



# From the Media Center

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## Overdrive eBooks

### Fast Stats

**\*eBooks make up about 13 percent of sales of young adult books and 11 percent of sales for children's books.**

**\*Digital sales rose by 390 percent in 2011 compared to 2010.**

**\*Almost half of all parents think that electronic items such as iPads and Kindles encourage children to read more.**

Read more: <http://www.businessinsider.com/sales-of-e-books-for-kids-are-exploding-2012-2nCIJPVQd>



We now have a service for 3rd-5th grade students called Overdrive, a digital distributor of eBooks and audiobooks. Using their logins, students can access and read eBooks on a desktop, tablet or mobile device with internet capabilities. Students have been taught how to access and use this tool, but parents should be informed on this tool as well to assist your student.

### **Just follow these steps to use Overdrive on the computer:**

1. Click on the "Media Center website" link under the "Library" tab at [www.oldham.kyschools.us/goshen](http://www.oldham.kyschools.us/goshen). Click on the "Overdrive eBooks" link
2. Usernames for students are the same as their computer logins at school (usually first initial, middle initial and last name—i.e. jdsmith).
3. Students can browse for new titles in "Collections" or search for titles by the author's name or title in the search bar.
4. Once they find a book they want, they click "borrow" and "read now in my browser."
5. If the book isn't available, they can place a "hold" by using a parent's email address to reserve the title.
6. If the book is marked "unavailable," it is above their age-level.

### **Just follow these steps to use Overdrive on a mobile device/tablet:**

1. Download the Overdrive App (Free) on your device.
2. Launch the app and in the top left corner, click on the three lined icon.
3. "Add a library" and search for Goshen Elementary.
4. Click on "Goshen Elementary" then on "Oldham County School District."
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7. Once they find a book they want, they click "borrow" and "read now in my browser."
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Students can borrow up to 3 books at a time, but they are encouraged to borrow only 1 at a time for a period of up to 2 weeks. Students can renew books by clicking the "renew" button that shows up 3 days before the book is due. As always, contact me with any questions or concerns at [cynthia.smith@oldham.kyschools.us](mailto:cynthia.smith@oldham.kyschools.us).