

Switching to Libby from the OverDrive app

<https://help.libbyapp.com/en-us/switch-to-libby-faqs.htm>



Getting started

What devices can I use with Libby?

You can download the Libby app on your mobile device or use Libby in your computer's web browser.

You can download Libby on:

- iOS 10+ (get it from the Apple App Store)
- Android 5.0+ (get it on Google Play)
- Fire OS 5+ (get it at <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/kindlefire>)

If you have a Windows computer, Mac computer, or a Chromebook, you can use Libby in your web browser at <https://libbyapp.com>. We suggest using the latest version of Chrome, Safari, Firefox, or Edge.

How do I sign in?

When you open Libby for the first time, follow the prompts to find your library and sign in with your library card. If prompted, also enter your PIN or password.

If you have trouble signing in, reach out to your local library staff.

If you have additional library cards you manage—for example for younger children—you can add them to the app too:

1. Tap **Menu** (☰), then **Manage Cards** (under “Your Libraries”).
2. Tap **Add Another Card**.
3. Follow the prompts to add additional cards.

Will my current loans and holds appear in Libby?





Yes, your current loans and holds from the OverDrive app will be added to Libby as soon as you add your library card.

Note: *Reading progress and bookmarks from the OverDrive app won't sync to Libby when you switch. You may want to finish your current loans before switching or make a note of your progress and manually pick up where you left off in Libby.*

How do I navigate the app?


Use the icons in the footer to navigate the app:



- Tap  to search for titles.
- Tap  to open the library collection you were most recently browsing.
- Tap  to see your loans, holds, and tags for all your libraries.
- Tap  to see your timeline.

If you'd like, you can turn on labels for the footer icons:

Note: This setting is only available if you use Libby in English.


- Go to  > *Settings*.
- Tap **Customize Navigation**.
- Turn on **Labeled Icons**.

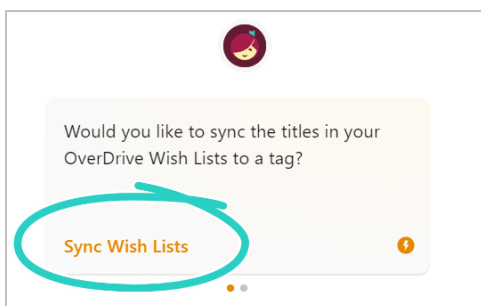


Recommended setup tips


Once you're signed in, you're ready to start enjoying titles. But, there are a few settings you might want to customize right away.

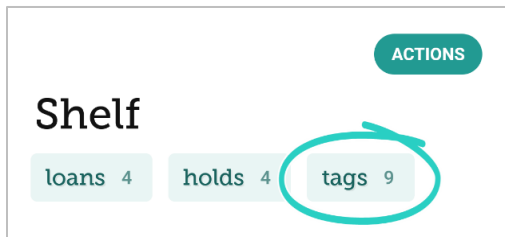
Sync your wish lists from the OverDrive app

If you created wish lists in the OverDrive app, you can automatically import them into Libby as a smart tag. You'll be prompted via an in-app notification to import your wish list. To get started, go to  and select the **Sync Wish Lists** notification. From there, follow the prompts to sync your wish list.

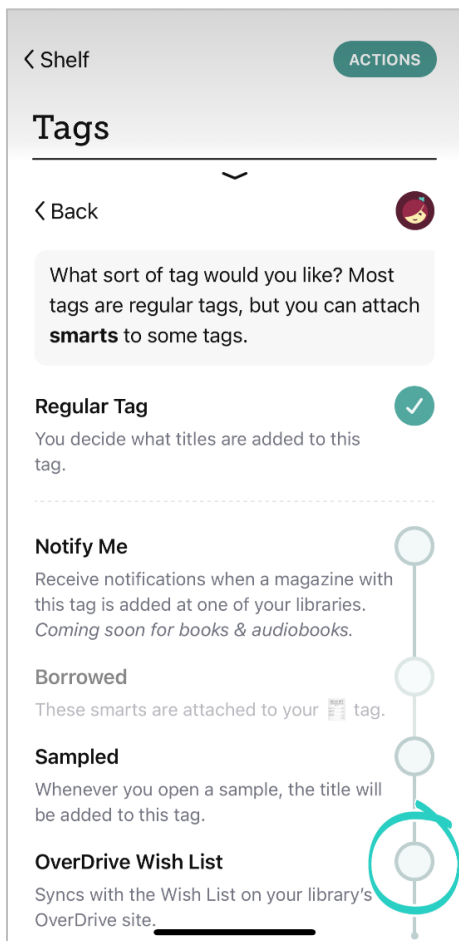


If you dismissed the notification, you can still sync your wish list by creating a new tag and adding “OverDrive Wish List” smarts to it.

1. Tap  .
2. Tap **tags** at the top of the screen.




3. Tap **Actions**, then **New Tag**.
4. Name your new tag, add a description (optional), then tap **Create**. We recommend a name like "wish list" or "want to read."
5. Tap **OverDrive Wish List** when prompted about the type of tag you'd like.



6. Tap **Update** at the bottom of the panel.

Customize your download settings

In the Libby mobile app, you have the option to stream titles using an internet connection or download titles for offline use. By default, all loans are downloaded for offline use when you have a Wi-Fi connection.

To customize your download settings in the mobile app, go to  > *Settings* > *Change Download Rules*.

