

OverDrive®



# The Overdrive App

## Library Ebooks & Eaudiobooks for Apple iOS & Android

(Also for Blackberry, Windows Phone, Nook tablets & Kindle Fire HD.)

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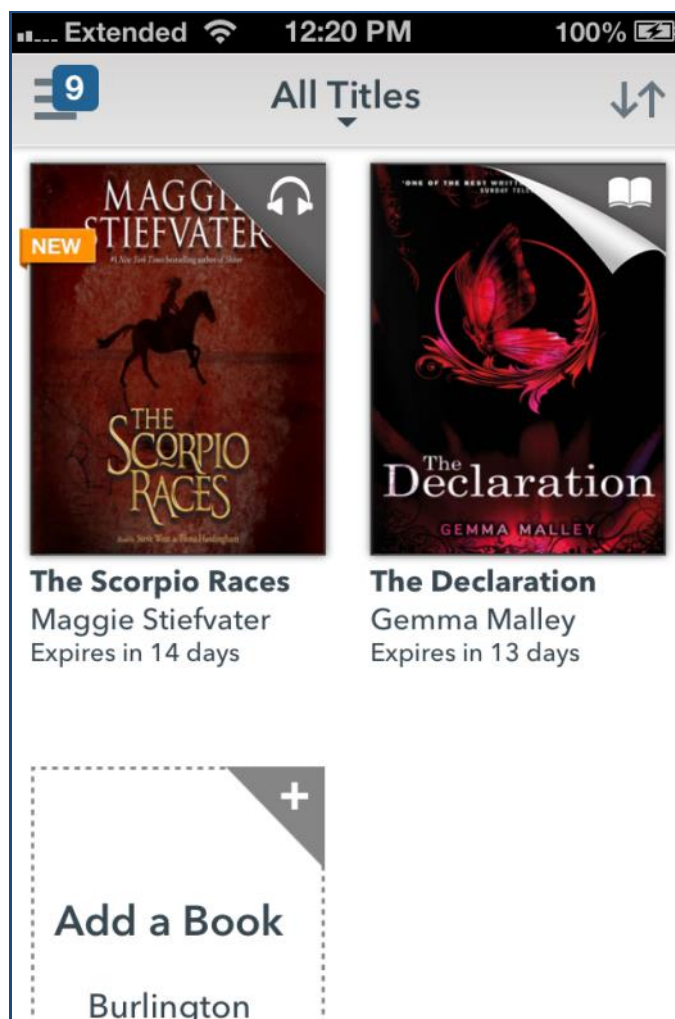




# Overdrive App

The Overdrive Media Console app allows you to download directly into your device, bypassing the need to download to your computer first. It is available for Apple's iPad and iPhone (any Apple device that uses apps) as well as for Android, Windows Phone, Nook tablets, Kindle Fire HD and Blackberry devices.

The downside to this is that you are limited in the file formats you can use:  
**MP3** for eaudiobooks and **EPUB** for ebooks.

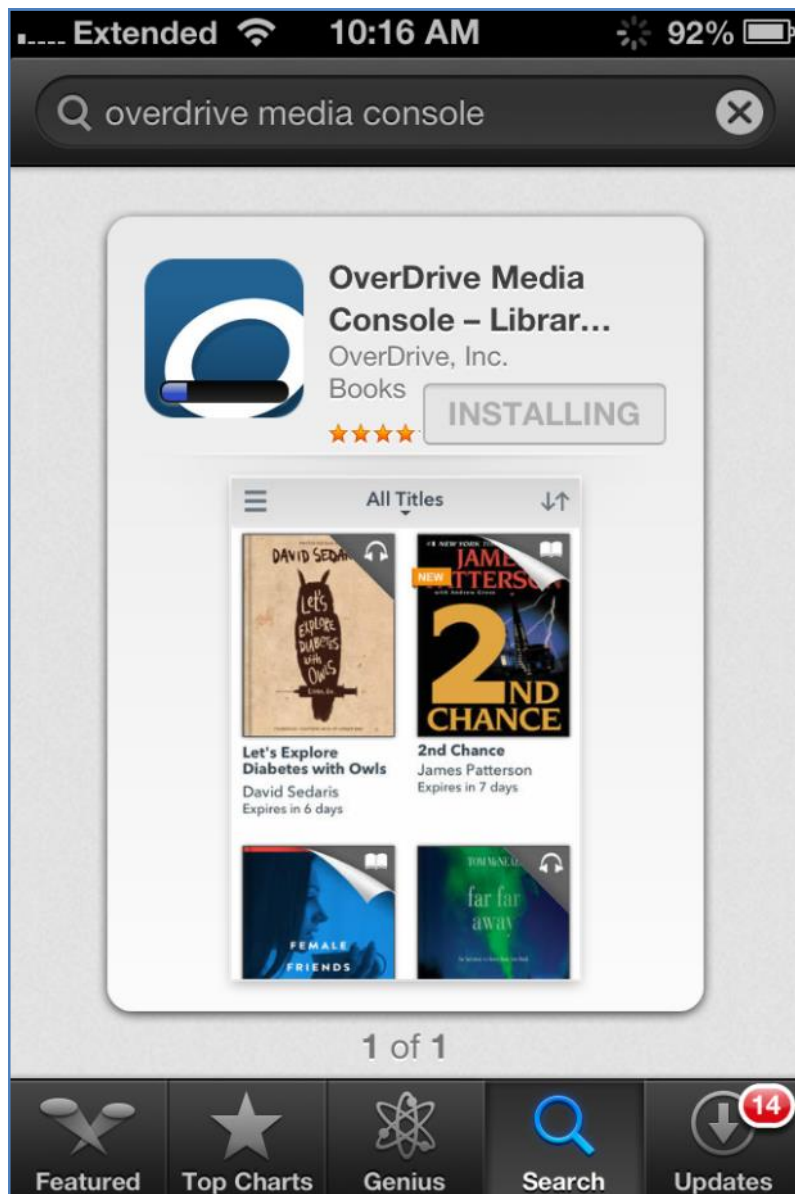


You may still use **WMA** eaudiobook files on your **Apple** devices, but you will have to download to your **PC** first and then transfer using the full Overdrive Media Console program. Overdrive will use iTunes to make the transfer, so you will need to have that installed on your PC as well. (See page 16.)

