

# enjoying eBooks & Digital Audio

## 3 things you need before you get started

### 1. current library card

Your library card expires every 2 years; it may need to be renewed. Your PIN is the last 4-digits of your phone number.

### 2. computer/mobile device

The eBooks can be read on your computer, transferred to an eReader or downloaded to your mobile device. Lots of options!

### 3. internet connection

Your computer or mobile device will have to be connected to the internet.

## how to access “Libraries on the Go”

Middlesex County Library purchases eBooks in a consortium with 4 other Ontario libraries. The shared digital catalogue is called “Libraries on the Go”. Links to the eBook catalogue can be found on our website [library.middlesex.ca](http://library.middlesex.ca) or you can visit it at: <http://librariesonthego.library.on.ca>

## searching for eBooks & Audio Books

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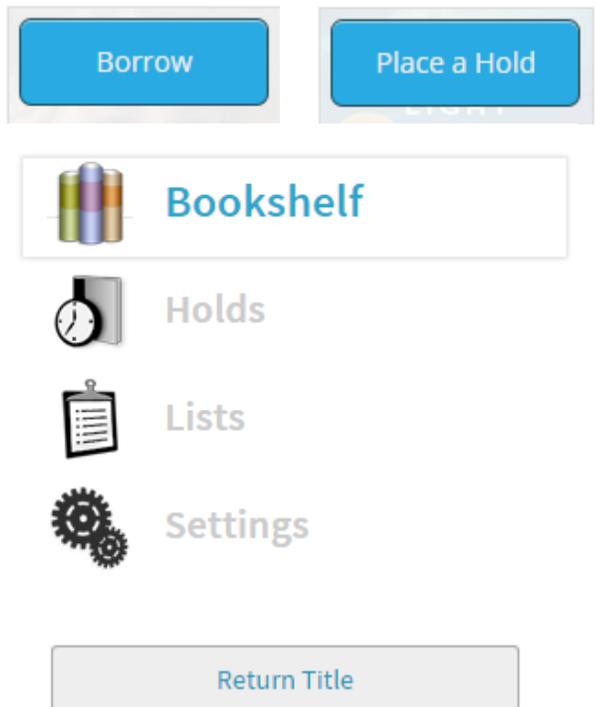
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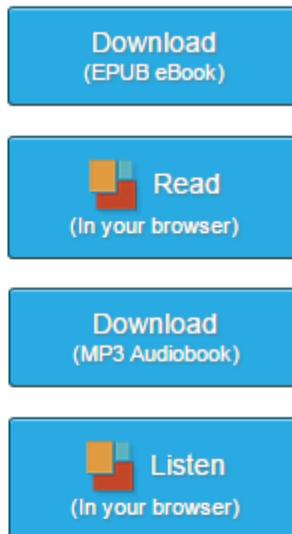
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