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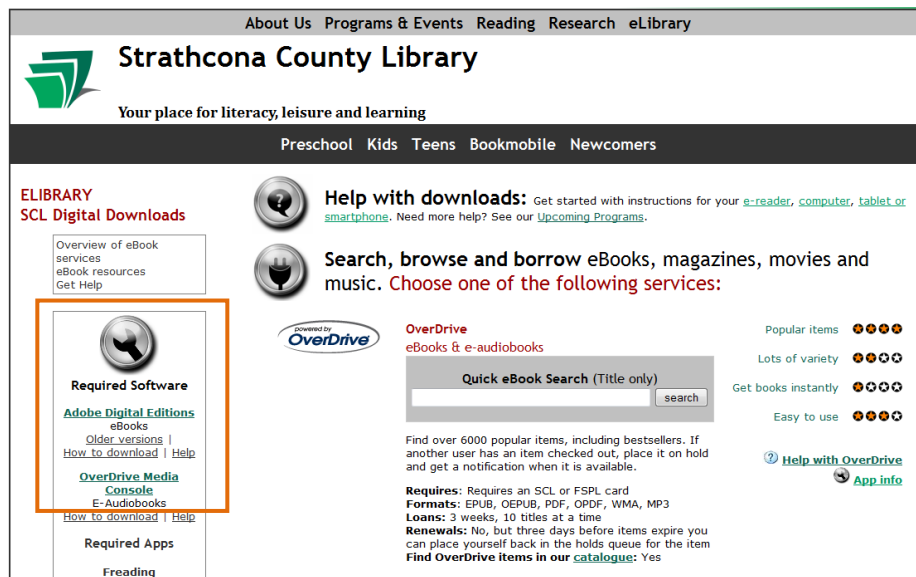
## How to Install Adobe Digital Editions

Adobe Digital Editions is the free software used to read library eBooks. If you want to read eBooks on your computer, you will need to install it. It is also used to add eBooks to some types of eBook readers. **You only need to do this once.**

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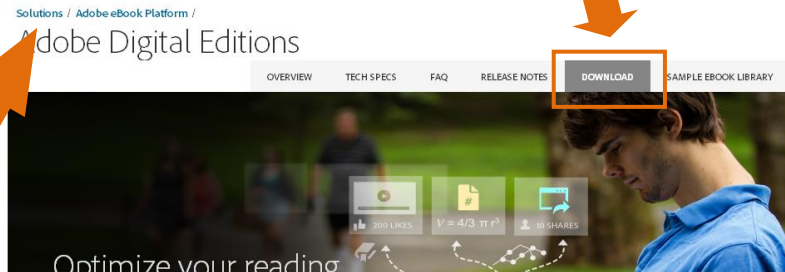
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The installer file may run automatically. If it doesn't, find the installer file you just downloaded. It may be in your downloads area, on your desktop, or wherever the default location is for downloaded items. You are looking for a file called ADE\_3.0\_Installer.exe (Windows) or ADE\_3.0\_Installer.dmg (Mac). The file icon will look something like the one shown at left.

Double click the installer to run it, following the prompts in the Install Wizard. This process varies from one computer to the next. The default settings your computer suggests are fine for most users.

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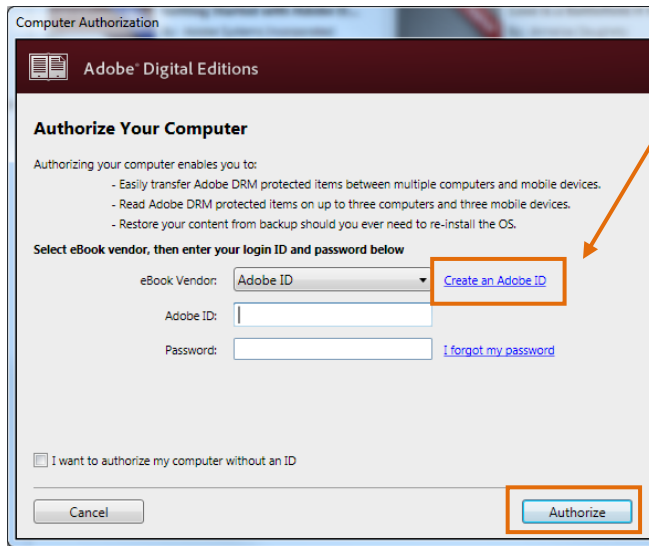


Load Adobe Digital Editions. (Look for the icon at left on the desktop, find the program on your Start menu, or on a Mac locate it in your Applications.)

When the program loads, click on the “Help” menu.



Choose the first option, “Authorize computer.”



