What is hoopla?

**hoopla** is a digital media service offered by MVCC Library that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows.

- You can access these resources by computer as well as on other devices, like your tablet and smartphone, by downloading the hoopla app.
- Find hoopla items by going to [https://hoopladigital.com](https://hoopladigital.com) You may also discover hoopla items that are in our library catalog.
- You will create your personal Hoopla account through MVCC Library. It will be active as long as you remain a current student or staff member.

**Note:** You are allowed up to borrow up to 3 items per month via Hoopla.

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If you have any questions about using hoopla or need further assistance, please don’t hesitate to Ask a Librarian for help.
How to Set Up Your Hoopla Account

If this is your first time using Hoopla, click the “Get Started Today” button. If you have used Hoopla before and already have an account set up, you can “Log In” at the top of the page.

If you are a new user, fill out the form using your Moraine Valley email account. **Note: the password you choose for Hoopla does not need to be the same as your MVCC password.**
Next, choose Moraine Valley Comm College as your library. You will have access to this Hoopla account as long as you are a student or staff member of Moraine Valley.

In the “Library Card” form field, please enter your **MVCC username**. Not sure what your username is? Look it up [here](#). The image below shows an example username for someone named ‘Jane Smith.’
If your information was correct, you should receive the following confirmation screen. Click the “Sign Me Up” button.

Congrats! You now have access to your Hoopla account! You can now search and browse for items here, as well as manage your digital checkouts and your account.

Having issues setting up your Hoopla account? Ask a Librarian for help.
Using hoopla on Your Computer (via a browser)

When you are logged into Hoopla, you can:

- Browse the collection for items
- Search the collections for items
- Borrow and/or return items
- Manage your account settings

Landing Page:

When you log into Hoopla, on your account landing page, you will see:

- Currently borrowed items (if any)
- How many borrow you have left for the month
- Rotating featured items
- Access to links and tools to help you use the site

You can borrow 2 more titles this month. See all borrowed titles
To Browse:

- Click on the Browse menu
- Select the format you want to see
- Click the RECOMMENDED, FEATURED, POPULAR, and CATEGORIES tab to sort options accordingly

To Search:

- Use the search box at the top of the screen to find titles, authors and other people, and subjects
• You can use the dropdown menu to search “everything” or a specific genre, category, etc.

• Click the magnifying glass or hit “Enter” to search. It will bring up a results page.

• For more details about an item, click on the item. A pop up window will provide you with more details.
How to Borrow:

- Mouse over or click on the item you want to borrow
- Click the BORROW button (for television shows, click the SEE EPISODES button)
- Depending on what format you borrow, you may see a pop up menu with some helpful hints (you can close this out by clicking the red ‘x’) and/or you will see a READ or PLAY button

Example of an ebook/comic:
Example of a movie:

Lastly, you can click the heart icon next to the BORROW or PLAY button to make the item as a Favorite. It will be added to your “Favorites” list, which can be accessed by clicking into the MY HOOPLA menu at the top.

Using Hoopla Apps

iOS

Go to the App Store to download the Hoopla Digital app.
Open the Hoopla Digital app.

Login to the app with your email and password if you have already created an account with hoopla.

Otherwise, click on “Sign Up” and follow the directions listed in the previous section of this guide called “How to Create Your hoopla Account.”

You will be taken to your landing page for the app.

From this landing page, aka MY Hoopla, you can:
- Access settings
- Access your favorites
- See Help menu
- See any borrowed items
- Browse for items by format
- Search for items
Note: The browse feature for the Video format includes movies and television shows, Music contains music, and Books includes ebooks, e-audiobooks, and comics.

You are able to fine tune your selections on the subsequent screens.

To Borrow an Item, click on the item you want to borrow.

Then click the BORROW button.

If you want Favorite the item to save to your Favorites list, click the Favorite button.
Click the READ or PLAY button to access the content.

For books, swipe to move back and forth between pages. With Comics, you can use “action view” to read frame by frame by tapping the screen. Click on “Done” to get book to the book screen or “Pages” to get back to the full page the frame exists on.

Comics and ebooks files will automatically download to your device and expire when the due date arrives.

Video and music will, by default, stream unless you manually download the file.

Downloading the file allows you to watch or listen to content when you may not have access to a network.

Scroll down past the image and the player controls and click the “Download” button to download the content.

You will receive a confirmation that the item was downloaded.

Downloaded content ONLY plays in the Hoopla app—you cannot copy or transfer the files to play with any other program.

**Android**

Go to the Google Play Store to download the Hoopla Digital app.
Open the Hoopla Digital app app.

Login to the app with your email and password if you have already created an account with hoopla.

Otherwise, click on “Sign Up” and follow the directions listed in the previous section of this guide called “How to Create Your hoopla Account.”

You will be taken to your landing page for the app, aka “Home.”

From Home you can:
- Access settings & Help Options
- Search for items
- Access your favorites
- See your item history
- See any borrowed items
- Browse for items by format
Note: The browse feature allows you fine tune your selections on the subsequent screens.

Explore by genre and the recommended, featured, and popular item categories.

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