

Kindle

Learning Objectives:

- What is Kindle?
- Importance of Amazon.
- Kindles vs. Fires.
- Apps to use.
- Borrowing.
- Transferring.
- Returning.

Helpful to have:

- Basic mobile device skills.



What is Kindle?

Kindle can refer to a few things:

- The ebook brand of Amazon.
- The ebook app.
- Line of ereaders
- Amazon Fire tablets are also related.

“Obsolete Devices”

For users' information, Amazon has stopped supporting certain Kindles and Fires as of 5/20/26. These include:

- Kindle 1st Generation (2007).
- Kindle DX (2009).
- Kindle DX Graphite (2010).
- Kindle Keyboard (2010).
- Kindle 4 (2011).
- Kindle Touch (2011).
- Kindle 5 (2012).
- Kindle Paperwhite 1st Gen (2012).
- Kindle Fire 1st Gen (2011).
- Kindle Fire 2nd Gen (2012).
- Kindle Fire HD 7 (2012).
- Kindle Fire HD 8.9 (2012).

What does this lack of support mean for the affected models?

- No new purchases.
- No new borrowing.
- No new downloads.
- It becomes dangerous to deregister or fully reset the device.
- BUT can still manually transfer items over to the device.

Importance of Amazon

“Login”

A Kindle login is the exact same thing as your Amazon login.

- Same email address.
- Same password.

“No account?”

You cannot use anything Kindle-related if you do not have an Amazon account. You do need at least an email address like a Gmail in order to sign up

Pure Kindles vs. Amazon Fires

“Pure Kindles”

Pure Kindles can only do ebooks - they cannot do audiobooks and no digital magazines. They also cannot install outside apps such as Libby. Paperwhites and Colorsoft are examples of these devices.

“Amazon Fires”

Amazon Fires can function as Kindles, BUT they are able to install outside apps such as Libby, so they can act more like an iPad or Android tablet.

“Comparing”

The differences between the two are like comparing a Swiss Army Knife (Fire) and a quality chef knife (Kindle). The Fire does a lot well, BUT the Kindle does one thing extremely well (ebooks).

Kindle App

This app allows you to connect ANY device to your Kindle account - it does not even have to be an Amazon device. You can add it to Apples and Androids.

“Process”

1. Open your device's app store.
 - a. Popular stores:
 - i. Google Play Store.
 - ii. Apple App Store.
2. Search for “Amazon Kindle.”
3. Install the app.



Amazon Kindle



Amazon Kindle: Reading App

Installed

Open

4.8★

4M reviews ⓘ



Teen ⓘ



Editors' Choice ⓘ

100M+

Downloads

(Google Play Store listing)



Amazon Kindle: Reading App

Read books. Millions of ebooks

★★★★★ 5.8M

Open

#4 in Books |  AMZN Mobile LLC

(Apple App Store listing)

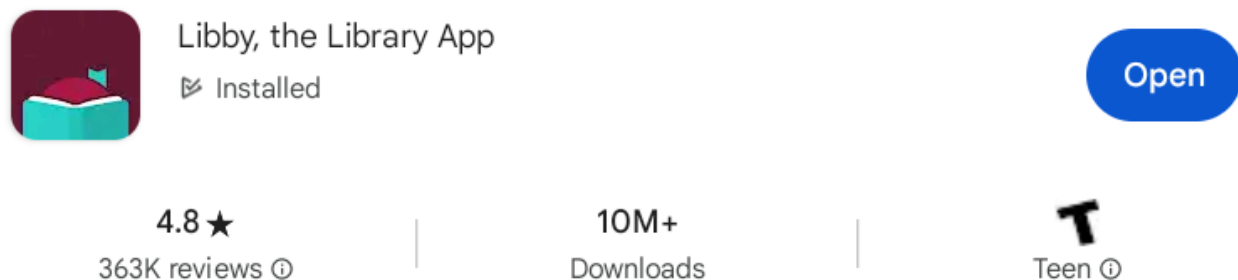
Libby App

“Installing the App

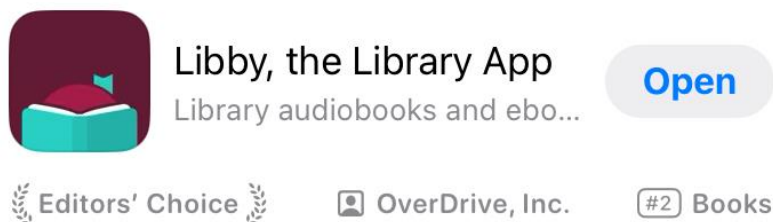
1. Open your device’s app store.
 - a. Popular stores:
 - i. Google Play Store.
 - ii. Apple App Store.
2. Search for “Libby.”
3. Install the app.



