

Kurzweil 3000-*firefly*

Using *firefly* on an iPad

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Introduction

The *firefly* app for the iPad is a mobile extension to the *Kurzweil 3000-**firefly** Web License* educational program that delivers anytime, anywhere access to digital files from the Universal Library. You can download the *firefly* app from the App Store. Simply use your existing *Kurzweil 3000-**firefly** Web License* login credentials to access private and public documents from the Universal Library (see [Logging In With Your Kurzweil User ID](#)).

You can read any document uploaded to your Universal Library from *Kurzweil 3000-**firefly** Web License* version, as well as shared material that comes with *firefly*, **such as** Classic Literature -- a collection of nearly 2,000 Literary Classics.

If you don't have a *Kurzweil 3000-**firefly** Web License* subscription, you can still use the app by logging in as a guest. Just click the **No Login? Start Here!** button on the login screen (see [Logging In as a Guest](#)).

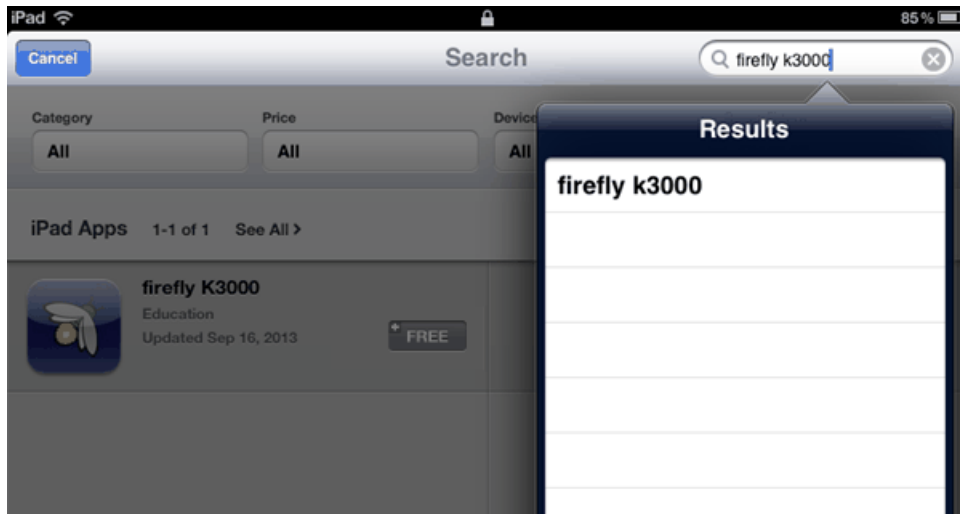
Downloading & Installing *firefly*

Download the *firefly* app from the App Store on your iPad.

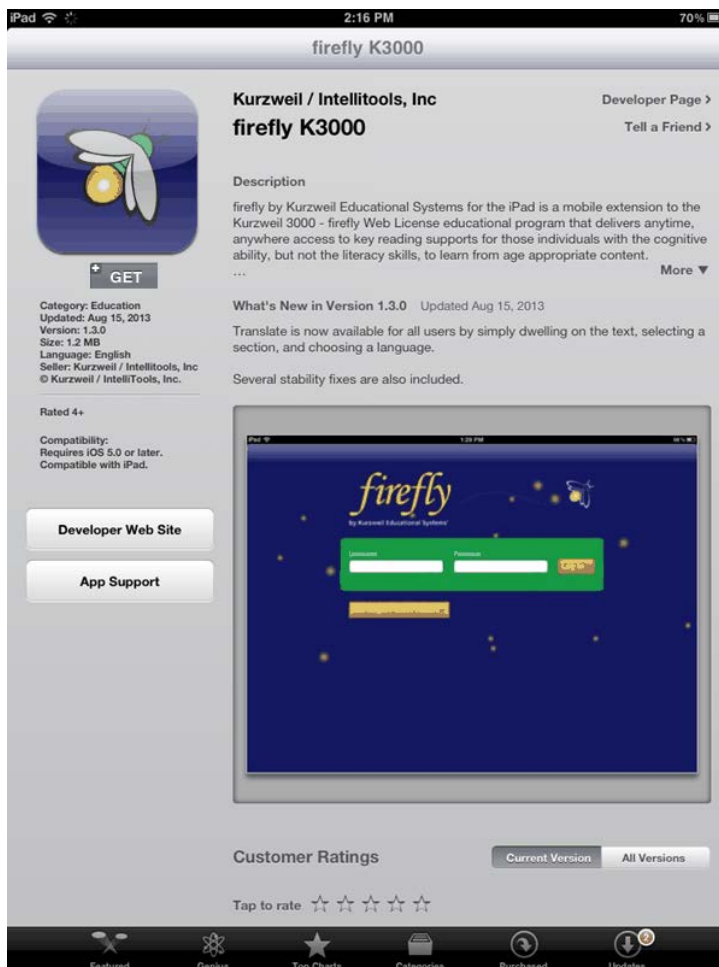
1. Tap the App Store icon to open it.



