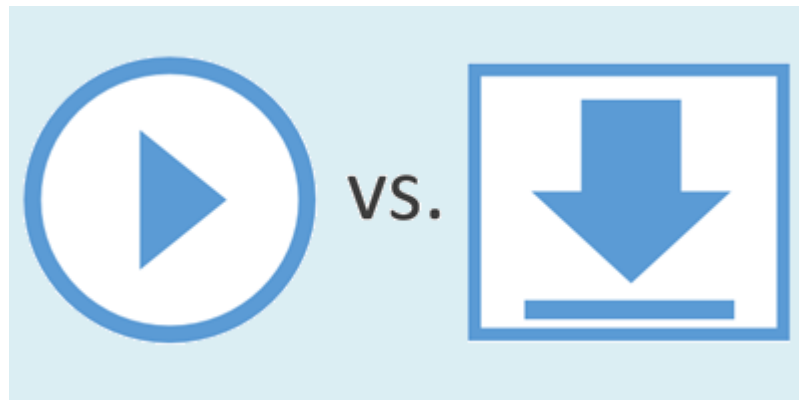




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Resource	Stream	Download	Restrictions
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Ancestry: Library Edition	Yes	No	In-library access only
cloudLibrary	Yes	Yes	Patron exclusive
Consumer Reports	Yes	No	Patron exclusive
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hoopla	Yes	Yes	Patron exclusive
Lynda.com	Yes	Yes	Patron exclusive
NoveList	Yes	No	Patron exclusive
OverDrive	Yes	Yes	Patron exclusive
PressReader	Yes	Yes	Patron exclusive outside of library
Pronunciator	Yes	Yes	Patron exclusive
RBdigital Audio	No	Yes	Patron exclusive
RBdigital Magazines	Yes	Yes	Patron exclusive
Read Alberta eBooks	No	Yes	Patron exclusive
Transparent Languages	Yes	Yes	Patron exclusive
TumbleBooks	Yes	No	Patron exclusive outside of library
World Book	Yes	No	Patron exclusive outside of library