

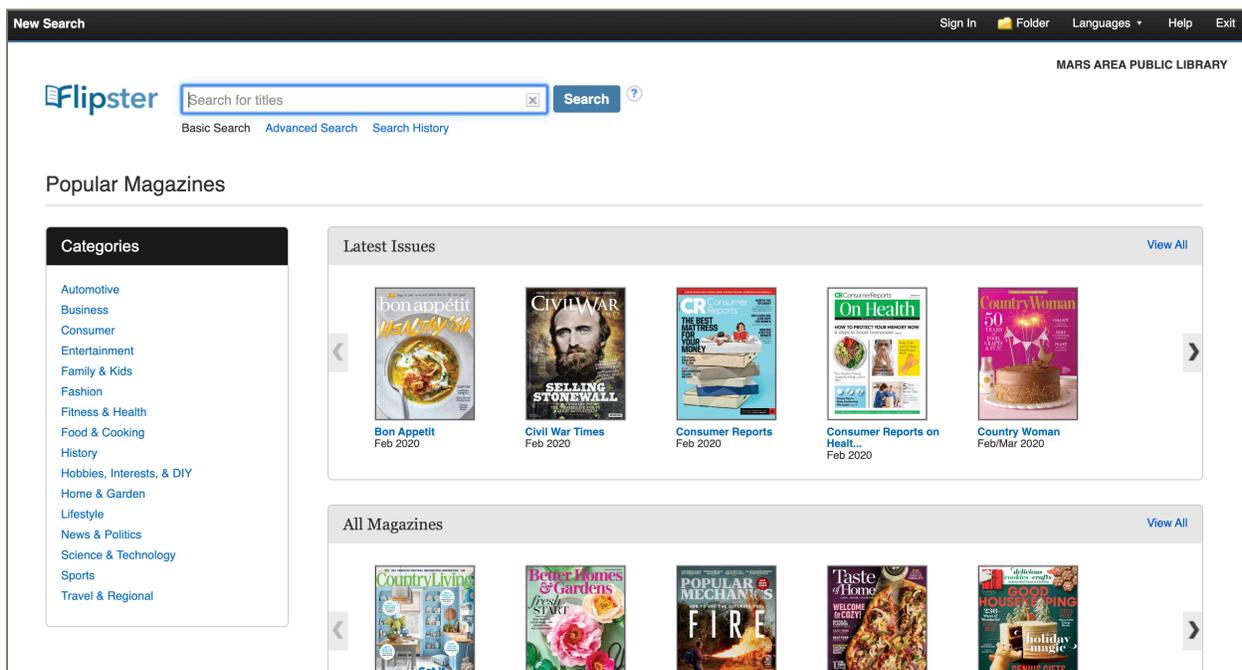
Flipster Basics

Desktop website

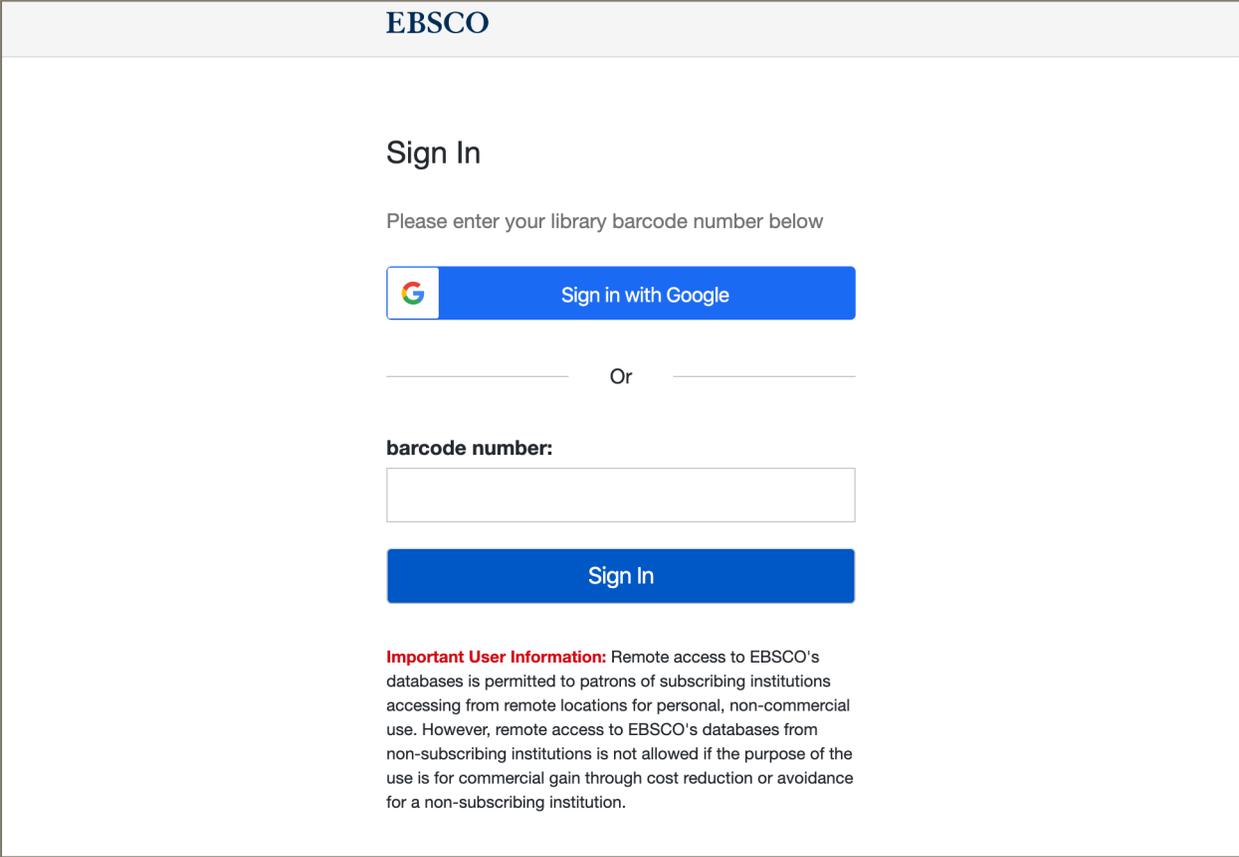
The Flipster desktop website can be accessed from any computer that has an internet connection. When accessing Flipster from a library which has a Flipster subscription, the website will automatically log in using the library information. For example, when accessing the website from the Mars Area Public Library, Flipster will log in using the Mars Area Public Library subscription. If a patron is not at a library, Flipster will require either a library card number or a personalized login. Once logged in, the name of the library appears in the upper right area of the screen. Flipster will automatically log off after a set amount of time. Patrons can continue with Flipster by logging in again.

