**The BARD Mobile app for Android devices is now available for free download!**

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There are a couple of key features we’d like to highlight about the BARD Mobile app so you are as well prepared as possible to make great use of it:

1) Once you log into the BARD Mobile app using your BARD login information, you will not need to log in again.  The BARD Mobile app will remember your user credentials.

2) Books and magazines are accessed through the BARD mobile app 2 ways.  First, from your Wishlist, and second, from the Recently Added lists.  You can use “Browse BARD” to search through BARD and find books, just like on your computer, but instead of the link at the bottom of the record being to download the item the link will be to add it to your Wishlist.  Items can be added to your Wishlist either through the BARD Mobile app or on your computer.

3) You do not need to worry about extracting/unzipping items you download using the BARD Mobile app.  Let me repeat that: you do NOT need to extract items you download using BARD Mobile.  The BARD Mobile app does everything for you.  Just select the title of the item you want to download from your Wishlist or Recently Added lists and in a few minutes you will be good to go.  Hurray!

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5) Your progress through a book will not be updated across devices, meaning if you start listening to a book on your smartphone, your progress through the book will not be updated on your tablet.

6) You can have up to 5 devices registered with the BARD Mobile app.

It’s been a long time coming, and we hope you all enjoy the benefits of the new BARD Mobile app.  Happy downloading!