

Sun City Summerlin Computer Club

Seminar

E-Books and E-Readers 2025

Everything You Wanted Know

(and probably more)

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Agenda

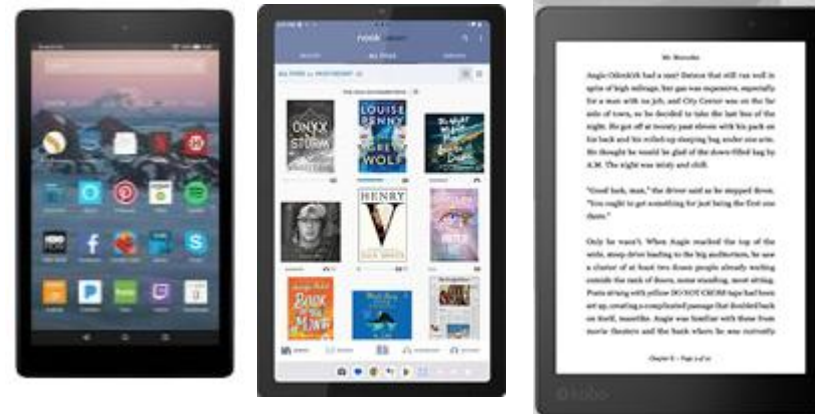
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/E-book>
- **E-Book Document Formats**
- **Stand-Alone E-Book Readers**
- **Software E-Book Readers**
- **A Few Places to Get E-Books**
 - **Amazon**
 - **Barnes & Noble**
 - **Google Books**
 - **Kobo**
 - **Clark County Library**
 - **Project Gutenberg**
 - **Open Library**
- **Open Q&A / Help**

E-Book Document Formats

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_e-book_formats
- **E-Pub: Very widely supported**
 - Many tools that can create or convert to/from E-Pub books
 - Internal representation is XML
- **PDF: (Adobe) Widely Supported**
 - Many tools that can create PDF documents
 - Internal representation is encapsulated Postscript
 - Doesn't always reformat well to fit small screens
- **MOBIPocket: “Open E-book” standard for mobile devices**
- **HTML: All web browsers can display HTML**
 - Many tools can create HTML documents
 - HTML documents usually reformat well
- **AZW, AZW3, KF8, KFX, MOBI: Amazon Kindle formats**
 - <https://www.lifewire.com/load-non-amazon-books-kindle-1616647>
- **iBooks: Apple's variation of E-Pub**

Stand-Alone E-Book Readers

- Many use e-Ink (front-lit, black and white, high contrast)
- Stand-alone e-readers often take you only to that vendor's store
- Prices coming down due to competition from tablets
- Amazon
 - Kindle White
 - Amazon Fire HD 7/8/10
- Barnes & Noble Nook
 - Glowlight
 - Nook 9" Tablet
- Kobo Reader
 - Kobo Clara
 - Kobo Sage
- Samsung Galaxy A7
- Best to search for the *latest* models from each vendor
 - Search / shopping demo (using Google)
- Big discounts on Black Friday and other Shopping Holidays



