



Freegal eMusic PC user guide

What is Freegal?

Freegal is a free music streaming and downloading service.

Freegal offers access to about 7 million songs including the Sony Music catalogue. In total the collection is comprised of music from over 28,000 labels with music that originates in over 80 countries. There is no software to download if listening on a PC/Mac. The Freegal app is available on iPhones/iPads and Android devices. There are no digital rights management (DRM) restrictions. Access to Freegal is limited to patrons with a valid library card and PIN

What's the difference between streaming and downloading?

Streaming is like listening to the radio – you can play songs while connected to the Internet, but you don't get to keep a copy of the songs.

Note: streaming is not available on all songs – in these cases a 30 second sample is available instead.

Downloading a song takes a copy from Freegal and puts it on your computer or mobile device. As there are no digital rights management (DRM) restrictions, the tracks are yours to keep. You can play, move, copy, or burn the songs you have downloaded as much as you like.

How much music can I stream/download?

The following restrictions apply to each patron account:

Streaming allowance:	5 hours per day
Download allowance:	3 tracks per week

A download usage counter is located in the upper right corner of the Freegal site displaying your weekly allotment. For example, 1/3 means that you have a weekly limit of 3 downloads, and you have used 1 of those downloads. The download counter resets on Monday each week at 12:01 AM.

What format are the files in?

All song tracks are in MP3 format. Videos are in MP4 format.

Music Videos

Freegal music also has over 15,000 music videos. Library members can download a DRM free MP4 file that is theirs to keep forever. Each video download counts as 2 of your weekly allotment. Music videos cannot be streamed.

Browse the catalogue

1. Open your browser and navigate to the Lake Mac Libraries website at www.library.lakemac.com.au and click on the **eCollections** tab at the top of the page. Click on the **eMusic** link, then click on the **Freegal logo** or click on **Enjoy the collection**.
2. Click **Login** at the top right of the page and enter your library card number and PIN and click **Login**.
3. Search the catalogue via the homepage, or by typing in an **artist or track name in the search box** at the top of the screen.

Alternatively, use the menu bar to view various categories.

Click the **Browse A-Z** button to search alphabetically by either artist, track name or genre.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Lake Macquarie City Council Library website. The search bar is highlighted with a red circle, and the navigation menu (HOME, MUSIC VIDEOS, MOST POPULAR, NEW RELEASES, GENRES, FAQ) is also circled in red. Below the navigation bar, there is a featured banner for Glen Campbell (1936-2017) with a 'LISTEN NOW' button. The main content area displays 'Top Albums' and 'Top Singles' sections. The 'Top Albums' section includes 'Everything Now' by Arcade Fire, 'Paranormal' by Alice Cooper, 'Human (Deluxe)' by Rag'n'Bone Man, '61-615' by O'Shea, and 'Harry Styles' by Harry Styles. The 'Top Singles' section includes 'Praying' by Keshia, 'Maibu' by Miley Cyrus, 'There For You' by Martin Garrix & Miley Cyrus, 'Fallin'' by Jessica Mauboy, 'Something Just Like This' by The Chainsmokers & Coldplay, and 'Fake Magic' by Peking Duk & A\$AP Rocky. The 'Featured Artists & Composers' section shows a row of artist portraits.

This close-up screenshot focuses on the top right corner of the website. It shows the 'Streaming Time Remaining: 05:00:00' and 'Downloads Remaining: 3' status, both of which are circled in red. The navigation bar and search bar are also visible in this view.

