

## Readers on the Move!

### *A guide for downloading eBooks from Seattle Public Library to a Kindle Paperwhite*

Reading is one of my favorite pastimes. I especially enjoy reading on vacation: road trips, plane rides, even camping. Reading on the road used to require advance preparation, including a trip to the library to retrieve a heavy stack of books. That all changed when I got a Kindle. If you enjoy reading and want to do it more often, keep your eyes on the page.

Now it only takes me 15 minutes to check out enough reading material to last for weeks and I can carry it all in my pocket! If you like to read, and are willing to utilize technology, you can expand your reading library in minutes. This guide provides guidance for downloading eBooks onto a Kindle Paperwhite using a registered Seattle Public Library card.

### Materials

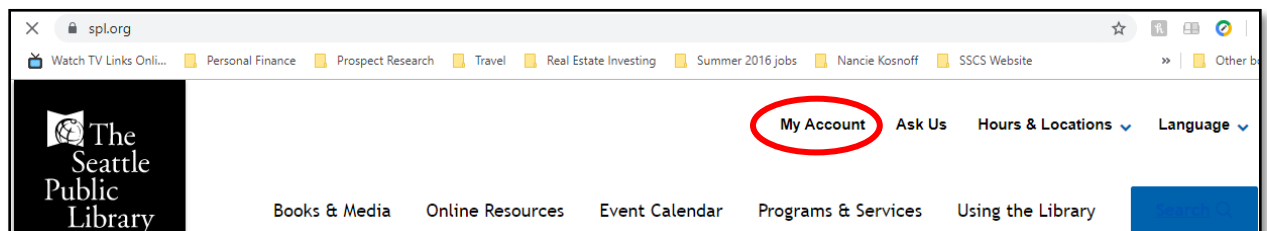
Avid readers will need:

- A registered Kindle
- An Amazon account
- A Seattle Public Library card
- Internet access

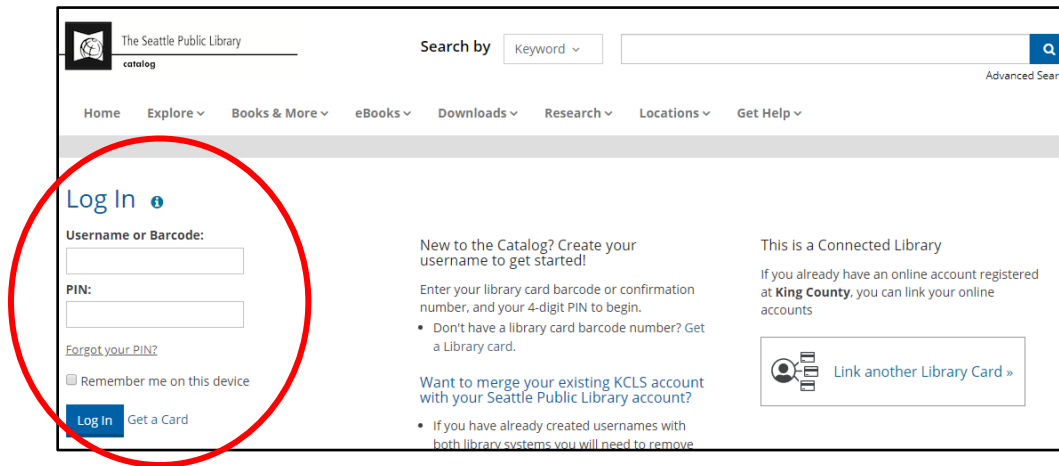
Note: Before you begin, make sure your Kindle is charged and registered to your Amazon account. This is important. You can only download eBooks to a Kindle that is linked to your Amazon account.

1. Visit [www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org) to browse available titles from the Seattle Public Library. On the home page, select the “My Account” link in the upper right-hand menu.