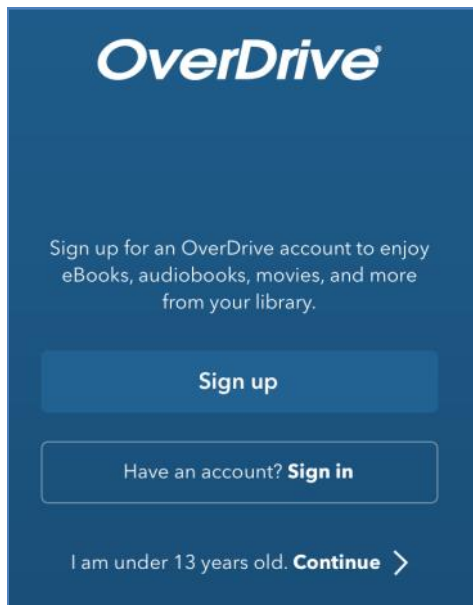
**Note: This won't work if you have a Mac.**

# Install the App

Open the app store for your device (Apple App Store, Google Play for Android, Nook Apps, etc.). Search for “**Overdrive Media Console**” and install it. The app is free and handles both ebooks and eaudiobooks.



# Sign up for an OverDrive Account



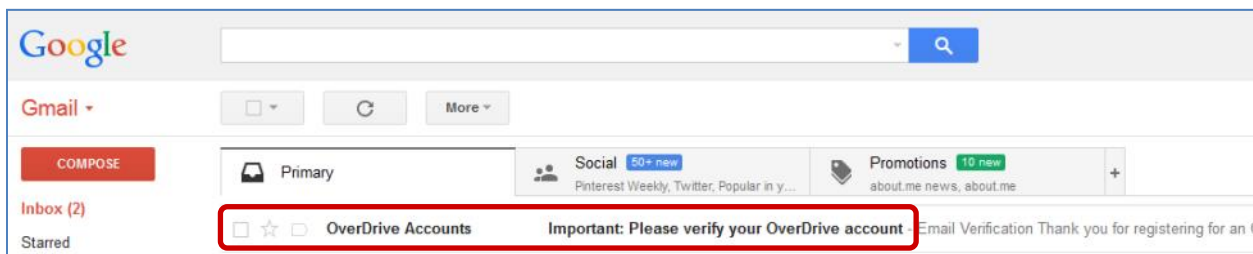
1. Once the app is installed, you will need to register for an OverDrive account. Open the Overdrive app and touch the “**Sign up**” button to do this.

2. Fill out the form (or click the button to sign up with your Facebook account if you prefer) and then touch the **Sign up** button at the bottom.

Be sure to remember the email and password you used.

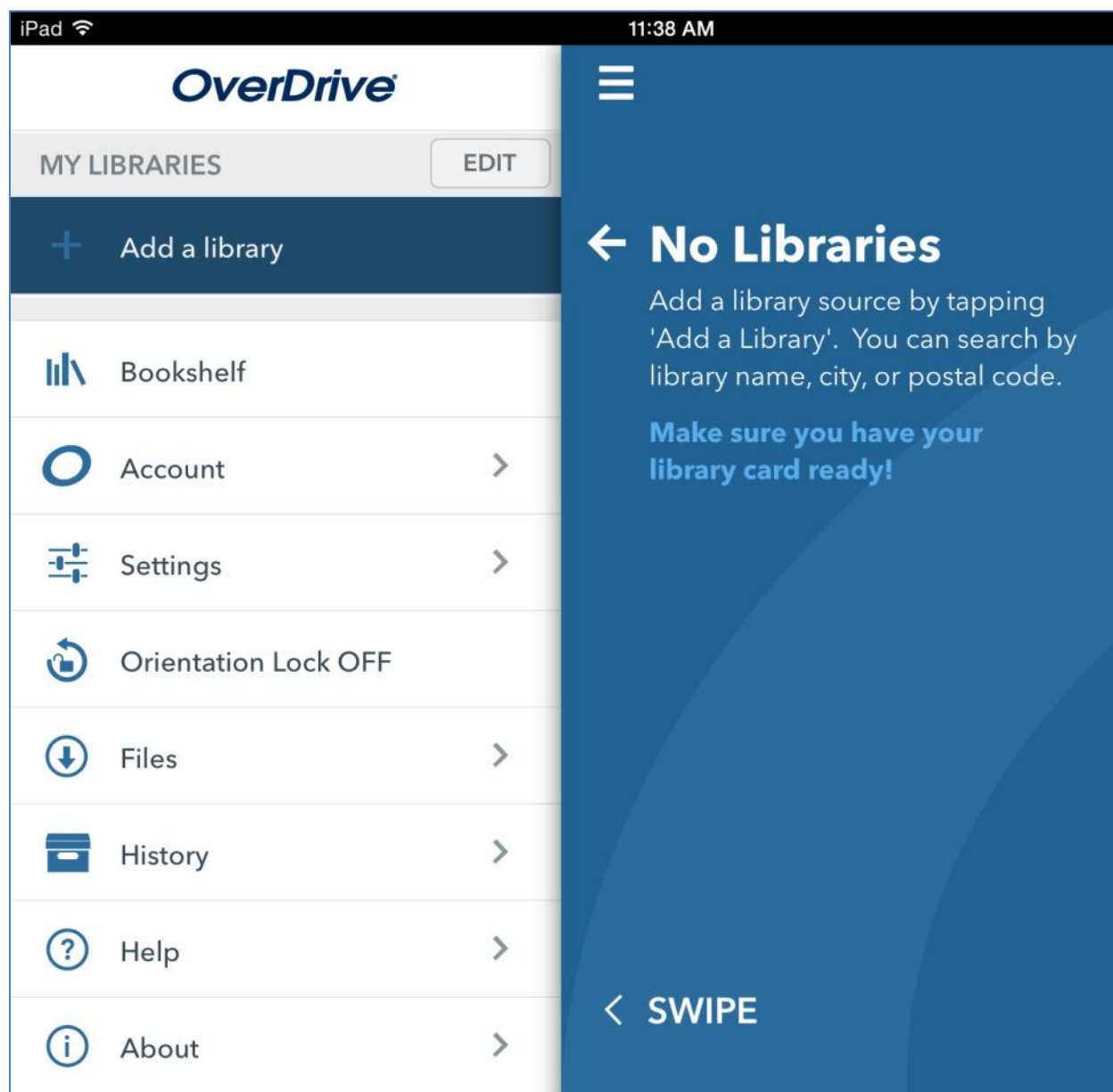
The image shows the OverDrive app's sign-up form on an iPad. At the top, it says "Sign up for an OverDrive account". Below this, a paragraph explains that the account can sync libraries, saved searches, and reading or listening positions across multiple devices. There are two options for signing up: "Sign up with Facebook" and "or". Under "Enter your details:", there are three input fields for "Name", "Email address", and "Email again". Under "Set a password:", there is a note that the password must be at least 8 characters and a "Password" input field. There is a checkbox for "Yes! Help me find my next favorite title. Receive OverDrive's recommendations and reviews." At the bottom, there is a confirmation statement: "By clicking 'Sign up,' you are confirming that you're 13 or older and agreeing to the Terms and conditions." and a blue "Sign up" button.

