

# Digital Library Basics

Maxwell Memorial Library

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## 1 **Overdrive**

- Content forms
  - Audiobooks
  - eBooks
- Devices
  - You can download to mobile devices.
  - You can read on a Web browser on a laptop or desktop
  - It may be possible to download to Adobe Digital Editions on
- Lending period/limits, holds
  - Lending periods
    - ★ You can set your eBook or audiobook checkout period to 7, 14 or 21 days.
    - ★ You can set your video checkout period to 3, 5, or 7 days.
    - ★ If no one has a hold on the item, you can also renew for up to 14 more days.
  - Limits & holds
    - ★ You can borrow up to 10 eBooks or e-audiobooks at one time.
    - ★ You can have up to 10 holds at one time.

★ OTOH, you can have a wish list with up to 5,000 titles.

- Favorites
  - Ratings (1–5 stars) rather than favorites lists.
- History
  - Some apps allow you to maintain a history list of your checkouts. Overdrive does not maintain a list itself.
- Text to speech
  - Works on Android, iOS, and Windows 8 (8+?) but requires the use of an external app or the system's own functions.
  - It also works on macOS, at least if you download items using Adobe Digital Editions.
- **Help**

## **2 Hoopla**

- Content forms
  - Audiobooks
  - Comics
  - eBooks
  - Music
  - Movies
  - TV
- Devices
  - You can download to mobile devices. With laptops/desktops, you can only stream.
  - Streaming to TV by way of Apple TV or Chromecast.
- Lending period/limits, holds

- 4 titles per month (Maxwell's limit)
  - ★ The monthly borrow limit resets at 12:01am on the first day of the new month.
- Lending periods
  - ★ Movies and TV titles: 3 days.
  - ★ Music albums: 7 days.
  - ★ Audiobooks, ebooks and comics: 21 days.
- Favorites
  - Remembers your favorite categories in the app and on the Website.
  - You can also mark titles, artists, authors, and series as favorites.
- History
  - Hoopla allows you to “hide” your history. I don't know whether that deletes it or not.
  - It also allows “deletion” of individual titles, but again, I don't know whether they get deleted in Hoopla's own records.
- **Help**

### **3 cloudLibrary (OCPL may drop this soon)**

- Content forms
  - eBooks
  - Some audiobooks
- Devices
  - You can read/listen to books on multiple devices/computers.
    - ★ The apps/applications on the devices/machines need to use the same encrypting account.
    - ★ This is either an Adobe ID account or a cloudLibrary vendor ID adobe account.

- You can download to mobile devices.
  - Laptops/desktops only allow streaming.
- Lending period/limits, holds
  - Seems to be 3 weeks (21 days).
  - I don't know if that applies to everything, but that has been the period for the eBooks and audiobooks I've checked out.
- Favorites
  - cloudLibrary Website will not remember your favorite categories for browsing.
  - The app does remember, however.
- History
  - Keeps a record of your history (you might regard this as either a bug or a feature).
  - You can delete your history.
  - I don't know whether that deletes your history from all records held by cloudLibrary.
- Text to speech
  - iOS only
- **Support**
  - General help
  - Link to the manual
  - Links for downloading the app