

Downloading and Installing Adobe® Digital Editions for Use with OverDrive eBooks (NOT for Kindle Users)

Adobe® Digital Editions software is required by several eReader devices to access eBooks from the OverDrive Digital Downloads website. (To determine if your device requires Adobe® Digital Editions, see the handout “eBook Devices Most Commonly Used with OverDrive” or the OverDrive Digital Downloads website.) Step-by-step directions for installing the required software on a Windows computer are included in this handout to help you get started. In this handout, anything that you will click is displayed in a **Bold** font. There are three parts to the initial process.

1. Install Adobe® Digital Editions on your computer.
2. Activate Adobe® Digital Editions with your computer.
3. Authorize your eReader device with Adobe® Digital Editions.

These three steps only need to be done initially. Once they are completed, you will simply download the eBooks you wish to read into Adobe® Digital Editions on your computer and then transfer them to your device.

Part One: Installing Adobe® Digital Editions on Your Computer

A link to **Adobe® Digital Editions** is found in the lower right corner of the OverDrive Digital Downloads homepage.

The screenshot shows the Mid-Continent Public Library Digital Downloads homepage. The page features a navigation menu on the left with categories like 'ADULT AUDIOBOOK FICTION', 'ADULT AUDIOBOOK NONFICTION', and 'ADULT EBOOK FICTION'. The main content area includes sections for 'NEW EBOOK ADDITIONS', 'NEW AUDIOBOOK ARRIVALS', and 'MOST POPULAR'. In the bottom right corner, there is a 'REQUIRED SOFTWARE' section with links for 'OverDrive® Media Console™ For Audiobooks' and 'Adobe® Digital Editions For eBooks'. A red arrow points from the text above to the 'Adobe® Digital Editions For eBooks' link.

Note: To access the Digital Downloads page, click the **Books, Movies, Music** link on Mid-Continent Public Library’s homepage (mymcpl.org). Then click **Downloadable eBooks** from the left menu. Click the **OverDrive Digital Downloads** link to access the page displayed on the left.

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1. Click **Adobe® Digital Editions**.
The **HELP – SOFTWARE – ADOBE EBOOKS** page displays.

2. Click the **Download Adobe Digital Editions** link.

The screenshot shows the 'Digital Downloads' page of the Mid-Continent Public Library. At the top left is the library's logo. To the right is a search bar with a 'GO' button and a link to 'Advanced Search...'. Below the logo is a yellow navigation bar with the text 'HELP - SOFTWARE - ADOBE EBOOKS'. Underneath this bar are three main sections: 'ADULT AUDIOBOOK FICTION', 'ADULT AUDIOBOOK NONFICTION', and 'OverDrive Help'. The 'ADULT AUDIOBOOK FICTION' section lists various genres like 'All Fiction', 'Drama', 'Historical Fiction', 'Horror', 'Literature', 'Mystery & Thriller', 'Romance', and 'Science Fiction & Fantasy'. The 'ADULT AUDIOBOOK NONFICTION' section lists 'All Nonfiction' and 'Biography & Autobiography'. The 'OverDrive Help' section is highlighted with a red box and contains the link 'Download Adobe Digital Editions'. To the right of the navigation bar is a 'powered by OverDrive' logo and a 'DIGITAL NAVIGATION' section with links for 'Digital Home', 'My OverDrive Cart', 'My OverDrive Account', and 'Sign In'. Below that is a 'NEW TO DIGITAL DOWNLOADS?' section with links for 'Digital Help', 'Compatible Audio Devices', and 'Compatible eBook Devices'.

3. The download link will open the Adobe® website. You may need to scroll down the page to access the Install button to start the process. Click **Install**.

The screenshot shows the Adobe website's product page for Digital Editions. The navigation bar includes 'Products', 'Solutions', 'Learning', 'Help', 'Downloads', 'Company', and 'Store'. The main heading is 'Adobe Digital Editions' with the sub-heading 'MAKE READING AN ENGAGING EXPERIENCE'. Below this is a description of the software and a section titled 'Install Digital Editions 1.7.2'. A red box highlights the 'Install' button, which is a brown button with a book icon and the word 'Install'. A red arrow points from this button to a larger, detailed inset of the same button on the right side of the page.

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This inset image shows a close-up of the 'Install' button. The button is brown with a white book icon and the word 'Install' in white text. Below the button, the text 'Click to install Adobe Digital Editions' is displayed in a grey font.

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4. The Adobe® Digital Editions Installer displays a security message and an option to cancel the installation. To continue installing Adobe® Digital Editions, click **Install** a second time.

5. One more confirmation box displays. Click **Yes**.



6. To protect your Windows 7 computer, a Windows security warning may be flashing in the status bar of your computer. You must click the flashing shield to bring up the warning box that displays the following message:



Do you want to allow the following program from an unknown publisher to make changes to this computer?

Program Name: digitaleditions.exe

Publisher: Unknown

File Origin: Hard drive on this computer.

Click **Yes** to allow the installation to continue.

The Setup box may not pop up on top of your open windows. If nothing appears to be happening, you might want to look in the status bar for the setup icon.

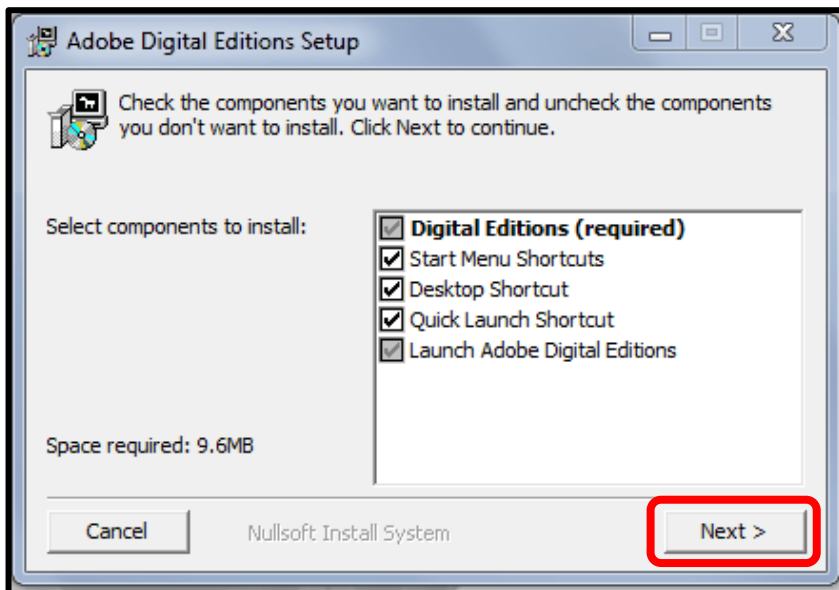


Status Bar



Setup Icon

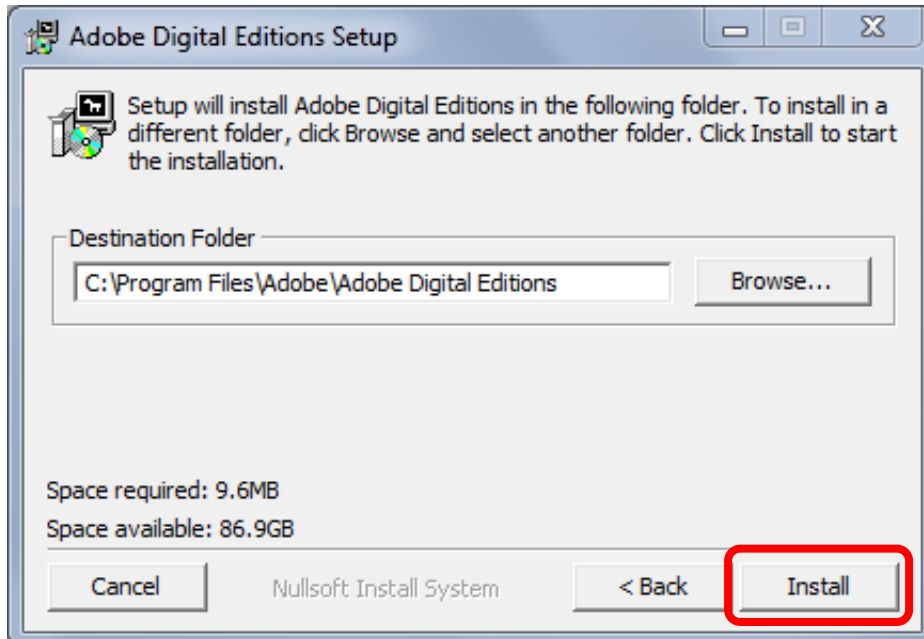
Clicking on the icon will bring the following dialog box to the front of your desktop.