You will see a pop-up window like this one. If you have never set up an Adobe ID before, click on the link that says “Create an Adobe ID”. You will be taken to the Adobe website, where you will have to fill in some information. Remember the password you choose!

Once your Adobe ID is set up, return to Adobe Digital Editions (click it in the taskbar at the bottom of your screen) and enter the email address and password you just selected.

Then click the “Authorize” button at the bottom of the window.

You can learn more about Adobe IDs from the SCL website – [Adobe DRM and Adobe IDs](#).

You may want to record your Adobe ID here in case you need it again in the future.

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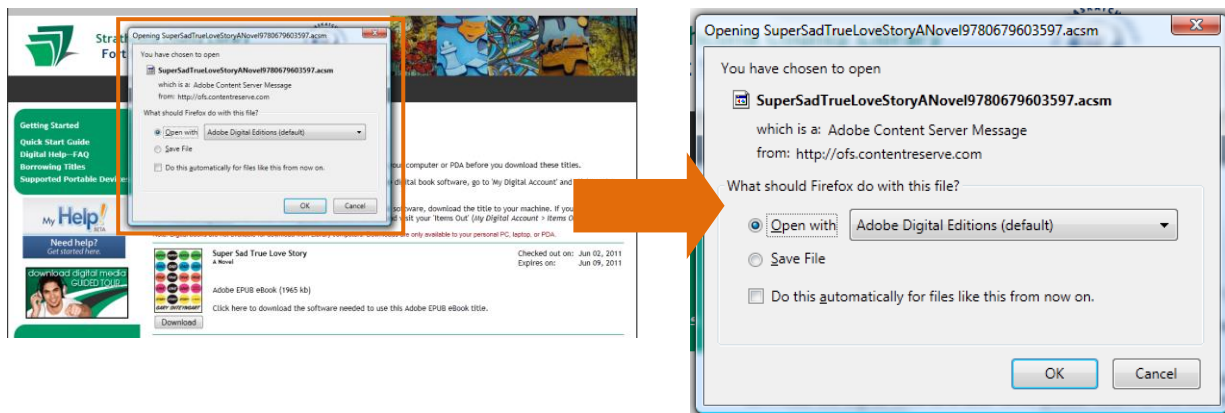
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When you select OK, Adobe Digital Editions will load with the book you just downloaded.

Your computer may display a slightly different message. If you have a newer version of Windows or Internet Explorer you may see a yellow bar across the bottom of your screen like this one:



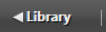
If you see a message like this, still choose “Open.”

On a Mac computer, you will have to open the Downloads area (which should come up when your file finishes downloading). Click on the file that just downloaded (it will usually have the name of the book in it, and will end with the file extension “.acsm”) to load it.

## Overview – Adobe Digital Editions Features:

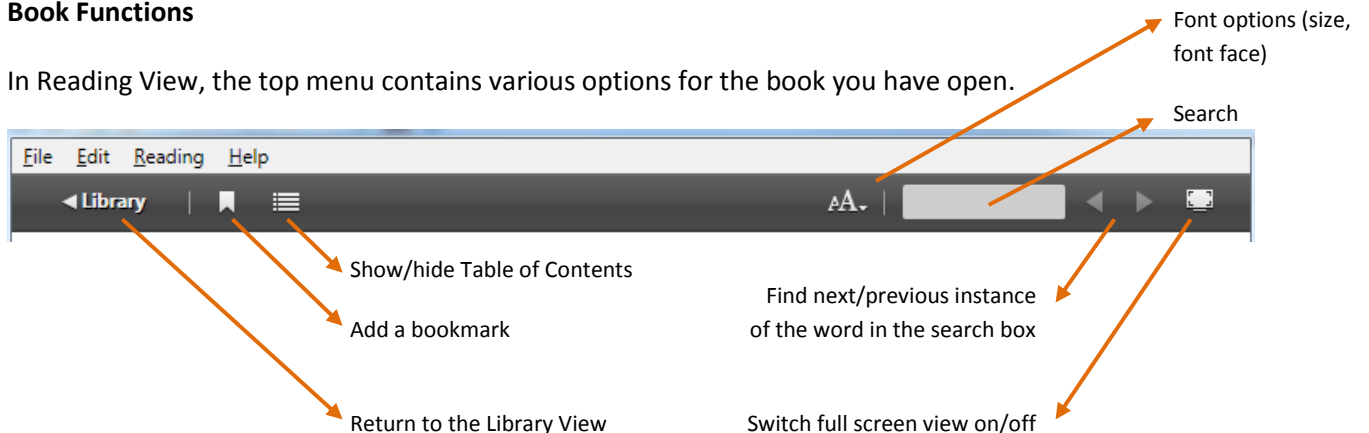
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Adobe Digital editions has two main views, the Library View and the Reading View. When you first load a book, you will automatically be taken into Reading View. The “Library” button in the top left

