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“More Selection of Music CDs at the Norfolk Public Library”

Doug Collier, Norfolk Public Library Circulation Supervisor, has an ear for music and a desire to make more music available to library patrons.

There are currently over 2,000 music CDs at the library and, as long as a person has a valid Norfolk Library card, they can check out up to ten CDs at a time for a week. There is music to please almost anyone’s musical tastes including pop, classical, children’s, soundtracks, country, Spanish and hip hop.



Collier said the library will also soon be adding 120 CDS in a new category called “Classic Vinyl.”

“I got the idea from the popular ‘Classic Vinyl’ station on satellite radio. This music would be albums that jump started a music phenomenon’s career – like the 1976 “Heat Like a Wheel” by Linda Ronstadt,” Collier said.

The new Classic Vinyl CDs would be gleaned from the music of the 1960’s, 70’s and 80’s with selections from the 90’s to the present added to the collection in the coming year.

Another new category of music CDs soon to be added to the library’s collection is the “Top 100 Dance CDs of All Time”. Collier said that Billboard music magazine has included electronic dance music in the magazine’s ratings for years as it has become a popular music category.

A new selection of the “Best of Hip Hop/Rap” is also being added to the library’s collection of music CDs.

The racks of music CDs available for checkout are located near the front desk of the library. Other additions to the collection are also planned.

“The Christian music CDs are neck and neck in popularity with the country music CDs so we are going to expand that collection about 40% in the next year with the best selling Christian music CDs of the last 50 years,” Collier said.

He is also expanding another popular genre of music – Spanish language music – by 40-50%.

“The Spanish music is getting more and more popular. We see parents checking them out for grandparents,” Collier said.

Christmas music is also popular with CDs added yearly to that collection.

Some CDs don’t make the cut to stay on the shelves of the library’s music collection. Collier says he regularly checks to see how often a CD is checked out by patrons.

"If it is checked out less than five times a year or not at all in the last six months, it will probably be removed from our collection," Collier said.

There are also CDs that get scratched and have to be thrown out.

Then there are the really popular music CDs like Justin Bieber's "Believe" that was checked out by patrons 34 times in the last year or Rihanna's "A Girl Like Me" that was checked out 150 times in the last seven years.

Collier said he is always looking for recommendations of music CDs to add to the library's collection. Email him at dcollier@ci.norfolk.ne.us or stop at the reference desk at the library.