

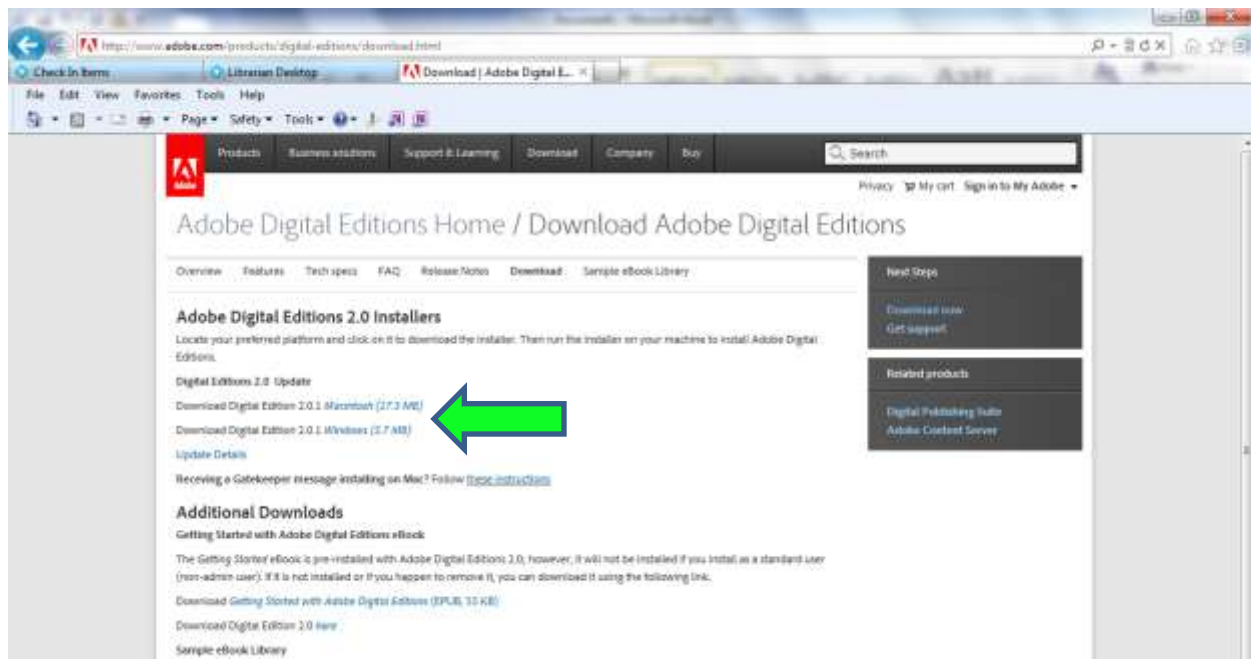
## How to Use Freading on your Computer (Desktop or Laptop)

1) Download Adobe Digital Editions to your computer. This is a free software program that allows you to read eBooks on your computer.

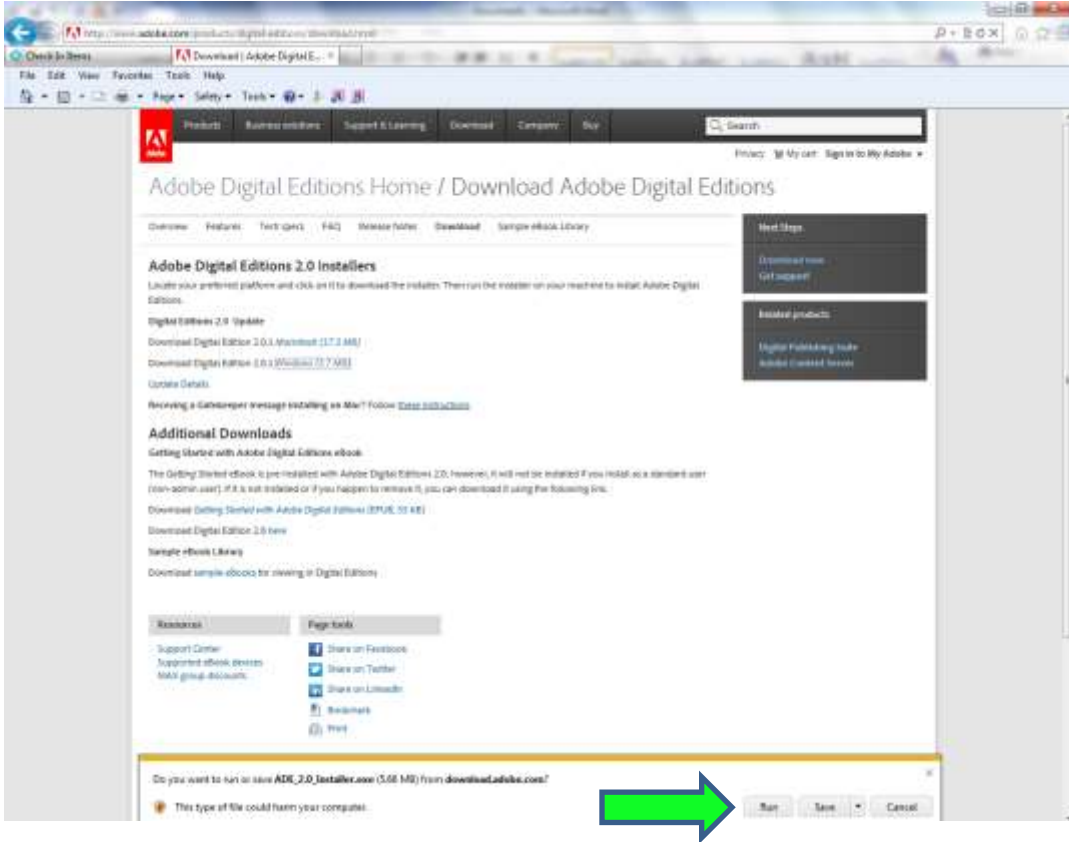
Go to <http://www.adobe.com/products/digital-editions.html>. Click 'Download now.'