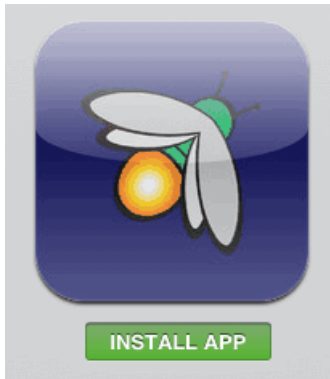
2. In the App Store, enter **firefly K3000** in the **Search** field. The results are displayed.



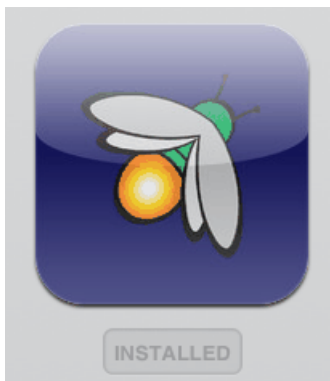
3. Tap the *firefly* button to open the description.



4. Tap the **Get** button beneath the *firefly* icon. It will change to **INSTALL APP**.



5. Tap **INSTALL APP**. When it has finished installing, the button will show **INSTALLED** (and be grayed out).



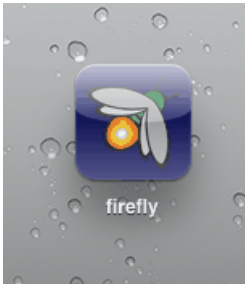
6. That's all there is to it.

An icon is placed on your iPad along with your other apps.

Logging In With Your Kurzweil User ID

If you have a Kurzweil User ID you will have a place to view files and shared documents that were stored in your public and private folders in Kurzweil 3000-**firefly** Web. You will also have access to shared collections like Classic Literature.

