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Using The Overdrive App

*For Apple iOS, Android, Kindle Fire,
Nook HD, and Blackberry Devices*

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What is the Overdrive App?

The *Overdrive Media Console App* allows you to download eBooks and eAudiobooks directly onto your mobile device. This app is available for Apple iOS devices (iPhone and iPad) as well as phones and tablets running Android, Windows, Nook Color and HD tablets, Kindle Fire, and Blackberry devices.

With this app, after you have downloaded your items, you can read or listen to them anytime with no need to be connected to the internet. After items expire, they will be automatically returned. There are never any late fees!

The image shows the OverDrive Media Console app interface across multiple devices: a desktop monitor, a tablet, and two smartphones. The desktop monitor displays the 'My Collection' page with book covers for 'DEATH of an ARTIST' by Kate Wilhelm and 'ARENA ONE'. The tablet shows a text view of a book. The smartphones show audiobook interfaces for 'FIRE' and 'GRISHAM'. The background is a blue gradient with the OverDrive logo and 'MEDIA CONSOLE' text in the top left. In the top right, there are links for 'How-to Videos' and 'OverDrive Help'. The text 'Enjoy eBooks & audiobooks anytime, anywhere.' is displayed on the right side. At the bottom, a banner reads 'Install OverDrive Media Console on most popular devices.'

Please Note: The images shown in this guide were taken on an iPad. There *may* be variances in how the app appears on different devices, however, everything will still function the same as described in this guide.

Install the App

Locate the App Store on your device to download the free Overdrive Media Console App. The App Stores are the following for each device:

Apple iOS: App Store

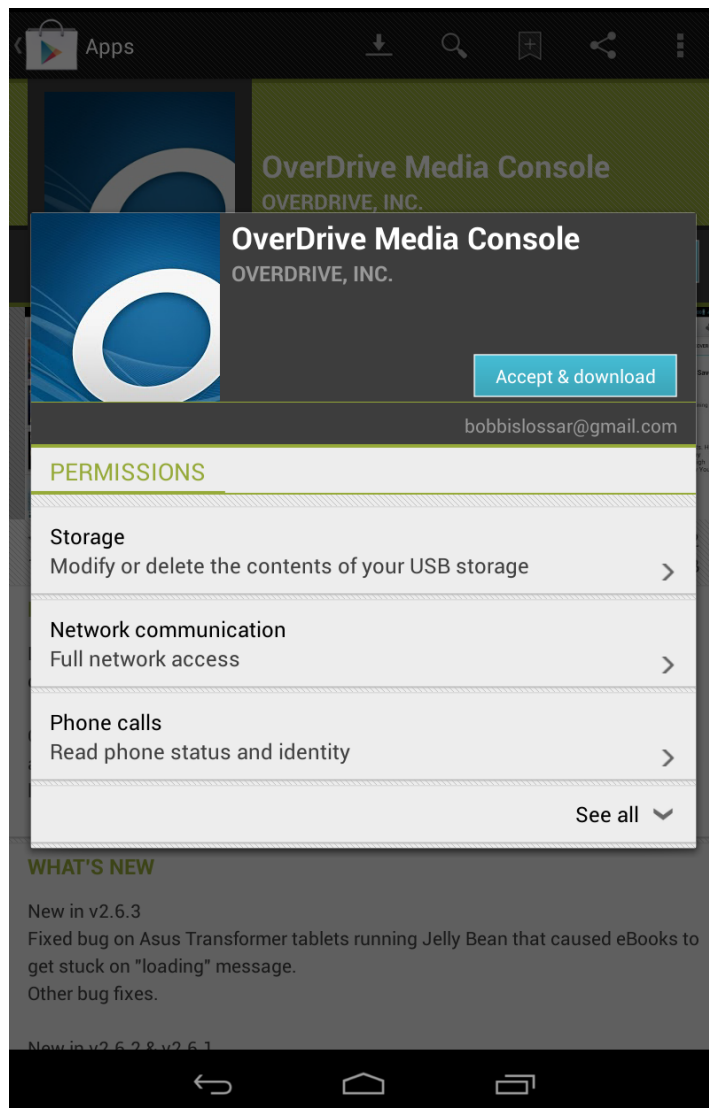
Android: Google Play Store

Kindle: Amazon Appstore

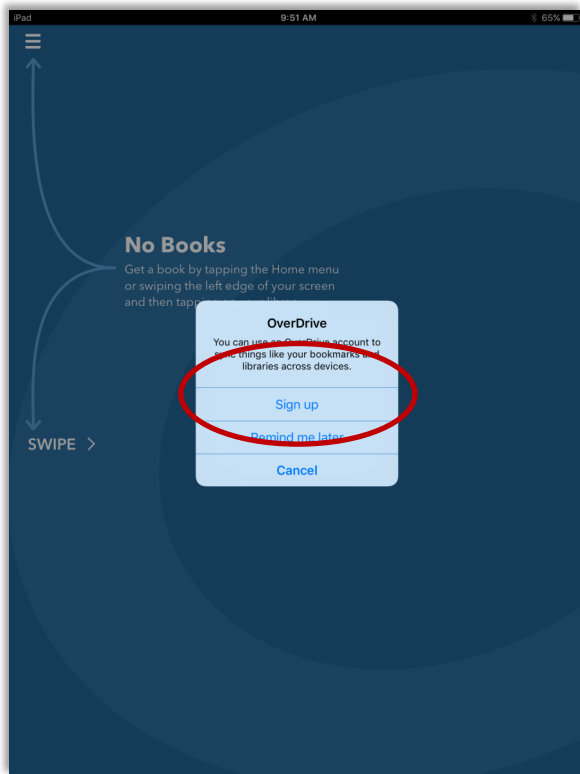
Nook: Nook Apps

Windows Phone: Windows Phone Store

In the search box in the app store, type in “Overdrive Media Console,” accept the terms of use, and install it.



