How to checkout and download Zinio
Digital Magazines

Bellingham Public Library

How Zinio works:

- Library card holders can check out and read a selection of one hundred digital format magazines for **free** on their computer, tablet, or mobile device. **No waiting. No holds. Instant access. No time limits.**
- The magazines are full-text, in color, and often 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.
- Computer users read their magazines instantly while connected to the Internet, mobile device users (tablets and smart phones) can either stream their magazine in their device browser or read them offline in the Zinio for libraries app.

To access Zinio, you will need:

- A Library card in good standing, an email address, Internet access, and a computer or mobile device.
- **PC or Mac users:** if you use a PC, the operating system needs to be Windows Vista or higher. If you use a Mac, the operating system needs to be Mac OS 10.5 or higher.
    Chrome is the preferred web browser, but you can use Internet Explorer 10 or higher, Firefox 3.6 or higher, or Safari 5 or higher.
- **Mobile device (tablets or smartphones) users:** Zinio supports mobile devices including the iPad, iPhone, Kindle Fire HD/HDX, and selected Android devices. Device owners check out magazines in their browser and have the choice to read via mobile streaming or download magazines to read offline through the **Zinio for Libraries app.** Magazines must be checked out in your browser, as the app is limited to READ-ONLY functionality.
- **Zinio for libraries app** is available in the corresponding app stores for iPad, iPhone, and Android devices. Kindle Fire HD/HDX requires a side loaded install link, and Win8 mobile devices require a separate Zinio.com commercial account. Please ask a librarian, or check with the Zinio help pages for assistance.

Setting up your Zinio library collection account

1. In your computer or device browser, go to the library's website at **www.bellinghampubliclibrary.org**. Click on '**Downloads**' and then on **Zinio Magazine Collection.**
2. Click on '**Create New Account'** in upper right corner.
3. Fill in your name, email, and password. Passwords must have at least 7 characters and include letters and numbers. Then click the '**Create Account'** button. Look in the upper right corner of the screen. If it says, "Welcome [your name]" you have successfully created your account.

Finding, checking out, and reading your magazines—online browser

1. You can **browse or search** for a magazine:
    Browse by scrolling through 100 different alphabetically arranged titles. For a description of the magazine, tap on the magazine cover or the magazine name under the cover.
    Search by typing in a magazine name in the search box, or find magazine titles sorted by subject in the genres drop down box.
2. **Checkout** a magazine either by clicking on the plus sign under the cover, or by clicking on the cover and then clicking on the 'checkout' box on the description page. If you are not logged in, you will be prompted to do so during the checkout process.
    Note that you have the option to have Zinio email you when the newest issue of your magazine is available. Check the **'Email me when the next issue is available'** box'.
3. Users can immediately start reading their magazine as it streams using their Internet connection. A Zinio reader will open in a new tab in your browser. Several reading adjustments are offered.
4. **Mobile device** owners can also read offline through the **Zinio for libraries** app. Remember, to read in your app, you must **first** checkout magazines through the library's website on your mobile browser. If you do not see a magazine in your app that you just checked out in your browser, tap on the app settings and then tap **'Sync Library'**.

Managing your magazines

For PC and Mac users:
1. Access the Zinio Magazine Collection in your browser by going through the library's website. Go to **www.bellinghampubliclibrary.org**, click on 'Downloads' and then on Zinio Magazine Collection**.**
2. Login with your email and password. Click on **'My Collection'** to see magazines you have already checked out.
3. You can sort your magazines by issue date or checkout date.
4. **Remove** a magazine from your collection by clicking on the trash can icon in the lower right of the magazine cover and then confirm delete.
5. Checkout additional magazines by clicking on **'Browse Magazine Collection'.**

For mobile device users:
1. Open your **Zinio for libraries** app. Login with your location, email, and password
2. You can sort your checked out magazines by date, title, or those that have been downloaded by tapping on 'View By'.
3. **Remove** a magazine from your collection by tapping on **'Edit'**. Then click on the white **X** in the red circle.
4. You **can not** check out additional magazines through your app. You must access Zinio through your browser to checkout more titles or issues. Follow the browser instructions for PC and Mac users above.

Need more help? Check out Zinio help pages.

1. Go to the library's website at www.bellinghampubliclibrary.org. Click on 'Downloads' and then on **Zinio Magazine Collection.**
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on 'Help' (lower right corner of the page). Help includes FAQ's, a User Guide and a video tutorial.

Need more help? Ask your library!

1. We offer one-on-one Tech 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.