

Library eBooks & Audiobooks: OverDrive for Web Browsers

Overview: Learn how to borrow library eBooks and audiobooks with OverDrive in your web browser.

Student Skill Level: Intermediate

Requirements: valid B&ECPL card, email address

Objectives:

- Sign up and sign in to the library's OverDrive website
- Change settings
- Search for books
- Borrow and place holds on books
- Return books

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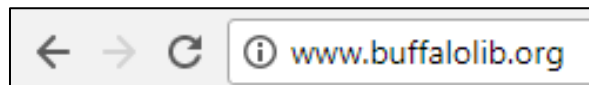


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Sign Up and Sign In to OverDrive

Start by turning on your computer and making sure it is connected to the Internet. Open your favorite web browser.

In the address bar type **www.buffalolib.org** then press enter.



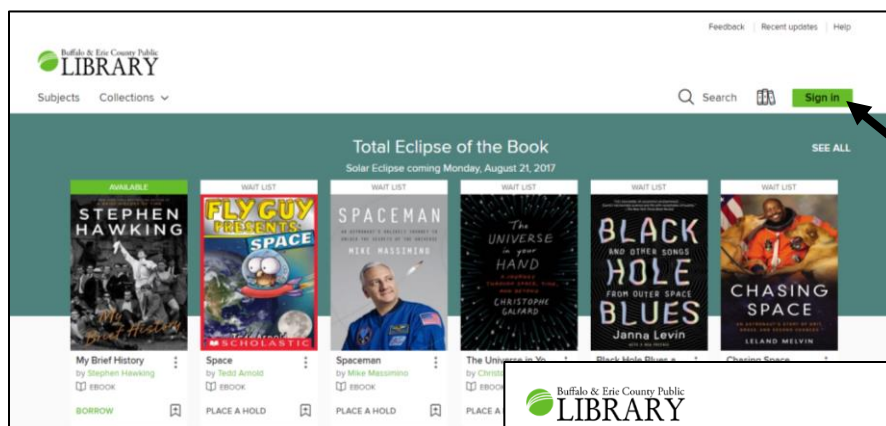
On the library's home page, click on the link in the middle panel labeled **"eBooks & more."**

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Once on the library's OverDrive website, click on **Sign in** in the upper right.

If you are a member only of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System, **entering your library card number is the easiest way** to sign up.

If you have multiple library cards from different libraries, select Sign in with OverDrive and follow the directions.

If this is your first time signing in to OverDrive a popup will appear asking you to confirm some information. Please do so.

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Sign in with your library card

Need a card? [Learn more >](#)

CARD NUMBER

☐ REMEMBER MY CARD NUMBER ON THIS DEVICE.

Cancel **SIGN IN**

OR

Sign in with OverDrive

Sign in with Facebook

Why should I choose one of these options?
These options allow you to sign into the OverDrive app and new OverDrive websites using the same email address or Facebook account.

NOTE: If your card number begins with the letter A, **do not** enter the A.

Once you are signed in, please click on **My account** in the upper right corner of the website. Next, click on **Settings**.

The image shows the 'My account' dropdown menu and the 'Settings' page. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: Loans, Holds, Wish list, Rated titles, Settings, and a green 'Sign out' button. An arrow points from 'Settings' in the dropdown to the 'Settings' page. The 'Settings' page has sections for GENERAL, CONTENT PREFERENCES, and DISPLAY OPTIONS.

Settings

GENERAL

Lending periods
Set your default lending period for each format.

eBook:

Audiobook:

Video:

Certain titles may have lending periods that can't be changed.

☐ **Automatic hold checkout**
Have your holds automatically borrowed for you as they become available.

CONTENT PREFERENCES

Audience filters
Choose the type(s) of content you'd like to see while browsing and searching the collection.

DISPLAY OPTIONS

☐ **High contrast**
Turn on high-contrast mode for this website.

☐ **Dyslexic font**
Turn on dyslexic font for this website.

In Settings, check to make sure your loans are set to default to the maximum lending period. This is also the area where you can change the website to dyslexic font and improve contrast.

When you are finished, click on the **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library logo** in the upper left to return to the OverDrive home page.

Browsing for Items

Browsing our collection is easy.

On the main page you will find seasonal themed categories to browse. Additionally, you can click on **Subjects** or **Collections**.

The screenshot shows the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library website. At the top, the 'Subjects' link in the navigation bar is circled, with an arrow pointing to the 'Browse subjects' page below. The 'Browse subjects' page features a grid of subject categories under the 'Fiction' section, with counts for each category.

