# 8.1 Reading Files in the Vault

LightDrive offers two ways to read stored material.

## Files

Select a supported document in Files to open its native viewer. Text files open read-write in the Text app when they are ordinary documents. Images, video, PDF, and other supported formats open in their corresponding viewers.

## Books

The Books app provides separate ebook and audiobook shelves, dedicated Books and Audiobooks folders, public-domain catalog search, imports, metadata, progress, collections, notes, and reading or listening controls. A plain-text file opened from the Books shelf is read-only, which prevents accidental edits while reading.

Use Files to manage arbitrary documents. Use Books when the item belongs in a reading or listening library.

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