“Top 100 CDs of All Time at the Library”

Everyone has his or her own list of all time favorite songs. There’s a good chance one of those songs is currently available for checkout at the Norfolk Public Library in a new collection of compact disks. Doug Collier, Circulation Supervisor at the library, has compiled a list of the top 100 CDs of all time over the last year.

"These are CDs of the most popular pop music artists of all time but the list also includes the best hard rock, grunge and heavy metal CDs in the last 60 years. Some of these are collections of the artist and others are the digital versions of the best LPs of all time," Collier said.

In choosing which CDs should be in the collection, Collier looked over similar lists in popular music publications including the Rolling Stones, Billboard and VH1 magazines.

The CDs have been moved closer to the circulation desk for easy perusal and include Carole King’s “Tapestry”, Pink Floyd’s “Dark Side on the Moon” and Nirvana’s “Nevermind”. There are also CDs that feature music icons including the Beatles, Elvis, and Michael Jackson. Radiohead’s “Kid A”, Pavement’s “Slanted and Enchanted”, and “Harvest” by Neil Young are some of the top 100 CDs also available in the new library collection.

Collier, a music aficionado himself, has listened to about two thirds of the CDs. He said he was surprised how many 20 and 30 year olds are showing interest in the collection.

"This collection isn't the end-all. If someone has a CD in mind that they really think should be in the collection, they need to let me know and we can consider including it," Collier said.

Norfolk Public Library patrons who have valid library cards can check out up to ten CDs from the library at one time and can keep the CDs for up to one week.

For more information about the new collection, email Collier at dcollier@ci.norfolk.ne.us.