Adding additional consortia to Libby

1. A really great feature of Libby is adding our partner consortia to your account. By doing this, you’ll be able to see if different books or authors are available or if the book you’re looking for is available to borrow. While you can do this on the app, it is much easier to do it on the website. So, we’re going to go to libbyapp.com and click ‘yes’ if you have a library card. If you don’t, you can either come into the library to get one or you can apply for a digital card through Libby!

2. Now we’re going to find our library. There are a few ways to do: if you already have a Libby account and are just switching devices, you can just copy your information over. You can have Libby guess your library by using your location or you can search for your library. We’re going to use ‘search for a library’ and input our zip code since there are several Troy Public Libraries in the country. Once you do so, you should see the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) and our address. That’s where you’ll click.

3. Now, we’re going to click ‘Sign In With My Card’. When we do this, we’ll see an alphabetical list of libraries that belong to the MCLS...which means that Troy is at the bottom.

4. Go ahead and enter your library card number into the box and click ‘sign in’. If you get an error message, just click back (double your card number) and hit sign in again. If you’re still getting an error message, please call us at the library to see if your card needs to be updated. But once you sign in, you should see your card number on a virtual card—you’re just going to click ‘next’. We’re going to skip the Kindle setting for now.
5. Along the bottom of your screen, there is a taskbar. This also functions as your navigation between your shelf, the search button and the MCLS landing page. We're going to click the three little lines in the middle of the taskbar.

6. This will bring up any notifications you might have (something is ready to borrow or was returned) and the most important one: any libraries you may have a card with. Since we only (at this moment) have one card, we're going to click ‘add library’. This will bring up a familiar sight: it's how we got to Troy in the first place. You, once again, can type in the library name or you can use the map to look for libraries.

7. In the search box, you'll type in the name or zip code of the library you want to add. I typed in Auburn Hills because it's nearby. As before: you'll have to look for the library (you may have to scroll) but Download Destination has the acronym of DD.

8. This will take you to a similar page as before but instead of clicking on the starred library, we will look at the 'partner libraries' area. You'll see our library (again with MCLS) with the color of our card - go ahead and click that!
Now, you're going to re-enter your library card number and click sign in. You should see a card indicating that you've been connected to that particular library's consortium. As you can see, the card from Auburn Hills Public Library only allows six holds (compared to the 10 we allow). Click next and you've added another consortium to your account!

Here is the difference between the MCLS and Download Destination consortiums—as you can see, things are different. By adding consortiums, you get even more options to borrow!

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