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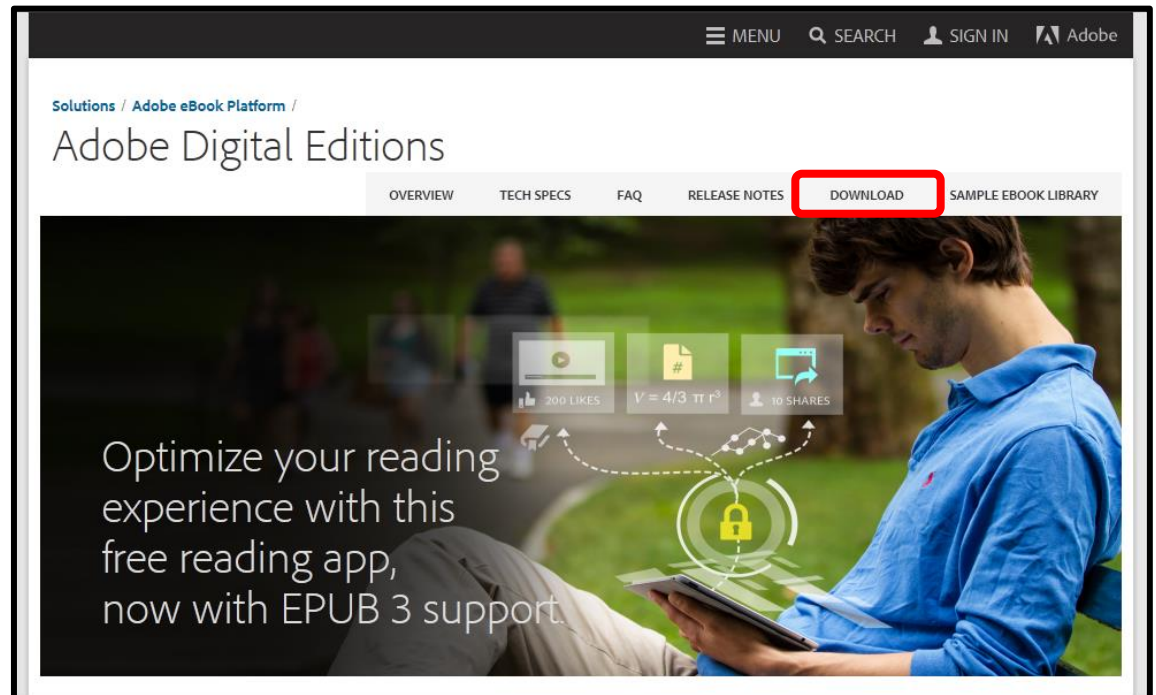
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2. Authorize Adobe® Digital Editions with your computer.

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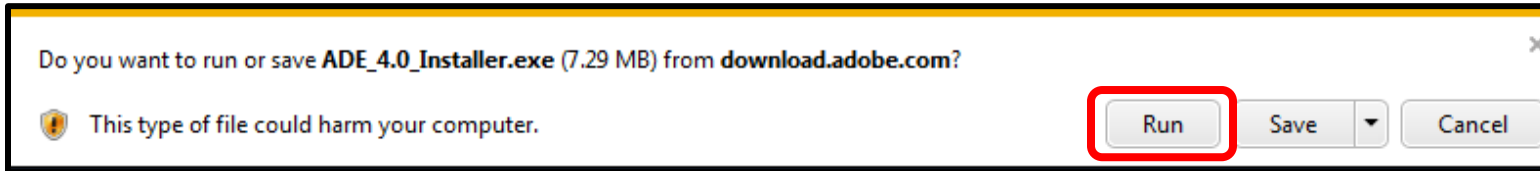
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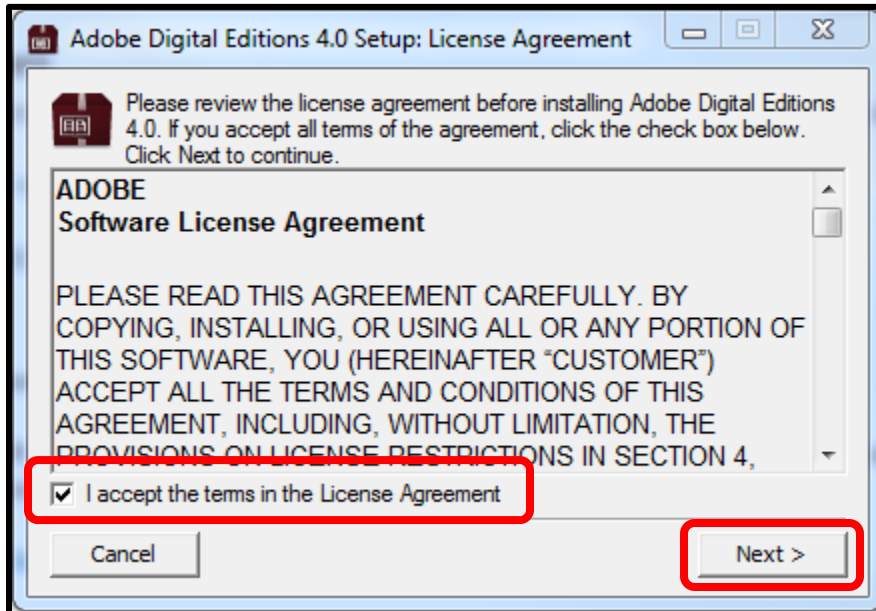
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4. If you are using Internet Explorer 9, 10, or 11, a task bar displays at the bottom of the screen. Click **Run**. (Other web browsers should have an equivalent option to “Run” the installer program.)