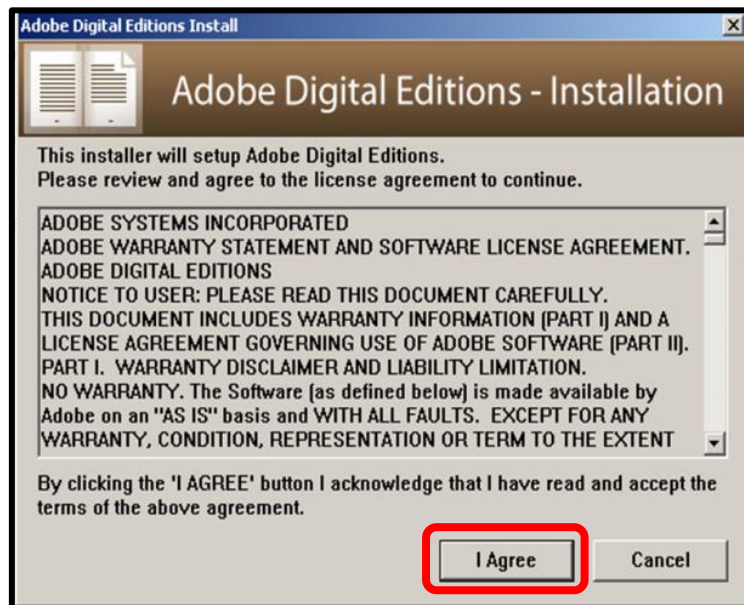
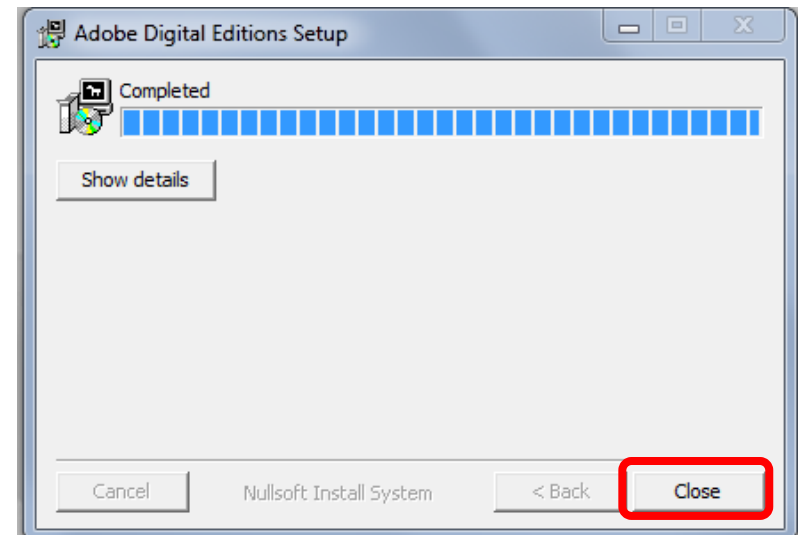
7. Adobe Digital Editions Setup

You can select where you would like to place shortcuts on your computer to launch the program once it is installed. The default setting is to place them on the Start Menu, the Desktop, and the Quick Launch toolbar. Click the boxes to remove checkmarks if you do not want a shortcut in that location. Click **Next** to continue.

The setup continues by offering the option to change the default Destination Folder for the program download. Use the Browse button to change the location, or accept the the default setting and click **Install**.

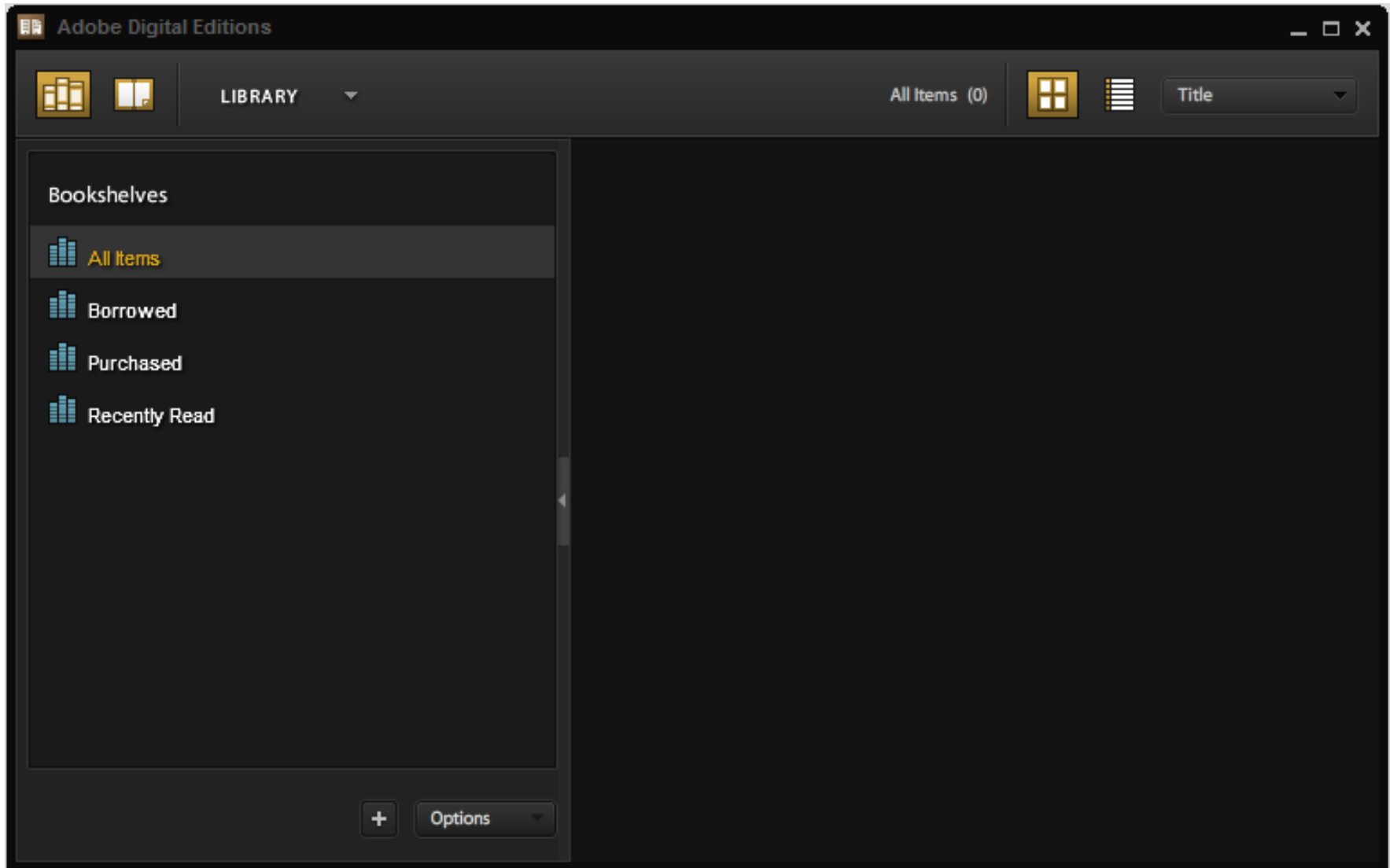


8. When the installation is completed the status bar reaches the right margin and the word Completed displays. Click **Close**.



9. A software license agreement window displays. Use the scroll bar to read the document, then click **I Agree** to complete the installation of Adobe® Digital Editions.

