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6. If you place a hold, it is recommended to enter an email address to receive notifications. Tap the menu icon in the top left corner, then tap **Settings**. Under **Notifications** tap Email and tap **Yes, notify me**. Enter your email address. You will receive a verification email message from Cloud Library. Open the message in your email and click on the link to confirm your email address.
7. From the menu tap **My Books** to see the titles you have checked out and to see a list of titles on hold with expected availability dates. Tap a book cover to start reading.
8. To close a book and return to My Books, tap the center of the reading screen, then tap the X in the upper left corner.
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