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Confirm requirements	Open the App Store	Search for OverDrive Media Console or Freading	Install one, or both, apps on your device	Authorize your app with a free Adobe ID

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File formats: EPUB, PDF

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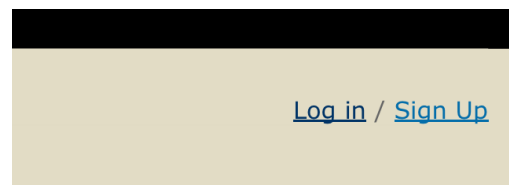
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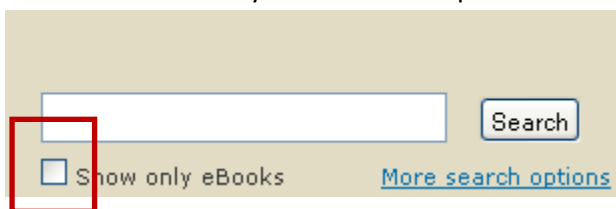
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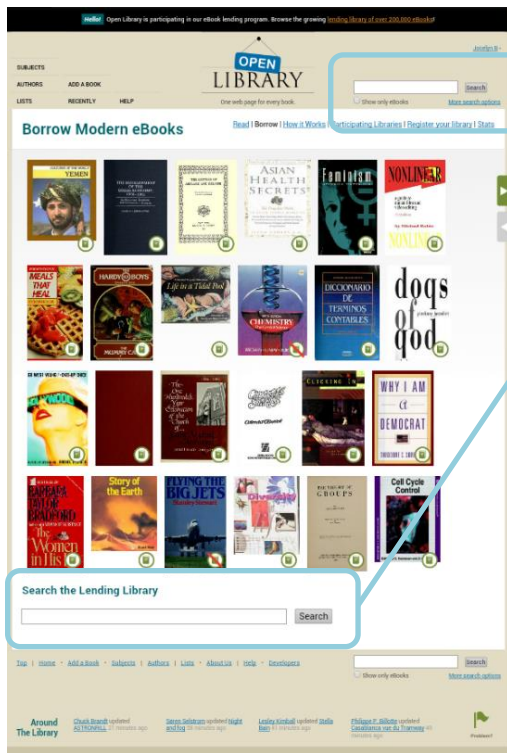
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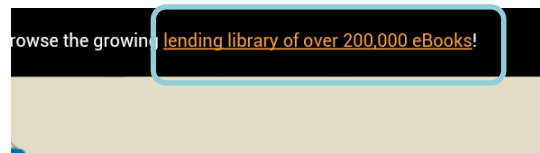






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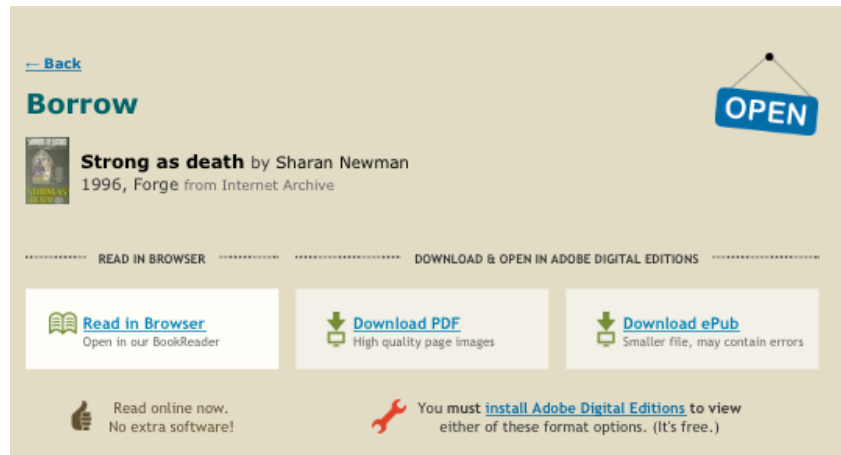
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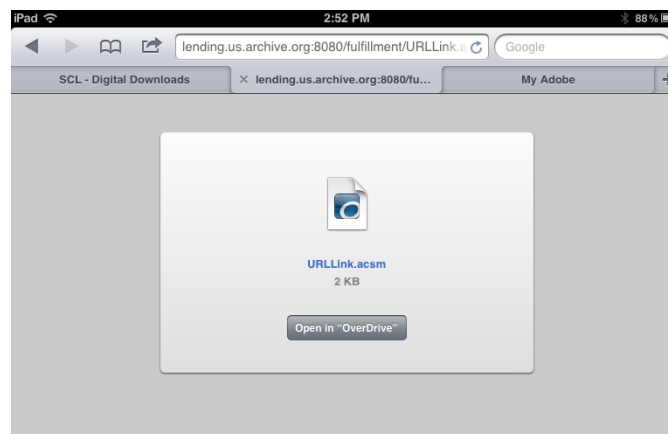
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