Compatible Devices: What to Buy

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My Media Mall audiobooks are available in 2 formats: MP3 and WMA. (See MP3 or WMA - What's the difference for more information).

When used with the Overdrive Media Console many of the players on the market will play both of these formats. MAC devices (Ipods and Iphones) might play some WMA titles but not others (compatibility is determined by the publisher). There are many different types of portable devices to choose from. Prices can range from under $50 to several hundred dollars.

Some types of available devices include:

- Dedicated MP3 players (example: iPod Nano)
- MP3 players with built-in FM radios (example: Sony Walkman)
- Larger MP3 players that can display photos or video (example: Microsoft Zune or iPod Classic)
- PDA devices (example: Dell Axim or IPod Touch)
- Smart Phones (exmple: iPhone, Cingular 8125, Palm device)

We suggest that you begin with this list of devices that have been tested by Overdrive for use with My Media Mall.
These devices support both MP3 and WMA files.

Also useful is this list of devices that are NOT compatible with Overdrive WMA files. (but may be compatible with Overdrive MP3 titles)

You might want to think about these questions when shopping for a device. Then read the reviews of the various devices. You might have to visit the technical specifications or speak to the salesperson to get the answers to your questons.

1. Physical size?
2. After you turn it off does it resume from the point where you stopped? Some players go back to the beginning of the file and will not be practical for audiobooks.
3. Does it support "bookmarking". This is very necessary to save your place in your story and return to it later.
4. How large of a hard drive does it have; can I store more than 1 audiobook if I'm travelling?
5. Can I also read EBooks with this device? (iPads and smartphones might fit into this category)
6. Do I want my device to also function as a music player that uses external speakers or plays through my car radio?

Do I want my device to display photographs or play video along with audio files?

What is the battery life? Rechargeable or replaceable batteries?

Availability accessories like arm straps or AC power adapters.

Reviews- Sites where you can find reviews of MP3 players:

PC Magazine

CNet Reviews

Consumer Search

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