Libby



(Google Play Store listing)



(Apple App Store listing)

Amazon Fire Concern

Libby is only available for certain models of Fire tablets. If you search for it in the Amazon Appstore and you see it listed, then you can install it on your device. However, if you do not see it, then it is not available.

"Setting Up the App"



Locate Libby on your device and tap it to open.

If you have a library card, tap "Yes, I Have A Library Card." If not, tap "Not Yet" and follow the on-screen instructions. The rest of the packet is based on choosing yes.

To find your library, choose one of the following 3 options:

- Libby can search libraries nearby if your GPS is on.
- Search for a library by name, city, or zip code.
- Recover your previously stored data.

First question: do you have a **library card**?

Yes, I Have A Library Card

Not Yet

Guess Your Library
Find the nearest library using your (probable) approximate location.

Search For A Library
You can look up your nearest library by name or city or postcode.

Recover Your Data
If you already use Libby, choose this. It will keep all your data in sync.

For this lesson, select “Search For A Library.”

To complete the library selection process for your area and sign in:

1. Type in “Buffalo” and tap the search icon.
2. Find “Buffalo & Erie County Public Library” and tap on the name.
 - a. This selects Buffalo & Erie County Public Library as your library.
3. Tap “Sign In With My Card.”
4. Enter your entire library card number and PIN.

SEARCH...

Try a library name, your city, or zip code.

Buffalo

Matching Libraries

Great River Regional Library
Buffalo Public Library
18 NW Lake Blvd
Buffalo, Minnesota, USA
and 32 other branches

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, New York, USA
and 37 other branches

Add a library card for **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library** so you can borrow titles and place holds.

Sign In With My Card

I Would Like A Card

BACK

Enter your library account details. (If you need help, [get in touch.](#))

CARD NUMBER

The number printed on your library card, usually under a barcode.

PIN

Don't know your PIN? [Here's some help.](#)

Sign In

The next screen shows your digital card.

From this screen:

1. Tap "Next."
2. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SETUP STEP FOR KINDLE USERS! This screen determines the default format your Libby checkouts will be in.
 - a. "Yes, I Read With Kindle" makes Libby ebooks readable through a Kindle or the Kindle App.
 - b. "Skip" makes it so that YOU get the choice whether to get an item in Kindle format OR in Libby format (which makes it only readable through Libby).
 - c. However, you can change your choice later in your account settings.

LOANS 0 of 20

HOLDS 0 of 10

Next

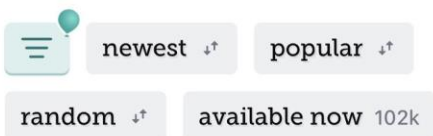
If you prefer to read with Kindle, we can open books directly to your Kindle device or Kindle app.

Yes, I Read With Kindle

Skip

You are now 100% set up with Libby and will be taken right to the Home Page!

Welcome to
Buffalo & Erie County
Public Library



Check Out a New Magazine!

Through your library, you can now borrow the most current and back issues of thousands of magazines.

See over 4,800 titles >



Getting materials through the Library

"Where do you go?"

You CANNOT get library materials directly through Kindle. You must first go through:

- The Libby App OR...
- One of two website options:

buffalo.overdrive.com

libbyapp.com

"How?"

- Libby App:
 - Your device must be capable of using apps AND is updated enough to use Libby.
- Websites:
 - Requires a web browser such as Google Chrome or Safari (see image).

