

# Getting Started with your Kindle Device

## You will need

- An Amazon account
- A valid Gunter'sville Library card number

## How it works

1. Search the library's holdings through Digital Media Zone

From there you can borrow a Kindle Book and complete checkout through Amazon's website. Then, your book will be wirelessly sent to your Kindle Device or reading app. Kindle devices require a Wi-Fi internet connection to download most books from Amazon. Other books are required by the publisher to be transferred via USB cable from your computer.

## Transferring Content to your Kindle via USB

Both Macintosh and Windows users can download and transfer content from a computer to a Kindle device through a USB cable. When your Kindle device is plugged into your computer, it will appear as a removable mass-storage device (like a USB thumb drive appears).

## Downloading Kindle Library content

If you have already checked out the book you wish to transfer to your Kindle via USB, visit Manage your Kindle and locate the item you want to download.

1. Click the "actions" button beside the title and select "download and transfer via USB"
2. Select the Kindle device you will transfer the file to and click the "download" button. If you have more than one Kindle device registered to the account, you will see a pop-up window asking you to choose a device. If you do not select the correct Kindle device, you will be unable to open the content on that device.
3. You may be prompted to open or save the file. Choose "save" and select a location that is easy to find again, such as the desktop.
4. Once the file has been saved, connect your Kindle to your computer using a USB cable.

## Connecting your Kindle to your Computer

1. Plug the larger end of the USB cable into an available USB port on your computer.
2. Connect the other end to your Kindle.

When connected to your computer, your Kindle will go into USB drive mode and its battery will be recharged by the computer. Your wireless service is temporarily shut off and you will not receive any of your subscriptions while in this mode. Also, your Kindle device is not usable as a reading device while you are in USB drive mode, but will return right to where you were once you safely eject the Kindle device from your computer.

## Transferring Content to your Kindle

1. Once you've connected your Kindle to a computer using a USB cable, your Kindle will appear in the same location as external USB drives usually appear. For Windows users, this is typically in the "computer" or "my computer" menu. For Mac users, the drive will appear on the desktop.
2. Open the Kindle drive. You will see several folders inside, one of which will be named "documents". This is the folder you will move the downloaded file into.
3. Locate the downloaded file and copy it into the documents folder. You can generally copy files by clicking and dragging the file to the folder.
4. Safely eject your Kindle device from your computer and unplug the USB cable. Your content will appear on the Home Screen.