Sign Up for an Overdrive Account



After installing the app for the first time, you will need to create an account. Open the app and tap on “Sign Up” to make an account.

Next, enter your name, email address, and set a password. You can also use your Facebook to sign in, if you wish.

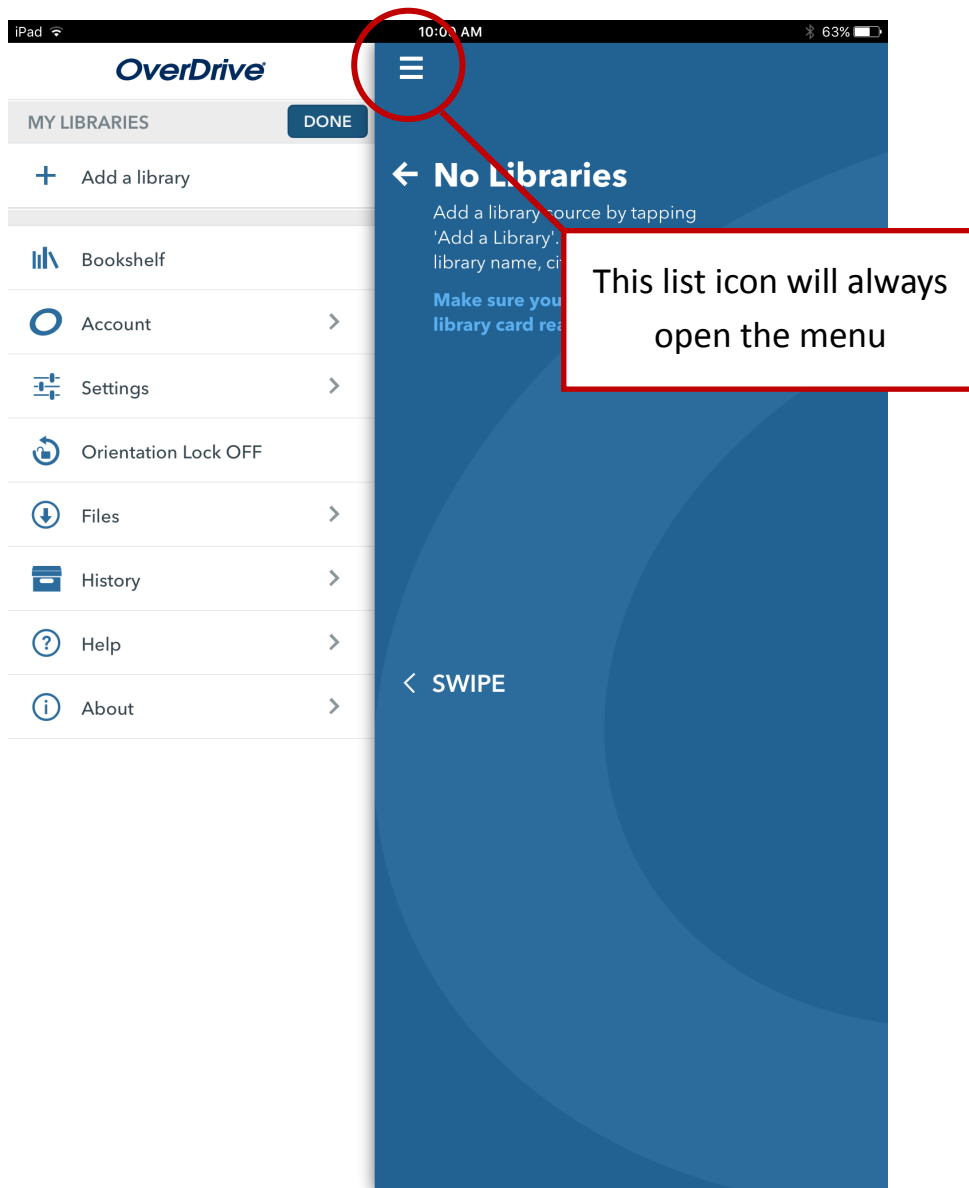
Remember to use an email address and password you won't forget.

A screenshot of an iPad screen displaying the 'Sign up for an OverDrive account' screen. The title is in a blue serif font. Below the title is a paragraph explaining the benefits of an OverDrive account. There is a 'Sign up with Facebook' button. Below this, the word 'or' is centered. 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. Below the password field is a checkbox with the text 'Yes! Help me find my next favorite title. Receive OverDrive's recommendations and reviews.' At the bottom, there is a line of text stating 'By clicking "Sign up," you are confirming that you're 13 or older and agreeing to the Terms and conditions.' and a 'Sign up' button. The bottom of the screen shows the iPad's navigation bar with back, forward, and home icons.

Signing up for an Overdrive account automatically authorizes your device so you can start downloading and reading eBooks and eAudiobooks.

