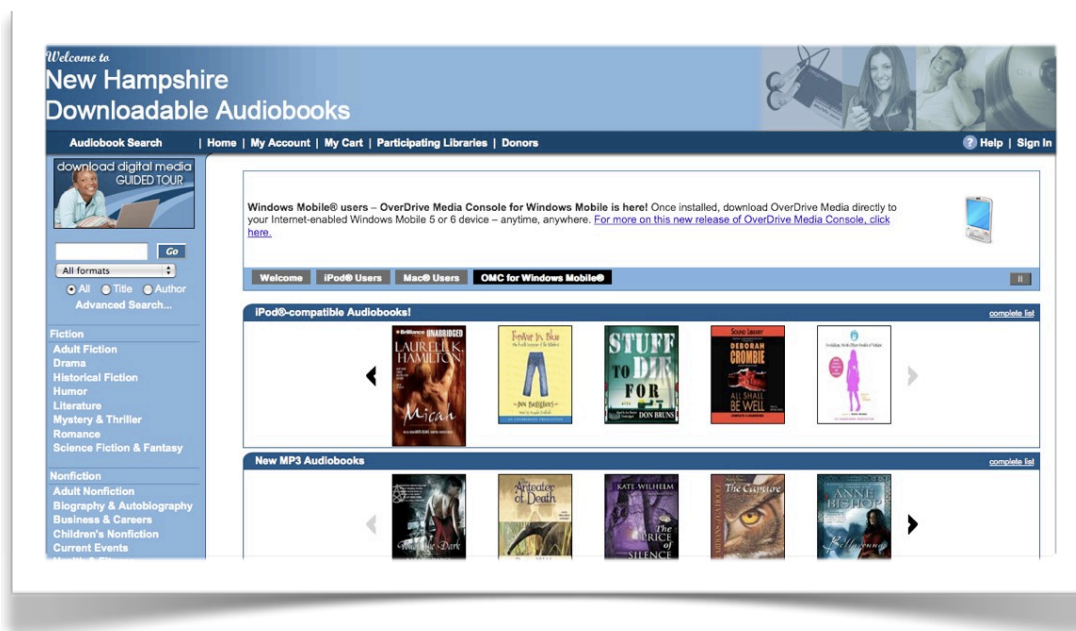


# NH DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS

## *A Guide for Mac Users*



*A Service of the New Hampshire Downloadable Audiobooks Consortium. NH public libraries and the New Hampshire State Library working together to provide digital services to NH residents.*

### How to Enjoy MP3 Audiobooks:

1. Download and install free software (*page 2*).
2. Get a library card and sign into the service (*page 4*).
3. Find, check out and download an MP3 audiobook (*page 7*).
4. Download the audiobook to your computer (*page 10*).
5. Enjoy the audiobook on your computer, an iPod, or burn to CD (*page 13*).

