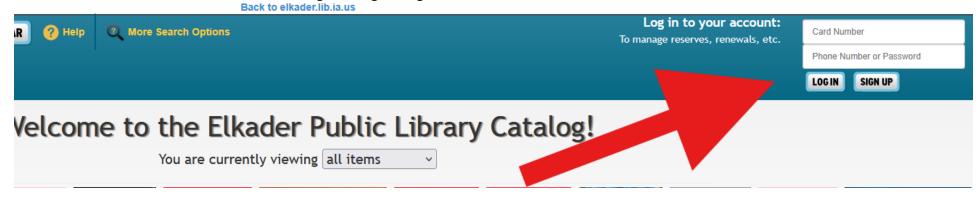
Reserves is a wonderful feature for when the book you want to read (or has been recently recommended to you) is out and you don't want to keep dropping by, hoping that you'll catch the 5 minutes that it's on the New Books shelf. It's a guarantee that you'll be next to read it and that it'll be waiting for you when you're able to stop by the library at your convenience.

- 1. Log into your account using your library card number and password on the Elkader Public Library's catalog page.
 - ► You can find the Elkader Public Library's catalog page in the upper right-hand corner at www.elkader.lib.ia.us or directly at www.elkader.biblionix.com/catalog/
 - ► If you didn't set a unique password, it is most likely the system default which is the phone number you provided when you set up your account which does include the area code making it 10-digits long.



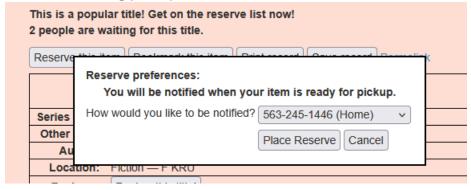
- 2. Search for the title or author in the upper left-hand search box.
 - ▶ The search box defaults to **Search All Fields** but you can change this by selecting from the drop-down menu.
 - ▶ The search results will default to showing what is available at the Elkader Public Library. If you are ever in a pinch and would like to see what is available in other <u>Clayton County Libraries</u> click **Search Other Libraries** and it will re-search, now going through those catalogs as well.



- 3. Click on the title that you want to reserve and it will expand to show you more information about that title.
 - This window provides a lot of useful information in the way of hyperlinks if you are looking for other materials while you wait for this item:
 - → It provides the **series** which if you click will show you only the titles in that series in our collection.
 - → It provides the **author** which will show you everything written by this author in our collection.
 - → It provides **subjects** which will show you other items that have been tagged the same (and will hopefully be equally as enjoyable).



4. Click **Reserve this item** which will generate a pop-up asking how you would like to be notified when the item is available. These options are generated from the information you provided when you created your library card. After selecting your preferred method, click **Place Reserve** and you are now next in line for this item.



FAQ

Q: How long will I have to wait for to get my item?

A: That depends. For the item in the example—it was checked out and the reserve list had 2 people waiting before we looked at it. Checkout periods at the Elkader Public Library are 3 weeks (or 21 days) so, hypothetically, we would've waited at most 63 days or 9 weeks until we saw that book, but that's assuming everyone used their entire 3 week checkout period which doesn't always happen.

Q: What if I don't want to place my reserves online?

A: You can always call or email the library and we can place reserves for you. This is just another option outside of our operating hours.