

Using ebooks on Android devices

Android devices include Kobo Arc, Touch, and other non-Apple tablets.

Ebooks may be borrowed from the library and downloaded directly onto an Android device, if the device has the Bluefire app installed, and Bluefire has been registered with your AdobeID. In some cases where later versions of the Android software are in place, an alternative method may be required to access the ebooks – see the end of these notes for more information.

1. Is Bluefire installed?

The first thing to check is that Bluefire is installed - you should see the icon on one of the pages on the home screen.



If you tap on the icon, Bluefire will open, and display a list of the books available on the device. This will include any e-books borrowed from the library.

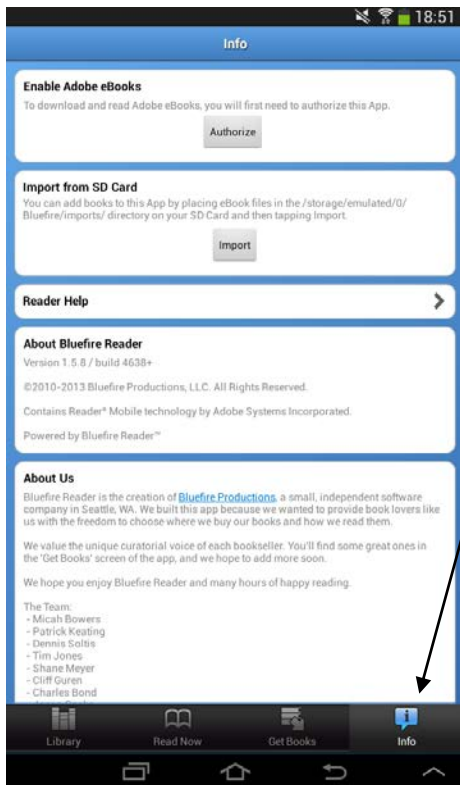
If it's not listed, it will need to be downloaded from Google Play Store or any other app store. It's free to download.

If Bluefire is installed, try step 2 below:

2. Is the AdobeID registered?

The publishers use a special encryption on their books so that they can't be copied and distributed. To download e-books from the library requires customers to have a valid Solihull library card, and to register an email address with Adobe.

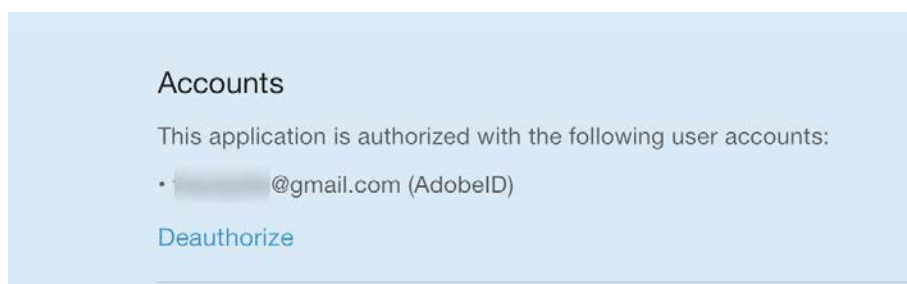
If Bluefire is installed on the Android device, you can check if the Adobe ID is registered by opening Bluefire, and clicking on the info button at bottom right.



If the app isn't authorized, the box at the top of the page will ask you to authorize the app using your Adobe ID.

Click on Authorise to get the form below, then enter the Adobe ID details, and click on Authorise again

This will indicate if Bluefire has been linked with the correct AdobeID.



If it's not authorised, then the library card holder will have to obtain an AdobeID - see the FAQs on our e-book web page - www.solihull.gov.uk/ebooks/

If it is authorised, then proceed to step 3 below:

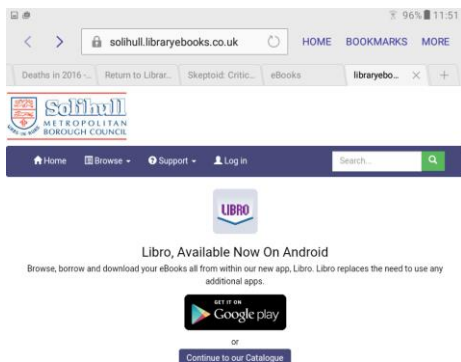
3. Have the books been downloaded?

If Bluefire is installed and authorised with the AdobeID, the next step is to download the ebooks. If they've already been borrowed, they may be downloaded again to the device.

This requires the device to be connected to the Internet.

