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If you are using a Kindle Paperwhite, or one of the older e-ink models, you will need access to a computer to search for and check out e-books for the Kindle. All Kindle e-books can be synced to your Kindle reader via Wi-Fi.

If you are using a Kindle Fire, please see the [Getting Started with Kindle Fire](#) instructions.

I. Find the Kindle book you want

Open a web browser and navigate to the library's catalog: catalog.spl.org. You can search for e-books in a two different ways.

A. To search for a specific title

The screenshot shows the Seattle Public Library catalog search results for the keyword "1984". The search bar at the top contains "1984" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs: Home, My SPL, Explore, Downloads, Research, Locations, Library Card, and Get. The search results show "Keyword search results for... 1984" and "Found 128 items". On the left, there is a "Format" filter section with "Books" selected and "eBook (128)" checked. A callout box on the right explains step 1: "1. Use a keyword or title search to find a specific title. Click Search or hit Enter on your keyboard". A callout box at the bottom explains step 2: "2. Next, limit your search results to eBooks by clicking on Books and then checking the box next to eBook". A note box on the right says: "NOTE: To limit search results by What's available now or by Kindle format, see: Limit by format and available now in OverDrive".



B. To browse for all eBooks:

Find books, music, movies, and more.

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Keyword

a. Type eBooks in the search box

Home My SPL Explore Downloads Research Locations Library Card Get Help

Smart search results for... **ebooks**

Print Sort by date acquired

Found 85,821 items

b. Limit your search results by Content: for instance, Fiction or Non-Fiction

Resolution Recommending That the House of Representatives Find Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply

II. Checkout & Download (Or Place a Hold)

1. After you find an item you are interested in, click on the **Check Availability** link to see if it is available.

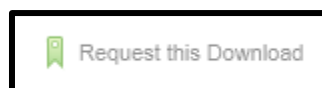
1984
By Orwell, George
(eBook - 2002)
EBOOK FIC ORWELL 2002

Not Currently Available. 2 holds on 2 Copies.

OR

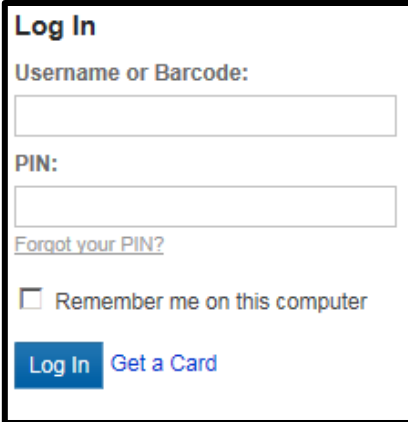
1 of 2 Copies available.

2. Click on **Request this Download**



3. If you are not already logged into your account, you will be prompted to do so.

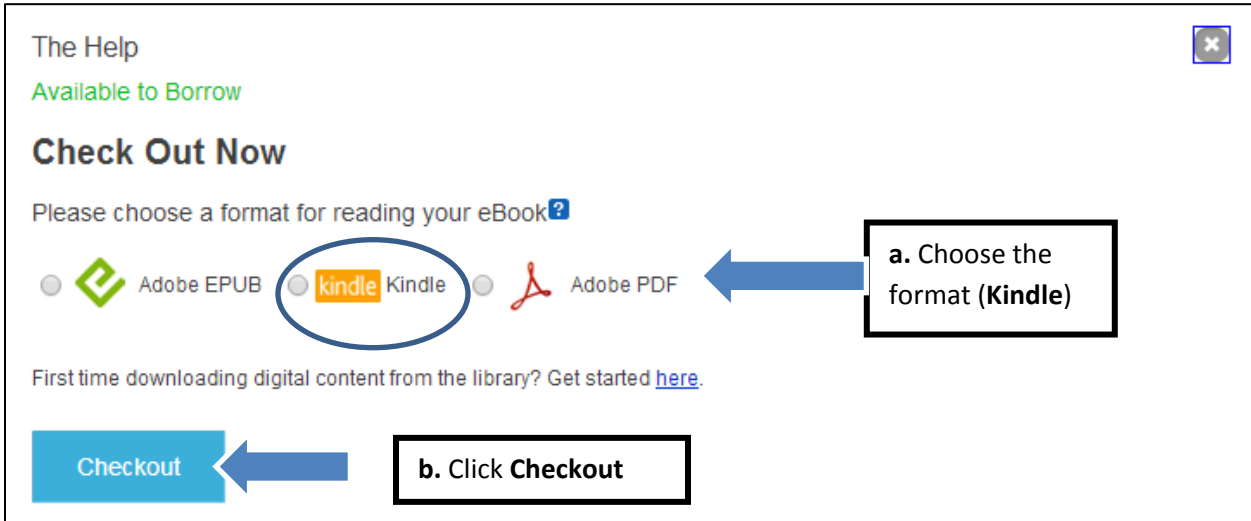
4. After logging in, you may have to click on **Request this Download** again



If you need to **Place a Hold** you will see this screen:



