

Borrowing and Reading eBooks from Mater Maria Library



Sometimes reading an eBook will be the way to go: you may be going on holiday or can't get the book at the library. In addition, eBooks allow you to make notes or adjust the font / background which is useful if you have dyslexia or a sight impairment. All you need is a compatible device to read an eBook on (a computer, tablet or smartphone) within a modern web browser (eg. Google Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer 10, Safari etc.) and internet access.

Here are some simple instructions:

- If you have not yet downloaded the app, go to the app store and download the free '**ePlatform by Wheelers**' app
- Once it's downloaded, tap the '**Find your library**' link
- Search the list of schools for Mater Maria or type our name into the search field at the top
- When the school ePlatform has loaded go to the 'Sign in' tab on the black bar at the top of the page. Select '**Sign in**'
- You will then be directed to the Diocesan CeNet login
- Sign in with your usual details remembering to select '**Broken Bay**'

Done! Once you are signed in you won't have to repeat the process unless you choose to sign out.

We have access to a Consortium of eBooks in a collection of over 1500 titles. The loan period for eBooks owned Mater Maria is 3 weeks other titles have a loan period of 2 weeks keep an eye on this.

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You can then **search or browse** the eBook collection. Scroll down to see popular titles and new additions.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Mater Maria Catholic College ebook lending facility. At the top, there are links for 'Browse', 'Shelf', and 'Sign In'. A search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a 'Advanced' link is also present. The main title 'Mater Maria Catholic College' is displayed above a banner stating 'ebook lending facility'. Below this, a message encourages borrowing and reading eBooks from anywhere, anytime, on multiple devices. A 'Start Browsing' button is visible. A section for 'Popular Titles' lists several book covers with titles like 'Divergent', 'Pride and Prejudice', and 'Wicked Lovely'. To the right, 'Top Categories' are listed under Fiction, Non-Fiction, and Child/Teen sections. Below this is a 'Latest Additions' section featuring books like 'Così', 'Boundless', and 'Invincible'. A 'Filter' button is located at the bottom right.

Tap the book image to get a synopsis. If the image is greyed out, the book is out on loan and you will be able to reserve the book. You will be emailed when it is returned.

The screenshot shows a detailed view of a book entry for 'An Eagle in the Snow' by Michael Morpurgo. The left panel shows the book cover and a 'Borrow' button with a loan duration of '3 weeks'. A synopsis is provided: 'The powerful new novel from the master storyteller - inspired by the true story of one man who might have stopped World War II. 1940. The train is under attack from German fighters.' A '...read more' link is available. The right panel shows the same book details with additional information: 'Copies 1 available', 'Interest Age 9-11 years', and 'Reading Options Web browser / App, Adobe Digital Editions'. A note at the top states: 'This title is now on loan to you. You can begin reading right away or go to your shelf to view all current loans.'

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