

## **Downloading Digital Audiobooks from the Maryland Digital e-Library Consortium**

Your library has thousands of digital audiobooks available for free with your library card!  
Follow these easy steps ... or view a tutorial at <http://www.overdrive.com/products/dlr/tour/>.

### **Downloading Overdrive Media Console**

Go to <http://www.overdrive.com/software/omc/> and download and install Overdrive Media Console for your operating system.

### **Downloading Digital Audiobooks**

1. From [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org), click on “eBooks & Digital Audiobooks” in the “Quick Links” box. Then click on “Overdrive eBooks & Audio Books.”
2. Login first to see additional titles available only to customers of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s County Libraries
3. Use Advanced Search to limit to your preferred format to find audiobooks you can listen to on your device.
  - a. Audiobooks are in one of two formats; MP3 and WMA.
  - b. Some MP3 players are incompatible with the WMA format, or with the digital rights management (DRM) software that protects the Overdrive files. Here is a [list of devices compatible with Overdrive](#) that explains which players work with which digital book formats.
4. Once you have found a title, click “add to cart” and then “proceed to check out.” You have 30 minutes to complete your checkout before the audiobook is returned to the library’s collection.

NOTE: If “Add to cart” is not an option, this means all of the electronic copies of the book are in use. Click “Place a hold” on the right side of the entry. If you are not already logged in, the system will prompt you for your library card number and PIN
5. You can adjust the lending period to 7 or 14 days. You may check out up to 4 items at one time—this includes eBooks, audio books or any combination of the two. After choosing your lending period, click “Confirm Checkout,” and then click “Download” on the next page.
6. The Overdrive Media Console will open and prompt you for a download location for your audio files. Click OK to save the files to the default location.

### **NOTE: Performing the Windows Media Player Security Upgrade**

The Windows Media Security Upgrade is a process that must be performed before Microsoft Windows Media Player will allow any DRM-protected files to be downloaded. The security upgrade identifies the copy of Windows Media Player with the computer on which Windows Media Player is being used. Publishers often require this sort of security in order to discourage the unlawful redistribution of digital content.

If you have not previously performed the security upgrade, the first time that you attempt to download DRM-protected content, like digital audiobooks from Overdrive, the Media Console checks to see if you need to complete the security upgrade. If a security upgrade is needed, a message is displayed notifying you that in order to download and play DRM-protected content, you must first upgrade the security of your Windows Media Player. Follow the instructions provided in the message to complete the security upgrade, then continue with step 7.

7. Choose the number of parts you want to download and click the OK button.

8. Once downloaded, connect your device to the computer.

NOTE: If you are using an iPod, make sure “Manually manage music and videos” is checked in iTunes.

9. Transfer your audiobook to the device by selecting the book that you want to transfer, then clicking the Transfer button at the top. The Overdrive Media Console Transfer Wizard will open. Click “next.” Choose the parts of the audiobook you want to transfer to your device and click “next.”

10. Once the audiobook is finished transferring, click “finish” and disconnect the device.

11. Happy Listening!