Using the App

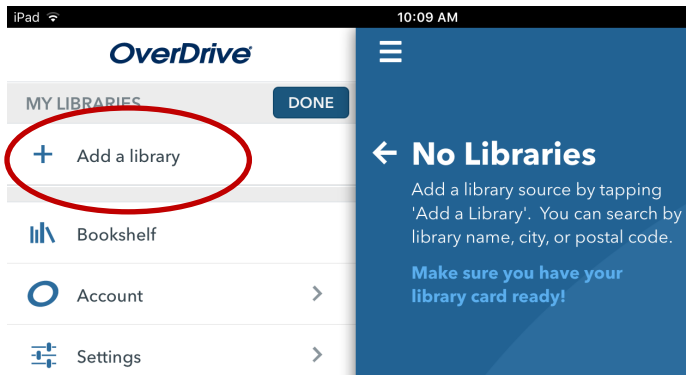
When you first open the app, you'll notice a list on the left side. Take note of the list icon. You can use that icon to open this menu anytime in the app.



From this menu, you can Add a Library, access your Bookshelf, check on the status of eBook downloads, and change your general Overdrive settings.

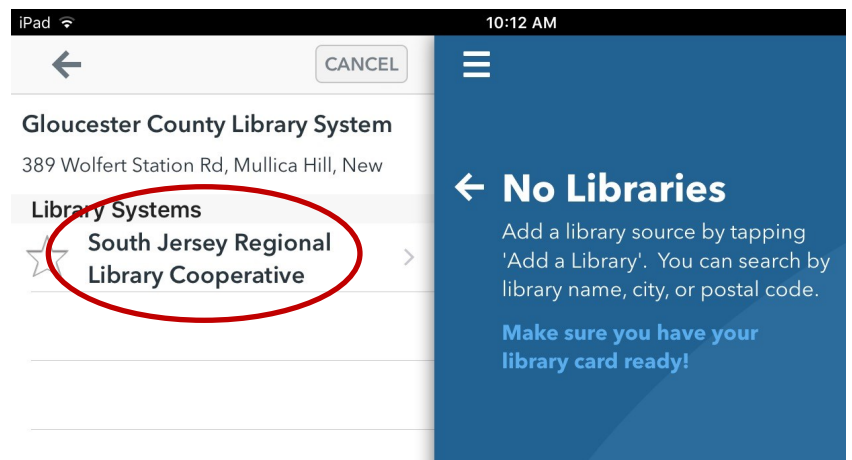
Find Your Library

To download eBooks and eAudiobooks, you need to tell Overdrive which library you want to search for them.

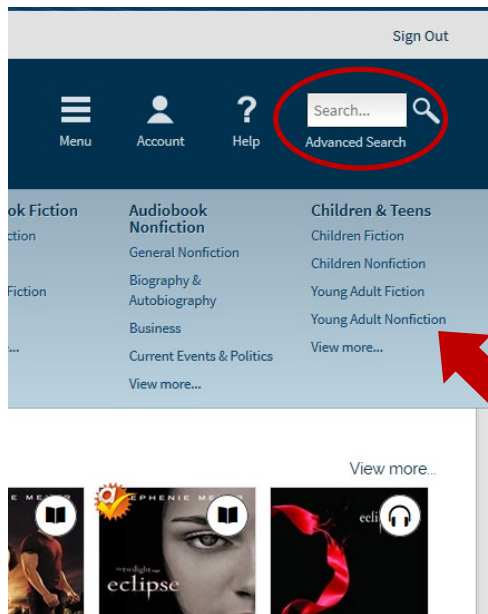


To download eBooks, you will need to specify which library you are using. Tap on “Add a Library” to get started.

Search “Gloucester County Library System” and tap on the selection to be able to see eBooks that are available to you.



How to Find Items



Books can be found by typing the title, author, or subject into the search box. Tap on the magnifying glass icon to run the search.

If you just want to browse, you can browse the “menu” to see a listing of titles in various categories from fiction books to nonfiction audio.

A screenshot of the 'South Jersey Audiobook and eBook Download Center' search page. The header is dark blue with the site name and a 'Menu' link. Below the header are several search filters: 'Title', 'Author/Creator', 'ISBN', 'Added to site:' (set to 'All Dates'), 'All Subjects', 'All Formats', 'All Languages', 'All Publishers', and 'All Awards'. There is a 'Levels' section with a help icon and four rows of filters: 'Interest Level', 'ATOS Level', 'Lexile® Measure', and 'Reading Level', each with 'All' selected in both the 'to' and 'from' dropdowns. At the bottom left is a checkbox 'Show only titles with copies available'. At the bottom center is a dark blue 'Search' button. At the bottom right is a 'Clear' link.