3. OverDrive will send you an email to verify your new account. Click the link provided.



# Using the App

To get to the app's controls and settings, touch the **Home menu button** in the top left corner or swipe your finger across the screen from left to right. This will slide the main screen over to the right to reveal the **Home Menu**.

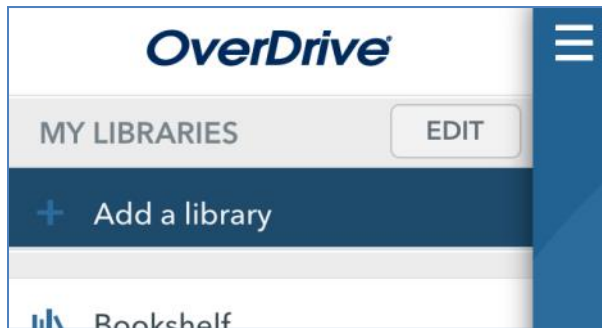


From this screen you can **Add a library**, access your **Bookshelf**, check on the download progress of audiobook files, manage your OverDrive **Account**, or de/reauthorize the app from the **Settings** should you need to.



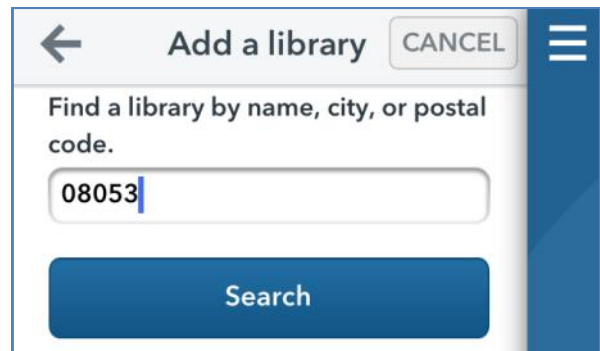
# Find Your Library

To get started, you must first find your library.



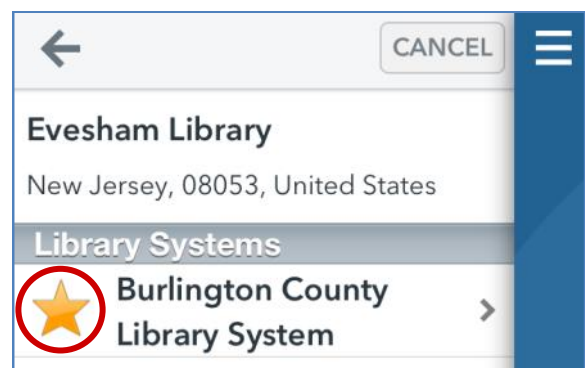
1. Touch “**Add a library**” listed at the top of the Overdrive Home Menu.

2. Type your library’s zip code in the text box and touch the “**Search**” button.



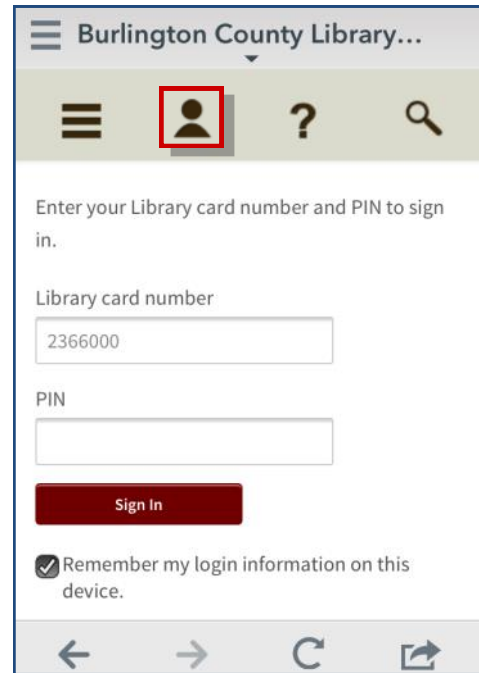
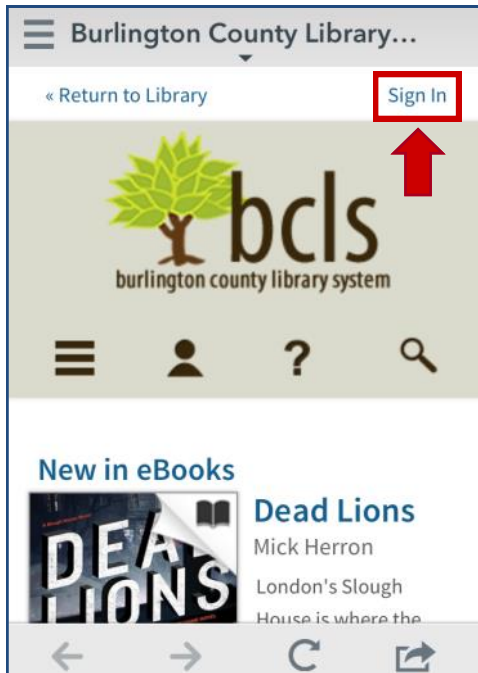
3. Choose your branch of the Burlington County Library System.

