# Downloading free Duluth Public Library e-books to your Sony Reader

This is a step-by-step instruction guide for loading free library e-books onto a Sony e-reading device. Library e-books must first be loaded onto your personal computer and then transferred onto your Sony Reader. E-books are installed onto the device using Adobe Digital Editions, which is already installed on the Sony Reader. You will also have to install Adobe Digital Editions on your personal computer. The distributor the library uses for downloadable media is OverDrive, Inc.

1. Download Adobe Digital Editions to your home computer.
You will find a link for this on the OverDrive website, which can be accessed through the Duluth Public Library website:

- Go to www.duluth.lib.mn.us.
- Click on the link **Music, Movies, Downloadable Books** (located on the right of the homepage)
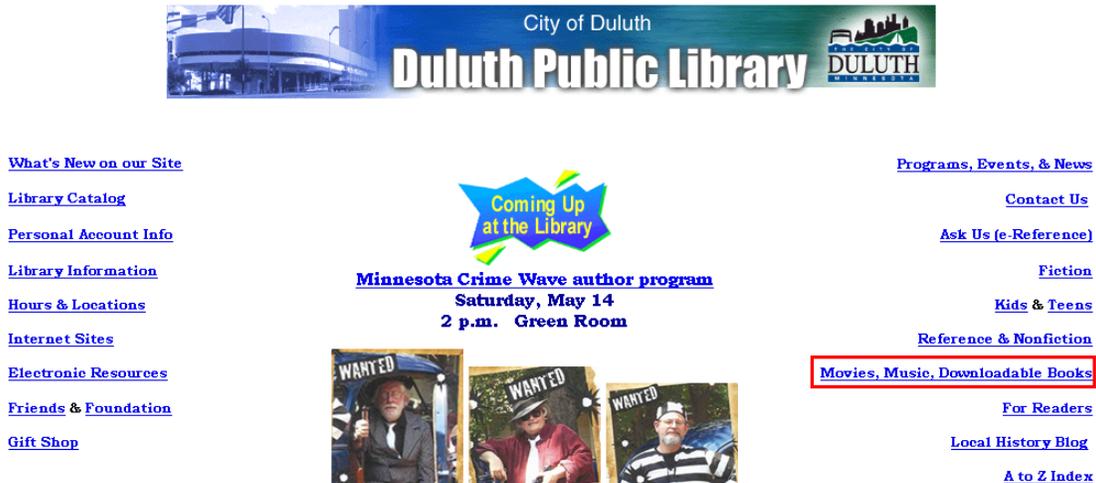
- Click on **Downloadable books**

This will bring you to the Arrowhead Library System/Duluth Public Library OverDrive page.

- On the OverDrive page, scroll down to the bottom of the left hand column, where you will see a link to **Adobe Digital Editions**. Click, and at the top of the following page you will see this image:
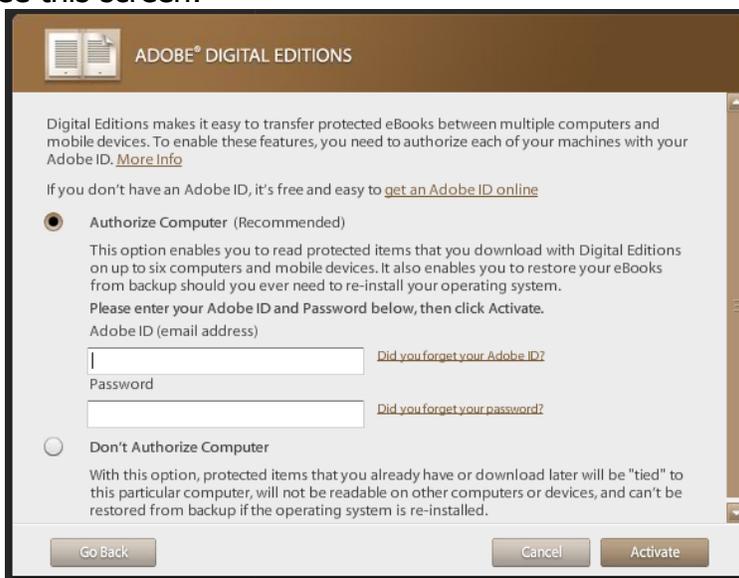
To download Adobe® Digital Editions, click here.

- Click on the picture or the link to begin the download process.
- Follow the downloading and installation instructions, clicking **next** and **install** when instructed.