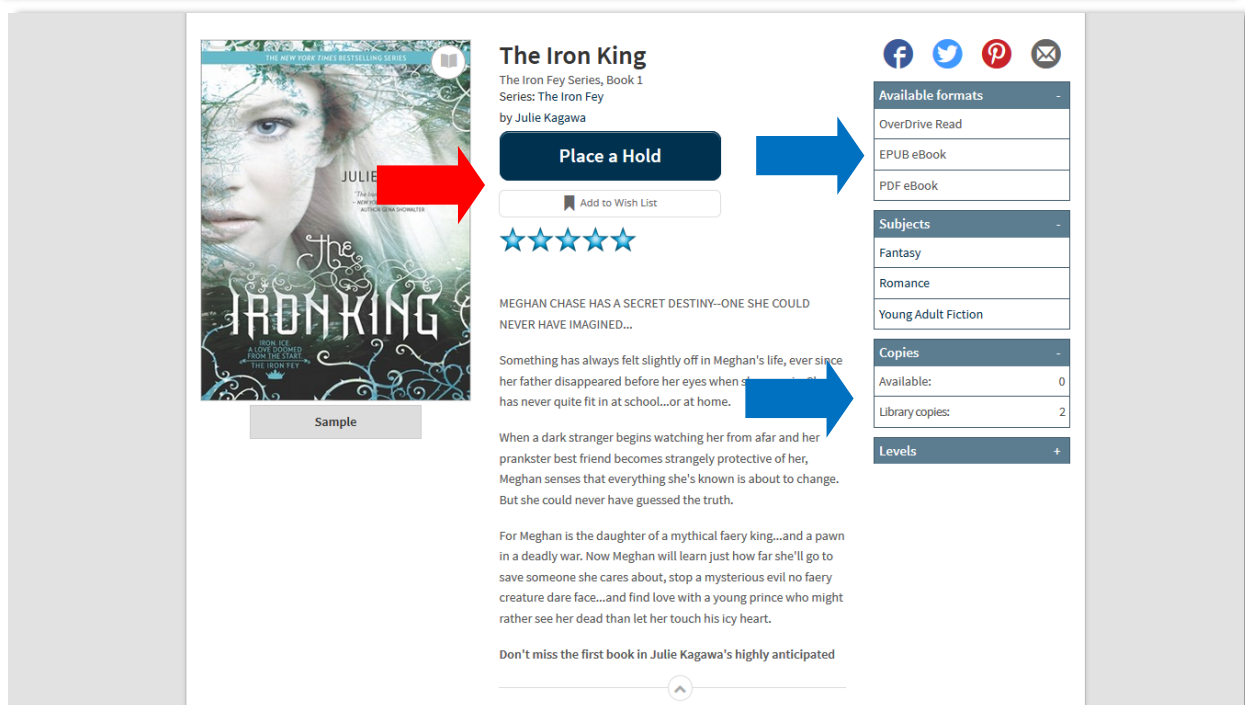
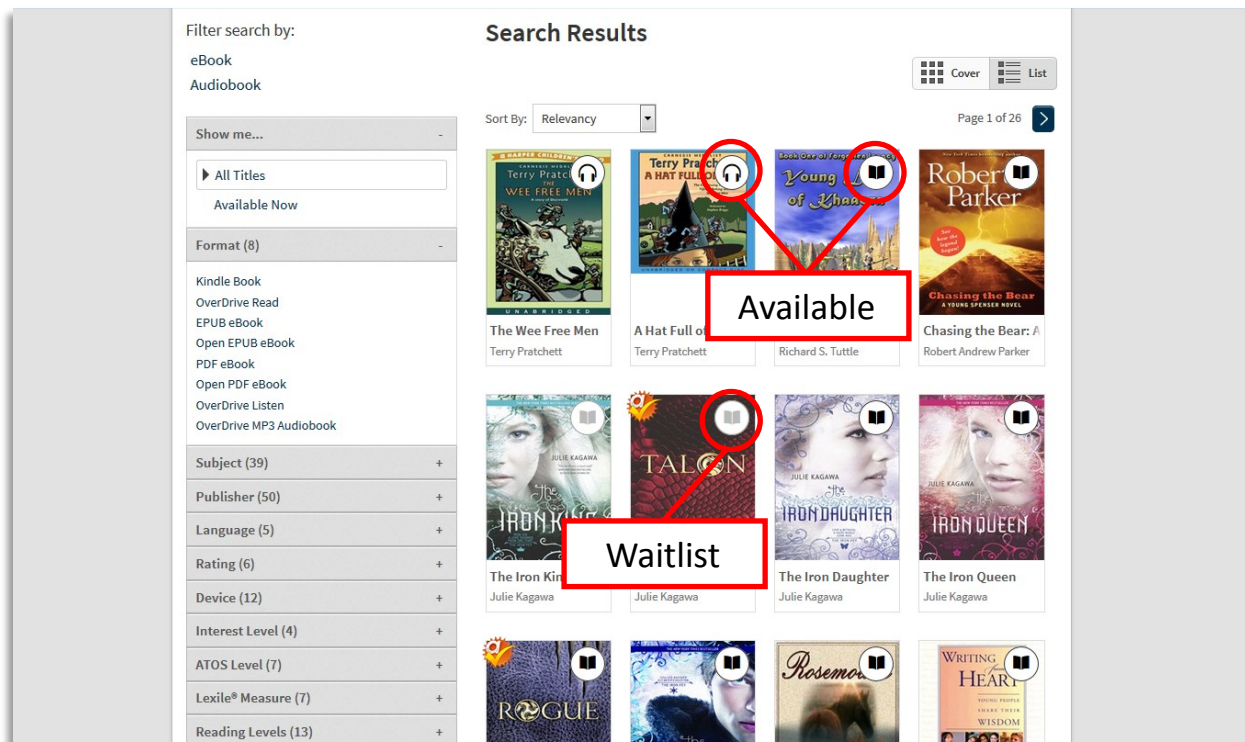
You can even do an Advanced Search by tapping on the option below the Search box.

Here you will be able to find a wide variety of search options from publishers to awards and specific reading levels.

Borrowing a Title and Placing Holds

To borrow a book, notice the icons on the top right of each eBook and eAudiobook. When the book or headphone icons are black, that means the item is available for immediate checkout. If the icons are grey, that means the title is not available and you will have to place a hold.

