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These instructions can be used to download library e-books to Android tablets and phones. If you need instructions on downloading e-books to Kindles, Nooks, or other non-Kindle e-reader devices, please see the library's brochures that provide instructions on downloading to those specific devices.

Getting Started

To download a library e-book to an Android-based mobile device, you will need:

- an Android v1.5 device or newer device
- the OverDrive Media Console app (Download this app from Google Play)
- a valid library card from an OverDrive member library

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Once you have downloaded the Overdrive app on your Android device, you will need to sign up for an Overdrive account. **You need to do this only once. When you log in again, it will remember your authorization.** Follow these steps:

1. Open the OverDrive Media Console app. Touch the *Sign Up* button.
2. You can either sign up using your Facebook account, if you have one, or create a new account with Overdrive:
 - Enter your name and email address into the boxes.
 - Set a password.
 - Tap the *Sign Up* button.
3. Next, you will need to set your home library.
 - Touch the *Home* button at the top left of your screen, then touch *Add a Library* at the top of the list.
 - Type in the name of your library (Russell Library) in the Search box, and tap *Search*.
 - Select "Russell Library, Middletown, Connecticut" from the list.
 - Tap the star icon to save this location on your device. This is recommended.
 - Tap the LION libraries link to open Overdrive on your device.

Once you have created an Overdrive Account, the next step is to sign in to the Overdrive app. To proceed:

1. Tap the *Sign In* button in the upper right corner and select "Russell Library" from the drop down list.
2. Tap *Go* and enter your full barcode number into the box. Your barcode number is located on the back of your library card. (**Note: Your library card must be from an Overdrive member library. If you live in a community whose library does not subscribe to Overdrive, you will not be able to use the Overdrive service. If you get an error message, your library card may be expired. Call the Russell Library at 860-347-2520 for help.**)
3. Select the *Remember Me On This Device* box if you want your device to remember your library card number. Then tap *Sign In* and proceed to the directions below for Checking Out Books.

Checking Out and Downloading Books from the Library Collection

Follow these steps to check out and download a book to your Android tablet or phone:

1. To locate a specific title or author:
 - Touch the gold magnifying glass icon in the upper right corner. This will open a Search box. Type in the title or author of the book and tap the gray magnifying glass icon on the right side of the Search box. Tap the cover of the book to select it. Follow the directions in #3 to borrow the item.
2. To browse available titles:
 - Touch the gold *Browse* icon in the upper left corner (three horizontal bars). This will allow you to browse all titles, or to browse by category. Select a category from the drop down menu.
 - Once you choose a category to browse, you can limit your search to items that are currently available by tapping the gray *Filter Search By* button at the top center of your screen, then selecting *Available Now* from the menu.
 - Scroll down through the list to locate a title, and tap the cover to download the item to your device. Follow the directions below to borrow an item and open for reading.
3. Once you have found a book you would like to read, tap the cover to select it and then tap the *Borrow* button. (**Note: If the item is already checked out to another patron, it is not currently available to borrow and you will instead see a *Place a Hold* button. Tap the *Hold* button and enter your email address to request this item when it becomes available.**)

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