E-Readers & Kindle

The ones worth knowing

- **Kindle (basic)** — the affordable start. Amazon's entry Kindle, around $110. Sharp 6-inch screen, built-in light for reading in the dark, and USB-C charging. Not waterproof and no warm night light.
- **Kindle Paperwhite** — the one most people should buy. Around $160. Bigger 7-inch screen, warm light that is easier on the eyes at night, waterproof, and up to 12 weeks of battery.
- **Kindle Colorsoft** — for color. Around $280. A 7-inch color screen for comics, magazines, cookbooks, and children's books. Waterproof.
- **Kindle Scribe** — the big one with a pen. Around $340 and up. A large 10.2-inch screen with a pen, so you can write notes right on books.
- **Kobo Clara BW** — best outside Amazon. Around $160. A 6-inch reader. Borrowing library books is built right into the device — no phone needed.
- **Kobo Libra Colour** — color with buttons. Around $260. A 7-inch color screen, physical page-turn buttons (nice for stiff hands), waterproof, and library borrowing built in.
- **NOOK GlowLight 4** — for Barnes & Noble readers. Around $150. A 6-inch reader tied to the Barnes & Noble bookstore.

Prices change often — check the current price before you buy.

Borrowing library books — free

1. Get a library card.
2. On your phone, install the free Libby app and add your library card.
3. Find a book and tap Borrow, then choose "Read with Kindle."
4. Sign in to your Amazon account and tap "Get Library Book."
5. On your Kindle, connect to Wi-Fi and sync — the book appears in your library.
6. It returns itself when the loan ends. No late fees, ever.

Kobo readers skip the phone entirely — you browse and borrow library books right on the device.

What matters most for seniors

- **Text size.** Tap the "Aa" at the top of any book and make the words as big as you need.
- **Light to hold.** Most e-readers weigh less than a paperback.
- **Audiobooks.** Kindles can play Audible audiobooks over Bluetooth when your eyes need a rest.

When to call Sean instead

- Setting up the reader and connecting it to your Wi-Fi and Amazon account.
- Borrowing library books for the first time — the Libby steps are fiddly once, easy after.
- Choosing between models before you buy — tell Sean how you read and he will match the device.