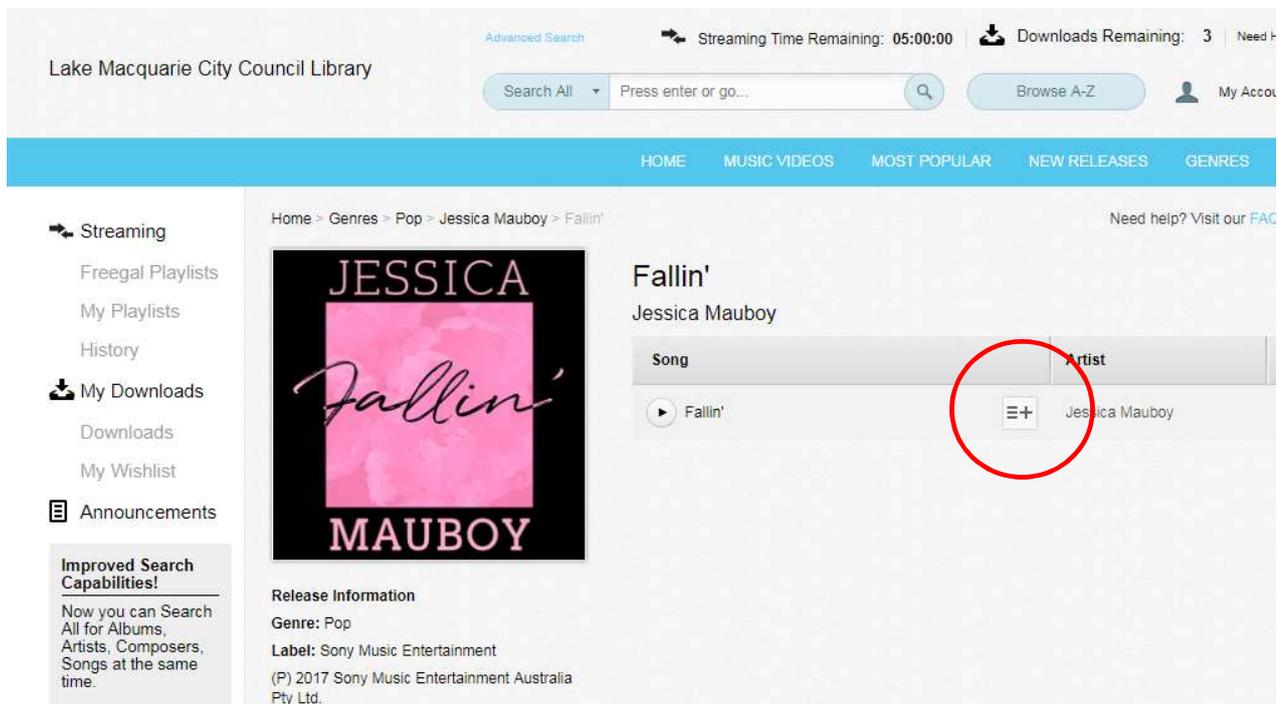
Your remaining streaming and download allowances are shown at the top right corner of the page.

Download music

4. Click the track name to view more details.

Click the  button to stream the song

Click the  button to download the song



The screenshot shows the library's music player interface. At the top, it displays 'Lake Macquarie City Council Library' and navigation options like 'HOME', 'MUSIC VIDEOS', 'MOST POPULAR', 'NEW RELEASES', and 'GENRES'. The main content area shows the song 'Fallin'' by Jessica Mauboy. The album cover features the text 'JESSICA MAUBOY' and 'Fallin'' in a script font. Below the cover, release information is provided: Genre: Pop, Label: Sony Music Entertainment, and Copyright: (P) 2017 Sony Music Entertainment Australia Pty Ltd. A table below the cover lists the song 'Fallin'' with a play button and a download button (represented by a square with three horizontal lines and a plus sign) circled in red. The download button is located in the 'Artist' column of the table.

From the homepage:

