

## Borrowing eBooks & Audiobooks: Kindle Fire HD(X)

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**Overview:** Learn how to download the OverDrive app, then locate and borrow eBooks from the Library for your Kindle Fire HD(X).

**Student Skill Level:** Advanced

**Requirements:** valid B&ECPL Library card, Amazon username and password, email address, basic Kindle Fire HD(X) operational skills

**Objectives:**

- Download the OverDrive App & Sign In
- Learn how to use the Home Menu
- Add the Library to the App
- Browse & Search for eBooks
- Borrow an item
- Place a Hold
- Borrow an eBook
- Return an item early (optional)

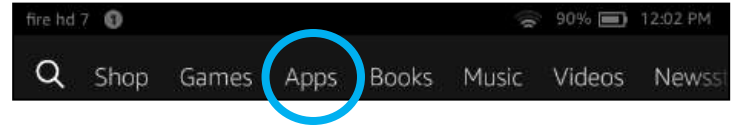
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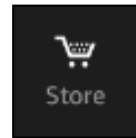
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## Download the OverDrive App

Start by turning on your device and connecting it to WiFi. Tap **Apps** on the top menu bar.



Tap on **Store** in the upper right corner.

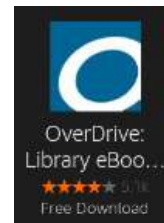


Tap **Search** in the upper right corner.

Tap in the search box at the top of the page and start typing **OverDrive**. **OverDrive** will be displayed in the search results.



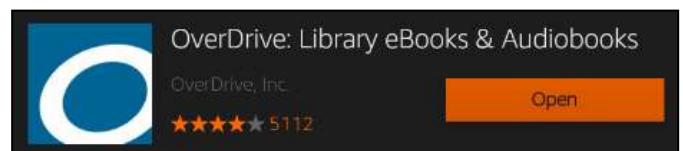
Tap on the OverDrive logo. →



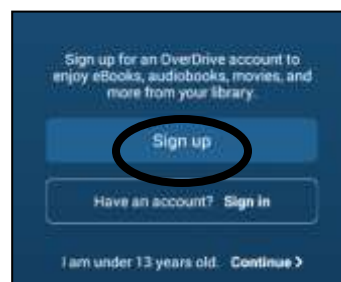
Tap **Get**. You will need to sign into your Amazon account if you aren't signed in already.

Then tap **Download**.

The OverDrive app is now installed. Tap **Open**.



Tap **Sign up**.



- 1** Tap Sign up using library card
- Tap Location and enter 14203
  - Tap Central Library
  - Enter you library card number
  - Tap Sign In

OR

- 2** Tap Sign up using Facebook
- Enter you email address and Facebook password
  - *The first time you sign into your OverDrive or Facebook account, you'll be prompted to add your library card number to your account. Click **Add a Card**.*
  - *Enter your card number and click **Yes, Grant Access**.*

OR

- 3** Enter your name, email address (twice) and a password. Tap **Sign up**.

**Sign up for an OverDrive account**

Your OverDrive account can sync your libraries, saved searches, and reading or listening position across multiple devices. We make enjoying your favorite eBook or audiobook easy—on your phone and on your tablet.

**1** Sign up using library card

**2** Sign up using Facebook

or

Enter your details:

Name

Email address

Email again

Set a password:

Your password must be at least 8 characters.

Password

Yes! Help me find my next favorite title. Receive OverDrive's recommendations and reviews.

By clicking "Sign up," you are confirming that you're 13 or older and agreeing to the [Terms and conditions](#).

**3** Sign up

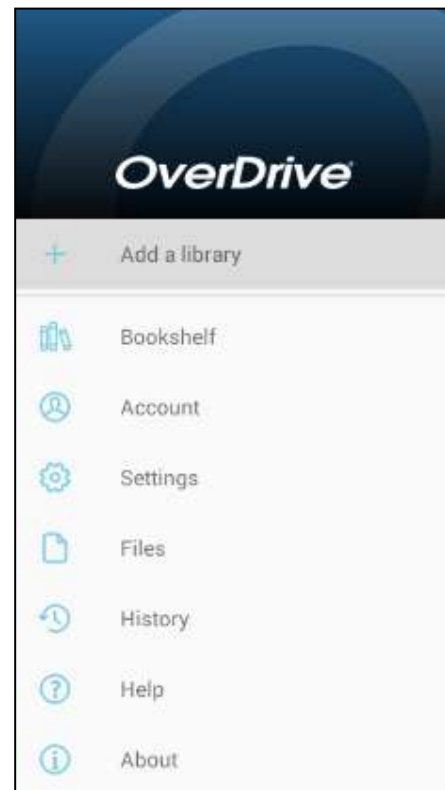
### Using the Home Menu

The OverDrive app has a **Home Menu** button in the upper left corner of the screen.



