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## OverDrive and Amazon Launch Kindle® Compatibility with Library E-Books

Jackson County Library Services is pleased to announce that the Amazon® Kindle compatibility with Library2Go e-book collection is here. This update allows most existing e-books in the library's collection to be read on all Kindle devices or by using free Kindle apps for iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ and other mobile devices.

OverDrive is the supplier and site host for the Oregon Digital Library Consortium's Library2Go—of which Jackson County Library Services is a member. This is a very significant step in a series of OverDrive WIN enhancements to streamline user experience and help libraries meet the increased demand for e-books. Steve Potash, CEO of OverDrive said, "This addition helps public libraries accelerate their drive to become the first online stop for e-books, where visitors can browse, discover, and sample new and popular titles and authors in virtually all subjects."

"Kindle compatibility will allow Jackson County Library Services and other Oregon Digital Library Consortium members to serve thousands of new patrons and extend their valuable community role while providing a broader reading experience," said Kim Wolfe, consortium representative.

The process for borrowing a public library e-book for Kindle is similar as for other devices. Most e-books already in the library's catalog supplied by OverDrive are compatible with Kindle, so users simply browse or search for "Kindle Book," check out a title with a valid library card, and then click "Get for Kindle." Access to the Kindle Book will occur at Amazon's website after signing in and selecting delivery to the user's Kindle device or any of the free Kindle reading apps. As with all e-books and other digital content at OverDrive-powered libraries, titles are available 24/7 and incur no late fees because they automatically expire at the end of the lending period.

In addition to Kindle, OverDrive provides support for all major desktop and mobile devices, including Windows®, Mac®, iPod®, iPhone®, iPad®, Sony® Reader, NOOK™, Android™, BlackBerry®, and Windows® Phone. The online collection of downloadable audio books, e-books and video are available for checkout to cardholders of Jackson County Library Services at: [www.jcls.org](http://www.jcls.org). For questions about the online collection, the Kindle compatibility, or other information, please call the Medford Branch Library at 541-774-8679.



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