The following screen will appear:
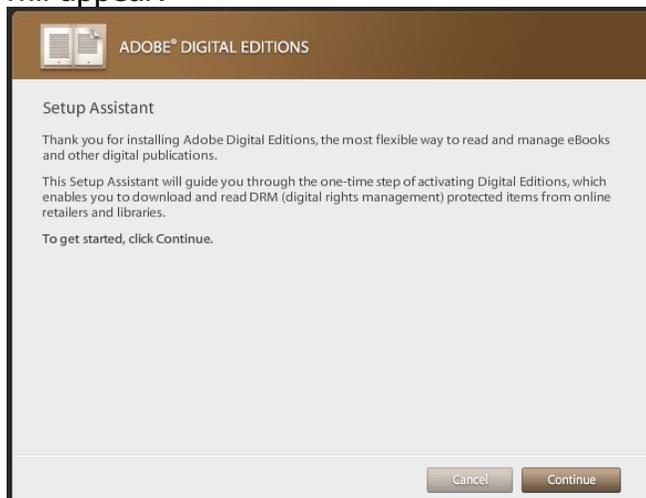
- Select continue.

You will see this screen:

Important: make sure to authorize your computer by creating an Adobe ID / Password! This is a quick process and is very important: it is how you are able to transfer books from your computer to your Nook or other reading device. If you do not have an Adobe ID and Password, you can create one by clicking on the link to **get an Adobe ID online**. This will bring you to the Adobe site, where you will enter information to create an account. Once you have done so, you can return to this screen and enter your ID and Password to **Activate**.

When you have successfully activated your Adobe Digital Editions, you will see this screen:
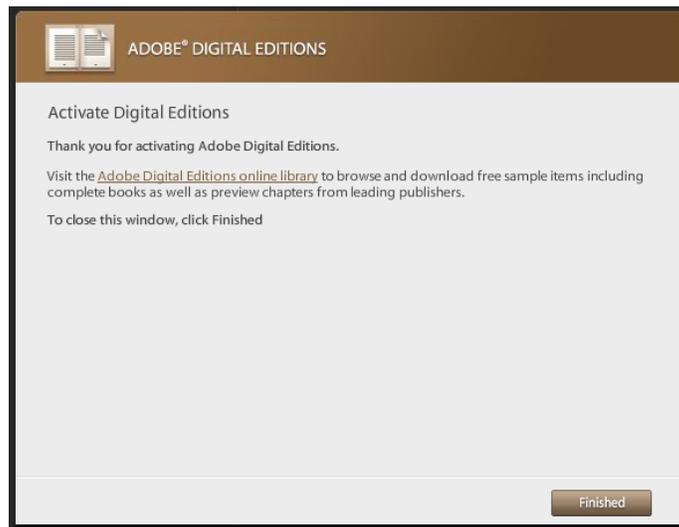
- Click **Finished**. You are ready to check out a book from OverDrive.

   Note: Once Adobe Digital Editions has been downloaded, you will not not need to do this step again unless you want to use a different computer to transfer library e-books to the Nook.

2. Check out a library e-book on OverDrive.

You can browse through the e-book collection by clicking on an e-book genre in the left hand column of the OverDrive page. You can also search for a title or author by using the search box in the left column or by clicking the **Search Digital Media** tab at the top of the OverDrive page.

   Tip: The OverDrive website offers audiobooks as well as e-books. You can limit your search by choosing only one option in the **Format** drop down menu:

   Tip: Your search results can be narrowed even further by checking the option **Only show titles with copies available**. If you do not choose this option,

your search will show all titles owned by the Arrowhead Library System, even if they are currently checked out.

☑ Only show titles with copies available

- After finding a title to check out, click on **Add to Cart**, located on the right of the title you have chosen.

Content Details

The Road
by Cormac McCarthy

Publisher:	Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group
Imprint:	Vintage
Pub Date:	03/20/2007
Subject(s):	Fiction Literature
Language(s):	English
Awards:	Pulitzer Prize Columbia University Quill Award Quills Foundation

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Average rating:
★★★★★
Sign in & rate this title.

Format Information

Adobe EPUB eBook   add to cart
                                                        add to wish list

Available copies: 1
Library copies: 1
File size: 203 KB
ISBN: 9780307267450
Release date: Mar 20, 2007
Plays on: eBook-compatible computers & devices

Notice "Available copies" is set at 1, meaning there is one copy available to check out. If this is set to 0, the item is currently out and you will not have the option to "Add to cart."

