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FREGAL IS HERE: SSC LIBRARY TO OFFER DOWNLOADABLE MUSIC

The Southeast Steuben County Library, as part of the Southern Tier Library System, has joined Library Ideas™ network of Public Library websites that offer access to more than 7 million songs including Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists.

The Freegal™ Music Service will allow the libraries in the Southern Tier Library System to increase the size and diversity of its collection by offering access to over 28,000 music labels from 85 different countries.

Under the terms of the agreement, registered card holders of the Southeast Steuben County Library can download and keep, at no cost to them, three songs per week from Freegal in the MP3 format by visiting ssclibrary.org and clicking the Freegal link. In addition, cardholders can stream music from Freegal on many Wi-Fi enabled devices.

Libraries all over the world subscribe to the Freegal Music Service, including the Princeton (NJ) Public Library, Maricopa County Library District (AZ), The Edmonton Public Library (AB), Orange County Public Library (FL), The Biblioteche di Bologna (IT), Nashville Public Library (TN) and Fairfield Public Library (CT).

The Freegal Music Service has free mobile apps for registered cardholders of subscribing libraries. The Freegal Music apps are available in the Apple® App Store and Google Play®.

"We are very excited to offer a service like this that delivers great music, compatibility with lots of devices and simplicity of use. We think this will be

incredibly popular with our patrons and will help the library in marketing all its services to the community," said spokesperson Cherie Chigama.

"Sony Music has an incredibly expansive and popular catalog and we are really excited to partner with them on this, a very important product for libraries," said Brian Downing, co-founder of Library Ideas. "The participation of so many leading independent labels will also help the library reach as many patron groups as possible."

For further information please email info@libraryideas.com. To access Freegal have your library card handy and visit ssclibrary.org.

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