Getting Started with OverDrive on an iPad or Android tablet

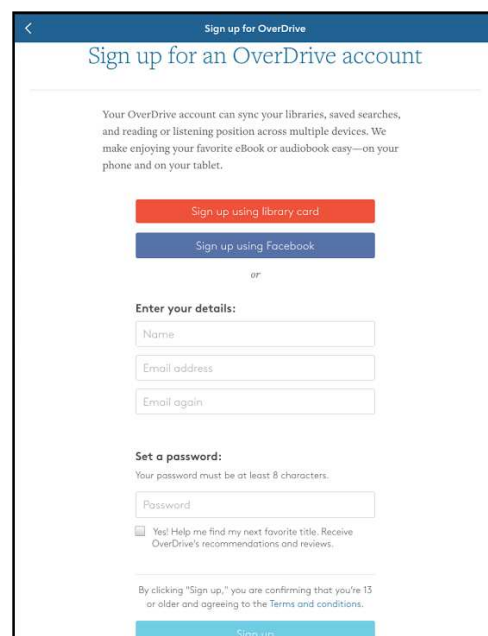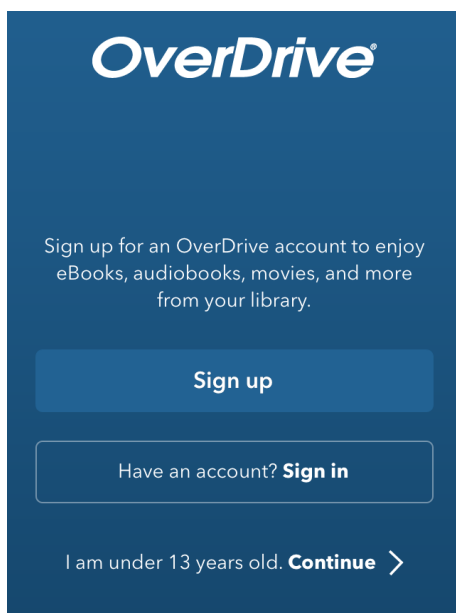There are three ways to get ebooks from OverDrive on your iPad or Android tablet:

