

HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



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Hidalgo County Library System Introduces Cloud Library

MCALLEN-The Hidalgo County Library System (HCLS) debuts new eLibrary today, **CloudLibrary** by Bibliotheca. **CloudLibrary** features virtual library cards, eBooks, and eAudiobooks and is available to all Hidalgo County residents. **CloudLibrary** will replace RBDigital as the HCLS's electronic library.

HCLS currently has approximately 14,000 titles available through **CloudLibrary**. Beginning Feb. 4th, HCLS joins the Texas Cloudlink group and library patrons will have access to over 150,000 items. By joining Cloudlink HCLS customers will have access to the largest eBook and audiobook collection ever available to the citizens of Hidalgo County. Books can be read or listened to on personal devices such as Ipads, smart phones, laptops, and many other devices. Patrons may call their Hidalgo County library for help installing the app.

With **CloudLibrary**, a patron's library card is just a touch away, eliminating the frustration of a forgotten or misplaced card. The virtual card can be used for any library transaction that traditionally required a physical card. In addition, users can add multiple cards and switch between accounts with ease. **CloudLibrary** users can favorite, mark as read, and sort and filter a digital record of their **CloudLibrary** borrowing history. This helps users manage the items they have borrowed and remember which books they have already enjoyed.

The new service is offered at no cost to all patrons, requiring only a valid library card. Bibliotheca's **CloudLibrary** app is available for free through the Apple Store, Google Play, or by visiting www.yourcloudlibrary.com. Users will need to follow the prompts and simply login using their library card number and PIN.

For more details on **CloudLibrary**, go to the Hidalgo County Library System's website or call any of the libraries in Hidalgo County using the directory: <http://www.hclstx.org/members/>.

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