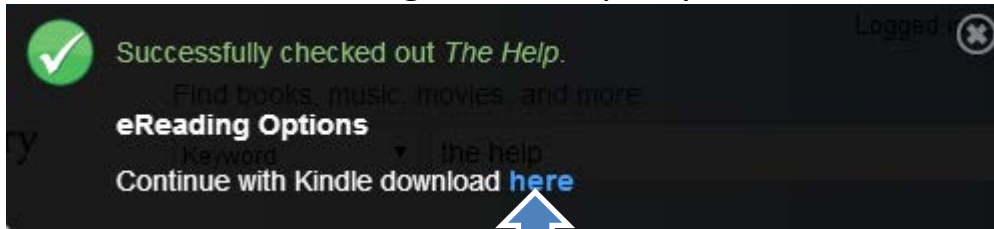
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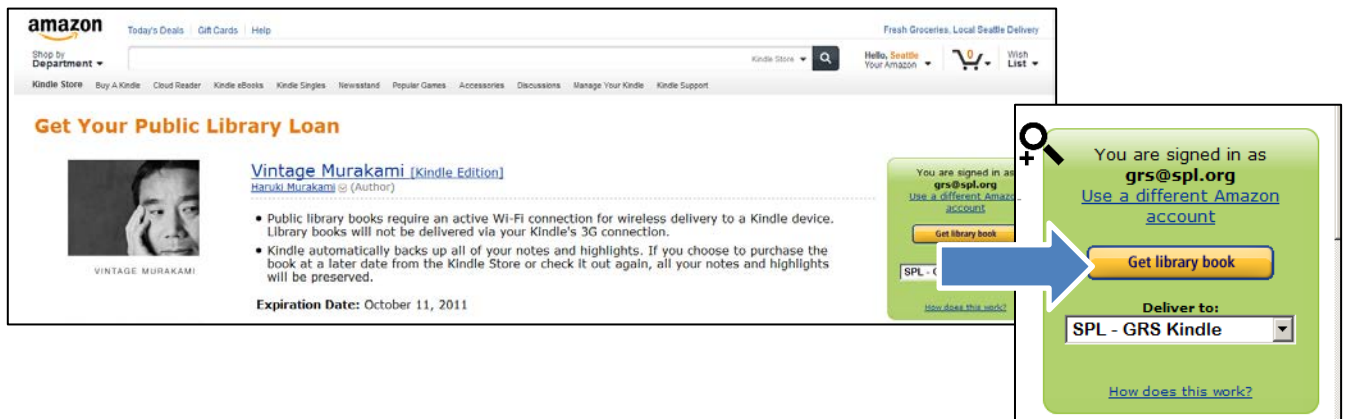
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You will see this message at the top of your screen:

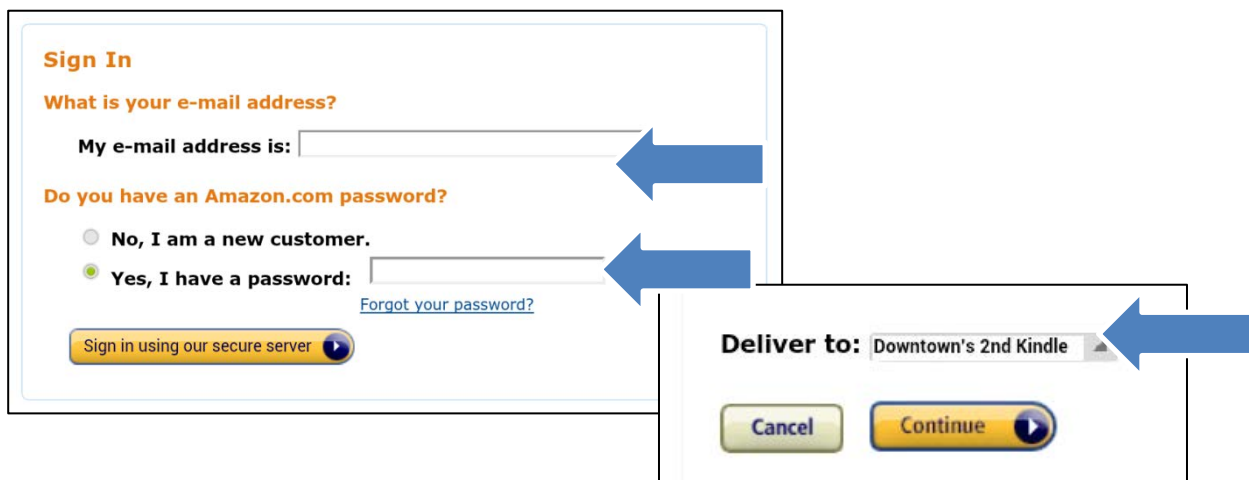


c. Click on Continue with Kindle download here.