*Note: This procedure assumes the reader has an account with the Seattle Public Library (SPL). If not, locate information on how to obtain account at [www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org).*

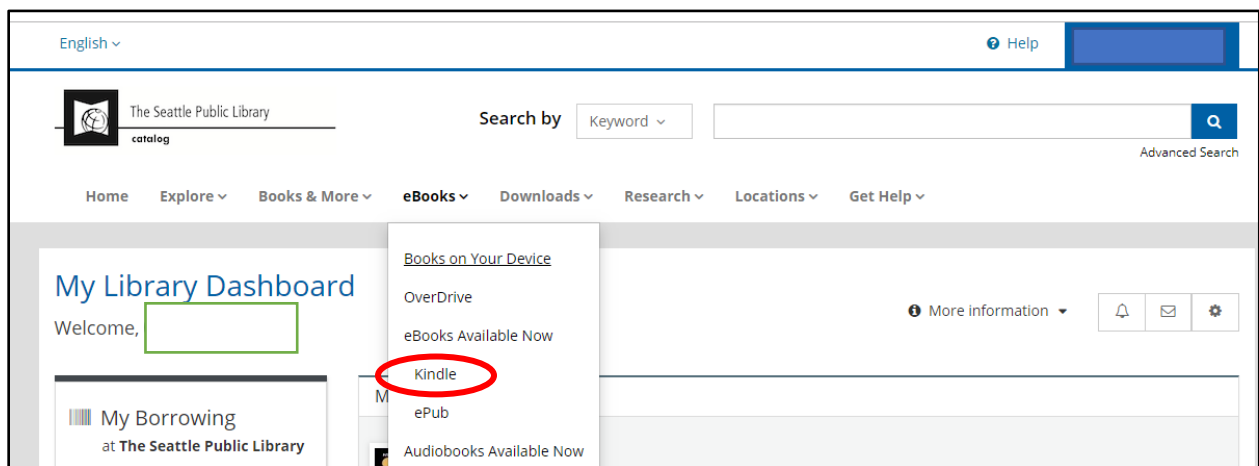


2. You will be redirected to a new page to log in to the library website. Enter your username or barcode, pin and click the blue “Log in” button.



3. Find the menu at the top of the page. Click on the “eBooks” link to display the menu. Under “eBooks Available Now,” click on the “Kindle” link.

*Note: This guide is for eBooks you can download and read immediately. It does not provide instructions for requesting an eBook for download later.*

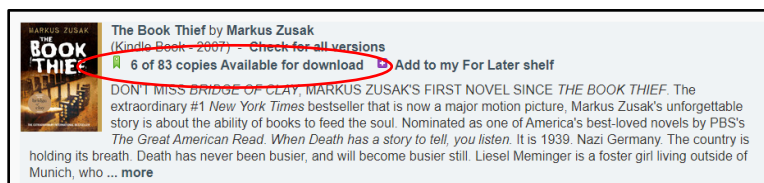


4. You will be directed to a new page displaying all the titles that are available for immediate download to your Kindle.

5. Scroll through the pages to peruse popular titles available now or use the search function in the upper right find a specific title.



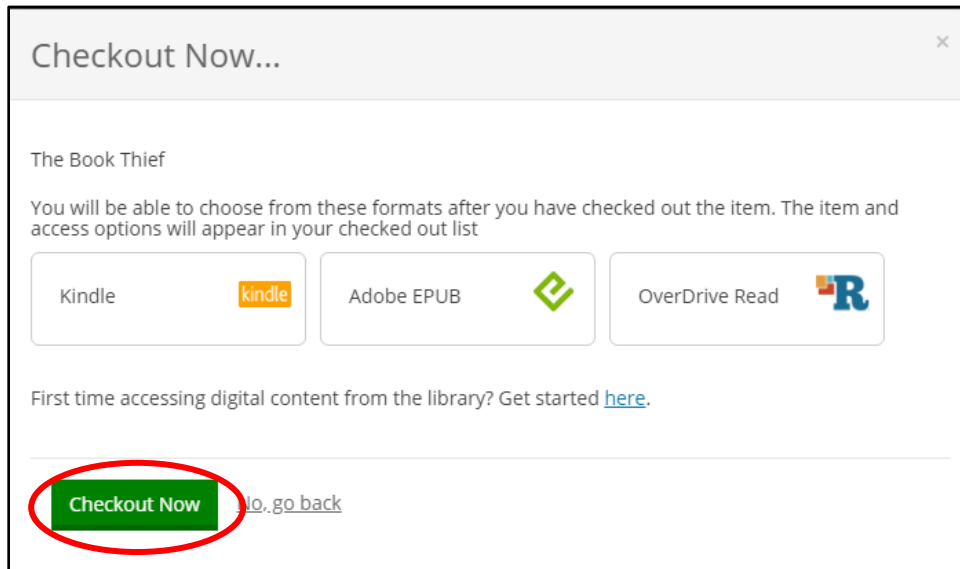
6. When you find a title you wish to read, click on the link near the green ribbon that reads “# of # copies Available for download.”



