OverDrive

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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!

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:
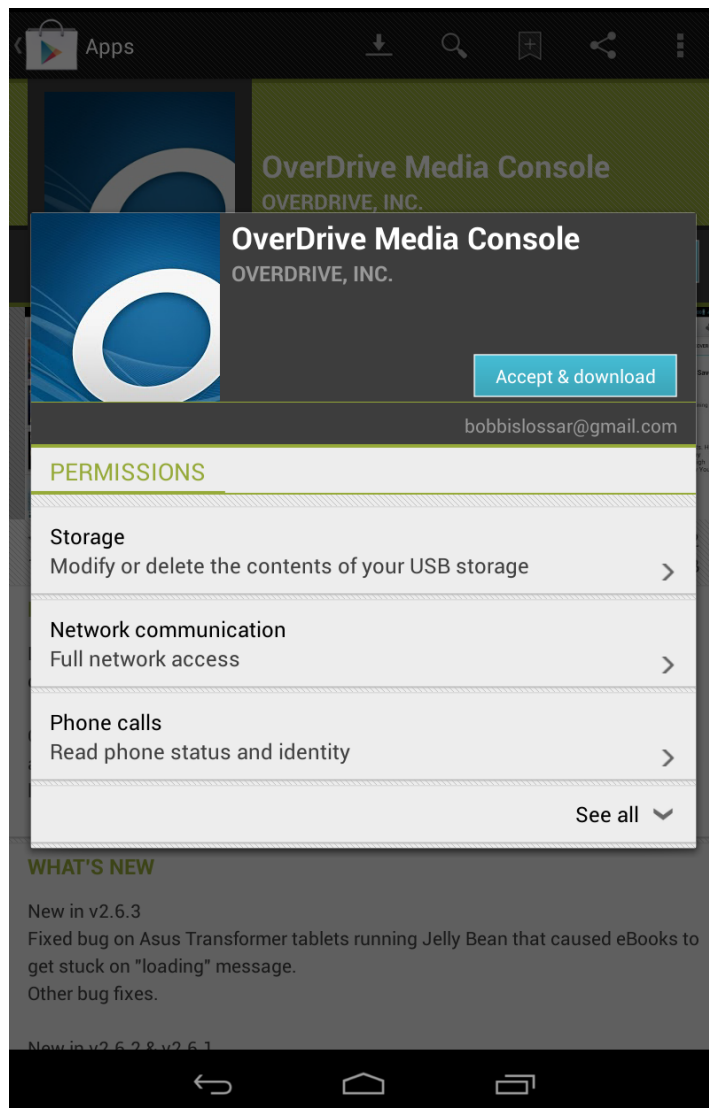
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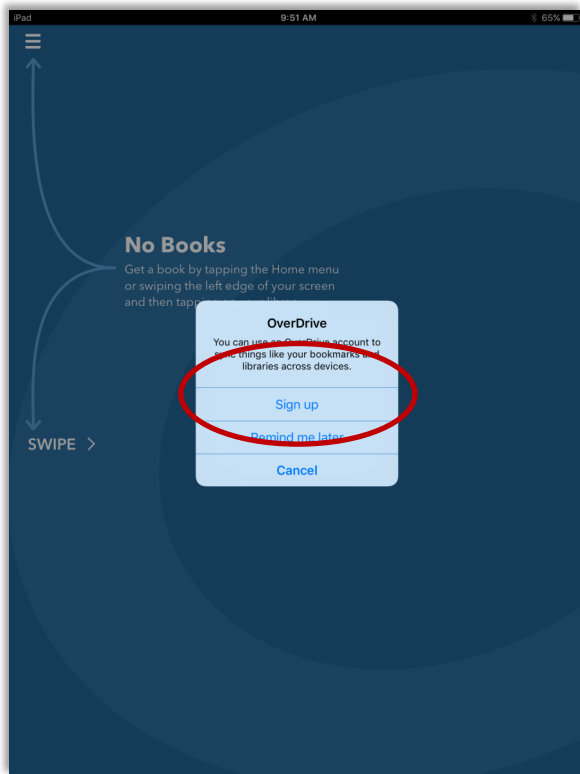
Android: Google Play Store

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.

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.

