
Playing DVDs on your Computer

With the constantly changing technology and different computers used worldwide, we understand that some group leaders are having difficulty playing the program DVDs on their computers. New computers no longer have a built-in DVD drive so it's necessary to buy an external player to play the DVDs. Additionally, new PCs that are running Windows 10 do not come with a pre-loaded DVD media player and group leaders will need to download a media player to play the DVDs. Below we have written up some instructions for these steps. We understand that this makes the initial set up of the program more difficult, and we are very sorry! This is a rapidly changing media market, and we are working to find ways to address the new technology challenges. We appreciate your patience and problem solving skills to find ways to allow you to play the valuable vignettes for these time-test programs!

1. Step one: If your computer doesn't have a built-in DVD player, you will need to purchase an external DVD drive. These are inexpensive and will connect through a port on your computer.

2. Step two: Make sure that your computer has a media player. Computers that have some versions of Windows 10 do not come loaded with a media player. You will need to download or enable a media player to be able to play the DVDS. There are many media players available, some are free and some require you to pay a fee. Below we have listed two possible options.

Cyberlink PowerDVD. This is a media player that has a free version that you can download and which will play the DVDs with good menu functions. Since this media player also has paid options, you will need to bypass offers to upgrade or to get additional features at a cost (unless you would like the paid version). So far we have been happy with the way that this media player works with the DVDs.

https://www.cyberlink.com/downloads/trials/powerdvd-ultra/download_en_US.html

VLC is an open source and truly free media player. It will play almost any video and does not try to sell you other features. It will play the DVDs and is reliable. However, the menu functions are not as user friendly as PowerDVD and it takes a little hunting to figure out how to get back to the vignette menu screen. There is a way, and group leaders who want to avoid upgrade offers may prefer to use VLC

<https://www.videolan.org/vlc/download-windows.html>

3. Step three: Put in the DVD. Depending on the media player you are using, the program may open automatically or you may need to right click on the DVD icon in your list of files and tell it to open the DVD in the media player that you have selected.
