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A few more useful apps

myUsage Lite.

Check how much phone or data useage you have left.

myUsage lite allows you to easily monitor and keep track of a single account balance or quota usage. This is the lite version of myUsage, The paid version offers no ads, automatic usage updating and the ability to check multiple accounts – all for \$2.89.



When you first run the app you get to choose your provider, then you enter your user name, password and account or phone number.

The next step is to tap the all apps icon and go to Widgets, look for myUsage (2x1) and tap and hold it. Drag it to a vacant spot on a Home screen and drop it, a screen of options appears.

Tap Display account and choose the one you just set up, tap Display usage and choose Credit or Data, tap Select background and choose one. Tap OK and the widget will appear on the Home screen.



If you chose Credit to display then the widget will show how much you have left to spend on phone calls. Tap the widget to see all the details of your account, tap the refresh button to update the account details.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cmengler.myusagelite&hl=en>

Aldiko Book Reader

This is a great app for reading books, download and install it from the Play Store.

You will need this app to read books you download from the library. The app also has links where you can get more books, free ones and paid ones.



Tap the app to get it started.

It usually starts in Bookshelf view.

If you have some books already then you will see them here.

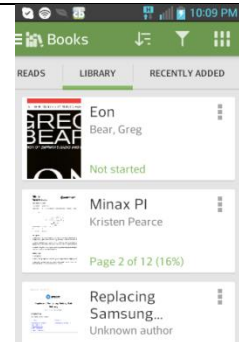
Tap a book to get reading.



Tap the button in the top left to change the view to a list of your books.

Tap it again and it will revert to Bookshelf view.

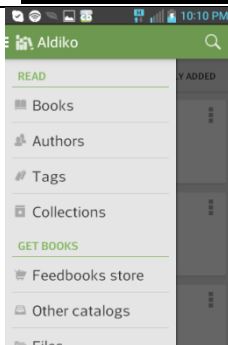
Check out the Sort and Filter buttons on the bar across the top.



Tap the options button in the top left to see the Read and Get Books choices.

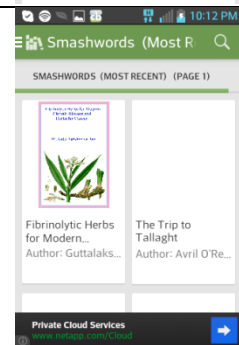
Feedbooks store will take you to places where you can buy books.

There is a Free Books option on this list.



Other catalogs leads you to other places to get books from.

Check out the Suggested catalogs, on my app I can see Romance Ebooks, Smashwords and O'Reilly Ebooks.