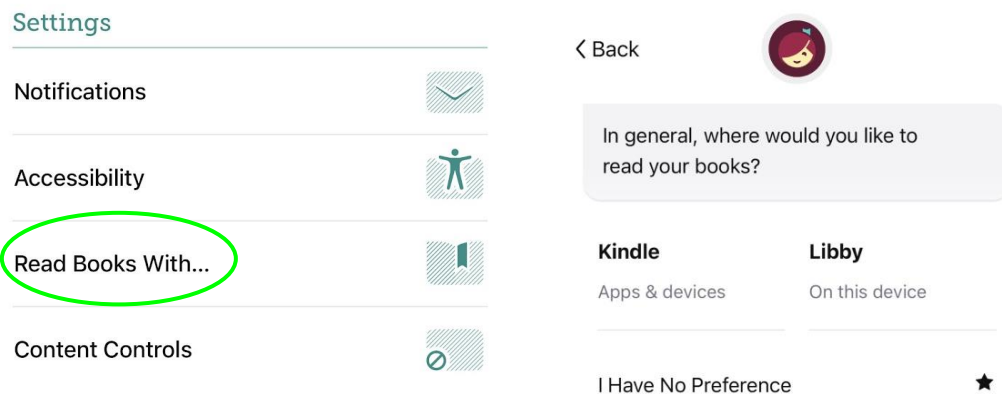


Library Account Settings

Tap on the profile icon to go to your account settings.



This is where you can change your format preference that you previously selected when originally setting up Libby.

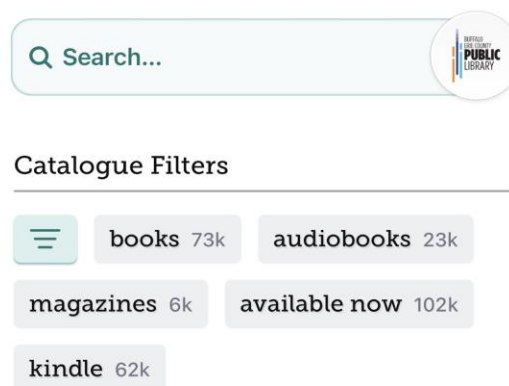


Searching

*** Be Advised ***

The following search example is going to be from the Libby App, but the information should still be applicable to the website version.

Press the catalog search icon on the bottom of your app to bring up the search page.



“Catalogue Filters”

Tapping these applies the filters to the catalogue BEFORE adding search terms. This is useful if you just want to see certain broad items such as ALL books or ALL audiobooks.

What is available?

- Format filters:
 - Books, audiobooks, magazines.
- “available now.”
- “kindle.”
 - Will only see Kindle items.
- The “three line” button shows the complete list of all filters.
 - You can even stack filters together from here.
 - What is available?
 - Subject.
 - Format.
 - Availability.
 - Date added.
 - Audience.
 - Language.
 - Read with...

Search PUBLIC **SHOW 102,889 TITLES**

Subject

romance 21k thriller 14k

mystery 13k fantasy 12k

historical fiction 12k suspense 10k

We have 153 subjects in total. [Explore all genres, topics, and categories...](#)

Format

books 73k audiobooks 23k

magazines 6k read-alongs 551

Availability

available now coming soon 1

Sequence

first in series 10k standalone 51k

Start at the beginning of the story.

Sort By

popularity date added

release date random + more

Date Added

last 7 days 94 last 14 days 161

last 30 days 355 last 3 months 1k

last 6 months 3k

Date Added

last 7 days 94 last 14 days 161

last 30 days 355 last 3 months 1k

last 6 months 3k

Audience

general content 80k juvenile 14k

young adult 6k mature content 1k

Language

english 101k spanish 432

portuguese 226 french 193 + more

Read With...

kindle 62k epub 65k pdf 1k

[Reset Filters](#) [Cancel](#)

Read with...

What are the file types of the results?

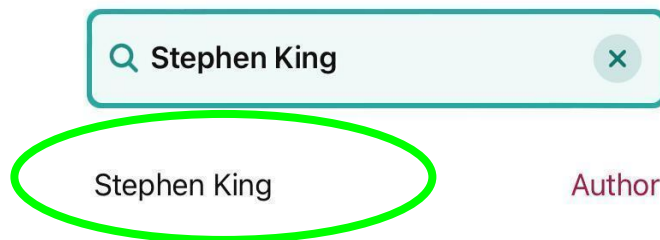
- kindle?
 - Works with Kindles.
- epub?
 - Works with Libby.
- pdf?

epub has more items in Libby than kindle, which can be a point of issue with users because it makes seeing what is available difficult if the wrong format is selected.