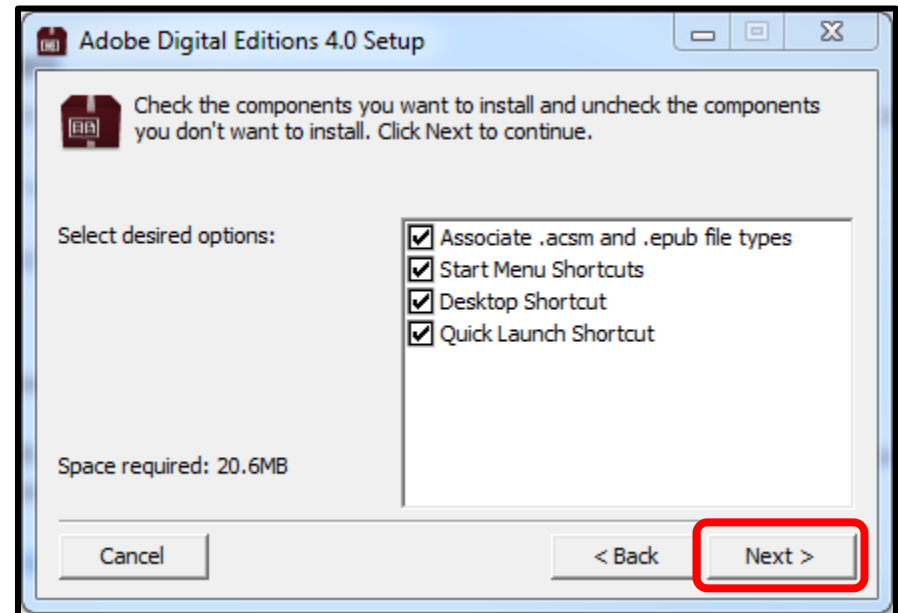


5. A User Account Control window may display with the following message:
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File Origin: Downloaded from the Internet
Click **Yes** to allow the installation to continue.

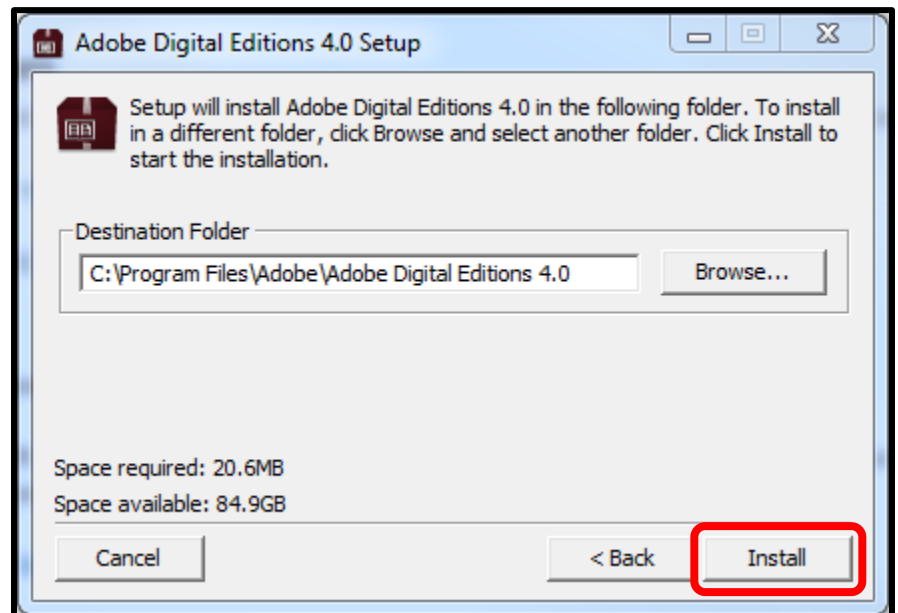
6. An Adobe® Digital Editions Setup: License Agreement window displays. Use the scroll bar to read the agreement, then click the “I accept the terms in the License Agreement” box, and click **Next**.



