

The British Council Libraries in Pakistan

Digital Library

Getting Started with MyLOFT

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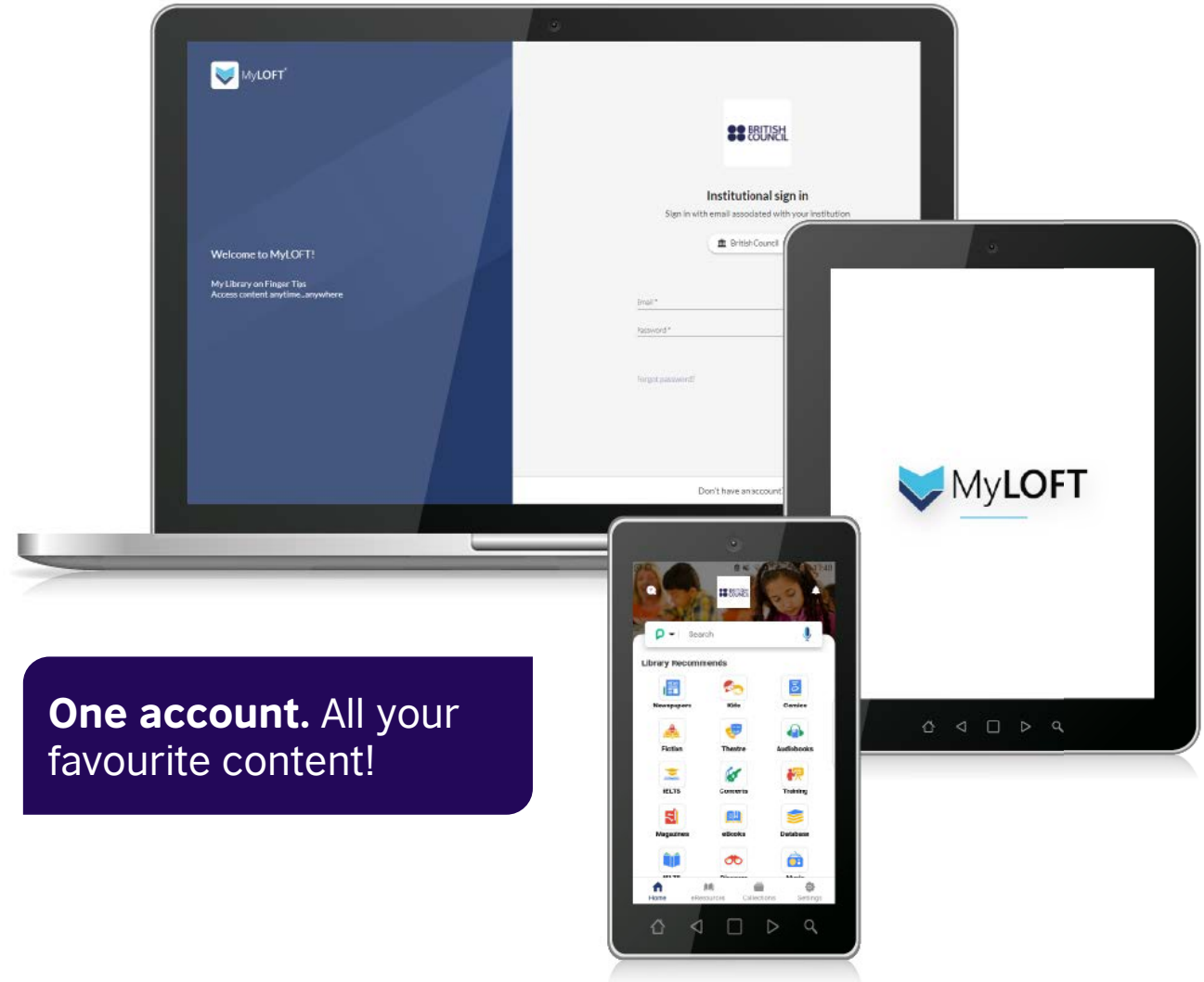
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What is MyLOFT?

