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### **New Jersey Libraries Launch Downloadable Audiobook Service**

**Cooperative helps libraries offer a free alternative to subscription-based downloads**

**(Denville, NJ. – July 5, 2006).** Library users all across northern and western New Jersey now have a new source for audiobooks. ListenNJNW's Digital Book site ([www.listennjnw.com](http://www.listennjnw.com)) gives commuters, joggers, busy mothers and the homebound access to hundreds of popular fiction and nonfiction titles from authors like James Patterson, David Baldacci and Nora Roberts. Classics by Dickens, Tolstoy, Austen and others can also be found in the collection.

"I'm delighted to help our member libraries bring innovative services to their customers. Free, downloadable audiobooks can be used by anyone – at home or on the go," says Joanne Roukens, Executive Director of the Highlands Regional Library Cooperative, which helped sponsor the service.

Holders of library cards from 87 participating libraries can download titles to their home computers for listening, or transfer them to most WMA/MP3 players. Many titles can also be burned to CD for use in the car. Downloaded audiobooks are automatically returned to the system, so there are no late fees. Holds can be placed on popular titles, but many titles are "always available," allowing unlimited concurrent use. All this can be done at any time from home or office, so there's no need to rush to get to the library.

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