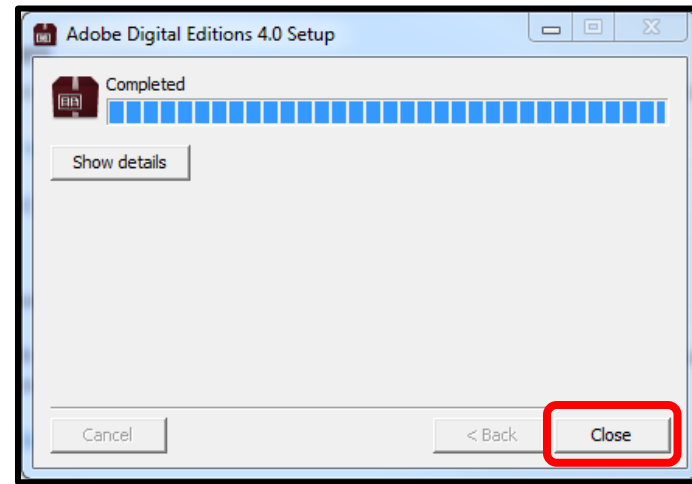
7. Another Adobe® Digital Editions Setup window displays. You can select where you would like to place shortcuts on your computer to launch the program once it is installed. The default setting is to place them on the Start Menu, the Desktop, and the Quick Launch toolbar. Click the boxes to remove checkmarks if you do not want a shortcut in that location. It is highly recommended that you keep the first box “Associate .acsm and .epub file types” checked. Click **Next** to continue.



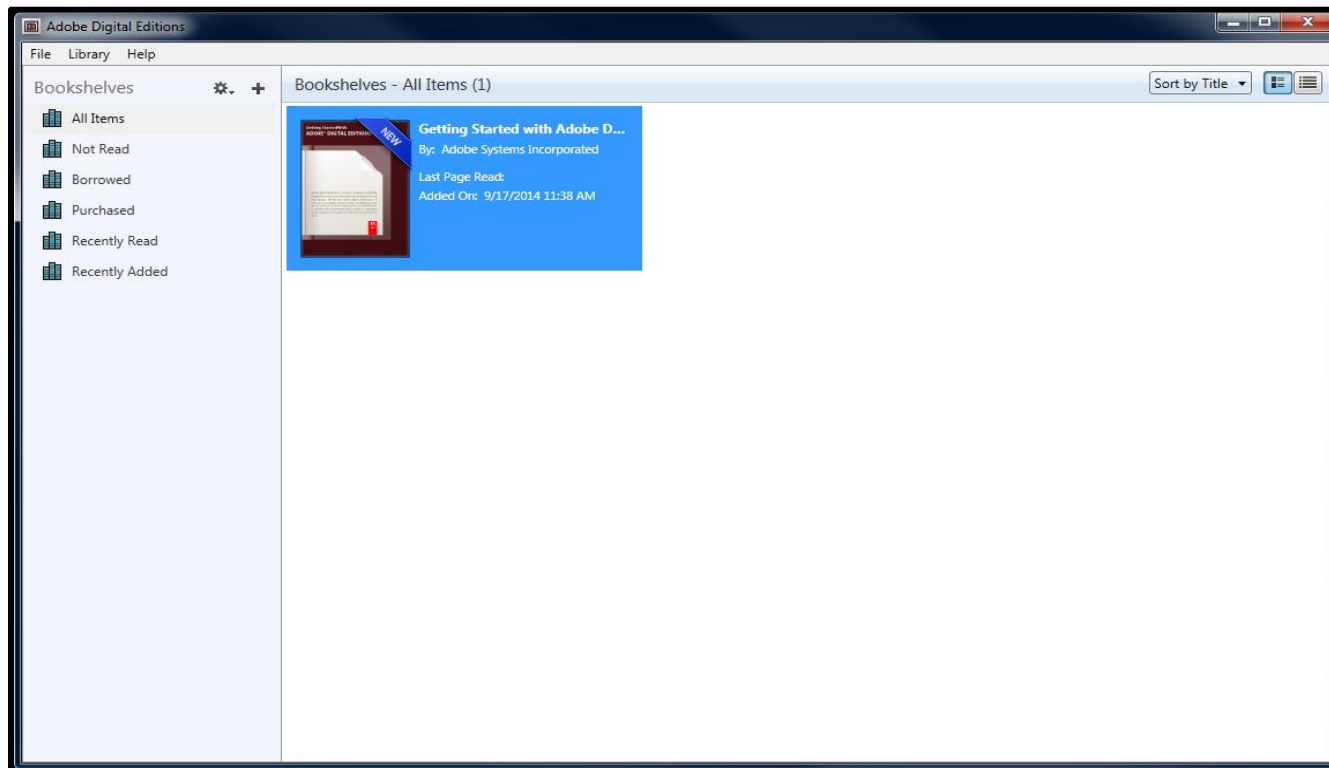
8. The setup continues by offering the option to change the default Destination Folder for the program download. Use the Browse button to change the location or accept the default setting and click **Install**.