Click the  button to download a song from the homepage

Click the  button to sample a song

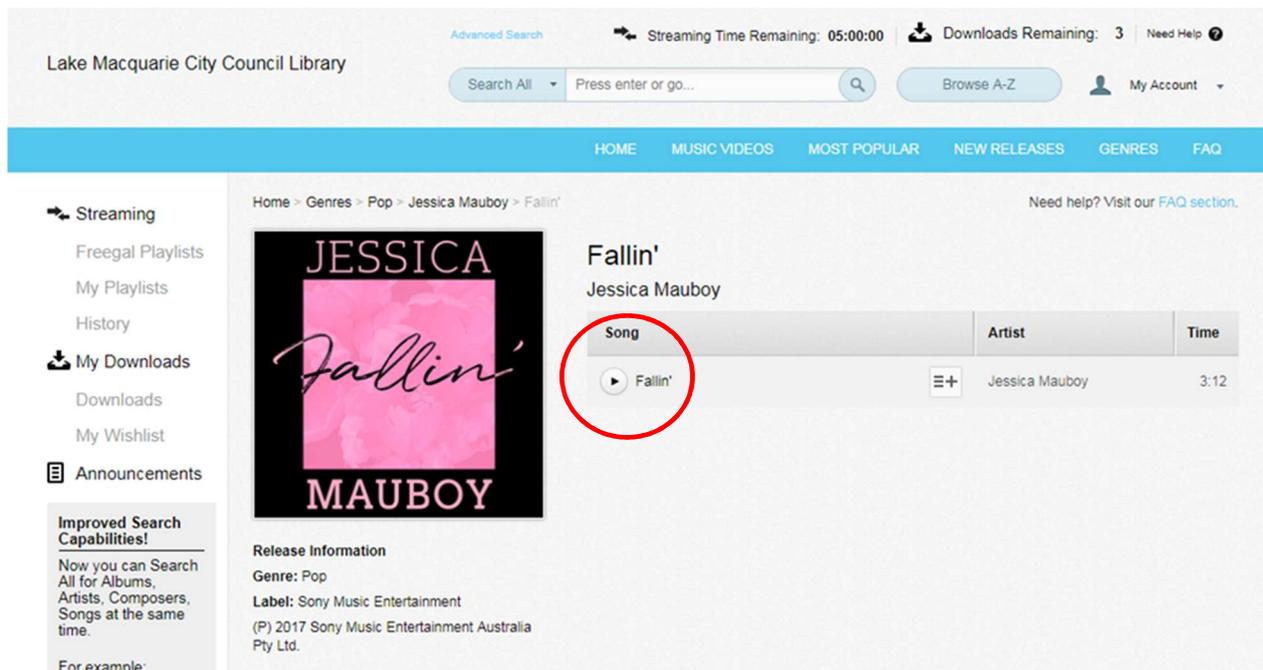
Note:

Songs that you download will be saved to your computer. Your browser may ask if you want to open or save the file, so that you can choose where to save it. Otherwise the file will usually be put in the Downloads folder.

Stream music

5. Click the track name to view more details.

Click the  button to stream the song



The screenshot shows the library's music player interface. At the top, it displays 'Lake Macquarie City Council Library' and navigation options like 'Advanced Search', 'Streaming Time Remaining: 05:00:00', and 'Downloads Remaining: 3'. Below this is a search bar and a 'Browse A-Z' button. The main content area shows the song 'Fallin' by Jessica Mauboy. The album cover is a pink square with the text 'JESSICA MAUBOY' and 'Fallin' in script. To the right of the cover is a table with columns for 'Song', 'Artist', and 'Time'. The 'Fallin'' row is highlighted, and a red circle is drawn around the play button icon in the 'Song' column. Below the table is the 'Release Information' section, which includes 'Genre: Pop', 'Label: Sony Music Entertainment', and '(P) 2017 Sony Music Entertainment Australia Pty Ltd.'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with 'Streaming' options like 'Freemal Playlists', 'My Playlists', 'History', 'My Downloads', 'Downloads', 'My Wishlist', and 'Announcements'. There is also a section for 'Improved Search Capabilities!'.

The music player controls will appear at the bottom of the screen.



The screenshot shows the music player controls at the bottom of the screen. It includes a play/pause button, a progress bar, and a volume control icon. A red circle is drawn around the volume control icon. The song title 'Fallin' is displayed in a dropdown menu on the right side of the player.

