

# Using **Freegal** Music Service to find Downloadable Music

**Freegal** is a free downloadable music service provided by the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library. All you need is your library card number and PIN to access the service. **Freegal** has access to the Sony Music Entertainment's catalog and offers hundreds of thousands of songs, over 100 genres of music, and more than 50 record labels.

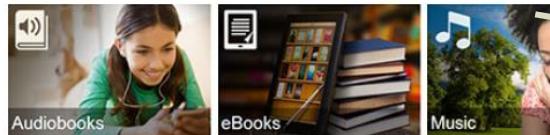
## The Basics

- You are limited to four (4) downloaded songs per week. The week resets at 11:01 pm on Sunday.
- **Freegal** does not use any Digital Rights Management (DRM) or secondary downloading software, which means that you can download music quickly and easily straight from **Freegal**'s website. It also means you keep the music you download. No due dates!
- Music files are in a MP3 format and work on any MP3 compatible device, the iPod, and the iPad.
- When using Freegal at the Library, try accessing it with the Internet Explorer browser to help with file download and playlist sync.

Accessing **Freegal** is easy. On the Library's digital branch, click on **Download It**. Click on the **Music** image icon. On the **Freegal** login screen, enter your Library card number and PIN, then click **Login**. (Your PIN is the last four digits of your telephone number.)



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A screenshot of the Freegal Music login page. At the top right is the library's logo. Below it is a search bar and a "Browse A-Z" button. The main content area is titled "Welcome to the Freegal® Music login page". It contains a sidebar with links for "Browse", "Music Videos", "Most Popular", and "New Releases". The main text area starts with "How Freegal Music Works:" followed by a list of rules. It then says "Enjoy the site!" and provides information about the service's scope. At the bottom are fields for "Card Number" and "Pin", and a "Log In" button.

## Finding Music

**Freegal** offers a variety of ways to find music. You can browse by artist, genre, new releases, or popular titles. You can also search for a specific artist, genre, or song using the main search box or specialty menus. The interface does take a little practice to get used to, but once you master it, thousands of songs will be at your fingertips.

### A Few Tips for Finding Music

- Artists are arranged by first name and then last name. If you want the singer, Aretha Franklin, you will need to look in “A” not “F.”
- If a band’s name includes “The,” they will be listed by “The.” Therefore “The Beatles” would be in the “T” section, not the “B” section. This arrangement is different than how the Library arranges materials.
- When searching for an artist or song, keep it simple. Try using just the artist’s last name or the major words in the song instead of the entire name or song title.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library's Freegal service. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Search All" (with a dropdown arrow), "Browse A-Z", "Login", and a music note icon with the number "0". Below the navigation is a blue header bar with links for "HOME", "MUSIC VIDEOS", "MOST POPULAR", "NEW RELEASES", "GENRES", and "FAQ". On the left, a sidebar titled "Browse Menu" contains links for "Browse", "Music Videos", "Most Popular", and "New Releases", with a red arrow pointing to the "Browse" link. The main content area features a "National Top 100" chart with three tracks: "Brave" by Sara Bareilles (rank 1), "Best Song Ever" by One Direction (rank 2), and "We Can't Stop" by Miley Cyrus (rank 3). A red box highlights the "Main Search Box" and the text "Freegal uses keyword searching". In the bottom right corner, there is a "Featured" section with several album covers, and a red arrow points to the "HAIM" entry.

