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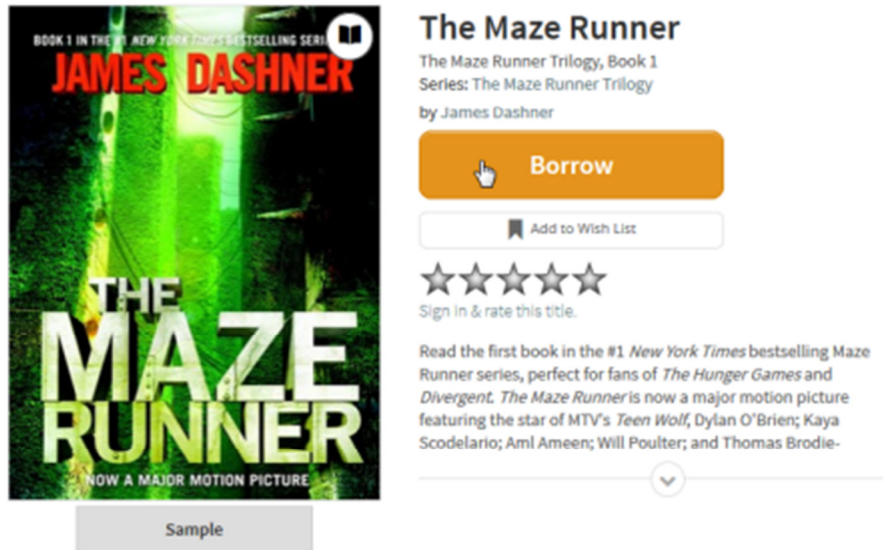


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## **Instructions for Devices most commonly used with NEIBORS**

### **On a Mobile Device (Android, iPad, iPhone, Kindle Fire or Nook tablet)**

- 1) In your store where you purchase apps for your device and find the Overdrive App. It is free. Download it and open it.
- 2) Find our library by entering in your zip code, we are part of NEIBORS. Click on NEIBORS. You will be prompted to sign in. You will need to give your library card number and phone number.
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- 1) Use a computer browser to access NEIBORS (see step #1 Getting Started)
- 2) Once on the NEIBORS page, click on the Help icon and then Applications.
- 3) Click on Adobe Digital Editions and download the software that fits your compute. (It is free).
- 4) You will be required to set up an account with Adobe and register your reader.
- 5) Check out your eBooks.
- 6) In the download screen, choose ePub.
- 7) Download the books to Adobe Digital Editions.
- 8) Plug your reader into your computer.
- 9) Transfer your book from the computer to your reader using Adobe Digital Editions.

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- 1) Use a computer to access NEIBORS
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- 3) Choose Overdrive Media Console. (this is free)
- 4) Download this to your computer.
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- 6) Once downloaded plug in your MP3 player and transfer the books using the transfer feature or you may listen to them on your computer.