How does Playaway compare with other types of audiobooks?

Playway is the only format of audiobook that does not require a separate player – it comes ready to listen to. It allows you to control the speed of the narrator’s voice and automatically remembers your place if you turn it off.

Playaway comes pre-loaded with great content. Just plug in your headphones and listen wherever you go.

How do I borrow Playaways in the library?

Playaways are located on the shelves with our audiobooks. Please ask if you cannot find them.

How many Playaways does the library have?

The size of the collection at each library is quite small, but we add new titles each month. We currently hold only Adult titles.

How do I find Playaways in the catalogue?

Search by keyword “playaway”, subject “audiobook” or title or author.

How big is a Playaway and how much content can it hold?

Playaway is about half the size of a deck of cards and holds up to 80 hours of play time.

How much does it cost to borrow a Playaway?

Adult Playaways cost $2 for four weeks (concession card free).

How to listen to your Playaway book?

All units have simple instructions on the inside of the front cover or the back of the case, or simple instruction sheets are available below.

How do I get the Playaway’s story back to the beginning?

To move through the chapters, quickly tap the FFWD or Reverse button up or down.

To rewind or forward the story a short distance, hold down the FFWD or Reverse button.

Can I use Playaway with my mobile accessories?

Yes. Playaway comes with a universal headphone jack that allows you to use it with a number of accessories including portable speakers, FM transmitters and audio cables.
Do I have to use earbuds with Playaway?
You can use earbuds, or you can plug Playaways into portable speakers or an FM transmitter for use in the car, provided you have a standard headphone jack to plug into the Playaway unit.

Because of hygiene they don’t come with earbuds, but you can purchase earbuds from the library for $2.50.

Does Playaway require batteries?
The Playaway LCD has a small battery icon that is displayed on screen. There are a maximum of three levels of battery life reflected in the icon. When one bar is left on the battery icon, you have 20% power left.

When we issue Playaway to you it will be preloaded with a standard AAA battery that has at least two bars of life.

Any additional batteries required to complete the story must be provided by the borrower.

Troubleshooting
How do you replace the battery?
At the base of the unit, press the tab with your thumb nail. The case opens so you can remove the battery and replace it with a new one. Please dispose of any used batteries in an environmentally friendly way.

Why can’t I add, delete or transfer content on or from a Playaway?
To protect the copyrighted works of authors and publishers.

What do I do if the Playaway locks up?
Turn it on and off; if that doesn’t solve the problem, remove and reinsert the battery.

The Playaway will not turn on. What do I do?
Try inserting a fresh battery. If the player still does not turn on, please return it to the library and tell us about the problem.
Bring the simplicity of Playaway all-in-one audiobooks to life for your staff and patrons with this how-to guide.

**Backlit LCD Screen**

1. Current Function (Play/Pause/Lock)
2. Current • Total (Chapters)
3. Battery Life
4. Time Remaining in Chapter
5. Book Progress Bar

*To Turn Off:* Hold down  for 3 seconds.

**To Lock + Unlock Keypad:** While in PLAY, quickly click power once;  or  symbol will appear on LCD screen.

**Battery Door**

5 Narration Speeds

Volume

Reverse By Chapter

Rewind Within Chapter

Power/Lock*

Backlit LCD Screen**

Forward By Chapter

Fast Forward Within Chapter

Universal Headphone Jack

Play/Pause

start listening

Plug earphones, speakers, or car adapter into the universal headphone jack on bottom of unit.

Press the POWER button.*

Press the PLAY button.

Enjoy your HD audiobook experience!

*Hint: If the power does not turn on, you may need to insert or replace the AAA battery.
How To Change The Battery

Locate the battery door at the wide base of the unit. Look for the notch holding the door in place. Firmly using your thumb, push up and away on the notch to open the battery door. Add or change battery and snap battery door back into place.