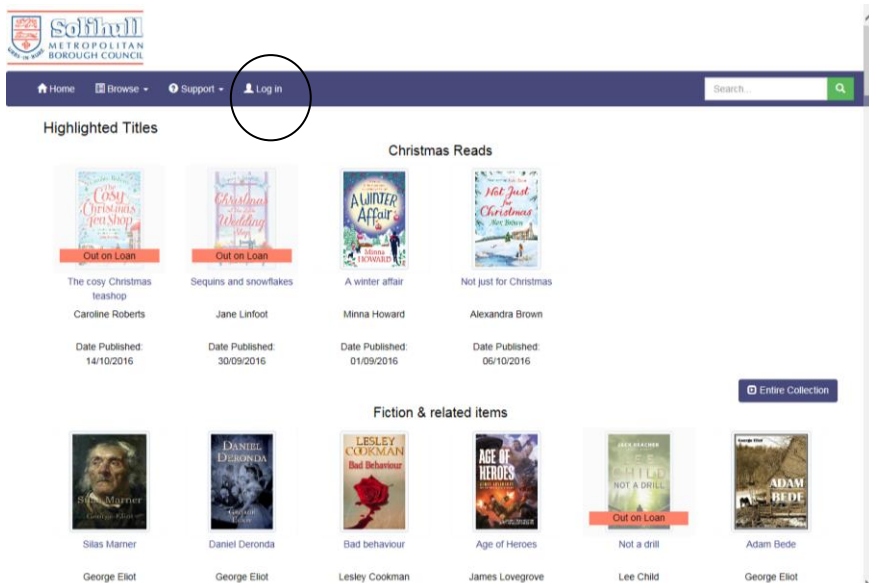
Then you can go to the e-books home page - www.solihull.gov.uk/ebooks - click on Download e-books in the middle of the webpage.

4. Choosing and downloading ebooks



If you get this screen when logging in, it is inviting you to use the Libro app to download ebooks. You do not have to use Libro – click on Continue to our Catalogue to carry on.

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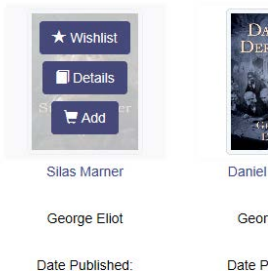


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Login with your library card number without the SLP in front, but including any X at the end of the number, ie 1234567x. Then enter your PIN on the line below.

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Basket



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Please finalise your loans.

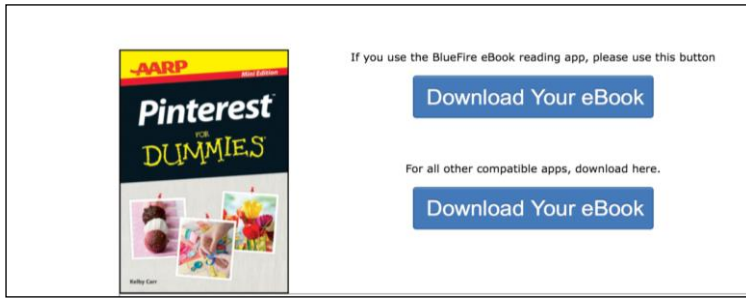


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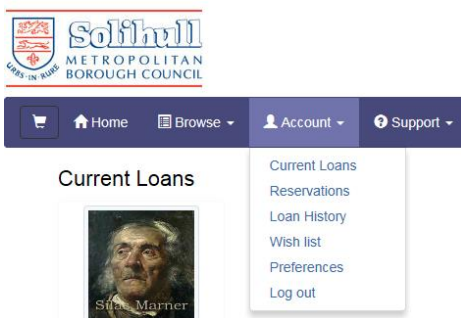
Your checked out books will appear in a list called Current Loans – click on Download to start the download to your device.



If you have not used Bluefire Reader before, the device may ask you which program you want to use – choose Bluefire Reader.

Once downloaded, the book should appear in the list of available books when you open Bluefire.

5. Checking your Account



If you click on Account you will get a drop-down menu which includes Current Loans, if you want to download a book again. You can also see what books you have borrowed before.

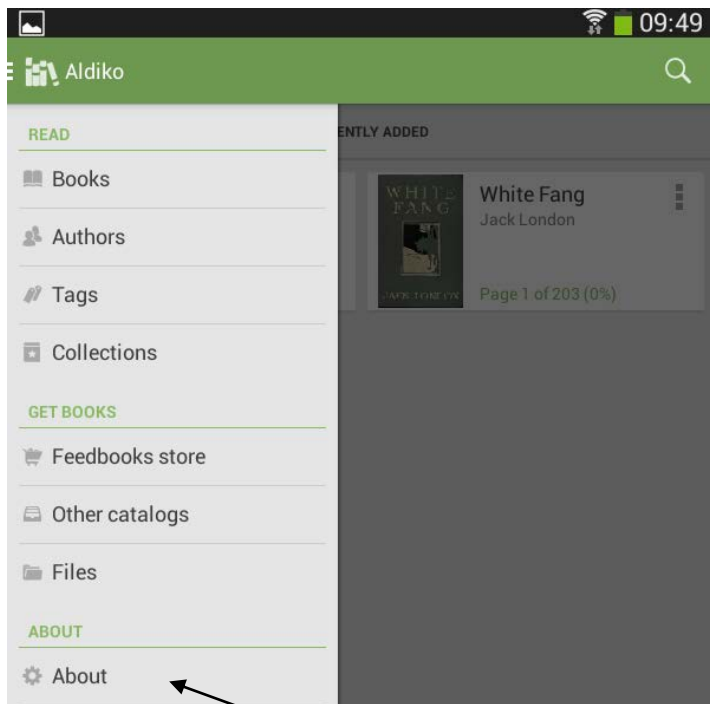
If you have problems downloading the book, the alternative method below works for some versions of Android.
You can also contact the library for help on 247library@solihull.gov.uk