# DOWNLOADING & INSTALLING SOFTWARE

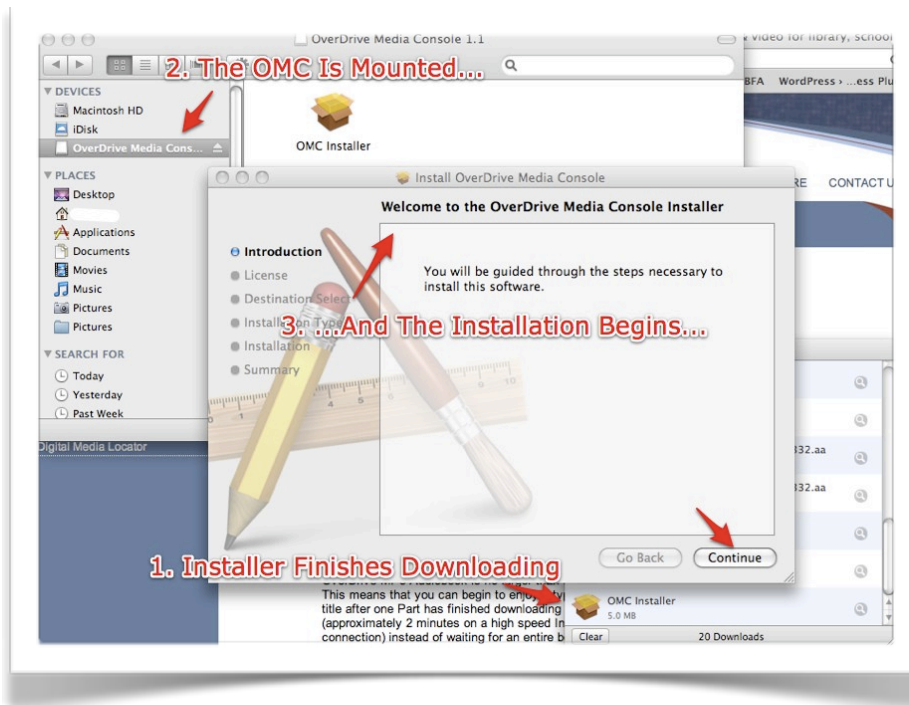
## The OverDrive Media Console for Macs

In order to use the downloadable audiobooks from OverDrive, you must first install the free OverDrive Media Console on your computer.

1. Get the software from: <http://www.overdrive.com/software/omc/>
2. Be sure to download the Mac version of the software.
3. Click on the “Download” button.

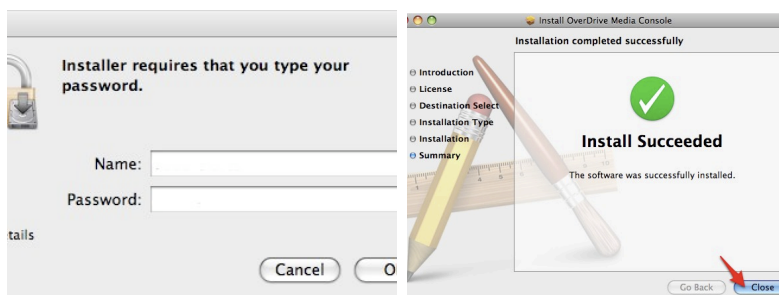


4. Using **Safari**, the software may be downloaded to the “Downloads” folder. When the file had completely downloaded to your computer, the computer recognizes the disk image (.dmg file) and should both automatically open a new finder window, showing the mounted disk image of the OMC, and start the OMC installer program.
5. *If you are using **Firefox** or another browser, you may need to double click the downloaded disk image (find the file in your preferred download location) and drag the file to your Applications folder in Finder to install.*



*Downloading the OMC software with Safari...*

6. Follow the instructions provided by the installer program: Read and agree to the license agreement, keep the default installation location, unless you have a specific reason to change it, enter your name and password to install the software, if necessary. Close the installer when finished.



## iTunes

In order to transfer MP3 audiobooks to your iPod, you will need to have a current version of iTunes installed on your Mac. To check if iTunes is up to date:

1. Open iTunes.
2. Click on the iTunes menu at the top of the screen and select “Check for Updates.”
3. Update the software as needed.

## SIGNING INTO THE AUDIOBOOKS SITE

### Your Library Card

Is your NH public library a member of the NH Downloadable Audiobooks Consortium? You can check here: <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com/Libraries.htm>

It is possible that people belonging to your public library will need to use a prefix in addition to a library card number to log into the audiobook site. Please check with your local librarian for more information.

