

## What You Need to Know BEFORE You Download eAudio Books

Before you start downloading one of the thousands of eAudio books available, here are some tips that will help you have a successful download.

1. Do you have a computer with an Internet connection?

You will need a computer with an Internet connection so that you can download eAudio books from home. You will also need Windows Media Player version 9.0 or above installed on your computer to manage your account and help transfer material to a portable listening device.

2. Do you have an Allegheny County library card?

You will need to create an account for both Overdrive and NetLibrary, two companies that provide eAudio books. In order to login from home and have your accounts work correctly, you will need to have a library card from an Allegheny County library.

3. Will you be listening to your eAudio book from your computer or from an MP3 player?

If you would like to transfer your eAudio books to an MP3 player, you will also need Windows Media Player version 9.0 or above and the USB cable to attach your MP3 player to the computer.

4. If you want to use an MP3 player, how can you tell if it is compatible with either Overdrive or NetLibrary software?

**IPod products from Apple Corporation are not compatible with either Overdrive or NetLibrary.**

For Overdrive: Go to <http://www.overdrive.com/deviceresourcecenter/> to find out which devices are compatible.

For NetLibrary: Go to <http://www.netlibrary.com/Help/Default.aspx> and click on the word "Listening." On the new list of choices, click on "Supported Portable Listening Devices."

5. How do I find out what version of Windows Media Player I have?

Click on the START button in the bottom left-hand corner of your computer screen. Select My Computer, click on Hard Disk Drive, select Program Files, locate Windows Media

Player, and click to open that folder. Find the icon Wmplayer and place your mouse pointer on top of the icon (but do not click!) so that the details are displayed in a small grey pop-up box.

If you need to update your version, you can access upgrades from <http://www.microsoft.com>. Simply do a search for Windows Media Player to find the correct place on Microsoft's web site.

6. How much space do I need on my MP3 player?

Both NetLibrary and OverDrive recommend that you have a minimum of 256 MB of flash memory in your MP3 player or USB flash drive per title. [256 MB will hold one eight-hour-long book; 1GB will hold four books.]

NetLibrary also suggests that if you are downloading its books on a portable device that you choose CD Quality for best listening.

7. How do I return the eAudio books?

When your time is up, the eAudio books stop playing and they are automatically checked back in. You do not need to worry about paying late fees as they cannot be overdue. However, there is no way to check them back in before they are due.

NOW, I AM READY TO DOWNLOAD:

Overdrive and NetLibrary are the two services that provide eAudio books to residents of Allegheny County. You may either search for both types of eAudio books at once through the use of the library catalog at <http://catalog.einetwork.net>, or you may visit each site individually.

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