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Downloading movies and songs off the Internet is an easy thing to do, yet it is a bit of a gray area legally. The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) states that it is illegal to download a copy of any digital material that is copyrighted for free. However, there are many online programs that allow users to download free movies and music, which either the artist has allowed to be downloaded for free, or else the copyright had expired on the material. 503.845.2651

1. Go to Mt. Angel Library's website, www.mountangel.plinkit.org for the "Library to Go" feature. The website offers downloadable movies, music, games and videos. An easy to use site and a great feature offered by our library. This is an excellent website loaded with information for all ages!

2. Search for open source movies to download. Open source movies are those that are widely available for anyone to download. These are not the feature films you may be hoping for but there are quite a few interesting and informative movies legally available to any and everyone interested in downloading them.

3. Select movies from friends and family. You will find that home videos, soccer clips, and such from friends and family are movies that can be downloaded legally. When you are going through your email you will never have to wonder how to download movies legally when it comes to these gems that proud parents everywhere post of the accomplishments of their little ones.

4. Stream movies from legal sites such as network television stations websites and other websites that have the legal right to stream these videos. There are quite a few available and some will offer the option of downloading though a good many of them are for streaming videos alone. CBS, Fox, NBC, ABC, and other channels make previously aired episodes of some of their lineup as well as made for television movies available online to fans.

5. Buy movies online through authorized vendors and dealers. You will find that this is by far the best way to download movies legally online. There are several sites that offer this service for a monthly fee or on a movie by movie basis. You will need to find the service that works best for your movie viewing needs.

6. Rent movies online. These movies will be downloaded and available through your computer for a limited time. You can watch the movies all you want during that time frame or (in some cases) load them on your portable devices for that time period as well. Netflix offers members with some plans that download a specified number of movies (as rentals) monthly. 503.845.2672

Important! Do not download any media files that are still copyrighted for free, doing so will mean that you will be committing copyright infringement.

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Do You Have A Winning Number?

Congratulations to Gertrude Borschowa, Gordon Liborio and Milton & Alice Thostrud for finding their telephone numbers in the last issue of Open Lines. They had \$8.35 applied to their accounts. Just a reminder, there are five numbers interspersed among the articles in this issue. Call or stop by to claim a credit on your next telephone bill. Winners will divide a \$25 credit. Please contact us by June 21 to claim your share.

Pay & Win!

Here's our thanks to you - all customers that maintain a current balance and pay bills on time are entered in a drawing for a gift basket valued at \$30. Simply pay your bill by the 15th of the month and you will be entered in the contest. Good Luck!

Where Can I Recycle My Old Phone Books?

Recycling is easy and good for the environment. Simply bring your phone books, newspapers, magazines and catalogs to the Mt. Angel Lions Club newspaper drop box located at the parking lot of the American Legion Hall/Old St. Mary's Grade School on E. College Street. Newspapers can be loose, bag or bundled. No strings, paper bags or junk mail please. Also, thanks to Allied Waste Systems for providing the bright blue recycling drop box and offering this valuable recycling service to the Lions club. Unable to go to the Lions Club drop box? Simply place your old telephone book in your curbside recycling container.

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Comments from our customers are one of the very best parts of being a local business:

I've been a customer of Mt. Angel Telephone for over 25 years. First, I want to thank Maureen for arranging for me to get DSL. She was, as always, extremely informative and helpful--no pressure, just good information. So I got it. (I must tell you that we in Mt. Angel love Maureen.)

Which brings me to my second thanks. To Mike. He and another member of your staff came out to install it. Fine. But what really impressed me was that yesterday I had a power surge. Our internet went out. I called Mike. He was out in 30 minutes. The problem was a bit tricky so he had to do a fair bit of investigation, including checking our lines outside. He put in a new router. Everything works perfectly. I'm told that we are one of the furthestest customers you have, which adds challenges to your telephone service. But we love DSL.

I understand that you're competing with cell phone. I've thought about it a little. But with the service you provide from Maureen, Mike, and the rest of your staff, it will never happen with me.

Thank you.

Tom Ewing

Dear Mt. Angel Telephone

Thank you so much for letting us rent your community room for the past month. We were lucky to have such a nice, convenient temporary space while our building was repaired. A special thanks to Mike, Rod and Kerry for having our phone and data equipment switched over so quickly, letting us get back to business with minimal interruption. Not only are you good neighbors, you provide great service to your customers.

Gratefully,

The Grant Company Office Staff

Before You Do Any Digging Remember To Do Some Dialing



Planning to tackle a landscaping project this summer? Mt. Angel Telephone reminds you to pick up your phone before you pick up your shovel. Just call toll free 1.800.332.2344 at least 2 days before you dig and we will locate your buried communication lines free of charge. It not only saves you time and protects you from potentially costly damage; it's required by Oregon law.

Congratulations Class of 2011

Mt. Angel Telephone would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the 2011 graduates from Mt. Angel. You have taken a giant step along the road of lifelong learning. We wish you continued success in your future. 503.845.9306

Warning! - Watch For Work-At-Home Scams

Work-at-home scams have been around for decades, but the economic downturn has fostered their growth since these scams prey on the unemployed or underemployed who are desperately seeking income. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) says complaints about work-at-home scams are increasing faster than fraud complaints overall, and have almost doubled in the last five years. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) recently issued warnings about two work-at-home scams involving shipping packages overseas - one claimed to offer positions as a "gift wrapper" for Best Buy, and the other, to be a "mail manager" for an online company.



Though there are legitimate ways to work from home, if a company is offering something that seems too good to be true, it usually is. An important distinction to make is whether you're actually being offered a job, or just the chance to make money. 503.845.4040

Here are red flags to look for when reviewing work-at-home offers you see online:

- The company asks for money upfront for registration materials or supplies.
- You're told you can make lots of money with little effort and no experience, or are guaranteed a generous profit.
- You're asked to do tasks like stuffing envelopes, assembling small toys, or inspecting and reshipping goods.

The FTC advises consumers to do their research when job hunting. Google the name of the work-at-home company with the word "scam" and see what pops up. Also check the state attorney general's office to see if there are any complaints. 503.845.7526

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