

Tech Time Handout: Overdrive Basics

Goal: Develop a familiarity with the basics of how to set up, check out, read, and return electronic items through our Overdrive service.

Topics:

1. Overdrive items are accessible through most devices, though the majority will be accessing through Android or iOS smartphones, tablets, or Kindles. Access is also available through a web browser on any personal computer.
2. Two different apps to choose to access the same resources: Overdrive vs. Libby
 - a. **Overdrive:** the “classic” app, being phased out, but still usable.
 - b. **Libby:** the new attempt at being more intuitive. More frequently updated.
3. Creating an account: download the app of choice, sign in with library card # and choose Hampton: Lane Memorial Library to link with the New Hampshire State Library holdings.
4. “Download EPub” vs. “Read with Kindle” – reading entirely within the Libby/Overdrive app vs. integrating with your Kindle.
5. Item availability, checkout limits, placing holds, and returning items before due date.
6. Accessing the help menus for Libby or Overdrive to see documentation/how to do other things that aren’t covered in this session.

Homework: Borrow a title through Overdrive or Libby on the device of your choice and read it! Also borrow a second title and then return it to practice the entire process.