4. Choose the Burlington County Library System. Touch the **star** first to bookmark BCLS.

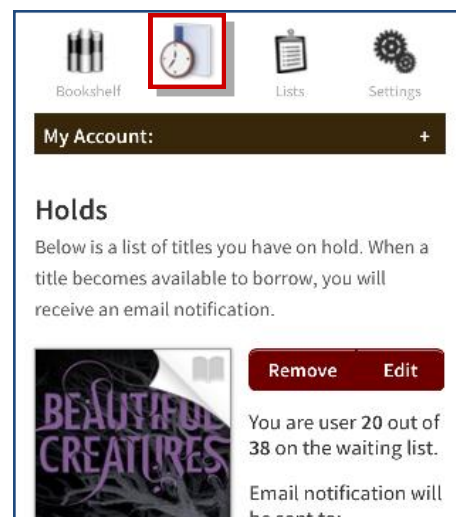
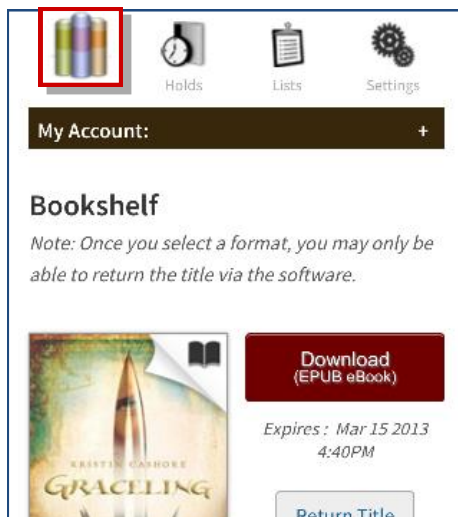


# Your Digital Account

To access your digital Account or to request Ebooks or Eaudiobooks, touch **“Sign In”** and log in with your library card number and 4 digit pin, which is usually the last 4 of your telephone number.

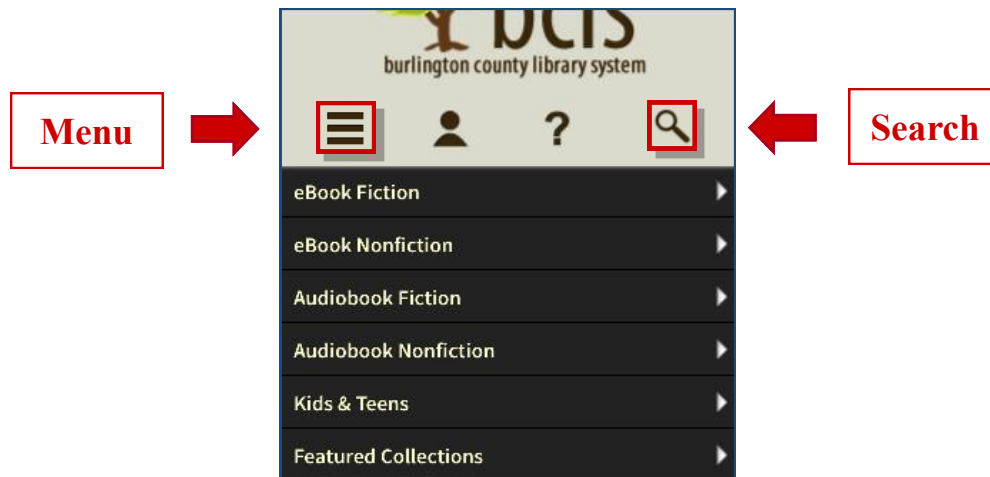


Once signed in, click on **Account** listed under the **person-shaped icon**. Titles that you have checked out will appear on your **Bookshelf**. Click on **Holds** to see titles that are requested or waiting to be checked out.

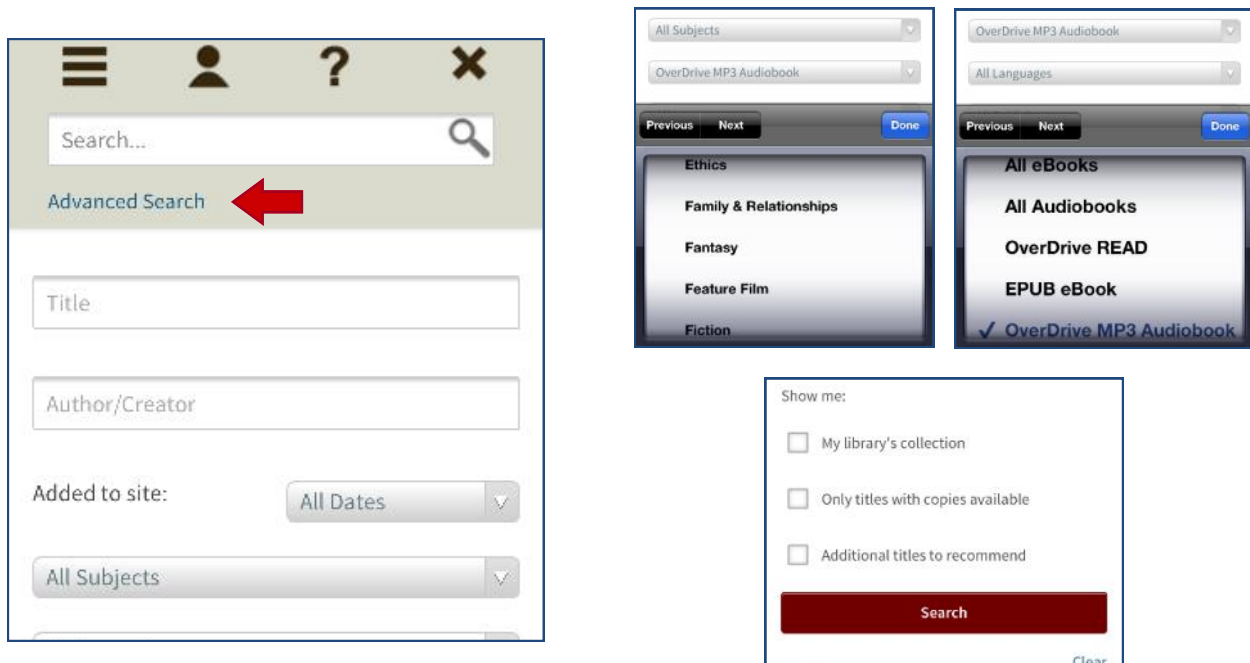


# How to find books

You may browse the collection by touching the **Menu** button at the top left of the screen or you can search for a title by touching the search button at the top right of the page.