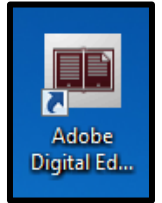
9. When the installation is complete, the status bar reaches the right margin and the word **Completed** displays. Click **Close**.



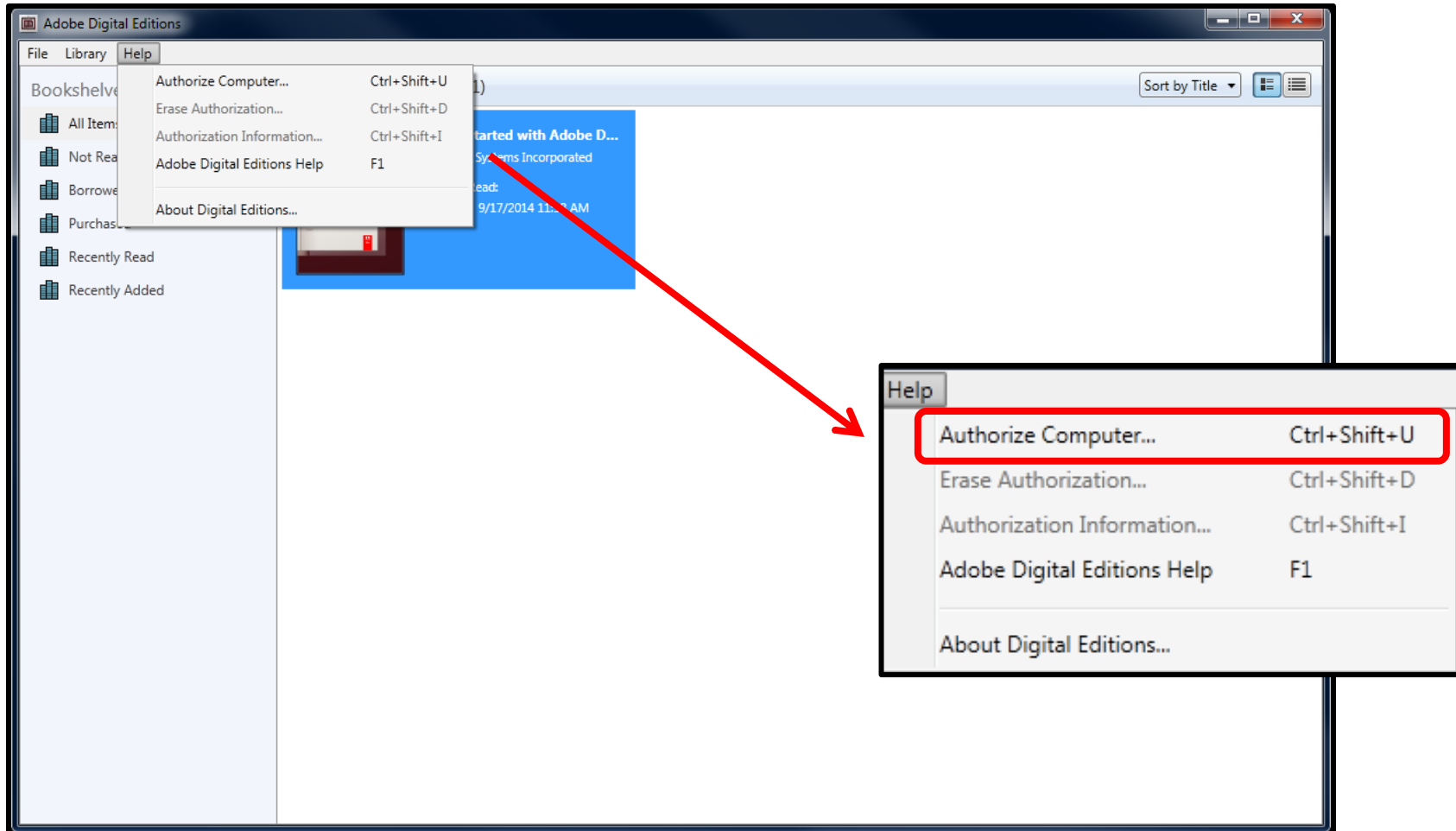
10. Adobe® Digital Editions opens.



