How to Download the PeBL eReader App

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Introduction

This document contains the instructions for downloading the PeBL eReader and bookshelf to a client device, including:

1. iOS Tablet
2. Android Tablet
3. Chrome Desktop

Once installed, this eReader acts as an application that uses, but does not require, an internet connection.

Background

Some PeBL users prefer to install the eReader on their local device. Installing the PeBL eReader locally gives the user the following benefits:

- A PeBL icon is added to their desktop that can launch the entire bookshelf.
- The user does not have to remember the URL of the PeBL eReader.
- All of the eBooks available on the bookshelf are downloaded to the local device.
- The eReader interface stands on its own and does not look like it is being delivered in a browser.
- The user can work in any of the PeBL eBooks while offline.
- The user's activity data is synchronized with PeBL servers when they reconnect to the internet.

In order to support this method of access, the PeBL eReader was built as a Progressive Web Application (PWA). One way to think of a PWA is as a web site that feels like a native app -- it combines the best of web technologies to provide an "app-like" experience. While PWAs will still work in older browsers, users will have the most features available and best experience when using the newest browser versions.

Installing a local version of the PeBL reader:

Use the following instructions for each device indicated.

iOS Tablet:

Step 1: Navigate to the PeBL eReader URL in the Safari browser.
Step 2: Log in.
Step 3: Tap the share icon to the right of the address bar.
Step 4: Tap the "Add to Home Screen" button in the sharing pop-up window.
Step 5: Tap the "Add" button in the sharing pop up window, then you will be redirected to your list of applications where the PeBL native app should now exist.

Chrome Desktop:

Step 1: Navigate to the PeBL eReader URL in the Chrome browser.
Step 2: Log in.
Step 3: Click on the Chrome options icon (3 vertical dots) in the top right of the browser window.
Step 4: Click on "Install PeBL eReader" in the dropdown. Doing so will open the newly added PeBL application and additionally add a shortcut to the PeBL application on your desktop.

Android Tablet:

Step 1: Navigate to the PeBL eReader URL in the Chrome browser.
Step 2: Log in.
Step 3: Tap the Chrome options icon (3 vertical dots) in the top right of the browser window.
Step 4: Tap "Add to Home Screen" in the dropdown.
Step 5: Tap "Add" in the confirmation pop-up window. Then navigate to your list of applications. After a brief delay, the PeBL application will appear among the list of applications.