# Using OverDrive to Take Your Reading to The Clouds

Introducing a New Way for Lee County Schools Students to Read Books Using SmartPhones and Other eReader Devices.

OverDrive Introduction

Lee County Schools Media Specialists are proud to announce a new addition to their print book catalog. It is called Overdrive Digital Library and is available to all Lee County Schools students and faculty.
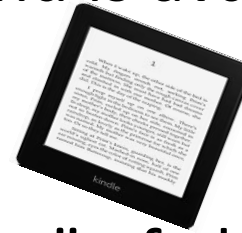
Overdrive is an internet-based "library" of ebooks that can be downloaded and read on all electronic devices from smartphones, iPads, Kindles, other eReaders, to laptop computers.

This library can be accessed 24/7...ANYWHERE, ANYTIME!!

OverDrive – How to Access

To access the Lee County Schools Overdrive Library go the following web address in your browser:

http://lee.lib.overdrive.com

This will be where you log in to access Lee County Schools' eBook collection, download the apps {if they are needed}, as well as checkout any eBook that is a available.

The following slides will show you how to log in and use the Lee County Schools Overdrive Library.

OverDrive – Sign-In Screen

The screen capture below is what you will see when the Lee County Schools Overdrive Library web has loaded..

Log in using the SAME username and password that you use to log into computers at your school!

OverDrive – Home Page

With a successful login, the page shown below will load:
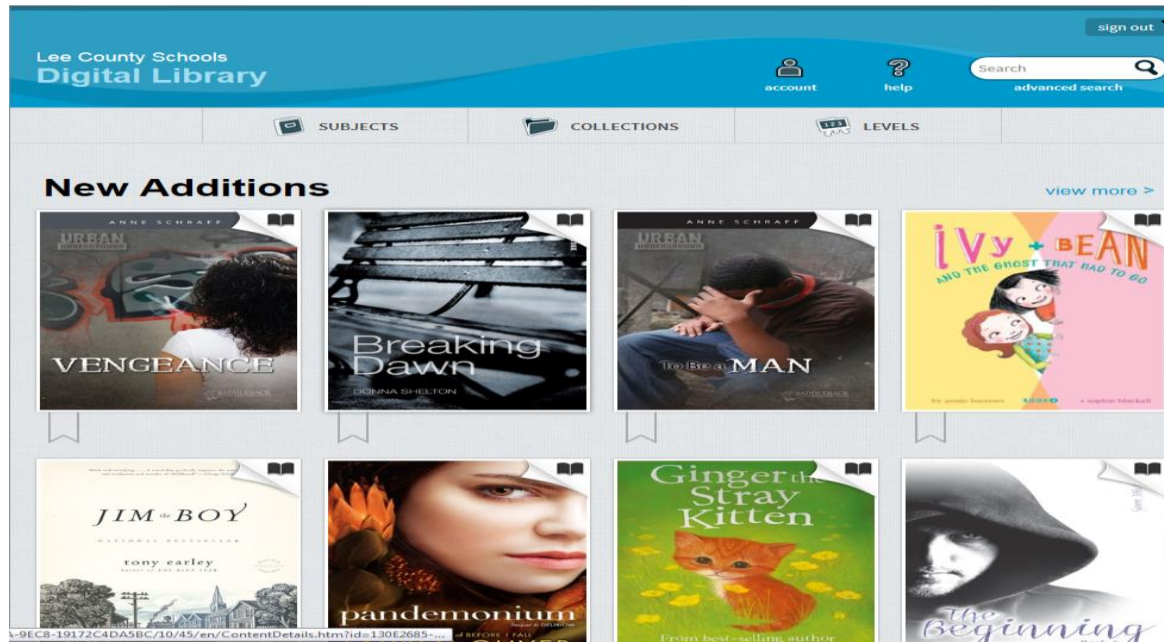
Logout Button

On this screen, you can see the newest additions, search the library for books, and get help if you need. To leave the Lee County Schools Overdrive Library, simply log out.

OverDrive – eBook Availability

With the Lee County OverDrive Library, most eBooks are just like print books in the Panther Media Center. They can only be checked by one student at a time.

If the eBook has been checked out, it will not be available until 14 days after it has been checked out, unless it is returned early. The eBook will automatically "return" to the Overdrive library after 14 days. If there is a hold on the eBook, it will be available to the first person who has a hold on it and then the next person as it goes down the "HOLD" line.

There are some eBooks that are available anytime and can be checked out by multiple students. You can search for these eBooks in the "Always Available High School Titles" and "Project Gutenberg" under the "Collections" tab.

Project Gutenberg eBooks are excellent for those English and History research projects. They include many of the "classic" works of literature and history.