This list icon will always open the menu
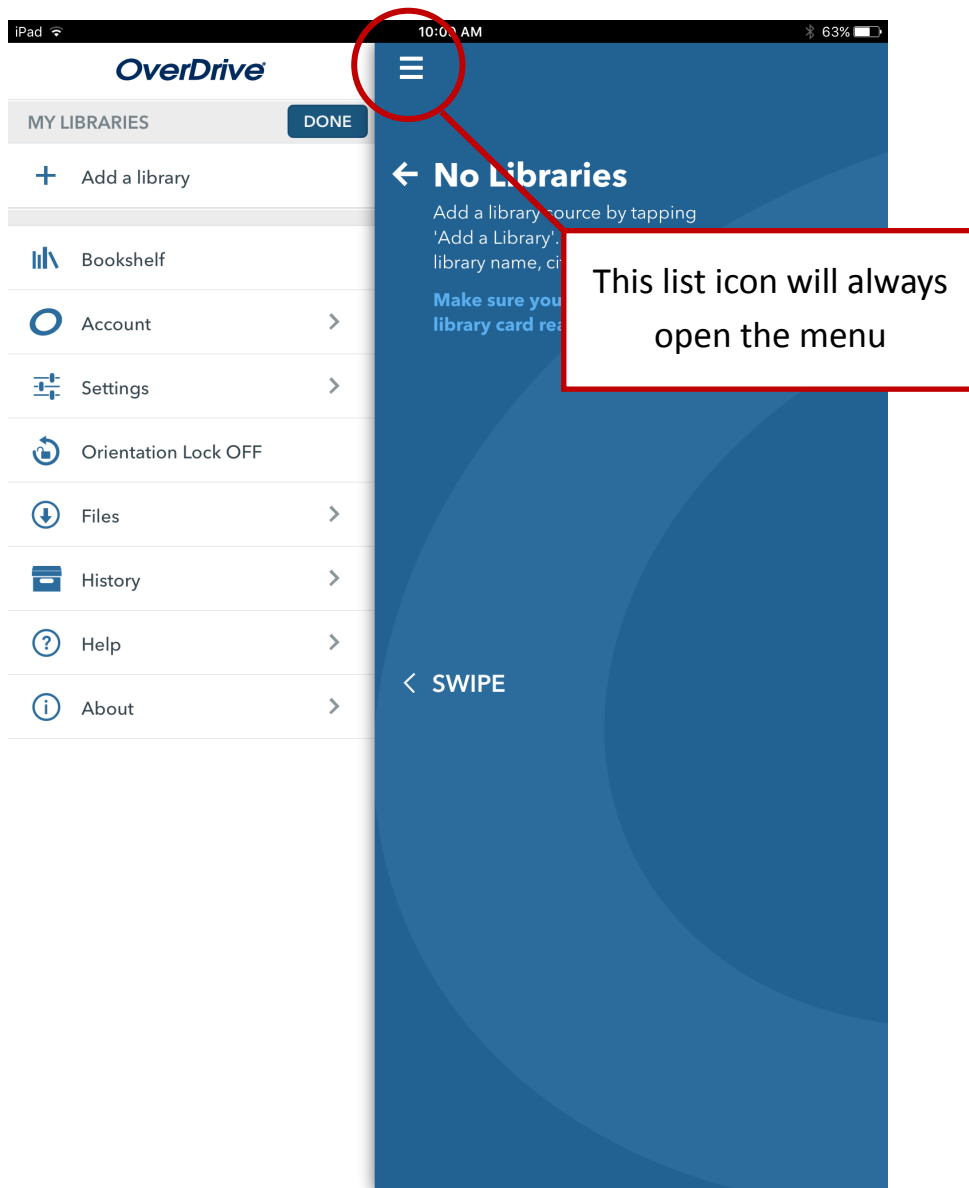
From this menu, you can Add a Library, access your Bookshelf, check on the status of eBook downloads, and change your general Overdrive settings.
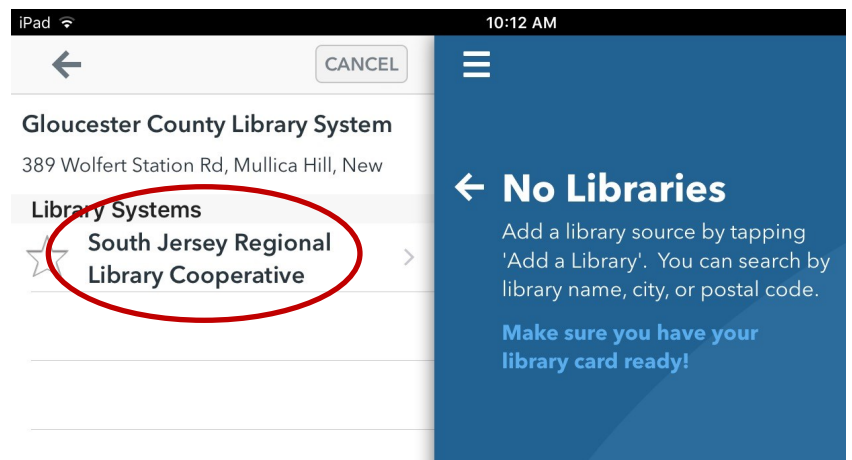
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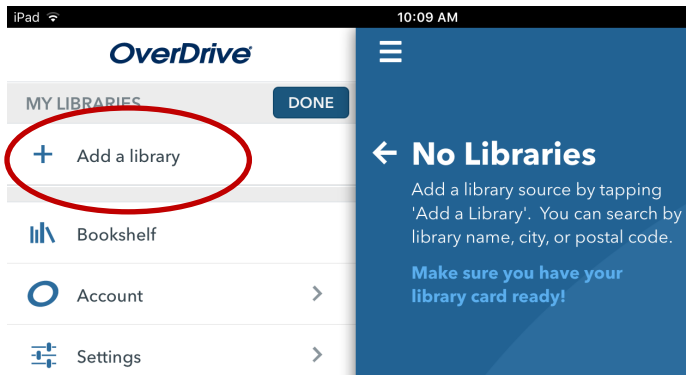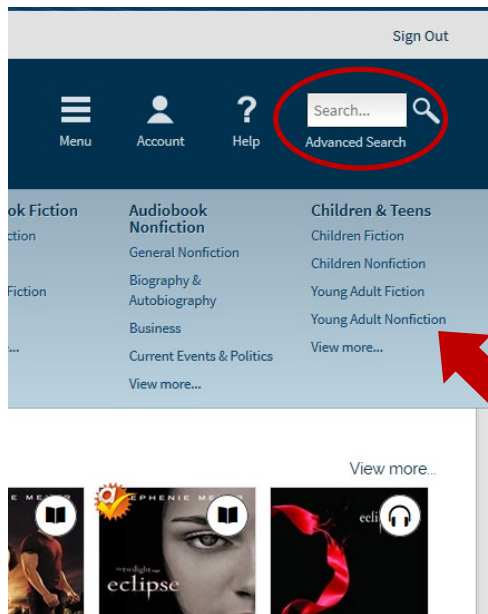
To download eBooks, you will need to specify which library you are using. Tap on "Add a Library" to get started.