Subjects Dropdown Menu:

- EBOOKS
 - Newly Added eBooks
 - Most Popular eBooks
 - Try Something Different
 - Page to Screen
 - True Crime Reads
 - Toes in the Sand, Head in an eBook
 - Young Adult Summer Reads
- AUDIOBOOKS
 - Newly Added Audiobooks
 - Most Popular Audiobooks
 - Try Something Different
 - Must-Listen Biographies & Autobiographies
- VIDEOS
 - Newly Added Videos
 - Most Popular Videos
 - Try Something Different

Browse subjects

ALL FORMATS | EBOOKS | AUDIOBOOKS | VIDEOS

See all 32,565 titles >

Fiction

273 African American Fiction	1 Family & Relationships	9 Juvenile Literature	7,570 Romance
1 Business	1,906 Fantasy	4 Language Arts	676 Science Fiction
30 Chick Lit Fiction	20,538 Fiction	16 Literary Anthologies	62 Science Fiction & Fantasy
457 Christian Fiction	4 Folklore	2 Literary Criticism	484 Short Stories
449 Classic Literature	1 Gay/Lesbian	4,661 Literature	3,219 Suspense
23 Comic and Graphic Books	3,614 Historical Fiction	4,585 Mystery	4,272 Thriller
101 Drama	2 History	47 Mythology	3 Travel Literature
268 Erotic Literature	276 Horror	5 Non-English Fiction	41 Urban Fiction
2 Essays	682 Humor (Fiction)	2 Performing Arts	319 Western
1 Ethics	2 Inspirational	43 Poetry	7 Young Adult Literature

Nonfiction

Searching for Items



Showing 1-7 of 7 results for "jonathan stro"

Availability ▾

- All titles
- Available now

Audience >

Date added >

eBooks >

Audiobooks >

Subject ▾

- Young Adult Fiction 5
- Fantasy 3
- Mystery 3
- Horror 2
- Juvenile Fiction 2
- Juvenile Literature 2

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To search for items simply click on the **magnifying glass** near the top of the website then click on the **Search bar that appears** and enter in your search terms. You can also click on **Advanced** to bring up more options.

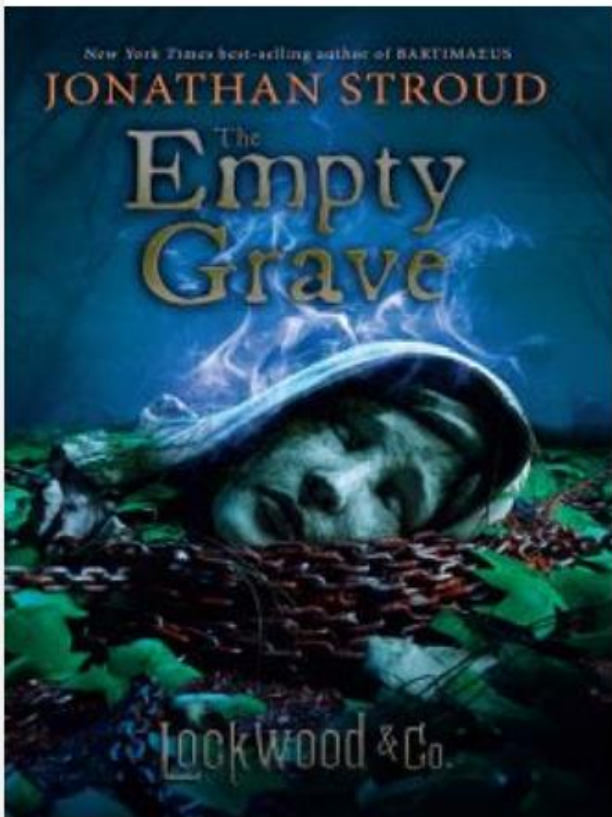
NOTE: Double check your spelling, because OverDrive's search does not autocorrect.

When you search, a pane to the left will let you **filter** the results. For example, you can restrict the results to show only titles available now, or only audiobook.

WAIT LIST means all copies are checked out, but you can place a **hold** on it.

AVAILABLE items are ready for you to check out.