Tap on any book cover to see more information, borrow it, or place a hold.



Checkout

If the book is available for immediate checkout, tap on the “Borrow” button to add it to your bookshelf. Note that all titles will checkout to you for 2 weeks.

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The Iron Daughter
The Iron Fey Series, Book 2
Series: The Iron Fey
by Julie Kagawa

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Add to Wish List

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The Iron Daughter
Julie Kagawa

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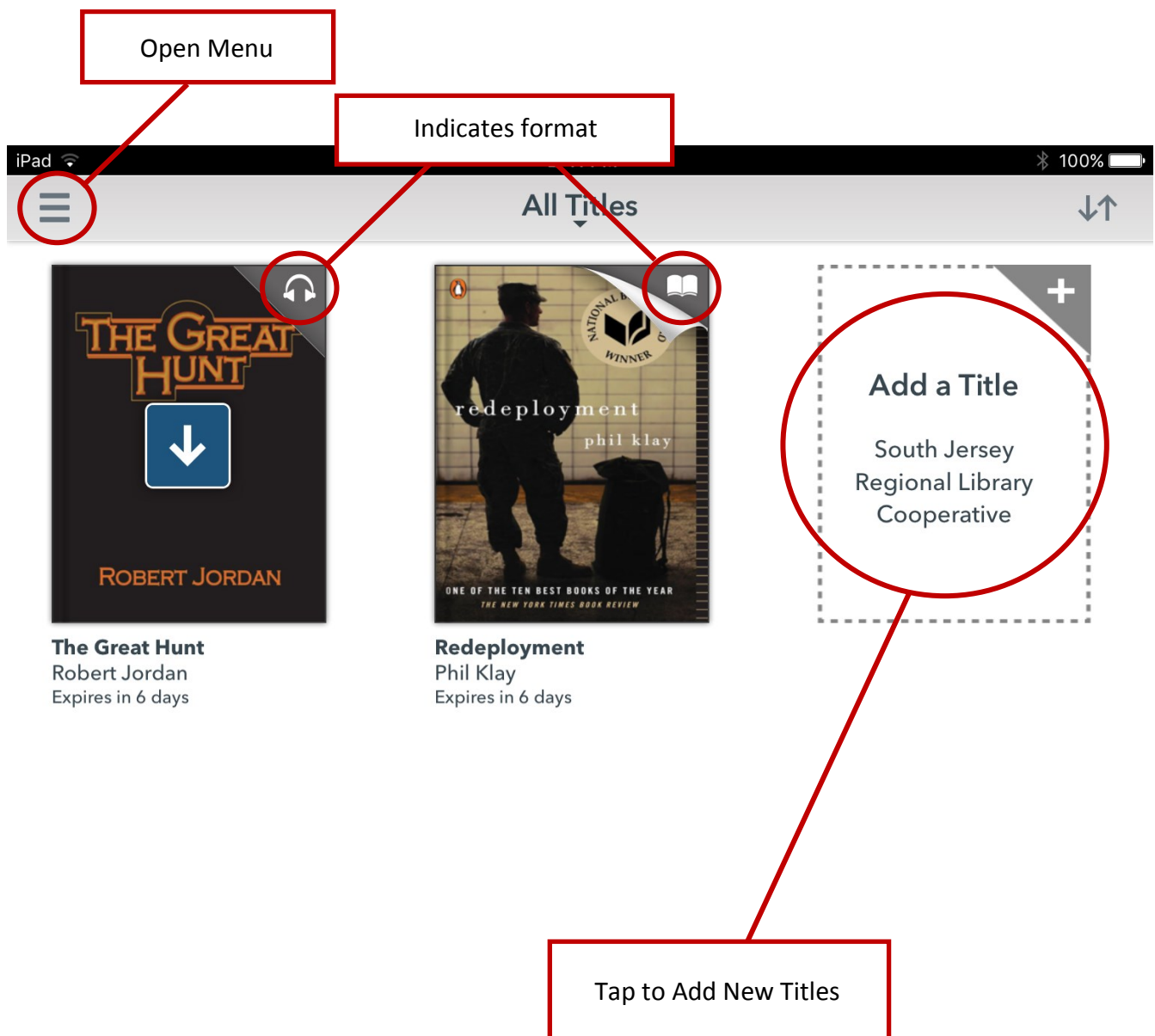
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- Titles on hold: 0
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Your Bookshelf in the App

This is your bookshelf in the app. Here you can read and listen to any materials you have downloaded. You can also tap on “Add a Title” to search for something new through the library.

Tap on any title's cover to begin reading or listening!