5. This will take you to Amazon.com. Click **Get Library book**.



6. Sign into your Amazon.com account, and then choose your device.

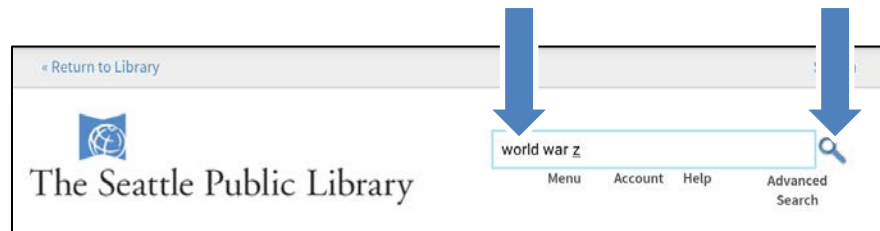


7. The book will sync automatically with your Kindle via Wi-Fi.

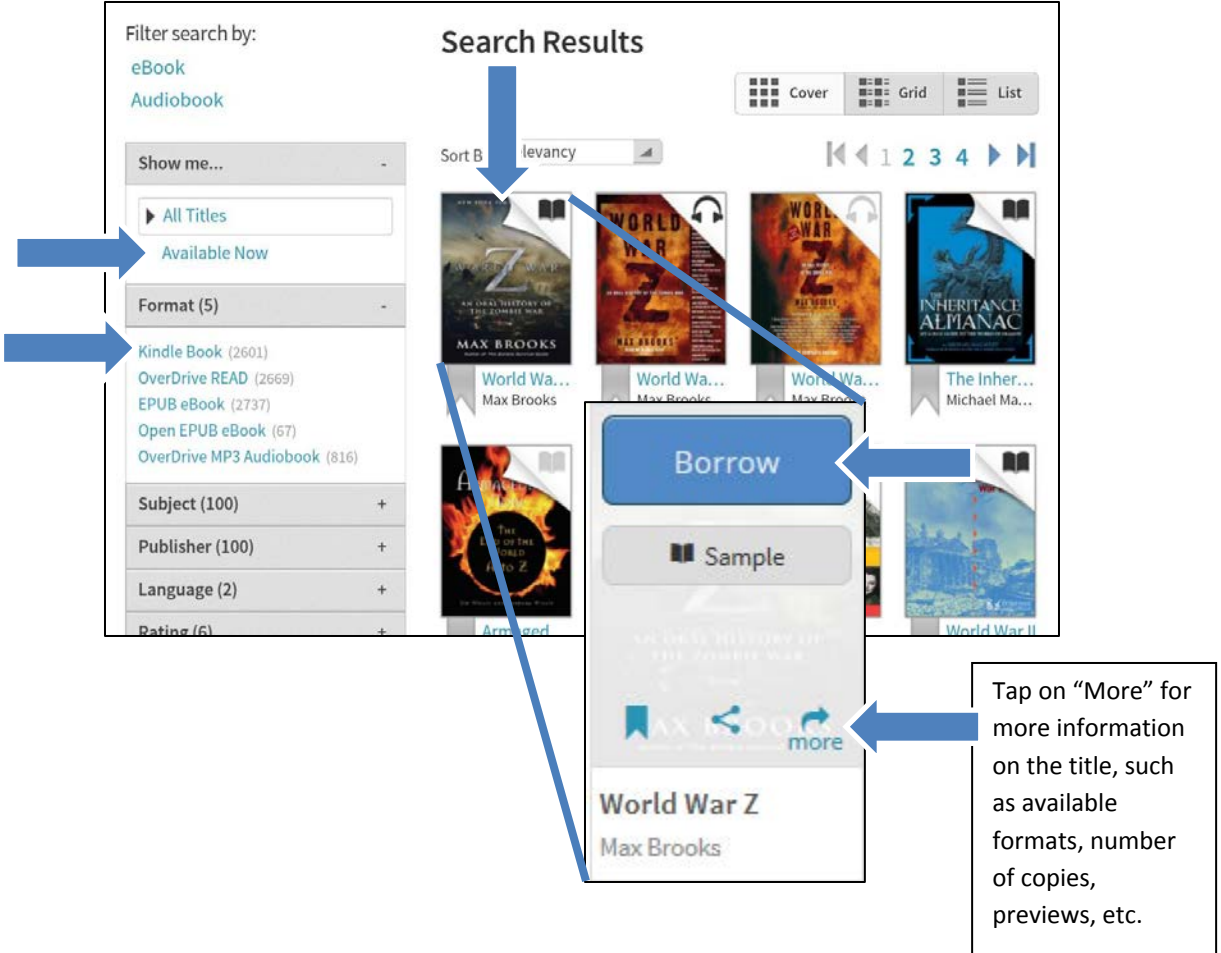
Limit by format and available now in Overdrive

1. Open up a web browser and go to the library's OverDrive-specific catalog:
<http://spl.lib.overdrive.com/>

2. Click in the **search box** to search by author or title.



3. When you get a list of search results, you can limit by **Available Now** and by **Format**, such as Kindle. When you find an item you want, just click on the **book cover**



Filter search by:

eBook
Audiobook

Show me... -

► All Titles

Available Now

Format (5) -

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OverDrive READ (2669)

EPUB eBook (2737)

Open EPUB eBook (67)

OverDrive MP3 Audiobook (816)

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Publisher (100) +

Language (2) +

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World War Z
Max Brooks

Tap on "More" for more information on the title, such as available formats, number of copies, previews, etc.



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Enable Automatic Checkout

When you enable automatic checkouts, any e-books you have on hold will be automatically checked out to you when they are available. If you do not enable automatic checkouts, you will have 4 days to checkout a hold before you lose it.