WAIT LIST




The Empty Grave
by Jonathan Stroud

📖 EBOOK

PLACE A HOLD

AVAILABLE



The Screaming Staircase
by Jonathan Stroud

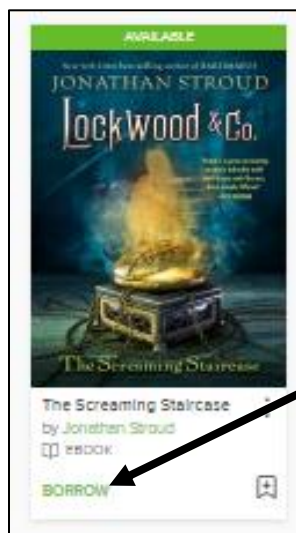
🎧 AUDIOBOOK

BROW

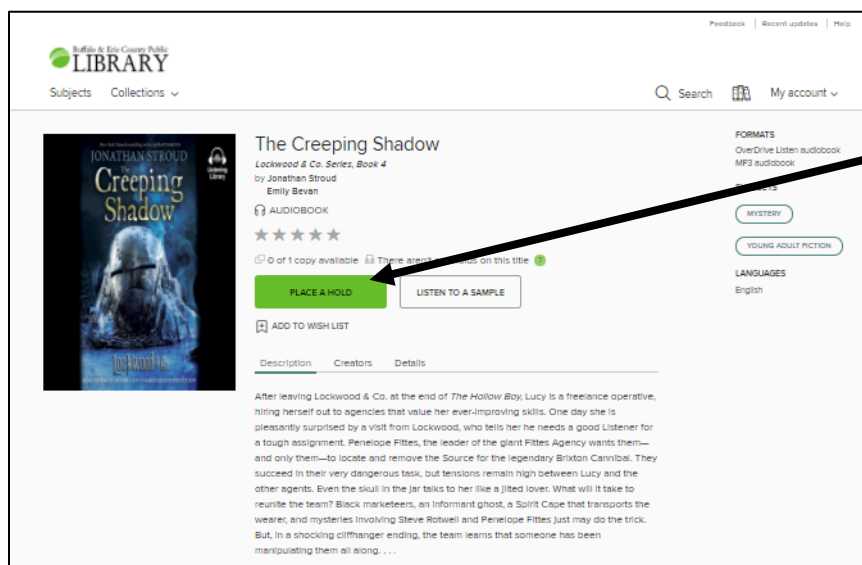
Below the cover image, you can see if it is an **eBook** or **audiobook**.

Borrowing and Placing Holds

There are two ways to borrow and place holds on items.



One way is to click on **BORROW** or **PLACE A HOLD** at the bottom of the item from the search screen. This will check the item out to you, without causing you to leave the search results screen.



The other way is to click on the cover of the item. You can then click **BORROW** or **PLACE A HOLD**, depending on the item's availability.

This way, you can see more information about the title, including how many copies are available and how many people are waiting per copy (if all copies are already checked out.)

NOTE: The first time you place a hold, you will be asked to enter your email address if you haven't already. This is the email OverDrive will use to notify you that your book is available. Be sure to check your email, because available holds expire after 72 hours.

If you want to keep searching, simply click on Search at anytime. You can also click on the library's logo in the upper left corner to return to the main page.

There are no hold fees or late fines when using OverDrive.


Enjoy Your Items

Click on the **books icon** in the upper right hand corner. From here, you will be able to see your loans, holds, and more.

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Subjects Collections ▾

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Loans

You can borrow 16 more titles. See all account limits.

EXPIRES IN 14 DAYS

The Screaming Staircase
Jonathan Stroud
AUDIOBOOK

DOWNLOAD MP3 audiobook

OR

LISTEN IN BROWSER

★★★★☆

Return

EXPIRES IN 14 DAYS

The Amulet of Samarkand
Jonathan Stroud
AUDIOBOOK

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OR

LISTEN IN BROWSER

★★★★☆

Return

EXPIRES IN 14 DAYS

Top Secret Twenty-One
Janet Evanovich
EBOOK

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OR

READ IN BROWSER

★★★★☆

Return

EXPIRES IN 14 DAYS

Last Man in Tower
Aravind Adiga
EBOOK

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OR

READ IN BROWSER

★★★★☆

Return

To read or listen to your items in the web browser, click on **READ IN BROWSER** or **LISTEN IN BROWSER**.

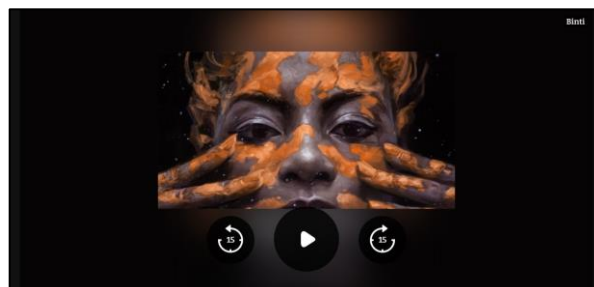
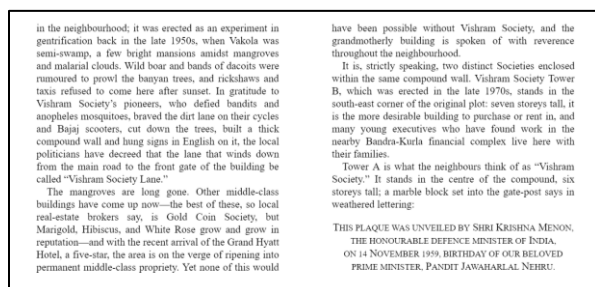
Do not select to download the item. That is for enjoying the items in other applications or devices. If you are curious if your devices can be used to enjoy library titles, please contact the library system with the contact information given on the first page.

