

rb digital Magazines

For smartphone and tablet users

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How RBdigital magazines works:

- Library card holders can check out and read a selection of over 3,000 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 return 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 magazines on your mobile device in the RBdigital app. Stream, or download to read offline.
- 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, an email address, internet access, and a smartphone or tablet.
- Your operating system should be the latest version for your device.
- Go to your device's Appstore and download the RBDigital app. If you do not see the app there, or if it will not download to your device, then your device is not compatible with the current requirements for the app. The RBDigital app does not work on older devices.
- Tap 'Register Now'. You will be asked for:
 - ◆ Your country, state, and Library
 - ◆ Your library card number
 - ◆ Username—this can be anything, and entered with no spaces
 - ◆ Password—this can be anything, entered with no spaces and at least 4 characters long. Passwords are case sensitive.
 - ◆ Email
- Accept the terms, and tap the 'Register' button. Magazine covers should start to display. If they do not, tap the 3 line menu symbol in the upper left corner, then tap 'Magazines'.

Finding, checking out, and reading your magazines

- Connect to wifi.
- You can find a magazine in the app by browsing or searching.
 - ◆ **Browse** by tapping the 'View All' button. You will see 60 titles per screen arranged by popularity. Tap the cover of a magazine for a description.

Search for a specific title by tapping the magnifying glass in the upper right corner. Then tap 'Magazines'. Type in a title name.

Search for a genre of magazine by tapping the magnifying glass in the upper right corner. Then tap 'Magazines'. Tap 'Genre' and choose one. Your results will be arranged by popularity. You can sort the results alphabetically by tapping 'Sort By'.

Search for magazines in a specific language by tapping the magnifying glass in the upper right corner. Then tap 'Magazines'. Tap 'Language'. Your results will be arranged by popularity. You can sort the results alphabetically by tapping 'Sort By'.

- Checkout a magazine by tapping the cover of the magazine, then the red checkout button. To check out available back issues, tap 'View all Issues'.
- A checkout confirmation box pops up. If desired, check the 'Automatically checkout the next issue' box. Tap the green 'Read' button to read by streaming.
- You can also download the magazine. Tap the 3 line menu symbol in the upper left corner, tap 'Checked out' and then 'Download' under the magazine cover. The download is completed when the word 'Downloaded' in green appears under the cover.

Managing your magazines

- Connect to wifi, and tap the 3 line menu symbol in the upper left corner to check your account or see what magazines you currently have checked out, return a magazine, or see a history of all titles you have used.
- You can keep issues of magazines on your device as long as you want. If you want to **return** a title, tap 'Checked Out'. You will see the covers of magazines currently checked out. Tap the X in the upper right corner of the cover. A popup will ask if you want to return the title. Tap yes.
- You can sort your checked out magazines alphabetically, or by date checked out. On your 'Checked Out' page, tap the 'View all' and then 'Sort' link to get to the sorting options.

Need more help? Ask RBDigital

- Open your app, tap the three bar menu and tap 'Help' and then 'Magazines'.

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- 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.