

Getting Started with Overdrive Digital Audio

Note: You will need a valid Jefferson County Library card, Internet access, and the free Overdrive software for your computer.

Step 1: Download and install the free software

In order to download Overdrive digital audio titles, you first need to download Overdrive Media Console, available at <http://www.overdrive.com/software/omc/>. Choose the appropriate version for your computer or device, click Download Now, and follow the prompts to install the software.

Step 2: Browse for and checkout digital audio titles

Visit JCPL's [Downloadable Media Center](#) and browse our collection of digital audio books.

Tips for browsing:

- Audiobooks are available in MP3 or WPA format, and the format you choose depends on the type of device you intend to use to enjoy the title.
- The icons in the title's description indicate which devices the title will be compatible with. If an icon in the description is shaded out, the title will not play on that type of device.



- Search for a specific title or author, use the featured categories on the page, or click on "Advanced Search" to limit your results by compatibility (e.g., iPod-compatible Audiobooks), subject area (e.g., Fiction only), or date added to the site (e.g., new titles only). To limit to titles that are available, check the "only show copies available" box.
- If a title is not currently available and you would like to place a hold for it, click on "Place an Ehold." Enter your library card number and email address. You will receive an email when the title is available for download.
- Titles will stay in your eCart for 30 minutes. You can place 12 titles in your eCart at a time, but you can only have 10 titles checked out at one time. A "Wish List" option is provided for you to keep track of titles you wish to check out in the future.

Step 3: Download the checked-out title

When you find a title you would like, click on "Add to my Ecart." You will be asked for your library card number. Select the lending period you prefer from the drop-down menu (7 days or 14 days). Remember that digital audio books are not renewable. To finish, click "Confirm check out."

Click “Download.” Since you have already installed Overdrive Media Console, you can ignore any installation links here. Overdrive Media Console will automatically open.

Digital audio titles are often divided into parts. Select the parts you would like to download and follow the prompts to download them to Overdrive Media Console. You can use the buttons at the top of the Overdrive program to play the audio title on your computer or to burn it to a CD.

Step 4 (Optional): Transfer digital audio title to a portable device

From Overdrive Media Console, click on “Transfer,” and select the parts of the audio title you would like to move. You will be prompted to connect your iPod to your computer. Following the prompts, Overdrive Media Console will transfer the selected parts of the digital audio book to iTunes (or to the media player of your choice).

The audio title should now appear in your iTunes library. If your iPod is not set up to automatically sync with your iTunes library, you will have to click and drag the audio title to the icon for your iPod.

When you look for the title on your iPod, remember that it may not show up under audio books but rather with your music, under the author’s first name.