

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.

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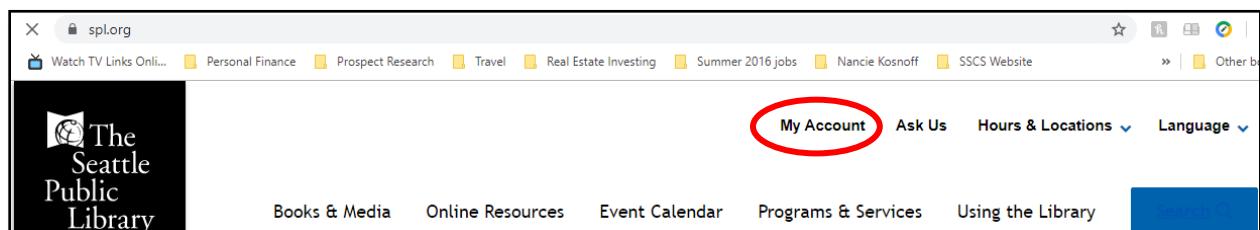
Avid readers will need:

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

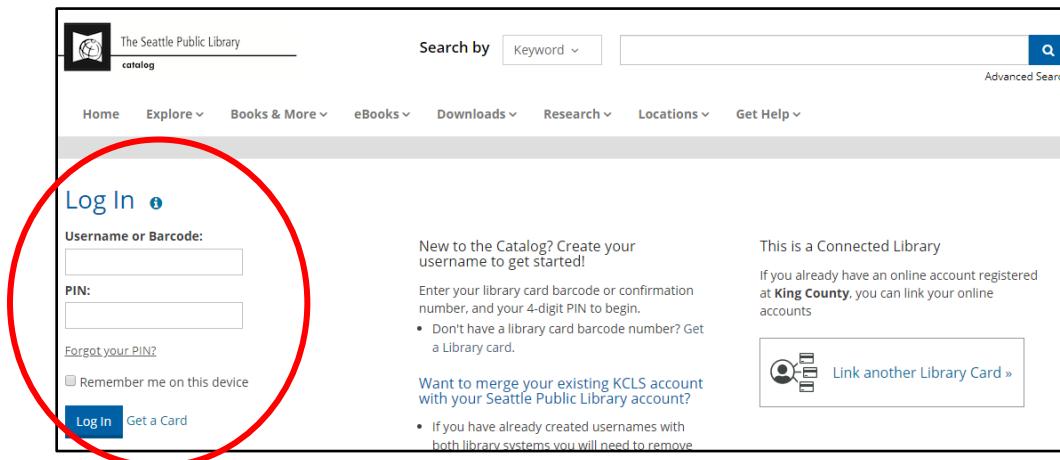
Note: Before you begin, make sure your Kindle is charged and registered to your Amazon account. This is important. You can only download eBooks to a Kindle that is linked to your Amazon account.

1. Visit www.spl.org 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.



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.