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.

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.
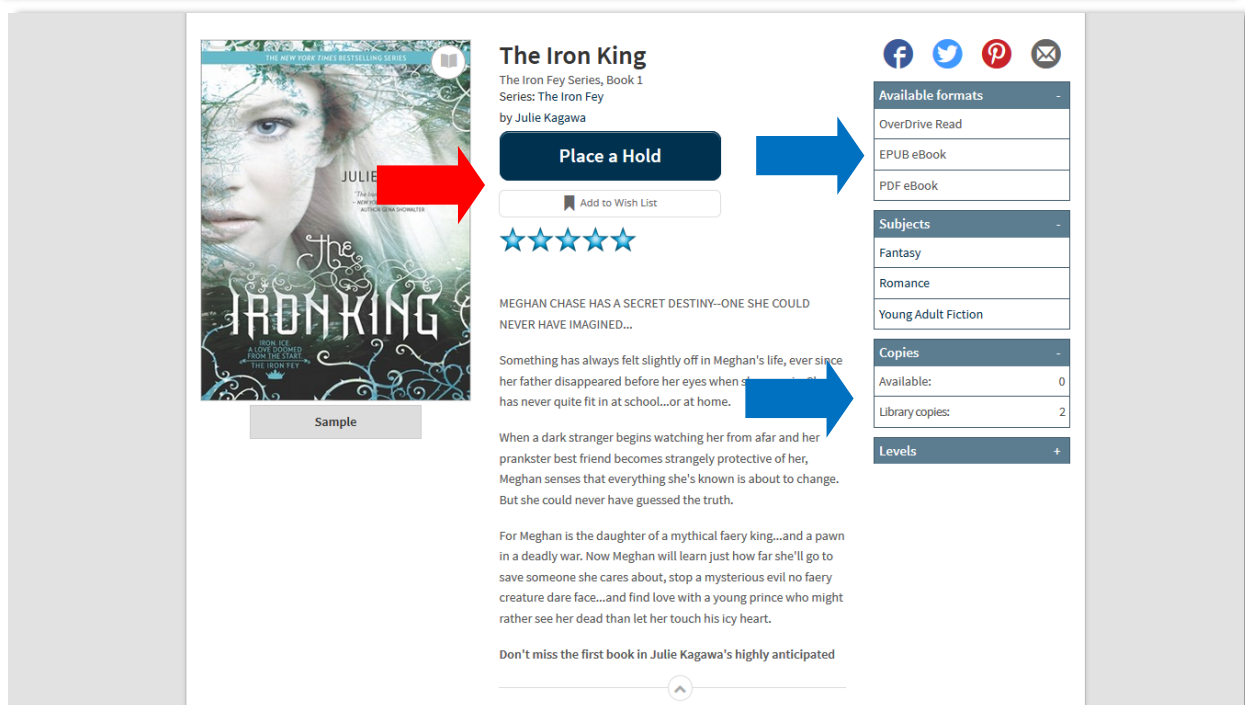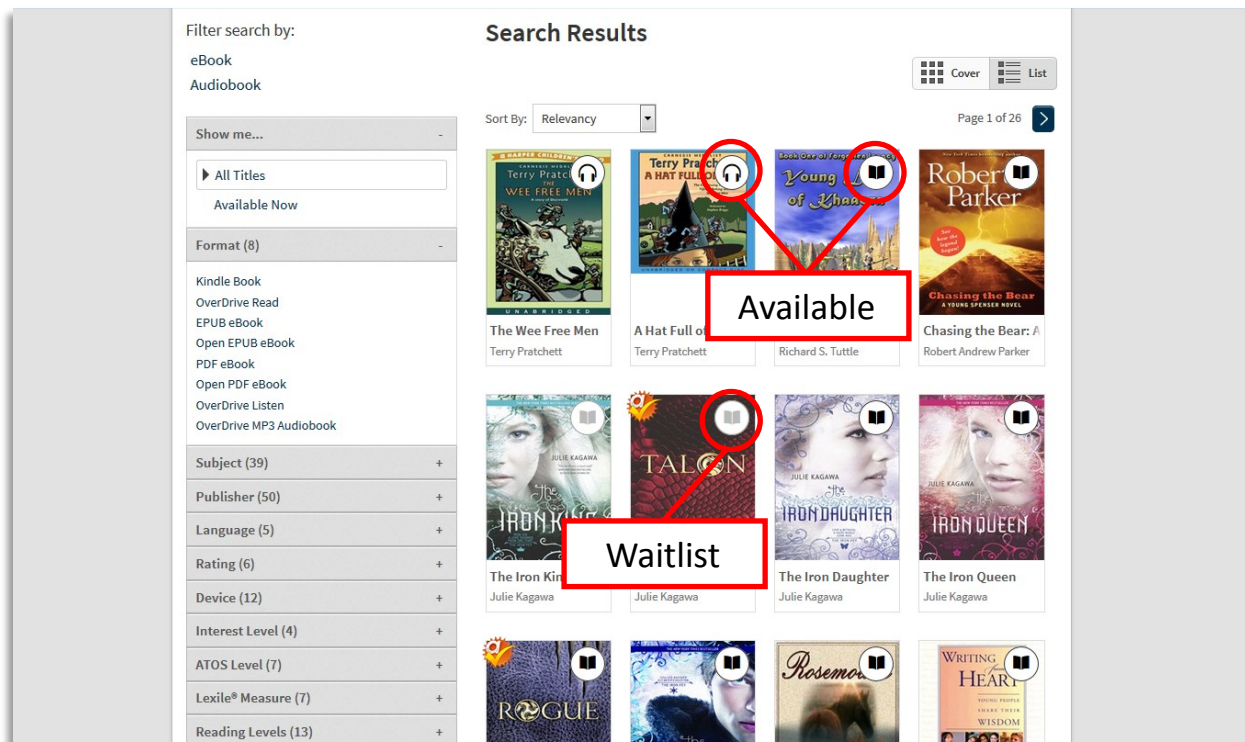
Checkout

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.

Once your title is checked out and on your bookshelf, tap on the "Download" button next to the eBook or eAudiobook to download the title into the Overdrive App. There may be an option to choose the download format. Choose **EPUB.**

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!

Open Menu

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Robert Jordan
Expires in 6 days

