

AMAZON KINDLE FIRE — TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

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WHAT IS A KINDLE FIRE?

Tablet: The Kindle Fire (\$200) is a tablet computer. Other tablets are: Apple iPad (\$500+), Samsung Galaxy Tab (\$400+), Barnes & Noble Nook Tablet (\$250), etc. For more detail go to *Consumer Reports* magazine, February 2012, "Finally, low-cost tablets worth buying" (page 43).

Content: The content of the six "regular" Kindles is: books, newspapers, magazines, games, documents and web. ... In addition, the Kindle Fire provides: movies, TV shows, apps (applications), songs and audio books. The Fire's display is 1/3rd larger and in color.

WiFi: The Fire accesses information via "wireless fidelity". The term refers to certain kinds of wireless local area networks, or WLAN (as opposed to LAN, or computers that are networked together with wires). At home, you will need a modem to update information. WI-Fi is available free at most public buildings and restaurants.

3G/4G: This refers to the third or fourth generation of mobile telephony (that is, cellular) technology. The Fire tablet does not offer this capability. 3G Kindles offer this at no cost. Other tablets charge \$15 per month.

NEED HELP? YOU CAN FIND IT AT:

Kindle Fire User's Guide: This is the instruction book that came with the Kindle Fire.

Kindle Fire Device: Quick Settings, More, Help & Feedback. You can get help with: Registration, Home Screen and Navigation, Books, Video, Docs, Web, Newsstand, Other Apps, Connecting to Wi-Fi, USB Transfer, Music, Apps, Shopping, Prime, E-mail plus More Online Help.

Amazon.com: Your Account, Manage Your Kindle, Sign In, Kindle Help (Contact Us), What can we help you with?, Tell us more about your issue, How would you like to contact us (e-mail, phone, chat)?

Computer Club of Hot Springs Village: <http://www.cchsv.com/kindle.html> . Click on any of the currently 19 Handouts. These apply to the "regular Kindle" as well as the Kindle Fire. These can be accessed via web and viewed on your Kindle Fire.

Books: Books, Store, Search Book store, key in "Kindle Fire".

Video Instruction: Go to www.youtube.com and search for "Kindle Fire Instructions".

BOOKS

Amazon: Buy or get free books at Books, Store.

Libraries: Garland and Saline County residents can borrow books from the following three libraries: Garland, Saline and Central Arkansas Library System (CALs). For more information go to <http://www.cchsv.com/kindle.html> . Click on the applicable Handout.

Lending Kindle Books: Eligible Kindle books can be loaned once for a period of 14 days. The lender will not be able to read the book during the loan period. Click on the Computer Club's applicable Kindle Handout.

APPLICATIONS (APPS)

Categories: Amazon offers 28 categories of apps. Among them are: Books & Comics, City Info, Communication, Cooking, Education, Entertainment, Finance, Games, Health & Fitness, Kids, Lifestyle, Magazines, Music, Navigation, News & Weather, Novelty, Photography, Podcasts, Productivity, Real Estate, Reference, Ringtones, Shopping, Social Networking, Sports, Themes, Travel, Utilities.

My Favorites: USA TODAY (newspaper), The Weather Channel, MapQuest, Holy Bible You Version (read and listen), Money Magazine, Sudoku "Anduko 2", MobiLearn Talking Phrasebook (English, Spanish, French, German, Italian), Tune In Radio, Wi-Fi Analyzer.

Free: Get a paid app for free every day (Apps, Store).

Updates: You will be notified of updates for apps you "purchased".

AMAZON PRIME

Description: Amazon Prime is a membership program that gives you and your family unlimited fast shipping, such as FREE Two-Day shipping to street addresses in the contiguous U.S., on all [eligible purchases](#) for an annual membership fee of \$79. ... Amazon Prime members in the U.S. can enjoy instant videos: unlimited, commercial-free, instant streaming of thousands of movies and TV shows through [Amazon Instant Video](#) at no additional cost. ... Members who own Kindle devices can also choose from thousands of books -- including more than 100 current and former New York Times Bestsellers -- to borrow and read for free, as frequently as a book a month with no due dates, from the [Kindle Owners' Lending Library](#). ... Eligible customers can try out a membership by starting a [free trial](#).

Departments: You can buy products from each of the following 31 departments: **A:** Appliances, Arts Crafts Sewing, Automotive. **B:** Baby, Beauty, Books. **C:** Cell phones, Clothing, Computers. **E:** Electronics. **G:** Gift Cards, Groceries, Gourmet Food. **H:** Health & Personal Care, Home & Kitchen. **I:** Industrial & Scientific. **J:** Jewelry. **K:** Kindle Store. **M:** Magazine Subscriptions, Movies & TV, Music, Musical Instruments. **O:** Office Products. **P:** Patio Lawn & Garden, Pet Supplies. **S:** Shoes, Software, Sports and Outdoors. **T:** Tools & Home Improvement, Toys & Games. **W:** Watches.

TECHIE STUFF

File Types: The Kindle Fire recognizes the following: Document Formats: (AZW, TXT, PDF, MOBI, PRC, DOC, DOCX). Image Formats (JPEG, GIF, PNG, BMP). Music Formats (MP3, Non-DRM AAC, MIDI, OGG, WAV). Video Formats (MP4, VP8). Audible.com (AA, AAX).

Cables: To [transfer files](#) from your computer to the Kindle fire: USB 2.0 type A to USB Micro B (e.g. www.bestbuy.com USB2HAB1 \$6). ... [Play Fire on car stereo](#): 3.5mm Stereo Audio Cable (e.g. www.bestbuy.com DX-MP353B \$6). Amazon does not recommend the use of a USB connection.

TRIVIA --- WHY IS IT CALLED A KINDLE?

From Amazon: "Through our usual practice of exploring the depths of what the potential for the new product and product line could be and how the company wanted to present it. ... Further, this is so because we didn't want it to be 'techie' or trite, and we wanted it to be memorable, and meaningful in many ways of expression, from 'I love curling up with my Kindle to read a new book.' to 'When I'm stuck in the airport or on line, I can Kindle my newspaper, favorite blogs or half a dozen books I'm reading.'" ... Kindle means to set alight or start to burn, to arouse or be aroused, to make or become bright. The word's roots are from the Old Norse word kyndill, meaning Candle."

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