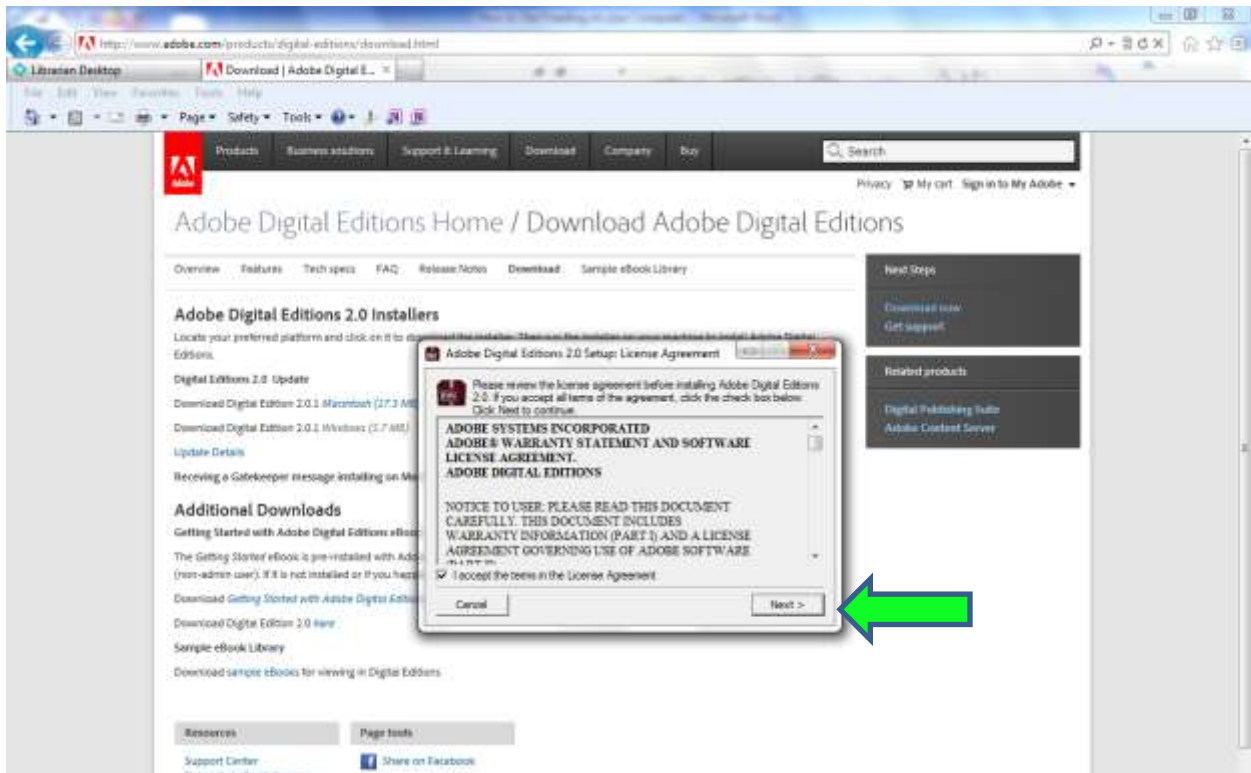
2) Depending on whether you have a Windows (PC) or Macintosh (Apple) computer, click the appropriate download.



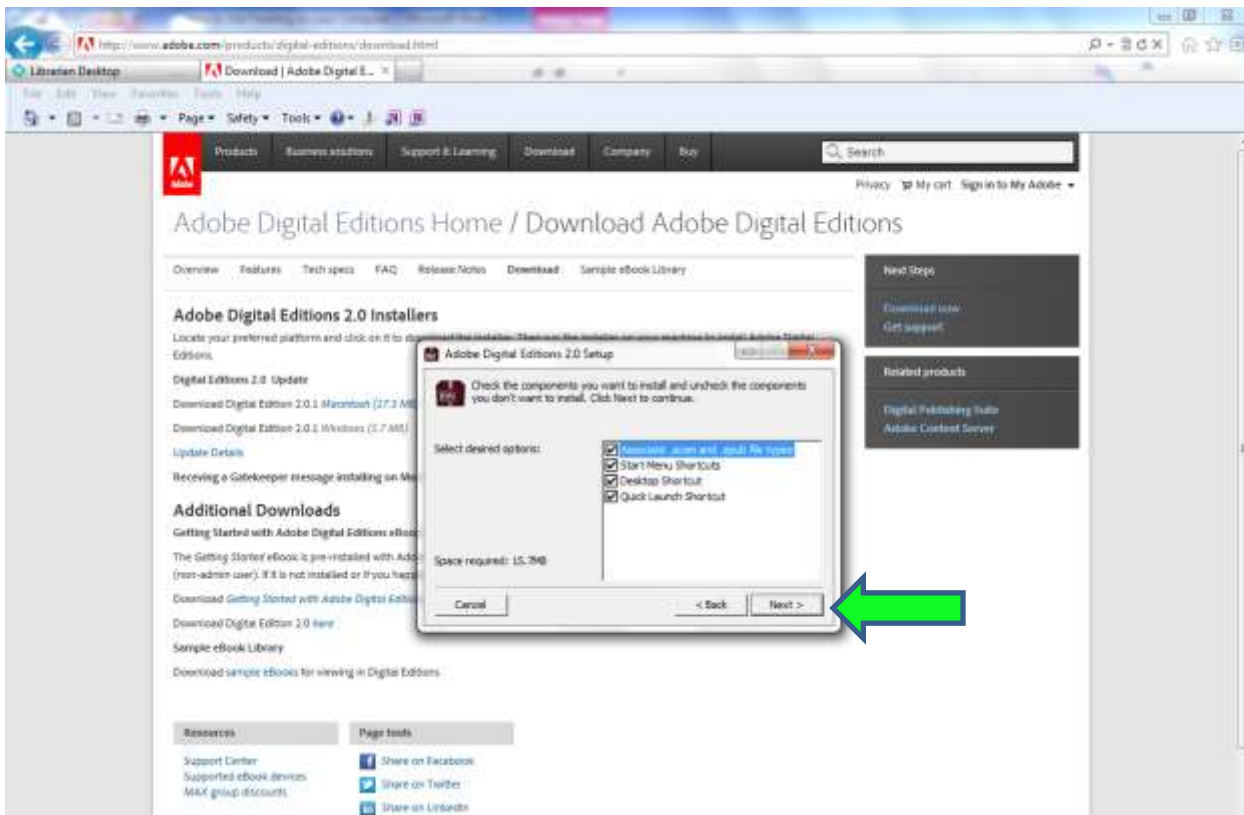
3) Click 'Run' to install the software.