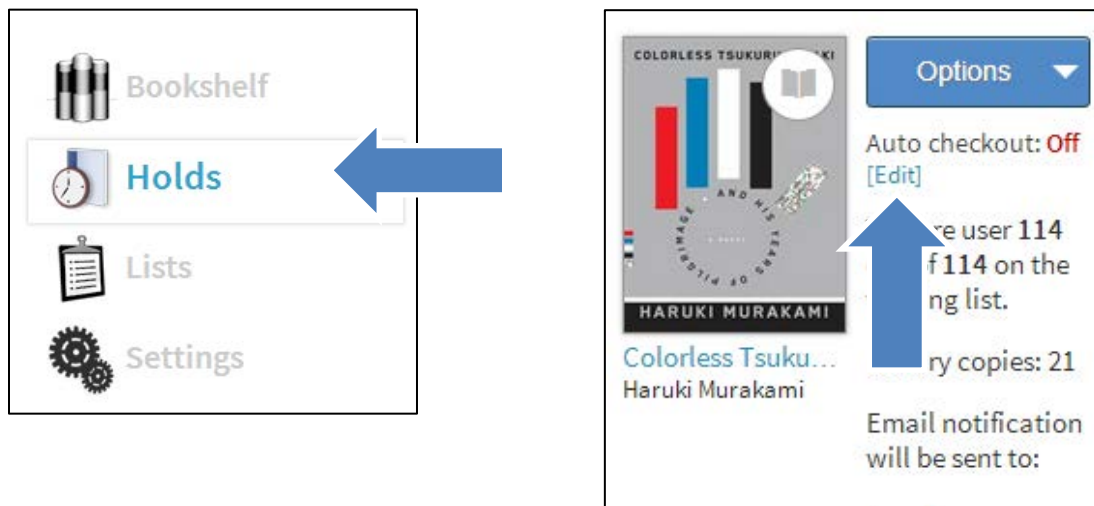
1. Open up a web browser and go to the library's OverDrive-specific catalog:

<http://spl.lib.overdrive.com/>

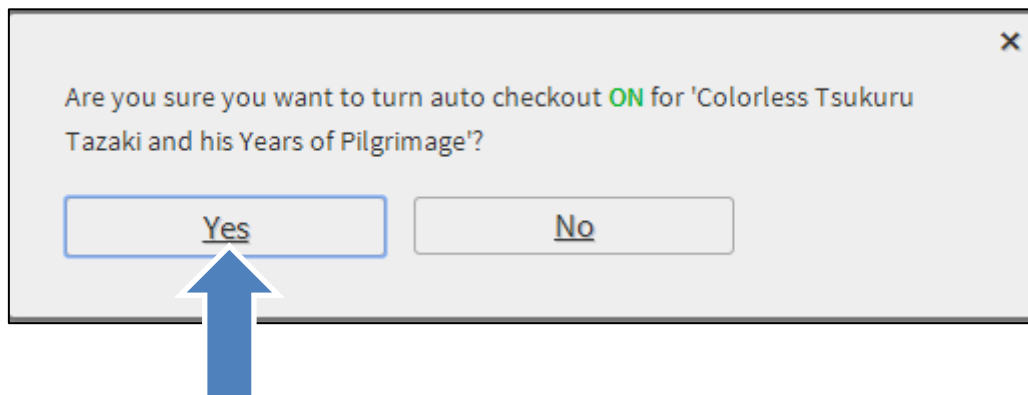


2. Log into your account

3. Navigate to your holds, and next to any item, beneath Auto Check out, click on **[Edit]**



4. Click on **Yes** to turn on the Auto Checkout feature





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Suspend a Hold

After placing an item on hold, you can choose to **Suspend** it for up to 90 days. You will continue to move up the hold queue, but you will not be asked to download the item until you activate your hold.

Click on **Options**, then on **Suspend Hold**

Start reading instantly in your browser with OverDrive Read

« Return to Library English Sign Out

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Holds

Below is a list of titles you have on hold. When a title becomes available to borrow, you will receive an email notification.

The Goldfinch
Donna Tartt

Library copies: 165

Email notification will be sent to:

- Options
- Edit email address
- Suspend hold
- Auto checkout
- Remove hold

Bookshelf

Holds

Lists

Settings

My Account:	
Checkout limit:	25
Titles checked out:	2
Checkouts remaining:	23
Hold limit:	25
Titles on hold:	1

Next choose a **Time frame**

Start reading instantly in your browser with OverDrive Read

Return to Library English

Suspend Hold

Title: The Goldfinch

Author: Donna Tartt

Suspend hold for:

- 7 days
- 14 days
- 21 days
- 28 days
- 60 days
- 90 days



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Checkout and Download (or Place a Hold) in OverDrive

1. When an item is available, it will say **Borrow**. (It will otherwise say **Place a hold**.) Click on **Borrow**. [NOTE: **Available formats** are displayed as well as how many **Copies** there are.]

« Return to Library Sign In

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World War Z
An Oral History of the Zombie War
by Max Brooks

Borrow

★★★★☆
Sign in & rate this title.

"The end was near." –Voices from the Zombie War
The Zombie War came unthinkable close to eradicating humanity. Max Brooks, driven by the urgency of preserving the acid-etched first-hand experiences of...

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[Add to Wish List](#)

Available formats -	
Kindle Book	
OverDrive READ	
Adobe EPUB eBook	
Subjects -	
Fiction	
Horror	
Literature	
Copies -	
Available:	1
Library ...	36

2. If you are not already logged into your account, you will be asked to enter your **Library card number** and **PIN**. Check the **Remember my login information on this device**, if you want your computer to remember your card number.

Access to this site is limited to library patrons only.

[For assistance with your library card or PIN, please contact the Library.](#)

Enter your Library card number and PIN to sign in.