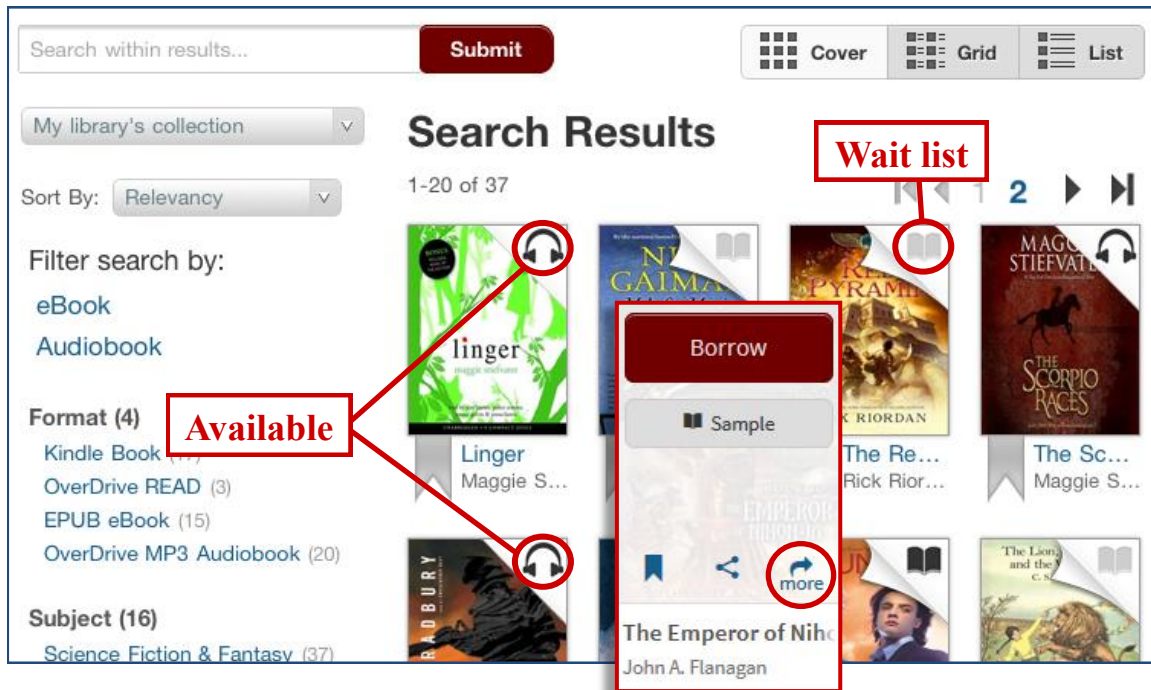
Even better is the **Advanced Search**. The Advanced Search will let you search for a title that is currently available as well as by Subject. Genres are included in the Subject dropdown menu. You may also select a file format such as **mp3** or **epub**.





# Title record

Once you have located an audiobook that interests you, you will be able to see if the book is available to **Borrow**. If it is not, you may **Place a Hold** to be put on the waiting list. Touch or click “**more**” for more information.



If you find a title that you are interested in but you don't want to check out or request it now, you can add it to your **Wish List** for later.



# Checkout

If the book is available for immediate checkout, you will see the **Borrow** button. Touch it to check your book out. The titles you borrow will remain on your **Bookshelf** for the full duration of your checkout.



**THE SCORPIO RACES**  
by Maggie Stiefvater  
Steve West  
Fiona Hardingham

★★★★★  
Sign in & rate this title.

**Borrow**

With her trademark lyricism, Maggie Stiefvater turns to a new world, where a pair are swept up in a daring, dangerous race across a cliff—with more than just their lives at stake should they...  
[More...](#)

**Available formats** -

MP3 Audiobook

**Edition** -

Unabridged

**Subjects** -

Science Fiction &  
Fantasy

Young Adult Fiction


**Copies** -

Available:	1
Library copies:	1

Once your title is checked out and on your **Bookshelf**, touch the dark red **Download** button to load the ebook or mp3 audiobook into the Overdrive app.

**Bookshelf**

Note: Once you select a format, you may only be able to return the title via the software.



**Download**  
(MP3 Audiobook)

Expires : Apr 15 2:39PM

**Return Title**



This device does not support this format.

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**Bookshelf**

**Holds**

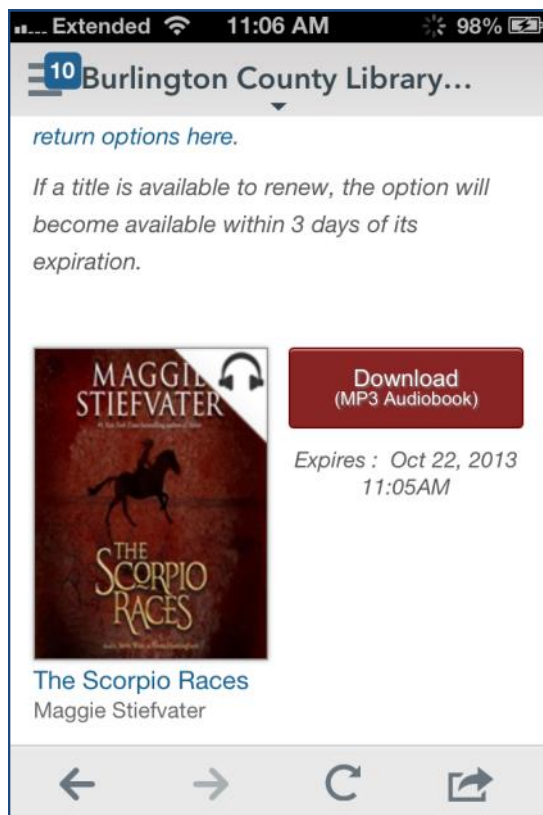
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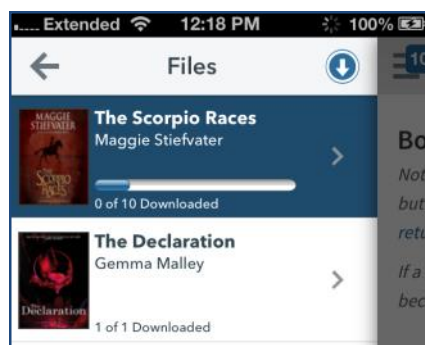
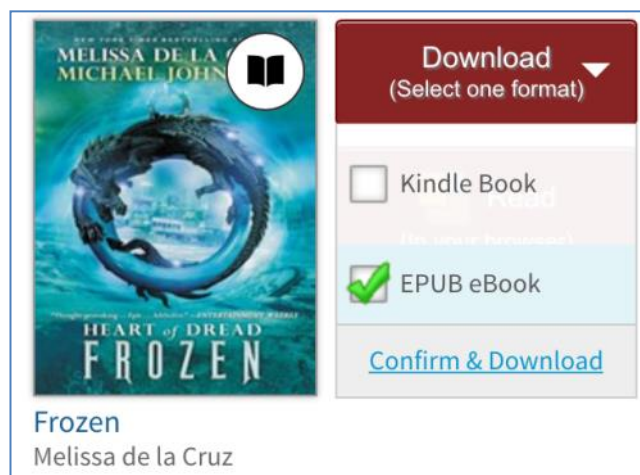
**My Account:** -