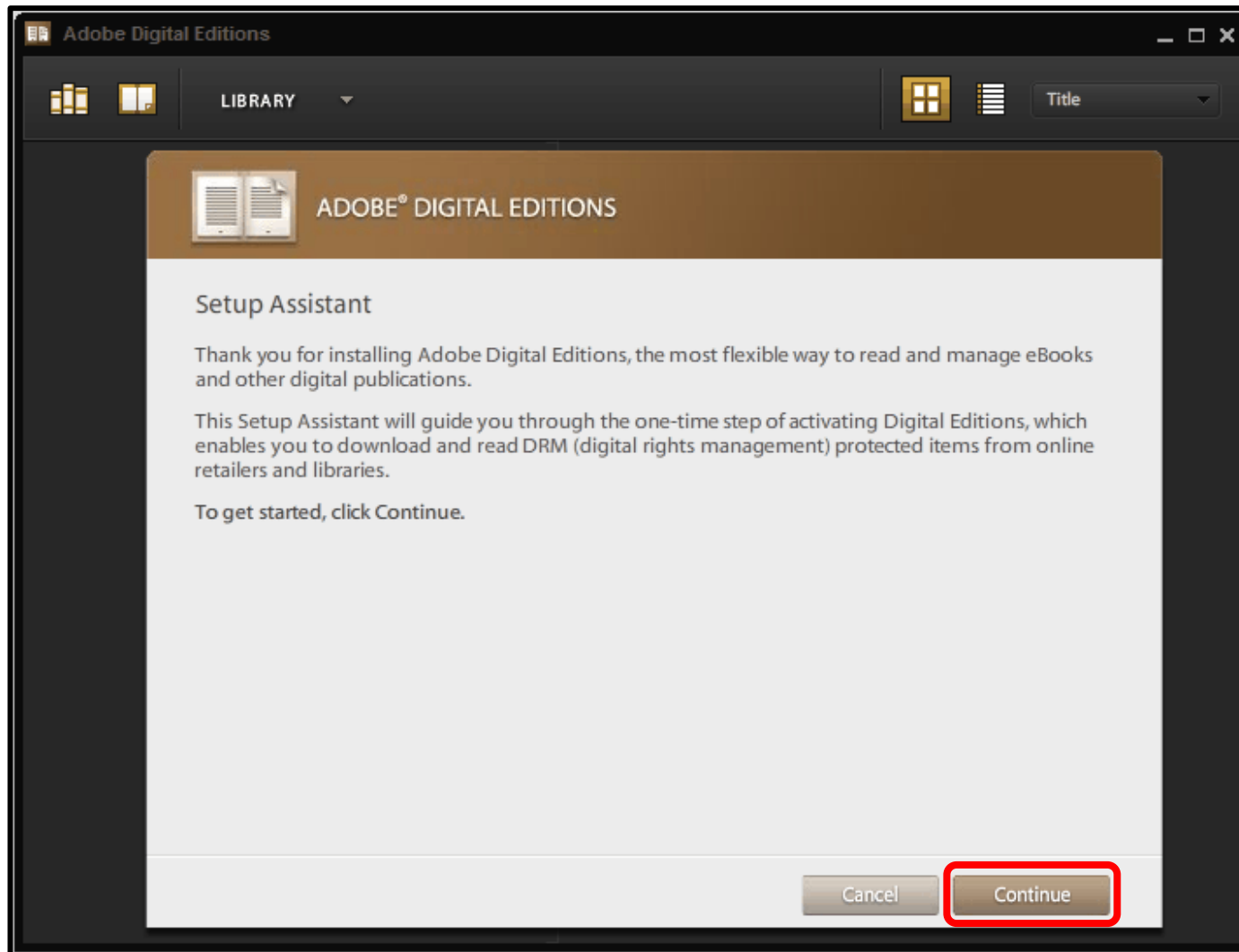
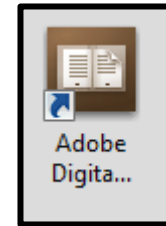
10. Adobe Digital Editions opens.



Part Two: Activating the Computer with Adobe® Digital Editions

1. Open Adobe® Digital Editions if it does not automatically open after installation. An icon for Adobe® Digital Editions can be found on your desktop if you accepted the default settings of the setup.

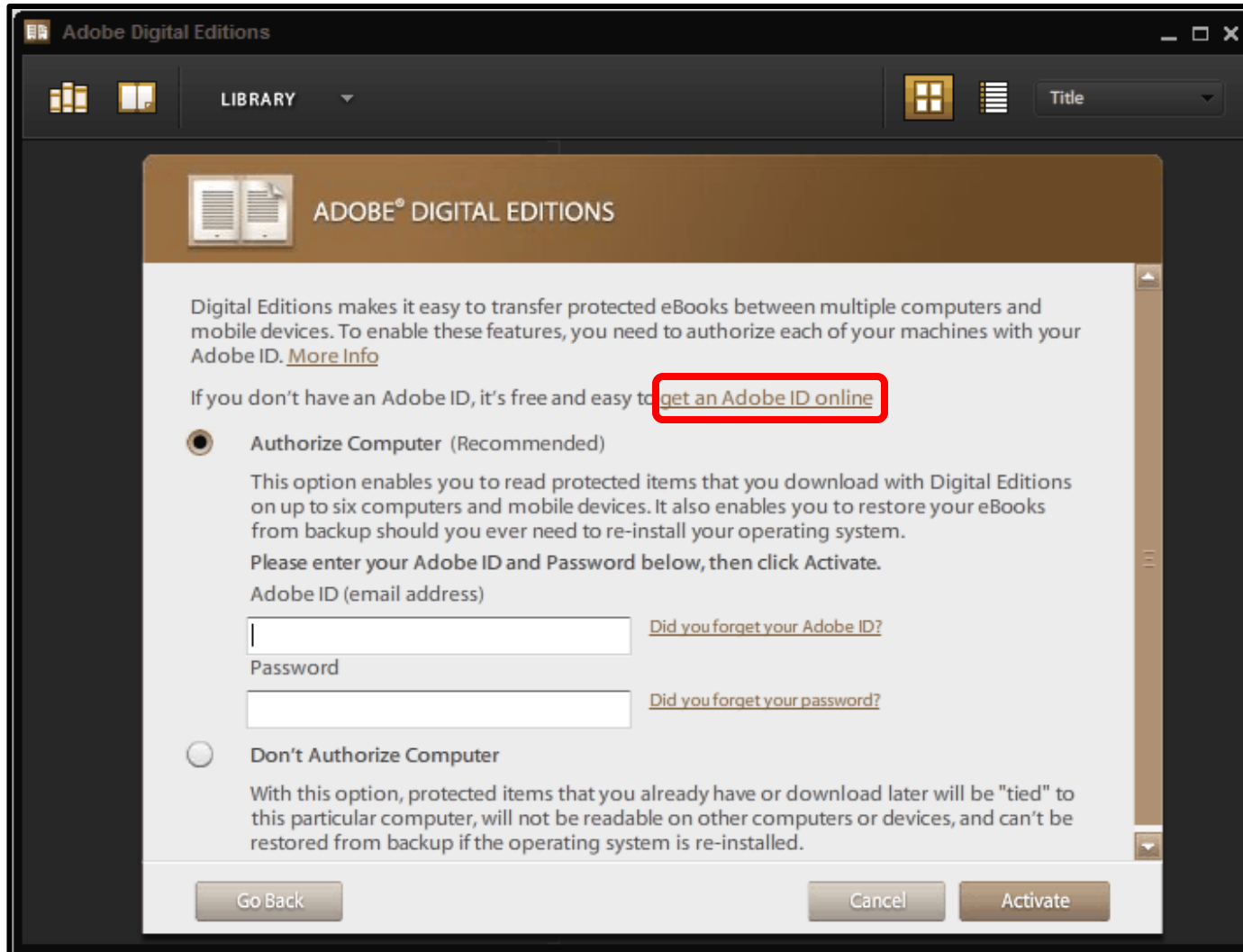
The Setup Assistant dialog box will display. Click **Continue**.



