

Audiobooks for your PC

For ebooks, please see the “E-books for your PC” guide.

OverDrive for Windows is a free app that allows you to download and listen to audiobooks on your computer, and to transfer audiobooks to some mp3 players.

Setting up OverDrive

1. Use Internet Explorer to download OverDrive.
2. Go to <http://app.overdrive.com/>
3. Click “Get Started.”
4. Scroll down until you see the Windows download options.
5. For Windows 7 computers, click “Download for Windows Desktop.” For Windows 8 and 10, you may choose either Windows download option. “Download for Windows 8 & 10” requires the use of the Windows App Store. This guide is focused on the Windows Desktop version of OverDrive.
6. Download and run OverDrive.
7. The OverDrive Setup Wizard will launch. Follow instructions to set up and install.

Note: You may need to confirm that this program can install software on this computer or make changes to it.

Note: You may see an error message, which doesn't have a negative impact on OverDrive.

8. Click “Continue,” and then “Close” when the installation is complete.
9. Open OverDrive from the new desktop shortcut.

Browsing for materials

1. In your computer's web browser, go to www.seasidepubliclibrary.org
2. Click the Library2Go icon on the homepage.
3. Click “Sign In,” in the upper right corner.
4. In the “Select Your Library...” drop-down menu choose: Seaside Public Library.
5. Enter your library card number. Check the box to “Remember my card number on this device” if you want this box auto-filled in the future. Click “Sign In.”
6. You can browse new books or select from featured categories. You can also use the Search box near the top of the screen or click “Advanced” for more options.
7. The current availability of a book will appear in a ribbon above the cover image. If it is available, the ribbon will be green and read “Available.” If it is unavailable, the ribbon will be white and read “Wait List.”
8. Below the cover image, the format (ebook or audiobook) is displayed, with an icon of a book or a pair of headphones.

Borrowing and placing holds

If the book is available for check-out:

1. For one-click checkout, click “Borrow” below the cover image. Or, click the cover image to see the book's details and change your checkout settings before borrowing.

- To change your checkout length, go into the detailed record and then click the down-arrow to the right of the green “Borrow” button.
2. A green “Success!” ribbon will appear at the top of your screen when the book has been checked out.
 3. To complete the checkout process, click the “Loans” link in the “Success!” ribbon, or click “My Account” in the upper right corner of your screen and then click “Loans.”
 4. On the “Loans” page, under the audiobook’s title, you will see a blue “Download [format type]” button.
 5. Click this button to download the audiobook for offline listening or transfer to another device. Alternately, to listen in your browser, click “Listen Now.”

If the book is currently unavailable:

1. Click “Place a Hold.”
2. Type or verify your email address if necessary.
3. A “Success!” popup window will appear when the title is on hold for you. If you would like to make changes to your holds, click the “Manage holds” in this popup window.
4. You will get an email when the book is ready.
5. You can view and change your holds at any time by clicking “My Account” in the upper right corner, and then clicking “Holds.”

Final steps

NOTE: Some of the steps below may not be necessary, depending on your computer settings, and on whether you have used OverDrive before.

1. After clicking Download, you will see a “Device Compatibility Notice.” Click “Confirm.” Open and run the downloaded file in your browser
2. You may be asked how you want to open this file. Choose “OverDrive for Windows.” Check the box to always use this program to skip this step in the future. Click OK.
3. A “Get Media” window will open. Click OK to download.
4. A “Download” window will open with all parts of the audiobook displayed and checked. Click OK to download the whole book. If you only want to download a certain part, you can uncheck the parts you don’t want to download.
5. Your audiobook will appear in OverDrive. Wait until it is finished downloading; you can follow its progress in the bottom pane of the OverDrive window.
6. You may listen to the book in OverDrive. Or, you can select the audiobook and then click “Transfer” or “Burn” in the command bar near the top of the OverDrive window for options to transfer the file to an mp3 player, or to burn the file to a disc. Transfer and burn options may not be enabled for all audiobooks, and may not work with all MP3 players.

Returning an audiobook early

1. To return a book early, in the OverDrive Media Console, select the title and then click “Delete” in the command bar near the top of the OverDrive window. Choose the option to delete and return. Otherwise, the book will automatically be returned at the end of the loan period.