Library card number

PIN

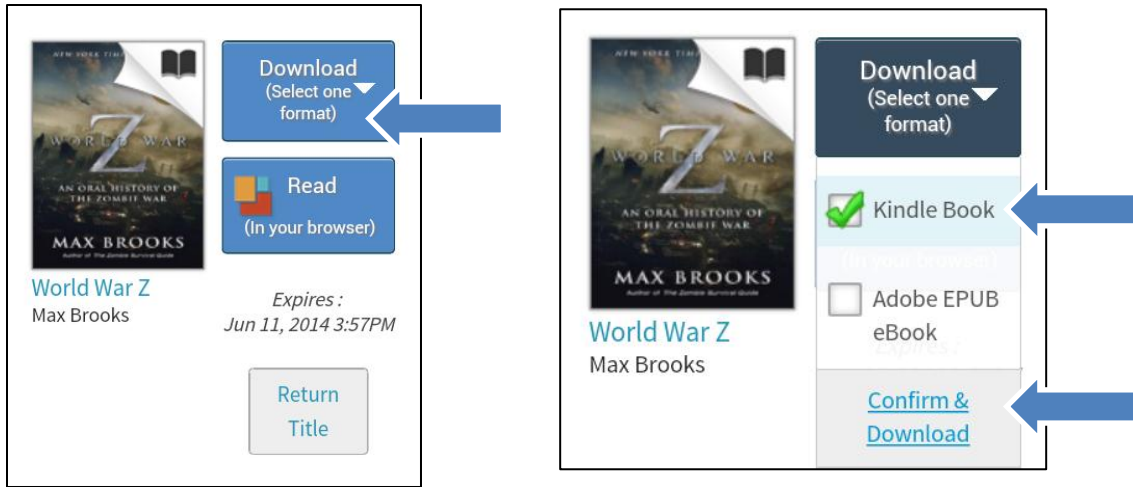
Remember my login information on this device.

OverDrive
Media Console™
Get the App



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3. Click on the **Download (Select one format)**. Then, select **Kindle Book**, and then **Confirm & Download**



4. You will be taken to your Amazon.com account . Click on **Get Library Book**.



5. Sign into your **Amazon.com account**, and then choose your device.



6. The book will sync automatically with your Kindle via Wi-Fi.



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Check out a hold

1. When a hold is ready for you to check out, you will see an email like this one.

Click on the link to the library's main catalog to download your hold.

Dear Seattle Public Library user,

The following title is now available to borrow and will be held for you for 5 days (120 hours) from the time this email was sent:

Sharp Objects: A Novel
by Gillian Flynn
eBook

Please visit the Seattle Public Library website <http://spl.lib.overdrive.com>, and once signed in, select the 'Account' link, and then 'Holds.' From there, you can borrow the title.

If you do not borrow this title within 5 days (120 hours), the hold will expire.

To checkout and download directly from the Seattle Public Library catalog:

1. Visit <http://seattle.bibliocommons.com/holds/index/active>
2. Find the item in your Holds list and click "Available for checkout" to download it.
3. Select file format and then checkout.

Notes:

- Holds expire 5 days (120 hours) from the time this email was sent. Complete checkout as

2. Log In if you have not already logged in.

Log In

Username or Barcode:

PIN:

[Forgot your PIN?](#)

Remember me on this computer

Log In Get a Card

Holds ?

Active (24) Suspended (0) Expired (1) Cancelled (0)

select: [All on Page](#), [None](#) 22/25 digital holds remaining

View: All Physical **Digital**

[Cancel](#) [Suspend](#) Print [Sort by hold position](#)

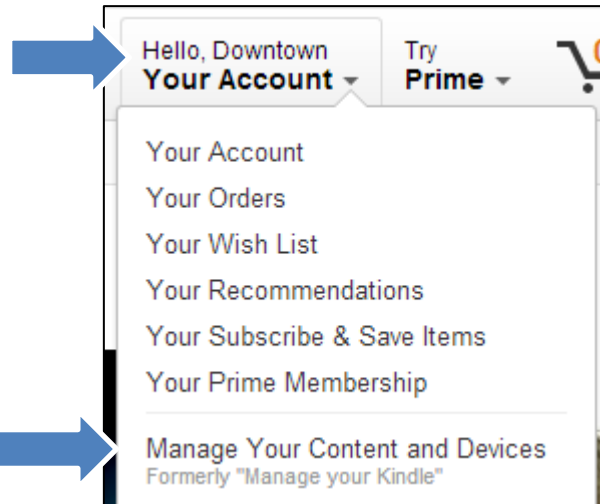
<input type="checkbox"/>		The Confession By Grisham, John (eBook - 2010)	Status: Ready for pickup	Available for checkout
<input type="checkbox"/>		Inheritance By Paolini, Christopher (eBook - 2011)	Status: Ready for pickup	Available for checkout

3. Click on the **Digital** tab to limit your holds to only downloadable items

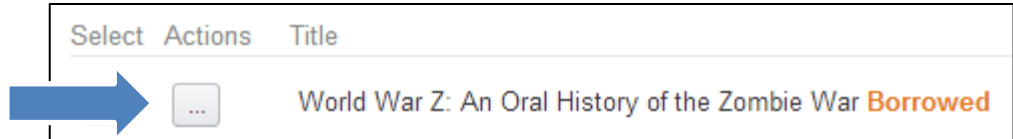
4. Click on **Available for checkout** to begin the checkout process