The British Council libraries have partnered with MyLOFT to bring you a new Digital Library platform that offers seamless access to our digital resources and an improved user experience.

MyLOFT is a web and mobile app that gives you access to all our digital resources in one place and on any device - with a single log-in!

Our step-by-step guide covers everything you need to know to help you set up MyLOFT on your smart phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer.



One account. All your favourite content!

What's in our **Digital Library**?

Our Digital Library is a one-stop solution for all your learning and entertainment needs!

eBooks and Audiobooks: A curated selection of downloadable fiction and non-fiction e-books and audio books across all genres for all ages.

Magazines: Full digital versions of popular international publications covering all areas of interest including technology, business, politics, fashion and more!

Comics: A collection of over 2000 of the best digital comics and graphic novels from major brands for all ages.

Software Training: Online training courses and thousands of video tutorials covering the most popular software applications for PCs and Macs.

Concerts: The world's largest collection of full-length concerts and music documentaries streamed on-demand to just about any digital device.

Music: The British Council's Selector Radio brings you the best new music from the UK and features interviews and exclusive live sessions from some of the most exciting British artists on the scene.

Newspapers: All-you-can-read digital newsstand with thousands of the world's most popular newspapers and magazines.

LearnEnglish Kids: The British Council's collection of fun and engaging games, songs, stories and activities for children learning English as a second or foreign language.

Academic Textbooks: Thousands of academic e-books covering subjects from the humanities and engineering, to law and public policy.

EBSCO Business, History and Academic Reference Centers: World's leading research databases covering a wide variety of multi-disciplinary business and academic journals, magazines and more - featuring full text and searchable cited references.

Jstor: The best e-resource for academics and students all over the world, with over 2,000 academic journals in the social sciences, humanities and more.

Digital Theatre: Hundreds of high-quality theatre productions with unique backstage insights, practitioner interviews and written analysis.

Road to IELTS: The British Council's comprehensive, online preparation resource for the IELTS General and Academic test modules.

Creating your **digital library account**

You will receive two emails after completing the sign up process and paying your membership fee.

In the first email, you will receive instructions to **set a password for your British Council Digital Library account.**

Your user id is the email address you entered in the membership sign up form; click the link given in the email (below your user id) to set a password for your account.

You can use your Digital Library account to view or update your personal details, track membership validity or renew your membership.

Dear ABC,

Welcome to the British Council Pakistan's Digital Library. Thank you for registering for our service.

As a digital member, you can now enjoy a unique service that gives you access to a wealth of resources, including eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, digital comics and much more! Our digital library has no boundaries and you can access it anytime, anywhere and on all devices.

STEP 1 – Setting up your digital library account:

Your username to log in to your digital library account is below. Click the following link to create a new password for your account:

Userid: abc@xyz.com

Set password: [https://library.britishcouncil.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-passwordset.pl?uniqueKey=\\$2a\\$08\\$J1013f.uM1QCQmzxVKkkhO](https://library.britishcouncil.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-passwordset.pl?uniqueKey=$2a$08$J1013f.uM1QCQmzxVKkkhO)

This link will be valid for 5 days from the date of this email and can be used only once. If you want to update your password after the expiry of the link, click here to set your password <https://library.britishcouncil.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-password-recovery.pl>

STEP 2 – Setting up your MyLOFT account for access to the web portal and mobile app:

We've partnered with MyLOFT, a digital content platform, to bring you easy access to all our digital resources, in one place and on any device. You will soon receive an email from MyLOFT to set your password to log in to the web portal and mobile app.

Once you've completed these steps, you can launch the MyLOFT web portal by logging into your digital library account through the link below:

<https://library.britishcouncil.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-user.pl>

To learn more about our digital library resources, visit <http://library.britishcouncil.pk/digital-library>. Please write to us at libraries@britishcouncil.org.pk for further assistance.

Happy reading!

