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Initial Setup

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- A valid library card from Strathcona County Library
- An active Wi Fi connection

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3. Select Getting started then Sign into Overdrive.
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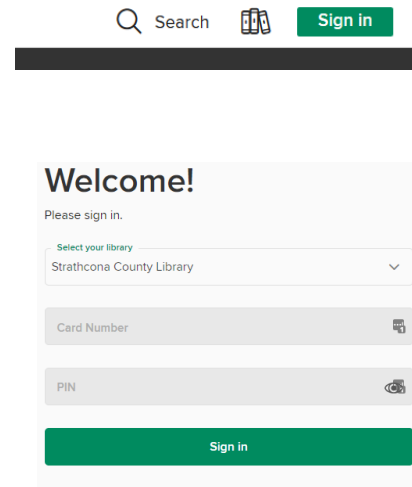
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
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