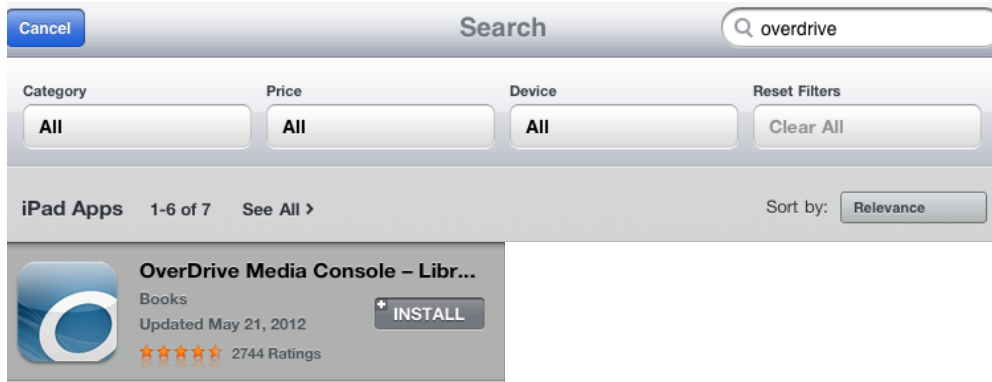### *Checking Out and Reading Books with Your iPad*

1. Go to the App Store and search for OverDrive Media Console.
   Select OverDrive Media Console.

2. Touch the "Free" button on the right side and it will change to "Install". Next, touch "Install." You will be asked for your Apple ID and password. After it is entered, OverDrive Media Console will install.

3. Tap on the OverDrive Media Console App to open. You will be prompted to "Authorize with Adobe ID" or "Create an Adobe Account".

5. If you already have an Adobe ID and password, enter it here. If not, please read the directions below:

> Tap "Create an Adobe Account". You will be taken to a page where you are asked to supply some information. Please fill in the required fields indicated with a red asterisk. When finished, touch "Continue" at the bottom of the page.

6. Touch . On the next screen tap

then enter the zip code 92270 in the search field. Touch the "Search" button. Select "Rancho Mirage Public Library" from the top of the list by tapping on it.

 You will see the library listed on this screen, but there is one more step in order to select this as your library. You must tap the star.

When this is done the star will turn gold and you will receive the message "Source Added".

7. Tap on "Rancho Mirage Public Library" again. The OverDrive library catalog will open.

8. Touch "Login" in the top right. At the next screen, enter your Library card number and PIN. Your PIN should be the last 5 digits of your library card number. Touch "Login."

9. From here you will begin your search.

You can simply browse or you can search for a specific author, title or subject.

If you choose to browse, select **Browse all Adobe EPUB eBook Titles** this is the format that you will need for your iPad. If you choose to search, please make sure that you select this version of the book as well.

If a title is available, it will say **add to eBookBag** .

If it is checked out, it will say **place eHold** .

10. Once a title is selected, touch "add to eBookBag." Select "Continue Browsing" to check out more titles or "Proceed to Checkout" to check out the titles in your cart. After touching "Proceed to Checkout," you will be taken to a screen where you can select your lending period. You may select either a 14 day or 21 day checkout. Touch "Confirm check out" at the bottom of the screen.

11. Touch "Download." This opens OverDrive Media Console, and your eBook will be downloaded directly to OverDrive Media Console.