Redeployment
Phil Klay
Expires in 6 days

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Tap to Add New Titles
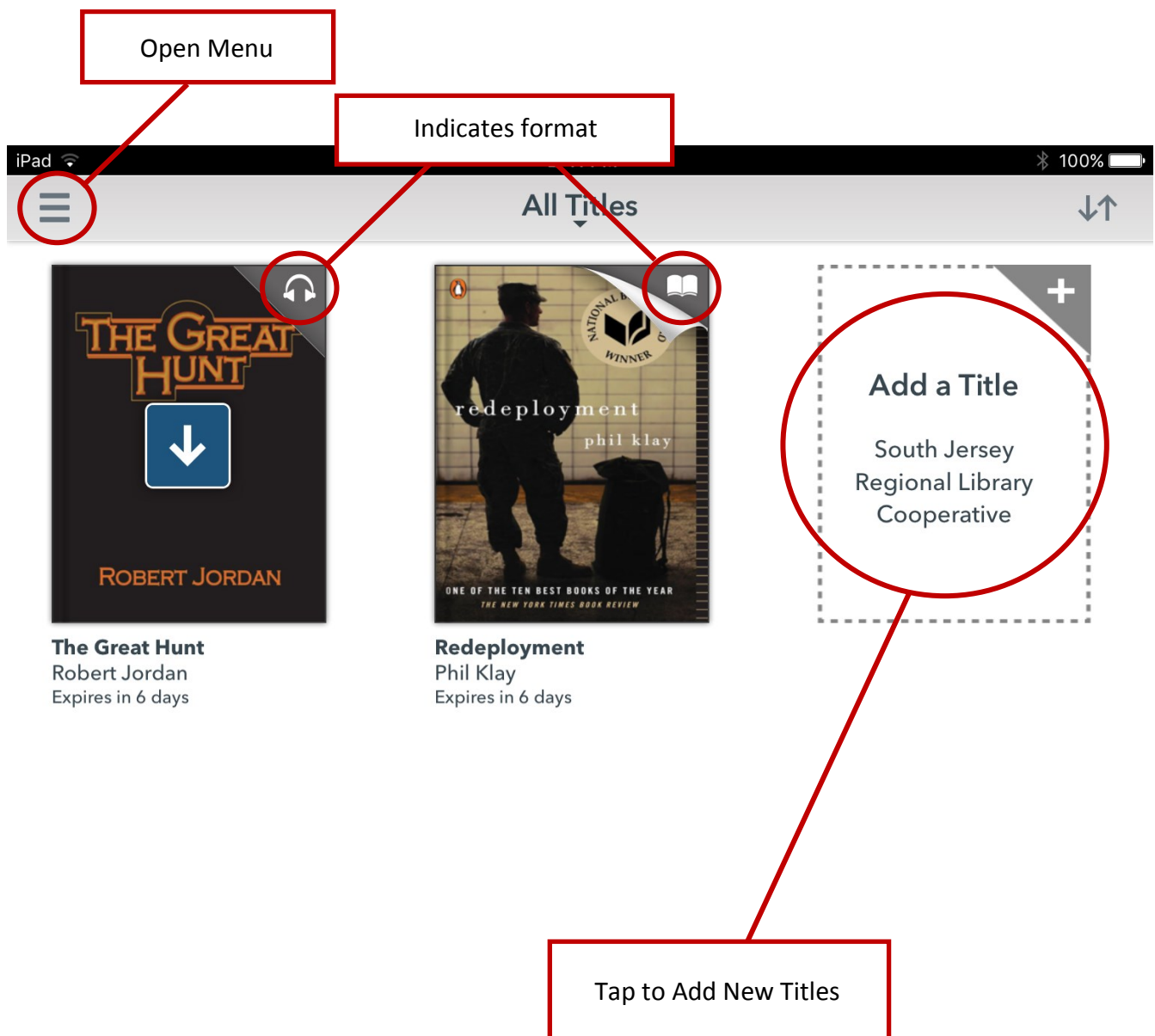
Reading In the App

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.