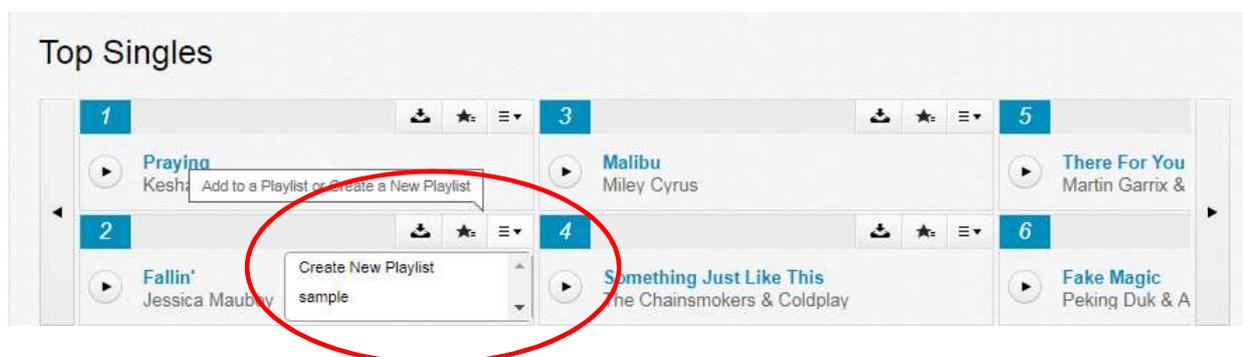
Click the **shuffle arrows** to play the songs in random order

Click the **Trash can** to clear all songs from the queue

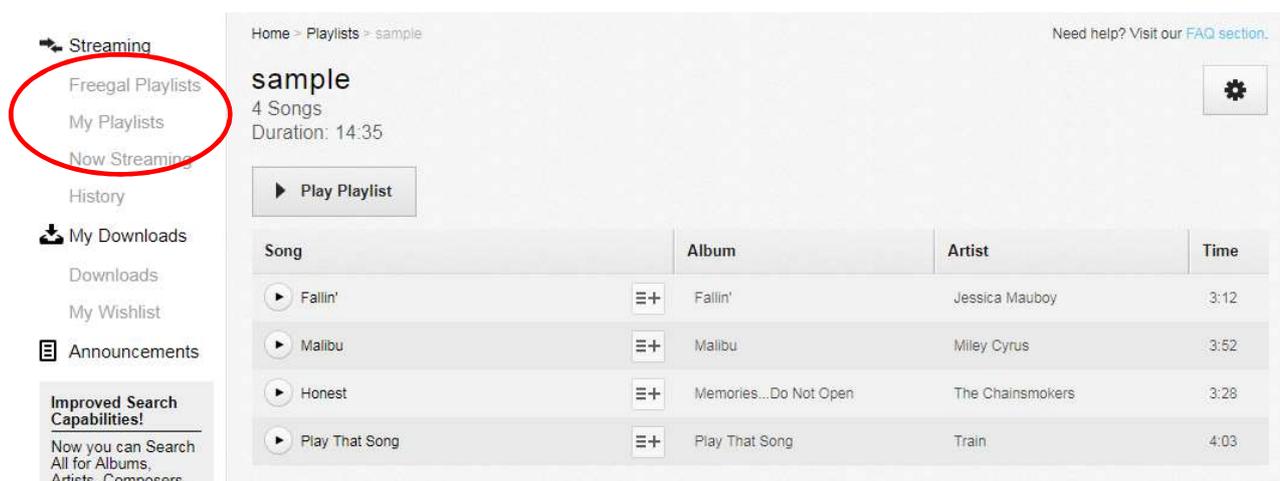
Double click on a song in the queue to play it now

Create a playlist

6. Playlists are lists of songs that you can compile to stream in order. Click on **My Playlists** on the menu bar on the left of the screen. Click the **+** icon, enter in a name then click **Create New Playlist**.
7. Add songs to your playlist by clicking on the  button or the  button and selecting the appropriate playlist.



8. Play and manage your playlists by clicking **My Playlists** on the menu bar on the left of the screen.



9. You can also click on the **Freegal Playlists** to select from a number of pre-existing playlists in various categories and genres, e.g. 80's music.