Part Two: Authorizing the Computer with Adobe® Digital Editions



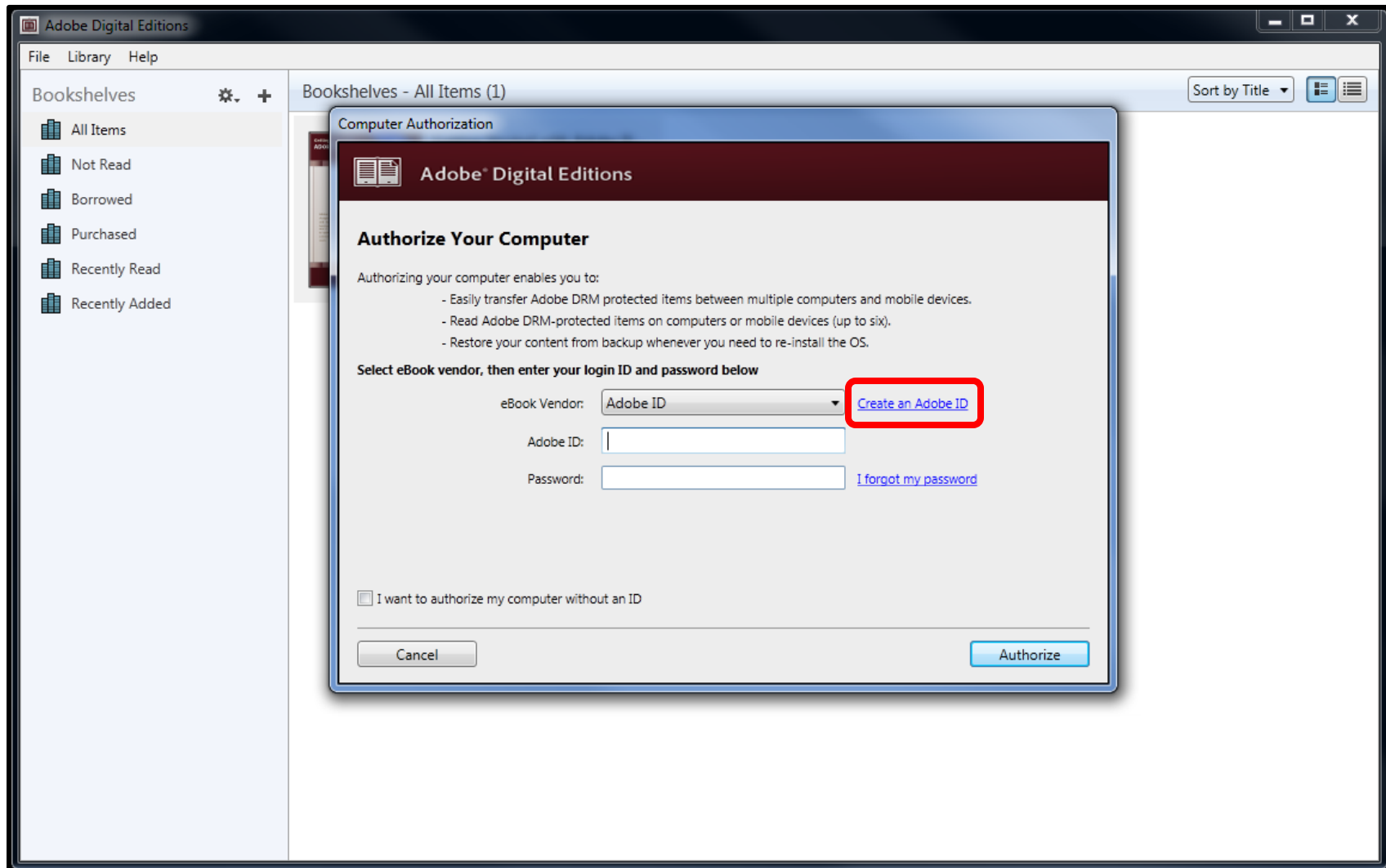
1. Open Adobe® Digital Editions if it does not automatically open after installation. An icon for Adobe® Digital Editions can be found on your desktop if you accepted the default settings of the setup.
2. Click **Help** in the menu bar to display the Help menu options. Click **Authorize Computer**.



