HOW TO: Discover Fun Tips & Tricks with Libby

These instructions guide you through some fun tips and tricks you can try when using the Libby app on your phone or tablet. Libby allows you to borrow and read eBooks and listen to audiobooks from your library on your phone or tablet.

1. Open Libby on your device. If you haven’t yet installed Libby and need help, see the guide to Using Libby.

2. Use Preferences to improve browsing. Press the orange Preferences menu near the top of the Library tab to modify exactly what you want to see. Just want to see audiobooks? You can set that preference. If you also set the availability to Available Now, you will only see items that are available to borrow immediately and don’t require a hold.

3. Use search options. You can use search options to get better search results. On the Library tab, press the search bar (at the very top) and then press the grey More Options selection. You now can sort by Subject and Date Added. For example, if you want to look for mysteries added in the last 30 days, you can do that here.

4. Right beside the orange Preferences is an Explore option. Use it to find guides for tons of different collection. When you are on the main Library tab try scrolling down (Libby is like an iceberg, only 10% is shown at the top of the screen). The Libby screen just keeps going and going with easy search options, genre collections, what’s new and what’s available, mysteries, lists, and more.

5. Change eBook text size, colors, and styles. Open up a book and single touch once in the center of the screen. Touch the triple line icon at the top right to bring up options. Now press Reading Settings. Here you can change the font size with the slider, change lighting options (Bright, Sepia, and Dark), and under Book Design you can change text styles.

6. Add an invisible bookmark. The top-right corner of a page is an invisible bookmark shortcut.

7. Speed up an audiobook or set an audiobook timer. When you are listening to an audiobook check out the options at the top of the screen! The little clock will let you speed up the narration. Got a slow narrator? This option will fix that. Many people report their hearing quickly adjusts to a faster reading speed though it seems weird at first. Try the moon icon when you are listening to an audiobook at bed or nap time. This sets a 30-minute timer, which stops your audiobook just as you are drifting off to sleep.

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