

Maine Libraries Launch New Download Service for E-books and E-audiobooks

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The Maine Download Library, a service providing Maine library patrons with online access to over 10,000 e-books and e-audiobooks, has launched a new digital content management platform called cloudLibrary.

The new app-based service will provide access to Maine's existing collection of digital content plus new titles and additional copies of popular titles. The cloudLibrary app allows users to customize the interface to focus on their interests or quickly identify new and popular titles in the download library

The new download library application can be downloaded by visiting: <http://yourcloudlibrary.com/index.php/en-us/how-it-works> or visiting <http://download.maineinfonet.org> and following the links to login via your library.

Users of Kindle devices should be advised that the Kindle Fire (2nd generation or newer) works with the cloudLibrary, but e-ink Kindles do not.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I use the new cloudLibrary system?

The cloudLibrary system is best experienced through the cloudLibrary App. Simply go to <http://yourcloudlibrary.com/index.php/en-us/how-it-works> and follow the directions! You can download the app, called cloudLibrary, in the Playstore for Android devices, the App Store for Apple/ iOS devices, and the Windows Store for Windows devices. For Kindle Fire devices go to <http://yourcloudlibrary.com> and click on the "available on Kindle Fire" link on the right side of the page. You can also access the cloudLibrary system using a browser by going to <http://download.maineinfonet.org> and logging in by selecting your library from the list provided and logging in with your library card.

What devices are compatible with the cloudLibrary app?

What devices work:

- Tablets
- Laptops
- Smart Phones
- Nook readers
- Kobo eReaders
- Kindle Fire (2nd generation or newer)
- Desktop computers

- iPhones, Ipads, Ipod Touch

What devices do not work:

- eInk Kindles (such as the Kindle E-reader and Paperwhite)
- Ipods
- Mp3 players that do not support apps

Will I be able to use my Kindle eInk reader?

Unfortunately, no. Amazon does not support the ePub format.

How can I get help?

The cloudLibrary support site is located at: <http://www.yourcloudlibrary.com/index.php/en-us/support> There you can download a cloudLibrary User Guide, watch how-to videos or search for other help topics.

Why is this switch being made?

Maine InfoNet and the Maine InfoNet Board of Directors are continuously looking for opportunities to provide better services at a better value for Maine libraries. The existing Download Library received regular criticism that the system was too difficult to use. The cloudLibrary is app-based and has a simpler process to check out and download titles. Libraries in Maine that have offered both systems say the cloudLibrary is much easier for library patrons to use. Additionally, the cloudLibrary will allow more Maine Libraries to participate in the Maine InfoNet Download Library. Under the old platform, many types of libraries were not allowed to participate due to limitations imposed by Overdrive. Now, by switching to the new cloudLibrary, any library wishing to participate will be allowed to join. Allowing more libraries to join and participate in the Download Library translates directly into more people in Maine reading and more content being purchased - a great thing for all of us.