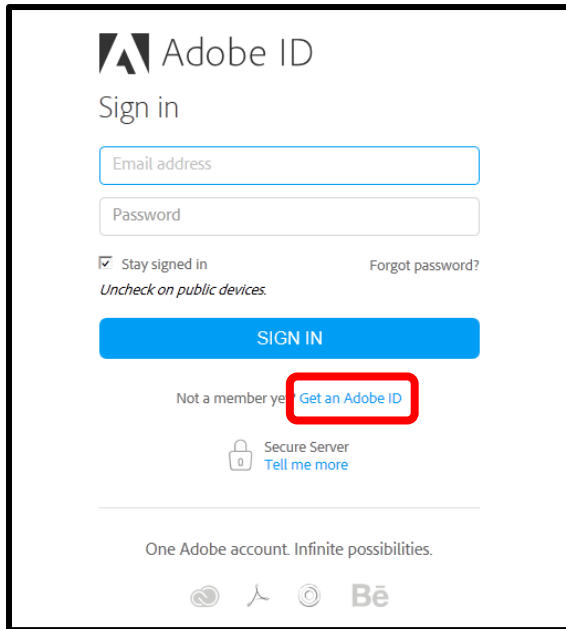
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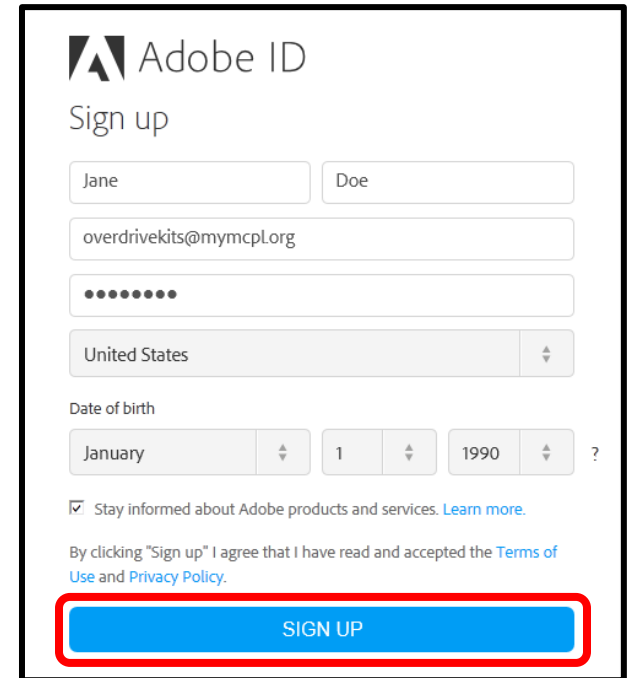
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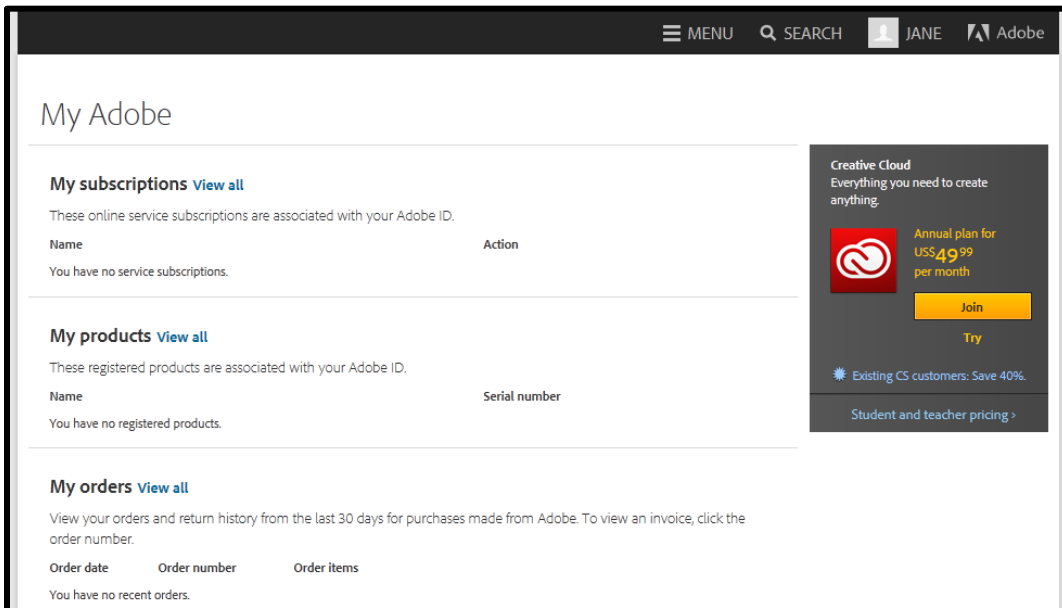