1. The free OverDrive app.
2. Read in Browser.
3. The free Kindle app.
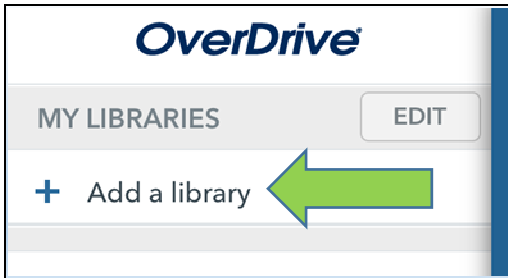
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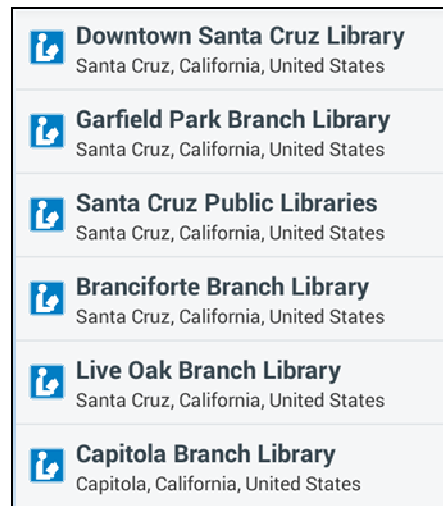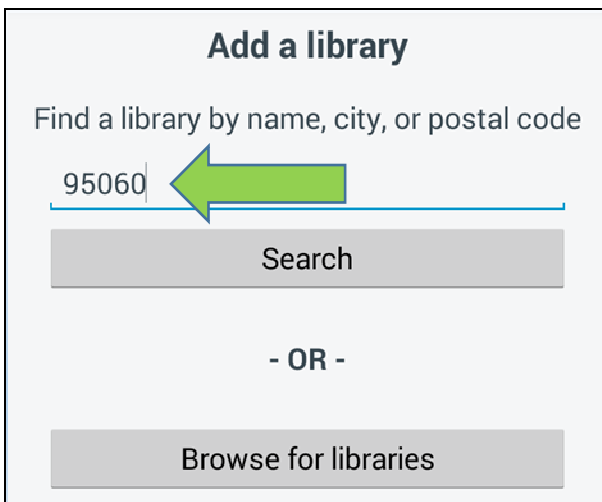
Tap to install the app, then to open it. The first time you open the app you will be prompted to create an **OverDrive account**. Signing up with an email address is quickest, though signing up with a library card number or Facebook work well, too.
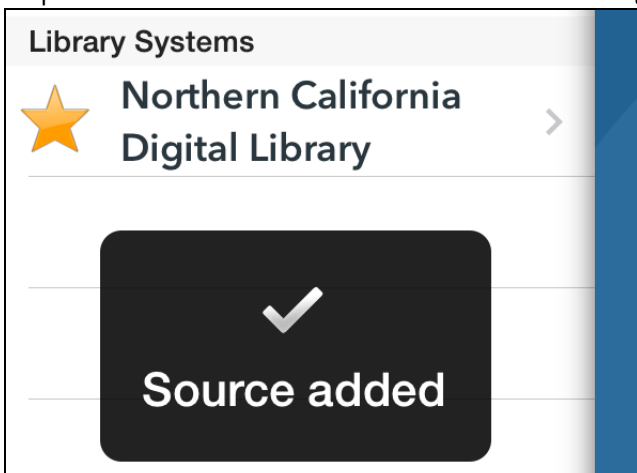
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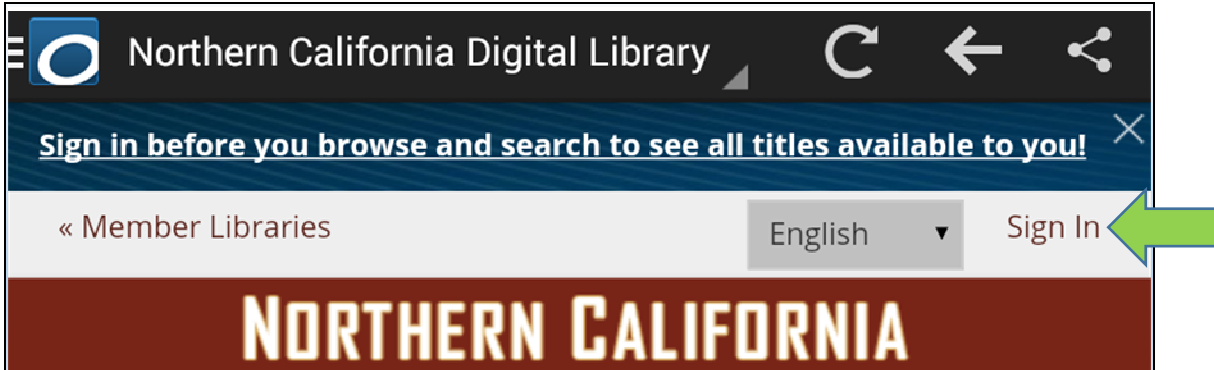Capitola, California, United States

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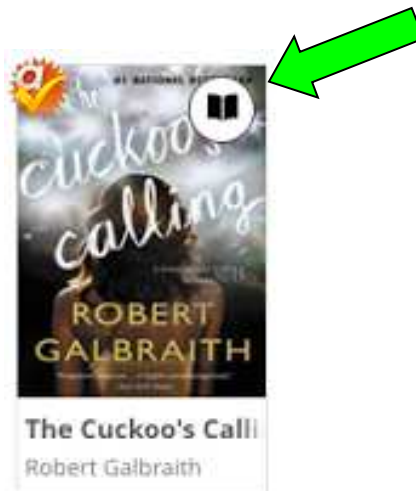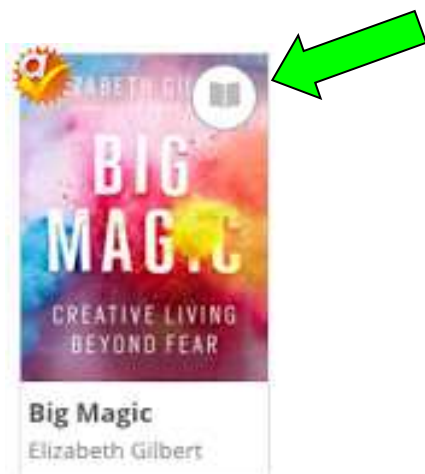⭐ Northern California
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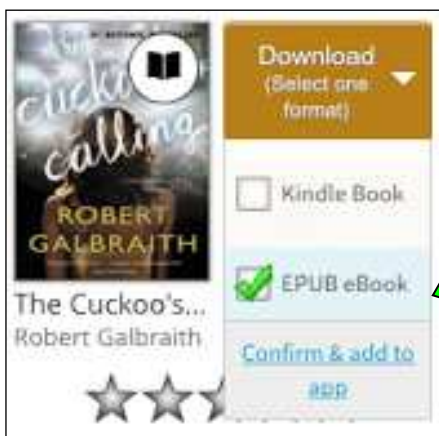If the open book in the upper right corner is **black** it is available for check out.

