



Important Notice of Changes to OverDrive Holds Limits

Starting April 1st, Vaughan Public Libraries will limit the number of holds you can place on OverDrive to **10 holds**. Additionally, the default loan period for digital materials on OverDrive will change from **3 weeks to 2 weeks**.

On May 1st these changes will be followed by a new maximum of **10 loans** allowed per library card. *OverDrive magazines will not count against this maximum.*

These Frequently Asked Questions may help guide you through these changes.

Why are these changes being made?

The demand for ebooks and audiobooks on OverDrive has increased a lot, especially since the pandemic. This has led to longer wait times for popular titles. By reducing the number of holds and loans, we can decrease wait times and improve the overall collection.

How do fewer holds and loans improve the collection?

When you place a hold, it tells the library there's a demand for that title. If there are many holds, the library buys more copies, which uses up a lot of the budget. Fewer holds allows us to spend more on adding new titles instead of buying multiple copies of the same book.

Reducing the number of loans help by making more items available and lowering wait times. When you return items early, other customers can borrow them sooner, and you may continue to borrow up to 10 items. These changes help the library offer a better digital collection with more variety and quicker access.

What makes OverDrive different from the physical collection?

Ebooks are much more expensive for libraries to buy compared to physical books. Libraries also have to buy licenses for ebooks, which often expire after 12 or 24 months, meaning we have to keep buying them to maintain access.



What if I currently have more than 10 holds?

You won't lose your existing holds, but you can't place any more until you have less than 10.

Are there other steps to reduce wait times?

Yes! We're introducing the "Lucky Day" collection, which will have popular ebooks and audiobooks available on a first-come, first-served basis with no holds or renewals, just like our Fast Track collection.

We're also changing the default loan period from 3 weeks to 2 weeks to help move the holds list along faster. While this is the default setting, you may choose to manually change the loan period in your OverDrive settings. See below for more information.

How can I keep track of books I want to read without placing a hold?

You can use tags in the Libby app to create personalized lists of books you want to read. On the OverDrive website, you can add items to your wish list. If you use both Libby and OverDrive, you can import your wish list into Libby.

More Information

[How to manually change your loan period on OverDrive](#)

[Learn more about tags](#)

[Adding tags to titles in Libby](#)

[How to use your wishlist in OverDrive](#)

[Adding your OverDrive wishlist to Libby](#)

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