

## Streaming Music with Pandora and Spotify

### What is Streaming Music?

For many years music was a physical product. You played a CD, record, cassette (or even an eight track if you remember those), on a home or car stereo or a boom box. More recently, people have played music via computer by downloading digital music files from online music retailers such as iTunes or importing compact discs into their computers.

Streaming music exists through an internet connection. The music is not stored on your computer or smart phone. Streaming music *generally* refers to a user listening to digital audio content on a computer's speakers (ranging from a desktop computer to a smartphone) over the Internet. With streaming content, users do not have to download the entire digital audio file before they start to listen to it. There are challenges with streaming content on the Internet. If the user does not have enough bandwidth in their Internet connection, they may experience stops in the content. (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

### Pandora

1. Go to **[www.pandora.com](http://www.pandora.com)**

# Free personalized radio that plays the music you love

## Sign up for free

Password must be at least 6 characters.

 [why?](#)  
 [why?](#) Female  Male [why?](#) Keep me signed in

By signing up, you accept and agree to Pandora's [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

2. Fill in the information to create an account. This should be the only screen you are required to fill in.

Now Playing My Stations  pandora Upgrade 

 Shuffle

 Gordon Lightfoot Radio



Recommended



# Sundown (Live)

Gordon Lightfoot

All Live

Lyrics

I can see her lyin' back in her satin dress  
In a room where ya do what ya don't confess

0:22 | 3:03 

3. Type in an artist, genre, or composer to create a station. (You can create more than one station.)

#### Controls

1. Give each song playing a thumbs up or thumbs down to further refine your station by letting Pandora know what you like or don't like.
2. You can skip ahead if you don't like the song, but Pandora will only let you skip ahead a certain number of times each hour.
3. Pandora does have advertisements. This is how it makes money as a free service.

- You can add more than one artist to a station by clicking on the name of the station, in this case "Neil Diamond Radio." Click on "Add Variety"
- Pandora will often suggest similar artists.
- There are additional options for your Pandora account under "My Profile" (the headphones icon).
- Pandora will save your stations for the next time you log in.
- Settings – In settings you can change your password, email address, etcetera.

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# Spotify

*(Free; \$9.99 per month for Spotify Premium)*

**Spotify** is another popular streaming music service that gives you more control over your listening experience. It's also worth noting that Spotify has a much larger catalog of content than Pandora. There are two versions available: a basic version, which is free; and Spotify Premium, which costs \$9.99 per month.

The free version's features vary depending on which device you're using. If you're using it on a computer, you can choose any song or album you want and can listen to it in its entirety with ads. If you're using the free version on a mobile device, you can only shuffle songs and listen to radio stations based on artists, songs, or genres.

If you pay for **Spotify Premium**, you can listen to any song you want on both computer and mobile platforms ad-free. You can also create your own **customized playlists** to listen to, and Spotify even creates a weekly playlist of songs you might enjoy based on what you listen to.

(From [www.gcflearnfree.org](http://www.gcflearnfree.org))

1. Go to:  
[www.spotify.com/us/](http://www.spotify.com/us/)
2. Click on SIGN UP
3. Fill in required information
4. Click on SIGN UP again



**SIGN UP WITH FACEBOOK**

or

**Sign up with your email address**

Email

Confirm email

Password

Username

Date of birth:

Month

Day

Year

Male  Female  Non-binary

Share my registration data with Spotify's content providers for marketing purposes.