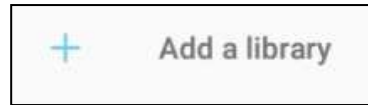
Tapping it creates a side pop-out menu.

You will use this menu frequently and you can hide or show this menu by tapping the Home Menu button.



### Add the Library to the App

Tap the **Home Menu** button and then tap **+ Add a library**.



From here, enter **14203** into the search bar and tap **Search**.



**Central Library** will be the first library displayed. Tap it.



*Do not tap any other branch even if it is your local branch. Be sure to tap **Central Library**.*

Finally, tap the star next to **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library**.

It will turn gold in color.

Now the Buffalo & Erie County Library is added to your list of libraries.



## Browse eBooks

Open the OverDrive app.



Tap the **Home Menu** button.



Tap **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library**.



Tap **FEATURED COLLECTIONS** in the top left corner.



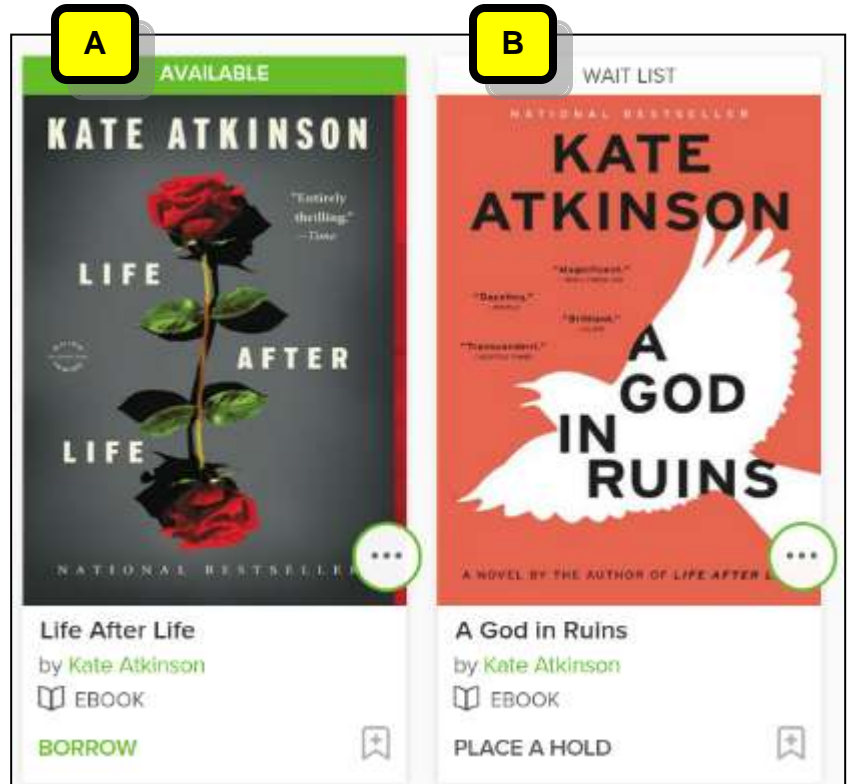
Tap **Most Popular eBooks** from the drop down menu.



The example on the right shows 2 eBooks in the Library's collection.

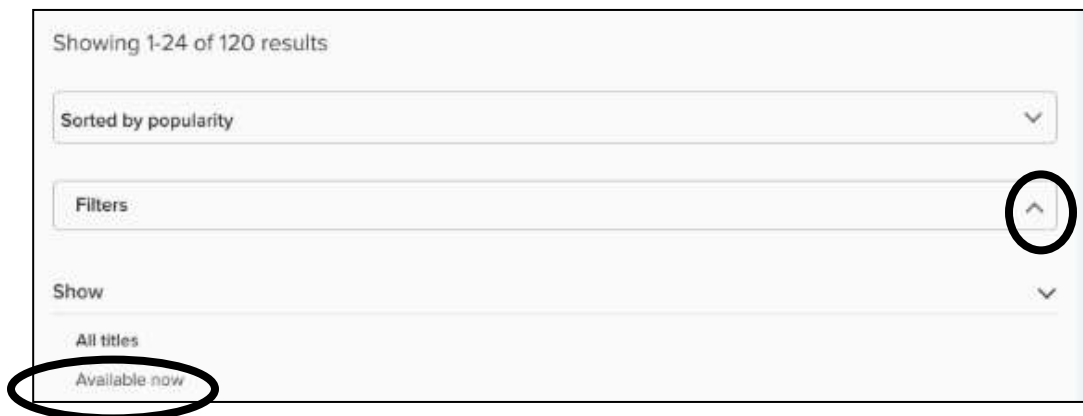
**A.** Notice that the first eBook is labeled **AVAILABLE**. This means that the eBook can be borrowed.