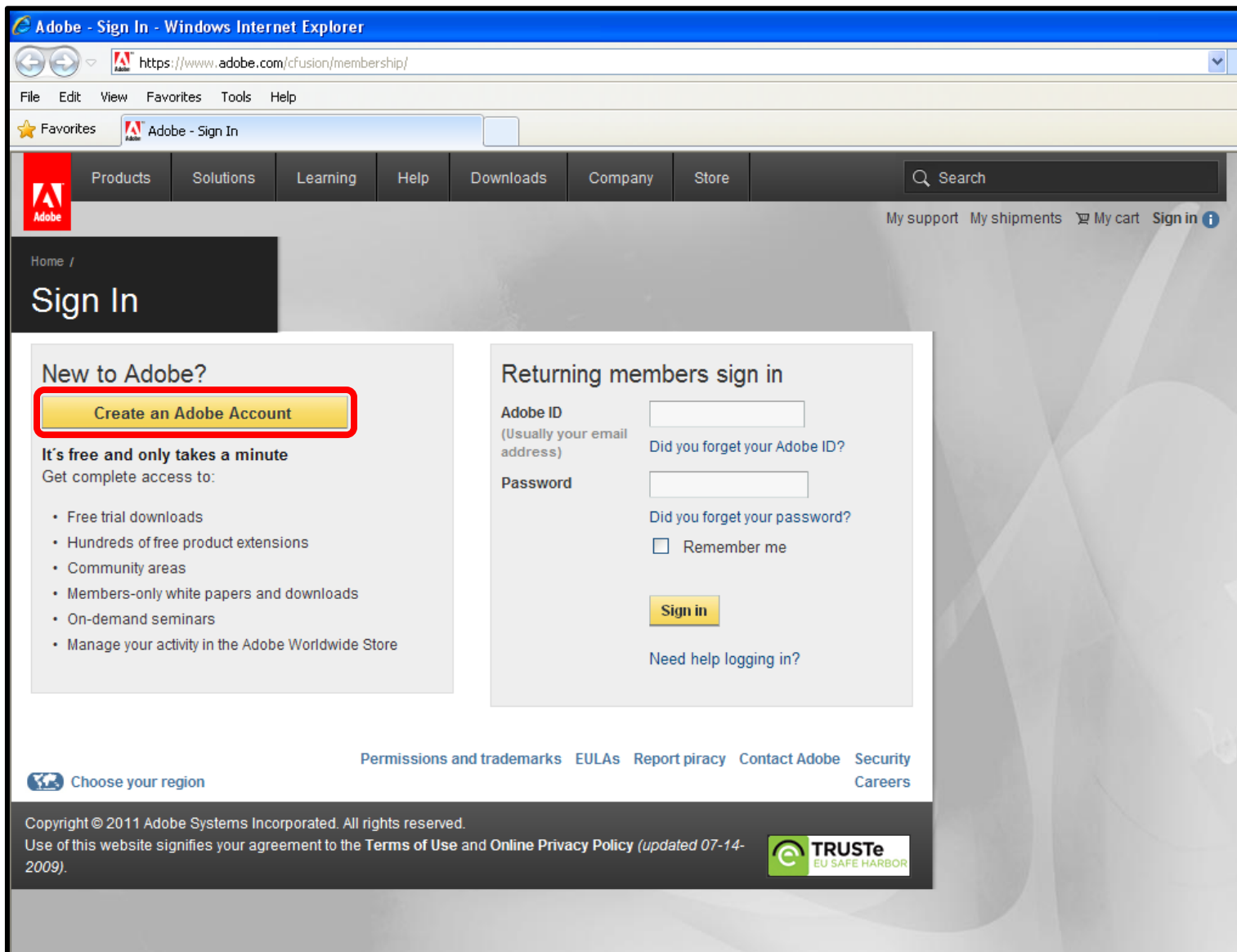
2. Enter an Adobe ID and Password if you have one.

OR

Click the link **get an Adobe ID online**.



3. If the link, get an Adobe ID online, is clicked, the Adobe website will display. Click the **Create an Adobe Account** button.



4. Complete the registration information. All fields with an asterisk must be filled.

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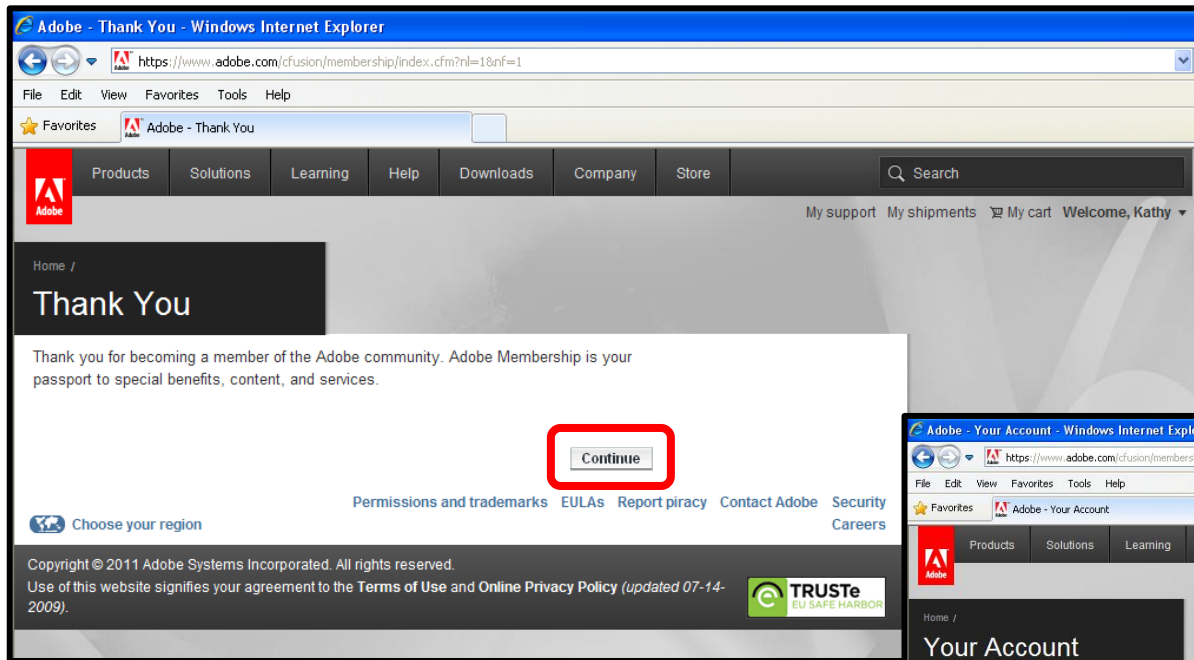
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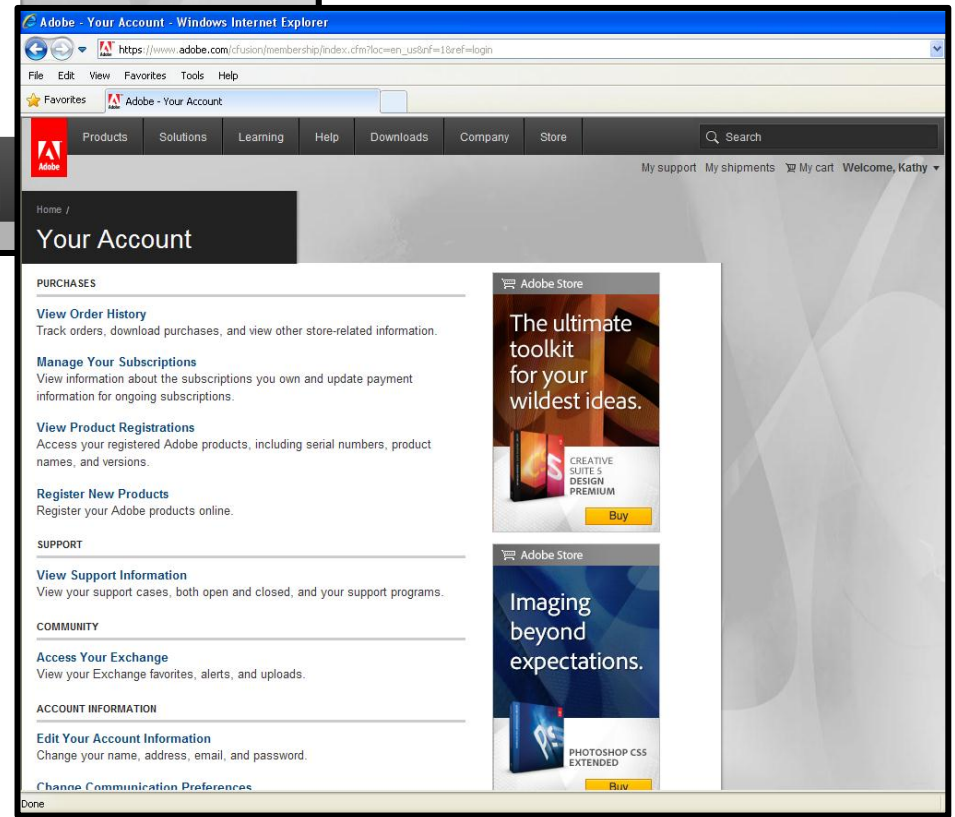
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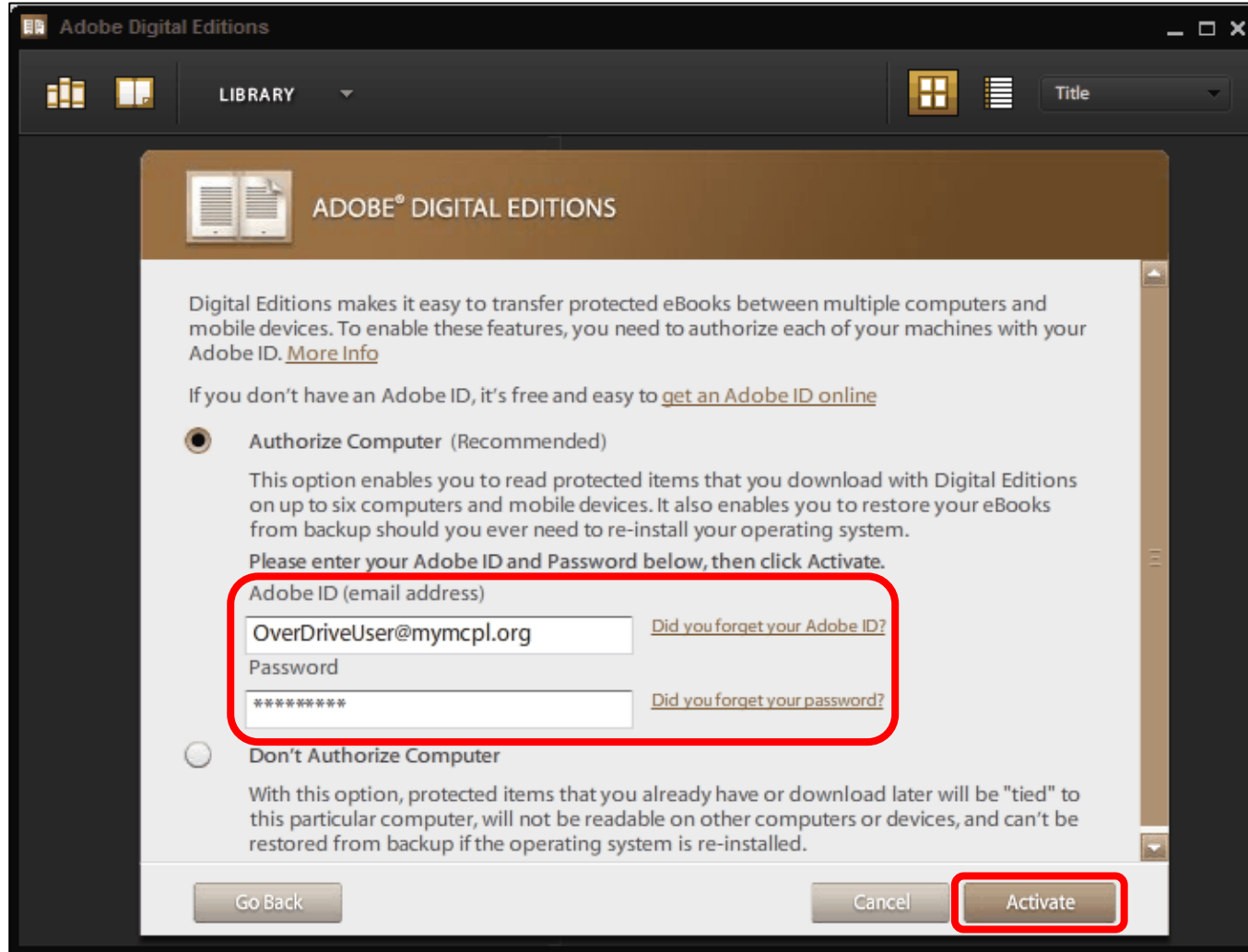
6. The Thank You page displays. Click **Continue**.