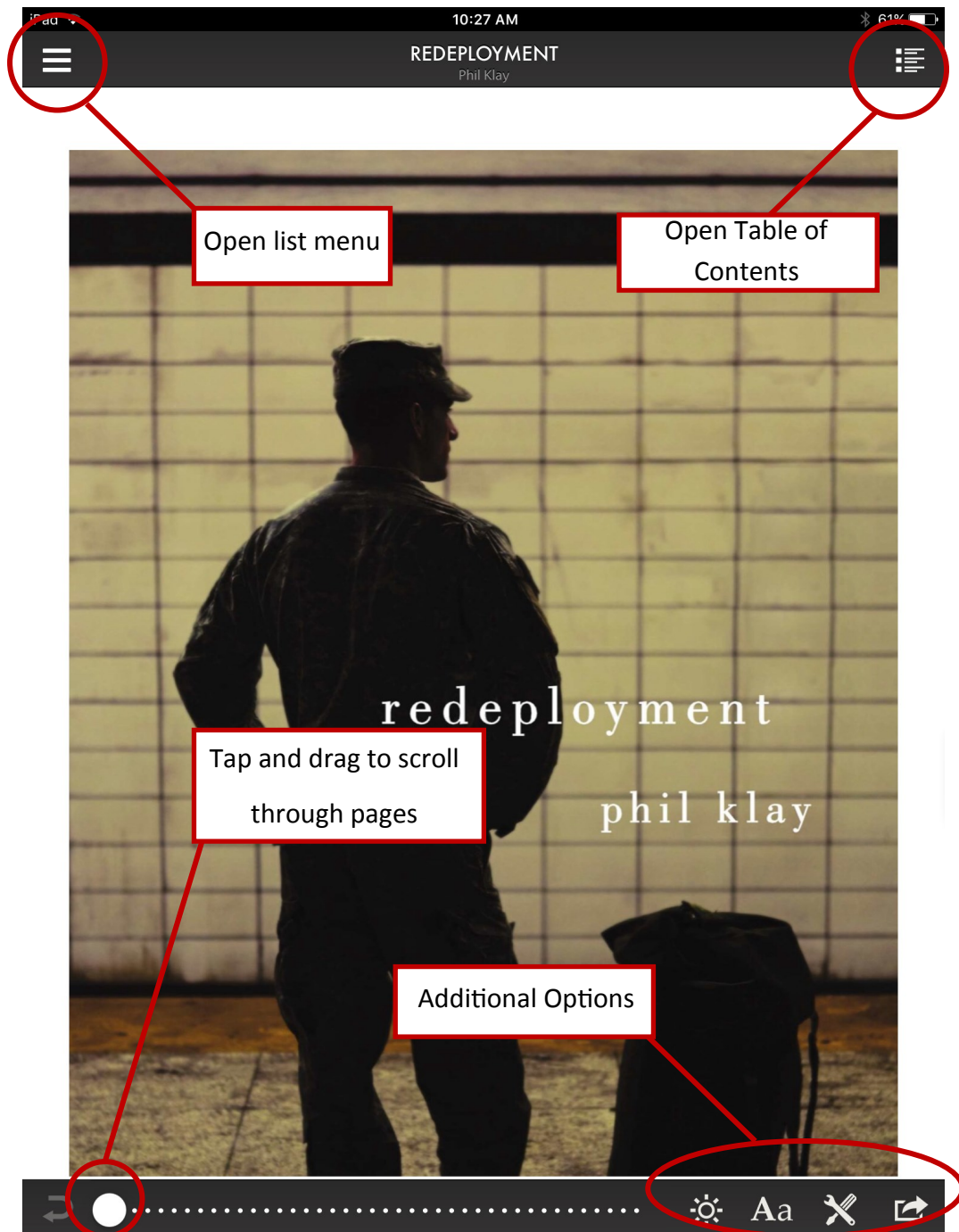


Reading In the App

Tap on any book cover to begin reading. When you tap at the bottom of your screen, you will bring up your options while reading. The list menu icon in the upper left will pull out your menu. And the icon on the upper right will give you a table of contents.

At the bottom of the screen, you will see a scrolling button to quickly page through the book and settings for screen brightness, font type and size, and other options.

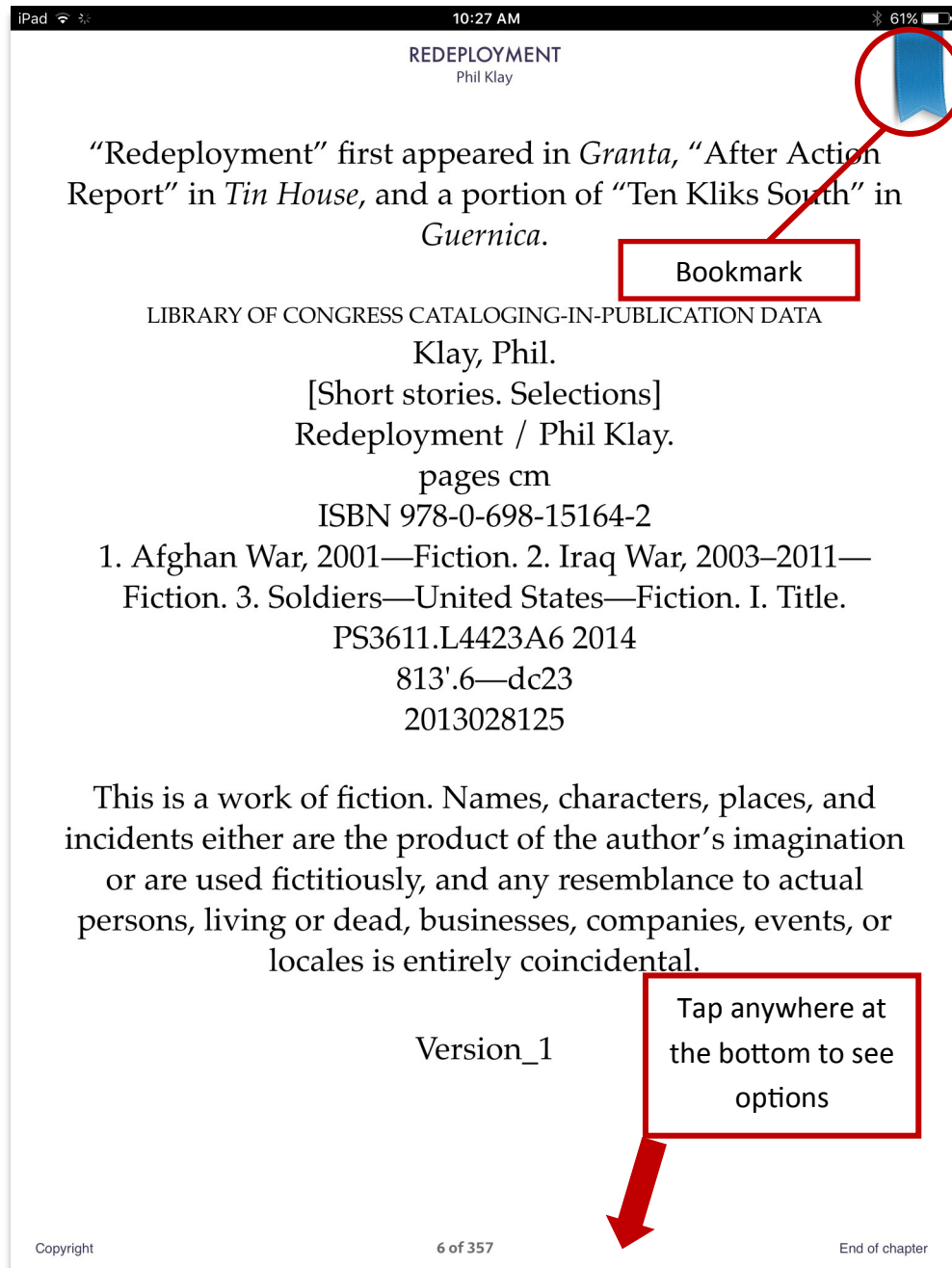
Simply swipe left or right on the screen to turn the pages.