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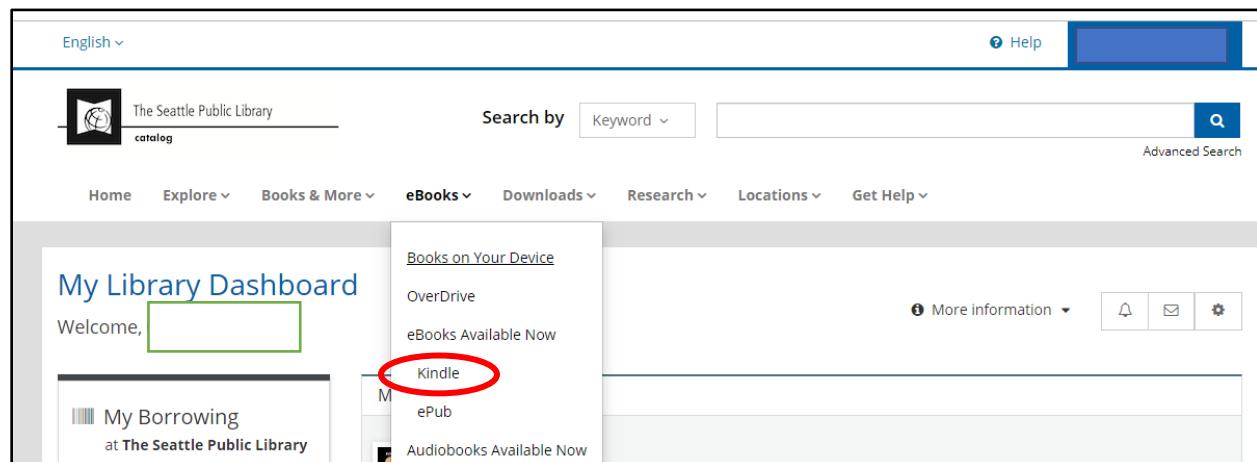
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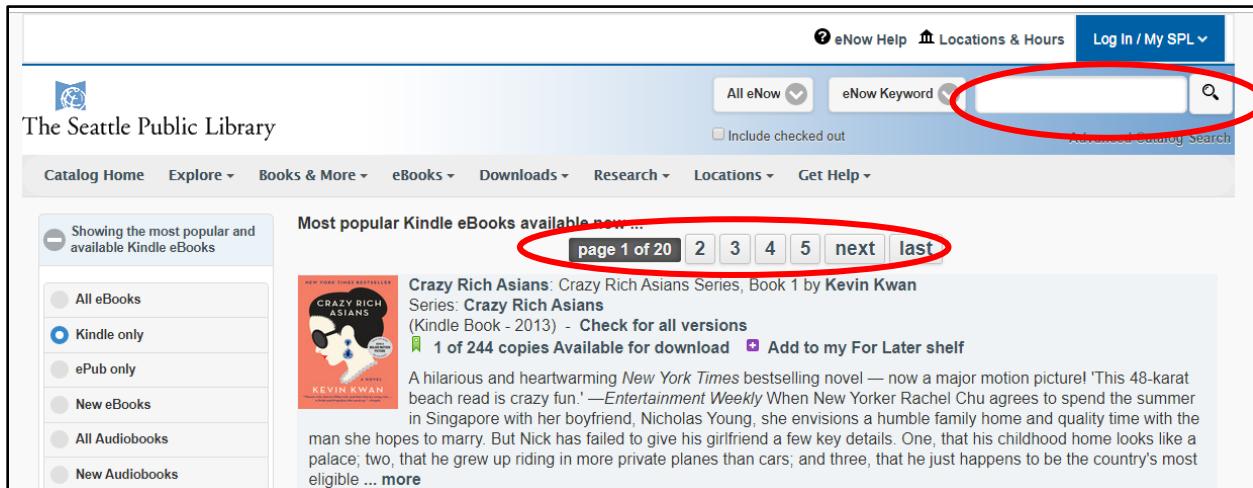
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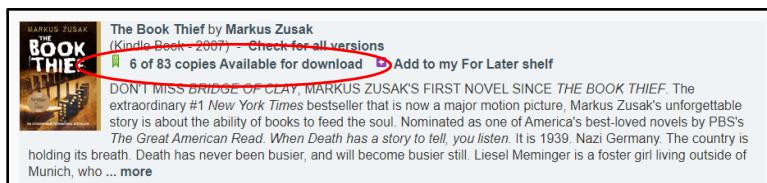
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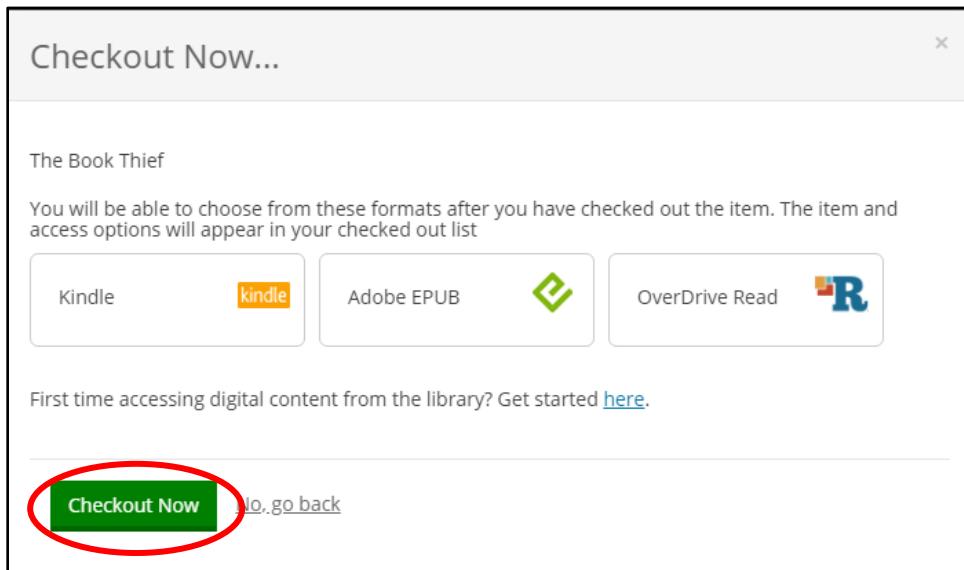