1. Tap the **firefly** button on your iPad screen to open the app.

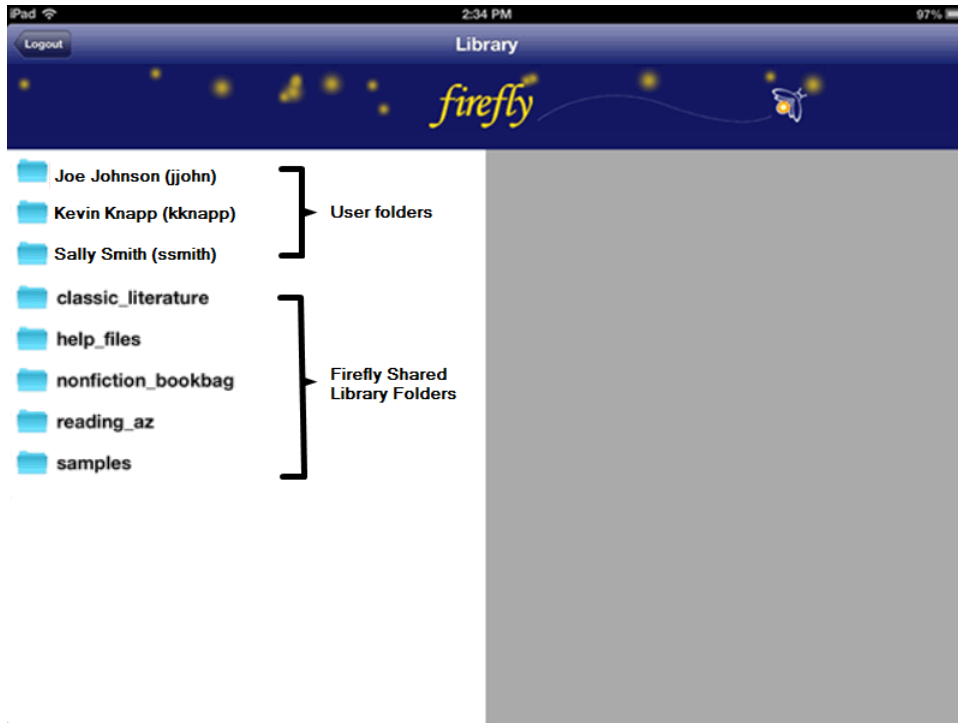


The login screen is displayed.



2. Enter your **Username** and **Password** (this will be the same Username and Password as you use for your existing *Kurzweil 3000-firefly Web License*).

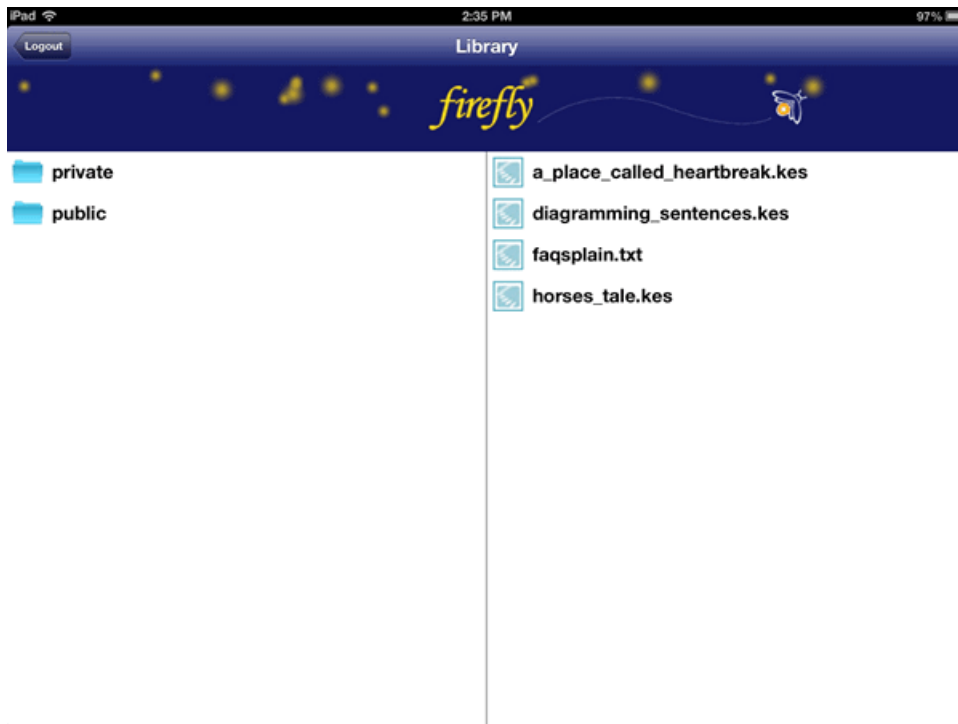
3. Tap **Log In** button. The Library window is displayed. You will see a list of folders that are available to the users in your subscription. Your login name will appear at the top of the list. Beneath the User folders is a list of *firefly* Shared Library folders. **Note:** If you have logged in as a Guest, you will only see the firefly Shared Library folders.



4. Select your name. Your **Public** and **Private** folders are displayed in the right panel.



5. Tap the folder that you want to open. A list of items are displayed in the right panel.

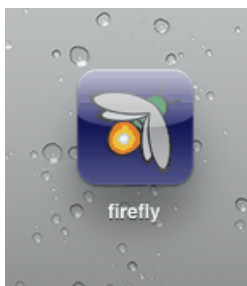


6. Tap the item that you want to open and read. It is displayed on the screen for you to read.

Logging In as a Guest

If you don't have a User ID you can explore **firefly's** library, giving you access to the shared material that comes with firefly. As a guest, you won't have a place to store your private files or a place to share documents with others.

