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2,000 new eBooks available at EPL

EPL the first library in Canada to offer Simon and Schuster eBooks

EDMONTON, AB, Dec. 5, 2013 – The Edmonton Public Library is now offering an additional 2,000 eBooks – titles that cannot be found in any other Canadian library.

“We have been working to provide a wide variety of eBooks at EPL,” said Linda Cook, EPL Chief Executive Officer. “We’re proud to be leading the way with an innovative partnership that will see increased content easily accessible for our customers today and for customers of other libraries in the future.”

The new titles to hit EPL’s digital shelves are from major publishing house Simon and Schuster. The content is available thanks to a partnership with online library catalogue provider BiblioCommons, making EPL the only library in the country to offer Simon and Schuster eBooks, and behind only New York, Brooklyn and Queens public libraries in all of North America.

Edmontonians can access and read or download the eBooks directly through the new online EPL eReader at www.epl.ca. They also have the option to purchase the eBooks instead of borrowing them for three weeks, with proceeds supporting various EPL programs and projects.

“We were delighted to have EPL as a lead partner in piloting a simpler eBook lending and reading service – EPL has been a pioneer in bringing innovative user-focused technology into the library,” said Patrick Kennedy, BiblioCommons co-founder and president. “We are also thrilled to be working with EPL to bring Simon and Schuster eBooks into a Canadian public library for the first time.”

The new titles bring EPL’s total eBook offering to between 75,000 and 80,000 available through EBSCO, Freading, Overdrive, Safari Tech Books and now the online EPL eReader.

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