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A guide to eBooks



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Useful Terminology

- **eBook**

eBooks are electronic books that can be read digitally on a computer, laptop or other devices, such as an eReader or smartphone.

- **eBook Formats**

eBooks come in a variety of formats. Ashburton Public Library will offer encrypted 'ePub' and 'PDF' formats. epub is fast becoming the standard eBook format.

- **Device**

A device is a piece of electronic equipment which enables you to read an eBook. Some popular devices are laptops, desktop computers, iPhones, smartphones or dedicated eReaders (e.g. Kobo, Sony Reader).

- **What devices are suitable for reading eBooks?**

Any device that can read encrypted 'epub' or 'PDF' files is suitable for reading Library eBooks. Some devices may require separate software (application) to be installed in order to view or download Library eBooks.

- **DRM**

DRM stands for Digital Rights Management. Library eBooks are encrypted with DRM to protect from illegal copying and distribution.

- **Application**

An application is software that allows you to read DRM protected Library eBooks on your device. It's usually installed and configured once and can then be used with ease thereafter.

eReaders

There are essentially two flavours of eReader available on the market today:

- Dedicated eReaders (Kobo, Amazon Kindle etc.) built solely for reading eBooks
- Other devices (computers, smartphones etc.) that use software (applications) to read eBooks

Dedicated eReaders - make & model comparisons

Model	Approx. Cost	Wifi	Touch	Dictionary	Text-to-Speech	Adjustable Fonts	Formats
Sony PRS-T1	\$229	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	ePub, ePub (DRM), PDF
Sony PRS-T2	\$229	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	PDF TXT ePub, ePub (DRM) JPEG PNG GIF BMP
Kobo Touch	\$179	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	ePub, ePub (DRM), PDF
Kobo Arc 32GB	\$399	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	ePub, ePub

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BeBook Touch	\$210	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	ePub, ePub (DRM),
Model	Approx . Cost	Wifi	Touc h	Dictionary	Text-to-Speech	Adjustabl e Fonts	Format s
Dream book Colour W95	\$125	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	ePub, ePub (DRM), PDF
MiGear BSTE101	\$50	No	No	No	No	Yes	ePub, ePub (DRM), PDF
Kindle	\$219	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	AZW
Kobo Vox	\$199	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	ePub, ePub (DRM), PDF

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Dedicated eReaders - features to look for

Feature	Comment
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What other devices can I use as an eReader?

Device	Application / Software to Install
Desktops/ laptops (Windows / Mac OS X)	Adobe Digital Edition
iPhone, iPad and iPod touch	Bluefire Reader
Android Smartphone	txtr / Aldiko
Kobo Vox Android 2.2 or older	Overdrive

eReader Applications / Software

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Bluefire Reader

We recommend this application for eBook reading using Apple iPhone, iPad or iPod touch devices (requires iOS 3.0 or higher)

- Apple iTunes: Bluefire Reader - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/bluefire-reader/id394275498?mt=8>

Overdrive

We recommend this application for using the Kobo Vox (Android 2.2 or older)

- [Overdrive Media Console](http://www.overdrive.com/software/omc/) - <http://www.overdrive.com/software/omc/>

txtr

Helpful eReader application for your Android smartphone or tablet. Turn pages with gestures, adjust the font size or use the night mode in dark environments.

- [Android Market: txtr](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.txtr.android) - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.txtr.android>

Aldiko

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How can I read eBooks on my iPad, iPhone or iPod Touch?

If you have an iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch (iOS 3.0 or higher) you will need an application to view eBooks. We recommend Bluefire Reader.

How can I read eBooks on my Android Phone?

Two applications we can suggest for Android phones are OverDrive Media Console (Android 2.1 and below) and Bluefire Reader (Android 2.2 or up). We would recommend that you check with your provider or manufacturers website for suitable DRM encrypted ePub applications.

Why do I need an App to view eBooks on my eReader?

Although you may be able to download other eBooks, you may still need another application for library eBooks.

There are two types of eBooks you can download: protected and unprotected.

Protected eBooks have been encrypted to protect them from illegal copying and distribution. Titles you borrow from the library are protected with Digital Rights Management (DRM).

Do I need to download an App everytime I want to borrow an eBook?

No, once you have downloaded an app you need you will be setup to borrow eBooks whenever you want.

Can I read a library eBook on my Amazon Kindle?

No. The Kindle does not support the eBook formats available from the library.

Do I need to register for an Adobe ID to use Adobe Digital Editions?

Yes you will need an Adobe ID to read library eBooks. The eBooks you borrow from a library contain Digital Rights Management protection (DRM) to protect them from illegal copying and distribution.

