

OverDrive DOWNLOADABLE EAUDIOBOOKS, EBOOKS, MUSIC AND VIDEOS

I. First steps:

- A. Go to <http://westchester.lib.overdrive.com/> You are now at the Digital Media Catalog.
- B.
 - i. At the top it reads, “Downloads are available to your personal PC, laptop, or PDA. The first time you check out materials on this site, instructions will be provided for you to download the software you need.”
 - ii. It is recommended that Overdrive be used from home. Patrons should not use public PCs for downloading eBooks to their devices. However, patrons may use Overdrive on their laptops in the library.
- C. Click on My HELP! at the left-hand side. The first Screen appears asking, “What do you want to do?” Click on the appropriate answer. Screen 2 appears asking, “What do you have?” Click on the appropriate answer.
- D. Screen 3 reads “View My Help.” Click on it, and the Help will appear in a different window or tab. It takes 2-3 minutes to appear.
- E. At the top is the combination you have chosen. The orange tab at the far left is **Setup**. It asks you to Confirm Requirements and Install Software.
- F. The next tab is **Formats**. “Find your setup on the chart and note the format(s) that are compatible.”
- G. The next tab is **How it Works**, with a brief description of downloading titles. The final tab is **Questions**, with many helpful FAQs.

II. A more detailed overview:

- A. Go back to <http://westchester.lib.overdrive.com/>
- B. Click on Quick Start Guide (left hand side). Click on **Overview**.
- C. At this website you can checkout and download:

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F. Activate the software:

1. Adobe Digital Editions requires activation (followed by a paragraph and a link.)
2. OverDrive Media Console for Android, BlackBerry, iPhone/iPad, and Windows Phone 7 may require activation (followed by a sentence and a link.)

3. OverDrive Media Console for Windows requires a security upgrade (followed by a paragraph and 3 links).

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V. Clicking on Help at the top of the page will provide answers to FAQs about digital materials.

Most of the instructional information is taken from the Westchester Library System Overdrive website with additional content by Claudia Gisolfi, Adult Services Librarian