Re-Downloading checked out items

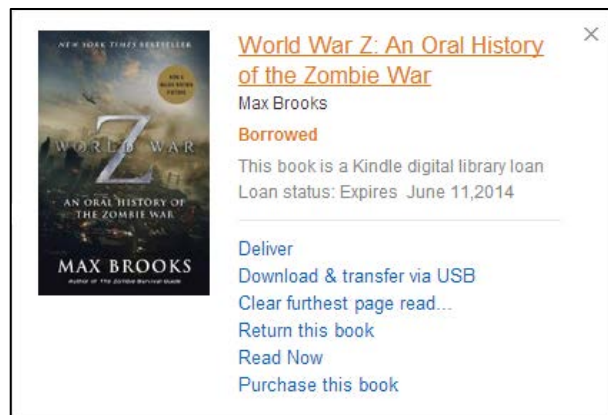
1. Go to Amazon.com and log in.
2. Click on **Your Account**
3. Click on **Manage Your Content and Devices**



4. Next to the title you want to re-download, click the **Actions...** button



5. Click on **Deliver**



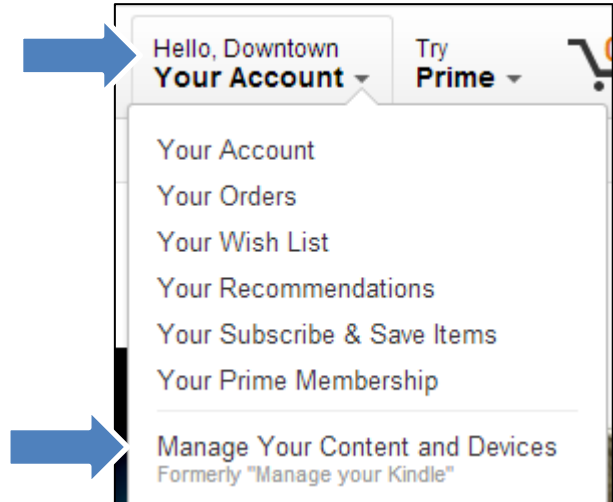
6. Select your device and then click **Deliver**.



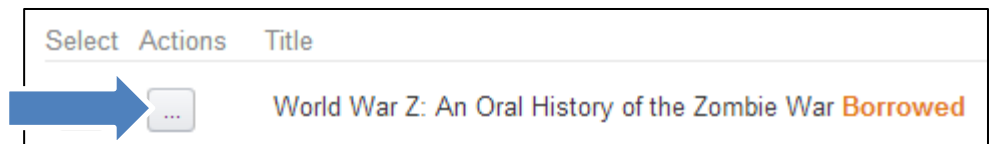
Return items early

At the end of your checkout period, all items will return automatically, however Kindle Books can be returned early. To do this:

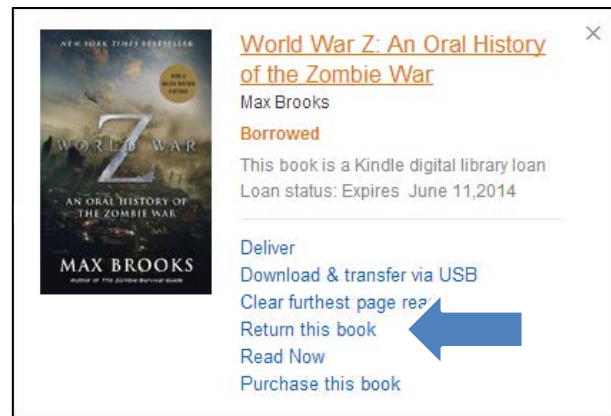
1. Go to Amazon.com and log in.
2. Tap on **Your Account**
3. Tap on **Manage Your Content and Devices**



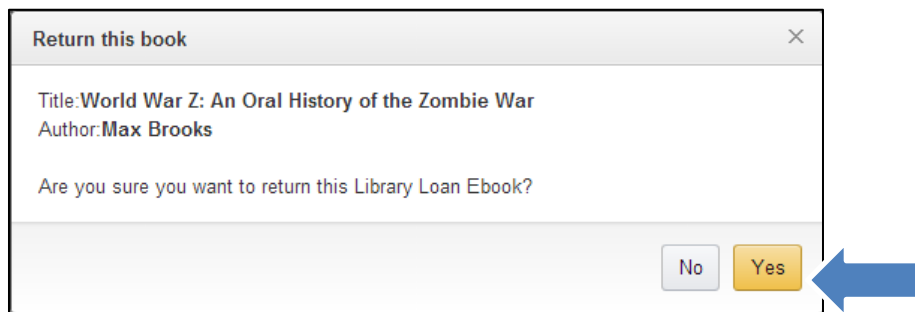
4. Next to the title you want to return, tap the **Actions...** button



