ACCESSING OVERDRIVE

All Lancaster residents with a library membership from any CW MARS network library can access the *OverDrive* collections of books, audiobooks, and movies.

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

OverDrive is different from **hoopla** -another digital media platform the Library offers- 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. Not sure if you have a CW MARS library card? The list of member libraries can be found here.
- 2. Have internet access.
- 3. Have a Windows, Apple, Android, Amazon, or Roku compatible device.

How can I start using OverDrive?

- 1. If you wish to apply for library membership or want to renew your membership, follow this <u>link</u>.
- 2. If you *already have* a library membership issued by any CW MARS member library:
 - a. Go to Thayer Memorial Library's website.
 - b. Find the "Digital Resources" card located under the slider, and click on "Details."
 - c. Find the "Overdrive" logo and click on it.

- d. In the top right corner, there will be a purple button to "Sign in."
- e. On the left, you will see in big black letters, "Welcome!" Under this is a drop-down list "Select Library." Select "CW MARS Patrons."
- f. Enter your library card number in the gray box "Library Card." If you do not have a Library membership in any CW MARS library, skip to step 3 in these directions.
- g. Enter your PIN in the gray box "PIN/Password."
 - i. If you do not know your PIN, it is generally the last 4 digits of the telephone number listed in your membership account.
 - ii. If you have forgotten your PIN, follow this link for support.

Note: Overdrive does not require that you read their <u>Terms and Conditions</u> and <u>Privacy Policy</u> to register an account. However, you probably should read them before using this product.

- h. You're all set. Proceed to "To download the Libby [Overdrive] app."
- 3. If you do not have a library card issued by a CW MARS member library but have one from another network, apply for membership to Thayer Memorial Library by following this link. [move this to Requirements, step 1b.]

To download the Libby [Overdrive] app:

- 1. If you have an Apple device, click <u>here</u> to download the app.
- 2. If you have an Android device, click <u>here</u> to download the app.
- 3. If you have a Windows computer or device, click <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

Do you have any questions? Are you having trouble? Follow

this $\underline{\text{link}}$ for support.