#### **Overview**

Use Library on the Go, our OverDrive catalog, to download eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines to your computer or portable devices, including eReaders, tablets, or smartphones.

#### To use Library on the Go you need the following:

- A valid library card from the Mahomet Library.
- Free Special software:
- Tablets/Smartphones: Libby app (see back page)
- Kindle eReader: no software needed
- Other eReaders: Adobe Digital Editions

#### **Basic Facts:**

- Checkout periods are limited to 7 days by default. (You can change your default under My Account/Settings or you may change the period for individual titles when you borrow them.)
- You may checkout up to 6 items and have up to 6 items on your holds list at one time. Magazines do not count toward the checkout limit.)

# **Using OverDrive on a Computer**

#### **Logging into Your Account**

- 1. Find Library on the Go at MahometPublicLibrary.org/eResources.
- 2. Click the **Sign in** button.
- Select Mahomet Public Library District from the list of libraries.
- Enter your library card number (no spaces) and pin number (by default, the last 4 digits of your phone number).

#### Finding a Title to Download

#### BROWSING

- Select a Collection or a Subject area by clicking the option at the top of the page.
- 2. Narrow your search (optional) by:
  - Clicking Available now for titles you can download right away, or
  - Filtering results by anything listed on the left hand side, including format, subject, audience, or date added.

#### **SEARCHING**

- 1. Click the magnifying glass in the top left.
- 2. Enter search terms in the Search Box

Note: Click **Advanced** to enter search terms in multiple fields

#### **Checking Out a Title**

- 1. Click on a title to open the information page. Verify that this title is available in the right format for your device (See Formats on the right side of the page).
- 2. Click **Borrow**, adjust the checkout period if desired, and click **Borrow** again.
- 3. Click the **Books** icon to download the title to your device.

You can read or listen to a title on your computer or device using Wi-Fi or you can download it to read or listen offline.

## **Downloading a Title**

**Kindle eReaders** (from computer or Libby app)

- Click Read now with Kindle.
   You will be taken to Amazon.com. Log into Amazon if needed.
- 2. Click **Get Library Book**.

#### **Tablets and Smartphones** (from Libby app)

Use the **Libby** app (see back page) to browse and borrow titles or to read or listen to titles you've checked out using your computer.

#### Non-Kindle eReaders (from computer)

- Click Download EPUB ebook.
   Adobe Digital Editions will launch. (If this is your first time downloading a library title, you will be prompted to install this free software and create an Adobe ID.)
- Plug your eReader into your computer. You will see its name appear in Adobe Digital Editions.
   Drag the title to your device name.

# **Placing a Hold**

If a title is not available for checkout, the <u>Borrow</u> link will be replaced by a <u>Place a Hold</u> link.

Click **Place a Hold**, then close the pop-up confirmation screen.

To view or edit your holds, click the **Books** icon.

# What do all the names mean?

OverDrive is the platform for this service. Libby is the app you use on your tablet or smartphone. Library on the Go is the name of the OverDrive catalog of titles shared by the Rolling Prairie Library Consortium.

Find Library on the Go at

MahometPublicLibrary.org/eBooks

# **Renewing a Title**

If you want more time with a title and no one is waiting for it, you can renew it. If someone is waiting, you can request it again.

- Computer: Click the Books icon, locate the title, and click Renew or Request Again (whichever is available to you).
- Libby App: Tap the Books icon, locate the title, and tap Manage Loan, then tap Renew or Request Again (whichever is available to you).

## **Returning a Title Early**

Titles are removed from your device automatically when the loan period expires. If you are finished with a title before the loan period expires, you can return it early so the next patron can use it.

- **Computer:** Click the **Books** icon, locate the title, and click **Return**.
- Libby App: Tap the Books icon, locate the title, tap Manage Loan, and then tap Return Early.
- Other eReaders: Open Adobe Digital Editions.
   Right-click on the cover and choose Return
   Borrowed Item.

## **Getting More Help**

- Overdrive provides many detailed help screens within Library on the Go.
- Library staff are always available for quick answers on using Library on the Go.
- One-on-one training sessions with staff are available by appointment.

### Libby

This **free** app lets you use Library on the Go directly on a tablet or smartphone.

- 1. Install the Libby app from your device's app store and open the app.
- Search for Mahomet Public Library and, from the search results, choose
   Rolling Prairie Digital Consortium.
- Tap Mahomet Public Library District and enter your library card number and pin. (Your pin is the last 4 digits of your phone number unless you have changed it.) Tap Next.

#### Getting Around in Libby (See bottom of screen)

- Libby's Head: Account settings
- **Library Card:** The catalog of eBooks and audiobooks. Browse/search/checkout here.
- Books: Your checkouts and holds
- Magnifying Glass: Search feature

# **Interesting Things You Can Do in Libby**

- Attach multiple library cards to Libby and share the shelf.
- Set Kindle defaults if the Kindle eReader is your primary Overdrive device.
- Set preferences for searching.
- Listen or read immediately via Wi-Fi or download to use offline.
- Listen or read any formats except Kindle. But you can use Libby to finish the Kindle checkout process with Amazon, so the title is available when you next turn on your Kindle or open the Kindle app.

# Libby/Overdrive

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