Reading In the App

Swipe left or right to turn pages. Tap at the upper right corner of any page to insert a bookmark to remember where you left off.

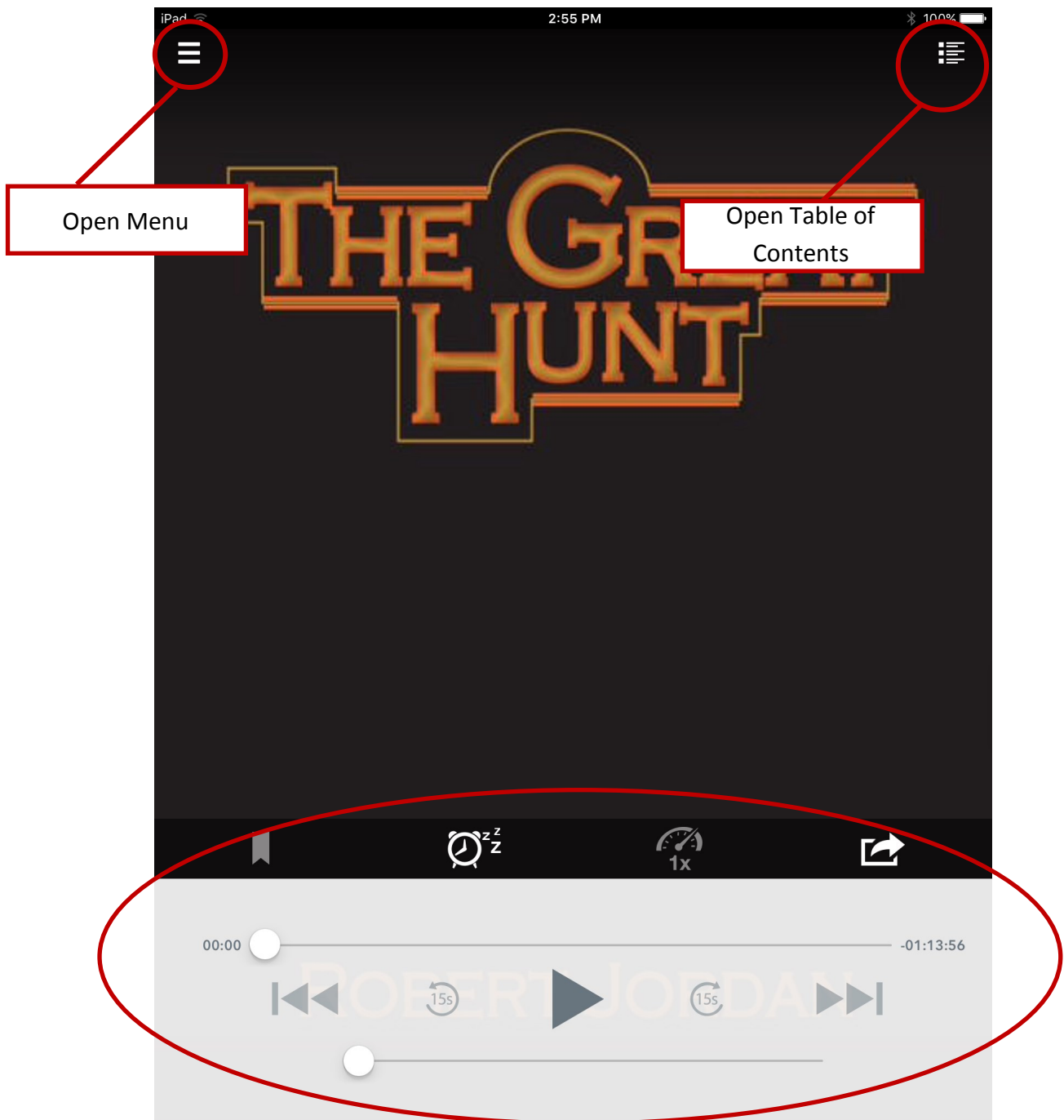
Remember you can tap at the bottom of the screen to bring up your options while reading.