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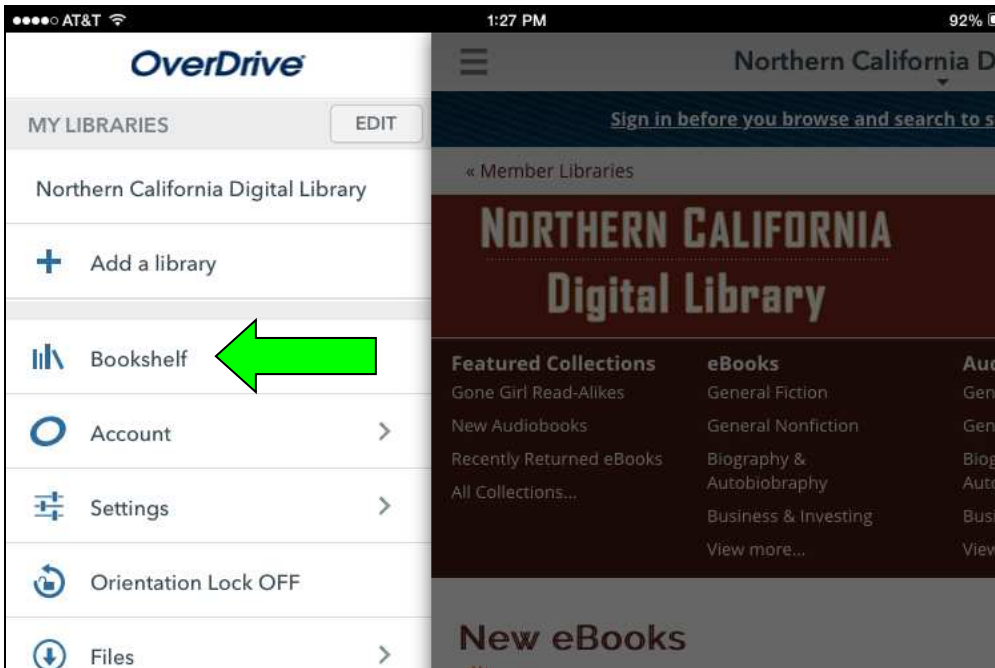
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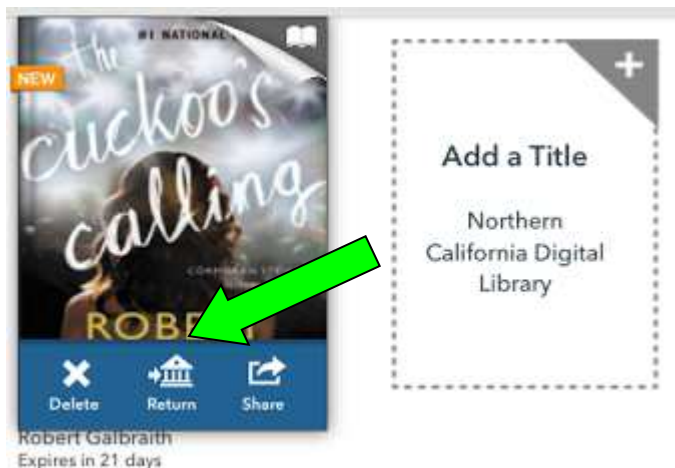
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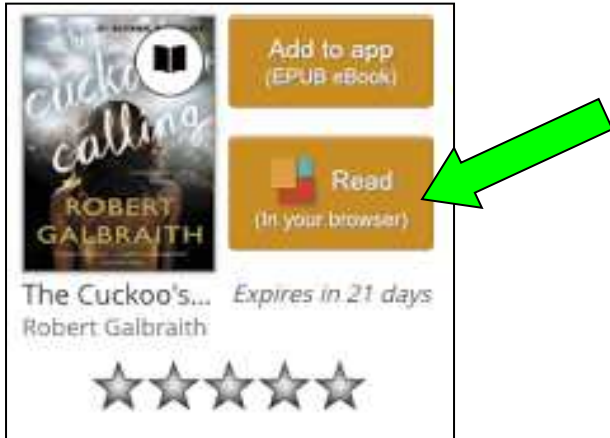