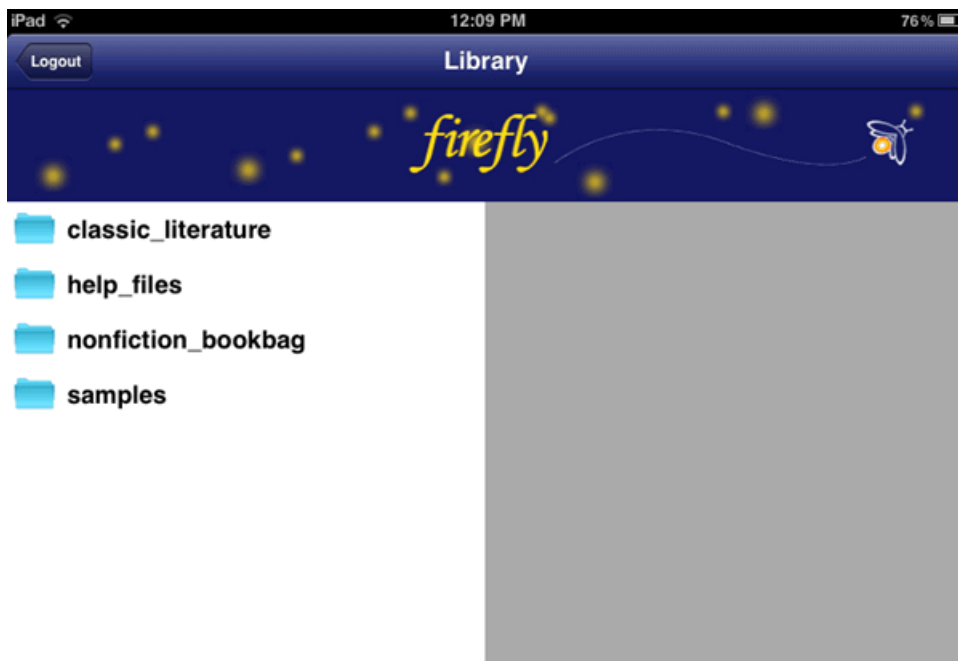
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The login screen is displayed.



2. Tap **No Login? Start Here!** button. The Library window is displayed. It will show the Kurzweil Library folders available for you to explore.

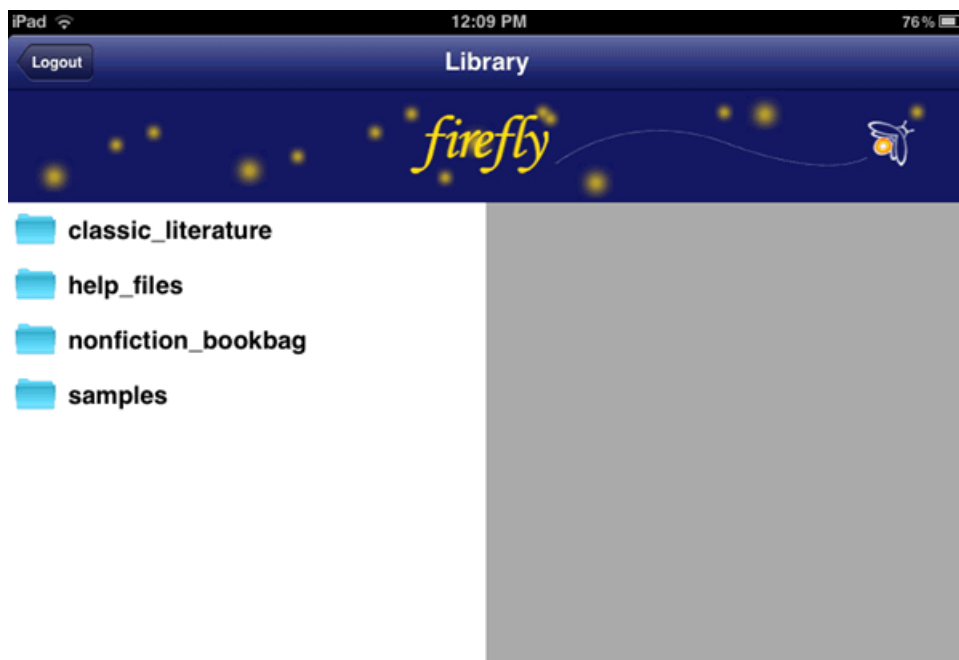


Opening Folders

1. Tap the *firefly* button on your iPad screen to open the app.



The login screen is displayed. Log in with your User ID or as a Guest. If you log in with your User ID you will see the Shared Library Folders beneath the users' folders; if you log in as a Guest you will only see the Shared Library Folders.



