

<http://acpl.freegalmusic.com>

Beginning in early January, ACPL patrons will have access to a new downloadable music service called FREEGAL. Patrons will be able to download music for free with their Allen County Public Library card and PIN number. They may download up to 3 songs per week—156 songs per year—that they can keep forever.

Songs are downloaded in an MP3 format (compatible with everything), so they can be saved to any computer, mobile device or MP3 player, including an iPod. There are no digital rights management restrictions and no special software is required.

Choose from hundreds of thousands of songs in over 100 genres of music from the Sony Music Entertainment catalog.

## **FREEGAL FAQs**

### **What's my PIN number?**

- All patrons were assigned a PIN on March 30, 2009.
- All patrons registering after that date are assigned a PIN at the time of registration.
- Your PIN may be 1234 or the last 4-digits of the telephone number listed in your library account.
- If you forgot your PIN you may select [Contact Us](#) on our home page, and then select [Library Card and Catalog Questions](#); you may call 421-1200, ext. 4011 or you may ask at your local library.
- You may change your PIN after logging into My Account by selecting PIN Change.

### **How much music is on this site?**

New music is added daily, but it's safe to say that there are thousands of artists, tens of thousands of albums, and hundreds of thousands of songs. The Freegal site has more than 100 genres of music and is rich in many of them. The content is based upon a license with Sony Music Entertainment, owner of 54 music labels. You can read more about its artists at [www.sonymusic.com](http://www.sonymusic.com).

### **How many songs can I download?**

You may download up to three songs per week on your personal computer or device. Each Sunday at midnight, your counter is set back to zero. After that time, you can download three more songs.

### **How will I know how many downloads I've used?**

At the top of the Freegal site is your download counter. If it says 1/3, for instance, you have 3 downloads for the week and you have used up 1.

### **How do I download a song?**

When you've selected a song, click on the "Download Now" link next to your chosen song. At the prompt, select "Save" and choose where you want to save the song.

If you're not presented with a prompt, try right-clicking the link and choosing the option to save the link (e.g. Save Target As, Save Link As, Download Linked File, etc.). This will let you choose where to save your song. If you do not or cannot choose the location, your song could be saved anywhere, depending on how you have your web browser and computer files set up. If you're not sure, find out before you download to save time and frustration.

Music is downloaded in an MP3 format and, once downloaded, can be played, transferred or burned to a CD.

Note: Any time you click on the "Download Now" link, even if you decide to cancel it, the download will count towards your weekly allotment.

### **Can I download a whole album?**

Songs are available on an individual basis only. You can choose, over time, to download all the songs on an album. Listening to sound samples can help you decide whether you want all the songs on an album. Samples are indicated by a blue arrow in a circle.

### **What are the different ways to search for a song or artist?**

The Freegal site is set up to browse or to search. You can use the bar across the top to browse by genre or by suggestions. You can use the grid at the bottom right to browse by artist in alphabetical order. You can search by artist, song, album, or keyword. Expanded search options are under "Advanced Search".

### **Some tips:**

Start by browsing

Choose "See All" under Genre to see how the music is organized.

Artists are listed alphabetically by first name and groups with names that begin with "the" (The Flatliners, for example) are found under "T".

Don't give up immediately if you don't find what you're looking for. Artists/performers may not be listed where you expect them to be. Use the advanced search if you get few or no results.

ENJOY!