

Setting up the Libby App for eBooks and eAudiobooks on Smartphones and Tablets

eBooks and eAudiobooks can be read using the Libby App on smartphones and tablets. The Libby App is made by the same company who made the OverDrive App. The OverDrive App is being phased out and Waterloo Public Library customers wishing to access eBooks and eAudiobooks on phones or tablets should plan to migrate to the Libby App before May 1, 2023.

For information about migrating from the Overdrive App to the Libby App, view the [Switch to Libby Instructions from Overdrive](#).

Download Libby App on a Mobile Device or Tablet

1. Go to the App store on your device. This will be the iTunes App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Search for the Libby (by OverDrive) App
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to install the application

Log-in Using Your Waterloo Public Library Card

1. Open the Libby App and follow the prompts to set up your account. You will be asked to search for the library. Select:

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Waterloo Public Library
35 Albert St
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

2. Keep following the prompts and sign in to your account with your library card number.
3. You are now signed in to and can start using Libby.

How to Navigate in the Libby App

The five icons at the bottom of the screen take you to the different sections of Libby.



Search: You can search by author, book title, and series title. You can filter through the search results using +Preferences. Once you change the search preferences the settings remain until you change them again, so keep this in mind if you are searching and not finding results.



downloadLibrary Interface: This is a good place to go if you want to browse for a book and you aren't sure what you want to read (just like at the library). You can search by subject area, topic, book type, availability, etc.



Settings: You can manage the notifications that Libby sends to your device in the settings, as well as change common settings. To remove your account from Libby on your device select "Get Some Help" and "Reset Everything". This does not return your books, it just removes your account from the device.



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