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Basic Introduction

▸ 3M allows you to checkout electronic books ("eBooks") and audiobooks.
▸ Three items can be checked out at any given time and five books can be reserved.
▸ Items can be checked out for two weeks at a time.
▸ Items will be automatically returned after the two week period, but you may return an item early (see below). There is never a risk of fines.

Step 1: Check Your Settings and Get the App

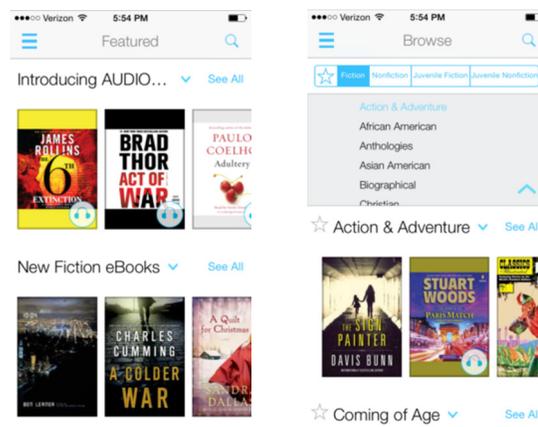Amazon's Kindle App Store doesn't include the 3M Cloud Library app, so the app must be "sideloaded."

▸ Swipe down from the top of the Kindle to reveal the device menu. Tap on "More" (located on the top right) to get to "Settings." Select "Device" > "Allow Installation of Applications" and make sure it is "ON".
▸ Through the Kindle web browser (tap on "Web" tab), visit http://ahml.info/ebooks/kindleapp and tap on "Cloud Library App Download Page," then tap "Download" and "Confirm."
▸ Tap on the three horizontal lines in the upper left hand corner of the web browser.
▸ Select "Downloads" and tap on the downloaded app to install the app on the Kindle.
▸ Tap on "Install" and then "Open."
▸ To download the 3M app, tap on "Download."
▸ Create a SlideMe account and tap "Register."
▸ Tap on "Download," then "Install" 3M and then tap "Launch."

Step 2: Setup Basic Account Information

▸ Open the 3M app.
▸ Tap "Connect to Your Library" and select "United States," "Illinois," and "Arlington Heights Memorial Library."
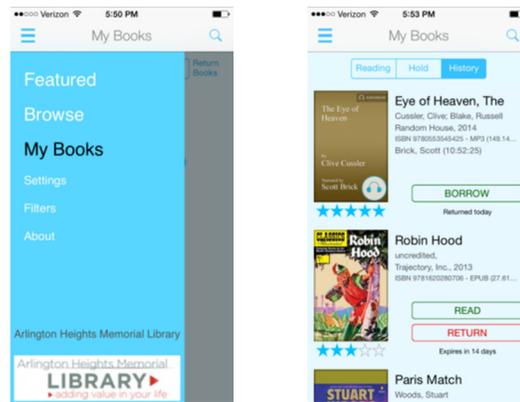▸ Enter your AHML library card number without spaces, and "Accept" the terms and conditions.

Step 3: Find and Checkout eBooks and Audiobooks

▸ Find a new eBook or audiobook by tapping "Feature" or "Browse."
▸ Find eBooks and audiobooks that you have already checked out by tapping "My Books."
▸ Search for a specific eBook or audiobook by tapping on the magnifying glass symbol and typing in the name of the book or author you are looking for.
▸ After finding an eBook or audiobook, tap on its cover and press "Borrow." If the book not available, you can select "Put on Hold."
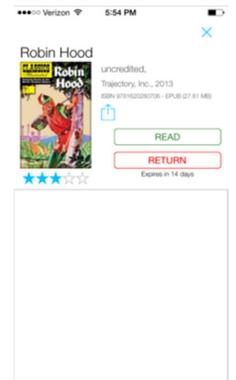

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Step 4: Read the Checked-Out Book

▸ Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left corner of the screen, and then tap the "My Books" tab.
▸ The "My Books" tap is where you can see what books you have checked out and what eBooks you have on hold.
▸ There are three buttons at the top of the "My Books":
  ○ Reading – Tap here and you will see the books that you are currently reading. Click on any of these books to begin reading.
  ○ Hold – Tap here and you will see the books you have placed on hold.
  ○ History – Tap here and you will see the books that you previously borrowed but have since returned.

Step 5: Return your eBook or Audiobook Early

▸ If you would like to return an eBook or audiobook early, tap and hold on the cover of the book. Press "Return."

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