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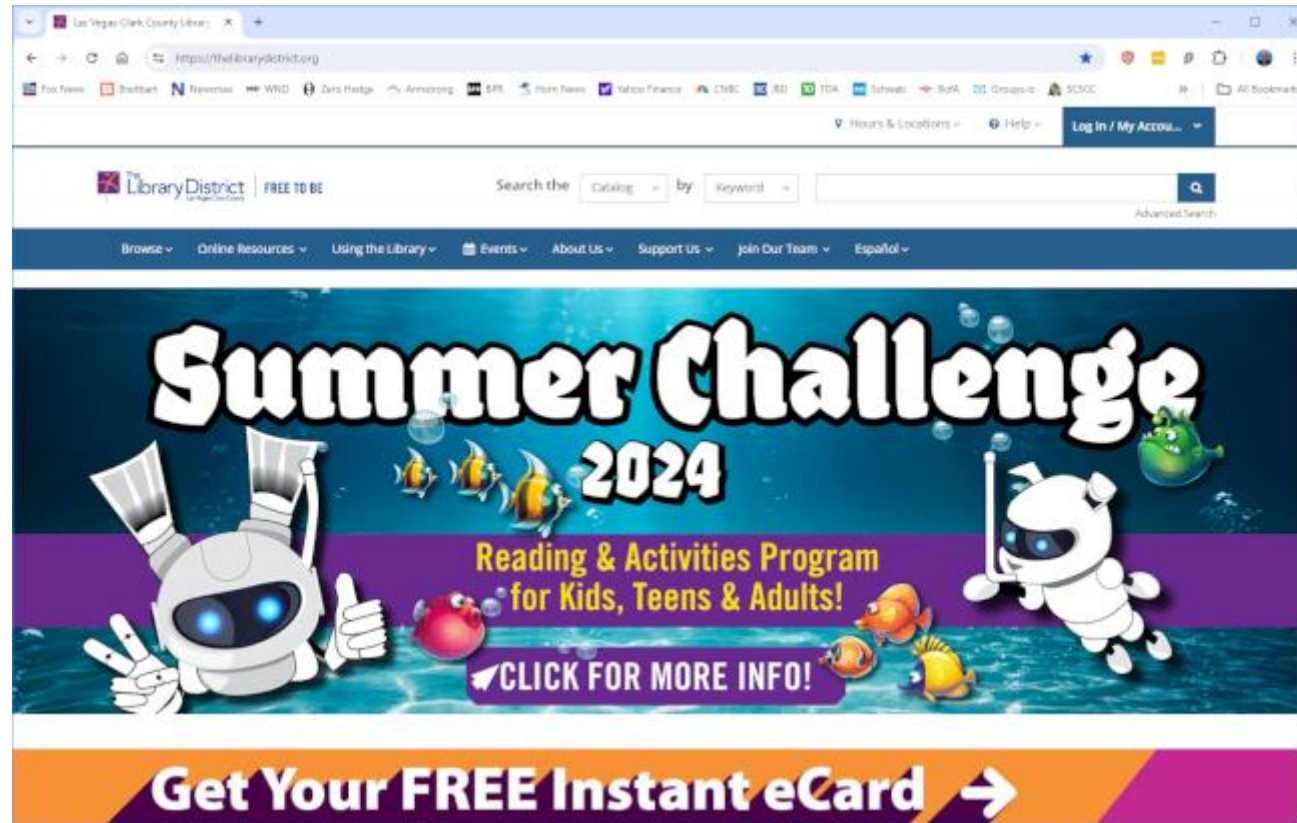
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- Las Vegas / Clark County Library (via OverDrive)
<http://lvccld.org>
- Project Gutenberg (60,000 free ebooks)
<https://www.gutenberg.org/>
- Open Library <https://openlibrary.org/>

Clark County Library (1)

