Feel the need to read (or listen) while you're at home?
TCFL has some great options for downloadable eBooks and eAudio. This week, we'll help you get started with Overdrive and Libby.

First things first, though – what do you mean Overdrive AND Libby? Overdrive is the name of the company that we get some of our downloadable content from. Libby is the name of the app that Overdrive created to help you get that content onto your mobile device. We'll use "Overdrive" to describe the general ideas and "Libby" if we're talking about something that's specific to the app.

And a few quick housekeeping details –
- Overdrive is just like the library, in that there are a set number of copies of each title in the collection – what that means to you is that sometimes, you will have to place a hold on popular items. Don't worry, though – Overdrive has a huge collection, and new books (and extra copies) are added all the time!
- You can borrow up to 6 titles at any one point in time – so you might need to return something early if one of your holds comes through!
- Unlike the library, books you borrow through Overdrive are returned automatically, even if you forget your due dates – so no worries about overdue fines! If something gets returned before you finish it, you can always borrow it again.

Let's get started!

Do you want to download eBooks and eAudiobooks to a mobile device like your smartphone or tablet?
- From your device, visit your app store and download the free Libby by Overdrive app.
- Open the app and find your library – just start typing in "Talbot" and TCFL should pop up.
- Follow the directions to set up your Libby account – you'll need your library card number to get started.
- Start searching for your next great read!

Or maybe you'd rather download books to your eReader?
- From your computer, visit the Library's "Download and Stream" eResource page at http://tcfl.org/eresources/?view=1&sid=3 and select "Overdrive/Libby"
- Click on the "Sign In" link on the far right side of the page (it's a blue button)
- Select "Talbot County Free Library" from the drop-down menu and enter your library barcode number. (Don't have a library card? Head over to http://tcfl.org/find/?content=getacard and scroll down to sign up for a temporary library card.)

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You can even use both Overdrive (the website) and Libby (the app) – one account works across many devices!

Need a little more help?
No problem – Overdrive has fantastic online help guides! They can walk you step by step through every part of the process, tailored for your specific device. You can find them here: https://help.overdrive.com/en-us/home.htm
Would you rather watch a short video that will show you how to get started? Check out Niche Academy: https://my.nicheacademy.com/esrl/course/352
Still stuck? Contact the Library directly with an email to askus@tcfl.org – make sure to tell us whether you're using Overdrive or Libby and what kind of device you've got in your email – or leave us a message at 410-822-1626 – once again, let us know if you need some help with Overdrive or Libby and what kind of device you're working with, so we can give you better answers faster!