OverDrive – Search Page

The Lee County OverDrive Library can be searched either by subject or collection. Click on either to search.
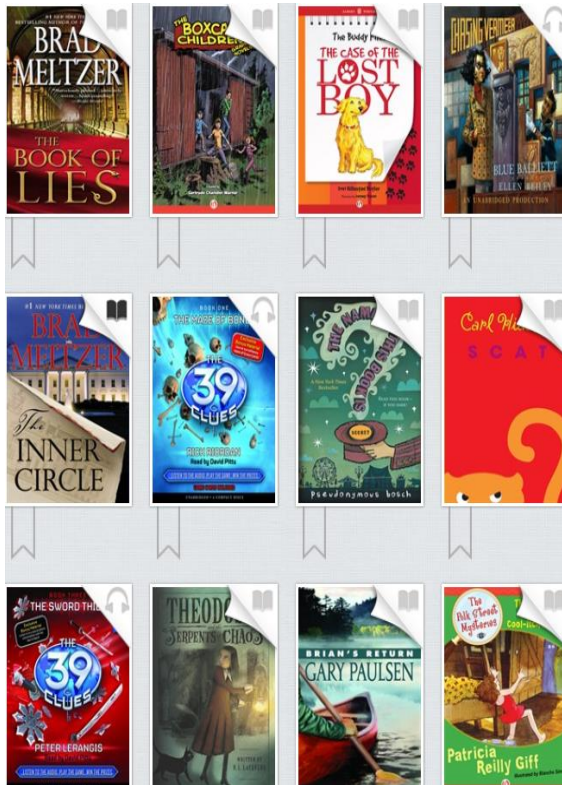A dropdown menu will appear.
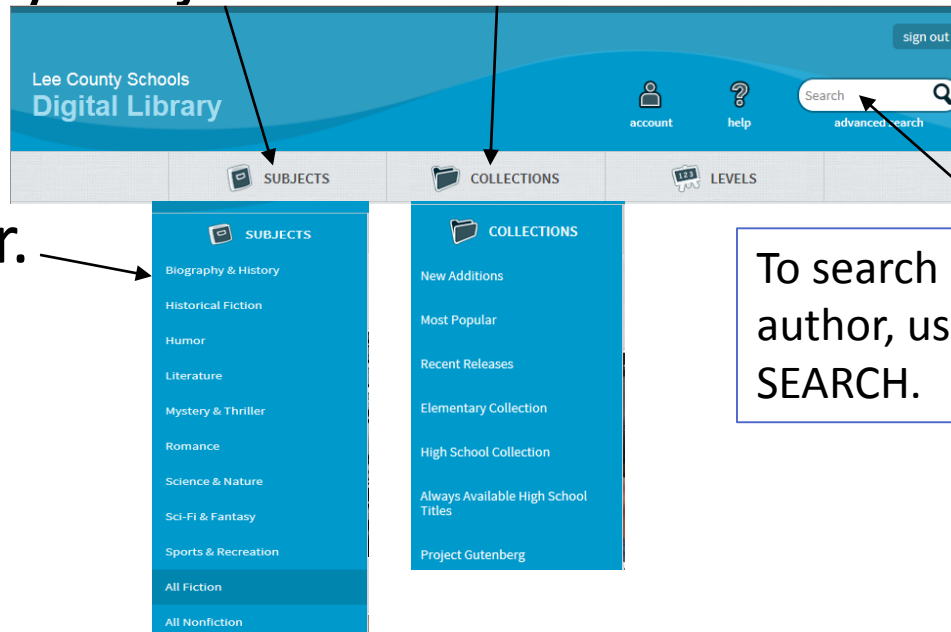
To search by book title or book author, use the ADVANCED SEARCH.

Selecting an option under either Subjects or Collections when searching for an eBook, will open a webpage with a "bookshelf" full of eBooks that are examples of that option.

OverDrive – eBook Selection

Once the webpage with the bookshelf and eBooks loads, to "borrow" a eBook simply click on the book cover which will take you to the check out screen

OverDrive – eBook Checkout

On this webpage, you will have two choices, you can "Place a Hold" or "Borrow" the eBook. "Borrow" will download the eBook to your device. "Place a Hold" will put you in line to get the eBook when it becomes available.
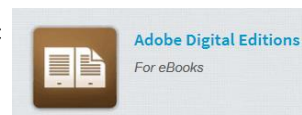
OverDrive – eBook Checkout

If you have never downloaded an eBook to your device before, you **MAX** need to do the one of the following:
{Your device will let you know}

(1) Download the OverDrive Media Console

(2) Download Adobe Digital Editions*

(3) Download Kindle Reader*   {Available at amazon.com}

*Adobe and Kindle Apps will require you to set up a free account. Use your student email for this: username@students.lee.k12.al.us

There are printable "Getting Started" guides for different devices available on the SSHS Library webpage under FORMS. {They will also be a available at the SSHS Media Center Students Moodle page}.

OverDrive – HELP

If you have any questions or need technical help with the Lee County Schools Overdrive Library, click on HELP at the top of the Overdrive Library Homepage to access the following webpage which will have links to help.

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If you have any questions, comments, book reviews, or book recommendations, these can be posted in the forums in the SSHS Media Center – Students Moodle page at http://moodle.lee.k12.al.us. Go to SSHS under High School and then to Page 6.