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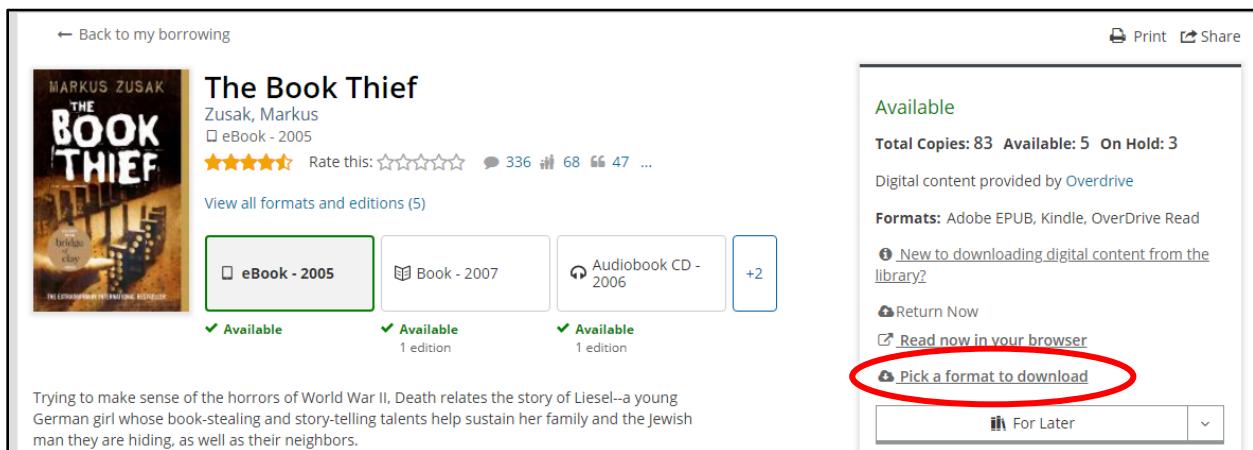
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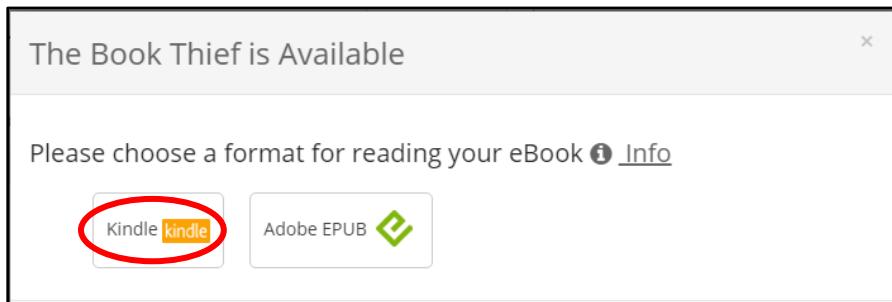
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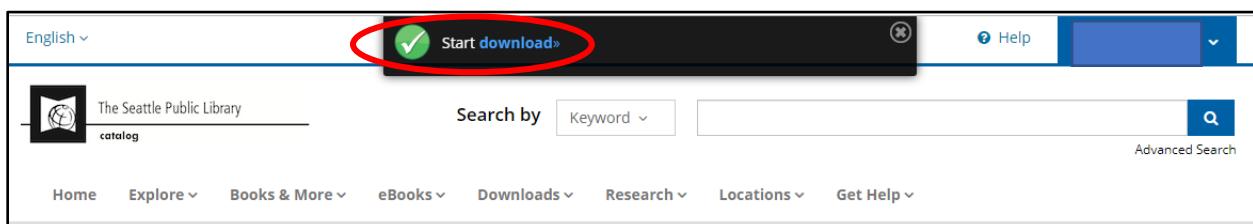
9. On the book screen, click on the “Pick a format to download” link at the bottom of the right sidebar menu.



