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- Open the app and select "Sign Up"
- Follow the directions to set up your hoopla account – you'll need your email address and your library card number to get started. (Don't have a library card? Head over to <http://tcf.org/find/?content=getacard> and scroll down to sign up for a temporary library card.)

- Start searching for your next great read!

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- Visit <https://www.hoopladigital.com/>
- Click "Get Started"
- Provide your email address and a password (this is what you'll use to login to hoopla after you create your account). You'll also need your TCFL library card number.
- Follow the directions to finish setting up your hoopla account.
- Start searching for your next great read!

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