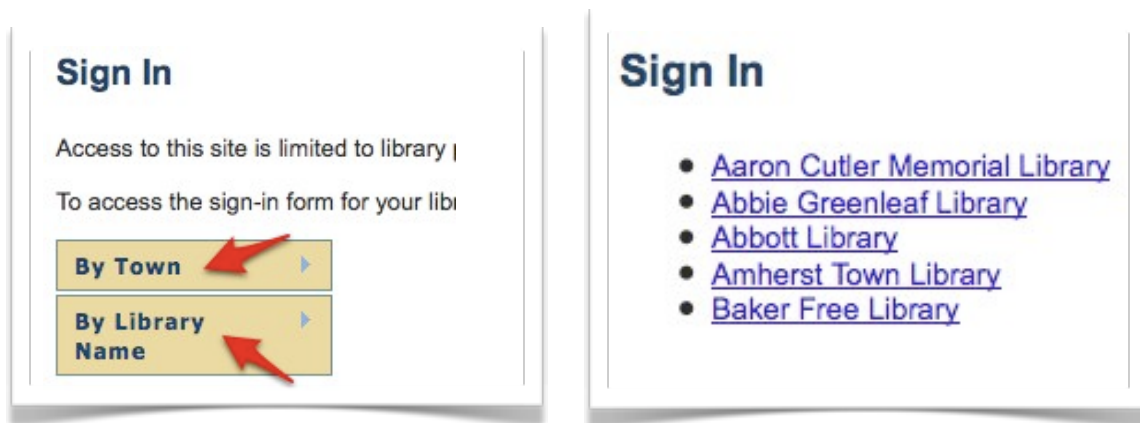
### Signing into the Audiobooks Site

1. Click on “Sign In.”

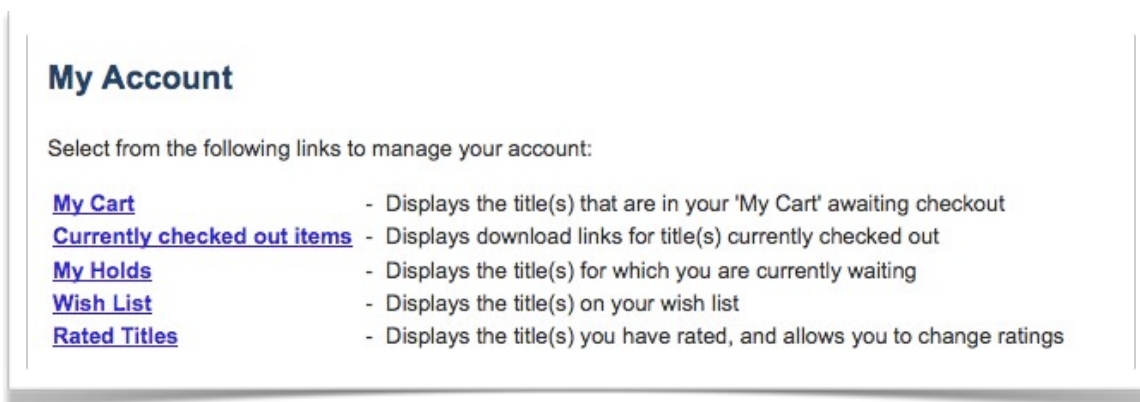


2. Choose your library or town name.

Note: You can either use the sliding menus to navigate to your library name or town or simply click once on the Town or Library Name menu to get a static menu.



3. Enter your library card number. Be sure to check with your local librarian if you receive a login error, since some libraries require a prefix to card numbers.
4. Upon logging into the site, you'll see the following:



### My Cart:

As you browse the audiobook site you can add available MP3 audiobooks to your cart. Only titles with copies available for immediate checkout can be added to your cart. Items placed in your cart will not be available for anyone else to checkout. You must check out any items in your cart within 60 minutes. After 60 minutes, or upon terminating your session in the site, the cart will be emptied. You may check out three audiobooks at a time.

### Currently checked out items:

This is where you will find any audiobooks you currently have checked out. All audiobooks are checked out to you for seven days. It is not possible to return an audiobook earlier than seven days. After seven days you will receive a notice to delete any expired audiobooks from the OverDrive Media Console.

### My Holds:

As you are browsing the audiobooks site, you may place holds on titles that do not have any copies available for immediate checkout. You can have up to five holds on your account at one time. When an audiobook becomes available, you will receive an email notifying you that the audiobook has become available for you to checkout. You will only have 48 hours from the time the email is sent to log into the site and check out the book.

Please know that in order to checkout an audiobook that has become available, you must have less than three books checked out at that time. If you have three audiobooks checked out and a book on hold becomes available for you to checkout, it is likely that you will lose the hold. You may put yourself back on the waiting list for that title. If you are waiting for an audiobook, be sure to leave a little room in your account!

### Wish List:

The wish list is a new feature to the audiobook site. Placing audiobooks in your wish list is not the same as placing a title in your cart or adding a book to your holds. The wish list is simply a way to remember a title.

### Rated Titles:

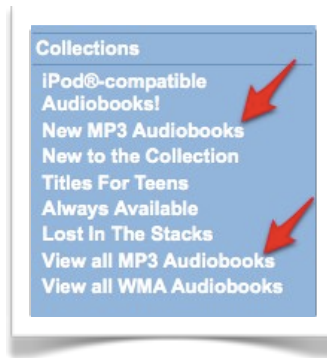
Rated titles is also a new feature to the audiobooks site. When you are logged into the site, you have the ability to give any title a star rating. The rating of all NH audiobooks users are combined to give each title an average rating. Every title you rate is shown from the link "Rated Titles."

## Note: MP3 Audiobooks in Our Collection

A majority of audiobooks owned by the consortium are protected WMA audiobooks. These WMA audiobooks are not compatible with Macs. There is no way to download and use a protected WMA audiobook from this site on a Mac. At this time the collection of MP3 titles remains limited; there are less than 300 MP3 titles in our total collection of nearly 3000 audiobook titles. Currently few mainstream audiobook publishers produce MP3 titles for digital downloads to libraries. However, whenever the Consortium has the opportunity to purchase a title in either MP3 or WMA format, the preference is normally given to the MP3 format. We hope to expand the collection as more popular titles become available.

