

A viewer this week emailed to ask if I'd ever heard of this app. When I looked it up in my archives I discovered it has been three years since I featured it. Libby is one of the best apps and is absolutely THE best for people who read. Libby is like your local public library at your fingertips and everyone should know about this.

NOTE: IF YOU'RE HAVING ROTTEN WEATHER LIKE I AM, THIS APP IS GREAT FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T GET OUT. FEEL FREE TO CHANGE THE INTRO.

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### **ON-CAMERA TEASE**

IF YOU LOVE TO READ, OR IF ONE OF YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS IS TO READ MORE, THERE'S AN APP YOU NEED TO HAVE. I'M JAMEY TUCKER COMING UP WITH AN APP THAT BRINGS YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY TO YOUR DEVICE.

### **ANCHOR INTRO**

THERE ARE SMARTPHONE APPS TO HAVE DELIVERIES TO YOUR DOOR. APPS TO HAIL A RIDE, AND APPS THAT LET YOU DO ALL OF YOUR BANKING FROM HOME. THERE'S ANOTHER APP THAT CAN SAVE YOU A TRIP TO THE LIBRARY.

AND IT'S MAYBE THE ONLY APP BOOK FANS NEED. OUR CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY REPORTER JAMEY TUCKER SAYS, IT'S A MUST-HAVE FOR PEOPLE WHO READ OR LISTEN TO AUDIO BOOKS.

### **PACKAGE SCRIPT**

Library fans are probably already familiar with "Libby". It's a smartphone app that allows you to check out books from your local library. And if it's been a while since you've visited a library, this app may help you rediscover a love for stories.

You'll need a library card from your local library and if you don't have one, the app will help you sign up. You'll be connected to all of the e-books available for checkout.

Search for an author, subject, theme, or reading level. There are lots of popular books for kids.

Just like the library, books are organized to make browsing easier. My library shows over 53,000 available titles. Thousands of others, recent releases mostly, have a wait list that can be weeks or months long.

Checking out a book through Libby is a tap on the screen and just like checking out a hardback, you have 2 weeks but it can be renewed for another 2 weeks.

You read the book in the Libby app but many titles are available to read on a Kindle. And there are thousands of audiobooks too.

Once it is due, the title is returned to the library automatically. No late fees.

Libby is one of those apps that I think, "I can't believe this thing is free!"

I'm Jamey Tucker and Libby is the app of the day

## **ANCHOR TAG**

LIBBY IS AVAILABLE FOR IPHONE, ANDROID, AND IPAD. YOU CAN ALSO CHECK OUT BOOKS ON ITS WEBSITE, [LIBBYAPP.COM](http://LIBBYAPP.COM)

## **WEB STORY**

If you love to read or listen to audiobooks you probably already know about the app "Libby". If you haven't heard about it let me be the first to say it's an app you just need to have on your phone.

If you don't read that much but have it on your New Year's resolutions this free app can make it easier to dive back into the world of the written (or spoken) word.

During the pandemic, "Libby" became a favorite app for readers who couldn't reach their public library. That's because "Libby" is a virtual visit to your local library with all the benefits of picking up a classic or best seller.

"Libby" allows people with a library card to check out books, magazines, and audiobooks to read on a phone, tablet, or Kindle. If you don't have a library card the app will locate your nearest public library and even help you get a card immediately by entering your phone number.

Any book, audiobook, or magazine that's available in an e-format from your local library can be checked out for 2 to 4 weeks.

You can search the catalog when you successfully link a library card to the "Libby" app. You'll find many best-selling novels, classic literature, non-fiction, business books, and titles for children.

Checking out a book needs only a tap on the screen. It will be delivered to the "Libby" app where you can read it. Many choices can be delivered to a Kindle device by connecting "Libby" to your Amazon Prime account.

Like checking out a book from the physical library, loans are for 2 weeks though you can renew a loan for another 14 days. After the loan expires, the title is removed from the app. There are

no late fees. The title will no longer be available to read (although I found if it's downloaded to a Kindle and you don't restart the device, the book will remain downloaded. You should return the book when you finish.

Also like a physical library, there are limited numbers of copies of each title and when those books are checked out, you'll need to add your name to a waitlist. For recent bestsellers, the wait can be weeks or months. "Libby" is widely used by voracious readers.

The app is free for iPhone, iPad, and Android devices. You can also visit the "Libby" and local library offerings by going to the website, [www.libbyapp.com](http://www.libbyapp.com)

If you love to read or if you've promised yourself to read more, the Libby app may be the most used app on your device.

I can't believe it's free.