

## ACCESSING OVERDRIVE

As a member of CW MARS, all Lancaster residents with a Library membership from any network library can access the Overdrive collections of books, audio, and movies.

OverDrive is the leading digital reading platform for libraries and schools worldwide. It has one of the most extensive catalog of ebooks, audiobooks, and other digital media that can be accessed for *free* on most Apple, Android, Kindle, Kindle Fire, or Windows computers or devices.

Overdrive is different from hoopla in that it behaves similarly to an actual brick and mortar Library. This means a title may not be available if another cardholder is already borrowing it. In these cases, users can place a hold on the title, and the user will receive an email when it is available.

### Requirements.

1. Users must have a CW MARS card issued by any Library in CW MARS. Don't have a library card? You can still use Overdrive and register for an account with any smartphone.
2. Have access to the internet.
3. Have an Apple, Android, Kindle, Kindle Fire, or Windows computer or device.

### How can I begin using Overdrive?

1. If you *already have* a library card issued by a CW MARS member library.
  - i. Go to the Thayer Memorial Library's [website](#).
  - ii. Find the "OverDrive" logo near the bottom and click on it.
  - iii. Should a screen pop up that says, "No library card? No problem," and you already have a library card" click the purple box below it saying, "Already have a card Sign in."

If you do not have a Library membership in any CW MARS library, skip to number 2 in these directions.

- iv. On the left, you should see in big black letter “Welcome!” Under this is a drop-down list “Select Library.” Select CW MARS Patrons.”
- v. Enter your library card number in the gray box “Library Card.”
- vi. Enter your PIN in the gray box “PIN/Password.”

If you do not know your PIN, it is generally the last 4 [four] digits of the telephone number listed in your membership account.

If you have forgotten your PIN, please email me, and I’ll see if I can help you.

Note, Overdrive does not require that you read their [Terms and Conditions](#) and [Privacy Policy](#) to register an account. You probably should read them before using this product.

- vii. You’re all set. Proceed to “To download an app.”
2. If you *do not have* a library card issued by a CW MARS member library.
    - i. Go to the Thayer Memorial Library’s [website](#).
    - ii. Find the “OverDrive” logo near the bottom and click on it.
    - iii. Should a screen pop up that says, “No library card? No problem” click the white box that says “Sign up for an instant digital card.”
    - iv. On the left, you should see in big black letter, “No library card? No problem”. Under this, enter your mobile number in the box below.

Click “Send verification code.”

- v. On the left, you should see in big black letter “Verify your mobile number.” Enter your 6 [six] digit verification number in the gray boxes.
- vi. Enter your First and Last names and read [OverDrive's Terms and Conditions](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).
- vii. Click Continue.
- viii. You’re all set. Proceed to “To download an app.”

### **To download the Libby app.**

### **Don’t ask me why Overdrive chose the name, Libby.**

1. If you have an Apple device, click [here](#) to download the app.
2. If you have an Android device, click [here](#) to download the app.
3. If you have a Windows computer or device, click [here](#) to download the app.
4. If you have a Kindle, Kindle Fire, or use the Kindle app on another device, you may be directed to use your Kindle or Kindle app when using Libby. This should only happen when the materials you are borrowing are provided directly through Amazon.
5. For assistance with Nooks, click [here](#).

Do you have any questions? Please do not call the Library but rather contact me by following this [link](#).

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