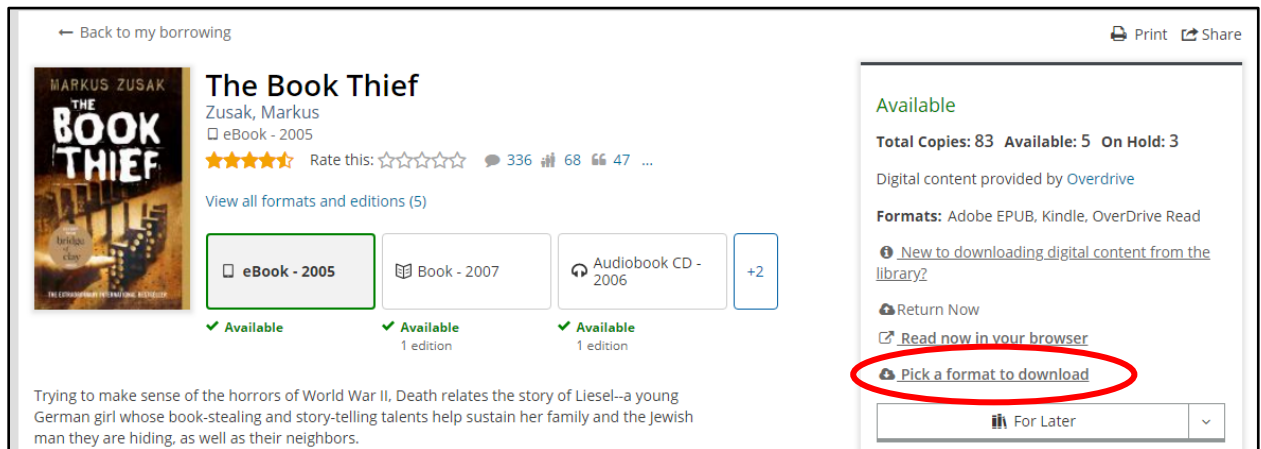
7. Make sure the eBook option is highlighted. Click on the green “Checkout Now” button.



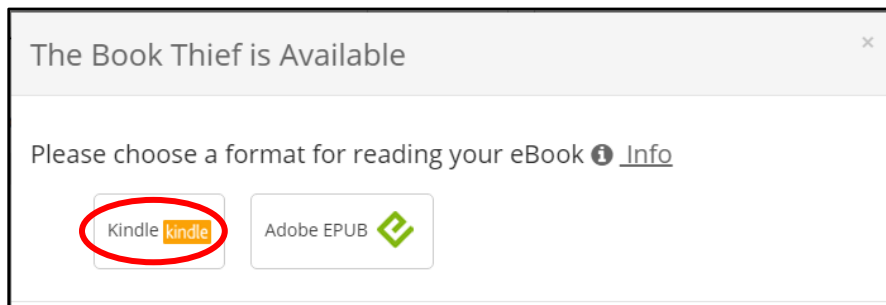
8. When the Checkout Now screen pops up, click the green “Checkout Now” button.



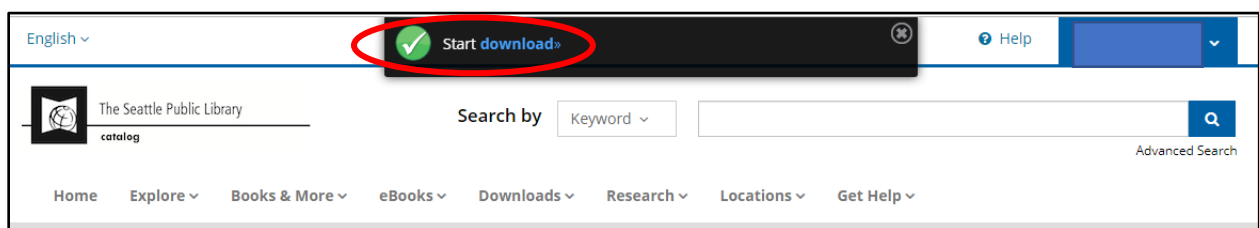
9. On the book screen, click on the “Pick a format to download” link at the bottom of the right sidebar menu.