National Top 100

Songs      Videos

1 **Brave**  
Sara Bareilles

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One Direction

3 **We Can't Stop**  
Miley Cyrus

Main Search Box  
Freegal uses keyword searching

Browse Menu

Browse for music by genre, Most Popular, or New Releases

Featured

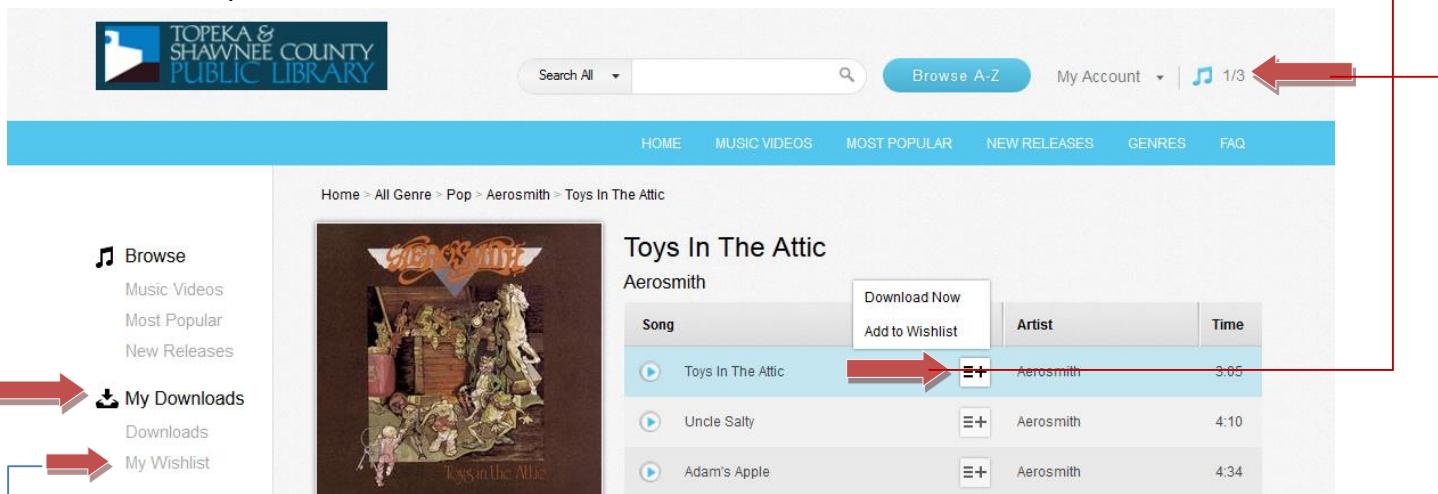
AVRI LAVIGNE **ROCK N ROLL**

**HAIM**

## Downloading Songs

**Freegal** has made downloading music easy. From the results screen, click on the icon next to the track listing with three lines and a small plus.  Clicking this icon will give you the option to **Download Now** or **Add to Wishlist**.

**Warning:** Once you click on the download link it counts as one of your three songs for that week, even if you click cancel or it does not download.



The screenshot shows the library's website interface for downloading songs. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for HOME, MUSIC VIDEOS, MOST POPULAR, NEW RELEASES, GENRES, and FAQ. On the right side of the header, there's a search bar, a 'Browse A-Z' button, a 'My Account' dropdown, and a red arrow pointing to a '1/3' download counter. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail shows the user's path: Home > All Genre > Pop > Aerosmith > Toys In The Attic. The main content area displays the album cover for 'Toys In The Attic' by Aerosmith. A table lists the songs in the album, including 'Toys In The Attic', 'Uncle Salty', and 'Adam's Apple'. Each song entry includes a play icon, the song title, the artist (Aerosmith), and the duration (3:05, 4:10, 4:34). To the right of each song title is a blue rectangular button with a white icon containing three horizontal lines and a plus sign. Red arrows point from the left margin to these download/wishlist icons on the first two song entries.

## Other Features

### My Downloads

In the top right corner of each page is a counter that keeps track of your weekly download count. As you download songs, the counter will change from “**0/3**” to “**1/3**,” etc. **Freegal** keeps track of all the songs you have downloaded for two weeks. This listing also allows you to download the track two additional times. These downloads do not count toward your three songs per week limit.

### My Wishlist

You can keep a list of future downloads by using the “**My Wishlist**” feature.

### FAQ

**Freegal** also provides an **FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)** section to answer any other questions you might have about the service.

If you would like more information about getting free music from the library including a class schedule, tutorials, or appointment, please check our website at [www.tscpl.org](http://www.tscpl.org) or call us at (785) 580-4555. You might also like Hoopa Digital, a service that provides digital movies, television, music, and audiobooks.