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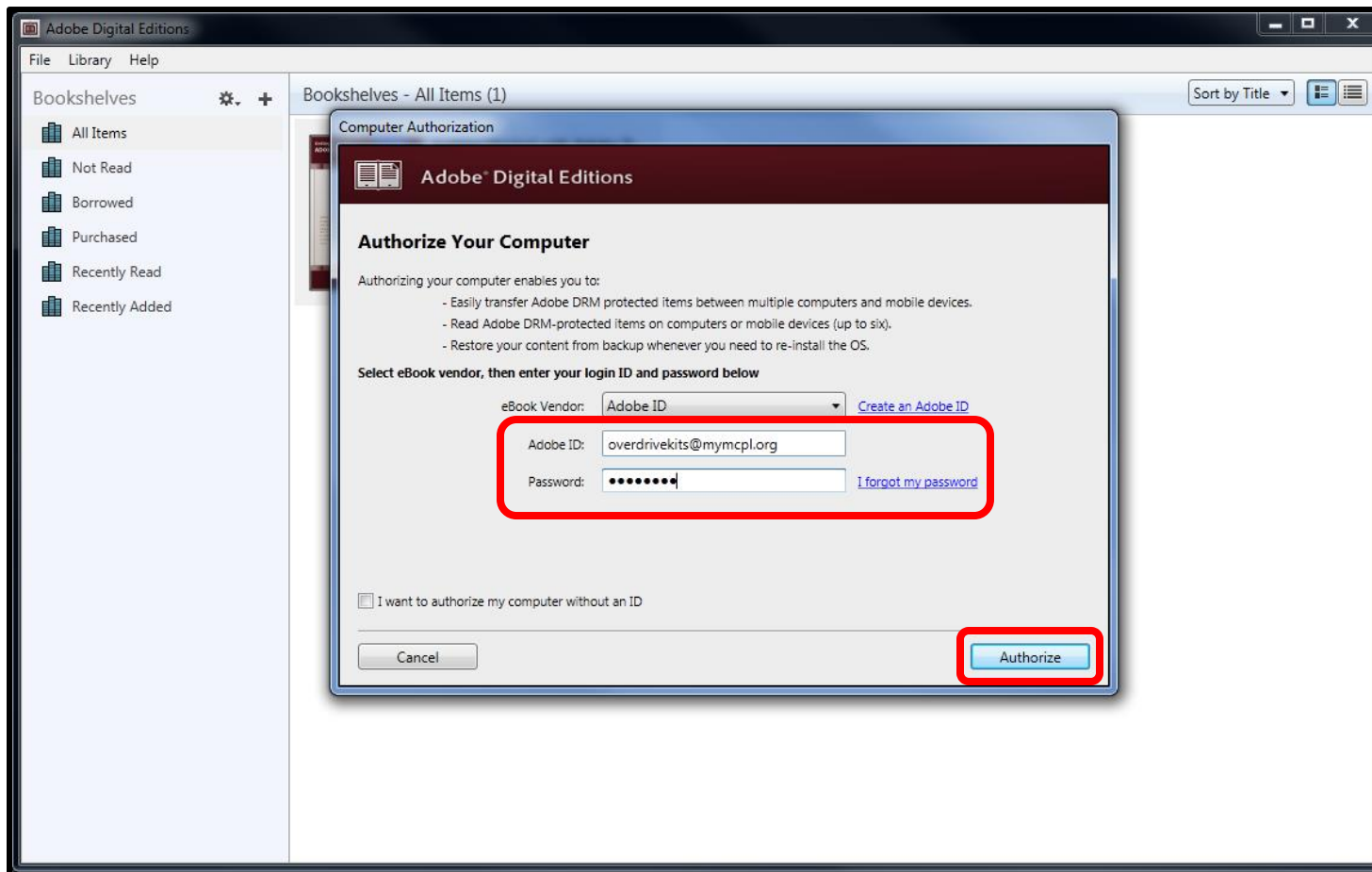
5. An Adobe ID Sign Up page displays. Complete the registration information. Once all information has been entered, click **Sign Up**.



