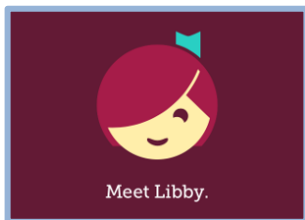




Libby, by OverDrive

The Basics

What is Libby, by OverDrive?



Libby is a new library app for your phone, tablet, or computer. It lets you browse, borrow and place holds on the eBooks and audiobooks available through Halifax Public Libraries. All you need is a valid library card.

Libby was created by the makers of the OverDrive app.

Should I use Libby or the existing OverDrive app?

Libby and OverDrive provide access to the same digital library collections, but Libby was designed to be easier to use. It has a clean, attractive design, and it's simple to set up. Both Libby and OverDrive allow you to sync your bookshelves, progress, and bookmarks across multiple devices.

The trade-off for Libby's simplicity is that it has fewer features than OverDrive, including limited accessibility features. Libby is not compatible with screen readers, so users with print disabilities will want to stick with the OverDrive app for now.

Accessibility features: Libby vs. OverDrive

	Customizable fonts	Screen reader compatible
Libby	Yes	No
OverDrive	Yes	Yes

Libby is a great choice for many users who are looking for a user-friendly library app. You may want to try out both apps to decide which one is best for you.

Supported devices

Currently, Libby is available for the following devices:

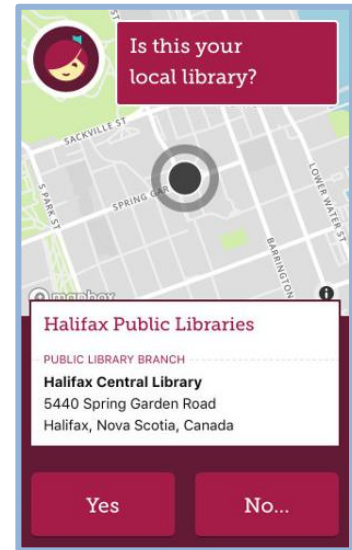
- Laptops and home computers – requires **Windows 10**
- Android phones and tablets – requires **Android 4.4 and up**
- iPhones, iPads, iPod Touches and MacBooks – requires **iOS 9.0 or later**

Getting started

When you first open Libby, you will need to select the library you wish to browse.

Scroll down and tap “Find My Library”

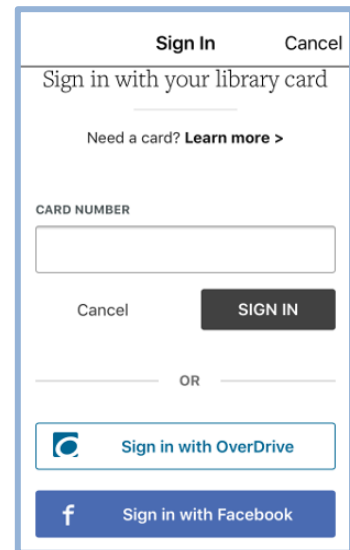
- If you see your Library displayed, tap “Yes”
- If you don’t see your library displayed, tap “No”
 - Tap “No, I’ll Search For A Library”
 - Enter your library’s name, city or postal code in the box
 - Tap your library to select it



Now that you have your library selected, you will need to add your library card. Tap “Add Your Card” to proceed.

There are three ways to add your library card:

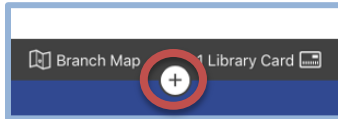
- Sign in with your **library card**
 - Enter your library card number and tap “Sign In”
- Sign in with your **OverDrive account**
 - If you have an existing OverDrive account, tap “Sign in with OverDrive”
 - Enter the email address and password for your OverDrive account
- Sign in with your **Facebook account**
 - If you have a Facebook account, tap “Sign in with Facebook”
 - Enter the email address and password for your Facebook account



Once you’ve added your library card, you’re ready to borrow!

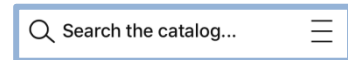
Finding books and audiobooks

Scroll down the page to browse a selection of featured books and explore the library's collections by subject.



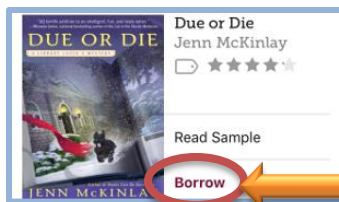
To filter books by availability, language, audience, or software compatibility, tap the plus sign in the middle of the screen. **These preferences will be saved and applied to your future searches.**

If you already know what you'd like to read, tap "Search the catalog..." at the top of the screen.



To search by title, creator, series, or other criteria, tap the "More" button that appears under the search bar. Tap "Less" to go back to the main screen.

Tap a book cover to see its description or read a sample.



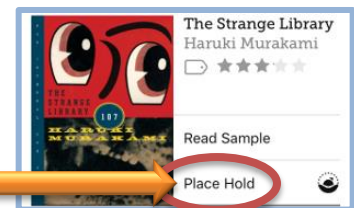
Borrowing and placing holds

If the item is available, there will be a "Borrow" button beside the cover. Tap this button to see a list of the library cards linked to your account.

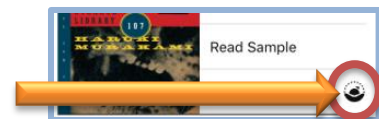
Select the card you would like to use and tap "Borrow" to check out the book. The book is now on your shelf.

What if my book is not available?

If the book you are looking for is not currently available, you will see a "Place Hold" button instead of a "Borrow" button.



Tap the round Libby icon to view the number of copies, approximate wait time, and number of people waiting for the book.



Tap "Place hold" to place a hold on the book. Your hold has now been placed.

When the book is available, it will automatically be checked out to your device. You will receive a notification email.

Returning books

Your books will be automatically returned at the end of the loan period.

To return a book early, go to your loans shelf and tap the book's cover. Tap "Return title to the library", then "Return."

A note about returning books: It's not currently possible to use Libby to return titles that you borrowed through OverDrive. To return those titles, you will need to log in to OverDrive on the device they were originally downloaded to. When you return a title in OverDrive, it will be removed from your Libby shelf as well.

Happy reading!



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