

CUTTING THE CORD - WEST DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY

REQUIRED TO CUT THE CORD

- Smartphone – for signing in and verifying your account.
- Email – for creating accounts, receiving bills and receipts, verifying account.
- Credit card – for auto-payments.
- High speed internet – check your speed at www.speedtest.net

PAID STREAMING SERVICES

- Amazon Prime Video - <https://www.amazon.com/amazonprime>
- Hulu - <https://www.hulu.com/>
- Netflix - <https://www.netflix.com/>
- Apple TV+ - <https://tv.apple.com/>
- Youtube TV - <https://tv.youtube.com/>
- Roku - <https://www.roku.com/> (some free content)
- Sling - <https://www.sling.com/>
- Philo - <https://www.philo.com/>
- DirecTV - <https://www.directv.com/>
- Fubo - <https://www.fubo.tv/>
- Chromecast - https://store.google.com/us/product/chromecast_google_tv

NETWORK & CHANNEL SUBSCRIPTIONS

- Disney+ - <https://www.disneyplus.com/>
- MAX (HBO) - <https://www.max.com/>
- Paramount+ - <https://www.paramountplus.com/>
- Peacock TV - <https://www.peacocktv.com/> (some free content)
- Acorn - <https://acorn.tv/>
- Britbox - <https://www.britbox.com/us/>
- Starz - <https://www.starz.com/>

FREE STREAMING SERVICES

- Freevee - https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/splash/freevee_findus
- Pluto TV - <https://pluto.tv/>
- Tubi - <https://tubitv.com/>
- Roku - <https://www.roku.com/>
- Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/>
- Crackle - <https://www.crackle.com/>
- Stirr - <https://stirr.com/>
- Redbox - <https://www.redbox.com/>
- Digital antenna - <https://www.antennaweb.org>

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WEST DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY RESOURCES

- iNDIEFLIX from Libby - <https://libbyapp.com/library/bridges/extras>
 - Also available: Stingray Classica and Qello Concerts.
- Kanopy (WDM & Cumming Residents Only) - <https://wdmlibrary.kanopy.com/>
- Hoopla (WDM & Cumming Residents Only) - <http://www.hoopladigital.com/>

RESEARCH (Library card required)

- EBSCOHost - <https://www.wdmlibrary.org/digital-library/ebSCOhost>
 - JOHN, A. S., & WILLCOX, J. K. (2023). **CR's Home Entertainment Buying Guide**. Consumer Reports, 88(5), 76–98.
 - WILLCOX, J. K. (2022). **Watch What You Really Want for Less**. Consumer Reports, 87(10), 24–33.
 - **Streaming Media Devices**. (2024). *Consumer Reports Buying Guide*, 89–90.

EQUIPMENT

- To Watch On –
 - Smart TV
 - Mobile device - smart phone or tablet
 - Computer
- To Connect –
 - High speed internet
 - Streaming Device for Smart TV
 - Examples: Amazon FireStick, Roku Streaming Stick, Google Chromecast, and Apple TV device
 - Apps for smart TV, mobile device, or computer
 - Examples: Netflix app, Hulu app, Pluto TV app

INTERNET PROVIDERS WEST DES MOINES

- Centurylink - <https://www.centurylink.com/>
- Google Fiber - <https://fiber.google.com/cities/westdesmoines/>
- Verizon - <https://www.verizon.com/home/internet/5g/>
- Mediacom - <https://mediacomcable.com/>