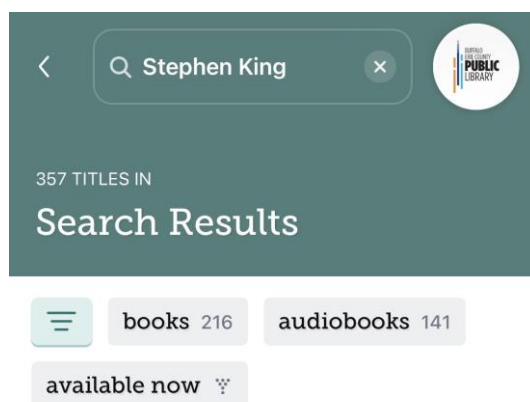
“Search Bar”



Libby provides you with potential results as you type (similar to what Google does) as well as label what the result represents (is it a “Title” or “Author?”). For example, when searching “Stephen King,” one of the results will show it labelled as “Author”



Search Results Page



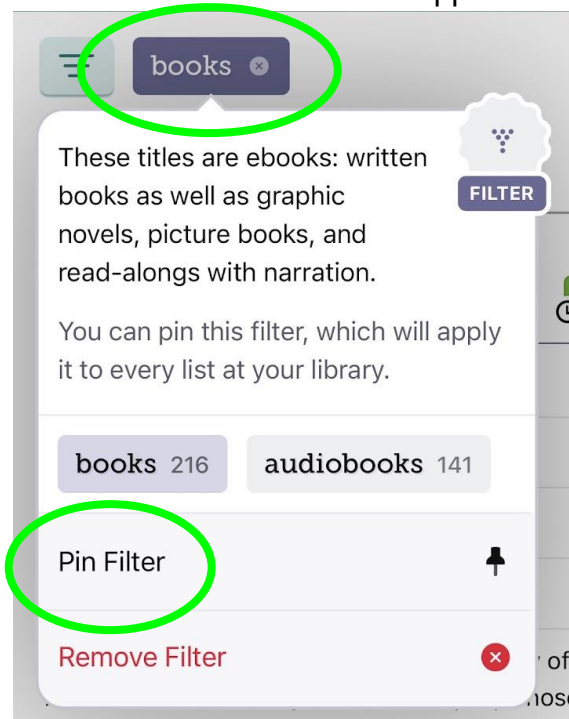
“Post-Search Filters”

You get format filter options right away as well as the “three line” filter button for all options. A cool feature here is the ability to “pin” filters.

“Pinned Filters”

Pinned filters stay in place for the current search AND all future searches until they are removed. This is useful if you are constantly selecting the same filters.

To pin a filter, press and hold on it until a menu appears and select “Pin Filter”



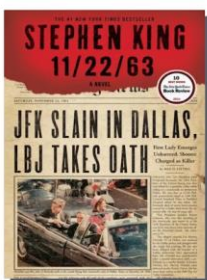
“Search Results Anatomy”

Search results are never 100% exactly related to your search term. For example, when searching “Stephen King,” you will also get the book *King of Ragtime* by Stephen Costanza (the King from the title and the first name of the author).

What you find in search results is not reflective of the actual physical library catalog. The library might have an item that Libby does not (and vice-versa).

The results shown on the next page are from a search for “Stephen King” (the author):

Stephen King
11/22/63



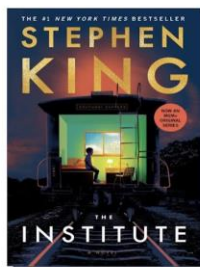
Place Hold

Read Sample

Save

On November 22, 1963, three shots rang out in Dallas, President Kennedy died, and the world changed. What if you could change it back? In thi...

Stephen King
The Institute



Borrow

Read Sample

Save

Now an MGM+ Original Series! From #1 New York Times bestselling author Stephen King, the most riveting and unforgettable story of kids confrontin...

- Place Hold = Puts you in line.
- Borrow = Ready to check out.
- Sample:
 - Read = It is an eBook.
- Green card = Shows availability and wait time at current library as well as other libraries linked to your account.