2. Tap the folder that you want to open, for example, in the Shared Library folders open ***classic_literature***. A list of classic literature folders is displayed in the right panel. They are organized by alphabet and by category (e.g., ***european_history***, ***japanese_history***, etc.)

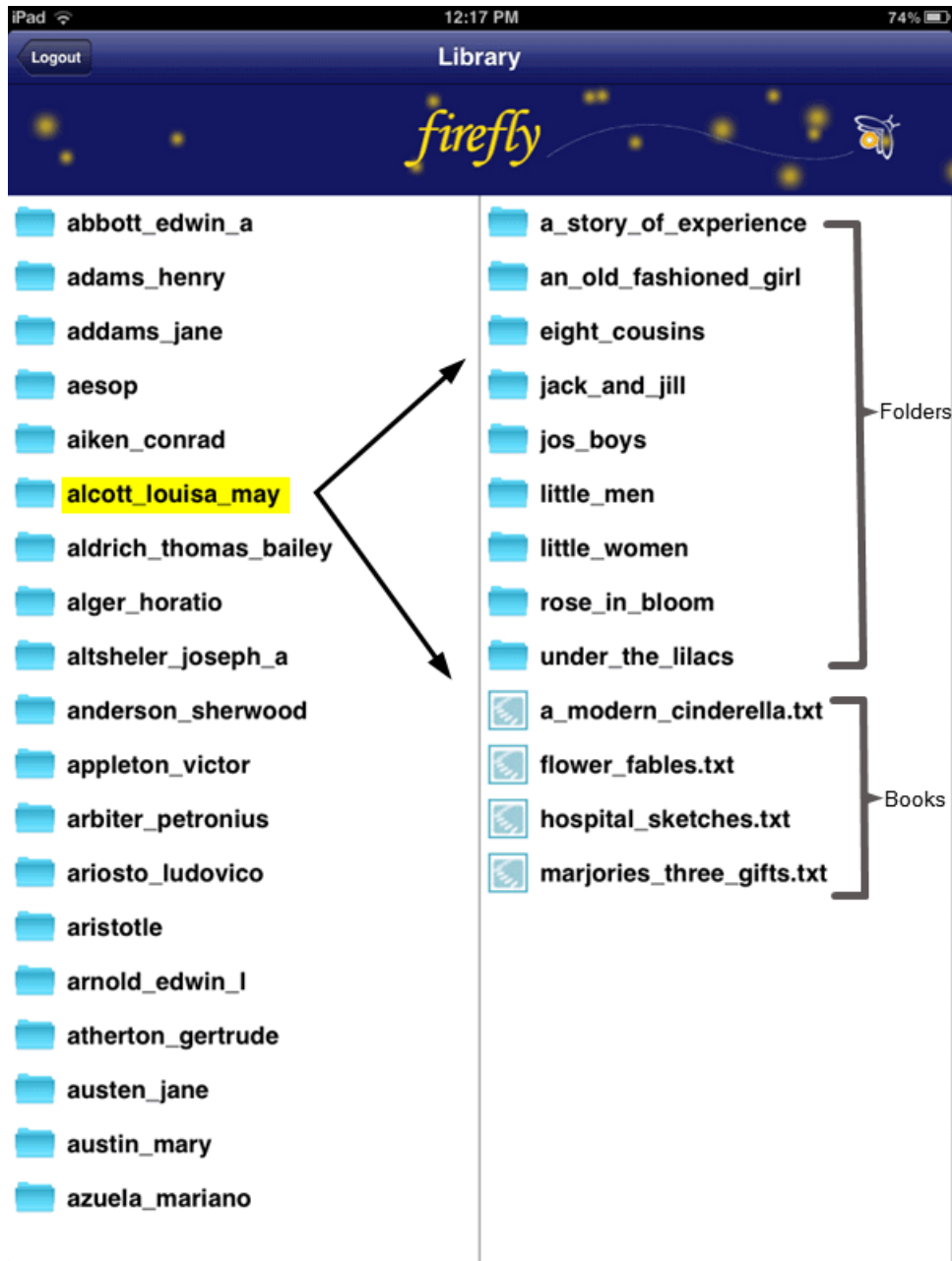


3. Tap a folder to open, for example the **a** folder.

Another list of folders is displayed. They are organized by author name.