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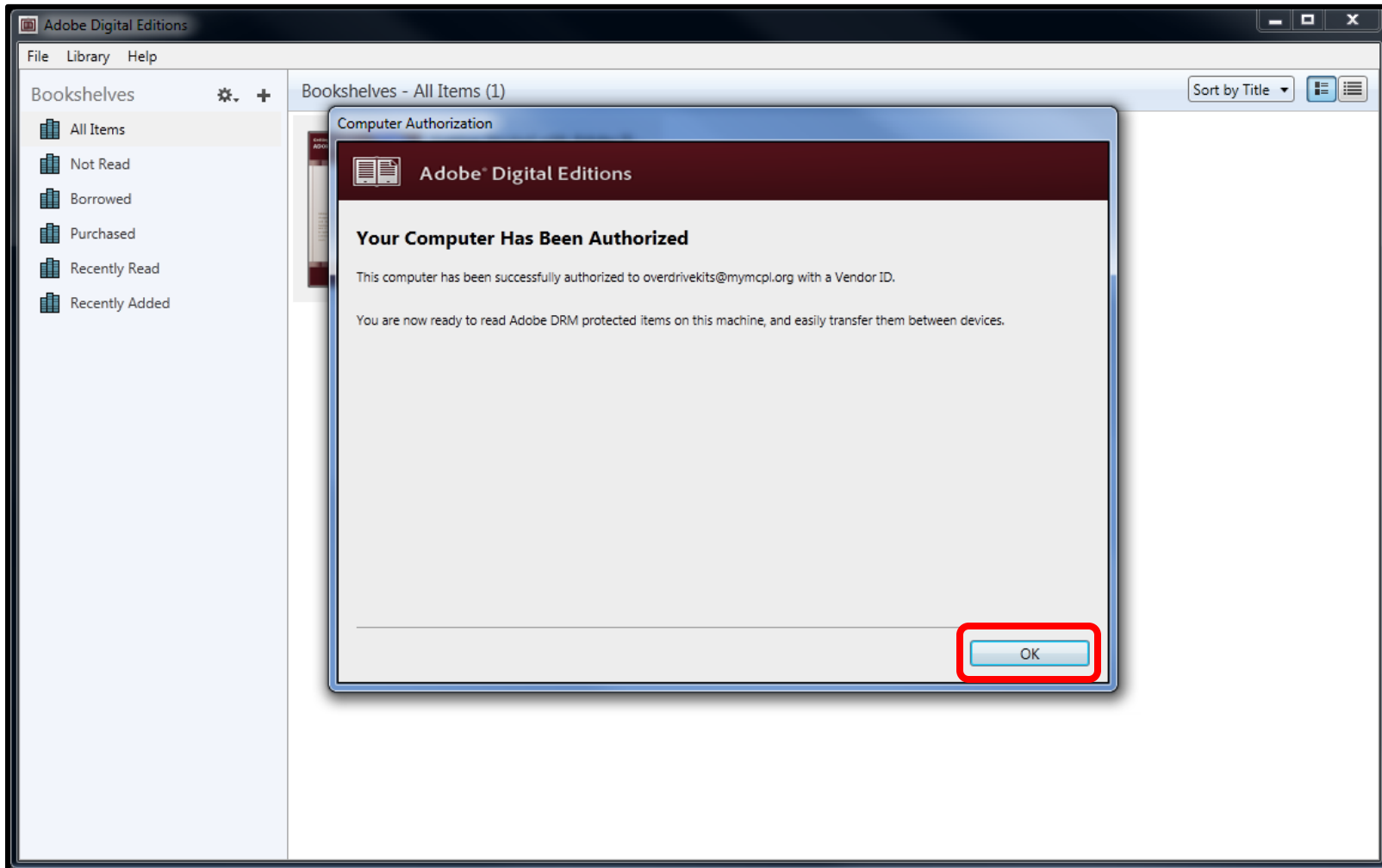


7. Enter the newly created Adobe ID and password. Then click **Authorize**.



8. A dialog box might briefly display stating, “Authorizing Your Computer. Please wait while your computer is being authorized.”

9. Once the authorization is complete, a dialog box stating, “Your Computer Has Been Authorized” displays. Click **OK**. The first time you transfer an OverDrive eBook to your device, your device will be authorized with the same Adobe ID used to authorize your computer.



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