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Kortext e-books require an NHS OpenAthens account initially, but once logged in a personal account can be created and this will allow you to access the mobile app.

Finding e-books

All of our e-books can be found via the 'Books and Articles' or 'Books' tab in OmniSearch on the library website at www.library.sath.nhs.uk. We use a number of different suppliers for our e-books, but if the book you have selected is a Kortext e-book, the link should take you directly to the NHS OpenAthens log in screen.

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Using the e-book

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Creating a personal account

You can create a personal account to make it easier to login in future (and to enable you to use the mobile app).

Visit the Kortext website at <https://read.kortext.com/>. To login, select your institution and login as normal with your NHS OpenAthens account. Logout by using the three dots at the top right of the screen and selecting 'Sign Out'.

When the login screen appears again, select 'Forgotten Password?'. Use the email address linked to your NHS OpenAthens account to get a password reset link.

If you login to the website using a personal account, you'll need to select the 'Collections' tab to see all the e-books available to you.

Using the mobile apps

Apps are available for Apple and Android devices from the relevant app store. The mobile app requires a personal account to login.

To add a book to the app for offline reading, you'll need to access the book via the Kortext website first, so it appears in the list of books available in the app.

Once you've done that, you'll see the book appear in the app with a download link, and you can download it to the device for up to seven days. Once the book expires, you'll need to access it via the website again to make it appear in the app.

On the app, there is no scrolling - to move to the previous or next page of text, simply tap the left or right of the screen. Tap the centre to make the tools and navigation links appear.

