

# Downloadable eAudiobooks

Want to listen to audiobooks while in the car, at the gym or anywhere you are?

With your Harvard Public Library Card you have **free** access over **65,000** eAudiobooks!



Hoopla



Libby



RBdigital

## What is a downloadable eAudiobook?

A downloadable eAudiobook is a digitally recorded version of a print book being read aloud by a narrator. eAudiobooks are downloaded or streamed in the same way as other digital audio files such as music or podcasts.

With your Harvard Public Library Card you have access to three unique collections of eAudiobooks totaling over 65,000 eAudiobooks!

## When do you listen to Audiobooks?

Popular ways to listen to an audiobook including walking, working out, traveling (riding in a car, plane, trains), falling asleep, yardwork (moving the lawn, raking, shoveling snow) doing laundry, cleaning, playing video games, crafting, walking the dog, sitting on the beach (or the park, your porch, a hammock, etc.). There are endless ways and times to listen to audiobooks.

## What audiobooks should I listen to?

Almost all books are now published in both print and audiobook format. You can listen to whatever you like!

Listen to a new book, switch between reading and listening to the same book, or listen to an old favorite book you have read multiple times for a new way to enjoy an old favorite.

## What device do you need to listen to an eAudiobook?

The most popular way is to use a smartphone but you may also use a tablet or computer. Each of our three collections of downloadable eAudiobooks has an app for Apple, Android and Kindle Fire devices.

## What information do I need to access the eAudiobook collections?

Depending on the eAudiobook Collection, you will need one or all of the following:

- Your **Harvard Public Library card number**.
  - This is the barcode number on the back of your library card– enter with no spaces and if it begins with a "D" use a capital D.
- An **email address**
- A **password** you create

## Why are there three separate collections?

Some publishers restrict their audiobooks to only one collection, while other publishers have no restrictions. In order to have a wide variety of audiobooks available to patrons, we need more than one collection.

Some audiobooks will be in all three collections while some will only be available in one collection. If the audiobook you are looking for is checked out or not available in one collection it may be available in another.

## Which eAudiobook collection should I start with?

If you are looking for a specific title, start with **Libby** - (C/W MARS OverDrive Digital Collection) since it includes a large variety of publishers, however each collection has unique resources and content and all should be explored.

eAudiobook collection suggested search order:

1. C/W MARS OverDrive Digital Collection (Libby App)
2. RBdigital
3. Hoopla
4. Partner Library Network OverDrive Collections

## eAudiobook Collection Highlights



**C/W MARS OverDrive Collection** - Uses the Libby app\*\*, OverDrive's one-tap reading app for borrowing digital books, audiobooks and magazines. This collection includes new and popular eAudiobooks from a wide variety of publishers.

### **Note:**

- The default checkout period is two weeks but you can change your default checkout setting to three weeks.
- If you are looking for a specific title, start with **Libby**.
- Many popular titles will have a waitlist.

*\*\*Kindle Fire users use the **OverDrive** app in lieu of the **Libby** app.*

## Want More Libby eAudiobooks?

If the eAudiobook you are searching for is unavailable for checkout in the C/W MARS OverDrive Digital Collection, try searching our RBdigital and Hoopla collections. If you cannot find it in either of those collections you may use your Harvard Public Library card in other Massachusetts library networks' OverDrive collections!

### Searching Partner Library Network OverDrive Collections

Always start your search in the **C/W MARS OverDrive Collection**: [cwmars.overdrive.com](http://cwmars.overdrive.com)

If the item you are looking for is unavailable or not in the C/W MARS OverDrive Collection, you can then search any of the participating Massachusetts library networks' OverDrive Collections:

<b>Boston Public Library</b>	<b><a href="http://bpl.overdrive.com">bpl.overdrive.com</a></b>
<b>CLAMS Library Network</b>	<b><a href="http://clamsnet.overdrive.com">clamsnet.overdrive.com</a></b>
<b>Merrimack Valley Library Consortium</b>	<b><a href="http://mvlc.overdrive.com">mvlc.overdrive.com</a></b>
<b>Minuteman Library Network</b>	<b><a href="http://minuteman.overdrive.com">minuteman.overdrive.com</a></b>
<b>NOBLE – North of Boston Library Exchange</b>	<b><a href="http://noble.overdrive.com">noble.overdrive.com</a></b>
<b>Old Colony Library Network</b>	<b><a href="http://ocln.overdrive.com">ocln.overdrive.com</a></b>
<b>SAILS Library Network:</b>	<b><a href="http://sails.overdrive.com">sails.overdrive.com</a></b>

Note, each collection has to be searched separately.

