



Getting Started with *Flipster*

Access the digital magazines available at your library through a variety of platforms.

- Access *Flipster* online using the web browser of your computer or mobile device.
- Offline viewing available via the *Flipster* app for iPads and iPhones, Android Phones and Tablets, and side-loaded to Kindle Fire Tablets.
- Search by title, keyword, or browse by category (available in three platforms, coming soon in Android)

How do you access Flipster?

Via a computer, tablet, or phone:

Click on the *Flipster* link on your library's website, enter your library card information or a username and password provided by your librarian, and access a site where you can browse available magazines. You can then click on a magazine to view it within your browser. This means that you can access *Flipster* from the computer library, your home computer, your phone, or your tablet, as long as you are connected to the Internet.

The *Flipster* app:

The *Flipster* app offers offline viewing of downloaded content on your mobile devices. To download the free *Flipster* app, search the iTunes App Store or the Google Play Store for "Flipster - Digital Magazines".

- Locate participating libraries
- Browse for and download popular magazines to read offline
- Access digital table of contents for each magazine
- Read articles in text view
- Tap highlighted areas to jump to articles and related websites
- Track percentage of magazine read

Searching *Flipster* Online

The *Flipster* Home screen is the default search screen and offers the ability to search for titles by keyword, as well as browse by Category, Latest Issues, and All Issues.

To create a Basic Keyword Search:

1. From the Home Screen, enter your search terms in the Find field and click Search. A Result List of magazines that match your search is displayed.
2. Click on a title or the Read This Issue link to read it in the *Flipster* viewer.



iOS App for iPad and iPhone

The *Flipster* app offers offline viewing of downloaded content on your iPad or iPhone.

To download the free *Flipster* app, search the iTunes app store for "Flipster - Digital Magazines." The *Flipster* App requires iOS 9+.

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Q. How do I download a magazine to the iPad app?

- A. Using the new Explore Tab, you can find your library, login, and browse/search for a magazine to download.
1. Open the app, and tap on the Explore Tab
 2. Find your library via geolocation (allow Location Services) or via manual search
 3. Login using one of the provided login methods
 4. Browse or search for the magazine of your choice.
 5. If you would like to download the current issue of the magazine, tap on the download icon on the Explore Screen.
 6. If you would like to download a back issue of the magazine, tap on the info icon to navigate to the Detail Screen. From there, tap on the download icon for the desired back issue.

Q. Are back issues available from the app?

A. Yes. Back issues are available from the magazine detail screen. Tap the info icon for a magazine to view and download the available back issues.

Q. Is there a limit of how many magazines I can download to the iPad app?

A. No, you can download as many magazines as you'd like.

Q. Do the issues I download to the iPad app expire?

A. Some select titles will expire and will need to be deleted from your iPad. These titles display an expired icon and appear grayed out when no longer available to read. Select weekly titles may expire in 2 days while select monthly or seasonal titles may expire in 7 days.

Q. After an issue expires, can I download it again?

A. Yes, simply return to the Explore Screen within the app and re-download the magazine.

Q. How do I delete an issue?

A. Tap on the trash can icon in the lower right corner of each magazine cover to delete it.

Q. What is the % number in the lower left corner of each cover image?

A. When you first download a magazine but haven't read any of the contents, you'll see a NEW label in the lower left corner of each magazine cover. Once you begin reading the magazine, the NEW label is removed and replaced with a % number that tracks how much of the magazine you've read.

Android App

The *Flipster*® app offers offline viewing of downloaded content on your Android™ tablet or phone.

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Compatibility

- The Flipster App requires Android 4.2+ (Jelly Bean)

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Do I need to pay for this service?

A. No, this service is free courtesy of your library.

Q. Are back issues available?

A. Yes, back issues are available.

- To access back issues in your desktop or mobile web browser, open the most recent issue of a magazine and select the All Issues menu item in the right column to see all available issues.
- To access back issues in the mobile app, tap on the info icon associated with the magazine you are interested in. From the Details Screen, you can browse all available back issues. (Available now in iOS, coming soon in Android)..

Q. Do I need a mobile app to view magazines on my mobile device?

A. No, using your mobile browser, you can access *Flipster* and read magazines from your mobile device with an internet connection or 3G/4G connection.

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Q. Can I search within a magazine?

A. Yes, both the desktop and mobile web browser versions of *Flipster* support keyword searching within a magazine. You can also search across all issues by accessing the content gallery feature.

Q. What is the Contents Gallery?

A. The Contents Gallery allows you to view the table of contents for all available issues of a magazine when using *Flipster* on your desktop or laptop computer.

To use the Contents Gallery:

1. Select All Issues from the viewer menu and click Contents Gallery from the resulting menu pane.
2. Click the View button. A new Contents Gallery window opens allowing you to page through the table of contents from all issues available.
3. Click on a feature or article to go directly to that page.

Note: The Contents Gallery is not accessible when using *Flipster* on a mobile device.

Q. Can I print from a magazine?

A. Yes, printing is available when reading a magazine on a computer, but not from a mobile device or the iPad app. The print button is located towards the bottom of the right hand menu when viewing a magazine on a computer. The available print options are determined by the publisher. You may be able to print a single page, a range, or none at all.