

# Kindles @ AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY

## What is an eBook?

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## What you need to get started:



**Library Card/PIN + Computer/Internet + Kindle**

Go to the library's home page: [www.aurorapubliclibrary.org](http://www.aurorapubliclibrary.org)

Click on Downloadables (top of the homepage) and select My Media Mall (MMM) from the pull down menu.

## Step 1: Log in to MyMediaMall

First things first - you need to log in to MMM. Logging in will allow you to check out items and when searching make more titles available to view.

Click on "My Account" from the top menu bar.

Select "Aurora Public Library" from the Library drop down menu.

Enter your library card number and four digit PIN in the appropriate text boxes.



## Formats

MMM offers one eBook format that is compatible with the Kindle: the Kindle Book.



Kindle Book—this format is only compatible with the Kindle.

Please note that there are other eBook formats, ePub and PDF, which are NOT compatible with the Kindle.

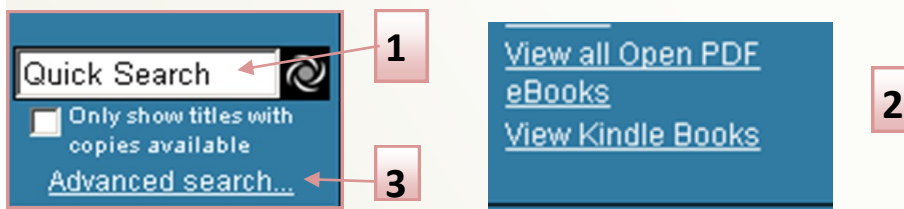
## Step 3: Search for Kindle eBooks

MMM provides various options to search for titles.

Type a book title or keywords into the search box in the top left corner and then click the search button.

2. Click on the link in left column to see a ready-made list of eBooks.

Click "Advanced" to customize or fine tune your search.



### Step 3 continued: Search for Kindle eBooks

There is another option to search for Kindle eBooks: use the Kindle eBooks icon (pictured to the right). It is located on the left hand side of the MMM home page. By clicking on this icon you can view all the Kindle eBooks offered.

To only search eBooks that are available to check out, select the box, "Only show titles with copies available," which is located below the "Search within results" text box.



### Step 4: Checking out/Reserving an eBook

Once you find the Kindle title you want to check out:

Click "Add to Cart" (on the right hand side below the title's Average Rating and Summary)

Click "Proceed to Checkout." Note: once you add a title to your cart, it will remain there for 30 minutes before it is automatically removed.

Click "Confirm Checkout."

Click "Get Kindle Book" (directly below the book cover). You will automatically be taken to Amazon.com.

Enter your Amazon.com account information.

Select "Actions" and then "Deliver to.."

Select the device you want your eBook sent to.

If the book is unavailable, click "place a hold" to reserve the title. Simply enter your email address and MMM will email you when it becomes available to check out. You will have three days to check out the item.

## Step 5: Syncing your Kindle

In order for you to receive your eBook you need to “sync” your device.

Using your Kindle, press “Home.”

Then press “Menu.”

From the menu display, select “Sync & Check for items.”

Allow a moment or two for the eBook to appear in your Bookshelf.

### Troubleshooting:

*The library’s website does not display properly on my Kindle* - Keep in mind that the Kindle was not made for surfing the internet (the Kindle Fire was). If you are unable to view the library’s website from your Kindle device, you can use a PC for steps 1-4 and then use your Kindle device for step 5.

*The title does not appear on my Kindle* - Make sure you have an active Wi-Fi connection to receive the eBook. Library eBooks are not delivered via the 3G connection.

*The Wi-Fi connection is not working* - If you cannot connect to Wi-Fi, you can also transfer eBooks from your PC to Kindle via the USB cord.

### Tips: Returning eBooks early

Log in to your Amazon account and choose the “Manage Your Devices” option.

Select the “Actions” button next to the book you want to return.

From the menu, select “Return this Book” and then click “Yes.”

The title will still appear in your Kindle Library list. To remove the item, click “Actions” again and then select “Delete from Library.”

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