12. To open the book, tap the book's cover. You will have several navigation options once the book is opened. Simply tap on the center of the screen and a toolbar will appear. Tapping on the far right icon will take you to the table of contents and also your bookmarks. Also on the toolbar, you have options to change the font size, and also to adjust brightness. By tapping on the far left icon, you can navigate to your OverDrive bookshelf.
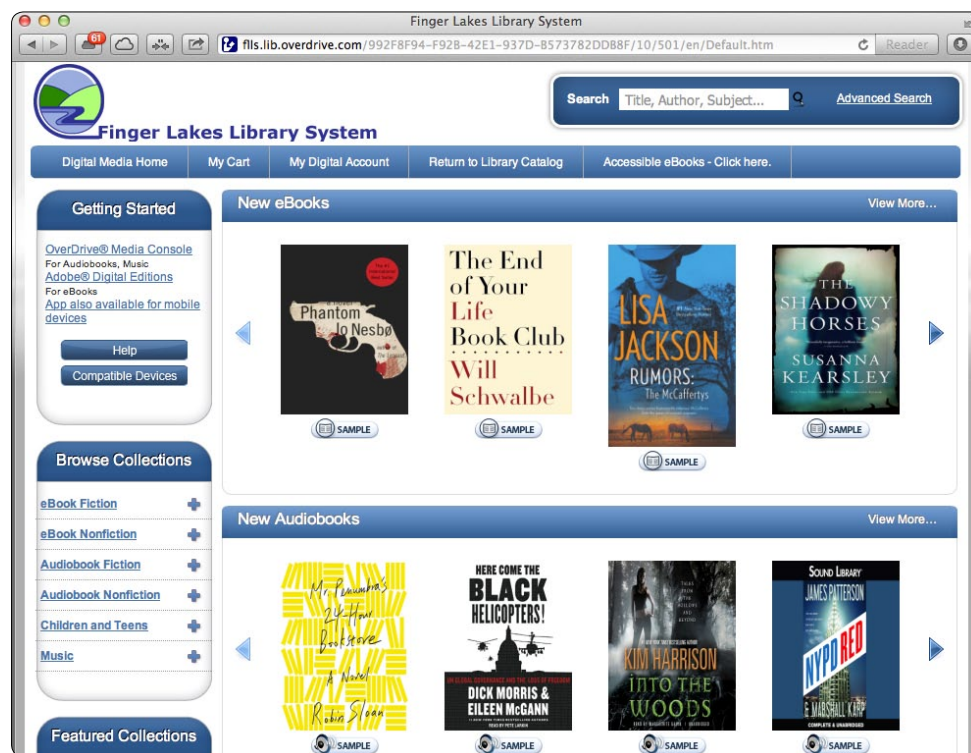
13. EBooks can be returned from the OverDrive bookshelf. When looking at your bookshelf, you will see a small plus symbol at the right side of the screen. Touch the symbol, and you will

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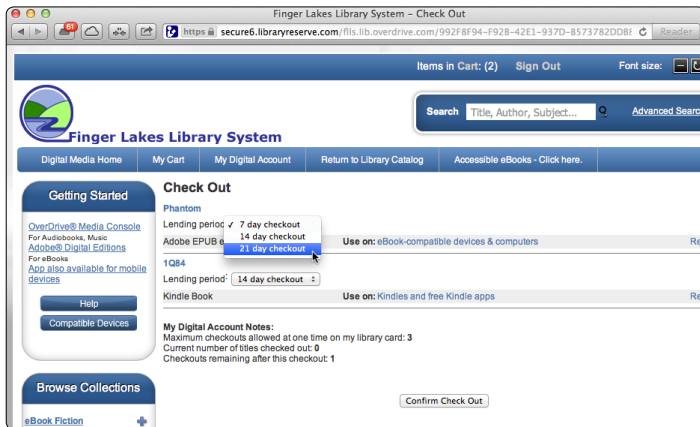
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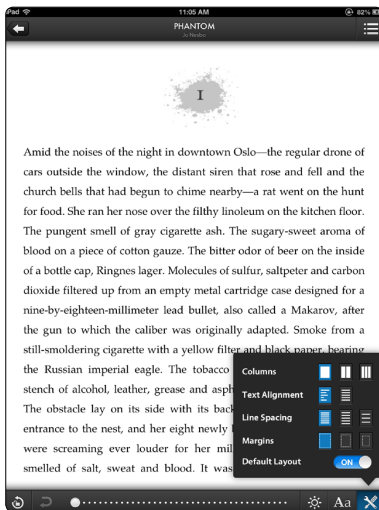
there were no returns). It's like a cross between shopping online and iTunes movie rentals, except it's free!

That said, since OverDrive media can be played on various applications across mobile and PC platforms, it's available in a variety of file formats. That can make knowing what to check out tricky. Each format has limitations, and some won't even play on Macs and iOS devices.

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On the Mac, your options are more limited, unless you're running Windows. OverDrive Media Console for Mac loses the e-reader features of its iOS sibling, but still plays MP3s. The Windows version, naturally, also lets you enjoy Windows Media audiobooks, movies, and music files. With Kindle for Mac you can read borrowed Kindle ebooks on your computer's larger display, but as of press time it still didn't support the higher resolutions of Retina display Macs. The Adobe Digital Editions e-reader application does support Retina displays, however, delivering razor-sharp text in protected Adobe EPUB and PDF ebooks.

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OverDrive Media Console 2.6.2
OverDrive
www.overdrive.com
Platform: Universal
Price: Free

Kindle 3.4
Amazon
www.amazon.com
Platform: Universal
Price: Free

Bluefire Reader 1.9
Bluefire Productions
www.bluefirereader.com
Platform: Universal
Price: Free

MAC APPS

OverDrive Media Console 2.6
OverDrive
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Price: Free
Requirements: Mac OS 10.4.9 or later, iTunes 7.6.2.9 or later

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Requirements: Mac OS 10.6 or later, 512MB RAM, 75MB free HD space

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