Popular & Favorite Podcasts - Recommended by DPL Staff

New to Podcasts? Ask at the Adult Services Desk for help!

**Local**

**The Deerfield Public Library Podcast**—We have our own podcast! Monthly episodes feature in-depth interviews with local notables. Plus: library news updates, a staff pick recommendation, local history stories and occasional guided walking tours of Deerfield. [dearfieldlibrary.org/podcast](http://dearfieldlibrary.org/podcast)

**Arts & Culture**

**Bookworm**—The most sensitive, penetrating author interviews anywhere. Host Michael Silverblatt surprises guests with questions that break open the deepest themes in contemporary fiction & poetry. [www.kcrw.com/bookworm](http://www.kcrw.com/bookworm)

**I Was There Too**—Host Matt Gourley interviews actors, crew, and other people who were involved in small ways in famous movies. You’ll learn about what they experienced, and what their careers have been like. [www.earwolf.com/show/i-was-there-too](http://www.earwolf.com/show/i-was-there-too)

**Sound Opinions**—If you love music and rock and roll you’ll love Sound Opinions. Each week they do stories and interviews with bands, album reviews, and interesting stories. [www.soundopinions.org](http://www.soundopinions.org)

**Comedy**

**The Hilarious World of Depression**—This podcast takes a comedic look at a serious subject: clinical depression. Guests are comedians who live with depression. Funny, insightful, and often moving. Hosted by comedic radio personality, John Moe. [www.apmpodcasts.org/thwod](http://www.apmpodcasts.org/thwod)

**The Nerdist**—TV personality and self-described “nerd,” Chris Hardwick hosts a show with friends Jonah Ray and Matt Mira. They interview a variety of interesting celebrities and discuss funny, geek-friendly topics. [www.nerdist.com/podcasts/nerdist-podcast-channel](http://www.nerdist.com/podcasts/nerdist-podcast-channel)

**WTF with Marc Maron**—Not your typical comedy podcast. Veteran stand up comic Marc Maron engages in revelatory conversations with some of the biggest personalities in comedy, music, film, literature and even politics. [www.wtfpod.com](http://www.wtfpod.com)

**History**

**Stuff You Missed in History Class**—Aptly named, the show aims to cover the gaps in what was covered in school history classes and does so in a wonderfully engaging way. [www.missedinhistory.com](http://www.missedinhistory.com)

**You Must Remember This**—Covering 20th century Hollywood using found audio, performances of text, and original narration, host Karina Longworth not only breathes life into bygone eras, but uses them to explore issues that go deeper than the projected glitz of the entertainment industry. [youmustrememberthispodcast.com](http://youmustrememberthispodcast.com)

**News & Politics**

**The Daily**—Updated every day, Monday through Friday, this New York Times podcast covers one major issue of the day along with what you need to know. At 15 minutes per episode, it’s the perfect way to start the day informed. [www.nytimes.com/column/the-daily](http://www.nytimes.com/column/the-daily)

**Left, Right & Center**—For anyone who enjoys a good panel discussion or who misses PBS’s McLaughlin Group, this one is for you! [www.kcrw.com/news-culture/shows/left-right-center](http://www.kcrw.com/news-culture/shows/left-right-center)

**Reviews**

**Filmspotting**—Chicago-based hosts review current films and explore classics and forgotten gems with interviews, themed lists, and more. [www.filmspotting.net](http://www.filmspotting.net)

**Shut Up & Sit Down**—Informative and entertaining reviews of board games. It also talks more generally about play and discusses folk games and history. [www.shutupandsitdown.com/podcast](http://www.shutupandsitdown.com/podcast)

**Science**

**Invisibilia**—A great podcast from NPR which explores the hidden forces that drive human behavior. A mix of empathetic storytelling and scientific research. It is informative and eye-opening. [www.npr.org/programs/invisibilia](http://www.npr.org/programs/invisibilia)

**StarTalk Radio**—Neil Degrasse Tyson his guest host (usually a comedian) interview experts on fascinating space, science and pop culture topics. [www.startalkradio.net](http://www.startalkradio.net)

**Storytelling**

**Sleep With Me**—The “podcast that puts you to sleep” with silly, boring stories deliberately designed to help you drift off to the land of nod. [www.sleepwithmepodcast.com](http://www.sleepwithmepodcast.com)

**This American Life**—The public radio juggernaut frequently tops the podcast charts and features compelling reporting, personal essays, and more centered “on a theme.” [www.thisamericanlife.org](http://www.thisamericanlife.org)

**The Truth**—This anthology series features short dramatic “movies for your ears.” The tone varies by story, but can be funny, suspenseful, dark, scary, and emotionally resonant. [www.thetruthpodcast.com](http://www.thetruthpodcast.com)

**True Crime**

**My Favorite Murder**—Karen Kilgariff and Georgia Hardstark walk listeners through their favorite stories of murder and mayhem. Bonus episodes feature "hometown murders" from listeners who call in with their stories. [www.myfavoritemurder.com](http://www.myfavoritemurder.com)

**Undisclosed**—Originally inspired by the very successful Serial podcast (also recommended), three defense lawyers go into deep detail about people they feel were unlawfully convicted. [www.undisclosed-podcast.com](http://www.undisclosed-podcast.com)