Open list menu

Open Table of Contents

Tap and drag to scroll through pages

Additional Options
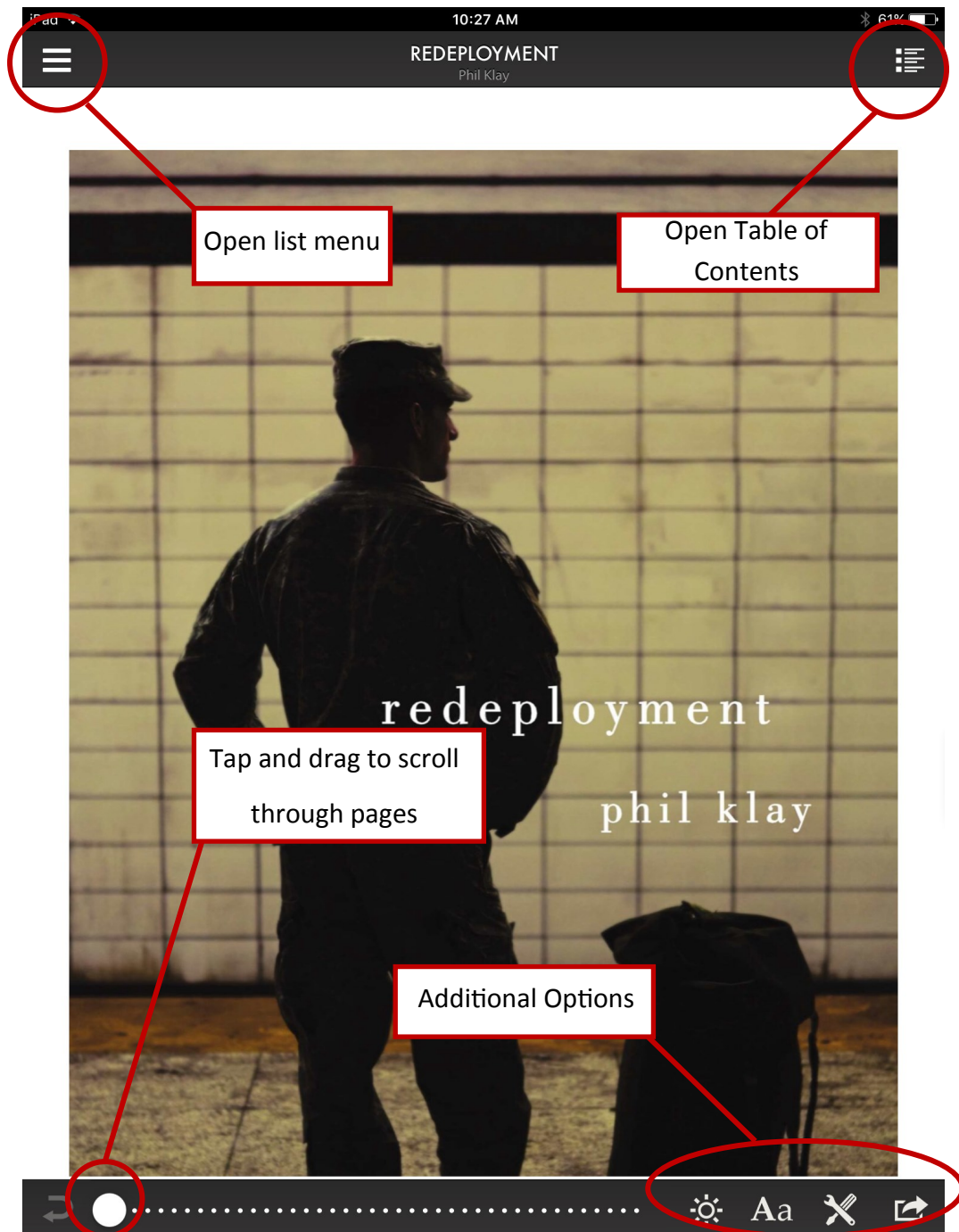
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Swipe left of right to turn pages. Tap at the upper right corner of any page to insert