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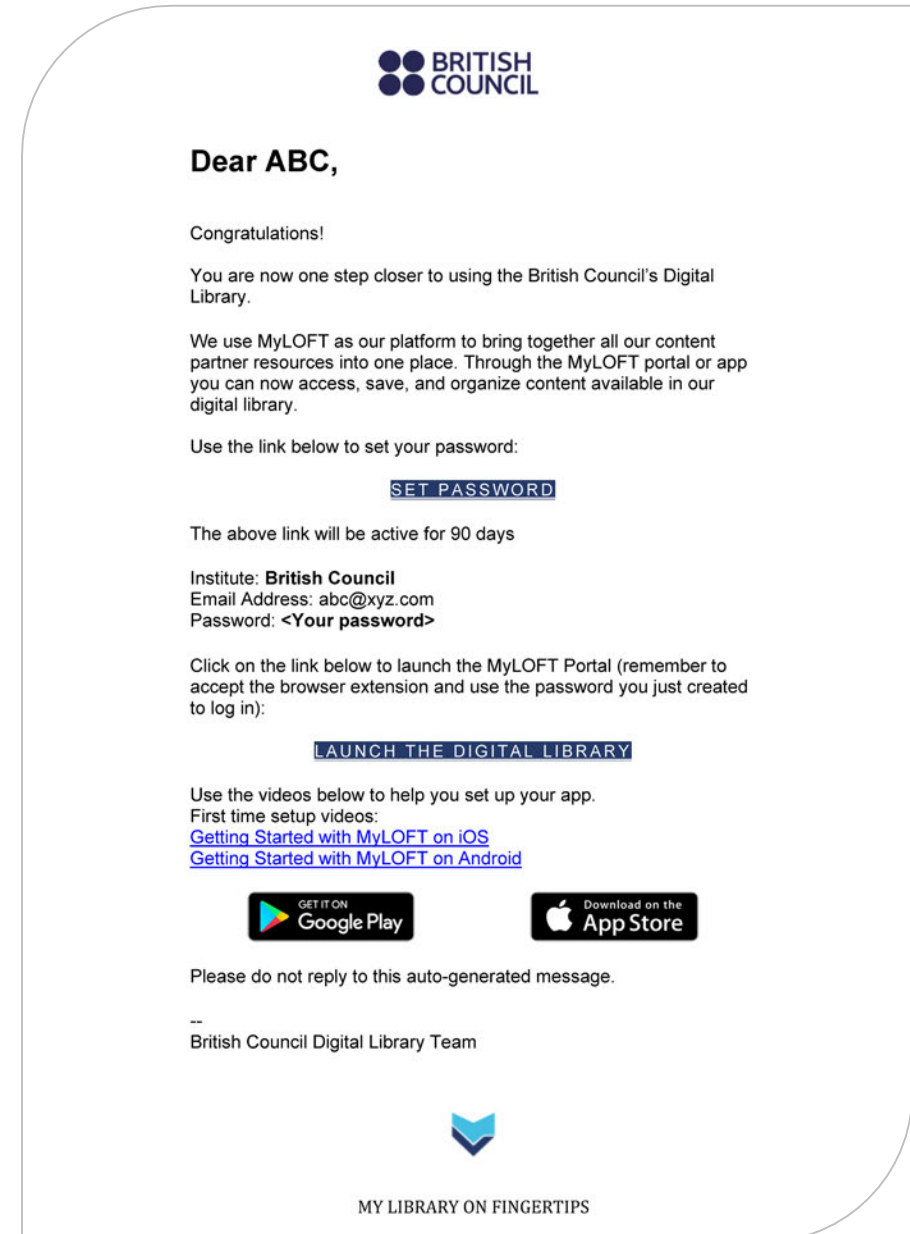
Note: This is a system-generated email. Please do not reply.

Creating your MyLOFT account

In the second email, you will receive instructions to **set a password for your MyLOFT account** to access the web and mobile app. Click the **‘Set Password’** link in the email to do this.

Tip: Set the same password you chose for your Digital Library account so that it’s easy to remember!

