Show: Tech Bytes
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Overview: Tech Bytes is a technology podcast, produced by the Digital Services department at Niles-Maine District Library about technology news and useful technology tips.
Episode: Tech Bytes #36 - New Resources Roundup
Episode Description: In this episode, we discuss new electronic resources and databases that are now available at Niles-Maine District Library.

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Hi, and welcome back to Tech Bytes. I'm your host, Todd, and today, we're talking about new electronic resources and databases that are now available at Niles-Maine District Library.

What are electronic resources and databases? Good question. These are research, educational, informative, and entertainment products to which the Library purchases a subscription, allowing patrons to use that resource. Some of our resources are encyclopedia access from World Book or world language learning from Mango Languages.

So, in a moment, we'll be back to talk about some of the brand new resources that are now accessible for anyone who is in the library and to Niles-Maine cardholders when they are outside of the building.

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Ok, we're back, and we're talking about new online resources at the Library. First up is New York Times All Access. This is full access to nytimes.com, as you would experience it with a paid digital subscription. When you're in the library, you just go to the website, and you're ready to go. Additionally, available to Niles-Maine cardholders, we have 24-hour access codes that provide access to nytimes.com at home as well as the apps like NY Times Puzzles and Games, NY Times Cooking, Wirecutter, and The Athletic.

Next, we have the National Geographic Learning Library, and this resource has content for all ages. For adults, we now have access to digital issues of National Geographic magazine dating back to its first issue in 1888. And for kids, we have access to Nat Geo, which includes magazines back to 2009 and Nat Geo books, like the popular Weird But True titles.

A few more resources for kids and students are Comics Plus, a resource available on the web or as a mobile app. Comics Plus is a place to read comics, graphic novels and manga titles. It has a children's collection, a teen collection, and a general public library collection.

The last resource I'll share today is LOTE4Kids. The acronym L.O.T.E. stands for Languages Other Than English. Also available on the web or as an app, LOTE4Kids has picture books available in over 70 different world languages, even American Sign Language. This is an

excellent resource for English language learners or for those who are looking for resources to enjoy languages in their primary language.

With new languages and titles being added to the resource, it is a growing resource for library patrons who speak languages other than English.

So to quickly wrap up: New York Times All Access for the full web experience of NYTimes.com, National Geographic Virtual Library for magazines back to 1888, and Nat Geo magazines and books for kids. Comics Plus has collections of comics, graphic novels, and manga for kids, teens, and general audiences, and last, LOTE4Kids offers text and read aloud of picture books in over 70 world languages.

All of these resources can be accessed while in the Library, or from anywhere else with a Niles-Maine District Library card.

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Thank you for listening, and if you have questions about any databases, or any other technology question, you can find us on the lower level, at the Library's technology desk. You can also email us at digitalservices@nileslibrary.org.

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