



City of Peterborough

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Peterborough Public Library NOW OFFERS DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS *Bestsellers and classics available 24/7 from your computer*

Peterborough Public Library has expanded its services with the addition of downloadable audiobooks. This collection, powered by OverDrive Inc., has been brought to you by the Ontario Ministry of Culture's \$15 million investment in public libraries, through Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS) and Ontario Library Service-North (OLS-N). Library cardholders will be able to check out and download digital audiobooks by visiting the library's web site at <http://www.peterborough.library.on.ca/> or by going to <http://downloadcentre.library.on.ca>. There are close to 3,000 fiction and non-fiction titles in the virtual collection, covering a wide range of genres, including children's and young adult titles.

This download service provides direct transfer to portable devices such as iPod, Zune, other MP3 players and selected mobile devices. Many titles can also be burned to CD to play in the car. The service is also accessible to visually impaired patrons and is compatible with screen reader programs, such as JAWS for Windows and Window-Eyes.

To check out, users will need a valid library card, personal computer (Windows or Mac), and Internet connection. Users will also need to install the free software called OverDrive Media Console in order to access the titles. At the end of the 7 or 14-day lending period, titles will automatically expire and are returned to the collection. There are never late fees or damaged items.

To learn about the new service, library users are invited to attend a free demonstration at the library. Participants will learn how to search/browse, download, checkout and transfer an audiobook to their computers and/or portable playing devices such as an iPod or an MP3 player.

Demonstrations will be offered on Monday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Monday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Call 745-5382 x 2361 to register.

About OverDrive

OverDrive is a leading full-service digital distributor of eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video. It delivers secure management, DRM protection, and download fulfillment services for hundreds of publishers and thousands of libraries, schools, and retailers, serving millions of end users. Founded in 1986, OverDrive is based in Cleveland, OH.

About Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS) and Ontario Library Service-North (OLS-North)

SOLS and OLS-North are mandated to deliver programs and services on behalf of the Ontario Minister of Culture by:

- Increasing cooperation and coordination among public library boards and other information providers in order to promote the provision of library service to the public
- Assisting public library boards by providing them with services and programs that reflect their needs, including consultation, training and development.

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca.

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