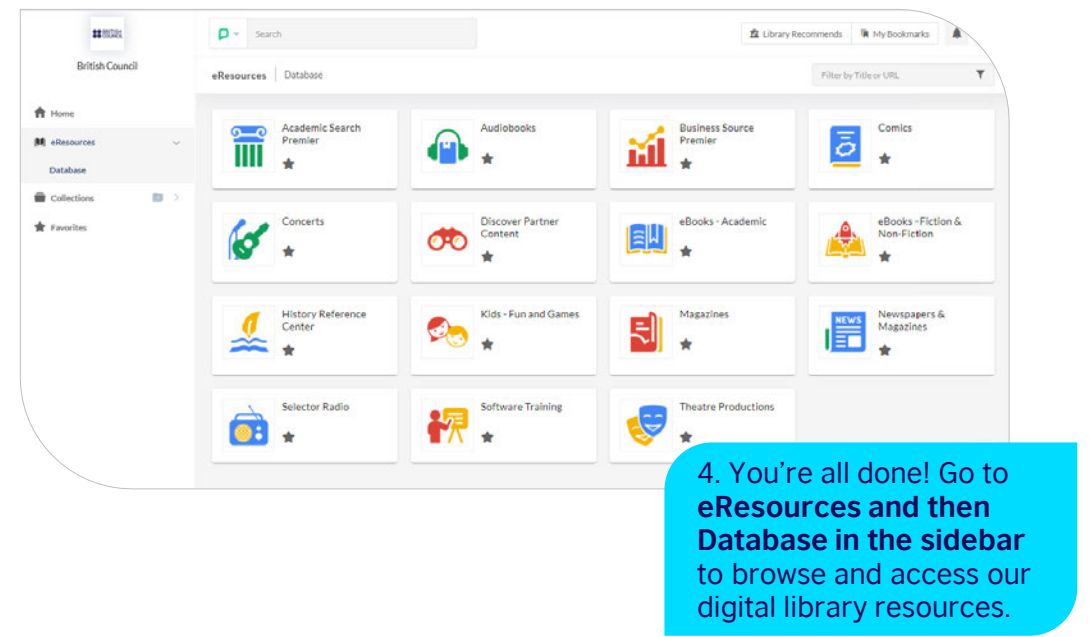
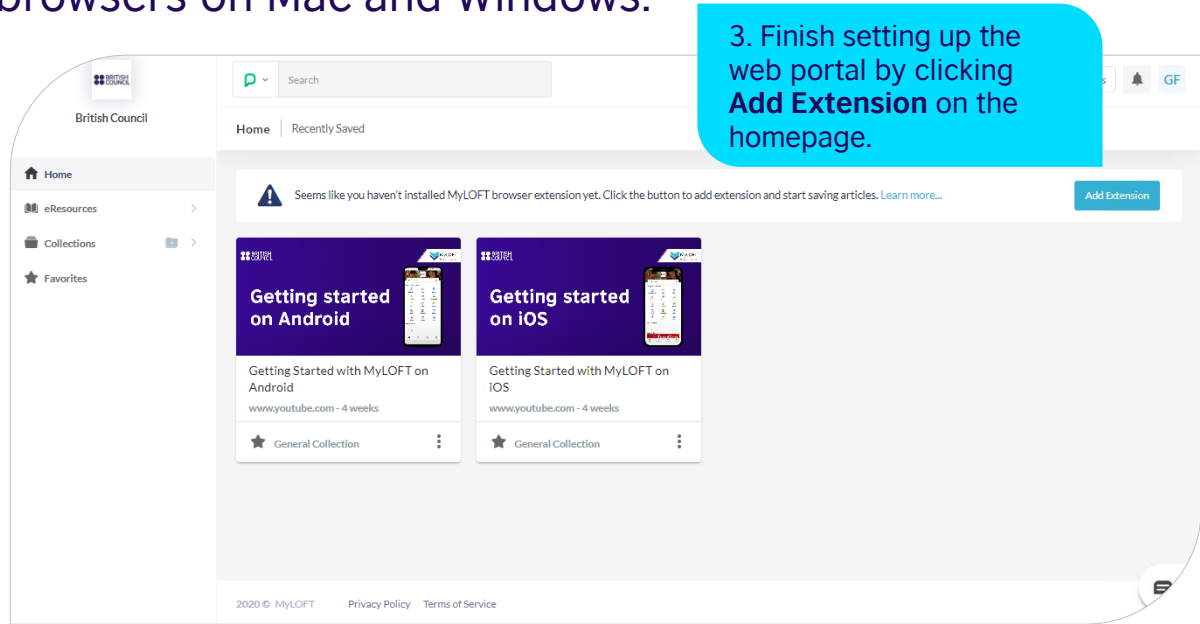
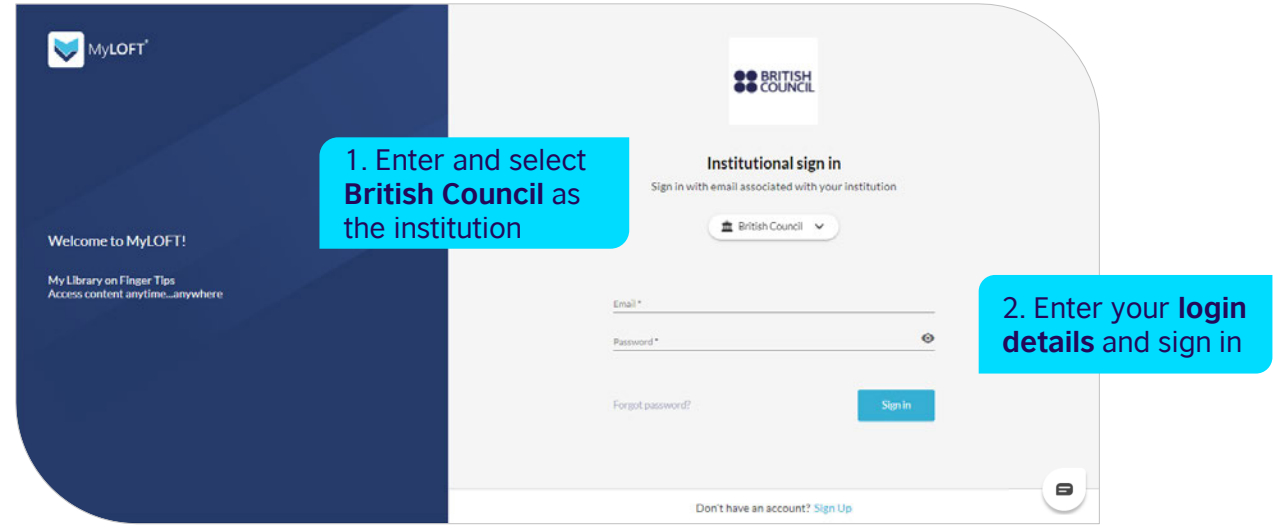
Once your MyLOFT account is set up, you can access our digital resources through the MyLOFT web portal or mobile app.