- Go to: <https://thelibrarydistrict.org/>

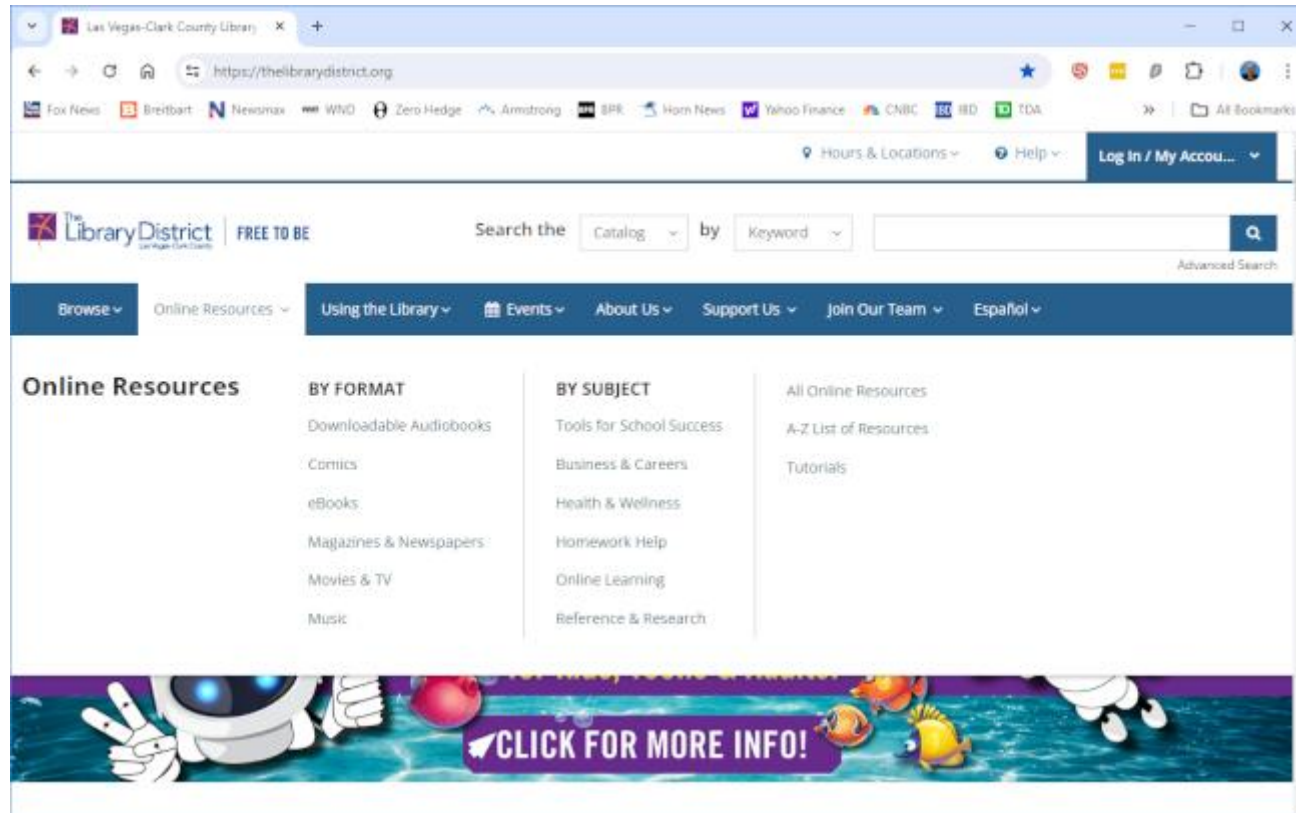


Clark County Library (2)

- Click the “Login/MyLVCCLD” button to log in.
- Enter your library card number and pin number
- Once logged in you can browse and search the collection based on various filters:
 - Author name, title, subject ,
 - E-book format
 - Type of reader
 - Availability
- If an e-book is available, you can check it out and download it.
- If currently unavailable, you can place a Hold.
 - When the book is available, you will be notified by e-mail
 - Also possible to *buy* the E-book (library gets a commission)
- See also Edith Einhorn’s seminar presentation:
 - http://http://www.scscclib.org/smnr/eBooks_Library_Seminar.pdf

Clark County Library (3)

- Click the Online Resources Link



Clark County Library (4)

- **Online Media**
 - Music (Freegal) free songs you can download, up to 6 per week
 - Videos and Music (Hoopla) - Movies and videos you can check out
- **Ebooks – via OverDrive.com**
 - Kindle, EPub or OverDrive format or “read in browser”
 - You can also use the Libby app on your phone or book reader
- **Online Magazines & Newspapers**
 - OverDrive magazines service included
- **Online Database Services – many available**
 - Great Courses series
 - Morningstar
 - NY Times Digital Archives – searchable 2008 to present
 - ValueLine

Questions and Answers