**B.** The second eBook is labeled **WAIT LIST**. This means that the book is currently **unavailable**. A hold can be placed for the eBook.



If you only want to view available titles, tap Filters at the top of the page and then tap **Available Now** from the drop down menu. Your screen will refresh.

Note the other filtering options from the drop down menu. *Multiple filters can be used at the same time.*

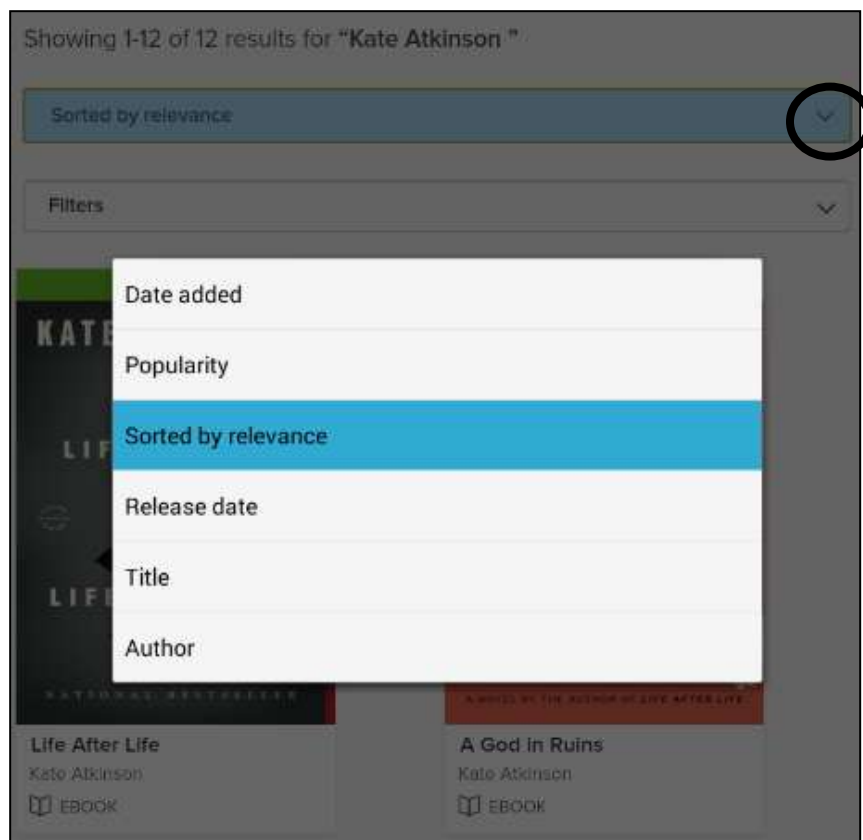


## Search for eBooks

If there is a specific author that you are looking for, type the author's name in the search box at the top of the page. For example, type: Kate Atkinson and tap the magnifying glass.



On your search results page, notice the sorting options: Date added, Popularity, Relevance, Release date, Title, and Author.



## Place a Hold

If the eBook you are interested in is labeled WAIT LIST, you can place a hold on that title. This will add your name to the waiting list and it's free! Tap on **WAIT LIST** above the book cover image.

On the next page, tap on **PLACE A HOLD**. *If you are not already signed in, you may be prompted to enter your library card number.*

You will then be asked to enter your email address twice. Tap **PLACE A HOLD** when finished.

You'll receive an email when the title becomes available.

*By default, your holds will be automatically added to your **Checkouts** as soon as they're available. If you'd like to turn off automatic hold checkout, visit your **Settings** page (under **MY ACCOUNT**).*

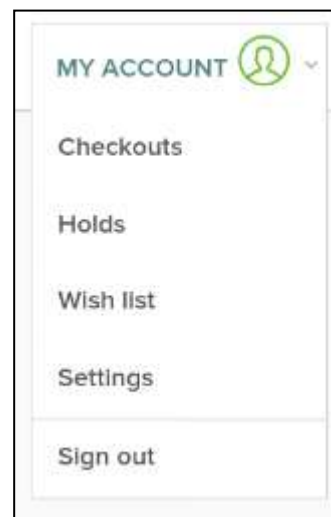


To view your Holds, tap **MY ACCOUNT** at the top of the page and then tap **Holds** from the drop down menu.

