Using Audiobooks on Libby

1. You can either use your device or computer to access Libby! First, on your computer, go to libbyapp.com and you should see this.

   Welcome! Thousands of public libraries offer ebooks and audiobooks (for free!) in Libby. Let me ask you a few questions, to guide you to your library.

   First question: do you have a library card?

   - Yes
   - Not Yet

2. You'll click ‘Yes’ to enter in your library card number but if you don't have one, no worries! Click ‘Not Yet’ to get a digital card. Once you click ‘Yes’, you'll be directed to a page to find your library. There are multiple ways to do this but we're just going to enter in the library's zip code. (This is the easiest way to do this!)

3. As you enter in the zip code, Libby will automatically bring the nearest library to that zip code. (You can search by name but there are several Troy libraries in the country). We are part of the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) so we share what Libby has to offer with 57 other branches.

4. Click on the MCLS button and it will direct you to a page asking you to sign with your library card. (Again, you can get a card here if you don't have one). After clicking “Sign in with my card”, the page will direct to another page showing the branches - Troy is starred. Click on Troy and it asks for your library card number. Enter in your card number and hit “sign in” and you’re ready to browse! Before you move on to browsing, you can rename your card and see how many loans or holds you have. For Troy, you get 10 loans and 15 holds but every co-op is different. Click ‘next’ and you're ready to go.
Books on Libby can be read on the website or through the app - it's built to support its own reading application. When we're brought to this page, you can choose whatever as your reading preference because we'll be focusing on audiobooks.

Now you're ready to start searching for a book! If you know what book, you can look for it using the search tool, located on the bottom of your screen.

But if you're just looking for something to catch your eye, you can apply filters to weed out anything that isn't available right now or on audiobooks or even a specific audience. But just a reminder: if you can't find it - we either don't have it on audiobook or it's not available for that format or we just might not have it. Here's what my preferences look like.

Once you're done with your preferences, you'll click apply and watch how many books are cut down.
So, you've chosen a book, now how to borrow! When you find your chosen book, you're going to click 'borrow' - it should have a little plus sign over the little library card - and make sure you're choosing 'borrow' because the sample only provides a snippet of the book. If you're unsure on you have an audiobook or not - the particular book will have headphones, along with the length of the audiobook, underneath it.

Once you click borrow, you will be taken to a page to confirm your book - it shows how many days you'll have the book, your library card and a big pink button. You can change how many days you can check out - the only titles you can't do that for are HITS (High Interest Titles) Titles or “skip a head” titles (popular titles that have a long hold list), these borrow lengths are 7 days.

If you change your mind, you can just go back! But we like this title so we're going to click 'borrow'. Once you do that it's placed on your shelf in your loans list and you're given an option to 'open audiobook', go to shelf or keep browsing - we're going to open the book.

You can listen to your book either in the web browser or through the app. If you're using the web, your display will look like this.
13 The controls are very easy to use and help you navigate the book.

14 The app display is very similar to the web version with one exception: you can download the book so that it can be used offline. On your shelf, next to the loan, there is a green cloud with an arrow over it, click it and select ‘download’. It defaults to only allowing for downloads to occur over Wi-Fi but you can change those rules (if you want - it will use data). Once it’s downloaded, you won't be using your data.

15 This is what the display looks like in the app - as you can see it’s almost the same.
You've chosen your book - now start reading! (If you get done before the due date, you can return it early or just let the loan expire. If you're not done and no one has it on hold, Libby will prompt you to extend your checkout date.) If you aren't finished with a book and you can't extend the deadline because it's on hold for the next person, you can place it on hold again and it picks up where you left off. So, how do you return it? Like this!

If you need any more help, please contact Digital Services at Troy Public Library at 248.524.3542.