If you want to search using either the **OverDrive App** or the **Libby App**, you will need to add each library network separately to the app under the **Add a Library** link.



**Hoopla** – Hoopla offers a dynamic catalog of over 45,000 bestselling eAudiobooks. There are no waitlists and everything may be downloaded instantly.

**Note:**

- **Hoopla** is restricted to certain publishers and includes bestselling eAudiobooks from HarperCollins, Simon & Schuster, Macmillan, Hachette and Blackstone.
- eAudiobooks checkout for 3 weeks.



**RBdigital** – Access over **6,000 eAudiobooks**, including exclusive Recorded Books eAudiobook titles.

**Note:**

- **RBdigital** has a three week loan period and many titles have no holds!
- Try the Outlander series by Diana Gabaldon or books by Alexander McCall Smith, Rita Mae Brown or Robyn Carr.

## Are the eAudiobooks always available for checkout?

It depends upon the collection you are searching.


**Libby** (C/W MARS OverDrive Digital Collection) allows only one checkout per digital copy (just like a physical book - only one person at a time). This means that much like physical books, popular titles may have a waitlist.

A majority of the titles in **RBdigital** are always available. A small selection are one person at a time.

All of the eAudiobooks in **Hoopla** are always available.

## Is the checkout time the same length in all the collections?

No. **Libby** (C/W MARS OverDrive Collection) audiobooks checkout for 2 weeks, while **RBdigital** and **Hoopla** audiobooks checkout for 3 weeks.

*Note: **Libby** (C/W MARS OverDrive Collection) users can change the **Libby** default loan period for eAudiobooks from 14 to 21 days. Go to [cwmars.overdrive.com](http://cwmars.overdrive.com) and sign into your account (Harvard Public Library card number). Next click or tap the books icon  then select **Settings**. Under "**Lending periods**," choose 21 days as the default lending period for Audiobooks. Your settings are saved automatically.*



*Note: If you are borrowing an eAudiobook from another library network (not C/W MARS), the loan period of the eAudiobook will be subject to the rules of the library network from which you are borrowing.*

*If you have adjusted your default lending period loan settings in your C/W MARS OverDrive account, the setting adjustments do not carry over into other networks' OverDrive "settings". You will have to log into each network separately and adjust the default settings.*

## Can I renew an eAudiobook?

Yes, if no one else has placed a hold on the eAudiobook, you can renew it a couple of days before the title expires. You may have to re-download the title.

## Can I search for the digital eAudiobooks in the Harvard Public Library online catalog?

All **Libby** (C/W MARS OverDrive Digital Collection) titles and **RBdigital** titles are in the Harvard Public Library online catalog and the C/W MARS online catalog: [bark.cwmars.org](http://bark.cwmars.org)

**Hoopla** titles are not in the Harvard Public Library online catalog. **Hoopla** eAudiobook titles must be searched for separately in the **Hoopla** collection.

If you cannot find the eAudiobook you are looking for or have additional questions, please speak with a Reference Librarian. Stop by the Reference Desk, call the Reference Desk at **978-456-4114** or email us at [reference@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:reference@harvardpubliclibrary.org) and we will help you find what you need.

## Getting Started with eAudiobooks

1. Have your Harvard Public Library card number ready.
2. Select a collection to use.
  - If you will be using your computer to listen to the eAudiobook, access the collection through our website:  
Go to [www.harvardpubliclibrary.org](http://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org) and click on **eAudiobooks**.
  - If you are using a smartphone or tablet select a collection's app to install:



**Hoopla**



**Libby**



**RBdigital**

Download and install the app from your device's app store.



3. Browse the eAudiobook Collection, borrow an eAudiobook and enjoy!

## Reminders

**Detailed app instructions are available!**

- **Apple, Android and Kindle Fire** device app instructions for all the collections listed above are available online on our website:
  - Go to [www.harvardpubliclibrary.org](http://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org)
  - Click on **eAudiobooks**
  - Under every collection's logo is a **Learn More** link
  - Tap the link to access detailed app instructions, helpful FAQs, video tutorial links and more!



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### **Questions?**

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email [reference@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:reference@harvardpubliclibrary.org)  
or call us at 978-456-4114.**