5. Tap on **Return this book**



6. Tap **Yes** to confirm that you want to return the title early.



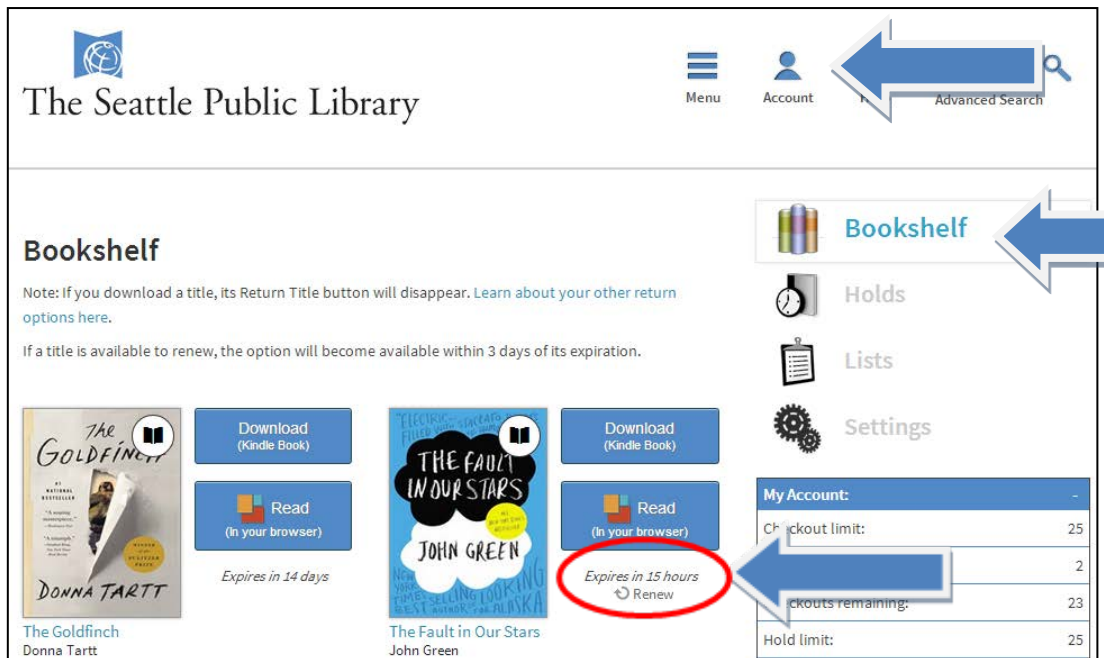
Renew an eBook

You can only renew an eBook in the library's dedicated OverDrive site:

<http://spl.lib.overdrive.com/>

Sign into your **Account**, and then navigate to your **Bookshelf**. A **renew** button will appear three days before an eBook is set to expire. Click on the **renew** button.

If there are holds on the item to be renewed, you will be placed at the bottom of the hold queue. If there are no hold on the item, when the item expires, you will be invited to re-download the eBook



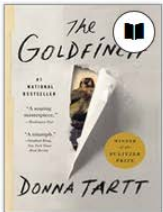
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Menu Account **Advanced Search**

Bookshelf

Note: If you download a title, its Return Title button will disappear. [Learn about your other return options here.](#)

If a title is available to renew, the option will become available within 3 days of its expiration.

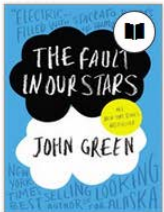


Download (Kindle Book)

Read (in your browser)

Expires in 14 days

The Goldfinch
Donna Tartt



Download (Kindle Book)

Read (in your browser)

Expires in 15 hours
Renew

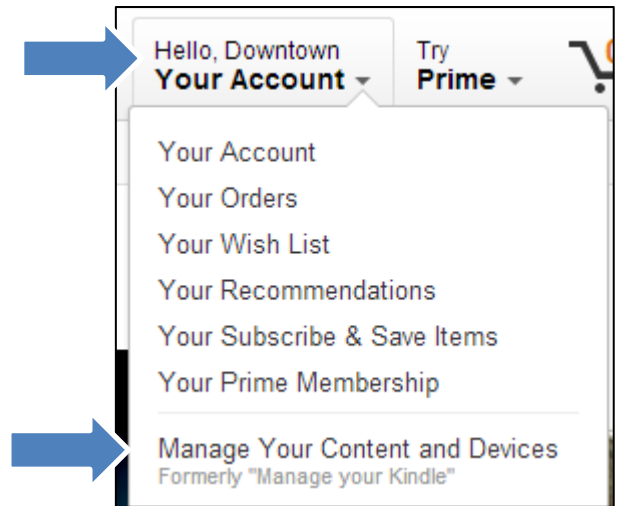
The Fault in Our Stars
John Green

- Bookshelf**
- Holds
- Lists
- Settings

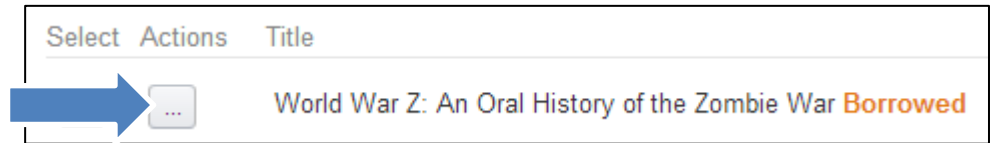
My Account:	
Checkout limit:	25
Checkouts remaining:	2
Hold limit:	23
Hold limit:	25

Send an e-book to the Kindle App

1. [Download the Kindle App](#) to your device or computer
2. Go to Amazon.com and log in.
3. Click on **Your Account**
4. Click on **Manage Your Content and Devices**