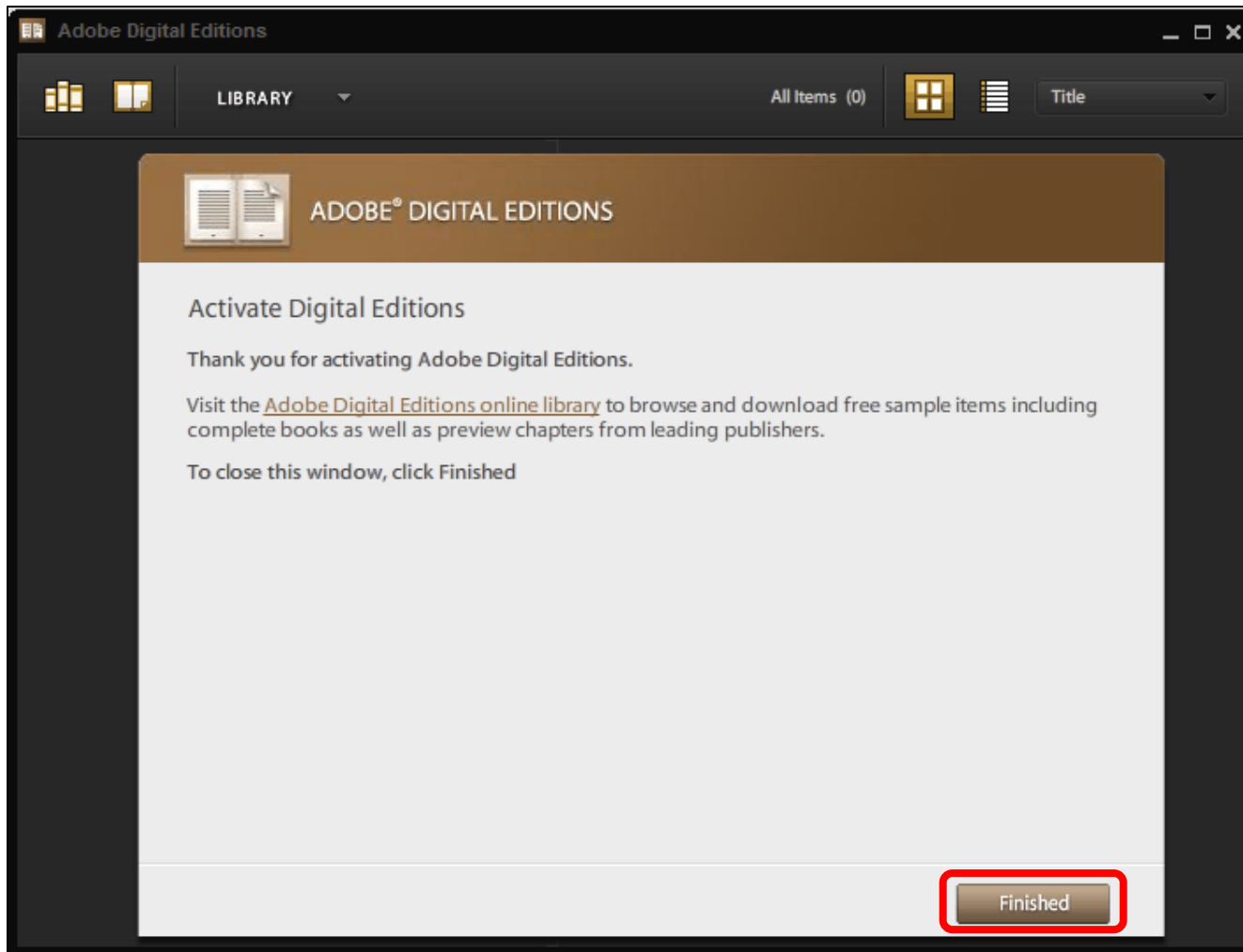
7. The Your Account page displays. Close your Internet browser and return to Adobe® Digital Editions.