When your hold is available and has been automatically checked out to you, tap **MY ACCOUNT** at the bottom of the page and then tap **Checkouts**.

Tap **Download**.

Choose **ePUB eBook** and tap **Confirm**.

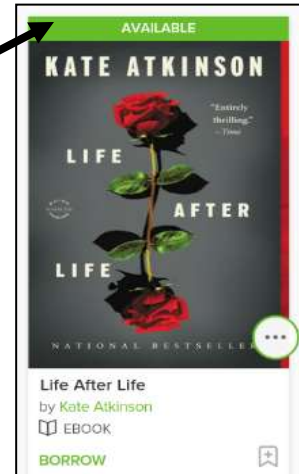


**TIP:** You can also **Sign out** of your account using the **MY ACCOUNT** drop down menu.



### Borrow an eBook

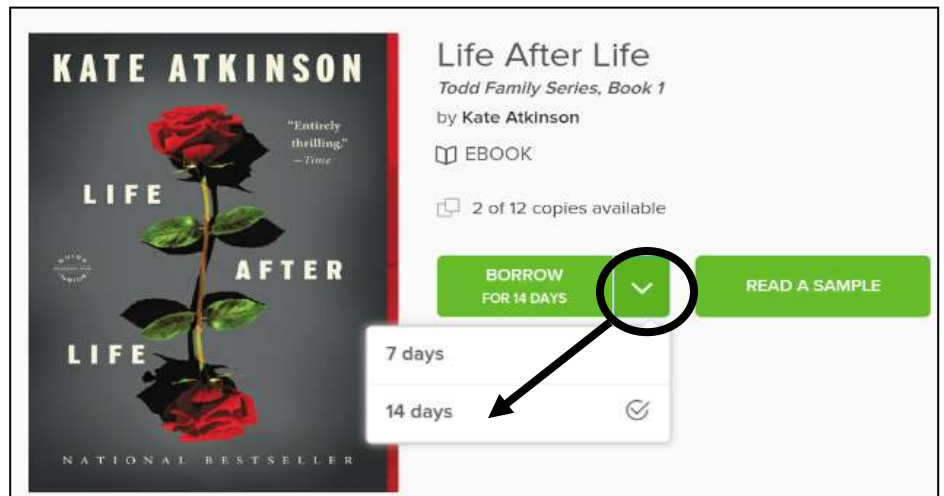
When you find a book that you are interested in and it is **AVAILABLE** to check out, tap **AVAILABLE**.



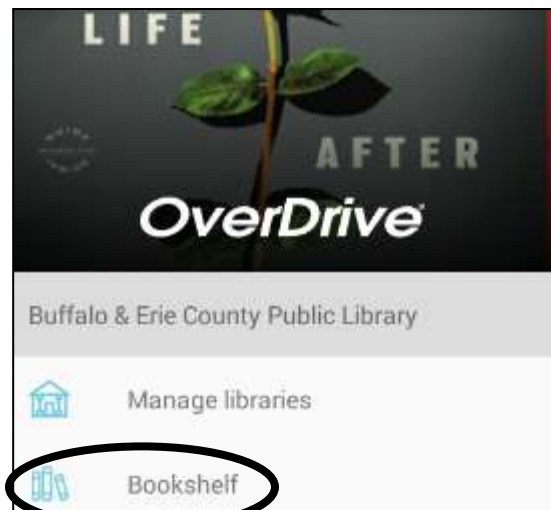
On the next page, tap on **BORROW**.

*Note: There is a **drop down arrow next to BORROW**. Tap it to change your default lending period, 7 or 14 days.*

Next, you will see a green button labeled **ADD TO APP**. Tap it.



Tap your **Home Menu** button (see page 3 for review) and then tap **Bookshelf**.



Tap on the book cover to begin reading your eBook. Enjoy!



### Return an Item Early (optional)

Open the App and tap the **Home Menu** button.



Tap **Bookshelf**.



Hold down on the cover of the book you wish to return.

A pop-up will appear. Tap **RETURN TO LIBRARY**.



A new popup will appear asking if you are sure. Tap **Yes**.

