

Transferring Books from the Libby App to a Kindle



Notes before starting:

1. You must begin the process on a smartphone or tablet
2. Audiobooks cannot be sent to Kindle devices.

Meet Libby

What is Libby?

Libby is Overdrive's new and improved app for borrowing and downloading eBooks and eAudiobooks.

Why should I use Libby?

Overdrive has listened to the comments and suggestions of their users and built Libby from the ground up! This means Libby is more user-friendly and has some really great features that you didn't have before!

Will Libby replace the Overdrive app?

Yes, that is the goal. This will be a gradual change, but we believe that you will love Libby and therefore it will be an easy transition.

You'll need these 3 things to check out titles from Libby:

1. Wireless internet connection
2. Your library card number
3. Your library PIN number (call the library if you don't know it)

There are two ways to send books to your Kindle from the Libby app:

1. Send each book manually to your Kindle every time you check one out.
 - a. Choose this method if Kindle is not your preferred way to read eBooks, but you'd like to try it out or you read on your Kindle occasionally.
2. Change your settings in Libby to make Kindle your preferred way to read.
 - a. Choose this method if you almost always read eBooks on your Kindle.

Directions for Sending Books to your Kindle Manually:

1. Download the free Libby app from your app store.
2. Tap "Find My Library." Search for and choose Morton Public Library.
3. Tap "Add Your Card." Select Morton Public Library from the list and sign in using your library card # and PIN.
4. Browse. Tap on a book cover to find more details.
5. To check out the book, tap "Borrow."
6. Tap "14 days" and select the loan period that you prefer, then tap "Borrow."
7. Tap "Go to Shelf."
8. Tap the cover of the book you just checked out.
9. Tap "Send to Device."
10. Tap "Select you device" then "Kindle."

11. Tap “Send to Kindle.”
12. You’ll be taken to Amazon’s website to finish getting the book. Tap “Get library book,” sign in, and choose a device to deliver the title to.
13. Tap “Close” in the top-right corner to go back to the app.
14. Find the book in your Kindle’s library and enjoy!

Directions for Making Kindle Your Preferred Way to Read:

1. On your smartphone or tablet, download the free Libby app from your app store.
2. Tap “Find My Library.” Search for and choose Morton Public Library.
3. Tap “Add Your Card.” Select Morton Public Library from the list and sign in using your library card # and PIN.
4. Tap the 3 lines in the upper right corner of your screen.
5. Tap “Device Preferences.”
6. Tap “I Read on Another Device.”
7. Tap “in Libby” and change it to “on my Kindle.”
8. Browse. Tap on a book cover to find more details.
9. To check out the book, tap “Borrow.”
10. Tap “14 days” and select the loan period that you prefer, then tap “Borrow.”
11. Tap “Send to Kindle.”
12. Find the book in your Kindle’s library and enjoy!

*Note: Once you adjust your settings, you will not have to repeat steps 1-7 when checking out eBooks.

FAQs for the Libby App:

I share a device with family members, can we each use our own card?

Yes! Libby lets you add multiple library cards and easily switch between them! Just tap the 3 lines in the top right corner. Tap “Library Cards.” Tap “Add Another Card” and repeat step 3 from above.

Can I return a title early?

Yes, if the book has **not** been sent to a kindle device yet, simply tap the cover of the book in your shelf and then tap “Return Title to Library.” If you have sent the book to a Kindle, you’ll have to return the book from the Amazon website. Follow these steps:

1. Once in your Amazon account go to “Manage Your Content and Devices” page.
2. Find the title in the “Your Content” list, then tap the 3 dots.
3. Tap “Return this book” in the pop-up window.
4. Select “Yes” to confirm and return.

Why and How do I place a title on hold?

Just like print books, eBooks can only be checked out by one person at a time. To be put on the waitlist for a title, tap “Place a hold” where you would normally see the “Borrow” option. The first time you place a hold, you will be prompted to add your email. This is how they will notify you when the title becomes available.

What's the best way to search for the books I want?

When searching for books, always make sure you're on the "Library" tab as opposed to the "Shelf" tab at the bottom of your screen. The Library is where you'll search for books.

- **Search bar:** Tap the magnifying glass at the top of the screen. Type in whatever title or author you're looking for.
- **Narrowing the results:** At the top of every results list are options to narrow the titles down to a more specific format or genre.
- **Setting preferences:** The + sign at the top of the results lists let you set your preferences. These will be saved and applied to all your future searches. For example, if you'd like to view only titles that are available right now, you can set your preferences to show you only those titles.
- **Refining the results without saving it as a preference:** Use the "Refine" option on the right to narrow your results for only your current search.

How can I keep track of what I've read and want to read?

Libby lets you keep track of what you've loved, disliked, want to read, and more using tags. Tap on a book cover (whether you've read it, have it checked out, or none of the above), tap "Tag" and use the icons available or tap the + sign to create your own unique tags to mean whatever you want!

Questions or problems? Call: (309) 263-2200 or email: questions@mortonlibrary.org

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