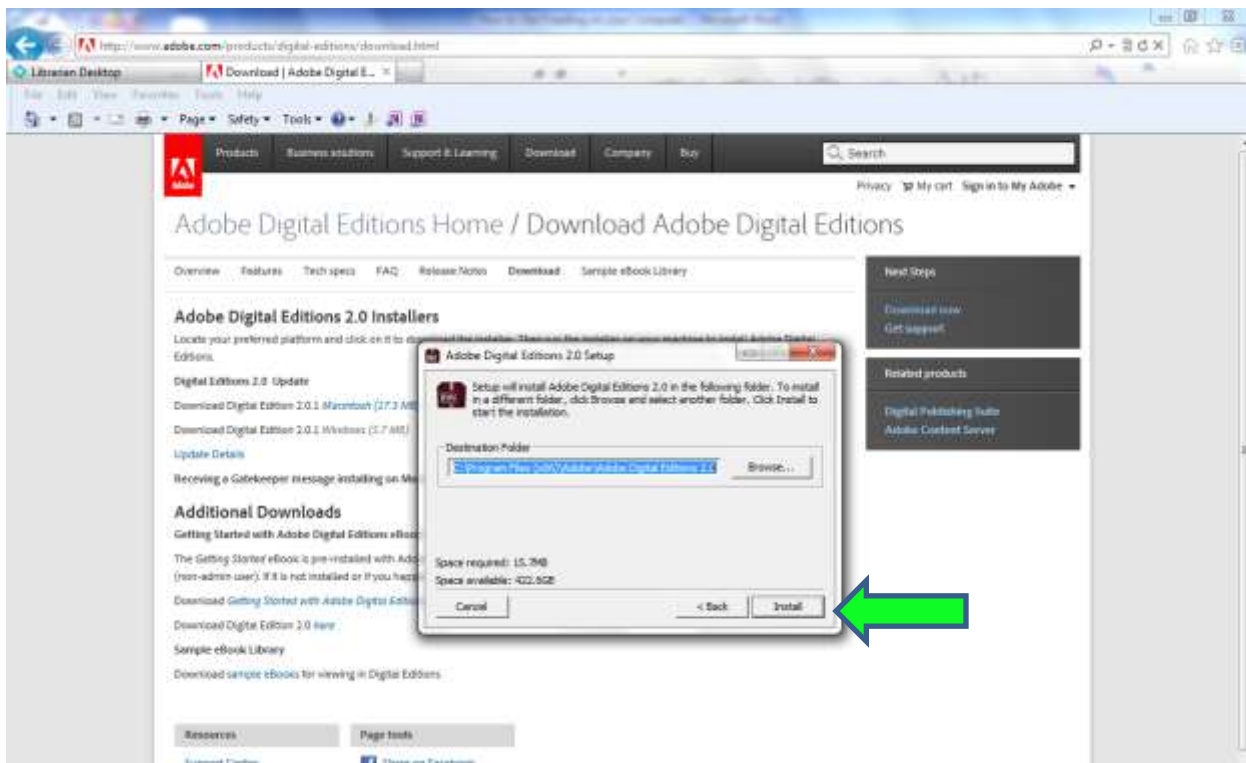
4) Click in the box to accept the terms and click 'Next.'