a book-mark to remember where you left off.

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

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Bookmark

Tap anywhere at the bottom to see options
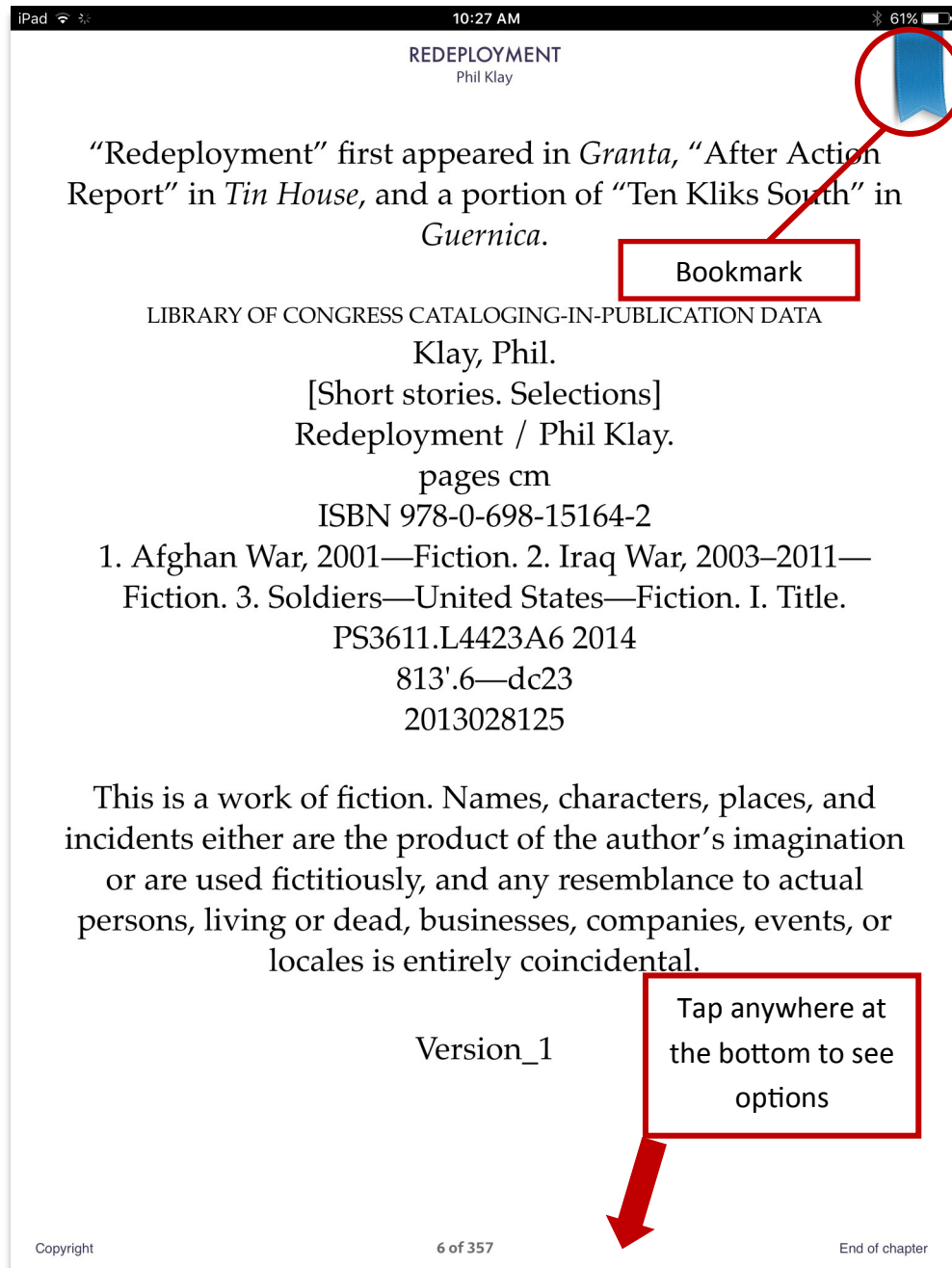
Listening to eAudiobooks