Note: *These settings aren't available for libbyapp.com users.*


Set up notifications

Libby can notify you about your loans and holds with email, in-app, or push notifications. To customize your notification settings:

1. Tap  .
2. Go to *Settings* > *Manage Notifications*.

Set up your other devices

If you want to use Libby on multiple devices, you can keep them all in sync by setting up your other devices with a setup code:

- On the "Welcome" screen, tap **Yes** when asked if you have a library card.
- Select **Copy From Another Device**.
- Retrieve a setup code from your main device. To do so, go to  > *Settings* > *Copy To Another Device*.
- Enter the 8-digit setup code on your other devices.
- Tap **Next** to complete the setup process.

Finding and borrowing titles

How do I browse my library?

Libby has the same great titles from your library as the OverDrive app.



In Libby, you can browse your library's collection by tapping  . There you'll find:

- Filters to browse new, popular, and currently available titles in your library's catalog.
- Curated lists that share a common theme, like summer reading books, autobiographies, or library staff picks.


- Featured titles (like Big Library Read) chosen by your library or by OverDrive.
- Guides that feature segments of the library's catalog, such as kids and teens content.

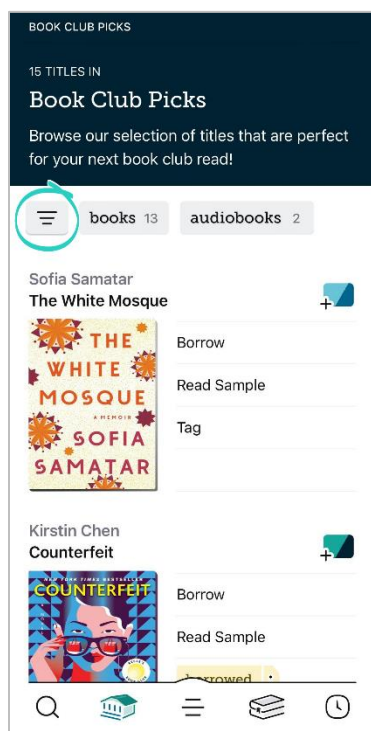
How do I search my library?

To search for titles:

1. Tap  in the footer.
2. Enter your search term (e.g., a title, author, narrator, or series name) in the search bar.
3. Select a search suggestion (if available), or tap  to see all results.

After searching, you can sort and filter your results. You can pin these sorts and filters to automatically apply them to lists and future search results:

1. In a list or search results, tap  to apply filters.



2. Adjust your filters and default sorting option, then tap **Show Titles**.

Tap the applied sort or filter to:

- Quickly change it.
- Pin it, which means the sort or filter will be applied to all lists, search results, and the library home screen, until you remove it.
- Remove it.

How do I borrow titles and place holds?

When you find a title you're interested in, tap it to see its details screen. Here you'll see a brief description, the title's format, the number of copies in the library, and more.

If the title is available, tap **Borrow** to check it out. After you tap **Borrow**, tap the underlined loan period on the confirmation page to change your loan period. If you change your loan period, that will be your default for future checkouts in this format.

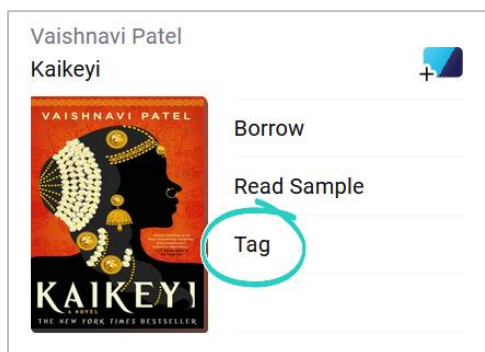
If no copies are available, tap **Place Hold** to be added to the title's wait list. You'll receive a notification when your hold is ready to borrow.

You can see all of your current loans and holds on your **Shelf** ().

How do I save titles for later?

In Libby, you can tag titles that you'd like to save for later.

To tag a title, tap **Tag** while browsing your library or on a title's details screen, then select or create a tag.




To see titles you've tagged, go to  > *tags*.

Reading and listening

How do I read a book?

To start reading a book, go to your **Shelf** () and tap **loans** at the top of the screen.

Tap **Read With...** to choose where you'd like to read the book (Kindle or Libby), then finish sending to Kindle (U.S. libraries only) or start reading in Libby.

While reading with Libby, tap the center of the screen, then tap  to change the font, adjust the text size, enable dark mode, and more.



Note: Some books, like picture books and graphic novels, don't offer all of these settings or features.

You can also define words, highlight text, and add notes.


How do I read a magazine?

To start reading a magazine, go to your **Shelf** () , tap **loans** at the top of the screen, then tap **Open Magazine**.



When you're reading a magazine, you can open individual articles and adjust text size and lighting settings for them.

- Tap the center of the screen, then  to read an article. If there's more than one article on the page, you'll be prompted to select one.
- Tap  to change the text size or lighting options.
- Libby can also notify you about new issues of magazines.

How do I listen to an audiobook?

To start listening, go to your **Shelf** () , tap **loans** at the top of the screen, then tap **Open Audiobook**.

While listening, you can set a sleep timer or change the playback speed.

- To change the playback speed in an audiobook, tap  . Then, choose a preset or drag the "Fine-tune" slider to set a custom speed (0.6–3x).
- To set a sleep timer for the first time, tap  at the top right of the audiobook player. Then, choose a preset or drag the "Fine-tune" slider to set a custom timer (5-120 minutes).