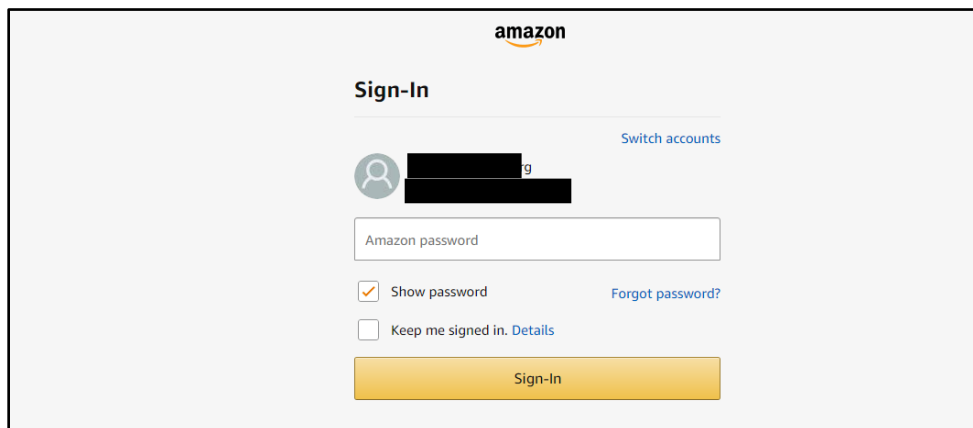
10. When the format choice box pops up, click on the Kindle button.