Listening to eAudiobooks

When you tap on any eAudiobook, this is the first screen you will see. It features all of your playback options at the bottom and options to return to your list menu and table of contents at the top.

At the bottom, you can even bookmark your current place, set your eAudiobook to snooze for a period of time, change rewind/fast-forward speeds, and change volume.

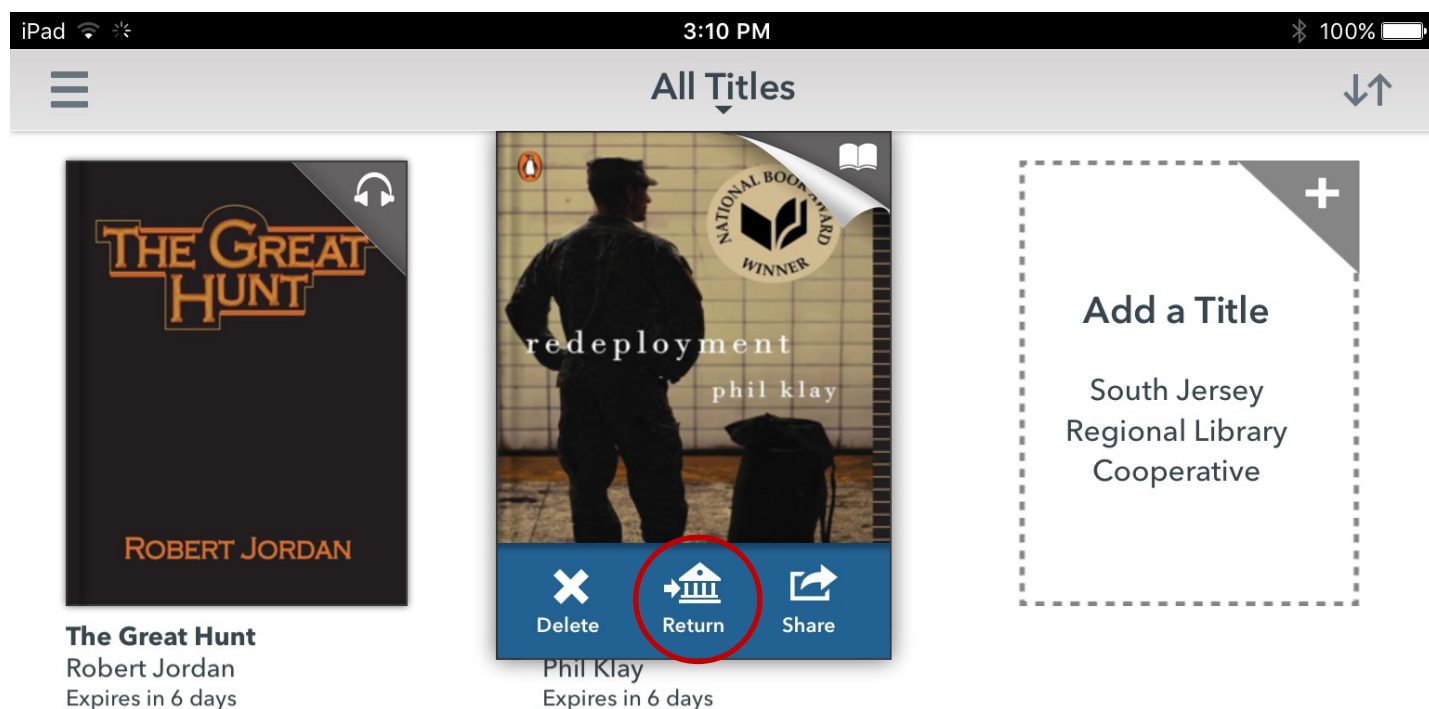


Returning Your Items

You can only checkout 8 items at a time through Overdrive. You'll see that at the bottom of each item is how many days you have left until it expires. If you wait to allow an item to expire, it will return itself. The book cover will be left on your bookshelf with "expired" listed on it. You can delete the expired title by tapping and holding the cover and choosing "delete."

If you want to return an item before its expiration date, tap and hold the cover until a menu appears on the item. Choose "Return." Overdrive will ask you to confirm your return. Press "Return" again and the item will disappear from your bookshelf.

If you choose "delete," the item will be removed from the app, but will still show as checked out on your account. You must choose "return" to get an item fully off your library account.



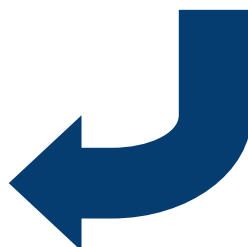
Want Additional Help?

For additional assistance in Overdrive and to learn more about the library's lending policies through Overdrive, follow this link: <http://bit.ly/1MEqRte>

For video tutorials through Overdrive, follow this link: <http://bit.ly/1VIDOiR>



You can also scan this QR Code with your mobile device to be taken to Overdrive's Help page.



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