

How to use a Kindle without WiFi

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Does Amazon realize how many potential customers do not have access to WiFi at home? So long as you already have a computer, having WiFi is neither necessary nor beneficial. In fact, leaving the Kindle in airplane mode will extend battery life, since every milliwatt-hour spent transmitting or amplifying WiFi is one less milliwatt-hour available for the screen.

Unfortunately, you will have to register your Kindle using WiFi. You just need to find a library or store that provides free WiFi. Google Maps can help. Unless you register, you will not be able to read any books you purchase. Registration will also download a bunch of advertizements as a 'free bonus'.

Next, go the the Amazon web site <http://www.amazon.com/kindletransfer> for instructions on how to download books for your specific device. They will provide a link to **Manage Your Content and Devices** where you can select the books you want, then click on the **Actions** button for each book. This will bring a pop-up menu where you select **Download & transfer via USB**.

If you don't know where your browser stores downloads, you may have to do some hunting. In my case one selects **Computer**→**C:**→**Users**→user name→**Downloads**. Once you do find it, you might want to right click the folder and select **Create New Library**.

When you first attach your Kindle to the USB port, it will appear as a portable storage device. Find the folder containing your user guide and copy your downloaded books there. Be sure to use the **Safely Remove Hardware and Eject Media** icon from the task bar when you copy files to make sure the FAT and directory are updated.

When you start up your Kindle, you may have to **Restart** to get it to recognize the new books.