You can also see on the top of each item how many days are left on the loan.

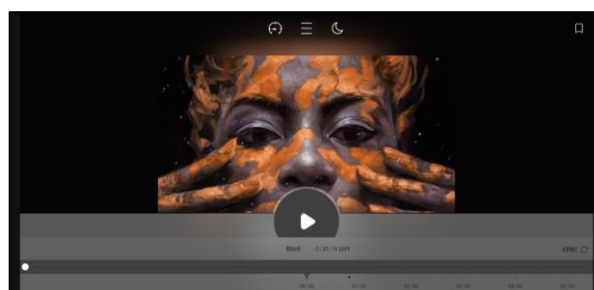
The ability to renew the item will appear next to **Return** on the bottom of the item a 72 hours before the item is due. You cannot renew the item before then.

To flip pages on an eBook, either click on the left or right side of the pages or use the right and left keys on the keyboard. OverDrive will always remember your place, so don't worry about bookmarking or remembering it.

For an audiobook, simply click the large play button.



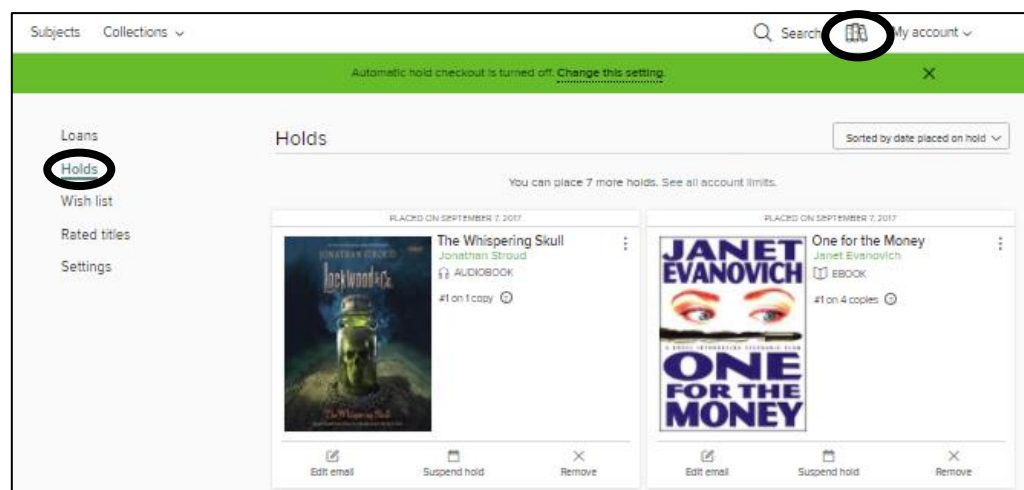
Clicking on the center of the screen for either will bring up additional settings that will allow you to change the **font and font size (eBooks)**, **view the table of contents**, **select reading speed**, **move to a specific section**, and set a **sleep timer (audiobooks)**.



Check the Status of a Hold

Clicking on the **books icon** then **Holds** allows you to check the status of your holds, and when available, a green **BORROW** button will appear.

If, in the **Settings**, you selected to have holds check out automatically, the **BORROW** button will not appear. Instead, the item will immediately be checked out to you and placed in **Loans**.



Returning Items

All titles will automatically return when they are due, even if you do not sign back in or have an Internet connection. However, it is courteous to return items when you are finished.

To return an item early, return to the **Loans** page (found when you click on the books icon.)

The option **Return** will appear beneath each item. Simply click and confirm. If you accidentally or intentionally downloaded the item to your computer or another device, it will say **How to return**. Clicking on that will give you further instructions.

Loans

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Rated titles

History

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You can borrow 19 more titles

EXPIRES IN 14 DAYS

The Screaming Staircase
Jonathan Stroud
AUDIOBOOK

DOWNLOAD
MP3 audiobook

OR

LISTEN IN BROWSER

★★★★☆

Return