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## **Does the library have e-books?**

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## **Can I download library e-books to my Kindle?**

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## **If I have problems with my e-reader, can the library help me?**

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## **Why is there a waiting list for many e-book titles?**

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