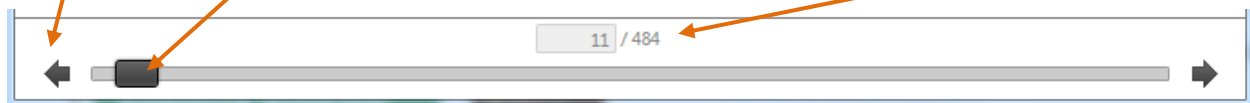
() will let you switch back to Library view. The Library shows the items you have downloaded (including library items, free items, or items you have purchased). The Reading view shows the item you were most recently reading. To switch back to Reading view, double-click the item you want to open.

### Book Functions

In Reading View, the top menu contains various options for the book you have open.

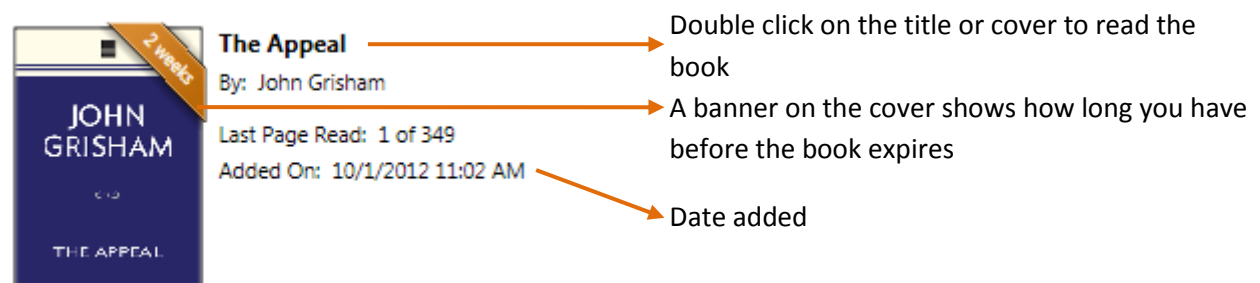


The bottom menu has options related to page numbers and scrolling through pages. You can use the arrows or the scroll bar to go backward or forward in the book, or type in a page number to jump.



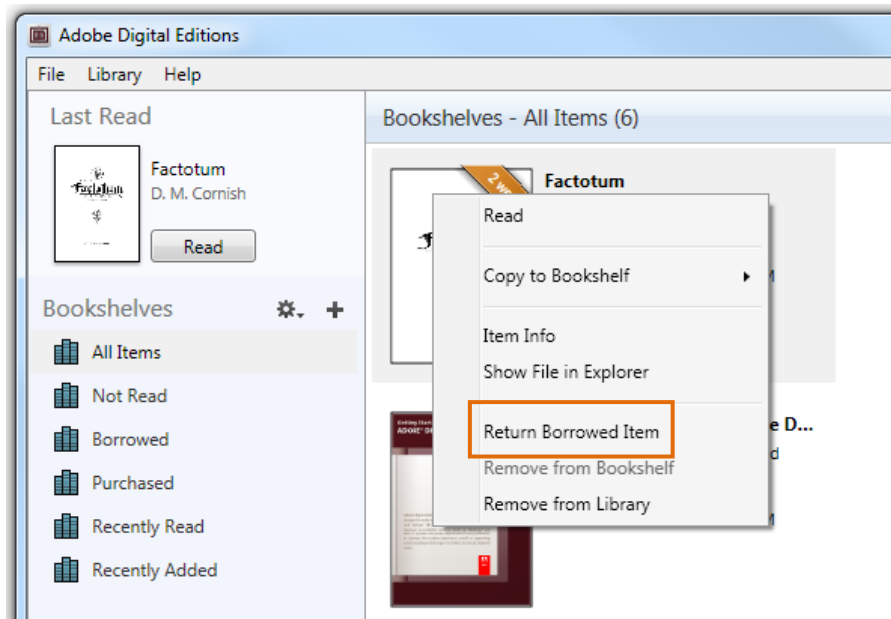
### Library Functions

In Library View, you will see some information about the books you have downloaded.



### Returning an Item Early

If you are finished reading a library eBook, you can return it early. This allows you to check out a new title (if you are at your checkout limit), and also frees up the book for another patron to borrow.



To return an item early, go to your Library view, if you are not already there. Right-click on the cover of the item you want to delete. A menu will appear with options for that title. Click on “Return borrowed item.”

Note: This action cannot be undone. However, you are welcome to borrow that title from the library again.

#### Some file types cannot be returned early

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