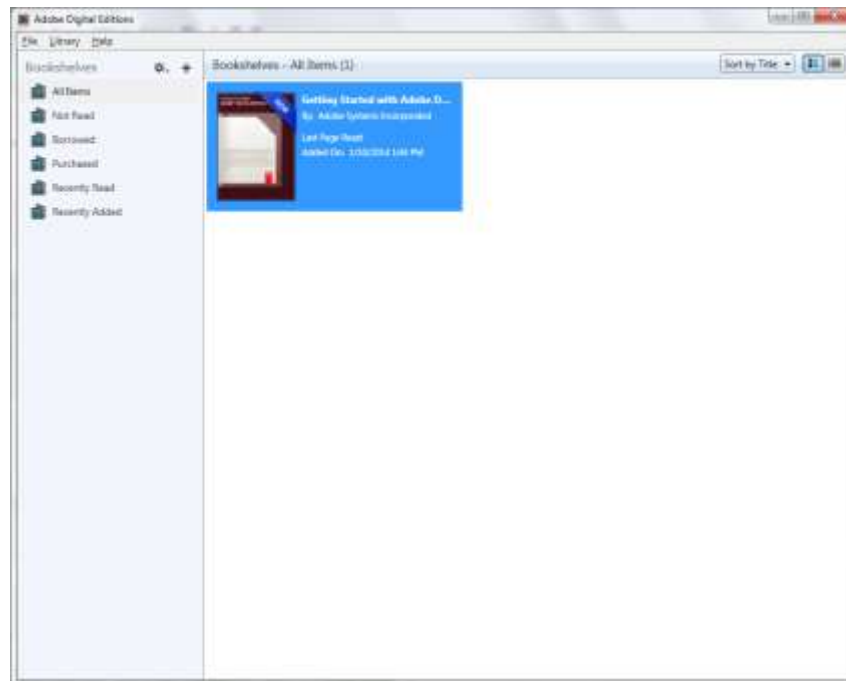
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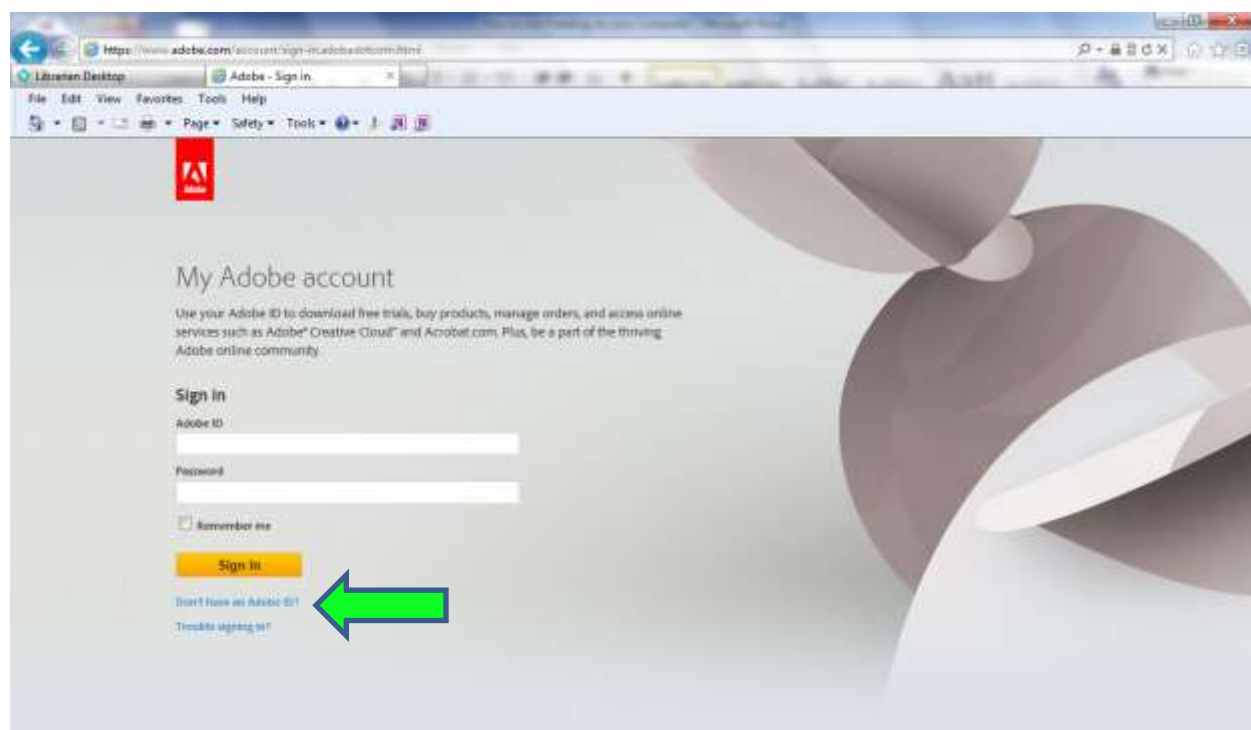
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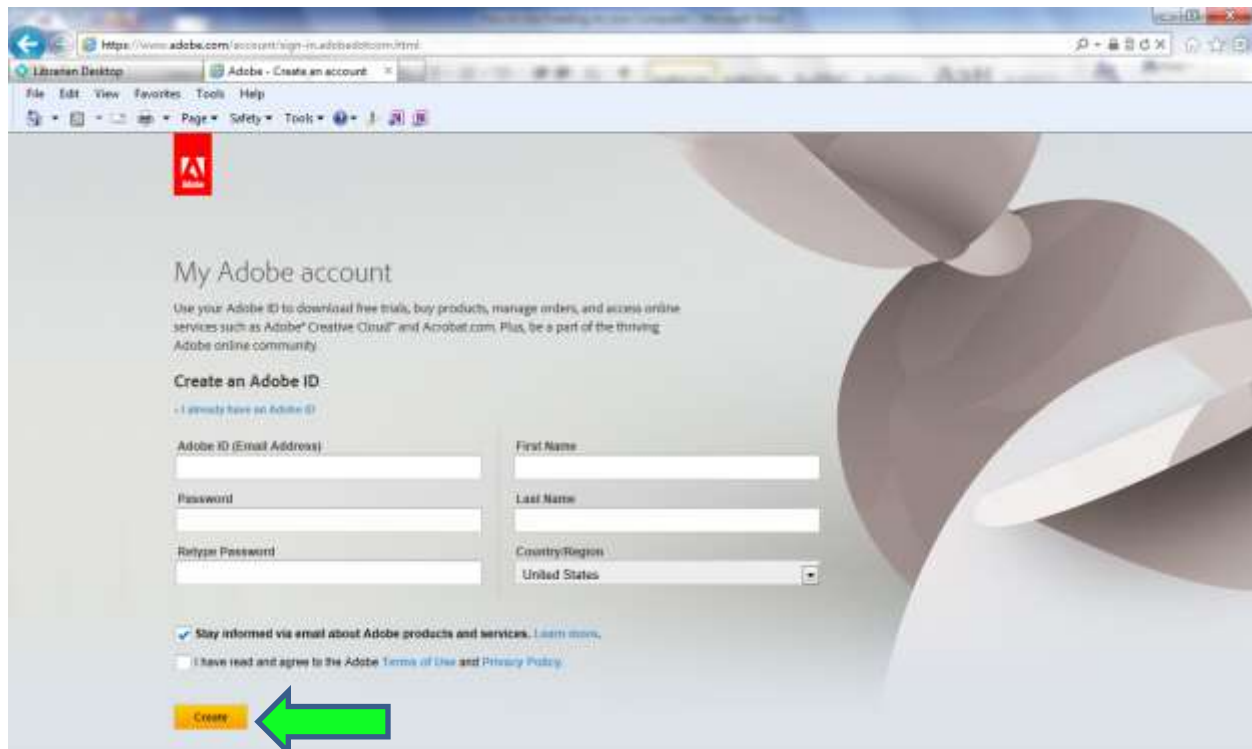
7) After it finishes installing, Adobe Digital Editions should automatically open.



8) Now you need to create an Adobe ID in order to authorize your computer to read DRM (digital rights management) library ebooks. This basically means that you are allowed to read ebooks borrowed from your local library that are 'locked' by DRM unless you authorize your computer to read them. Go to <https://www.adobe.com/account/sign-in.adobedotcom.html> to create an Adobe ID. Click 'Don't have an Adobe ID?'

