

## Using e-books on Android devices

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

E-books 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 the customer's 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.

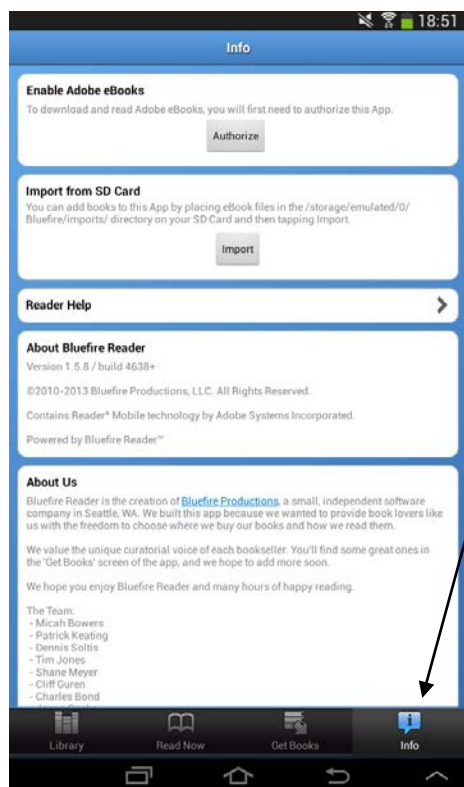
If it's not listed, it will need to be downloaded from Google Play Store or any other app store. It's free to download.

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.

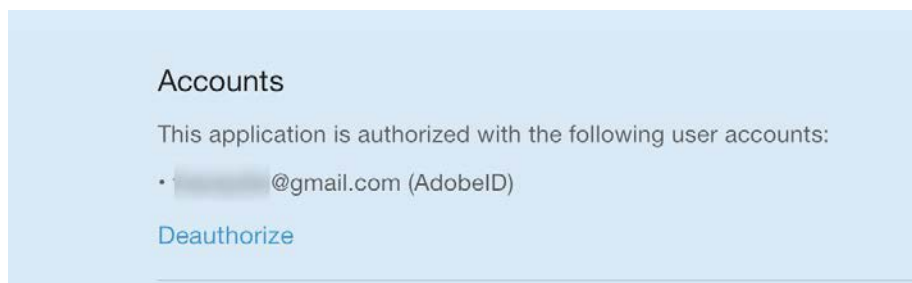
If Bluefire is installed on the Android device, you can check if the Adobe ID is registered by opening Bluefire, and clicking on the info button at bottom right.



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/](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/ebooks/)

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

### 3. Have the books been downloaded?

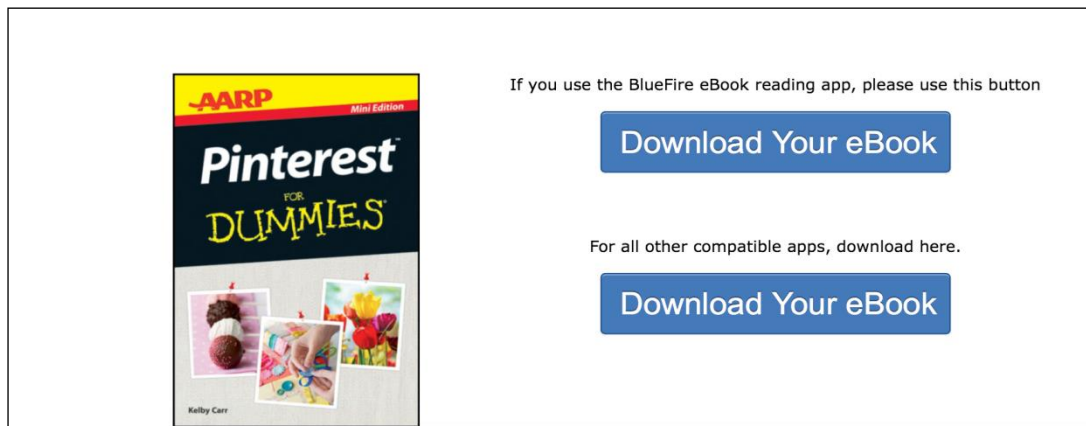
If Bluefire is installed and authorised with the AdobeID, the next step is to download the ebooks. If they've already been borrowed, they may be downloaded again to the device. This requires the device to be connected to the Internet.

If you need to connect to the library wifi, go to the Settings option on the Android device homepage. (These instructions work in any Solihull library)

<p>Select <b>Solihull-Libraries</b> from the list of wireless connections and Connect to it.</p> 	<p>You will either have a notification from your device to login or you will need to open your browser, you will get a registration page</p>  <p>If you have an account, sign in If not click on the New account link</p>
<p>To set up a new account, fill in the form including your email and mobile number</p>  <p>Your email address will be your user name – after this first stage, log in using the email address and the 6 digit password.</p>	<p>You will then get a confirmation text message</p>  <p>The text message will contain a 6 digit password and details for you to log in, keep this until the expiry date. This number will last for 3 months.</p>

Then you can go to the e-books home page - [www.solihull.gov.uk/ebooks](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/ebooks) - and log in with the library card and PIN.