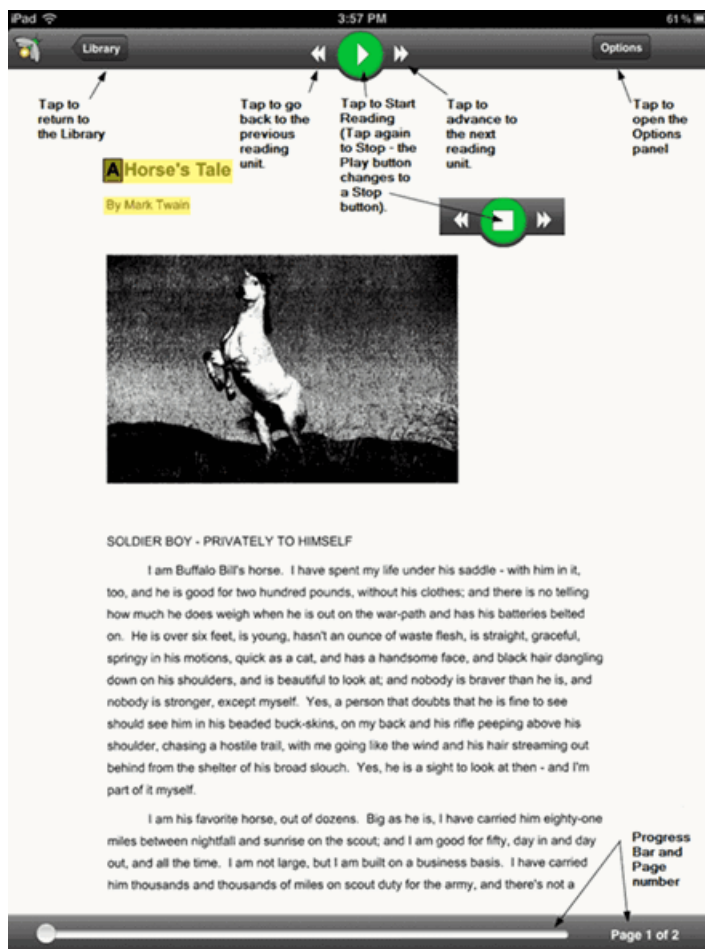
4. In the left column, tap an author's folder, *alcott_louisa_may*, for example, and a list of works by Louisa May Alcott is displayed in the right column. Books may have several chapters and are stored in folders. Tap a folder to see the list of files. Or tap one of the text files, *flower_fables.txt*, for example. In a few seconds it is displayed on the screen for you to read. See [Viewing Documents](#) for details about the reading screen.



Viewing Documents

After you have selected a document to read, it opens in a reading window. There are several buttons for navigation.

- The **Library** button takes you back to the Library.
- The button in the center is a Start / Stop reading toggle. Tap it once to start reading (the Play button changes to a Stop button). Tap the Stop button to stop reading.
- The buttons on each side of the Start / Stop reading toggle are for moving to the next or previous reading unit. The button on the left moves back to the previous reading unit; the button on the right advances to the next reading unit.
- The **Options** button opens the *Options* panel.



At the bottom of the screen a Progress Bar and page number information are displayed.

- **Zoom** works the same as it does in other iPad apps -- place two fingers on the page and spread your fingers apart to zoom in. Or, pinch your fingers together to zoom back out.

Using the Progress Bar

If your document is many pages long, and you want to skip quickly through several pages, you can use the Progress Bar rather than paging through one page at a time.

