Libby & OverDrive 101
for Middle School Students

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Libby vs. OverDrive

What’s the Difference?

- OverDrive and Libby are both apps used for borrowing eBooks (and other digital content) from your library.
- Libby is the newest version, and OverDrive will (eventually) be phased out of use, though for now it’s still available.
- Libby is a bit more user-friendly and enables users to add multiple cards on the same account.

For instance, if you have a Delaware County District Library (DCDL) card and a Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) card, you can save both in Libby and have access to both DCDL’s Ohio Digital Library (ODL) AND CML’s Digital Downloads Collaboration (DDC).
Availability

Why is there a wait list for some titles?

- Due to copyright law and publishing practices, digital borrowing (usually, but not always) works just like physical borrowing: the library owns a certain number of copies of a title, so if all ODL copies are checked out, you might have to join a wait list for that title.

- Different library systems have different digital collections, which means a title that’s checked out in the Digital Downloads Collaboration (CML’s collection) might be available in the Ohio Digital Library (DCDL’s collection)-- and vice versa!

- Now, there are some exceptions to the rule. Lucky Day copies, for example, are popular titles that are available for a 7-day checkout with no renewals, similar to DCDL’s Boomerangs.
Using the Ohio Digital Library

How do I access the ODL?

- To get started, go to our website: www.delawarelibrary.org and click “Digital Collections.”
Using the Ohio Digital Library

How do I access the ODL?

● Scroll down and click the button that says Ohio Digital Library.
Using the Ohio Digital Library

How do I log in?

- Select “Sign in” to the right of the screen.

FEATURED TITLE

Pretty Girls

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How do I log in?

- Select Delaware County District Library
- Enter your DCDL card number
- Enter your DCDL PIN
- If you haven’t set your own PIN with us, it is the last 4 digits of the phone number associated with your card.
Using the Ohio Digital Library

How do I find books?

- Once you’ve logged in, you can search and browse-- much like you would in DCDL’s catalog.

- To browse for available titles that are of interest to middle school students, continue to the next slide!
Using the Ohio Digital Library

How do I browse for middle school books?

- Click “Subjects” on the left.

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How do I browse for middle school books?

- Scroll past Fiction, Nonfiction, Juvenile Fiction, and Juvenile Nonfiction to the Young Adult Fiction section and select Young Adult Fiction. (The numbers to the left of each category represent the number of titles within that category.)
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How do I browse for middle school books?

- To the left of the screen you can narrow down your search.
- Under Availability, select “Available Now.”
- Under Language, select “English” (or whichever language you want to browse).
- Under Interest Levels, select “Middle Grades (4-8).”
- If you want to browse eBooks only (to exclude eAudiobooks), under Ebooks, select “OverDrive Read.”
- If you want to browse eAudiobooks only (to exclude eBooks), under Audiobooks, select “OverDrive Listen audiobook.”
How do I browse for middle school books?

- The results will automatically be sorted by date added, but you can also sort by overall popularity, relevance, release date, title, author, or popularity within DCDL.
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How do I borrow a title?

- To borrow a title, click “BORROW” under the book you’d like to check out.
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How do I borrow a title?

- Click “BORROW” again
Using the Ohio Digital Library

How do I borrow a title?

- Ta-da! Now you can download the title onto your Kindle, read it right away in your internet browser, or download it as an ePub (for non-Kindle eReaders).
Using the Ohio Digital Library

How do I return a title?

- To return a title, select the icon that looks like three little books to the right; this will take you to your bookshelf.
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How do I return a title?

- Below the title you’d like to return, click “Return”
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How do I return a title?

- Select “RETURN TITLE” to return the item. It will no longer be accessible on your device(s) until you check it out again.

- With a DCDL library card, you can borrow up to 10 ODL titles at once and place up to 10 ODL items on hold.

- As soon as you return a title, you may check out another.