

# Library Books for Your Kindle Fire

## Downloading OverDrive

Overdrive is a free app that connects to your library's ebook catalog, Library2Go. It also allows you to read or listen to books that have non-Kindle formats.

1. Open your Kindle Fire's Appstore.
2. If you have not registered your Kindle Fire, a pop-up window will prompt you to register. Tap "Register" and follow the steps on the screen to register you Kindle Fire with your Amazon account.
3. In the Appstore, tap the magnifying glass icon. Search for "OverDrive."
4. Tap "OverDrive: Library eBooks..." Tap "Get," and then "Download."
5. When the download is complete, tap "Open." You can also open the app from your home screen.

## Setting up OverDrive

1. When the app opens for the first time, tap "Sign up" to create an OverDrive account, or "Sign in" if you have an existing account.
2. It is simplest to use your library card number to sign in. You can also use one of the other methods listed. You should always use the same sign-in method to ensure access to all your loans. Follow the instructions to log in or create an account, based on the option you select.
3. After you sign in to OverDrive, you will be prompted to sign in to your library. Choose your library from the drop-down menu and then enter your card number.

4. Tap the three horizontal lines in the upper left corner to access the menu. Using "Account" and "Settings" options, you can customize the app.

## Using OverDrive

1. Tap "Add a Title" on the home page of the OverDrive app. You will be taken to Library2Go.
2. Tap the green "Sign In" button near the top of your screen, or tap the menu icon in the upper right corner and then tap "Sign in."
3. Sign in using the same method you used with the OverDrive app.
4. Once you are signed in to Library2Go, you are ready to browse and check out books.

## Browsing for books

1. You can browse new books or select from featured categories. You can also access the search box and advanced search options by tapping the magnifying glass under the Library2Go banner.
2. The availability of a book appears in a ribbon above the cover image. If available, the ribbon will be green and read "Available." If unavailable, the ribbon will be white and read "Wait List."
3. Below the cover image, the format (ebook or audiobook) is displayed, with an icon of a book or a pair of headphones.

### If the book is available for check-out

1. For one-tap checkout, tap "Borrow" below the cover image. Or, tap the cover image to see the book's detailed record and change your checkout settings before borrowing.
  - To change your checkout length, go into the detailed record. Then tap the down-arrow to the right of the green "Borrow" button.

2. A green “Success!” ribbon will appear at the top of your screen when the book has been checked out.
3. To complete the checkout process, tap the “Loans” link in the “Success!” ribbon, or tap the icon of three books in the upper right corner of your screen.
4. On the “Loans” page, under the book’s title you will either see “Choose a Format” if there are multiple formats available, or “Get” or “Add to app” if there is no option. If you see “Choose a Format,” tap this dropdown menu to choose a format. Kindle ebooks will be downloaded to your Kindle Fire’s bookshelf. All other formats will be downloaded to the OverDrive app’s bookshelf.
5. Tap “Add to App” or “Get Kindle Book.” OverDrive books will be added to your bookshelf. For Kindle books, you will be redirected to the Amazon website for checkout.
6. Go to the **“Final steps for OverDrive books”** or **“Final steps for Kindle books”** section of this guide, based on the type of book you checked out.

### **If the book is currently unavailable**

1. Tap “Place a Hold.”
2. Type or verify your email address if necessary.
3. A “Success!” popup window will appear when the title is on hold for you. If you would like to make changes to your holds, tap “Manage holds” in this popup window.
4. You will get an email when the book is ready.
5. You can view and change your holds at any time by tapping the icon of three books in the upper right corner of your screen, and then clicking “Holds.”

## **Final steps for OverDrive books**

Tap the menu icon in the upper left corner of your screen, and then tap “Bookshelf” to find your new book. Tap the cover image to open.

### **Returning an OverDrive book early**

To return an OverDrive book early, tap and hold your finger on the cover image until a menu appears. Tap “Return to library.”

Otherwise, it will automatically be returned at the end of the loan period.

## **Final steps for Kindle books**

1. On the Amazon site, if you are already signed in, you will see “Get library book” and “Deliver to:” options. Select your Kindle Fire in the “Deliver to” section, and then tap “Get library book.”
2. If you are not signed in, you will just see “Get library book.” Tap this button and sign in to your Amazon account. Then, select your Kindle Fire in the “Deliver to” section and tap “Continue.”
3. Return to your home screen and open the Books app. The book will appear in the ALL tab. Tap on the book to start downloading it. After the download is complete, the book will also appear in the DOWNLOADED tab for offline reading.

### **Returning a Kindle book early**

1. Kindle books may be returned early by logging into the Amazon.com website in your browser, and tapping “My Account.”
2. Under “Digital Content,” tap “Manage Your Content and Devices.”
3. Find the title you wish to return and tap the [...] icon.
4. Tap “Return this book.”

Otherwise, it will automatically be returned at the end of the loan period.