The desktop site is available for Internet Explorer, Safari, Firefox, and Chrome. BCFLS allows patrons to create their own accounts through My EBSCO Host, and this enables patrons to save magazines, search results, search alerts, journal alerts, and web pages through the My EBSCO Host folder.

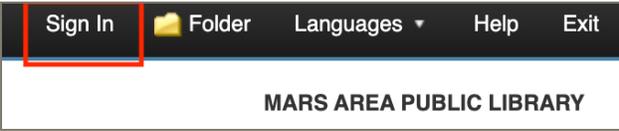
To make a personal account, click on the 'sign in' link at the top of the page, select the 'create one now' link, and fill in the required information. The desktop can be used on mobile devices instead of the app on mobile devices using apps such as Safari, Chrome, etc.



Above: the Flipster desktop home screen.

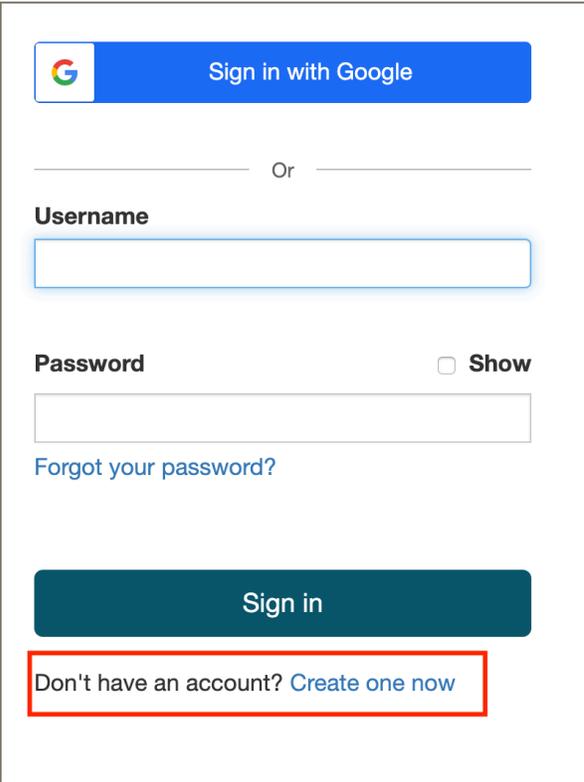


Above: the Flipster desktop sign in page from a place other than a library.