The next screen shows the contents of your cart – with the items you would like to check out. There are two options to proceed.

My Cart

Please note: Titles added to your cart will remain there for 30 minutes before they are returned to the library's collection. Please be sure to complete your checkout within this timeframe to avoid losing access to these title(s).

The Road
Lending period: 14 days
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Continue Browsing   Proceed to Checkout

- Choose **Continue Browsing** if you would like to find an additional title to check out.

   Note: You may have a total of 10 items checked out from OverDrive at one time.

- Choose **Proceed to Checkou**t to move on to the download.

You will now go to the login screen. Choose your library from the drop-down menu.

- If your library card barcode begins with "21256" choose **Duluth Public Library**.
- If your library card barcode begins with "22510" choose **Arrowhead Library System**.

Login to My Digital Account

To access this site at this time, you will need a Arrowhead & Duluth Library card.

To login, please enter your library card number

Library: [select library]

Library card number: [   ]

Sign In

You will now be at the **Check Out** screen. You can choose the loan period for your book: either 7 or 14 days. Also notice that there is a note about the number of titles you currently have out and how many you have remaining to check out.

- Click **Confirm check out** to proceed.

Check Out

Please review and confirm the selections and, if desired, change the lending period(s) before proceeding with check out.

The Road
Lending period: 14 day checkout
7 day checkout
Adobe EPUB eBoo   14 day checkout   **Plays on:** eBook-compatible computers & devices   **remove**

Important notes:
- You may check out a maximum of **10** titles at one time
- You currently have **4** title(s) checked out
- You will have **5** title(s) remaining after checking out the selected title(s)

Confirm check out

The next screen explains what you will be downloading.

- Click **Download** to transfer the book to Adobe Digital Editions.

Download

You must have the appropriate digital book software downloaded to your computer or PDA *before* you download these digital books.

If this page is no longer available after downloading and installing the digital book reading software, go to 'My Digital Account' and click on the 'Checked Out' link to download your title(s).

Once you have downloaded and installed the appropriate digital book software, download the digital book to your machine. If you prefer to download the title at a later time, please return to the site and visit your 'Checked Out' (*My Digital Account > Checked Out*).
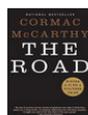
CORMAC McCARTHY THE ROAD	**The Road** Adobe EPUB eBook (203 kb)	Checked out on: Jan 13, 2011 Expires on: Jan 27, 2011

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Download

When you click **Download**, Adobe Digital Editions will launch and your book will automatically begin downloading to the program. It should only take a few moments to load. When it is finished, you can click on the title to read the book on your computer. A banner across the cover of the e-book says how many days are remaining in the loan.
Example:

3. **Transfer your library e-book to the Sony Reader.** Plug the reader into your computer and follow the directions to authorize your device using the Adobe ID and password you created.

The Sony Reader should show up on the bottom of the left side column on Adobe Digital Editions.

- To get the OverDrive e-book onto your Sony Reader, click on the cover and drag the title to the Sony icon on the left sidebar on the screen. A progress screen will appear and the book will be loaded onto your device.

- Unplug your Sony from your computer and read your book.

When your library e-book has expired...
If your e-book has expired but you have not connected your Sony to your computer, the e-book will still appear on the device but an error message will display when it is opened. An expired book shows up on Adobe Digital Editions with a red banner across it that says **expired**.

These books can be deleted from your library by clicking on the **Item Options** arrow over the book title and selecting **Delete Item**.
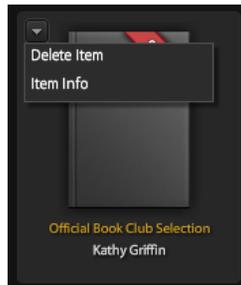
The item will be deleted from the Sony Reader after the next time it is connected to Adobe Digital Editions through a computer.

What if I have a problem?

If you are having trouble with the OverDrive software, help resources are available on the OverDrive website (http://arrowhead.lib.overdrive.com/); look at the links in the sidebar on the left. If you cannot find the answer to your question there, email webmail@duluth.lib.mn.us with a detailed explanation of your problem or fill out the form at http://overdrive.com/Contact/Form-FrontLineSupport.aspx?Lib=Arrowhead Library System. Library staff or OverDrive technical support will get back to you about the problem.