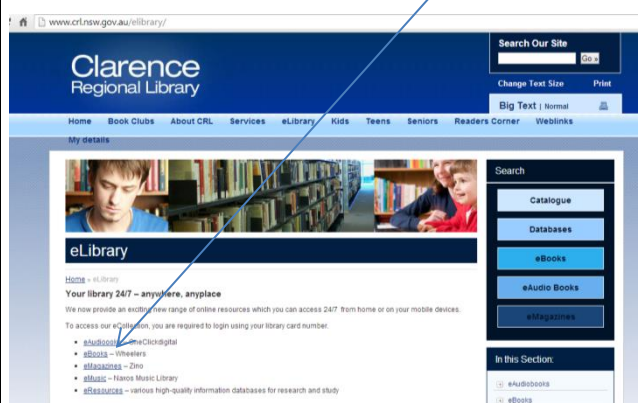
Getting eBooks from the library

This a bit tricky, the web address for our library is www.crl.nsw.gov.au

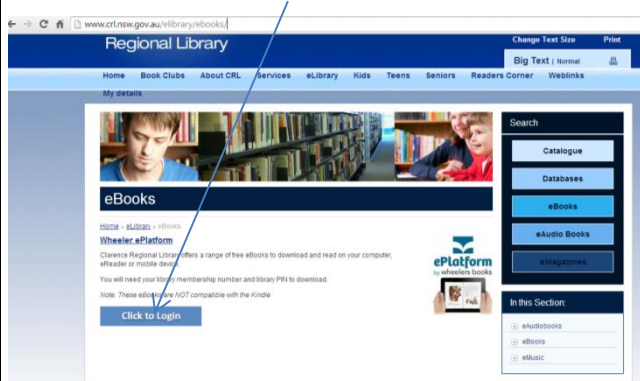
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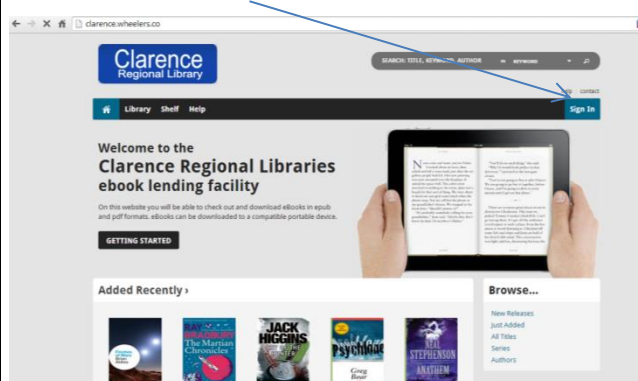
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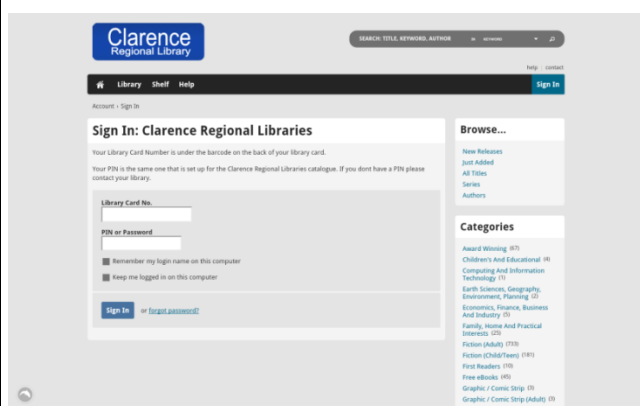
3. Now you can Click to Login



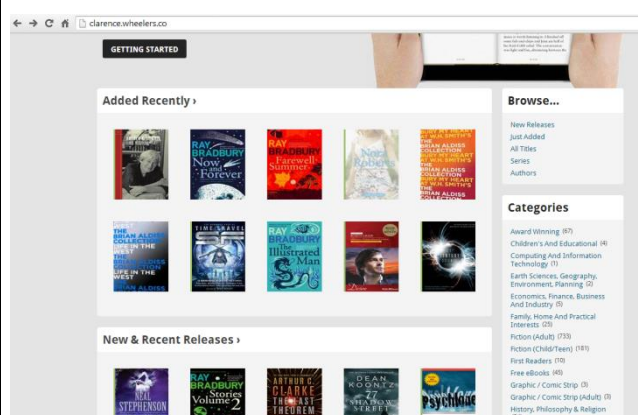
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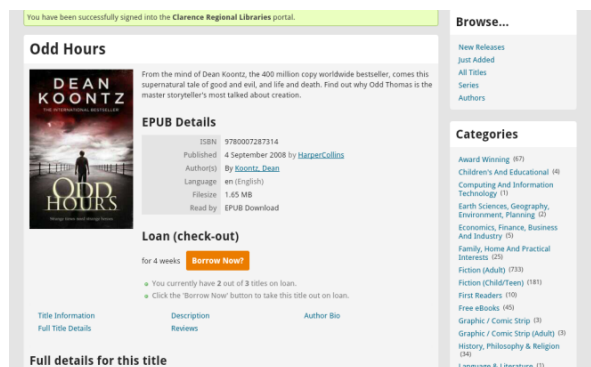
5. Use your library card number and PIN.



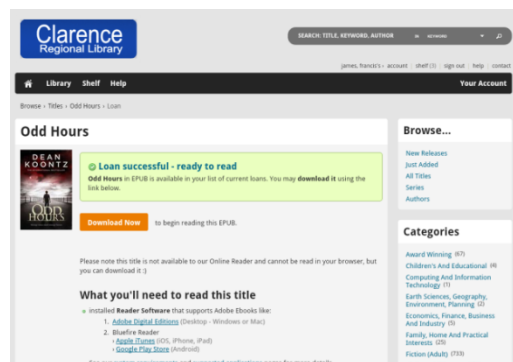
6. Now you can **browse** for a book



7. Tap the book you are interested in and tap **Borrow Now** if you want this book



8. Now you can tap **Download Now** to read the book



The books from the library are DRM protected so that they cannot be copied.

When you first download a book you will be prompted to get Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) which is needed to decode the DRM protection.

When you borrow a book it is for a limited time, 4 weeks I think. When the loan period has expired ADE will delete the book from your device.

You can extend the loan by logging in to your library account.

There is a limit of 3 books you can have on loan at any one time. You can return books early so that you can borrow other ones.

Notice the 3 dots button...

Tap this to see the option *Return borrowed item*

This option will not be there if the book has been downloaded from somewhere other than a library.

Notice in this view that you can see how much of each book that you have read. *Pride and Prejudice* is on page 70 of 366 pages.

When you are reading a book you simply tap on the right of a page to move to the next page.

Tapping on the left takes you back a page.

The app remembers what page you are up to so that next time you go to the book you are ready to continue reading.

