

Using the Apple iPad as an eReader

The iPad works with a Wi-Fi connection. (3G models are available as well, but these cost at least \$130 more, plus the monthly data plan, and must go through AT&T's 3G network.) The easiest way to download titles is directly from you iPad via wi-fi, or to the Kindle Reading Cloud, but you can also download titles to your home computer and then transfer them to the iPad via USB connection.

You must first set up an Apple ID and Password with a credit card or gift card in order to proceed with downloading apps or eBooks. (You'll want to register your iPad as soon as you open the box, and this should prompt you to sign up for an Apple ID and Password.)

1. Register iPad and create an Apple ID and Password (you cannot download apps or eBooks without a valid Password and ID).
2. Register at Adobe Systems (<http://www.adobe.com>) and create an ID and Password.
3. Download free apps for Overdrive and Kindle before browsing for titles.
4. Go to <http://anytime.lib.overdrive.com> to browse for titles. You can also access the WA Anytime Library by going to the City of Mount Vernon website (<http://www.ci.mount-vernon.wa.us>) and choose Library from the Departments drop-down menu. Under the section "Featured Online Resources," click on the image "download audiobooks eBooks" – this will take you directly to the Washington Anytime Library homepage.
5. On the Washington Anytime Library homepage, click on Login and select Library from drop-down menu (Mount Vernon City Library). You will have to do this each time you access online books – but you can speed up the process by entering 98273 and choosing Mount Vernon City Library. Enter your library card # and pin # (the same one you use to access your account online – initially this is the last 4 digits of your telephone #, but you are able to change that at any time).
6. Select Browse to search for titles. A list of formats includes: Browse Kindle, Adobe EPUB, MP3 (audio), and Public Domain; you can also select Fiction or Non-Fiction.
7. Select a title.
8. Place a hold on title (most titles will need to be requested rather than immediately available for download since titles are shared by the consortium of libraries). You can place a maximum of five items on hold and you can check out a maximum of five titles at one time. A message will ask if you'd like to "Join the request list." Enter your email address for notification of the title's availability for download.

You will have three days from the date of receiving the email to download your title.

9. Continue browsing. For titles that are available for immediate download, you can add them to your cart and then continue browsing. **You have 30 minutes to check out before the titles disappear.** When you are ready to checkout, click on “Proceed to Checkout.” You will be asked to preview your titles and confirm them.
10. Choose Download. EPUB titles download directly to iPad and can be opened in the Overdrive app. **Adobe PDF titles cannot be downloaded on Apple devices.** If you select the “Get for Kindle” button, this takes you directly to the amazon.com page with the headline “Get Your Public Library Loan” and Title [Kindle edition].
11. For Kindle titles, choose “iPad” from the drop-down list of devices on the right, and then select “Get Library Book.” (You also have the option of downloading your title to the Kindle Cloud Reader instead of onto your iPad. A thank-you message will appear and tell you that you can access your title via the Kindle Cloud Reader app - add this to your home screen. In Kindle Cloud Reader, choose “Library” to view titles you’ve downloaded. You will be able to read titles even without a Wi-Fi connection.)
12. Open the Kindle app on your iPad and tap on the “Archived Items” button – this will take you to visual collection of any titles you have downloaded. Press on a title and it will download to your device. Then click on the “Home” button. Tap on your title to open it and begin reading. Within the title you can change the font size and color (white on a black background for night reading) and you can also turn on the page turning simulator for a more book-like reading experience. You can also bookmark and sync across other Kindle devices and a smartphone.
13. Titles automatically “return” after the 14-day lending period. You cannot renew items, but instead you can place a hold again on the title. To manually return or delete EPUB titles, go to the WA Anytime Library homepage and login, then choose “My Account” and choose “My Items Out.” Select a title and tap on the “Download Now” button. When an icon of the title appears, there will also be a mini calendar letting you know when the title expires. If you swipe across the book icon, a “Delete” button will appear on the right side of the screen. For Kindle Books, you need to go to the amazon.com page “Manage My Kindle” and choose your device. The checked out titles will appear and you can use the “Actions” button on the right to return items and delete them off your account. (You may want to leave the titles on your account page so you can keep track of books you’ve read, favorite authors, etc.) **NOTE: You can’t return or delete Kindle books through the Overdrive app.**