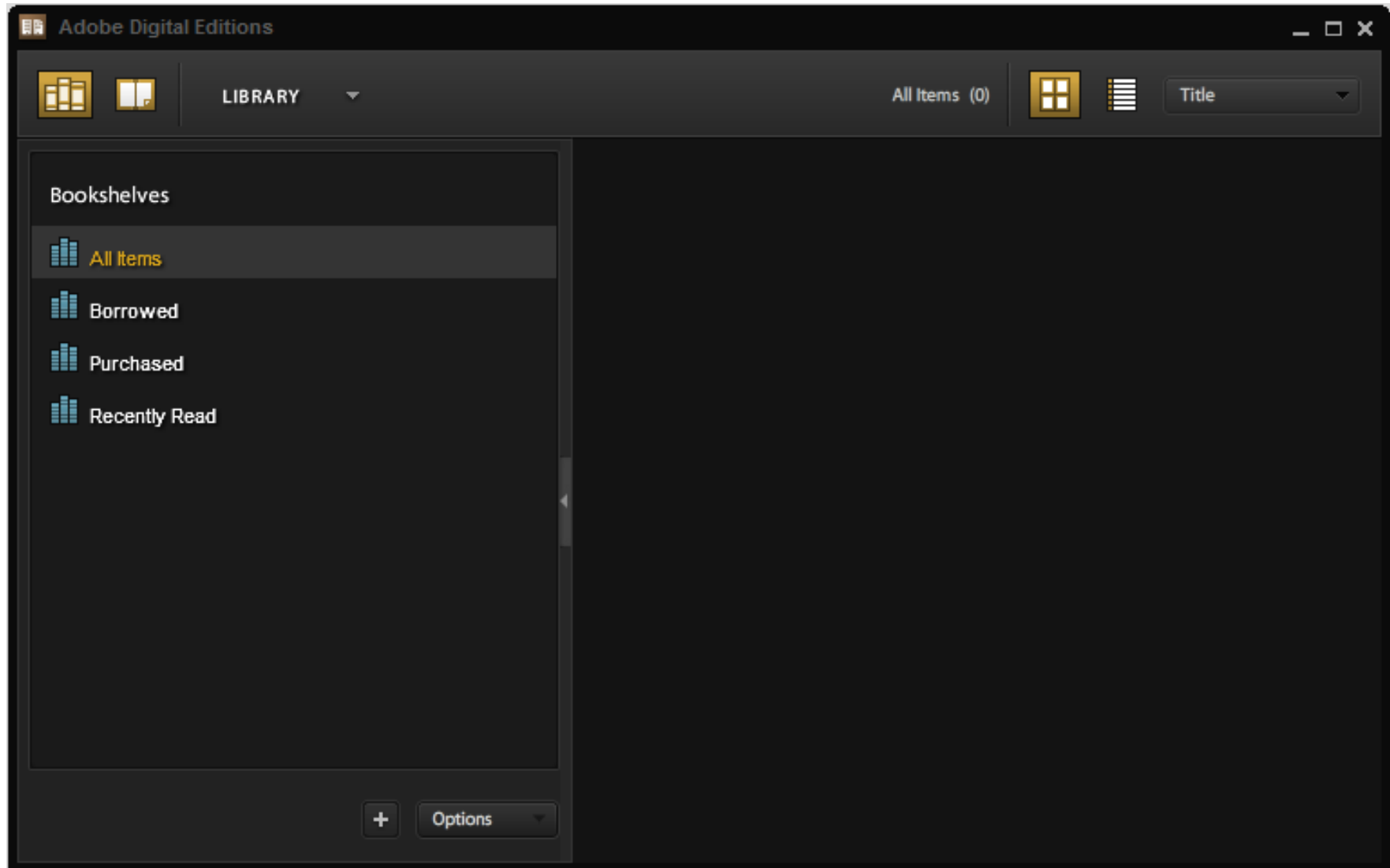
8. Enter the newly created Adobe ID and password. Then click **Activate**.



9. A dialog box might briefly display indicating that activation is in progress. Once the activation is completed, a dialog box displays “Thank you for activating Adobe® Digital Editions.” Click **Finished**.



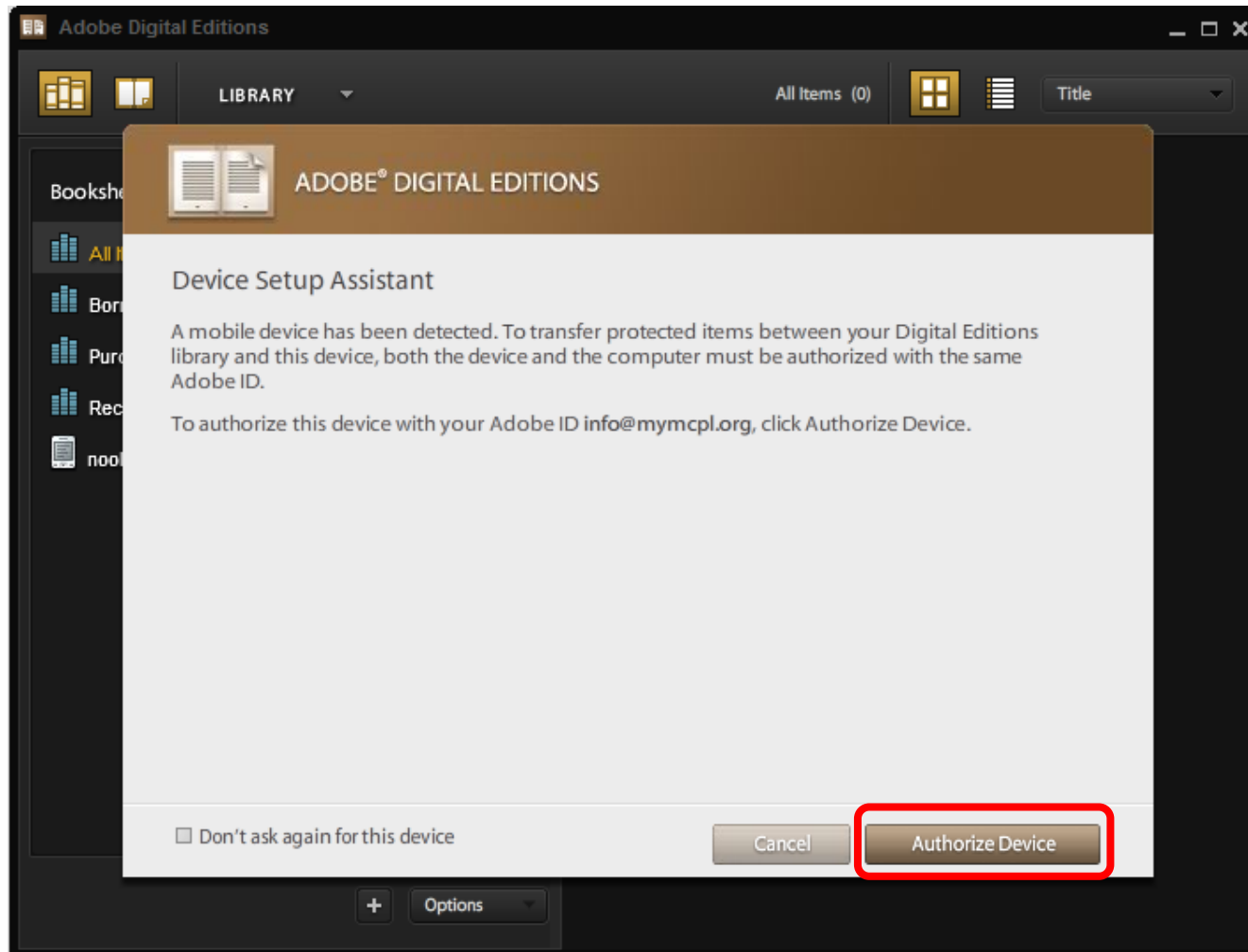
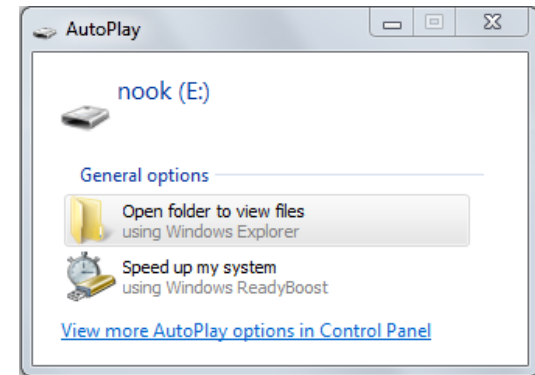
10. Adobe® Digital Editions will display in LIBRARY view.