Borrowing

“Kindle Wi-Fi”

Importance of Wi-Fi

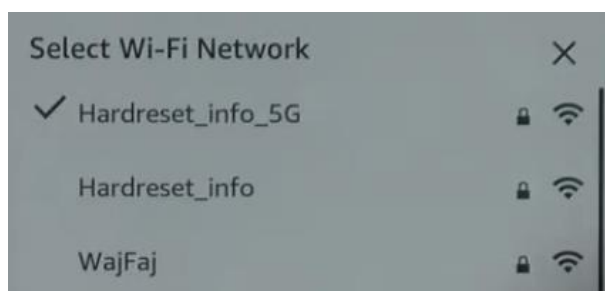
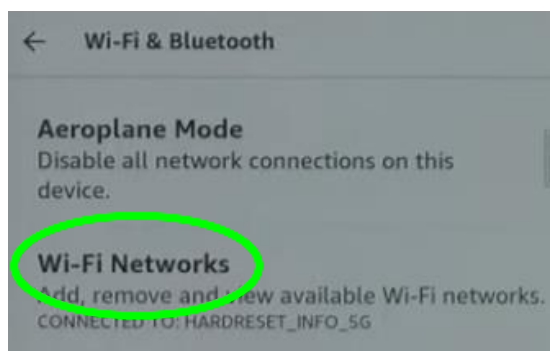
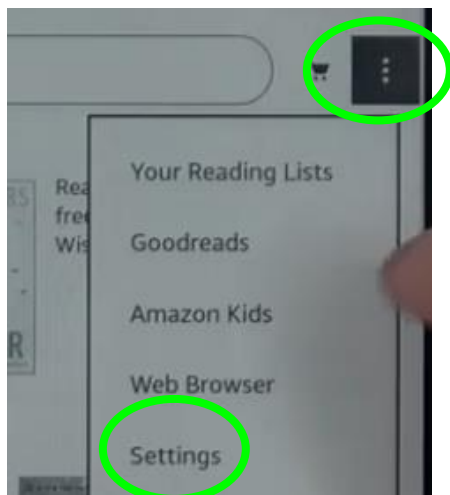
The way an item moves from Libby to your Kindle is through a Wi-Fi connection - no Wi-Fi = no transfer!

You want to make sure that your Kindle is connected BEFORE borrowing (this will make the whole process easier to deal with).

Process

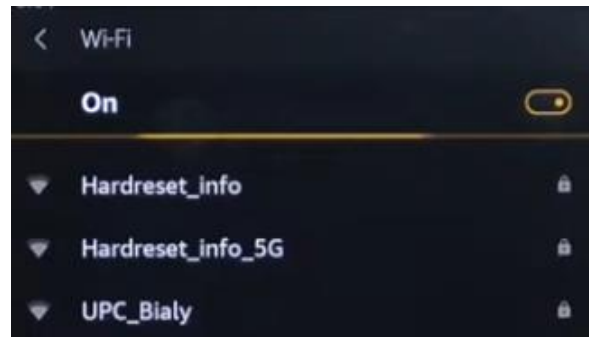
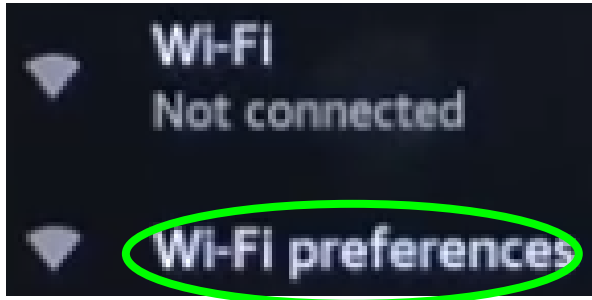
Kindle Paperwhite

1. Tap the “three dots” (Menu).
2. Tap “Settings.”
3. Tap “Wi-Fi & Bluetooth.”
4. Tap “Wi-Fi Networks.”
5. Select the network you want to connect to (and enter password if needed).



Amazon Fire

1. Tap the Settings app (gear symbol).
2. Tap “Internet.”
3. Tap “Wi-Fi preferences.”
4. Select the network you want to connect to (and enter password if needed).



You need an Amazon Fire connected to Wi-Fi to either do Kindle transferring OR to check out an item directly to Libby.

“Format Lock”

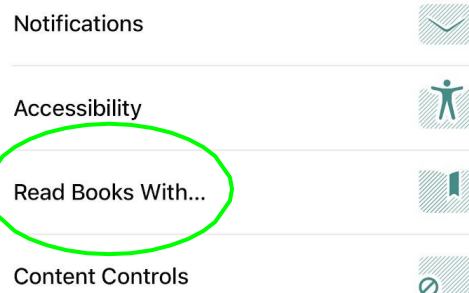
You are locked into whatever format you check out in after you borrow. For example, you cannot switch an item to Kindle format if you first check it out in Libby format (unless you return it).

