

# **Library E-Books**

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## **Overview**

The term E-Books encompasses several methods of transferring books to the reader electronically. Once acquired these books can be read at the computer, listened to, or moved to a portable reading device. We will examine all three options in class today.

## **Getting Started**

1. Be sure to have a valid Bloomington Public Library card
2. Have a computer with an active Internet connection
3. Go to [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org)
4. Find the MyMediaMall logo and link in the bottom left of our website
5. Download free software
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## Searching



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**Plays on:**      

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## Downloading

When you have added all the books you wish to download (up to 5 at a time) you should proceed to checkout. At checkout it will list the books available and their formats. It will also offer another link to download the necessary software if you haven't done so already. Underneath the book title/cover will be a "Download Now" link. Following that allows you to save the file on to your computer.

## **Using eBooks**

Downloaded files will open in the software that was intended for them. They function based off a date stamp that allows them to be used for the preset period of time (typically 3 weeks).

## **Mp3 Players**

The Bloomingdale Public Library cannot support patrons MP3 players. There are far too many choices available and they are not consistent in how they function with MyMediaMall. We do offer Loaner MP3 players that can have your E-Book downloaded for you and checked out for 14 days.