11. A "Start Download" box pops up. Click on the word "download."

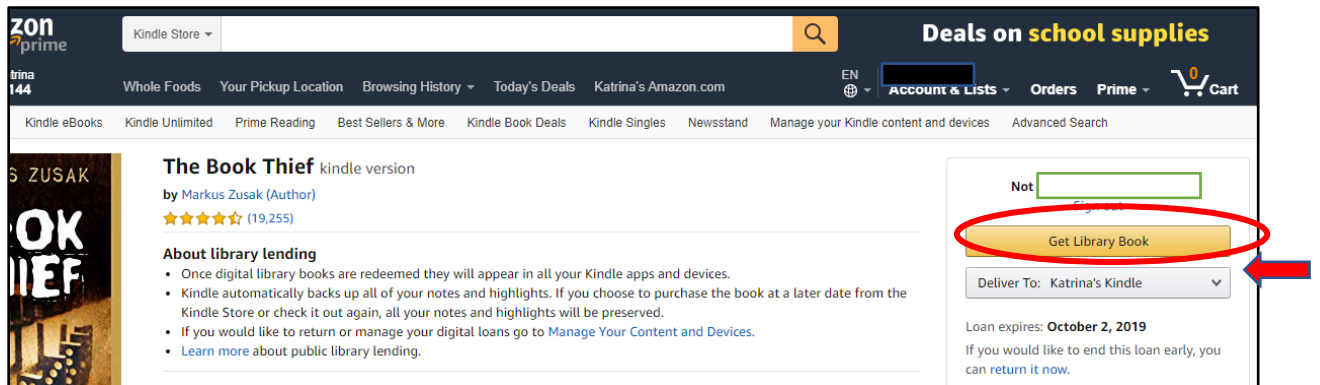


12. You will be automatically redirected to an Amazon login screen.

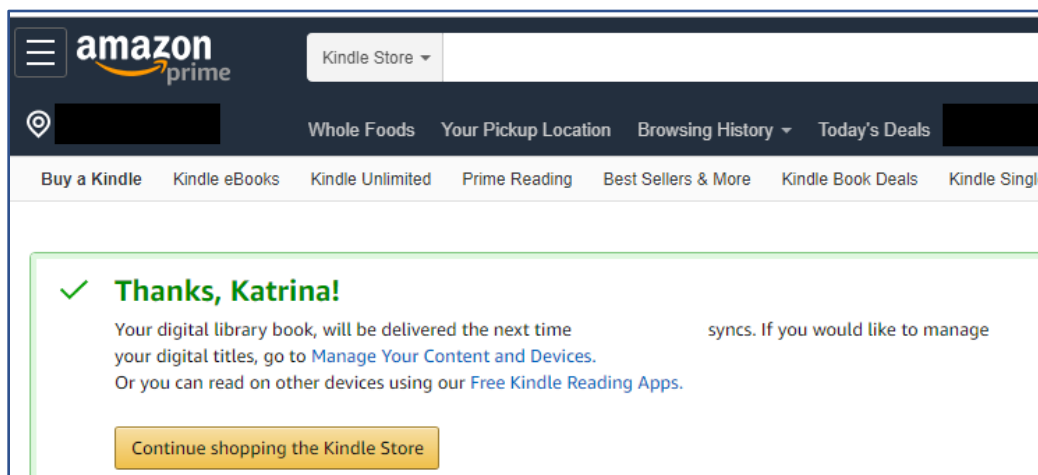


13. After logging in to your Amazon account, you will be automatically redirected to the download page for this title.

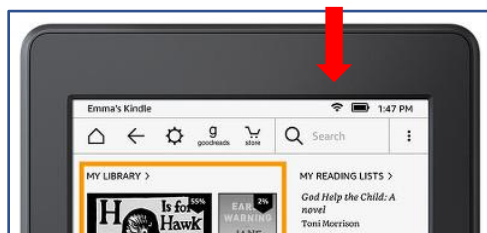
14. Make sure your Kindle is listed in the “Deliver To” box on the right sidebar. TClick on the yellow “Get Library Book” button.



15. If you are finished checking out books, you can log out of Amazon once you see the confirmation page. Otherwise, return to spl.org and repeat the process for Steps 7-11 and 14 for as many titles as you wish to borrow.

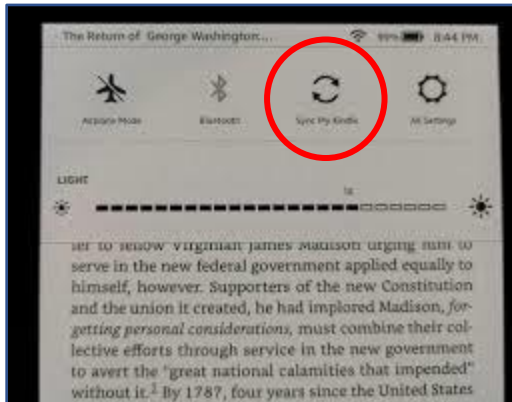


16. Turn on your Kindle and make sure it is connected to the internet.

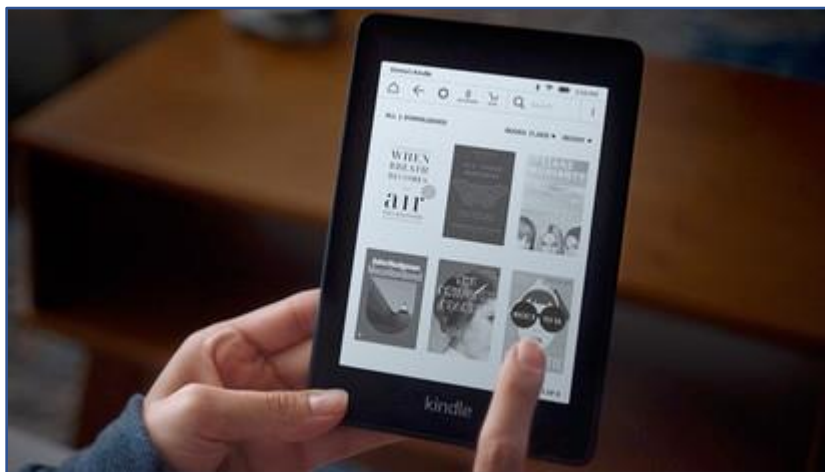


17. Wait. Do a few squats, stretch or unload the dishwasher.

18. If the new titles do not appear in your Kindle library after approximately five minutes, go the settings page and select “Sync.”



19. Wait another five minutes for the titles to download.  
20. Once you are successful you can begin reading. Congratulations!



Navigating two websites and a new device may seem intimidating, but downloading eBooks to a Kindle is a straightforward process that can be repeated as often, and as frequently, as necessary. This useful process saves you a trip to the library to check out books. Plus, since the Kindle will automatically delete books when the borrowing period is over, it also saves you a return library trip to return books.

After you are comfortable borrowing books from the Seattle Public Library, try borrowing titles from other local libraries, or using apps like Overdrive and Libby. You may be able to teach yourself the process based on what you already know. Happy reading!