

## eBOOKS & eMAGAZINES

As well as purchasing ebooks online from suppliers such as Amazon, Fishpond or Kindle suppliers, did you know that you are able to access e-books and magazines from the public libraries and State Library of Queensland, for **free**? Memberships of the Brisbane City Libraries, Redland City Libraries and State Library of Queensland are all **FREE** to residents. Once you are a member of a regional library service, there is no need to join State Library of Qld as well. Your local membership also gives you access to the SLQ Collection of reading material.

MBBC Library encourages all MBBC families to join a local library, record the membership number on page 49 of the Student Diary (Primary). This will be used to encourage each boy to manage his own personal reading, and to seek out sources of information and reading in the wider community.

Here's how to join:

### **Brisbane City Council Libraries**

<http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/libraries/joining-the-library/index.htm>

### **Redland City Council Libraries**

<http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/RecreationFacilities/RedlandLibraries/Pages/Membership.aspx>

Once you have joined you use your membership card for that library to find and download e-books, e-magazines and audio books.

Join the **State Library of Queensland (SLQ)** and access resources (including e-books, e-magazines, databases, and more) through their ONE SEARCH facility.

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/services/membership>

To get an idea of what is freely available to download/borrow, here's the 'eBooks and Downloads' page from BCC Libraries:

The screenshot shows the eLibCat website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Branch Details, Contact Us, Events Calendar, Library Information, and What's On. Below this is a search area with fields for Library Barcode and PIN, and a 'Log into My eLibCat Account' button. The main navigation menu includes 'Library Catalogue', 'Reserve a PC', 'Library Info', 'Databases', 'Brisbane Images', 'eBooks & Downloads' (which is highlighted), 'Browse Catalogue', and 'Kids Catalogue'. There are also links for 'Language Collections', 'My Account', 'New in the Collection', and 'Ask a Librarian'. The 'eBooks & Downloads' section is active, displaying a list of digital resources. A vertical 'Ask a Librarian' button is located on the right side of the page. At the bottom, there is a footer with contact information and a note about library membership access.

Each Library has information sheets giving instructions on how to download digital resources to various devices. Happy e-reading/listening/playing!

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