Logging in to the MyLOFT Web Portal

To access the MyLOFT web portal on your laptop or desktop computer for the first time, click the **'Launch the Digital Library'** link in the email from MyLOFT or from your Digital Library account homepage.

Note: The web portal is compatible with Google Chrome and Microsoft EDGE browsers on Mac and Windows.

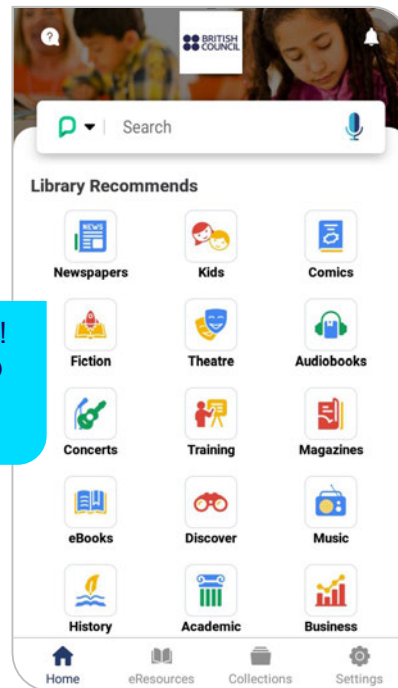


Setting up the **MyLOFT** mobile app

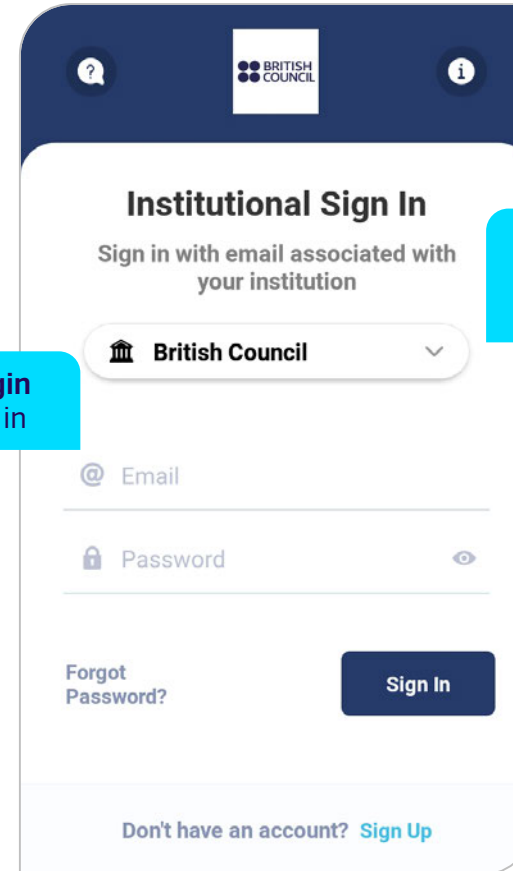
Search the **Google Play** or **Apple App Store** for '**MyLOFT**' and download the app.

When logging in to the app on IOS for the first time, you'll be prompted to **allow VPN configuration**. Ensure that you tap '**Allow**' to use the MyLOFT app and access our digital resources on your IOS device.

3. It's as simple as that! You now have **one tap access** to our digital resources.



2. Enter your **login details** and sign in



1. Enter and select **British Council** as the institution

Setting up an e-book reader on your devices

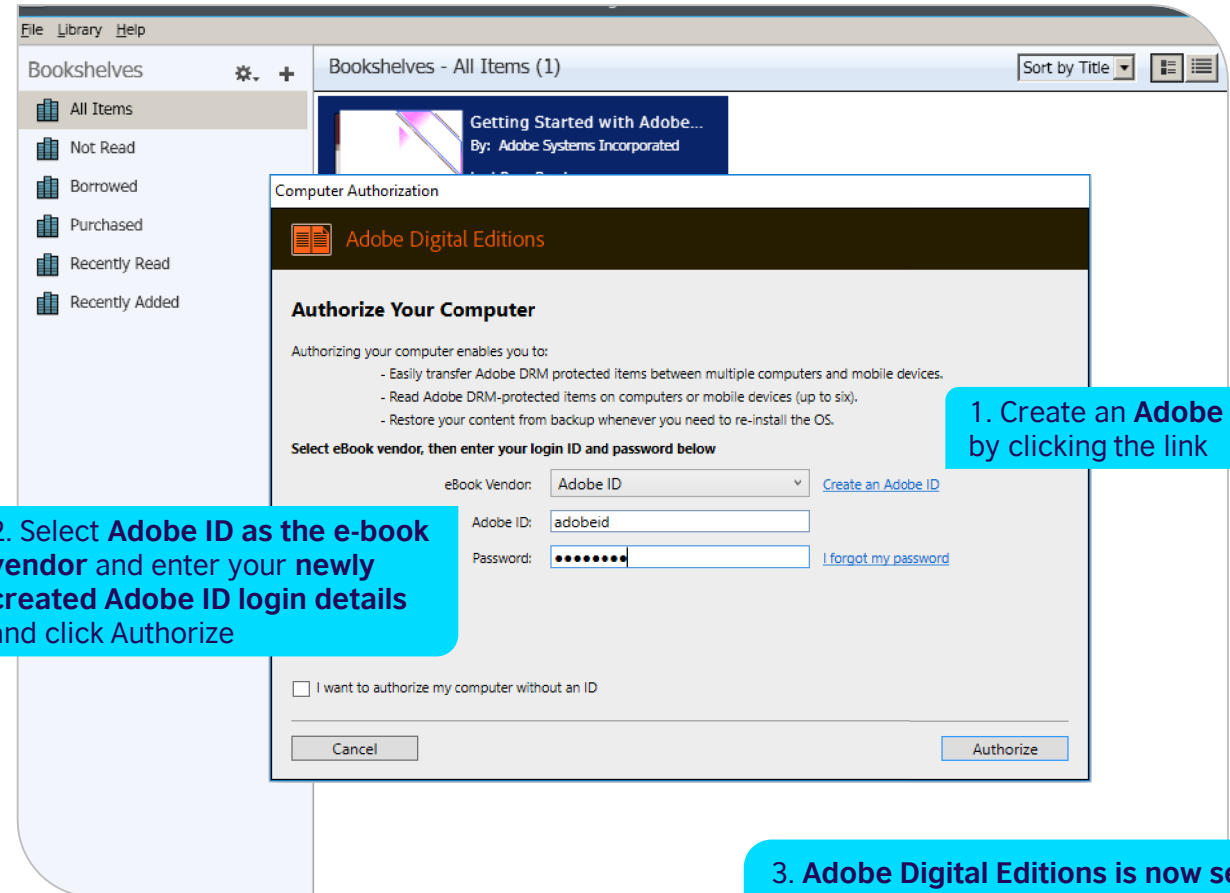
We're working on a development that will allow you to read and save e-books directly in the MyLOFT web and mobile apps – stay tuned!