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, and change rewind/fast-forward speeds.
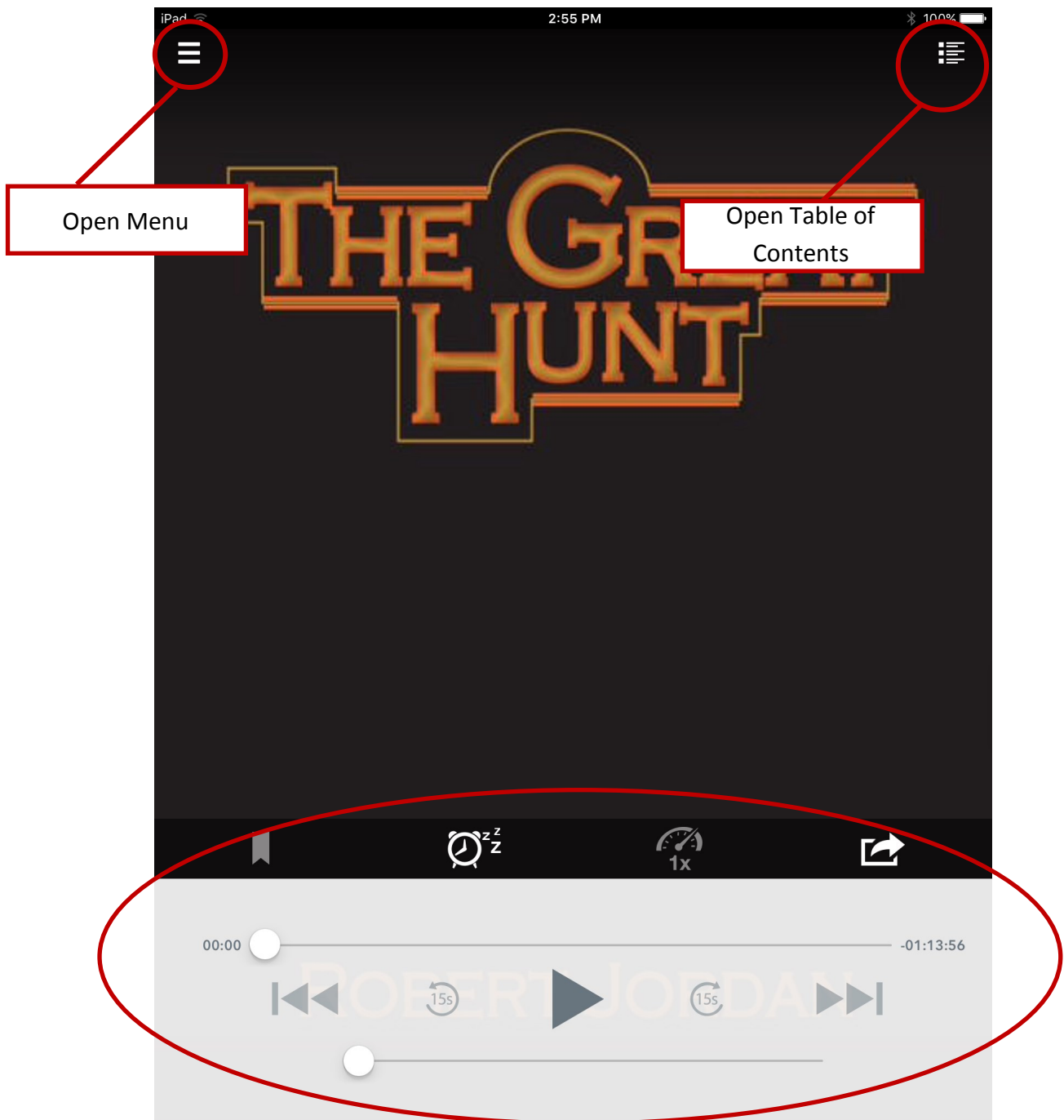
Returning Your Items

