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### **While you catch up on your reading**

With warm weather soon to arrive, it's time to go outside and play. Don't worry about falling behind on your reading, because Playaway digital audio books are now available for borrowing at all Lancaster County public libraries and the bookmobile.

These new palm-sized, portable devices are permanently preloaded with an audio book, so you don't need your own iPod, MP3 player or Walkman to listen to books on the go. And you don't have to worry about discs, cassettes or computer downloads before you head for the beach or the backyard.

You provide only the AAA batteries and plug in your own personal headphones or earbuds. (Most libraries will have these items available for purchase.)

On the Playaway, you can adjust the speed at which the narrator reads. Playaway also has a bookmark feature that allows you to resume listening exactly where you stopped. The devices can also be used with many speakers and car adapters.

Like regular books and audio books with CDs and cassette tapes, Playaways will be loaned out for two-week periods, District Consultant Joyce Sands said.

Nearly 600 Playaways have been purchased, representing 200 titles for children, teens and adults, including fiction, nonfiction, biographies, best-sellers, classics, language instruction. Each library has more than 30 to start. Popular titles include Christopher Paolini's "Eldest," and James Patterson's "Cross."