even comes in a custom color: Kirkwood red.

This service provides one more reason to draw people into the library as it continues to provide education, entertainment and enlightenment to people throughout the community.

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