# FINDING MP3 AUDIOBOOKS

The small collection of MP3 audiobooks can be browsed by clicking on the following links from the left sidebar of the site:



However, to find MP3 audiobooks that are available for immediate checkout:

1. Click on "Advanced Search" for the top of the left sidebar.



2. While at the Advanced Search, use the drop-down menu to change the format to: OverDrive MP3 Audiobook
3. Select "Only show titles with copies available."
4. Search.

### Advanced Search

Title:

Author:

ISBN:

Format:

Language:

Publisher:

Subject:

Awards:

Date added to site:

Results per page:

Order by:

Only show titles with copies available

5. Notice that all of the titles in the search result are available for immediate checkout.
6. You may also sort your results as desired to see the titles most recently added to the audiobook site:

### Search Results

Search results: Showing 1 - 10 of 74

Sort by: [title](#) | [author](#) | [published date](#) | [most popular](#) | [date added to site](#)

**1906**  
A Novel  
by James Dalessandro

Every disaster has a story, none more thrilling than this one. Set during the great San Francisco earthquake...

**MP3** OverDrive MP3 Audiobook

Plays on:

## Checking Out an MP3 Audiobook

Once you've found an available MP3 audiobook you'd like to listen to...

1. Click on the link: "Available - Add to Cart."

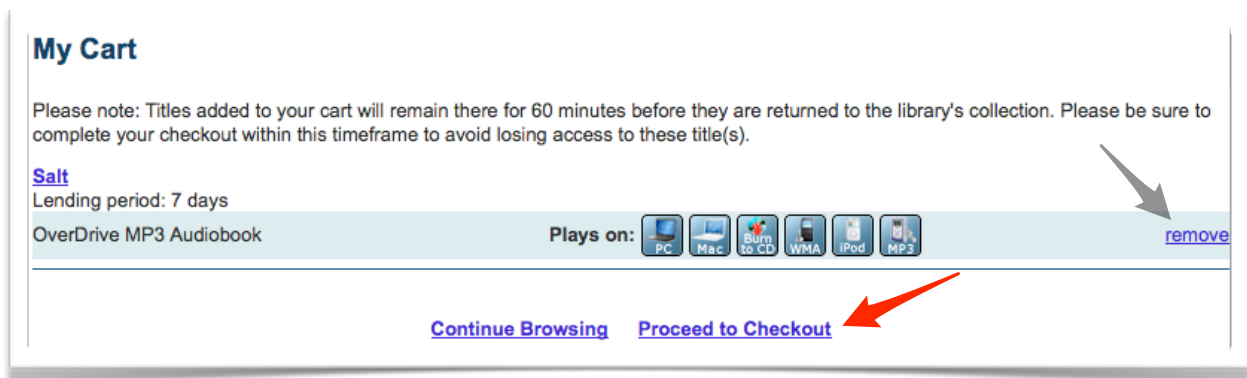


2. Take a moment to view the "Plays On" information. Make sure the "Mac" button is lit up, like this:



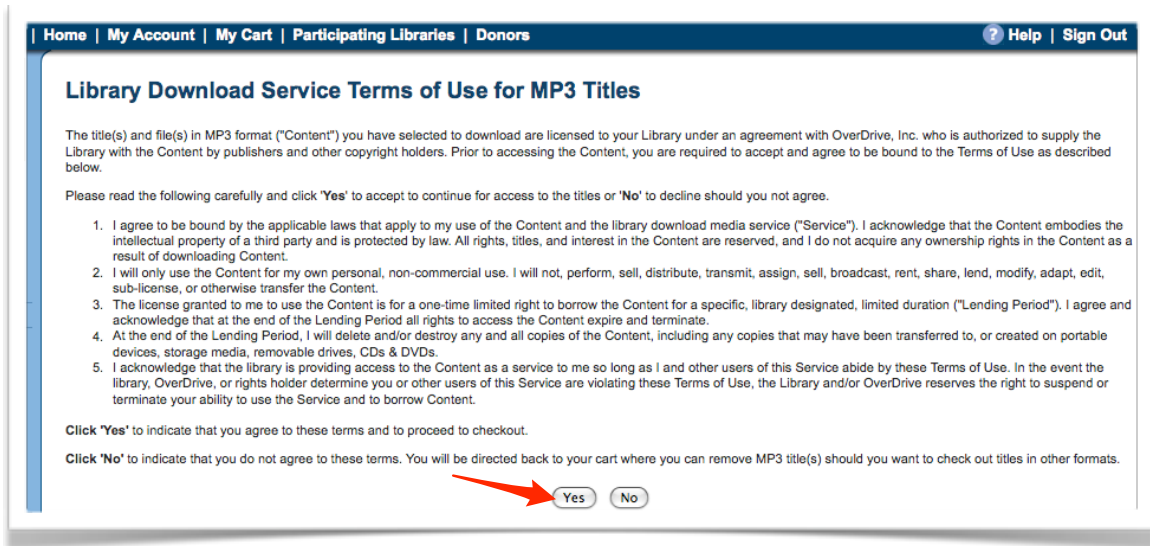
*This audiobook will play on both a Mac and an iPod.*

