SimplyE
The Library E-Reader App

St. Joseph Public Library

Getting Started with SimplyE

Device Compatibility

Apple iOS
- Recommended: iOS 13+
- Minimum: iOS 10

Android
- Recommended: Android 10 API 29 and above
- Minimum: Android 5.0 Lollipop (some users will still have issues if they cannot update their devices)

Not Compatible
- Any iOS devices using iOS 9.3.6 or older
- Any Android devices using Android 4.4.4 or older
- Nook e-readers
- Kindle e-readers and tablets
- Kobo e-readers

Quick Start Guide

Installing the App & Logging In

iOS: Search the Apple App Store for *SimplyE.* To begin using the app, open it and choose to *Find Your Library.* Tap *Settings* in the bottom right of your screen, choose St. Joseph Public Library again and log in with your full library card number. Choose *Catalog* in the bottom left. Click on the building icon in the top left corner of the screen. Choose St. Joseph Public Library, MO.

Android: Search the Google Play Store for *SimplyE.* To begin using the app, open it and open the menu in the top left corner. Click the arrow and choose *Manage Accounts*. Choose *Accounts.* Click the plus sign (+) in the upper right corner. Click on St. Joseph Public Library Click on St. Joseph Public Library again. Log in with your full library card number. Click Back Arrow twice. Open the menu in the top left corner. Click the arrow and choose St. Joseph Public Library, MO. Open the menu in the top left corner. Choose *Catalog*.
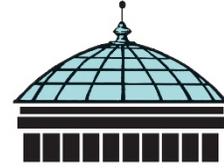
Searching and Browsing

To browse titles: Tap *Catalog* (located at the bottom of the screen on iOS or on the top left of the screen on Android), which will display titles in various categories. Swipe from right to left to view the popular and available books in each category (tap the category titles or *More...* to view all books in a category). After you do this the first time, you can reverse it.

To search for a specific author or title: Tap the search icon in the upper right corner and enter the author or book name. Tap the cover of any book to read its description or download or reserve it.

Sorting & Filtering Results

When viewing all books in a category, you can filter by *Availability* and *Collection*, and sort by *Author, Title,* and *Recently Added*. You can also filter and sort books in the *My Books* and *Reservations* tabs.

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Reading E-Books

Once a book is downloaded, tap the *Read* button. Turn pages by tapping on the right or left edges of the screen.

For iOS: Tap the center of the screen to open the navigation bar. The table of contents can be found in the upper right corner. Tap *Tt* to access controls for adjusting text style and size, brightness, and contrast. To exit the title, tap the back arrow (<) in the upper left corner.

For Android: You can find the navigation bar in the top right of the screen. This includes the table of contents and access controls *(Aa)* for adjusting text style and size, brightness, and contrast. To exit the title, use the "back" functionality of the device.

Accessing New Reservations (Holds) and Borrowed E-Books

In the *Reservations* and *My Books* screens, drag the list downwards to check for available reservations or holds and books you may have checked out from another source. E-books downloaded with another app might not be available to view in SimplyE.

Returning E-Books

All borrowed digital titles are automatically returned at the end of their lending periods, so you never have to worry about late fees (exceptions include titles in the public domain, which can stay on your SimplyE bookshelf indefinitely). To return a title early: Go to *My Books,* tap the title and tap *Return.*

How to Log In with your Library Card

Apple iOS Devices

1. Tap the *Settings* tab at the bottom right of the screen
2. Tap *Accounts*
3. Select St. Joseph Public Library, MO
4. Tap and enter your 14-digit library card number with no spaces
5. Tap *Log In*
6. Tap *Catalog* tab at the bottom left of the screen
7. Tap the building icon in the top left to choose St. Joseph Public Library
8. Start browsing and searching for e-books

Android Devices

1. Tap Menu on the upper left of the screen
2. Tap down arrow
3. Tap *Manage Accounts*
4. Tap *Accounts*
5. Tap the plus sign (+) in the top right corner
6. Tap St. Joseph Public Library, MO
7. Enter your 14 –digit library card number with no spaces
8. Tap *Log In*
9. Tap the Back arrow twice
10. Tap *Menu* on the upper left of the screen
11. Tap down arrow
12. Choose St. Joseph Public Library
13. Tap *Menu* on the upper left of the screen
14. Tap *Catalog*

Get Help: Contact your library at help@sjpl.lib.mo.us