

# Getting Started with Library eBooks and your Sony Reader



## 1) Get a Library card.

- Confirm that you have an Independence Public Library card and know your number.

## 2) Install the free software “Adobe Digital Editions” onto your computer.

- Go to <http://www.adobe.com/products/digitaleditions/>
- Click “Install” near the bottom of the page and follow the prompts.
- The “Adobe Digital Editions Installer” screen is displayed.
- Click “Yes”.
- The “Adobe Digital Editions License” screen is displayed.
- To continue, click the “I Agree” button.

**Adobe Digital Editions is installed. It may open once installation is complete.**

## 3) You may be prompted to “authorize” Adobe Digital Editions with your Adobe ID.

- Whenever you use a new computer or device for eBooks from an OverDrive-powered site, at some point you will be prompted to “authorize”. When prompted:
  - Open Adobe Digital Editions (it may already be open).
  - The “Setup Assistant” dialog box is displayed.
  - Click “Continue”.
  - The “Authorize Computer” screen is displayed.
  - Under “Authorize Computer”, enter the email and password for your Adobe ID.
- If you do not have an Adobe ID:
  - Click “get an Adobe ID online”.
  - Follow the instructions to sign up for an Adobe ID.
  - Return to the Activation screen. If needed, reopen the “Activation” screen
  - from the library view of Adobe Digital Editions by going to *Library* >
  - *Authorize Computer*.
  - Enter the email address and password for your Adobe account.
- Click “Activate”.
- Your computer is authorized with your Adobe ID.
- Click “Finish” to close the “Setup Assistant” dialog box.

## 4) Visit NEIBORS, Sign In, and Search for Books

- If you aren’t already at the NEIBORS website, then go to the Library’s website at [www.independence.lib.ia.us](http://www.independence.lib.ia.us) and click on the “NEIBORS” graphic.
- Sign in to NEIBORS.
  - Click Sign In found in the gray bar close to the top of the page.
  - Select “Libraries H-O”
  - Type in your Library card number (found on the back of your library card...or call us 334-2470)
  - Click Login

- Search or browse the website for titles you would like to check out. You may add titles to your cart (they will be available for you to check out for 30 minutes).
    - **Important note:** The Sony Reader supports both EPUB and PDF format eBooks.
- Place yourself on a waiting list for any titles that are already checked out by someone else (you can view how many patrons are currently on the waiting list). You will receive an e-mail when your item is ready for you to check out.

#### **5) Check out your eBooks.**

- When ready, you can choose to check out (up to 2 titles can be checked out at a time).
  - Select the available titles you want to check out by clicking on Add to Cart (make sure you select EPUB or PDF format ebooks).
  - Click Proceed to Checkout.
  - Click on Confirm Checkout.

#### **6) Download the eBook to your computer.**

- Follow the prompts to download the eBook to your computer.
- After opening the eBook with Adobe Digital Editions, the eBook you checked out will be under the “My Library” option.

#### **7) Transfer your eBooks to your Sony Reader.**

- Plug your Sony Reader into the USB drive on your computer.
- Adobe Digital Editions should prompt you to authorize your Sony Reader.
  - **Important:** use the same Adobe ID as you used to authorize your computer.
- Once authorized, a Sony Reader icon will appear on the left hand side of the Adobe Digital Editions program. (Make sure you are still in the Library viewing mode.)
- Copy the eBook onto your Sony Reader by dragging and dropping (using the left mouse button) the title you want to transfer to the Sony Reader icon.
- After copying to the Sony Reader, “eject” the Sony Reader from your computer and safely unplug the USB cable.
- The eBook should appear on your Sony Reader. If it does not appear, try restarting the Sony Reader.

#### **Enjoy your eBooks!**

- Come back to the NEIBORS website and rate the books you check out.
- eBooks can be returned early so you can check out more!
- Go to the OverDrive resource center: <http://www.overdrive.com/resources/drc/> to see other compatible devices and the formats they support.
- Questions? Check out the “My HELP!” feature, the “Quick Start Guide”, and the “Help” tab on the NEIBORS website. You can also stop by or call the Library!