

New “Mechanic” @ Your Library

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ChiltonLibrary.com Offers Quick, Convenient Access to Car Repair, Technical Bulletins and Maintenance Info

Need to know how to change your car's oil? How often you should change your spark plugs? How to get the maximum life from your automotive investment – and how to quickly find technical bulletins and repair data, anytime of the day or night?

Thanks to ChiltonLibrary.com, a new online resource now available through the Rock Island Public Library, home mechanics can gain quick, convenient access to repair, maintenance and service information for popular vehicles. With the addition of ChiltonLibrary.com to its collection of free online computer tools, the Rock Island Public Library is providing budget-minded do-it-yourselfers with quick, convenient online access to repair, maintenance and service information on the most popular cars, trucks, vans and SUVs on the road today.

By taking advantage of the library's subscription, experienced mechanics, do-it-yourselfers and students in the automotive trades now have a 24-hour, on-call “mechanic” to provide information on numerous automobile models, including Ford, Chrysler, General Motors, Honda and Toyota. Rock Island cardholders can access the ChiltonLibrary from any Internet connection with a valid Rock Island Library card and the Chilton website link at www.ripl.lib.il.us. Any patron at a Rock Island Library can also use the resource from the library's public access computers.

With more than 50 years of information on actual auto tear-downs provided in step-by-step procedures, work on the engine, chassis, electrical, drive train and suspension is made easier with *ChiltonLibrary.com's* photos, illustrations and repair procedures. Additional features available on ChiltonLibrary.com include:

- Domestic and import vehicle information through the current model year, with updates added monthly
- Easy printability, thanks to small content chunks which allow users to print only the information they need
- Clear navigation, using alphabetically arranged, consistent headings
- Individual tabs for repair, maintenance or recall/technical service bulletins
- Explanation of trouble codes to help users easily identify the problem with their vehicle

“The printed versions of the Chilton books have been popular with our patrons for a long time, but of course, you can't work on a car in the middle of our bookshelves,” notes library director Ava Ketter. “This online resource brings the information straight to our cardholders, anytime of the day or night.”



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For more information on using the library's free computer resources, visit any Rock Island Public Library location or call 309-732-7323 (READ). A wide variety of computer resources are available via the library's website, which is www.ripl.lib.il.us

Libraries offer plenty of print, online, visual and audio resources, many of which are free with a library card. For money-saving entertainment, enlightenment and enrichment for all ages, visit the Rock Island Main, 30/31 and Southwest Branch libraries, or check the Rock Island Library online at www.ripl.lib.il.us for details about library cards, services and free events for the family.