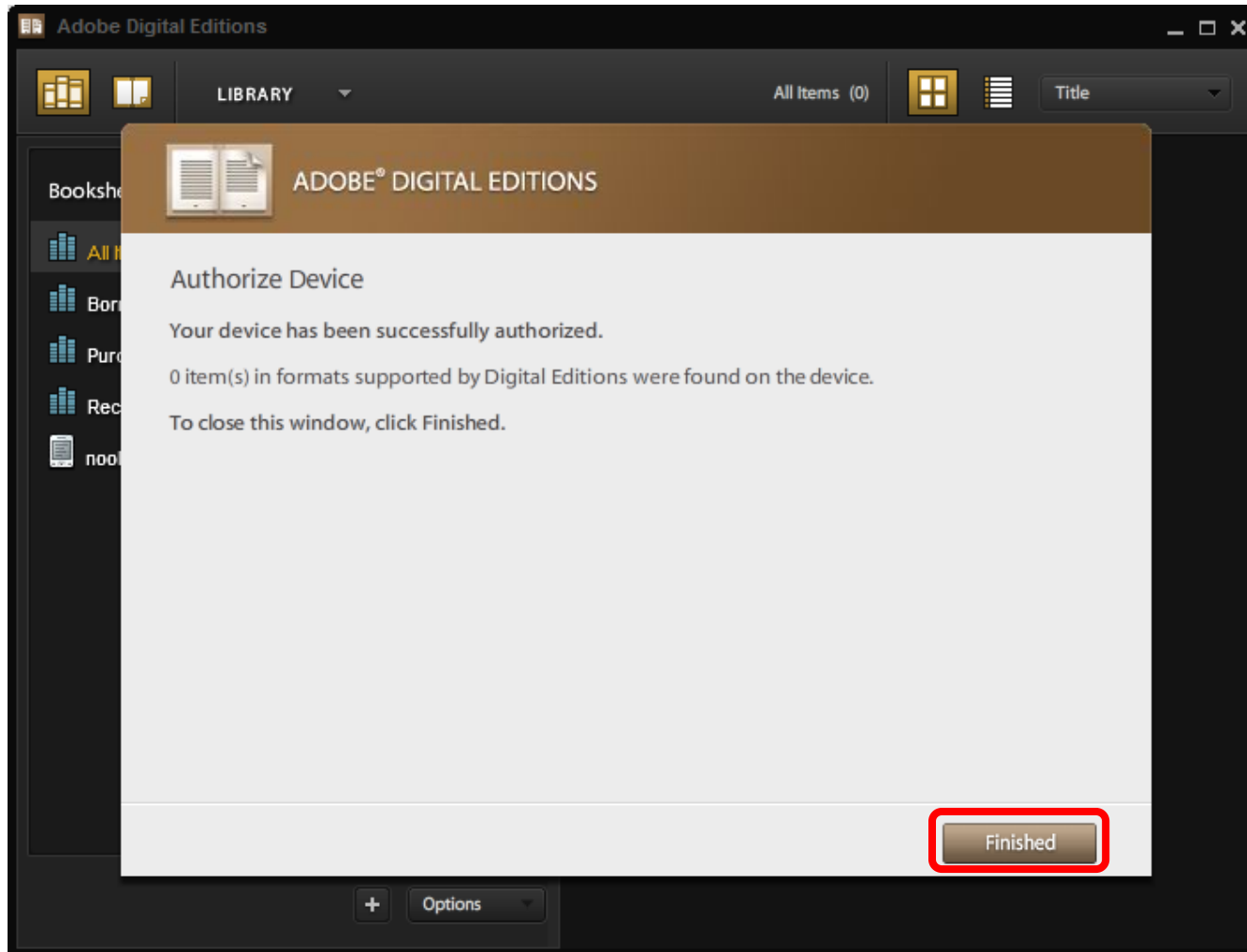
Part Three: Authorizing Your Device

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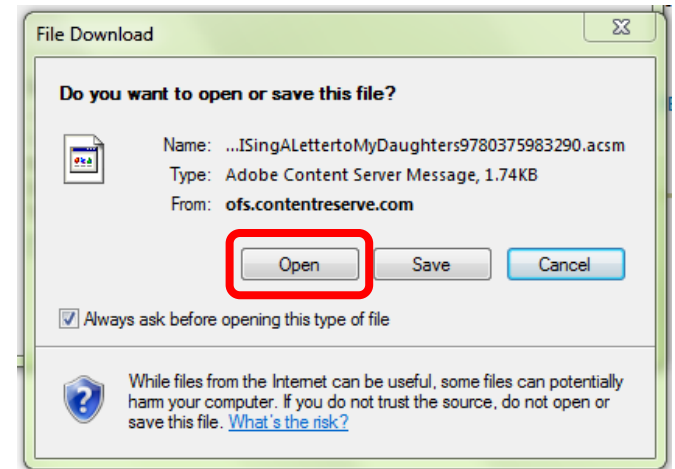
1. Adobe® Digital Editions will recognize the nook as a digital reading device and start the Device Setup Assistant.
2. To enable eBook transfers to your device, click **Authorize Device**.