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Titles checked out:	3
Checkouts remaining:	7

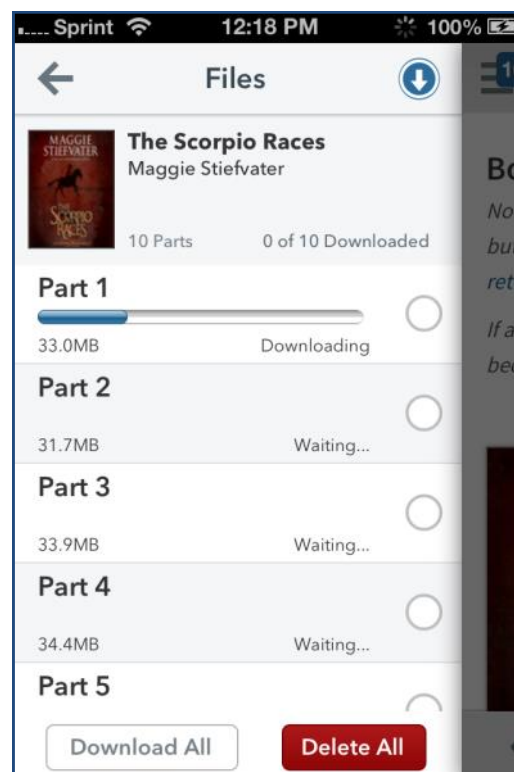
# Download



After you touch the dark red **Download** button, your ebook or mp3 audiobook will begin downloading into your app. You will need to maintain a connection to the Internet to complete the download.



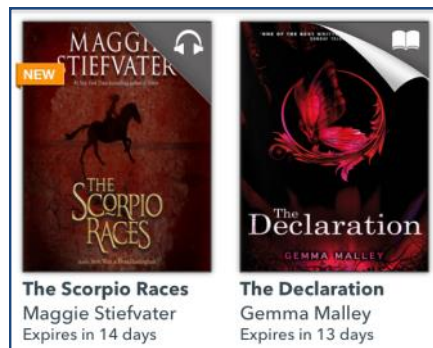
Ebooks load quickly in a single file. Mp3 audiobooks load more slowly and in parts. You can watch the download progress by touching the **Files** button on the Home Menu and then touching the title you want to check.





# Eaudiobooks

When the download is done you should see your ebook or audiobook on your app's **Bookshelf** list. Touch the title to begin listening or reading.



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Details, Contents  
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Bookmarks

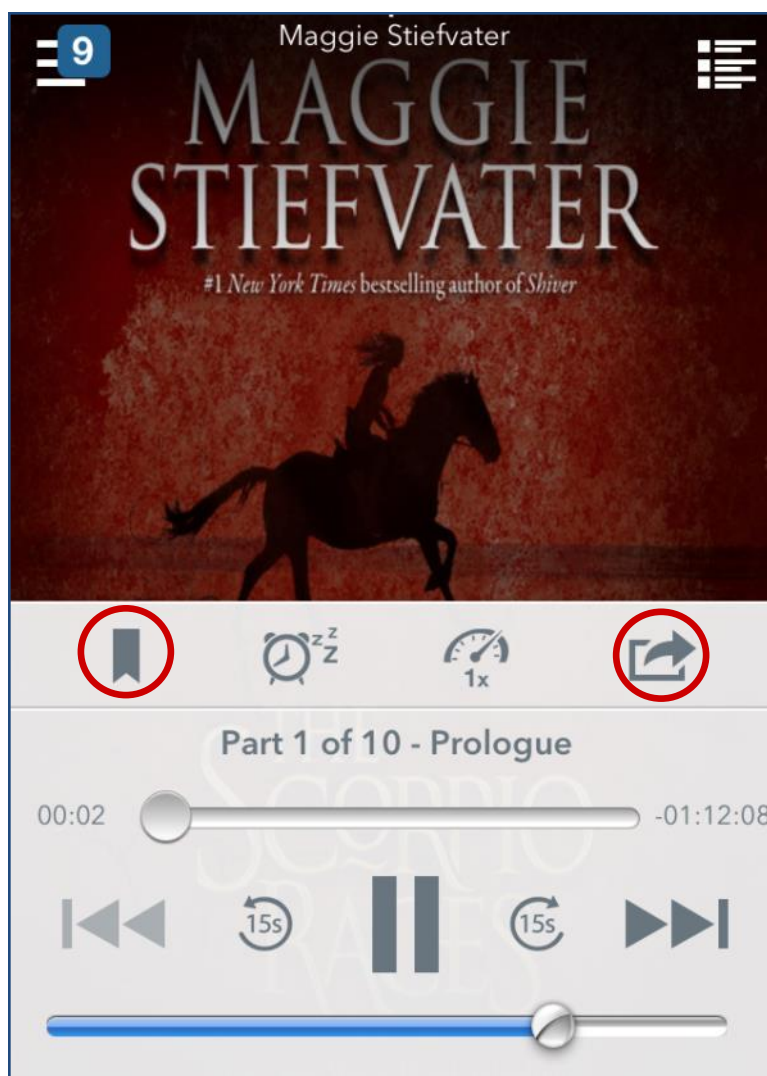
Set a Bookmark

Share w/Friends

Back 15 seconds  
Back a chapter

Forward 15 seconds  
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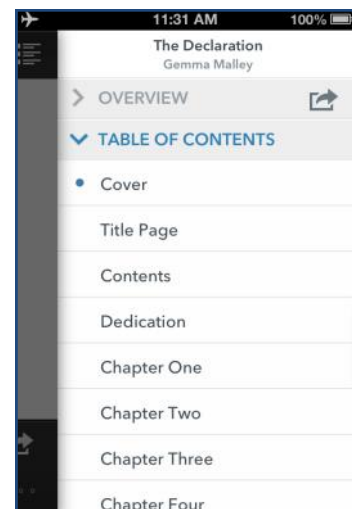
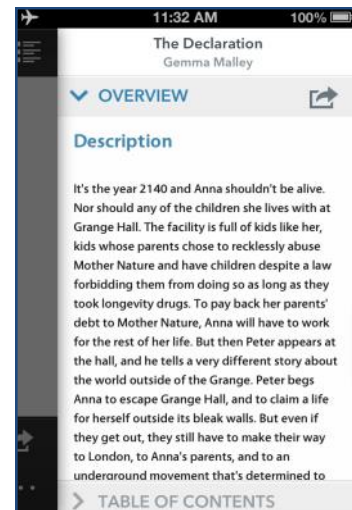
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# Ebooks