Alternative method using Aldiko if above method does not work

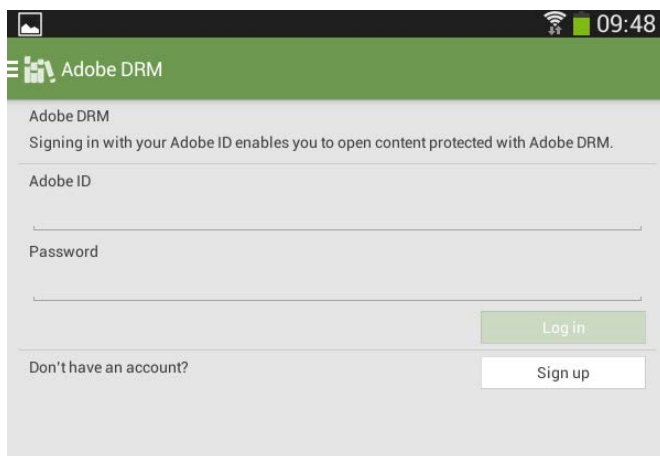
1. Download and install the Aldiko app from the Play store or another app store



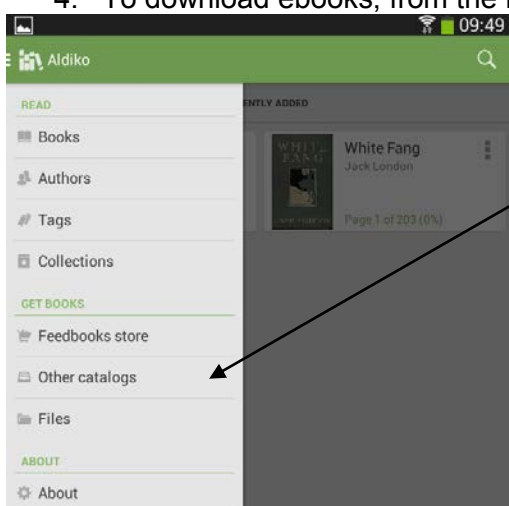
2. From the home page, select the Books button



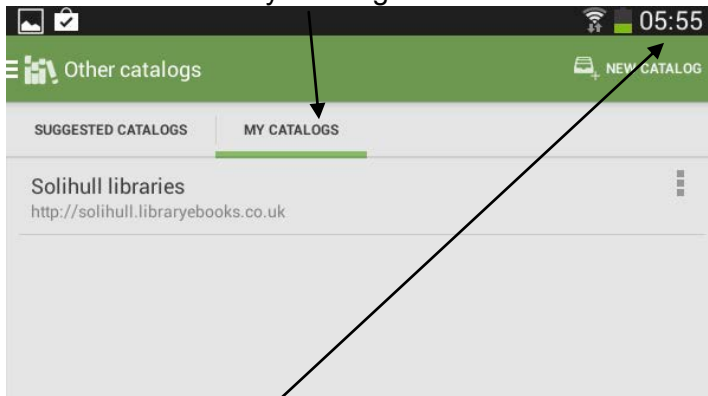
3. From the menu click on About, then Adobe ID – this is where you need to enter your Adobe ID login and password to authorise the device you are using



4. To download ebooks, from the Books menu, select Other Catalogs



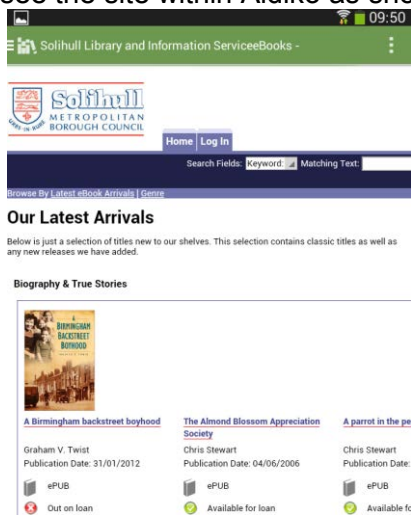
5. Select the My Catalogs tab



6. Press the “+” icon and enter the name and web address of the catalogue – for Solihull ebooks this is <http://solihull.libraryebooks.co.uk>

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