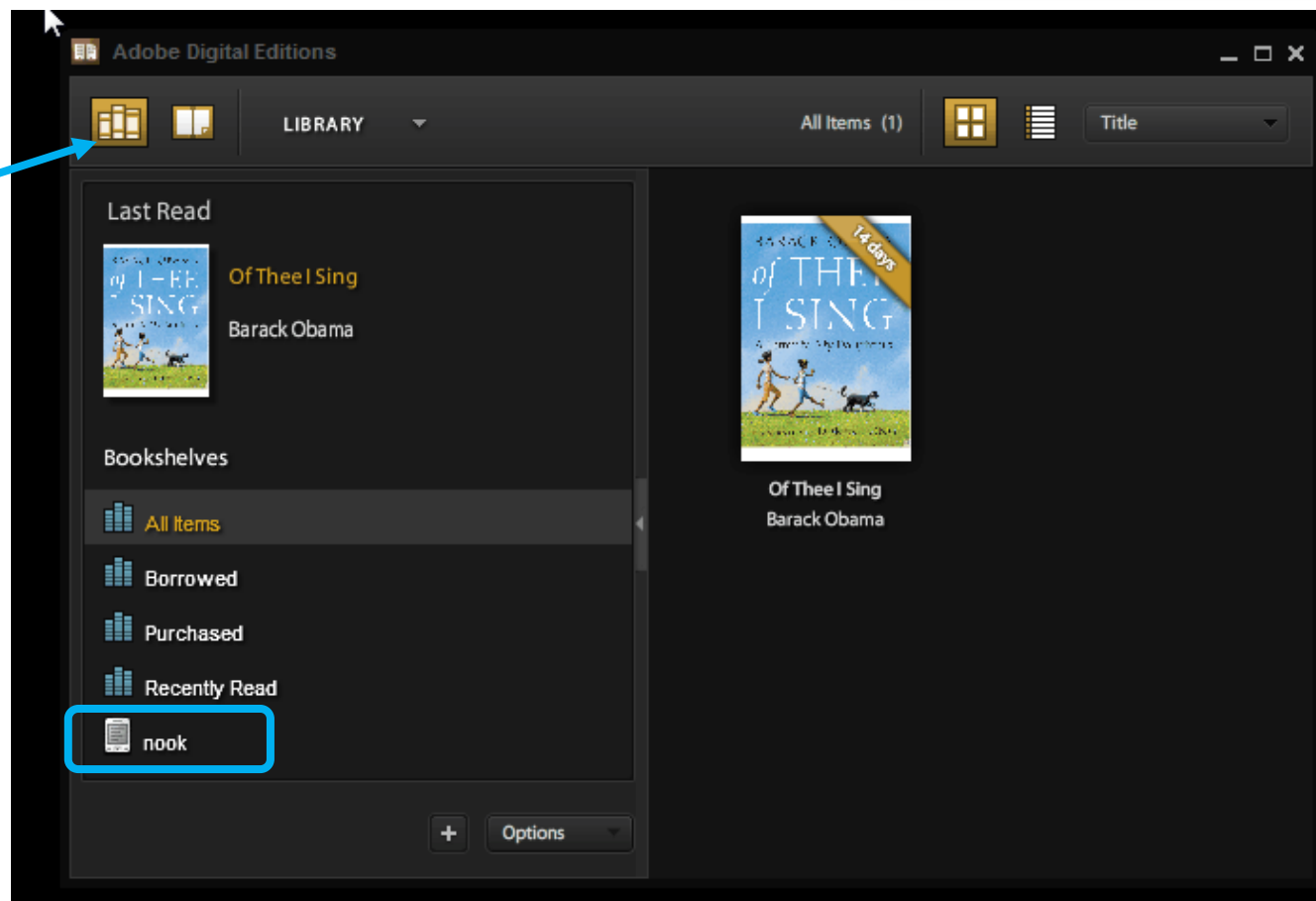
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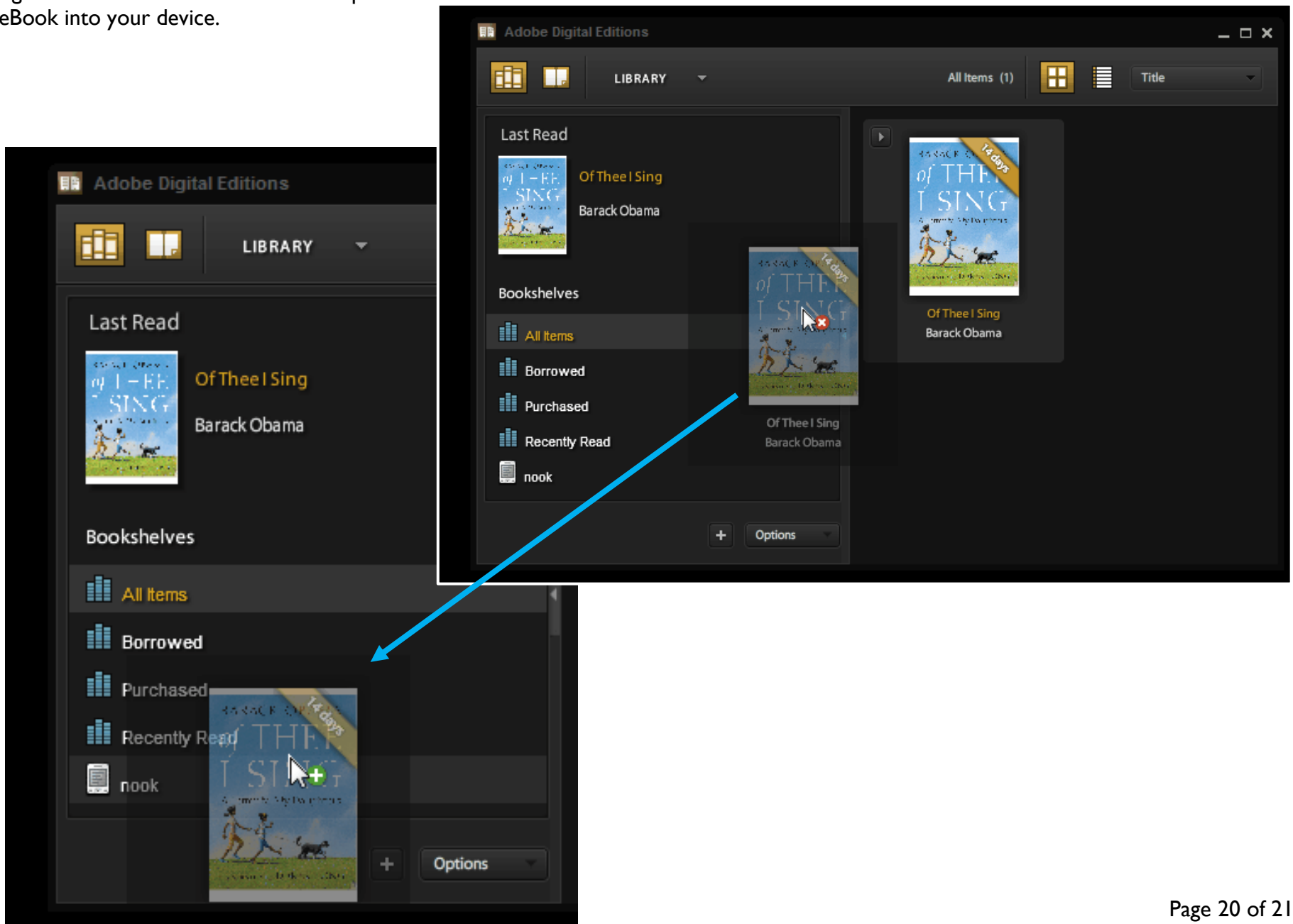
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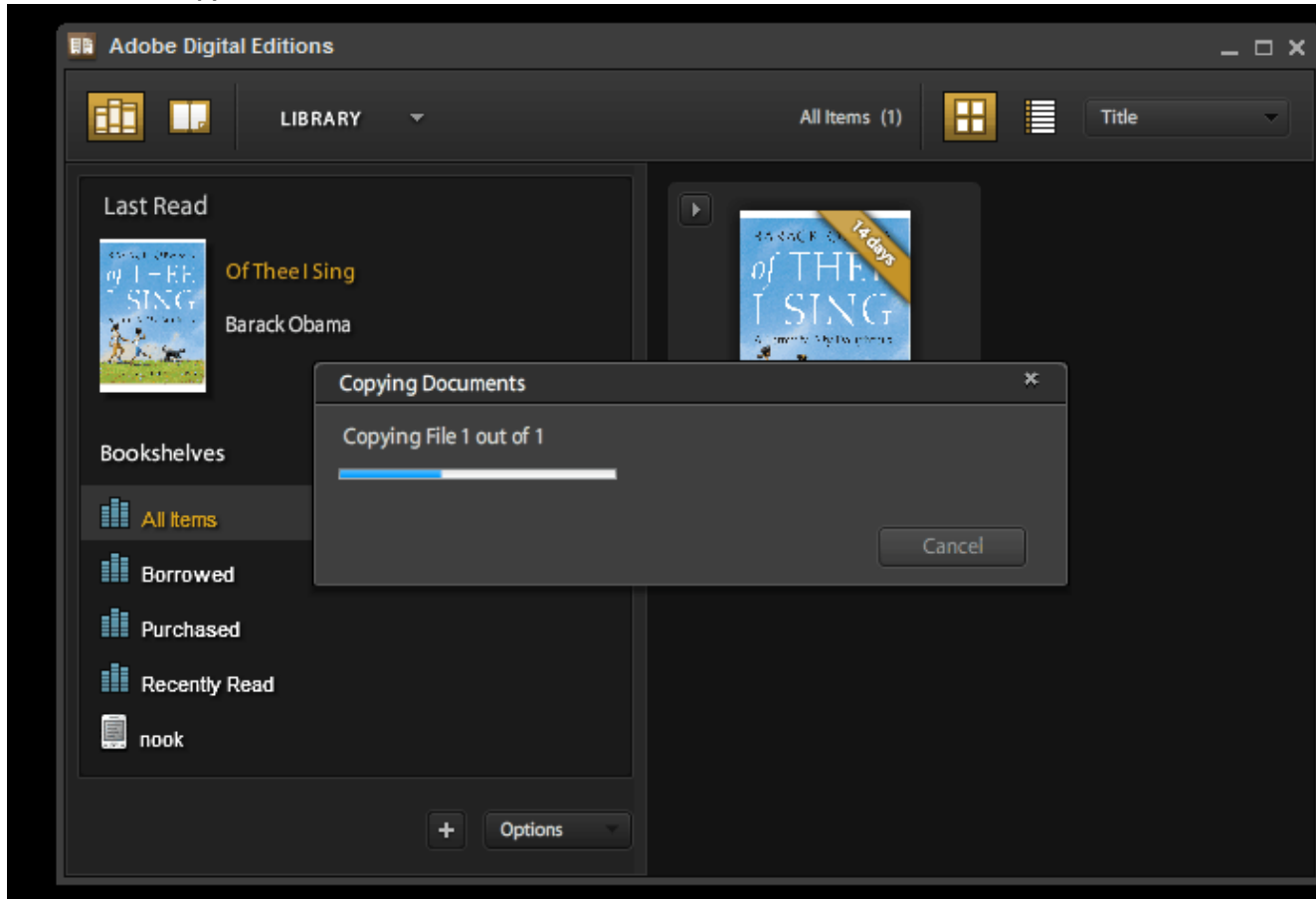
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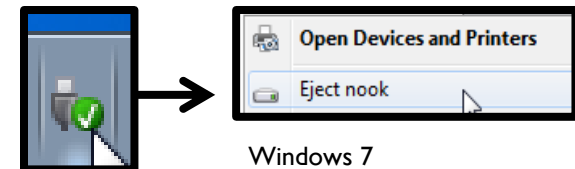
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