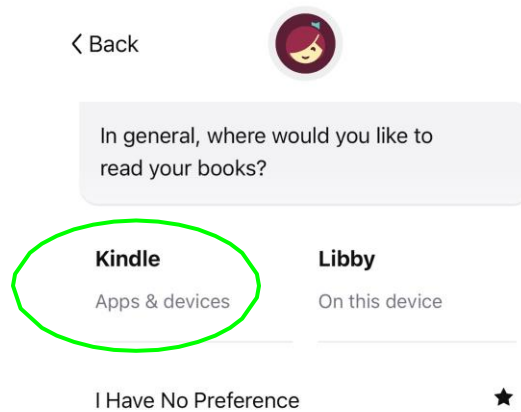
How can you avoid this problem? Make sure the Kindle format is set within your account settings so that you will only get the option to “Read With Kindle.” To do this:

1. Go to your account settings (profile icon).
2. Tap “Read Books With...”
3. Tap “Kindle” option.



Settings

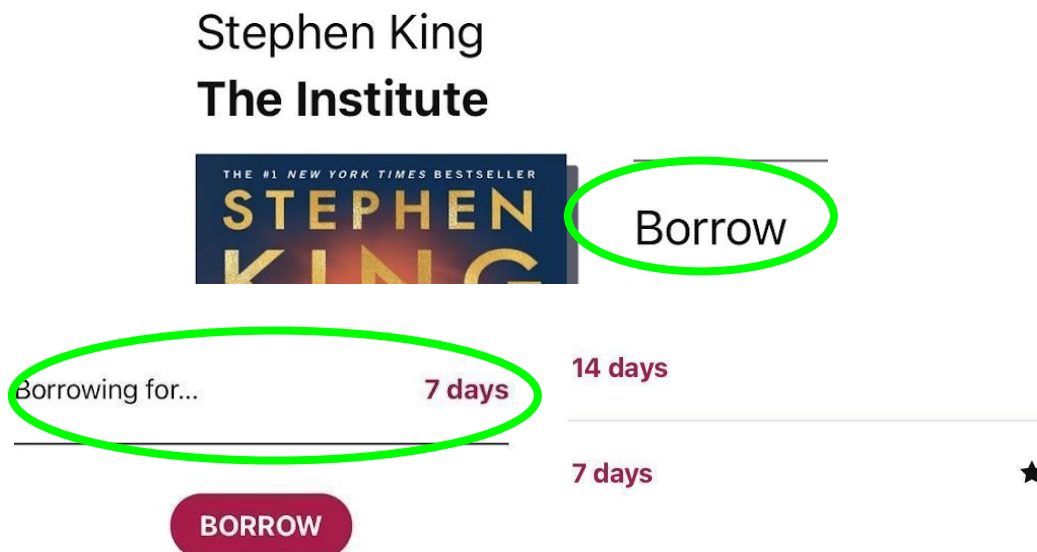


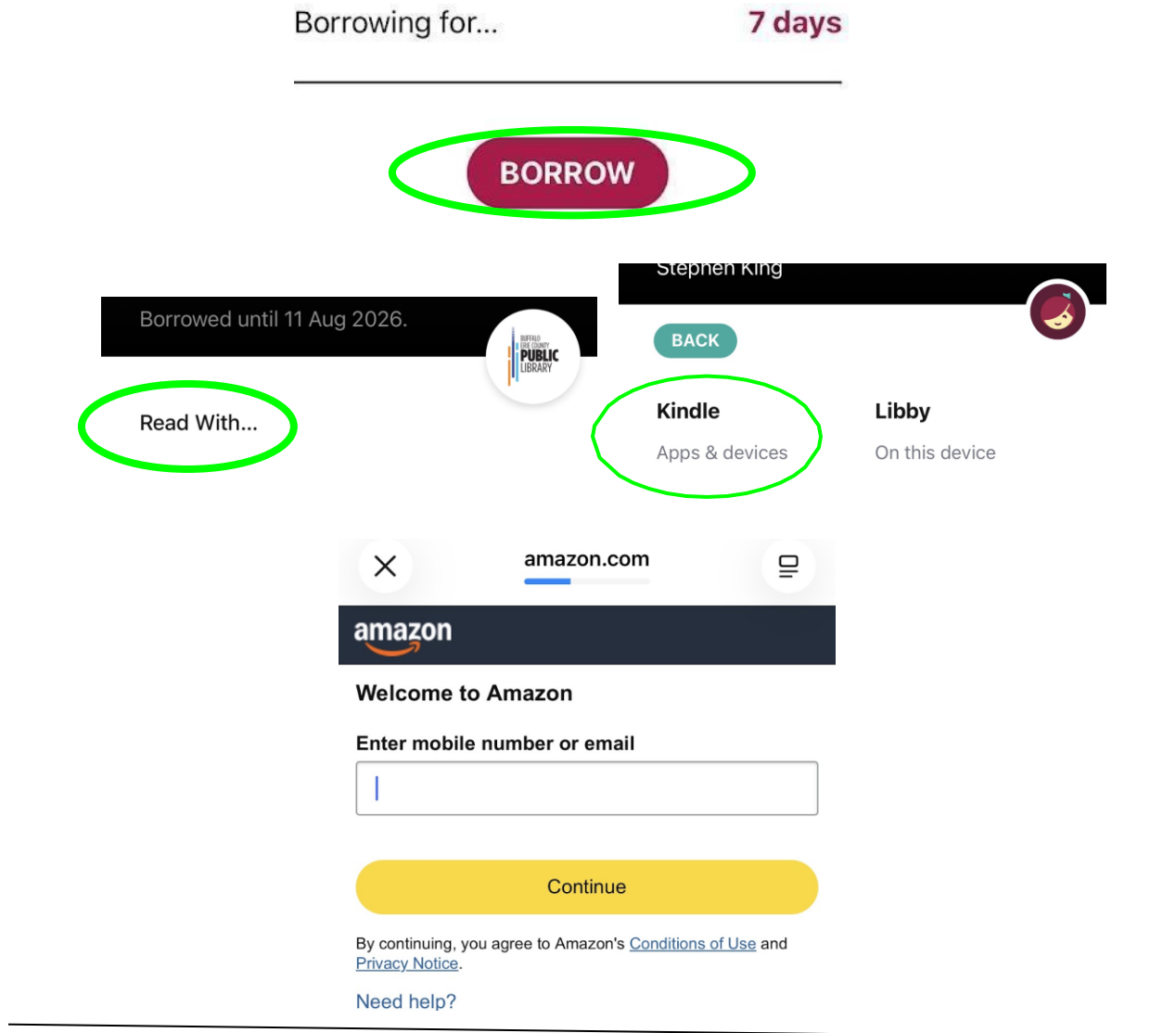


"Borrowing Process"

Look at the item you want to borrow:

1. If you see the word "Borrow," tap it.
2. The next screen has two options to choose from:
 - a. Tap the "Borrowing for..." to switch between a checkout period of 7 or 14 days.
 - i. This must be done BEFORE tapping "Borrow" again.
3. Tap "Borrow" again to borrow the item.
4. Tap "Read With..." and select "Kindle" OR tap "Read With Kindle."
 - a. Amazon login page will appear.





Transferring

“Middleman”

The Amazon website is used as the middleman to transfer an item from Libby to your Kindle. This is why the Amazon sign-in page pops up when you borrow.

“Where it goes”

After signing in, you will then get an Amazon page for the item and a button that says “Get Library Book.” Tapping this sends the item to all connected devices associated with your Amazon account.



Make sure your Kindle is connected to Wi-Fi - otherwise the transfer does not happen!

“What now?”

