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Fresno County Residents Borrowed Over One Million Digital Books for the first time in 2023

*Making the Fresno County Public Library a Top 152 ranking public library
system worldwide in total digital checkouts*

Fresno County residents reached a milestone last year by reading and listening to over one million digital books in 2023 for the first time ever.

The Fresno County Public Library is now one of only 152 public libraries worldwide to surpass one million digital checkouts in a single calendar year! The Public Library has been providing readers 24/7 access to eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, comics, and other digital content for several years through the award-winning Libby app, the library reading app created by OverDrive. The extensive collection serves readers of all ages and interests, and usage has grown significantly throughout the years.

From Interim County Librarian Sally Gomez: "Fresno County residents have embraced the digital age of reading with unprecedented enthusiasm, checking out over one million digital books in one year for the first time in our Library's history. We celebrate this milestone with gratitude for the community's engagement and look forward to continuing to foster a love for reading in the digital era."

The most checked out eBook Fresno County readers borrowed in 2023 was *Verity* by Colleen Hoover. The most checked out genre, romance, represents the most popular in a vast catalog that also includes mystery, fantasy, children/young adult and more.

**The top 5 eBook titles borrowed through the Fresno County Public Library's
digital collection in 2023:**

1. *Verity* by Colleen Hoover
2. *It Ends with Us* by Colleen Hoover
3. *It Starts with Us* by Colleen Hoover
4. *Spare* by Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex
5. *The Storyteller's Death* by Ann Dávila Cardinal

The top 5 audiobook titles borrowed through the Fresno County Public Library's digital collection in 2023:

1. *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy
2. *Spare* by Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex
3. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
4. *It Ends with Us* by Colleen Hoover
5. *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros

Readers in Fresno County only need a current library card to access digital books from Fresno County Public Library's digital collection. They can download the Libby app on any major mobile device or use Libby in a web browser at libbyapp.com.

About the Fresno County Public Library:

Established in 1909, the Fresno County Public Library has been an integral part of the community for more than 100 years. With 34 locations located throughout Fresno County, the Library offers ever-evolving programs and services for our over one million residents.

For more information on Library services and specific Library branch hours, please visit www.fresnolibrary.org or call the Library at (559) 600-READ (7323).

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