Saving Stuff: Converting Vinyl to Digital

What to bring:
- An album, can be 33, 45, or 78
- A blank CD-R or a USB drive
- Please note that CD-RW discs are not recommended for this purpose.

How much to bring:
- A CD-R holds 74 minutes of music, bring enough for all of your albums
- The number of songs a USB drive can hold depends on its size in mb. An MP3 file is usually 3-6 mb, and a WAV file is usually 30-40 mb.

How long does it take?
The conversion is in real time. Expect to stay as long as it takes to play through your album, plus an extra 10-20 minutes if you want to burn a CD or edit files.

Which file format to use:
- A WAV file is uncompressed. It can be burned to a CD that will play in most CD players.
- An MP3 file is compressed. It can be burned to a CD, but not all players can play MP3 CDs. It can also be loaded onto a phone or other portable music devices such an an MP3 player or iPod.

What if I need help?
Stop by the Digital Media Center during staffed hours. Staffed hours are listed on the DMC calendar online: www.athenslibrary.org/athens/services/dmc/calendar.

If you have any questions, please send us a message through our Contact Us form: www.athenslibrary.org/athens/services/dmc/dmc-cu or call us at 706-613-3650.

Basic Instructions:

1. Hook up the player before opening software: plug power cord into back of turntable and also into outlet; plug data cord into back and also usb port on computer.
2. Open EZ Vinyl Converter Program.
3. Select Turntable, and click Next.
4. Put record on turntable, adjust speed for type of record.
5. Play record a bit to adjust the gain: you want most of the sound to hit in the middle. You don't want a lot, if any, hitting the red. Listen for as long as you need to in order to get a feel for the song.
6. Raise needle and go back to beginning once gain is adjusted.
7. Click Record button, then lower needle again. Click Next when finished.
8. Name your files and save them.
9. Open Audacity and import your song to remove the sound of the needle hitting the record from the first track. Use Audacity to convert your tracks to MP3 if you want the MP3 format: Select Export Audio, and choose MP3.