If you then tap on manage my account, you will see a list of the e-books currently on loan to the ticket used to log in. You should then be able to download the books to the Android device by tapping on the download button. The top button is the one to choose for Bluefire.



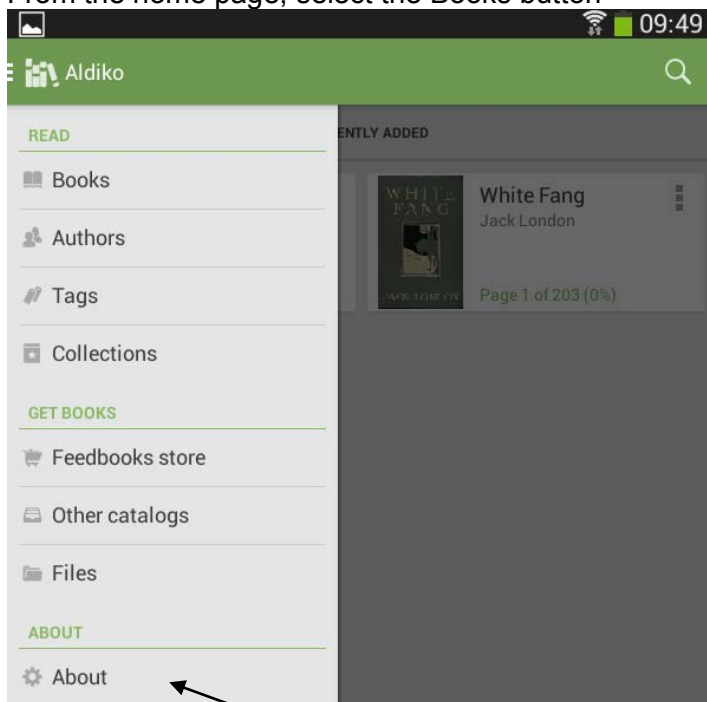
Once downloaded, the book should appear in the list of available books when you open Bluefire.

### Alternative method using Aldiko if above method does not work

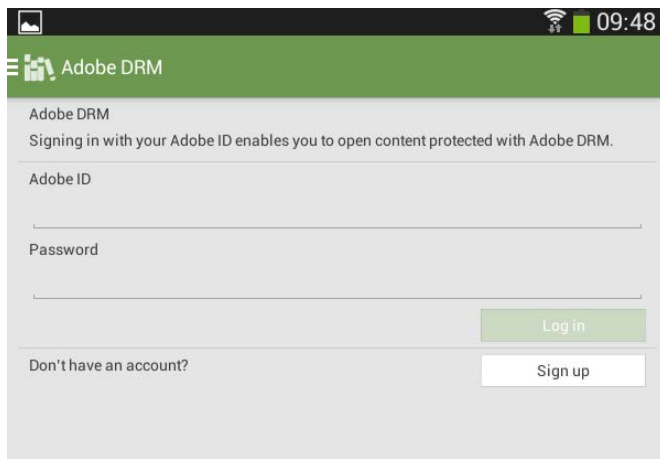
1. Download and install the Aldiko app from the Play store or another app store



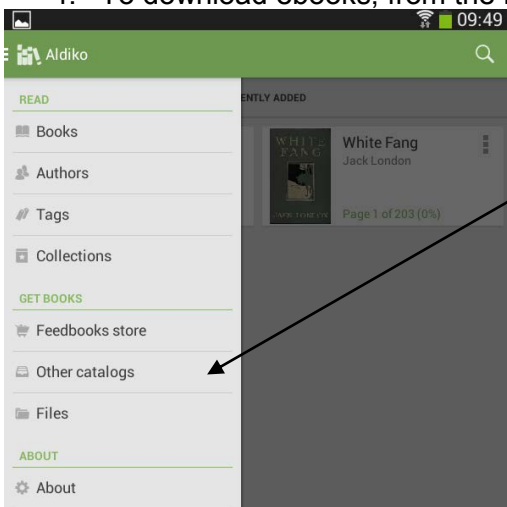
2. From the home page, select the Books button



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



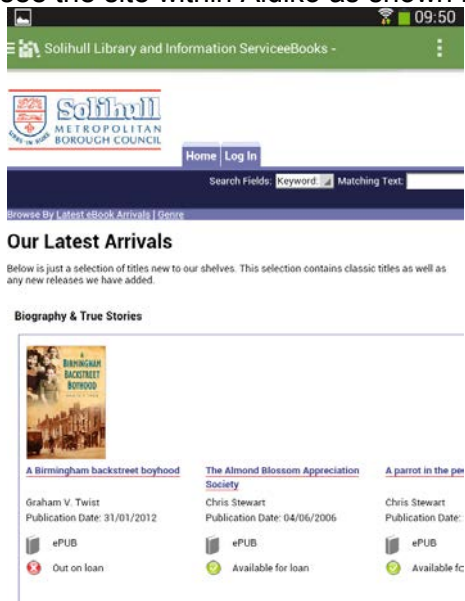
5. Select the My Catalogs tab



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

7. Click on OK

8. After this, when you access the Solihull ebooks site, do it by accessing this link – you will be able to see the site within Aldiko as shown below, log in and download ebooks straight into



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