To begin reading, tap the book's cover. Once you are in the book you can adjust the font, font size, number of columns, alignment, line spacing, margins, and brightness.

If you want to return a book before its due date, touch and hold your finger on the book's cover on your bookshelf. An option will appear to return the title.
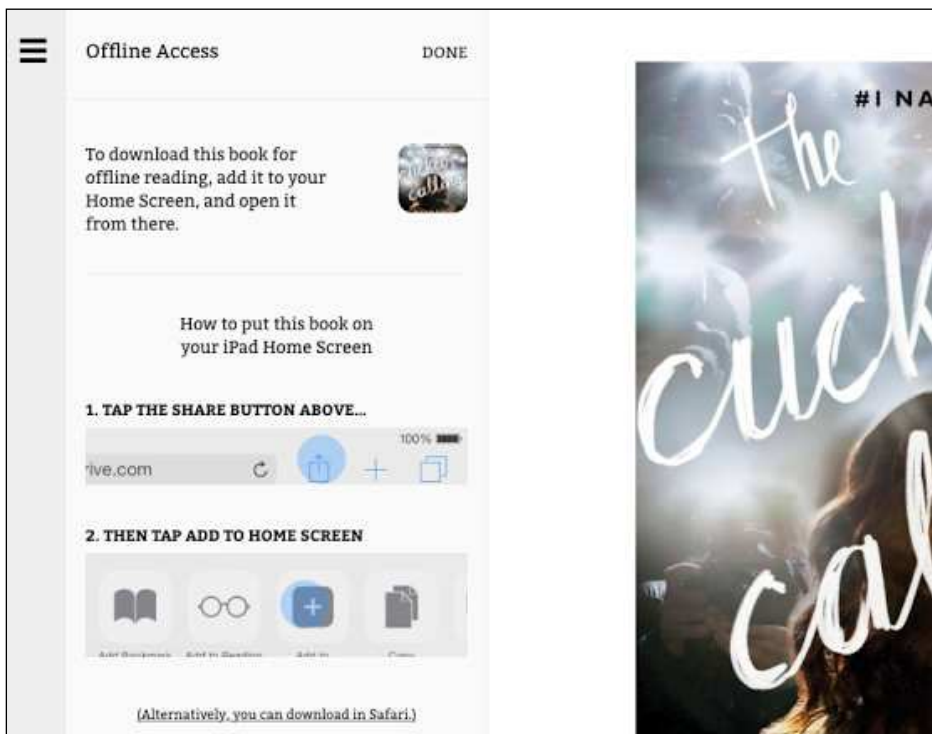
2. Read in Browser.

Once you borrow a book, click or tap the **Read** button next to the book on the Checkouts page.

Offline access

Once you have opened the book in the browser, you'll see more options, including one for offline access.

Learn more and see samples at http://readinfo.overdrive.com.

3. The free Kindle app.

Install the Kindle app from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

To read OverDrive books in the Kindle app, you'll need to register the Kindle app with your Amazon account. Next you'll treat your tablet as if it were a Kindle, and follow the instructions for putting an OverDrive book on a Kindle:

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