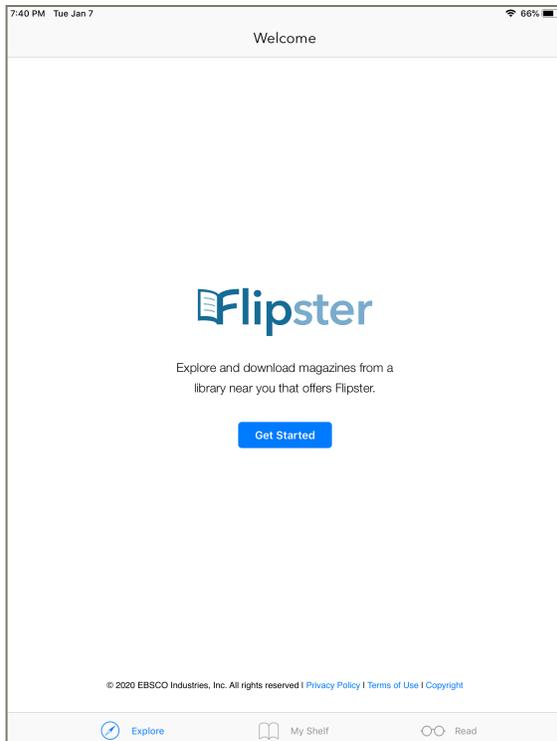
Bottom left: the sign in option on the Flipster home page.

Bottom right: the sign in page displayed when using the sign in link.

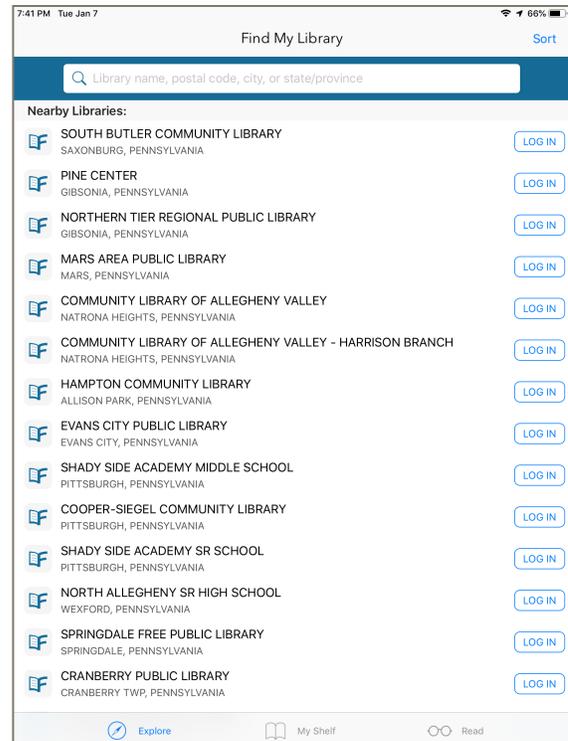


Mobile App

To use the app, download Flipster from your device app store. When the 'get started' button is pushed, it will lead to a list of nearby libraries that use Flipster. To easily see libraries nearby, the app will have a prompt in order to share your location. If you decline to show your location, you can search for specific libraries instead. It is possible to select multiple libraries from different systems. Once a library is selected, the app will require a library card number.

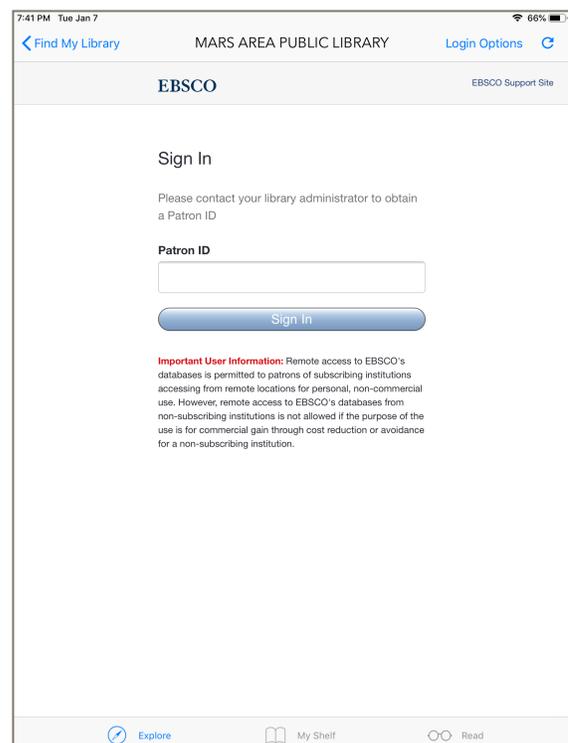


Above left: the opening page of the app.