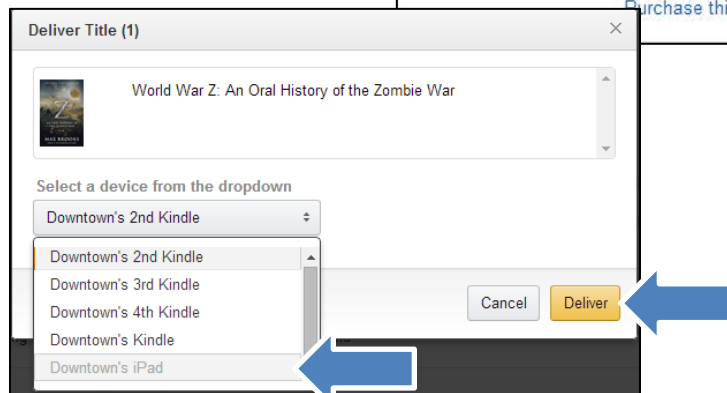


5. Next to the title you want to return, Click on the **Actions...** button



6. Click on **Deliver**

7. Click on the **App name** and then click



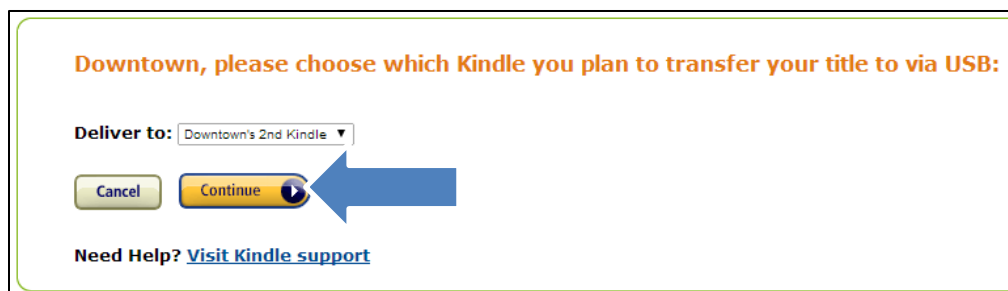
Send to Kindle via USB

If your Kindle is not able to connect to Wi-Fi, you will need to download the book to your computer and then transfer it to the Kindle via a USB connection

1. Plug your Kindle into your computer using its USB cord. After checking out an e-book, clicking download, and logging into your Amazon.com account, choose **Transfer via Computer**

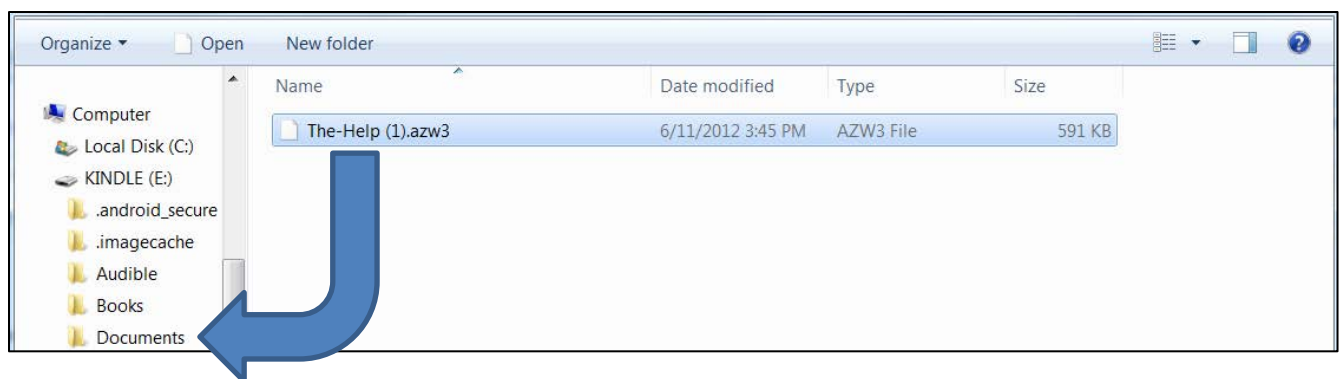


Choose the Kindle you will be sending the book to, and click **Continue**



2. Choose **Save File**, and then click **OK**. This will save your Kindle Edition to the default downloads location.

3. **Open** a Windows Explorer or Mac Finder window, navigate to your default downloads location and **Drag and Drop** the .AZW file into the **Documents** folder on the Kindle.



4. **Eject** your Kindle from your computer.
5. The book is now available on your Kindle!



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Frequently Asked Questions

Why can't I log into my account?

Please contact us directly to look into your account:

<https://www.spl.org/using-the-library/get-help/ask-a-librarian>



Why is my Kindle book not on my Kindle after syncing?

Library Kindle books download directly to your Kindle via Wi-Fi. Check your settings to make sure you are connected to a Wi-Fi network and attempt to sync again. If that still does not work, try shutting down your device and rebooting.

After selecting "Get for Kindle" I don't see the "Get Library Book" link. Where is the "Get Library Book" link on Amazon.com?

Log into your Amazon.com account. Next, navigate back to your library account and hit the download button again. If that does not work, follow the above instructions to [Send to another device](#).

After clicking on the download button I got a page that says "Looking for something? We're sorry. The Web address you entered is not a functioning page on our site" or "404 – Document cannot be found."

The e-book file is missing on Amazon.com's site. Please notify **OverDrive Front Line Tech Support** so they can notify Amazon.com:

<http://frontline.overdrive.com/?Lib=Seattle%20Public%20Library>

All other errors please contact OverDrive Front Line Tech Support:

<http://frontline.overdrive.com/?Lib=Seattle%20Public%20Library>

