

Librarian's Shelf by Karen Connell

Enjoy books and magazines in the new RBdigital app

You can enjoy ebooks, e-audiobooks, and magazines on your smartphone or tablet through the Columbus Public Library! We have offered you these services for a few years but this year a new combined app was launched to enhance your user experience.

Recorded Books, the owner of RBdigital, launched a new app in the spring of this year. We hope you've been using the new app since its launch, as it makes accessing their resources easier, but if not, you now don't have a choice. They are discontinuing their previous apps, OneClick digital and Zinio for Libraries.

Recorded Books combined their ebook & e-audiobook app (formerly known as OneClick digital) to include magazines. So what was formerly a separate app, known as Zinio for Libraries, has combined with books to become RBdigital. Because Columbus Public Library offers all three of the platform's formats (e-audiobooks, magazines and ebooks), all of your current OneClickdigital and Zinio for Libraries content will be accessible through the RBdigital app.

But since we share the RBdigital services with other libraries to keep costs down, you will access your collection through a slightly different method. You will still, however, benefit from the simplicity of a single app to access your content.

If you do not have log-in credentials to both of your library's existing collections, you will need to create an account for each through a web browser. Visit our digital library page at www.cplconnect.us to get started with that process.

While past checkouts and history will appear in the new RBdigital app, you will need to re-download magazines to access them in the new app.

The process of setting up the new app can be a little confusing, but once you're up and running, it should be easier than using two different apps, like you had to before RBdigital combined them. Thankfully, your friendly library staff is here to help! Call or stop by and we can help you walk through the set up process, as well as help you use the app to read ebooks and magazines.

You can also take advantage of our Book-A-Librarian program. If you would like dedicated time with a library staff person to help you with your device, or to learn about a resource the library offers, simply Book-A-Librarian and we will set up a time to meet with you. We can help with a variety of library services; from generating a list of recommended books for your child to setting up your new iPad.

Feel free to call us at 402-564-7116 or stop by the Columbus Public Library so we can walk you through these changes and teach you the new process of enjoying your favorite ebooks, e-audiobooks, and magazines on your smartphone or tablet. You can also stop in at our next Tech Tuesday event, October 10 from 6-8pm, to learn about this and other online resources the library offers.