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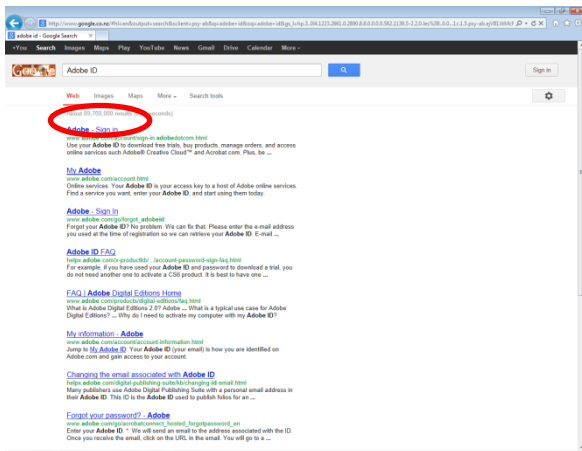
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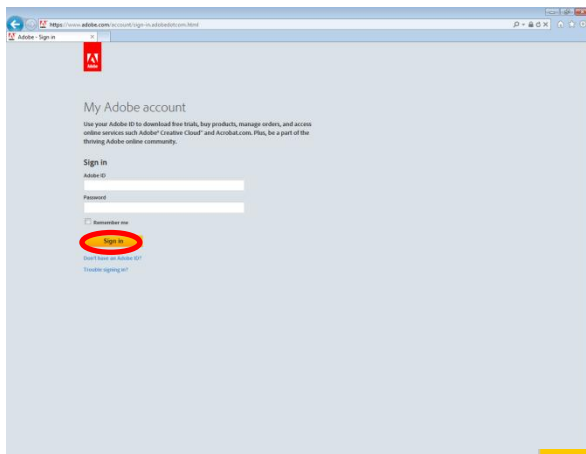
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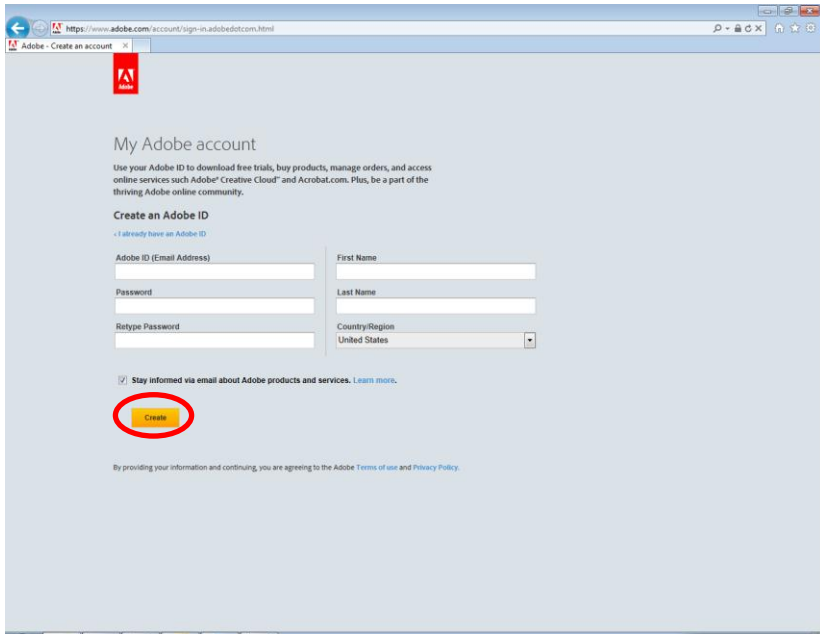


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OVERDRIVE

The screenshot shows the Overdrive website interface for the South Island Downloadable Zone. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Items in Basket: (0)', 'Sign In', and 'Font size' options. Below this is a banner image of a mountain range with the text 'South Island Downloadable Zone'. A search bar is present with the text 'Author, Subject' highlighted in a red circle. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Getting Started' with links for 'Help / FAQs' and 'Compatible Devices'; 'Browse Collections' for 'eBook Genres' and 'Audiobook Genres'; 'Featured Collections' with a list of categories like 'New eBooks', 'New Audiobooks', 'Most Popular', 'Recently Returned', 'All Subjects', 'All Audiobooks', and 'All eBooks'; 'New eBooks' featuring book covers for 'A Catered Murder', 'Aching For Mary Kay', 'Louder Words', and 'Man on the Run'; 'New Audiobooks' featuring covers for 'The Ballad of Tom Dooley', 'Mary Kay Andrews Spring Fever', and 'Murder in the Cathedral'; and 'Most Popular' with a 'View More...' link.

WHEELERS

The screenshot shows the Wheelers website interface for the Ashburton Public Library ebook lending facility. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'SEARCH: TITLE, KEYWORD, AUTHOR' and 'KEYWORD'. Below this is a navigation bar with 'Library', 'Shelf', and 'Help' options, and a 'Sign In' link. The main content area features a welcome message: 'Welcome to the Ashburton Public Library ebook lending facility'. Below this is a section for 'GETTING STARTED' and a 'Browse...' section with 'New Releases', 'Just Added', 'All Titles', 'Series', and 'Authors'. The 'Browse...' section also includes a 'Categories' list: 'Computing And Information Technology', 'Ebook Starter Packs', 'Economics, Finance, Business And Industry', 'Family, Home And Practical Interests'. The bottom of the page features a footer with the text 'You are now using Wheelers ePlatform - Copyright © 2013 Wheelers Books - All rights reserved. Ashburton Public Library | host: eShib | New Zealand Daylight Time - NZ | rendered in 0.1563 seconds' and the ePlatform logo.

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