

Downloading eBooks from BRIDGES for Kindle Fire

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Before you start borrowing books from the library you will need the following items:

- A library card from the James Kennedy Public Library
- An email address
- An Amazon account
- Your device must be registered

1. Make sure your WiFi is connected
2. Open either the Safari app or the Google app and use it to go to the BRIDGES website:
<http://bridges.lib.overdrive.com>
 - a. Or you can link to the BRIDGES website from the library website Home page
www.dyersville.lib.ia.us
3. Click **Sign in**.
4. Select the name of the library, **James Kennedy Public Library**. Click **Sign in**.
5. Enter your library barcode number then touch **Log In** to finish logging on.
6. To locate a specific item or author, type the name of the author or the title of the book into the search box with the magnifying glass.
7. To browse for books, click on the **Menu** button (the icon is 3 parallel lines) to open the browsing menu then select **Collections** to see all the filters available. Select where you'd like to go from there to narrow down your results.
8. To narrow the results to only those books available to check out click on **Available Now** under Ebooks or Audiobooks (depending on what type of item you're looking for). This will re-sort the results so only those you can borrow immediately show up.
9. The icons listed under the title of each book cover tell you the type of item it is and if it is checked in or not.
 - a. If the icon is a book then that item is an eBook. If the icon is a pair of headphones then that item is an audiobook.
 - b. If under the eBook/Audiobook icon it says "Borrow" then the item is available to check out. If under the icon it says "Place a Hold" then the item is currently checked out but can be put on hold.
10. Click on the circle with the three dots inside that is on every book cover to get more information about that book, to find out if it is available to check out, and to find out what formats are available.

11. Click on **Borrow** to check out the book.
12. A box will appear at the top of the screen indicating your item has been checked out and directing you to the Loans page to download it or view it.
 - a. Click on **Loans** to go to the download page.
13. Next to the title you've just borrowed you will have two options for the format of your eBook.
 - a. Select the option you need for your eReader
 - i. Select **Download EPUB** if you are using Overdrive.
 - ii. Select **Read on Kindle** if you want to use your Kindle app.
 - b. If the Kindle option doesn't show up it means that item is not available in the Kindle format.
 - c. *Note: If you choose the wrong format you cannot undo this. You will have to download the book then return it or wait for the two week loan period to end.*
14. BRIDGES will automatically send you to Amazon.com. If you are already signed in you will be routed automatically to the download page. If you aren't already signed in to your Amazon account you will now be prompted to sign in.
15. Click on **Get Library book**. The device you are downloading to will show underneath if you are signed in to your Amazon account. Make sure this is correct if you have several devices using this account! No device will show if you are not logged on to your Amazon account.
16. You will get a message confirming you borrowed the book. The book will have downloaded into the Kindle app on your device.
 - a. You can close out of this screen once you get the confirmation message.
17. Open the Kindle app to finish downloading. The book should already be there.
 - a. If the book doesn't show up immediately click on **More** then select the **Sync** button on the menu on the bottom of the page.
18. Touch on the cover of the book to open it and start reading.
19. If you want to borrow another book, click back into the BRIDGES website and start over finding a book to borrow. If done, close out of the BRIDGES screen.
20. If using the Kindle App the searching, borrowing, and downloading of an eBook can be done from any computer. As soon as you turn on the WiFi on your tablet it should sync and receive the eBook you borrowed.

To return a book early:

1. Turn on the wireless on the device
2. Using either the Safari App or the Google App, log in to your Amazon account. (you will not be able to use the Amazon app for this--you must go to their website)
3. Click on **Accounts & Lists** from the toolbar at the top then click on **Your Content and Devices**
4. You will see a list of every item on your Kindle, purchased and borrowed.
5. Next to the item you want to return, click on the **Select** box so that a checkmark appears
6. Click on the **Actions** button next to the check-marked box to bring up the Actions menu
7. Click on **Return this Book**.
8. At the confirmation pop-up box click **Yes**.
9. You will see that next to the title of the book [Loan Ended] will appear or the title will disappear from the list.
10. The book will automatically return but the title will continue to appear in your Kindle Library within your Amazon account.