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.
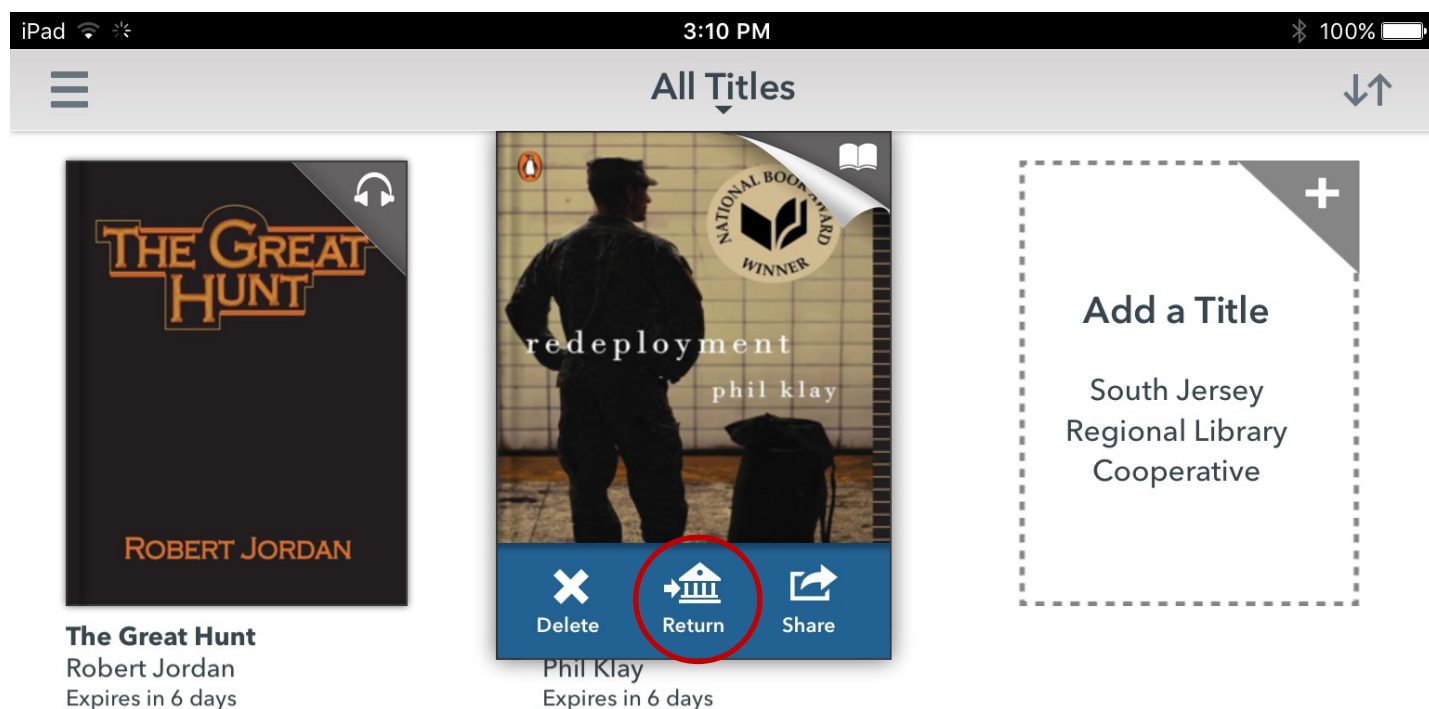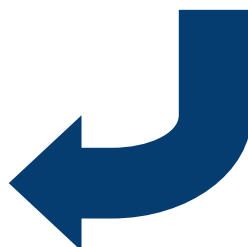
Want Additional Help?

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/1VlDOiR

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

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