

# Accessing digital titles through Overdrive and Axis360

Overdrive and Axis360 are two options available to Massachusetts libraries for free e-books, audio books and video streaming. For tablets and smart phones, the free app must first be downloaded from your appropriate App Store. The process varies with each type of device. (See our device tutorials for details)

## CWMARS Login Required

In order to access titles from either app, a valid CWMARS account must be established. For this your user name is your 14 digit barcode number (no spaces or dashes). Your password default, if you haven't already set-up a CWMars account, will be either your last name in CAPLOCKS or the last 4 digits of your telephone on record. You will be prompted to change your password. Remember to choose Sheffield as your library of choice. For problems in establishing a CWMars account, contact the Circulation Desk at 413-229-7004.

Once the CWMARS login is established, you can use this same login for the Overdrive and Axis 360 apps.

## Specific Title vs. Browsing

Some people may have a specific title in mind to access, others may just want to browse and see what's available at that moment. Familiarize yourself with the different icons used to identify the different types of media. Open book = ebook, headphones= audiobook.

## Specific Title

If you have a specific title in mind, the best practice is to go through the CWMars catalog. This will point you to the correct platform – Overdrive or Axis360

Let's say you're interested in *The Handmaid's Tale*. Notice on the screen shot below, there are 2 access points (in green) in the first record. The first says access through Baker & Taylor's Axis 360; the second just says click here... If it doesn't specify that it's from the CEC then it is from Overdrive.

Clicking on the green access point will take you directly to that title in Overdrive or Axis 360, unless the title is already in use and you are required to put a hold on it. Remember, just click on the access point not the PLACE HOLD off to the right. That only works for physical items.

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**Phys. Desc.:** 1 online resource (311 p.)


**Publisher:** Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1986.

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2.  **Margaret Atwood's The handmaid's tale** ✔ [Place Hold](#) [Add to my list](#)


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**Phys. Desc.:** 1 online resource (118 p.)

**Publisher:** Philadelphia : Chelsea House, c2004.

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## The Handmaid's Tale

by Margaret Atwood

EBOOK

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**Description** Details

**Now a Hulu Original Series, premiering in April**  
*The Handmaid's Tale* is a novel of such power that the reader will be unable to forget its images and its forecast. Set in the near future, it describes life in what was once the United States and is now called the Republic of Gilead, a monotheocracy that has reacted to social unrest and a sharply declining birthrate by reverting to, and going beyond, the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans. The regime takes the Book of Genesis absolutely at its word, with bizarre consequences for the women and men in its population. The story is told through the eyes of Offred, one of the unfortunate Handmaids under the new social order. In condensed but eloquent prose, by turns cool-eyed, tender, despairing, passionate, and wry, she reveals to us the dark corners behind the establishment's calm

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### The Handmaid's Tale

by Margaret Atwood

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If your title is available, follow the directions below for Checkout/Borrow.

## **Browsing**

You can bypass the CWMARS catalog and go right to either app. Make sure you are logged in and have your library chosen.

Overdrive allows you to browse “Available Now” titles under collections in the menu. Axis 360 does not offer that option. You will have to go into each title to find out if it’s available. If it says “checkout” (Axia 360) or “borrow” (Overdrive) it’s obviously available. “Place a Hold” means it’s not.

## **Checkout/ Borrow**

Axis360 titles will download and appear automatically on your device when you press checkout. Overdrive has an extra step, press borrow and a Success page comes up with your due date. Choose “Go to Loans” and decide whether to “Download” or “Read in Browser”. You need constant wifi to read in browser, so in most cases downloading is preferred.

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