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Book description,  
Chapter contents &  
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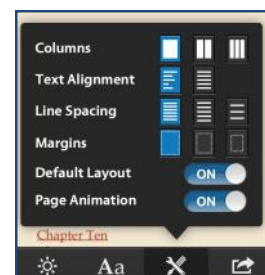
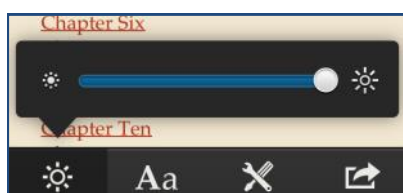


Bookmark



Swipe the screen right to  
left to turn the page. Tap  
the screen once in the  
middle to bring up reader  
settings such as screen  
brightness and font size.

Reading settings

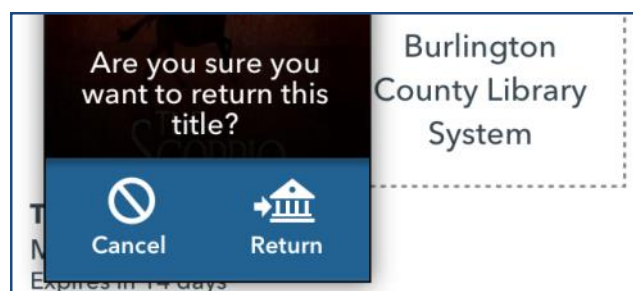
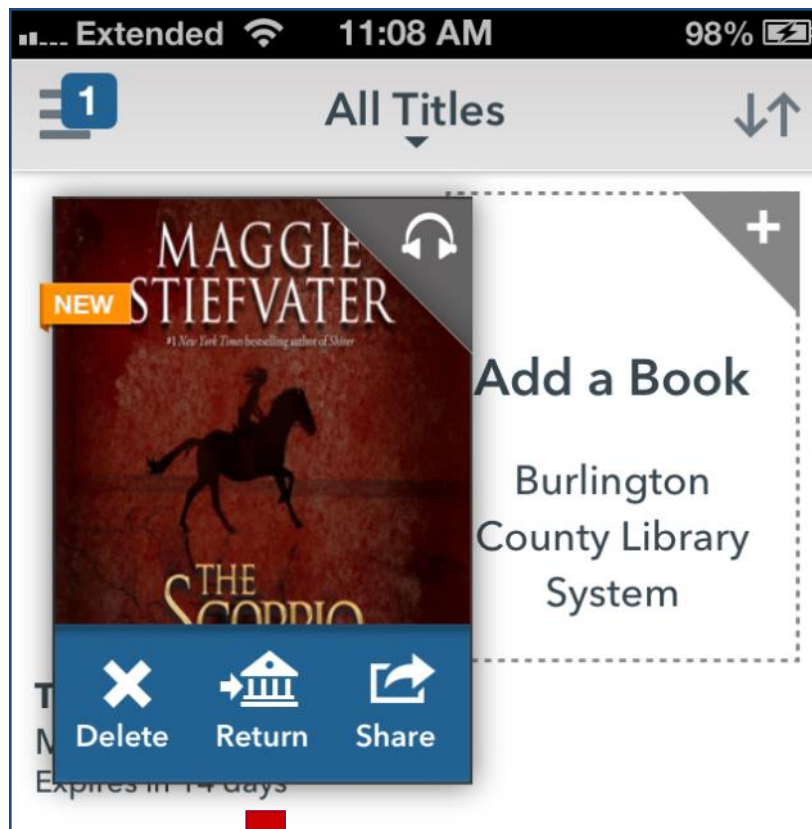




# Return Ebooks Early

The Overdrive app offers the option to return both ebooks and eaudiobooks early.

This would be helpful if you have reached the 10 item checkout limit and wish to check out another digital item. This is also a nice way to make waiting lists move faster. You can see when how long you have left on a book below the author and title.



To return an item early, touch & hold your finger down in the middle of the book picture. Then touch the **Return** button.

# Alternatives: PDF

As mentioned on page 2 of this guide, the **Overdrive app only supports EPUB ebooks and MP3 audiobooks**. If you are fairly tech savvy and willing to experiment, you can try this alternative for protected PDF ebooks.



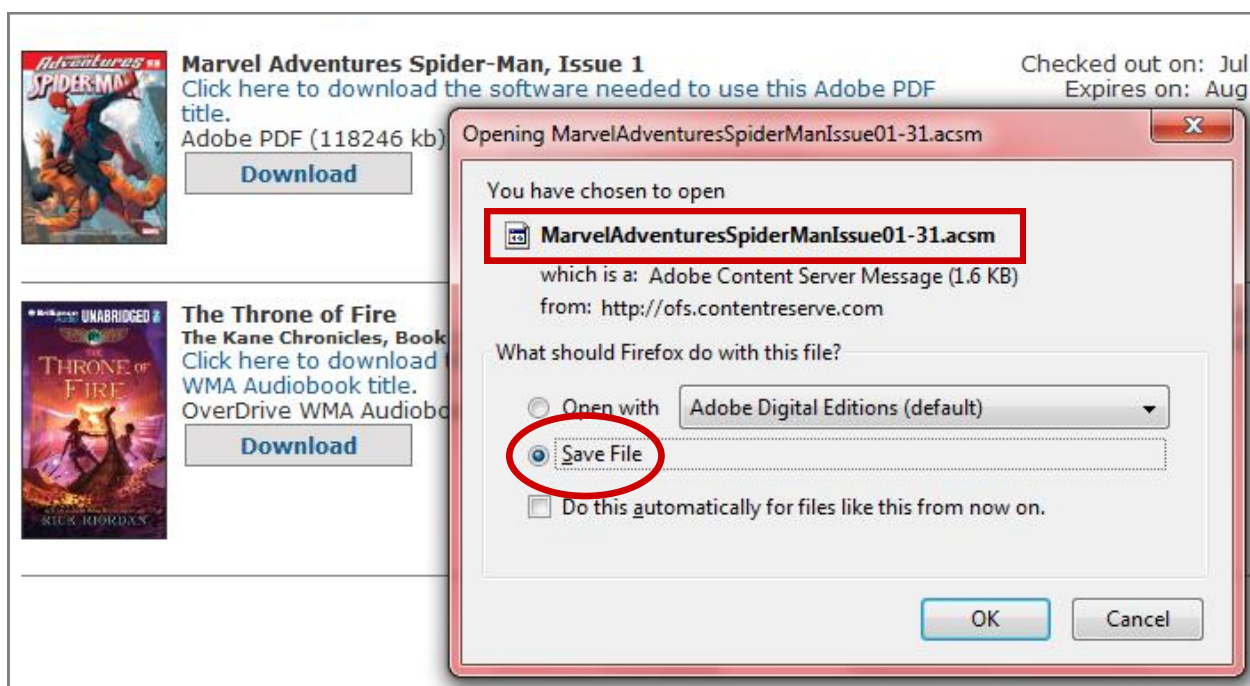
The **Bluefire Reader** app supports **protected PDF ebooks**. It is available for Apple iOS and Android devices. You will need to authorize this app with an Adobe ID, just like the Overdrive app.