I'm not a robot  reCAPTCHA  
Privacy - Terms

By clicking on Sign up, you agree to Spotify's [terms & conditions](#) and [privacy policy](#)

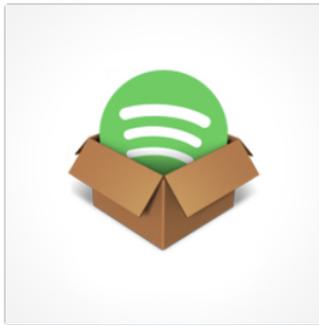
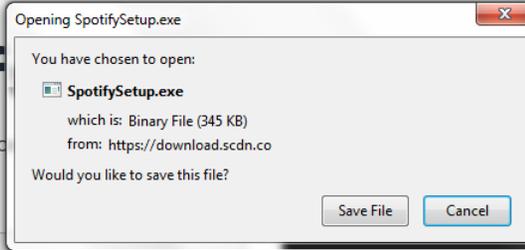
**SIGN UP**

Already have an account? [Log in](#)

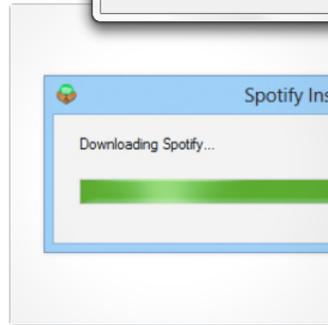
5. Follow the steps to install Spotify on your desktop

# Thanks for downloading Spotify.

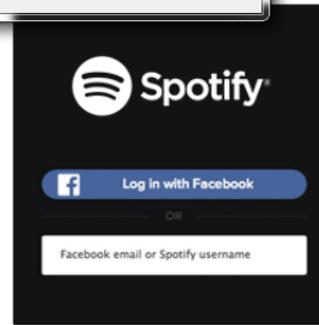
Your Spotify download is ready to be installed. Click the download button to get the Spotify installer.