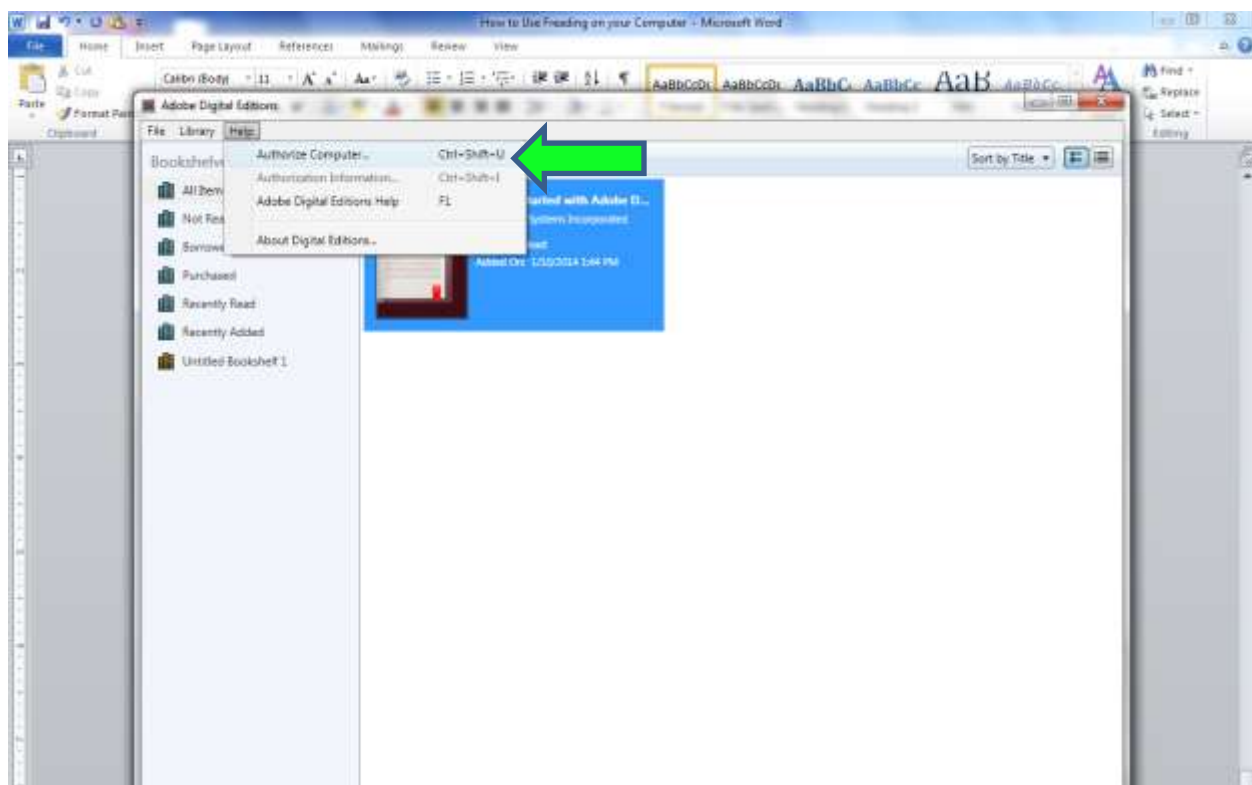


9) Fill out the form and click 'Create.' Be sure to write down your Adobe ID (which is your email address) and your password because you will need to remember them next!



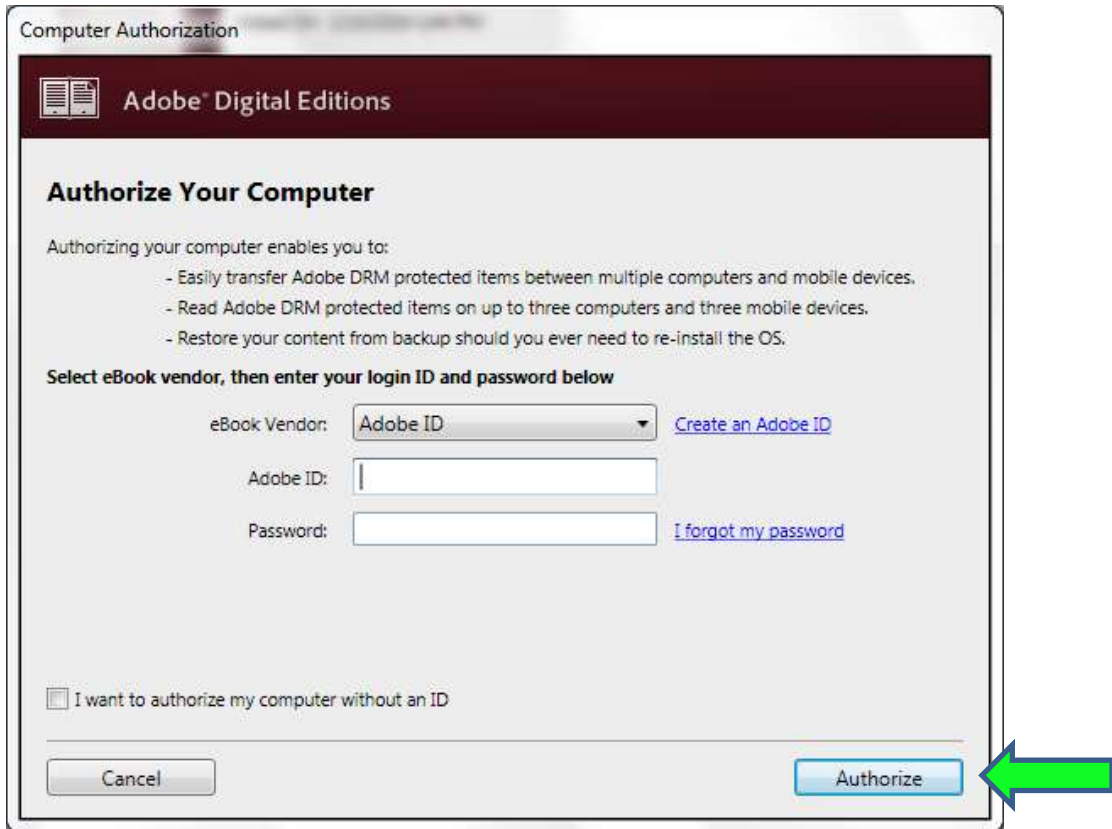
The screenshot shows the Adobe account creation page in a web browser. The page title is "My Adobe account" and it includes a sub-heading "Create an Adobe ID". Below this, there are several input fields: "Adobe ID (Email Address)", "Password", "Retype Password", "First Name", "Last Name", and "Country/Region" (set to "United States"). There are also two checkboxes: one for "Stay informed via email about Adobe products and services" (checked) and another for "I have read and agree to the Adobe Terms of Use and Privacy Policy" (unchecked). A green arrow points to the "Create" button at the bottom left of the form.

10) Go back to the home screen of Adobe Digital Editions. Click 'Help' and then 'Authorize Computer.'

