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before you get started

What’s Needed
• A valid Evanston Public Library card
• A compatible mobile device—iPads/iPhones running iOS 9 or higher, Android devices running Google OS 4.4 or Higher.
• The Libby app
• Brief internet access via your WiFi or 3G/4G

Key Borrowing Information
• Check out up to five digital books at a time (includes all formats)
• Set your own lending period—7, 14 or 21 days
• No need to return items—they simply expire
• One renewal per item when no holds list exists

initial setup steps

Install the App
Using one of the following, find and install the Libby app:
Apple App Store • Google Play • Amazon App Store • Nook Apps Store • AppWorld • Windows Store.

Set Up Libby
Open the App and tap “Hi” on the opening screen then tap Find My Library
If your device has location features enabled, the app will find the library nearest to you. When asked “is this your library” tap YES if correct and NO if it is not. If the app incorrectly identifies your library, or you do not have location features enabled on your device you can search for your library (see next section). Enter your library card number, then tap Sign In. The app will remember your library card number.

Search for a library
If the app incorrectly identifies your library, or you do not have location features enabled on your device, you can search for your library. Tap “I’ll Search for a Library Instead.” You can search by library name, city, or zip code. Tap the name of your library from the list of search results. Enter your library card number, then tap Sign In. The app will remember your library card number.

Tips & Tricks
1. Choose Evanston Public Library (any location is fine).
2. Evanston Public Library will be listed as MyMediaMall in your Libby app.
browse and borrow

Browsing and Borrowing
1. Libby has two main areas: Library and Shelf. Library lets you explore titles to check out, and Shelf shows everything you have checked out or on hold.
2. In the Library area, you can browse by subject (simply scroll down the page) or you can search by author, title or keyword. To Search, tap “Search for a book” at the top of the page and type in your search terms.
3. Tap a book cover to learn more about that item and tap Borrow to check out the book.
4. The default loan period for eBooks and eAudiobooks is 14 days. After tapping Borrow, you can change the loan period for each title to either 7 days or 21 days. To do this, tap the underlined loan period on the confirmation page. Select a new loan period for that title and tap Borrow again.
5. If a title is currently unavailable, you can also Place a Hold. When your hold is ready, you will receive an email telling you the title has been checked out to you.
6. If you want to keep browsing you can find all your items, both loans and holds, in the Shelf section.

Read/Listen
1. Tap Shelf at the bottom of the page.
2. Tap Open Book/Audiobook next to the cover of the book you would like to read.
3. Enjoy!

Tips and Tricks
1. Tap Preferences to filter your search/browse results by language, format, availability, and more.
2. Libby offers eBooks and eAudiobooks. Audio options are indicated with a headphone icon.

return and remove

Although it's not necessary to return library books early, you may do so in the Libby app:
1. From the Shelf on your app, tap the cover of the item you’d like to return.
2. Tap Return Title to library, and follow the prompt to return the item.
3. Otherwise, titles will automatically return themselves. No action is needed on your part.
4. If there are no holds on a title, you can renew two days before it is due. Under Shelf, tap on the cover of your book, tap Renew Loan, and then tap Renew.

help

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