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LYRASIS and The Palace Project Announce the Addition of OverDrive Titles, Transforming the Landscape of eBook Access for Libraries and Patrons

Atlanta, GA - June 1, 2022. LYRASIS, a global nonprofit committed to increasing equitable access to knowledge, and The Palace Project, the nonprofit library-centered platform and ereader app for digital content and services, are pleased to announce that OverDrive content will soon be available in the Palace app. This addition will bring the largest provider of library ebooks into The Palace Project platform, allowing libraries to deliver the majority of their ebooks and audiobooks from multiple vendors through a single app.

Informed by librarians and supported by a multi-year, multi-million dollar investment from the Knight Foundation, The Palace Project is a division of LYRASIS in strategic partnership with the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). The Palace Project is designed to support libraries as they work to expand their digital offerings to their communities. The Palace Project mobile app, available for iOS and Android, allows libraries to serve all their econtent to patrons in one easy-to-use interface, while protecting patron privacy and data.

“We extend a big thanks to OverDrive for working with The Palace Project,” said Michael Blackwell, project manager for The Palace Project’s launch in Maryland and Chair of ALA’s Ebook Interest Group. “Having OverDrive’s industry-leading content selection and its powerful advocacy for libraries joined with Palace’s ability to seamlessly integrate content from other platforms will create a rich and easy user experience for readers and be especially beneficial for libraries with multiple content providers.”

“OverDrive is a crucial provider of digital content and adding them to The Palace Project is a major win for public libraries,” says Michele Kimpton, Global Senior Director of The Palace Project. “We believe that by bringing OverDrive and Palace together, we’ll be able to get even more content in the hands of library patrons everywhere.”

Libraries currently using The Palace Project will be able to access their OverDrive titles in the app in the coming weeks, and OverDrive titles will

remain accessible in the Libby app as well. To find out more information on The Palace Project or how to get started email info@thepalaceproject.org.

About LYRASIS

LYRASIS is a global, non-profit membership organization whose mission is to support enduring access to the world's shared academic, scientific, and cultural heritage through leadership in open technologies, content services, digital solutions, and collaboration with archives, libraries, museums, and knowledge communities worldwide. LYRASIS organizational and staff values are communication, respect, collaboration, impact, and service. To learn more, visit www.lyrasis.org.

About The Palace Project

The Palace Project is a suite of content, services, and tools for the delivery of ebooks, audiobooks, and other digital media to benefit public libraries and their patrons. Funded by a multi-year, multi-million dollar investment from the Knight Foundation, The Palace Project is a division of LYRASIS, working in strategic partnership with Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).

About OverDrive

OverDrive is a mission-based company that stands with libraries. Named a Certified B Corp in 2017, we serve 76,000 libraries and schools in 94 countries with the industry's largest digital catalog of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, video and other content. Millions of library patrons and students access OverDrive's award-winning apps including the [Libby](#) library reading app, the [Sora](#) student reading app and [Kanopy](#), the leading video streaming app for libraries and colleges. OverDrive has enabled 'Send to Kindle' in the U.S. since 2011. Founded in 1986, OverDrive is based in Cleveland, Ohio USA. www.overdrive.com