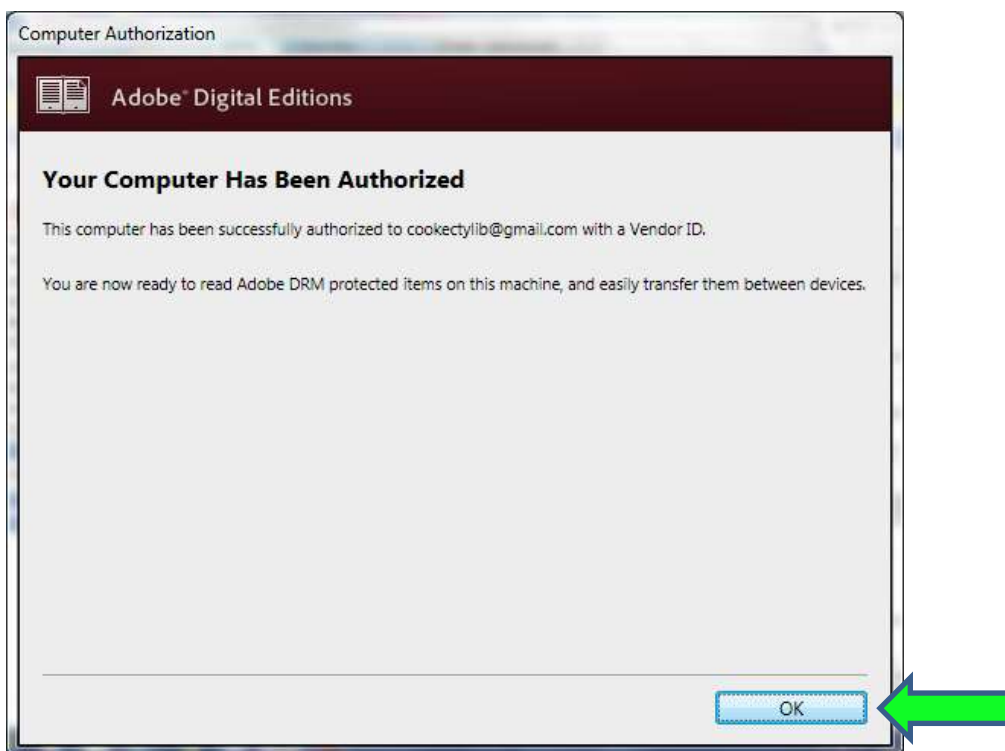




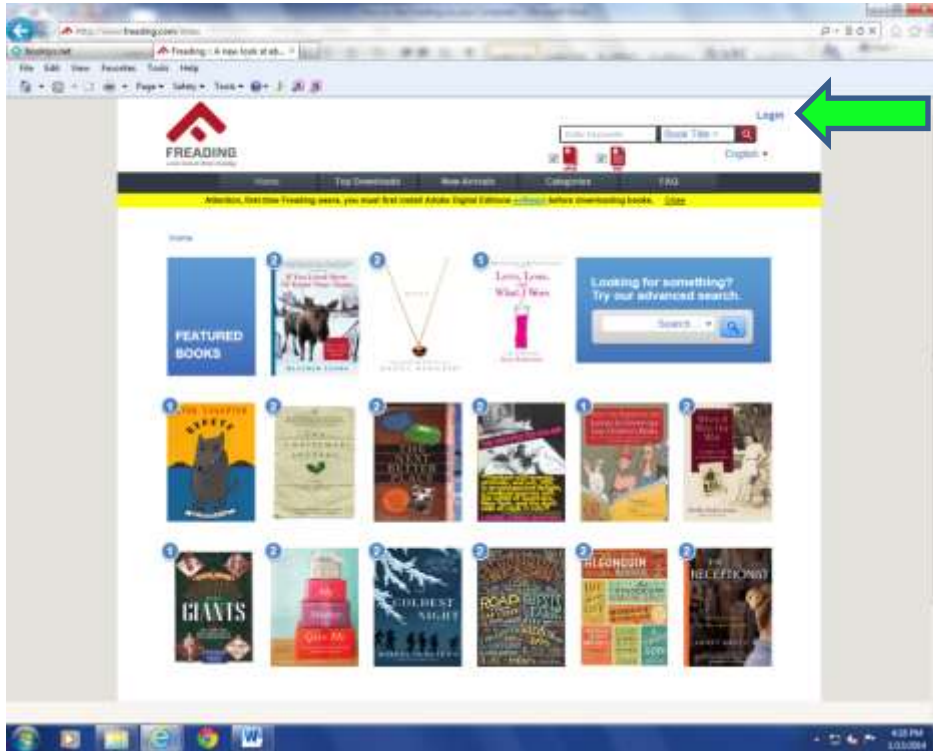
11) Enter your Adobe ID (email address) and password to authorize your computer. Click 'Authorize'.



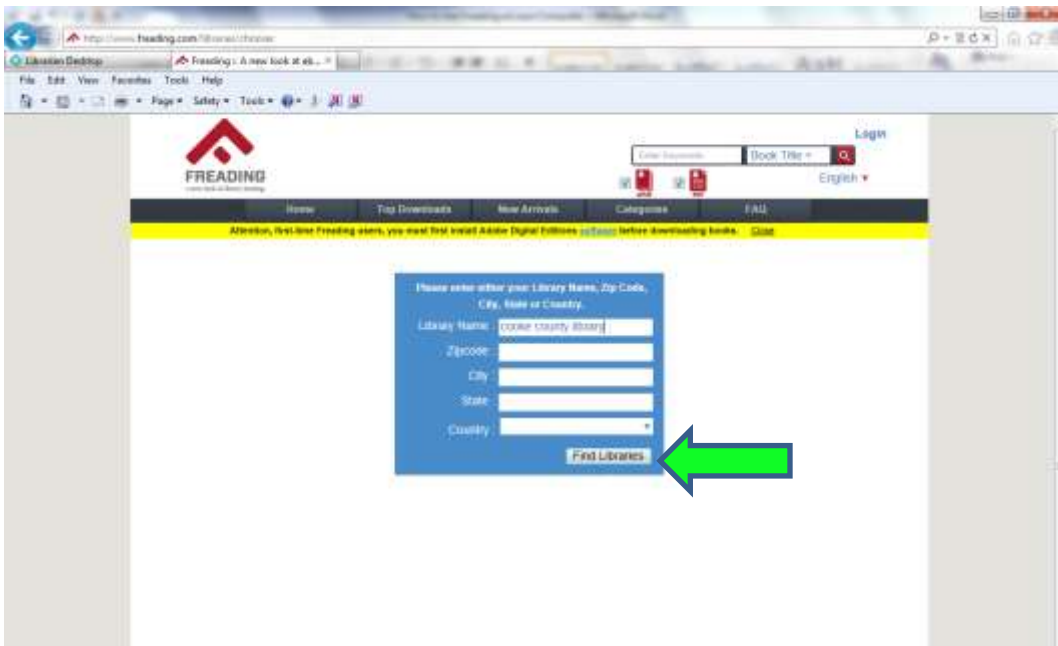
12) Click 'OK'. You should never have to authorize the computer again. The authorization is a one time thing.