1. Tap and hold the round button on the Progress Bar.



2. Drag the button to the right. Briefly a "wait" icon spins in the middle of the page.



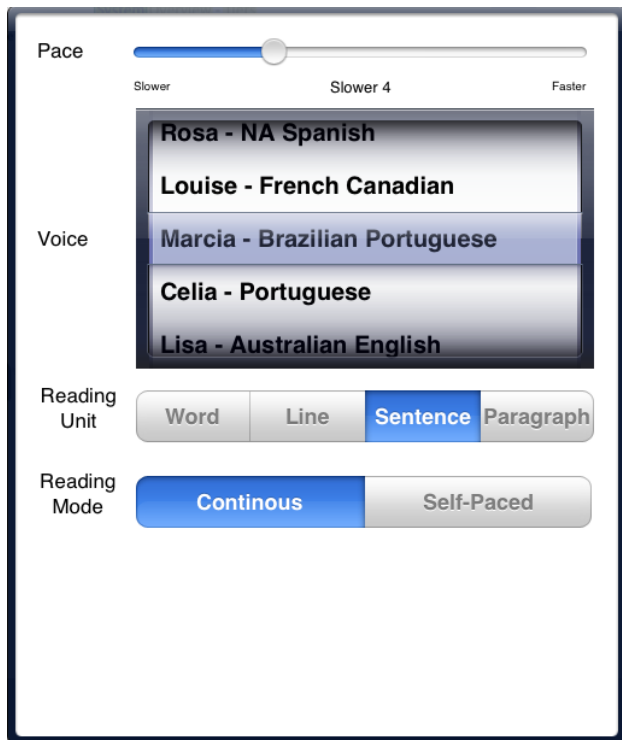
3. And shortly the page you are skipping to is displayed and the progress bar shows the new page number information.



4. You can also skip through to previous pages using the same procedure -- just drag the button to the left.

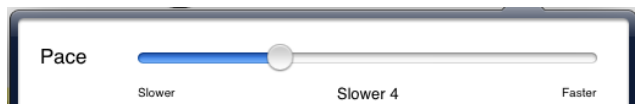
Options

Tap the **Options** button to open the *Options* panel where you can set up your reading preferences.



Choosing Reading Speed

You can select the reading speed using the **Pace** slider on the *Options* panel.



1. Tap and hold the button on the **Pace** slider and move it left to slow down the reading speed or move it right to speed it up.
2. When you have finished, tap anywhere outside the options panel to close it.

Choosing Reading Voice

You can select from many reading voices in several languages.



1. Scroll through the list to choose a voice.
2. When you have finished, tap anywhere outside the options panel to close it.

Choose the Reading Unit

You can select from four reading units: **Word**, **Line**, **Sentence**, and **Paragraph**.



The selection you choose determines how much of your reading material is highlighted while you read.

1. Click the **Word**, **Line**, **Sentence**, or **Paragraph** button.
2. When you have finished, tap anywhere outside the options panel to close it.

Choose the Reading Mode

There are two reading modes: **Continuous** and **Self-Paced**. If you choose **Continuous**, reading continues from your starting point until you stop it. If you choose **Self-Paced**, reading is determined by your reading unit selection. For example, if you choose **Paragraph**, reading will continue from your starting point for a paragraph and then pause; if you choose **Sentence**, reading will continue from your starting point for a sentence and then pause.

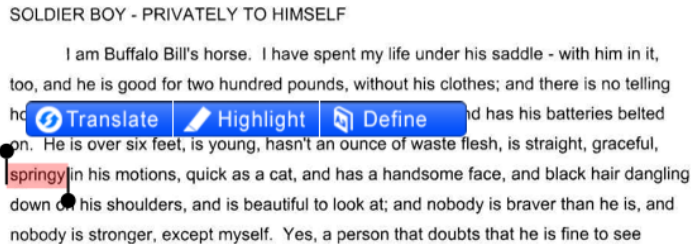


1. Choose **Continuous** or **Self-Paced**. If you choose **Self-Paced**, be sure to set the **Reading Unit** for the amount to read before pausing (e.g., **Word**, **Line**, **Sentence**, or **Paragraph**).
2. When you have finished, tap anywhere outside the options panel to close it.

