

rb digital Magazines

For smartphone and tablet users

BellinghamPublicLibrary 

How RBdigital magazines works:

- Library card holders can check out and read a selection of one hundred fifty digital format magazines for **free** on your smartphone or tablet. No waiting. No holds. Instant access. No time limits.
- The magazines are full-text, in color, and may provide additional content such as video, audio, and web links.
- Once you check them out, the issues are yours to keep until you delete them. There is no check out limit on the number of current and available back issues of magazines you can enjoy. The storage size on your device may limit how many magazines you can retain, as magazine download size ranges from 50-300 mb.
- You can read on your mobile device in the RBdigital app by streaming or by downloading the magazine to read offline. You must first create an account through the library website **before** downloading and using the app.
- If you choose, RBdigital will automatically check out new issues of magazines as soon as they are available, and send you a notifying email.

Getting started

- You will need a Library card in good standing, an email address, internet access, a smartphone or tablet.
- Your operating system should be the latest version for your device.
- In your device browser, go to the library's website at **www.bellinghampubliclibrary.org**. Tap on **Digital Library**, and then on **eMagazines**, and then on the words **RBdigital Magazine Collection**.
- Tap on **Create New Account**.
- Fill in your name, email, and password. Passwords must have at least 7 characters and include letters and numbers. Tap the blue **Create Account** button. Look in the upper right corner. If it says "Welcome [your name]", you have successfully created your account.

Downloading the app

- Once you have successfully created your account, you can download the RBdigital app:
 - iOS** users go to the App Store
 - Android** users go to the Google Play Store
 - Kindle Fire** users go Amazon's Apps & Games Department
- ***Important note:** if you are not able to see or download the RBdigital app in your device's app store, then your device is not compatible with the current requirements for the RBdigital app. The RBdigital app does not work on older devices.

Finding, checking out, and reading your magazines

- Connect to wifi.
- You can find a magazine in the app by browsing or searching.
 - **Browse** by scrolling through the covers of magazines. If the magazines are not automatically displaying, tap on the three line menu symbol and tap on **Magazines**. Tap on the magazine cover for a description of the magazine.
 - **Search** by tapping the filter option (right side of screen). This allows you to type in a magazine name or search by genre.
- **Checkout** a magazine by tapping on the cover of the magazine. Then tap on the Checkout button. Tapping on Checkout starts the downloading process. If you want to check out back issues, tap on **View all issues**.
- If you want RBdigital to automatically check out the next issue of the magazine and send you a notifying email, check the **Automatically checkout the next issue** box that appears in the checkout process.
- Tap **Read** open the magazine. In the background, RBdigital will be downloading your magazine. To make sure the magazine has fully downloaded, tap on the three bar menu, then on **Checked out** and look for the green **Downloaded** note under the magazine cover.
- You need to remain logged in to your app to read offline, so do not logout after downloading.

Managing your magazines

- Connect to wifi, and tap on the three bar menu link, and then on **Checked out** to manage your magazines
- To return magazines, connect to tap on the **X** in the upper right corner of your checked out magazine, and then tap **OK** to confirm.
- You can sort your magazines alphabetically or by date checked out. Tap the **View all** link on your checked out magazine page to get to the sorting option.

Need more help?

- Open your app, tap on the three bar menu and tap on **Help** and then on **Magazine**.

Need more help? Ask your library!

- We offer one-on-one Tech Basics Coaching sessions at the library. Call 778-7323, ext 3 to sign up for the next available session. Bring your device with you and we will do our best to help you resolve any problems.