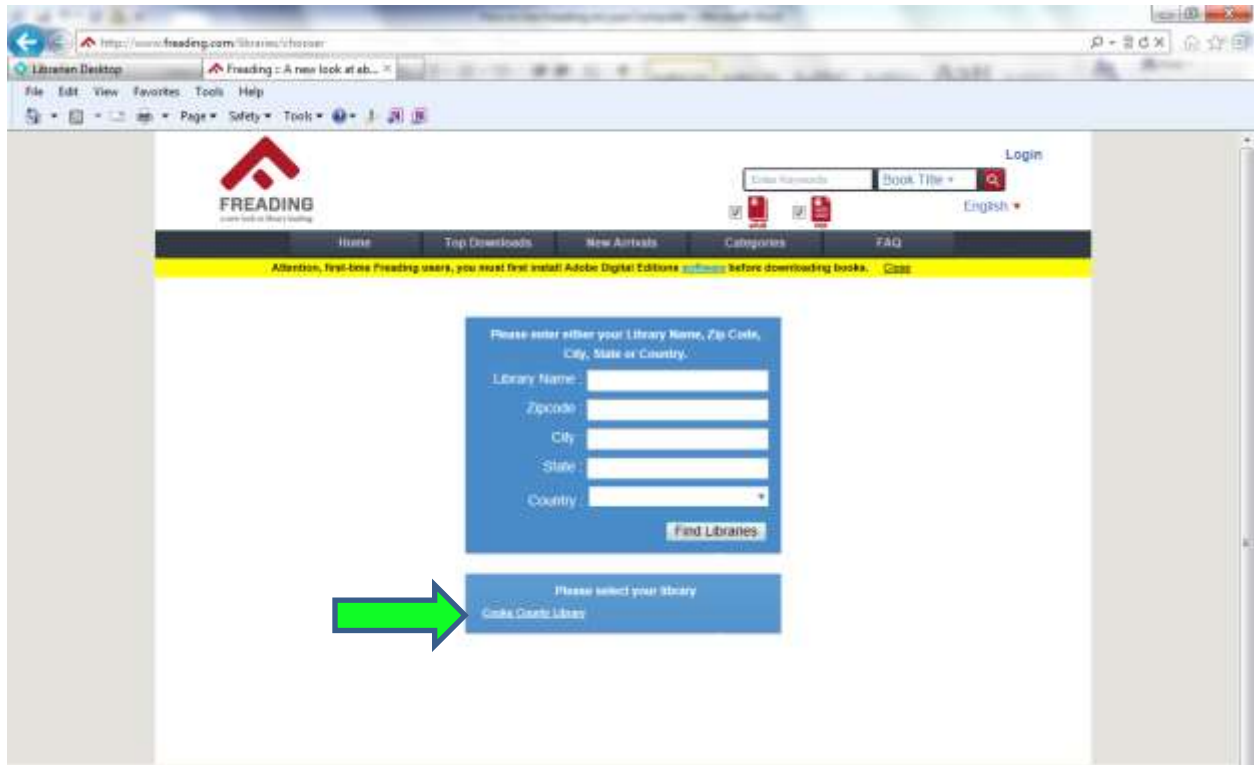
13) Now you are ready to start downloading books from Freading. Go to [www.freading.com](http://www.freading.com) and click 'Login' in the top right hand corner.



14) Type "Cooke County Library" in the Library Name box and click 'Find Libraries.' This is not case sensitive.



15) Click 'Cooke County Library.'

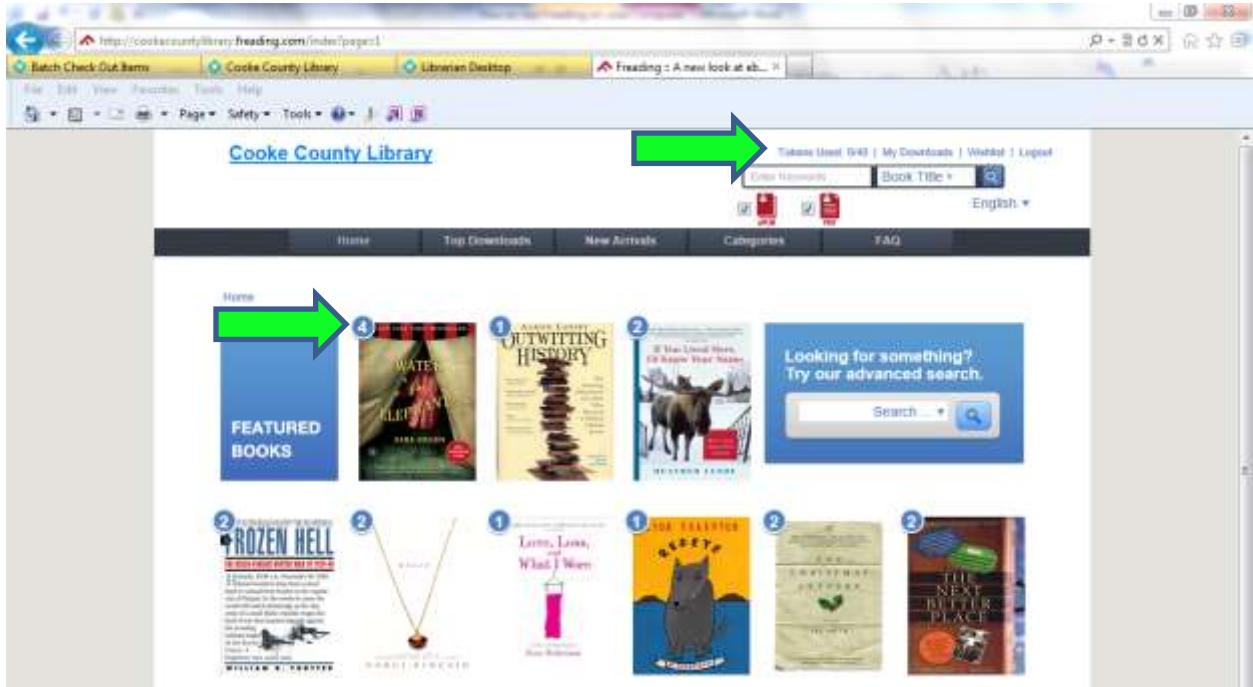


16) Type in your card number found on the back of your library card and click 'Login.'