Download Spotify



Open SpotifySetup

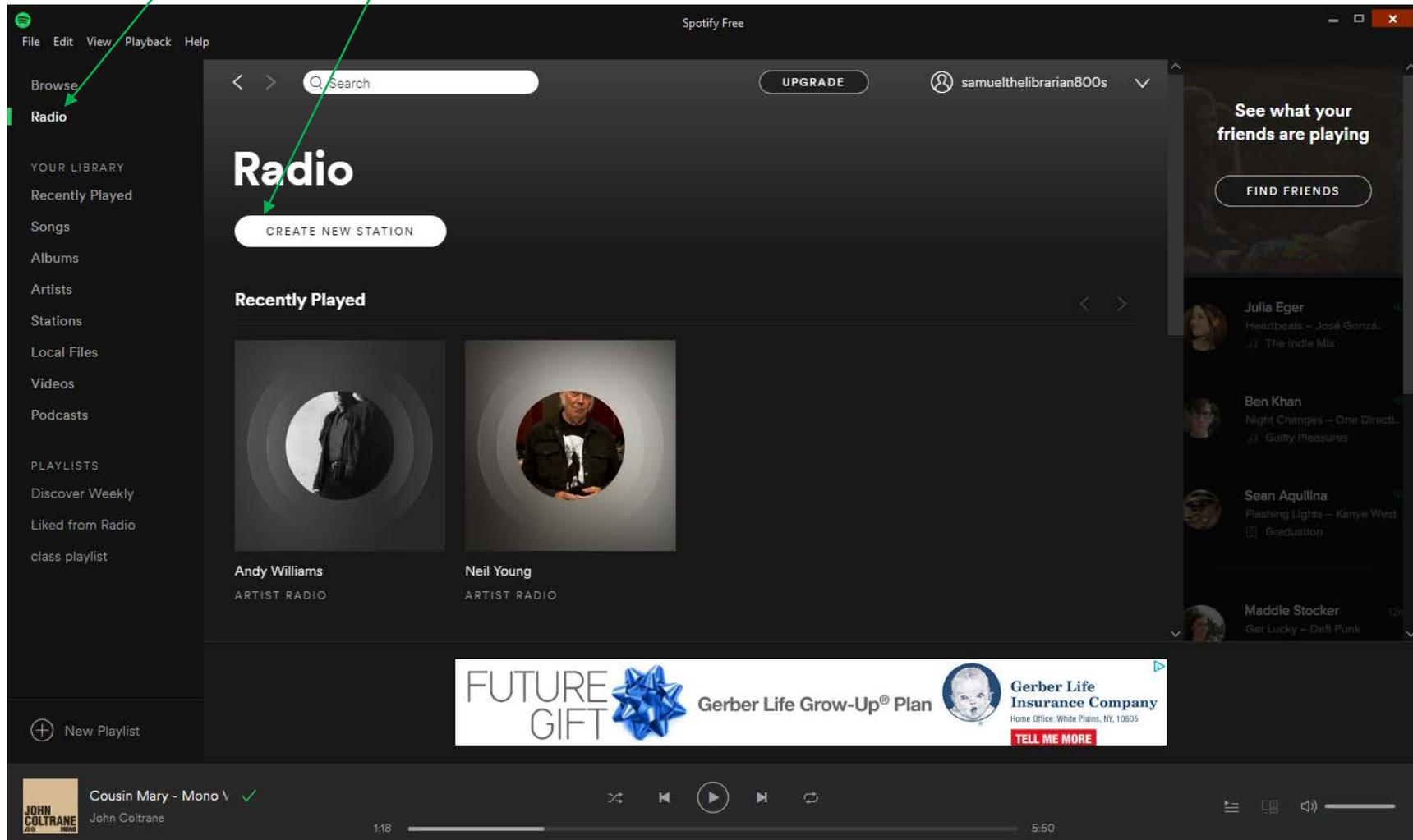


Log In



Enjoy the music!

6. Click on **Radio** and then **Create New Station** to create a channel similar to one on Pandora



- Spotify offers many more features than Pandora
7. Click on **Artists** to explore particular artists
    - a. You can play an entire album by an artist
  8. Click on **Albums** to search for and play a particular album
  9. You can **Save to Your Library**
    - a. This allows you to keep track of particular songs you enjoyed
  10. Click on **New Playlist** to create a playlist

## Streaming with Freegal

To access Freegal, go to the Bartlett Public Library District website: [www.bartlettlibrary.org](http://www.bartlettlibrary.org)

You will find the link to Freegal under the drop down menu for **Books, Movies, Music & More** and then under the **Download & Stream** sub-menu.

The screenshot shows the Bartlett Public Library District website. At the top, there is contact information: 800 S. Bartlett Road, Bartlett, IL 60103, and phone numbers for Main (630.837.2855), Adult (630.837.3560), and Youth & Teen (630.837.3348). Library hours are listed as Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The navigation menu includes: My Account, Books, Movies, Music & More, Research & Learning, Programs & Classes, Using the Library, and FAQs. The 'Books, Movies, Music & More' menu is expanded, showing options like Catalog, Book Blogs, Book Discussions, Download & Stream, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Great Reads for Kids, Great Reads for Teens, Museum Adventure Pass, Seed Library, and Can't Find an Item?. The 'Download & Stream' sub-menu is further expanded, listing Digital Collections Information, Flipster (eMagazines), Freegal Music (eMusic), Hoopla (eMovies, eBooks & More), OverDrive (eBooks & eAudio), Vudu Spark (Movies), TumbleBook Library (Kids), and Mobile App.

A prominent Hoopla advertisement is visible, stating 'Instantly borrow free digital movies, music, and more, 24/7 with your library card'. Below this, there is an 'UPCOMING EVENTS' section with two events: 'Babies & Tots' on 11/29/2016 at 10:00 AM in the Youth & Teen Services Department, and 'It's Storytime!' on 11/29/2016 at 10:00 AM in the Storytime Room.



Sign in to your Freegal account using your full Bartlett Public Library District card number and your pin. Unless you changed it at some point, your pin is the month and year you were born. For example, if you were born in April of 1974 your pin would be **0474**. Make sure to use two digits for the month and two for the year. **You must have a valid Bartlett Public Library District card to use Freegal.**