Audiobooks

An audiobook is a digital version of a recorded reading of a book. An OverDrive audiobook is a digitally protected audiobook that has been optimized for download in WMA or MP3 format.

All OverDrive Audiobooks are divided into parts for easy downloading. Depending on publisher permission, audiobooks may be burned to CD and/or transferred to supported portable devices.

OverDrive Media Console is free and easy-to-use software that handles your audiobook, music or video download.

Available for both PC and Mac, OverDrive Media Console provides easy playback, navigation, bookmarking, and adjustable playback speed. Includes:

Burn Wizard for easy burning to CD.

Transfer Wizard for easy transfer of downloaded titles from your personal computer to your supported portable device.

Help is Always Available at

vccs.lib.overdrive.com

Frequently Asked Questions

Quick Start Guide

Self-paced Guided Tour

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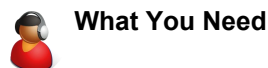OverDrive

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About

VCCS libraries have selected a collection of popular audio and video titles in digital formats that are available from OverDrive.

In addition to many user-friendly features such as MediaMarkers™ and bookmarks, accessibility features are included in the OverDrive Media Console to enhance the experience for visually impaired or blind patrons.

Please note: OverDrive content is intended to be used on your personal computer or personal portable device, not library computers.

What You Need

1. An Internet connection for your PC or Mac

2. Your MyVCCS login

3. OverDrive Media Console software (OMC)

4. Windows Media Player with Security Upgrade (Upgrade required by Microsoft Windows to play DRM-protected WMA files via Media Player)

5. Apple iTunes (Manages MP3 titles and works with OMC to convert and transfer WMA titles to Apple devices.)

Install OverDrive Media Console

1. Go to vccs.lib.overdrive.com

2. At the bottom of the menu on the left, click this button:

3. Follow instructions to complete the installation.

How to Download Digital Content

Step 1: Browse

Browse the catalog at vccs.lib.overdrive.com. You may also search by title, subject, author, format and other criteria. Convenient categories are on the left of each page.

Step 2: Check Out

Check out a title by adding it to your **eShelf,** then click on the 'Proceed to Checkout' link and enter your MyVCCS login. If a title is checked out by someone else, place a hold to receive an email when the title becomes available for checkout.

Step 3: Download

Click the 'Download' button under each title to launch OverDrive Media Console. Select parts to download, then click 'OK' and the download will begin.

Look at each title's "Plays On" icon for available listening or viewing options.

How to Burn Audiobooks and Music to CD

1. Verify that this option is listed under the title's Digital Rights

2. In OverDrive Media Console, select the title you wish to burn to CD and click 'Burn'

3. The Burn Wizard will open, click 'Next' and the 'Confirm' screen will appear

4. Place a blank CD in your CD-ROM drive

5. Select the 'Parts' you wish to burn

6. The Burn Wizard will tell you how many CDs are required

7. Click 'Next'

8. When the burn process is complete, the CD ejects automatically and the 'Success' screen appears

How to Transfer Content to a Portable Device

1. Verify that this option is listed under the title's Digital Rights

2. In OverDrive Media Console, select the title you wish to transfer and click 'Transfer,' the Transfer Wizard will open

3. Connect your portable device to your computer and click 'Next'

4. When the device is detected, the 'Confirm' screen will appear

5. Select the 'Parts' you wish to transfer and click 'Next'

6. OverDrive Media Console will test for storage space before beginning the transfer. Follow the prompts for your particular device.

7. After the transfer is complete, you may disconnect your device

8. Click 'Finish' to close the Wizard.

Automatic returns = no late fees!

Users may check out any four (4) titles at a time, and specify a personalized borrowing period from these options:

Audiobook: 7 or 14 days

Music & Video: 3, 5, or 7 days

At the end of the checkout period, your downloaded title will automatically expire and check itself back in to the library.

The expired file will still be visible on your computer, but will no longer play. You will be prompted to delete it from OverDrive Media Console / iTunes.