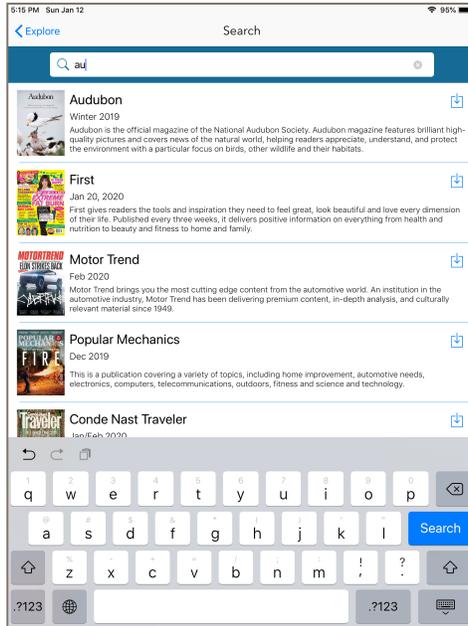
Above right: the list of libraries near my location that utilize Flipster.

Bottom right: the sign in page for the Mars Area Public Library. The Patron ID requested is the patron's library card number.



Once logged in it is possible to search for, read, and download magazines. Magazines from all selected library systems will show on the home screen without having to switch between systems. When downloading magazines, the download is saved in the

Flipster app and is available through My Shelf. There is no limit to the number of magazines that can be downloaded. Some national magazines will have a time limit after which the download can not be accessed and must be saved to My Shelf again. Once finished with a magazine the download must be manually deleted from My Shelf otherwise the download will remain on the app infinitely.



Above left: the Flipster app home screen.

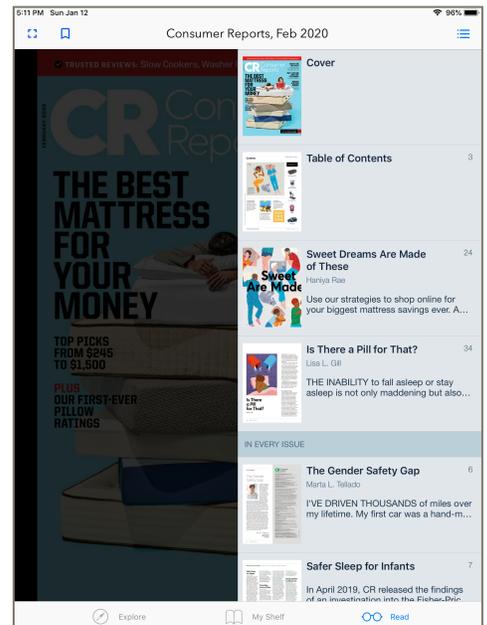
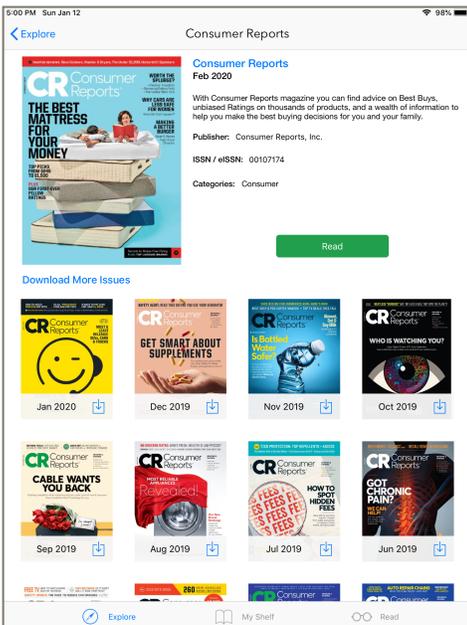
Above middle: the search engine.

Above right: My Shelf, where downloaded magazines can be viewed.

Bottom left: the Consumer Reports magazine page, with all back copies displayed.

Bottom middle: the magazine viewer.

Bottom right: the magazine viewer with the table of contents for the current magazine.



Answers to frequently asked questions

Back issues of magazines are available on both the desktop and mobile app.

The mobile app is not required to read magazines on mobile devices, as the desktop website can be accessed using web browser apps such as Safari and Chrome.

The Flipster app is available for iPad, iPhone, Android devices, and Kindle Fire tablets.

It is possible to search within a magazine using both the desktop website and the app. Searching within all issues of a magazine is only available through the desktop website.

The Contents Gallery is only available through the desktop website, and allows people to view a table of contents for all available issues of a magazine.

Printing from a magazine is only available through the desktop website, and the amount allowed to be printed is determined by the publisher.

My Shelf on the mobile app will not sync between devices. This means that a magazine downloaded to My Shelf on an iPhone will not appear on the My Shelf on an iPad owned by the same user.

Flipster allows unlimited downloads of magazines on the app, and will not remove magazines from My Shelf. This means that finished magazines need to be deleted manually.

The easiest way to access Flipster is by visiting the electronic resources page of your preferred library and selecting the Flipster link. When searching for Flipster through search engines such as Google, the results display information about Flipster as a resource and not the actual website. For ease of future access, bookmarking the Flipster homepage is recommended.