How to Use OverDrive for Audio Books

Objectives
- Understand Audio Book Terminology, Formats, and Software Requirements
- Search for Audio Books
- Refine your Results
- Borrow and Download Audio Books
- Borrow Audio Books from the Library Catalog
- Return OverDrive Audio Books Early

What is OverDrive?
OverDrive is a distributor of eBooks and audio books. Many libraries use OverDrive to lend these digital books to their patrons.

What is Marmot?
Marmot is one of the library systems that Adams State belongs to. Anybody with a library card from the Nielsen Library can check out books, including eBooks and audio books, from the Marmot system.

Audio Book Terminology
- An MP3 player is a device that is dedicated to playing audio files and doesn’t run other applications.

- A mobile device has many other functions in addition to playing audio files. Smart phones and tablets are mobile devices.

- An iOS device is one that is made by Apple, and includes the iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch.

Audio Book Formats
- OverDrive audio books are available in two different formats, which work on different devices.

- MP3 audio books will work on most MP3 players and mobile devices, and on Windows and Mac computers.

- WMA audio books will work on many, but not all, MP3 players. They will work on iOS mobile devices, but not Android, Windows or Blackberry mobile devices. WMA audio books will only work on Windows computers.

Software Requirements
- In order to download audio books to an MP3 player you’ll need to download and install OverDrive Media Console on your computer.

- If you’ll be transferring the audio book to an iPod you’ll also need to install iTunes.

- To download audio books on a mobile device you’ll need to download the OverDrive Media Console app.
Search for Audio Books

- If you're using an MP3 player (including an iPod), go to http://marmot.lib.overdrive.com/
- If you're using a mobile device, you'll be directed to the site through the OverDrive Media Console app
- The first time you use the app you'll need to sign in with your Adobe ID, search for Adams State, and select Marmot Library Network
- Once at the site, select one of the options under audio books to browse the selection

Refine your Results

- Show me only titles with copies available eliminates books that are currently checked out
- If you need a specific format, use the format filter
- If you're using a mobile device, filter by device to only get results for books that will work on your device
- To check out a book, click on the cover, then click the Borrow button

Borrow and Download Audio Books

- Click the Download button to download your book
- Select your format if more than one is available
- If you're using an iPod, open the file in OverDrive Media Console and follow the instructions to transfer the file using iTunes
- If you're using a different MP3 player, open the file in OverDrive Media Console on your computer and plug in your device to transfer the audio book
- If you’re using a mobile device, the book will be downloaded to your device through the OverDrive Media Console
Download Audio Books from the Library Catalog

- If you know you want an audio book, it is recommended that you use the Marmot website.

- To download an audio book from the catalog, click checkout, then select your format and download.

- If you're using an MP3 player, open the file in OverDrive Media Console on your computer and plug in your device to transfer the audio book (for an iPod you'll need to use iTunes to transfer).

- If you're using a mobile device, you'll have to use the OverDrive Media Console app, not the library catalog.

Return OverDrive Audio Books Early

- OverDrive audio books can be checked out for 7, 14, or 21 days. To change your lending period, sign in to your account, then click Account, then Settings. Once the book expires you will no longer be able to access it. There are no late fees or renewals for audio books.

- Since you can only check out up to 5 books at a time, you may want to return books early.

- To return a book that you downloaded on your computer, open OverDrive Media Console and right click on your book and select Delete. Then click Return/Delete.

- To return a book that you downloaded on your mobile device, open the OverDrive Media Console app and navigate to your bookshelf. Click on the + icon next to your book, select Return/Delete, then select Return then Delete.

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