One main difference is that you can't browse directly from this app. Go to the Download Center on the BCLS website and log into your digital account. You will need to **Save** the ebook's install (.acsm) file to your computer and then email it as an attachment to your device. Do not open the file with Adobe Digital Editions. When you choose the file from your email on your device, you will be able to open the ebook in Bluefire.

For step-by-step directions on how to do this, please visit this website:

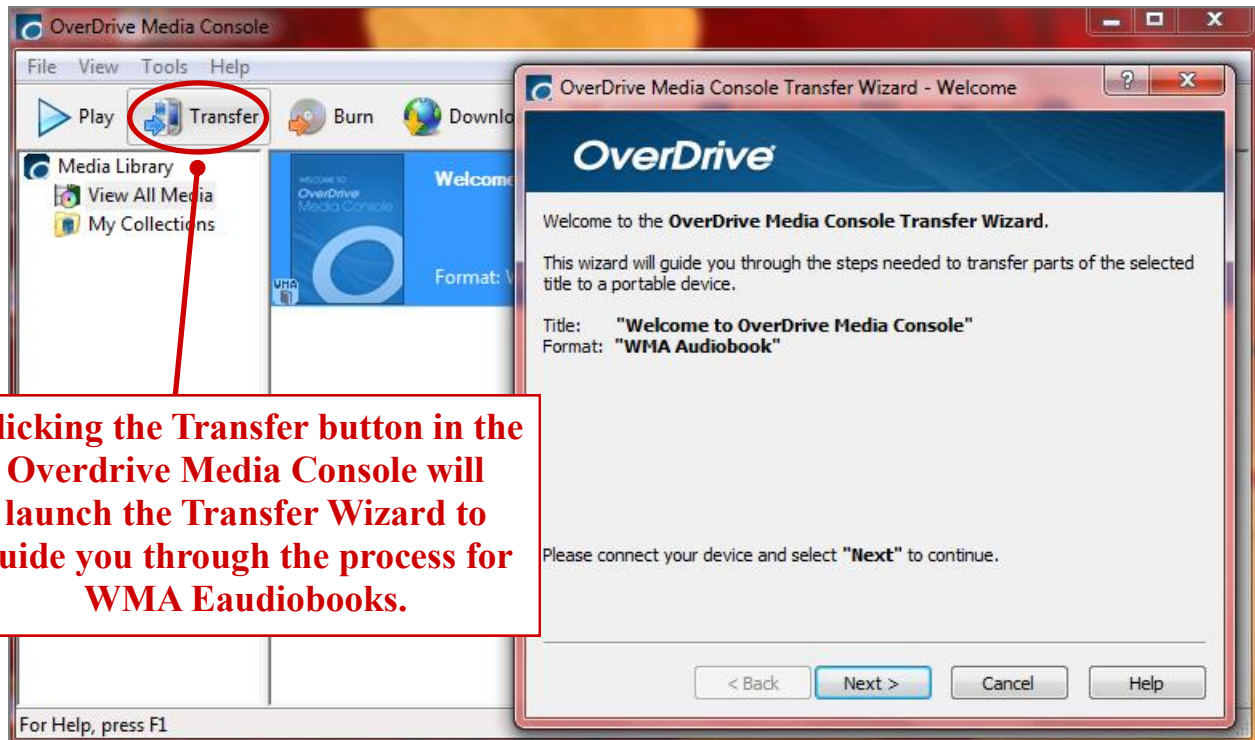
<http://blog.libraryjournal.com/ljinsider/2010/11/12/library-ebooks-on-the-ipadiphone-no-sync-required/>

(\***Nooks**: You can transfer protected PDFs to any Nook using the full Overdrive program on your Mac or PC.)



# Alternatives: WMA

As mentioned on page 2 of this guide, **the Overdrive app only supports EPUB ebooks and MP3 eaudiobooks**. If you are fairly tech savvy and willing to experiment, you can try this alternative for WMA eaudiobooks.



**You can also listen to WMA eaudiobooks on your Apple devices if you have a PC with which to make the transfer. This option will not work with a Mac.**

You will need:

Your PC, your Apple iOS device, your USB cable, iTunes, and the full PC version of the Overdrive Media Console installed on your computer.

Check your WMA eaudiobook out from the library using your PC and download it into the Overdrive Media Console program that you have already installed. Plug your device in to your PC using the USB cable and make sure it is turned on. Click on your title once to select it, then click on the large Transfer button at the top. Follow the directions given by the guided transfer wizard.

If you would like to watch a video tutorial, see the Overdrive Help Videos link on the last page of this guide and watch the “What you need” and “Transfer” videos from the iPod Playlist.

# For More Help

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## **Overdrive Help Videos**

*(Step-by-step video tutorials from Overdrive)*

<http://help.overdrive.com/#videos>

## **OverDrive Help**

<http://help.overdrive.com>

## **OverDrive app for Apple Devices**

*(Video made by Seymour Library)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVEml82R5C0>

## **OverDrive App for Android**

*(Video made by Seymour Library)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Qh20zIMF70>

### **Tip:**

For more video tutorials, try going to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and searching for “Overdrive” and the name of your device (“iPad” for example, so your search would be “Overdrive iPad”) or “Overdrive tutorial” or “Overdrive How to”.

You can also try these same searches in Google. Use the “Videos” filter that appears at the top of the search page to narrow your results to just videos.

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