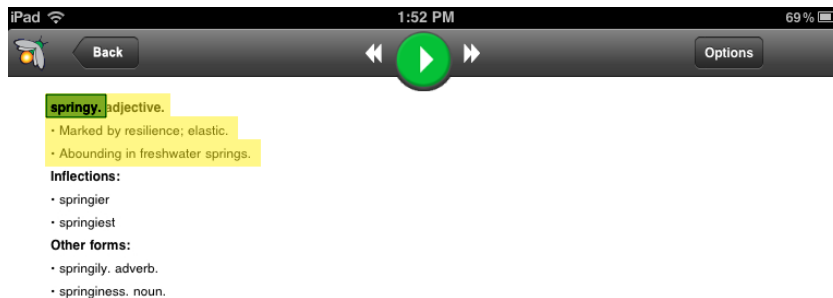
Defining a Word

You can look up the definition of words that you select.

1. To select a word, press the screen anywhere and hold until the **selection handles** are displayed along with the menu choices: **Translate**, **Highlight**, and **Define**. Drag one of the handles to increase the selection, if desired.



2. To define the selected word, tap **Define**. A window displaying the definition is displayed.

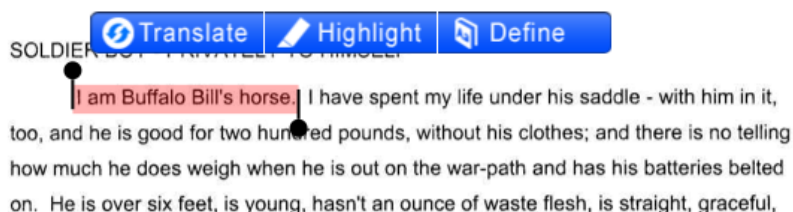


3. When you have finished, tap the **Back** button to close the Definition Page and return to the page you were reading.

Translating Text

You can select text to be translated into another language. There are many languages to choose from and some have Voice available. Those languages are noted by an asterisk.

1. To make a selection, press the screen and hold until the **selection handles** are displayed along with the menu choices: **Translate**, **Highlight**, and **Define**. Drag one of the handles to increase the selection, if desired.



2. Tap the **Translate** button. A list of languages is displayed. (Voice availability is indicated by an asterisk.)



Note: The order of the languages initially listed after the Voice Available languages is alphabetical. After you first use the translation feature, your most frequently used languages will sort towards the top of the languages list.

3. Tap the language that you want the selection translated to.

The Translation Page is displayed showing the text you selected alongside the translation of that text. The translation is highlighted.



4. Click the **Read** button to hear (or read) the translated text. (**Note:** Voice is not available with every language.)
5. When you have finished, tap the **Back** button return to the page you were reading.

Highlighting Text

You can select text to be highlighted. There are several highlight colors to choose from.

1. To make a selection, press the screen and hold until the **selection handles** are displayed along with the menu of choices: **Translate**, **Highlight**, and **Define**. Drag one of the handles to increase the selection, if desired.



2. Tap the **Highlight** button to display a list of colors.

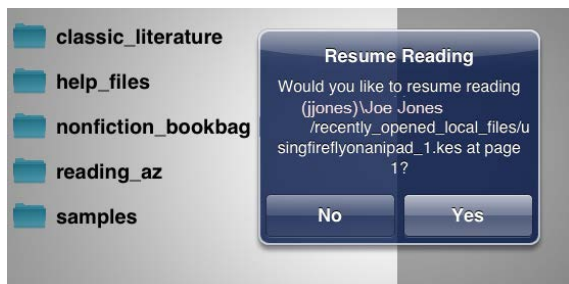


3. Tap the highlight color of choice. The menu closes and the selected text is highlighted in that color.

Note: To remove the highlight from text, select the highlighted text, select **Highlight** from the menu, and choose **Erase** from the color choices.

Resume Reading

When you return to the Library from a document and log out, when you log back in you will be asked if you want to resume reading the document at the page you were at when you logged out. Click **Yes** to resume reading. **firefly** will navigate to the document, open it, and go to the page you were at when you logged out. Click **No** if you want to open a different document.



Populating Your Library

Documents that you have uploaded using the **firefly** Kurzweil 3000-**firefly** Web License version will also be available to you on your iPad. Additionally, your teacher may have added reading material to your Public and Private folders.

firefly on the iPad can read text files (TXT), Word files (RTF, DOC, and DOCX), Kurzweil files (KES), ePub files (EPUB), and PDF files (PDF).