

Dear Parents,

Santiago is committed to bringing unique learning opportunities to our students and we are pleased to introduce a new, free reading service providing digital books through OverDrive.

Why OverDrive?

The OverDrive collection is an extension of Santiago Middle School's physical library, only it's online with 24/7 access to eBooks and audiobooks. It's convenient for students to check out titles anytime, anywhere with no worry about misplacing a book – these digital titles automatically return at the end of the 2 week lending period!

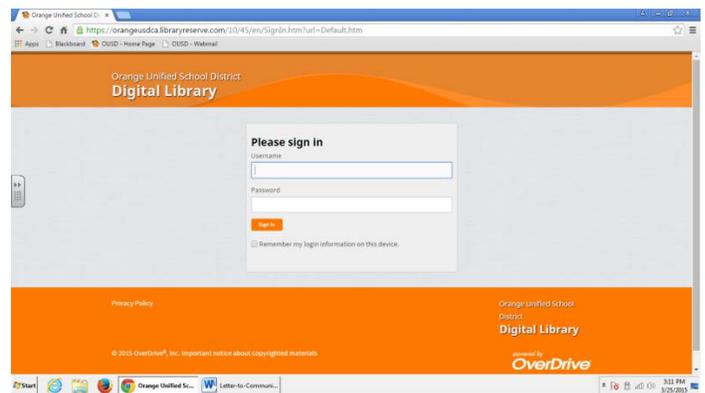
OverDrive can help students of all ages read more and improve comprehension. Struggling or reluctant readers, learning-challenged, second language learners, and gifted readers can all benefit from this service.

- Enrich vocabulary and improve comprehension and pronunciation
- Introduce students to books above their reading level
- Teach critical listening
- Help busy kids find time to read

How does it work?

To use OverDrive, students browse the secure OverDrive website and borrow up to 3 books for 2 weeks with their student ID # (Lunch #). They can enjoy them on a computer, tablet, smartphone or eReader device.

Step 1: Getting Started



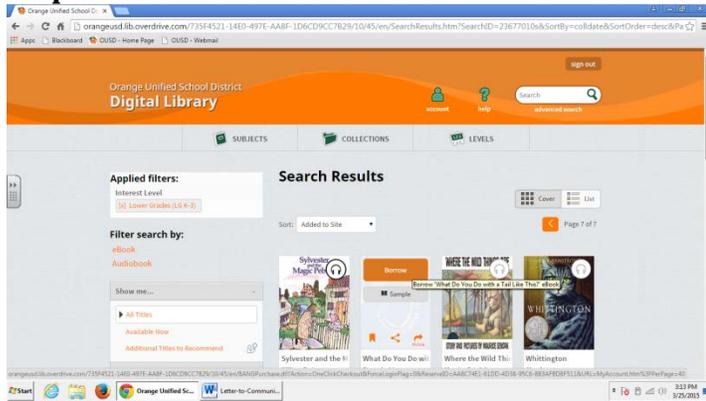
Find your library's OverDrive website at www.orangeusd.org

On the Student's drop down menu, click eBooks (OverDrive)

Log into your library's OverDrive website with the Student's Student ID # and password (birth date) to see all the eBooks available at Orange USD's OverDrive e-book Library.

Once you find an available eBook, (Available=Black Circle on Book, Already Checked-out=Gray) you move your mouse over the eBook and click Borrow. Borrowed eBooks will appear on your Bookshelf under your Account.

Step 2: Look for a Book!

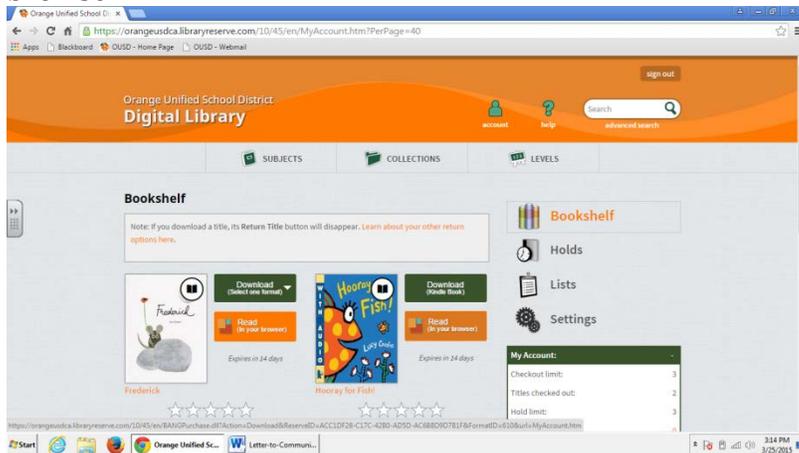


There are many ways to search for a book (Browse, Author, Title, Subject, Lexile, Reading Level, Interest Level, etc.)

Note: You may install the free OverDrive app from your app store or from app.overdrive.com. The app is available for Android, Chromebooks, iOS (iPhone/iPad/iPod touch), Kindle Fire tablets, Kobo tablets, NOOK tablets, Windows 8, and Windows Phone. The OverDrive app is the only way to use the audiobooks. The Orange County Public Library also uses OverDrive. If you have a library card you may use the app to have access to their collection of eBooks.

Step 3: Read

For most borrowed eBooks, you can click Read (the orange button) to begin reading immediately in your browser.



Please explore this new exciting form of reading available to your child.

If you have any questions you may come by the library after school. I would be happy to show you how to use the website.

Sincerely,

Deborah Maude

Librarian