3. You have the option to proceed to checkout or continue browsing the site. Let's proceed to checkout...

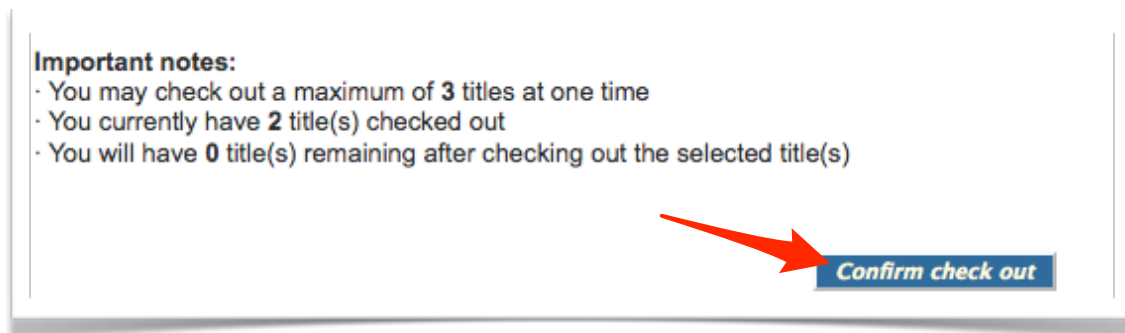


*Did you notice that you also have the option to remove audiobooks from your cart?*

4. Read and agree to the terms of use for MP3 titles.



5. Take note of the "Important Notes" and confirm the checkout.



6. The audiobook is now checked out to you for seven days. At the end of the seven day period you must remove the audiobook from your computer and player.

## DOWNLOADING MP3 AUDIOBOOKS

If you have completely installed the OverDrive Media Console for Macs and checked out an audiobook, you are ready to download it to your computer.

I. Click on "Download Book."

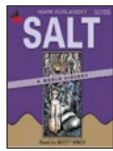
If necessary, you can access all of your currently checked out titles from:

*My Account >> Currently Checked Out Items.*

## Download

You must have the appropriate digital book software downloaded to your computer or PDA *before* you download these digital books.

The following digital book(s) are now available for download:



**Salt**

OverDrive MP3 Audiobook (389456 kb)

[Download Book](#)

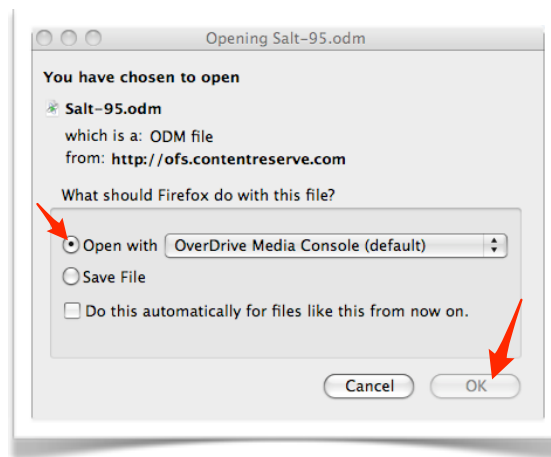


Click here to download the the software needed to read OverDrive MP3 Audiobook titles.  
- Note that the OverDrive MP3 Audiobook format requires OverDrive Media Console v3.0 (or newer) for Windows or OverDrive Media Console v1.0 (or newer) for Mac.