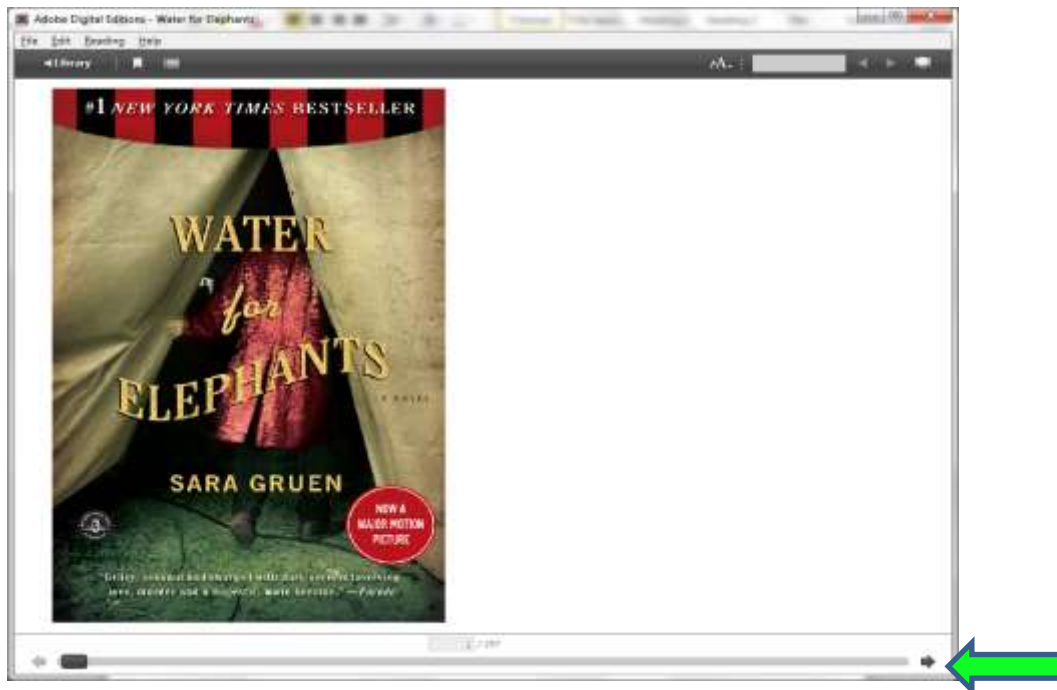
17) This is the homepage for Freading once you are logged in. You can browse through the selection of books and pick a book to checkout. At the top right of your screen you will see a place for 'Tokens Used.' Every week you will be allotted 10 tokens to use, accumulating up to 40 in total. Each book costs a certain number of tokens to checkout. For example, if I wanted to checkout "Water for Elephants" it would cost me 4 tokens. Click on the book you would like to checkout.



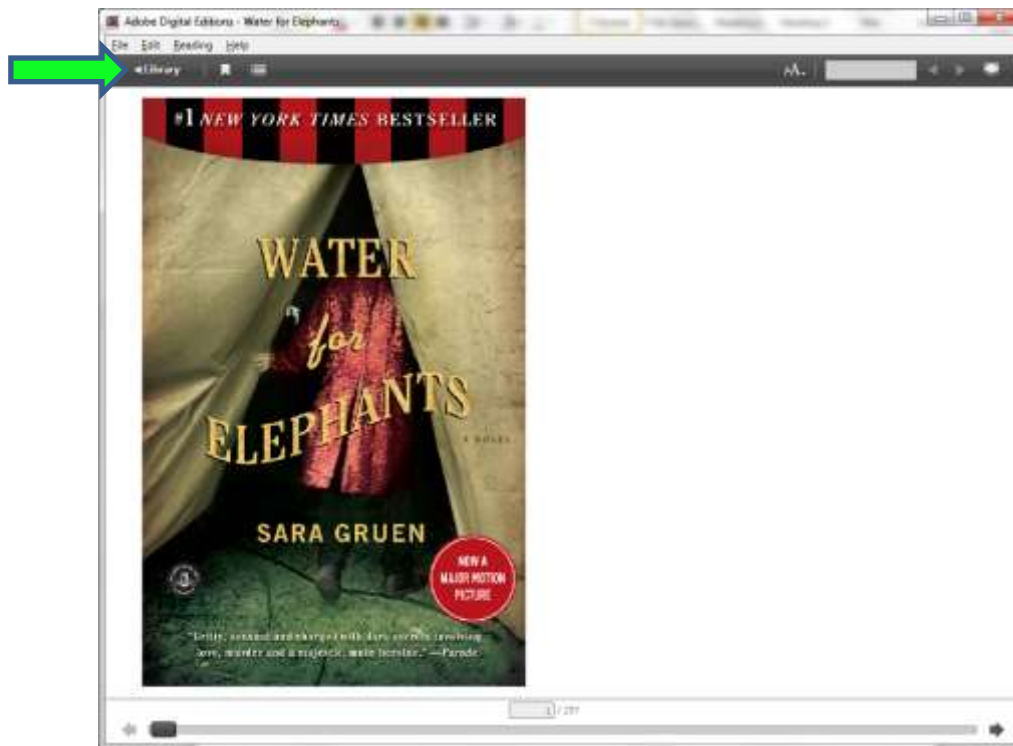
18) Click 'Download EPUB.' A message will pop up asking if you want to open or save the file. Always click 'Open.'



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20) To see all of the ebooks you have checked out click on 'Library.'



21) Each book is checked out for 2 weeks. The number of days you have left is indicated at the top corner of the book. The book will be automatically returned after 2 weeks so there are never any late fees for ebooks. Happy reading!