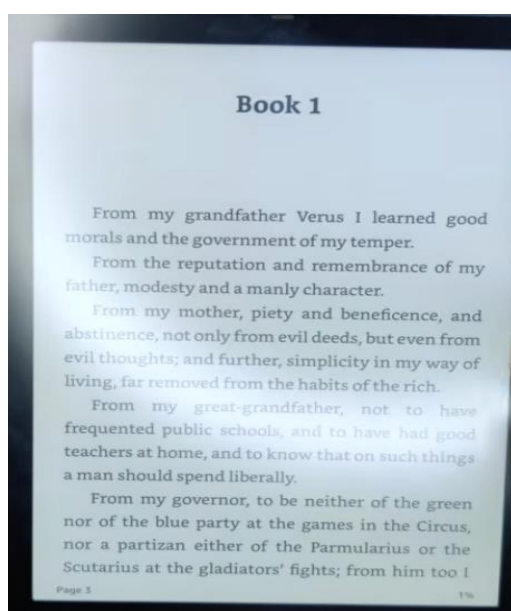
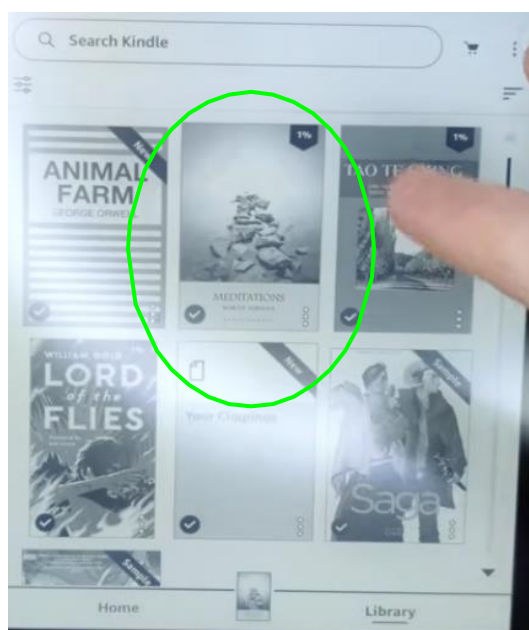
The item will appear in your Kindle library after a few minutes as long as it was connected to Wi-Fi and you are logged in. If it is still not appearing yet, tap your device's sync option (this refreshes the screen)...

1. Swipe down from the top of the screen.
2. Tap the sync icon (typically a circle arrow).
3. Wait a minute or two.

Reading on a Kindle

“Opening”

1. Find your library.
 - a. This is all the ebooks directly on your Kindle.
2. Tap on the item.



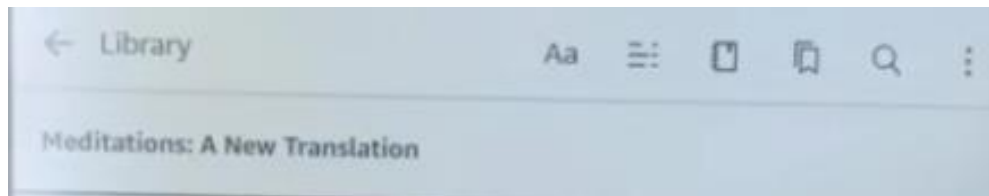
“How to Use”

- Tap right:
 - Move forward a page.
- Tap left:
 - Moves backwards a page.

“Reading Options”

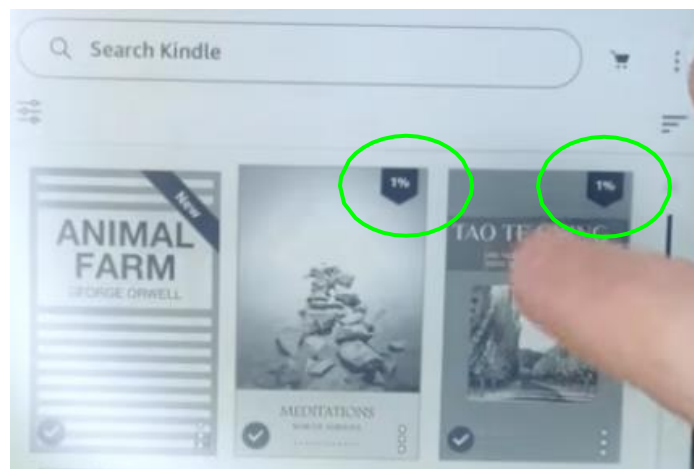
Tap the top of the screen to get the reading options for your title. These include:

- Changing font.
- Making and looking at notes.
- Making and looking at bookmarks.
- Search for specific text.
- Back button (“Library” or “Home”).



“Progress”

The Kindle will automatically save your progress where you left off. A percentage will appear on the title in your library indicating how much progress you have made.



Returning

Kindle items cannot be returned directly through the Libby app or OverDrive website - They must be returned through the Kindle itself or through Amazon.

Amazon Site Process:

1. Open Libby.
2. Go to "Shelf."
3. Tap "Manage Loan" next to the item.
4. Tap "Return Early."
5. Tap "Return with Kindle."
6. From Amazon, find the item and tap "return this book" or "return it now."

Kindle eReader Process:

1. Find the item on your Kindle.
2. Tap the Menu button (three dots).
3. Tap "Return to Public Library."
4. Tap "Return."

Kindle App Process:

1. Find the item in your Kindle App.
2. Tap and hold the book cover for the Menu to appear.
3. Tap "Remove from Library."
4. Tap "Remove."

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