In the meantime, follow these instructions to install an e-book reader on your device.

Adobe Digital Editions for laptop and desktop computers

Download the application for Mac or Windows [here](#), click the downloaded file and follow the prompts to install it on your computer

Once you've installed and opened Adobe Digital Editions, you'll be prompted to authorize your computer – if you don't get the prompt, go to Help > Authorise



2. Select **Adobe ID** as the e-book vendor and enter your newly created Adobe ID login details and click Authorize

1. Create an **Adobe ID** by clicking the link

3. **Adobe Digital Editions is now set up!** Download your e-book through the MyLOFT web portal and it will automatically open in Digital Editions

Setting up PocketBook Reader on your mobile device

Search the **Google Play** or **Apple App Store** for '**PocketBook Reader**' and download the app.

The image displays three sequential screenshots of the PocketBook Reader app's setup process, each with a numbered callout box.

1. Register Account: The first screenshot shows a registration form with fields for E-mail, Name, Surname, Password, and Confirm the Password. A callout box at the top right says: "1. Enter your email address, name and set a password". At the bottom, there is a checkbox for "I have read and I agree with the Privacy Policy and Terms of Use" and a "REGISTER" button. A callout box on the left says: "2. Read through the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy, check the box and click Register".

2. Activate PocketBook Cloud: The second screenshot shows the "Activate PocketBook Cloud" screen. It includes the text: "Sync books, reading position, notes, and bookmarks between your devices using PocketBook Store Account". Below this is a checked checkbox and the text: "I have read and I agree with the Privacy Policy and Terms of Use". At the bottom are "ACTIVATE" and "SKIP" buttons. A callout box on the right says: "3. Ensure you check the box and tap Activate on this screen to proceed".

3. Home Screen: The third screenshot shows the app's home screen. It features a top navigation bar with icons for Home, Books, Audiobooks, Store, and Settings. Below are sections for "Favorite" (No books), "Reading now" (1 book), and "Will read" (No books). A notification banner at the bottom states "Adobe DRM account is activated". A callout box on the right says: "4. After a few seconds, you will be notified that Adobe DRM has been activated. You can now download ebooks through MyLOFT and read them in Pocketbook!".

You're all done!

If you need more help with the MyLOFT mobile app, watch our detailed How-to videos for Android and IOS:

[Getting Started with **MyLOFT on Android**](#)

[Getting Started with **MyLOFT on iOS**](#)

Or write to us at libraries@britishcouncil.org.pk for further assistance.