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."

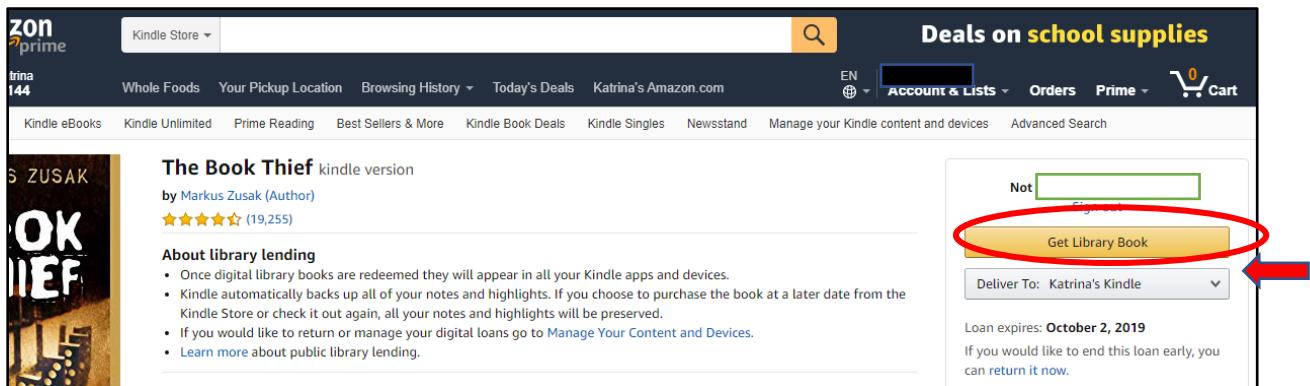


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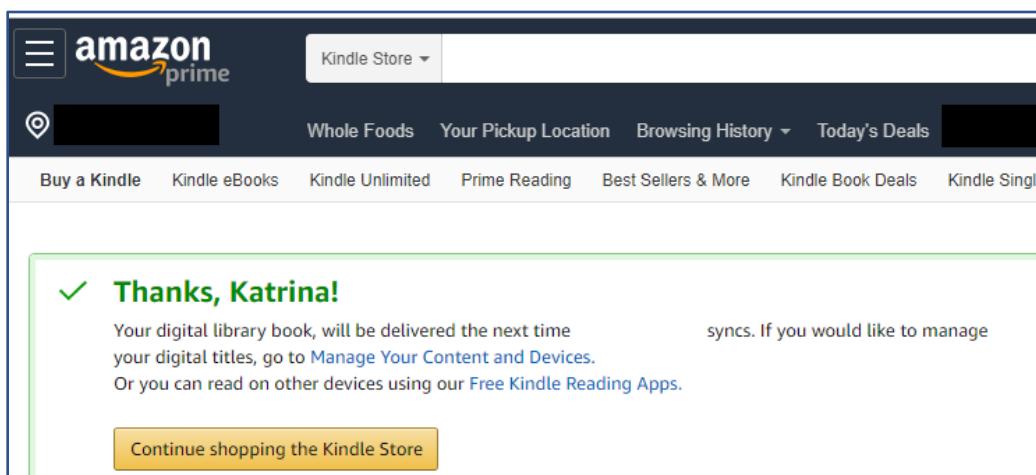


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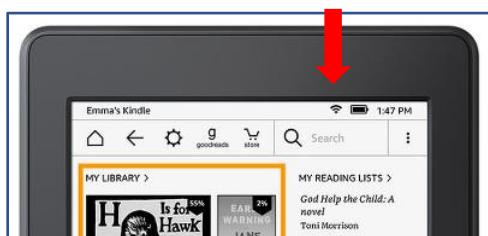
14. Make sure your Kindle is listed in the “Deliver To” box on the right sidebar. Click on the yellow “Get Library Book” button.



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.

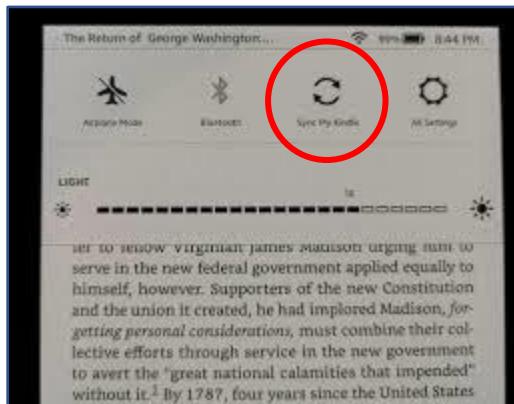


16. Turn on your Kindle and make sure it is connected to the internet.

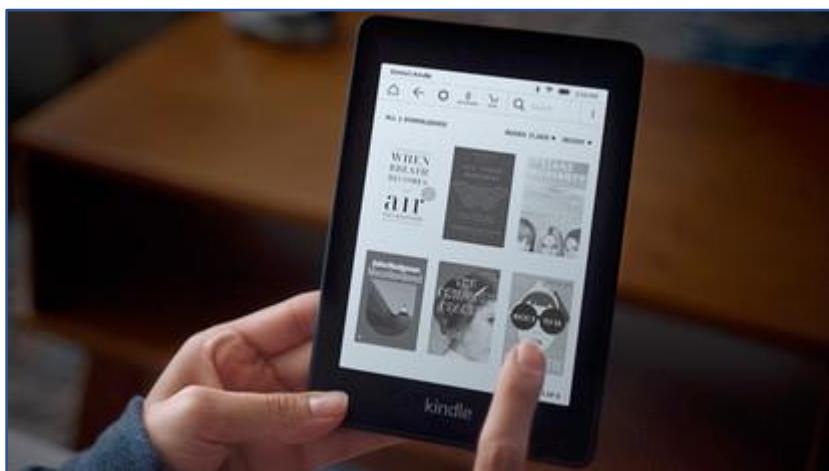


17. Wait. Do a few squats, stretch or unload the dishwasher.

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!



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