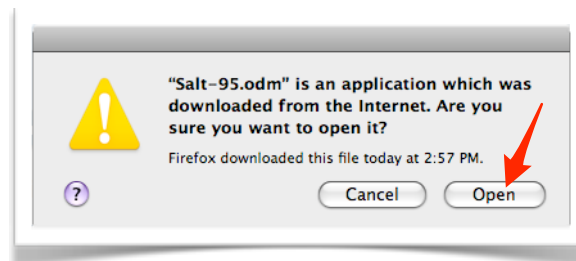
Checked out on: Oct 07, 2009  
Expires on: Oct 14, 2009

*Take note of the expiration date...*

2. If you are using **Firefox**, a new dialog box opens...
3. Open the file with the OverDrive Media Console.

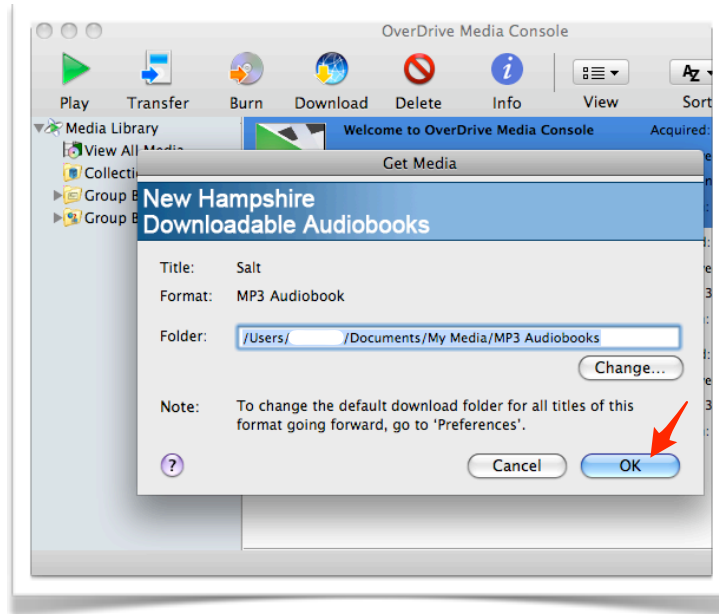


4. You may receive a warning:

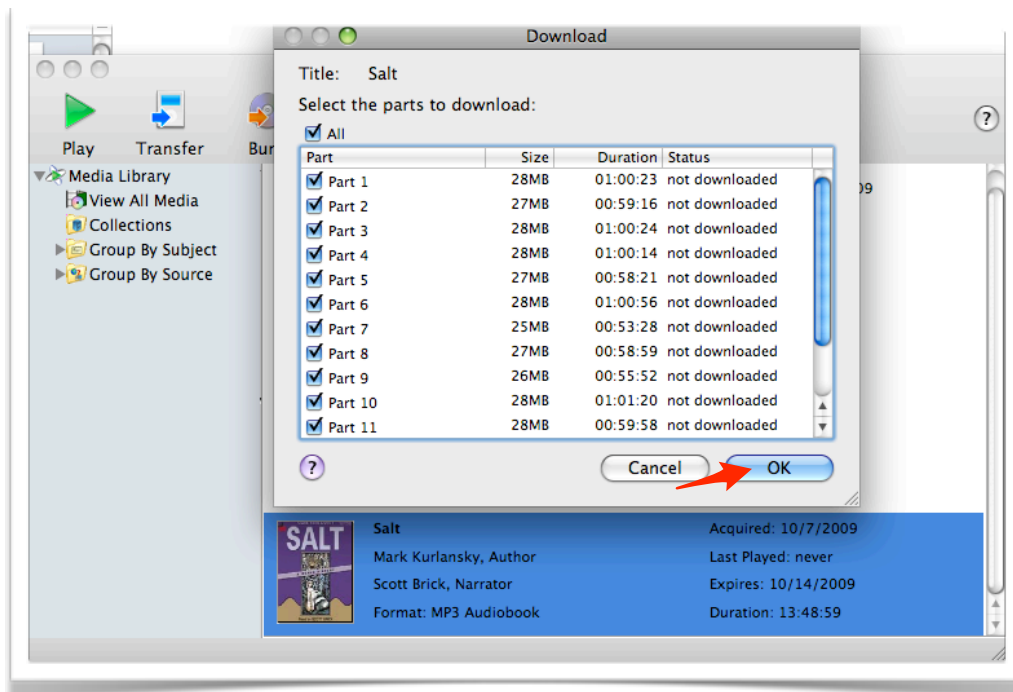


NOTE: If you download the audiobook with Safari, you may have to take other steps... Your audiobook may start to download to the “Downloads” folder. If so, double-click the [audiobook title].omd file. The OverDrive Media Console should open automatically with a “Get Media” dialog box. Continue with step 5.

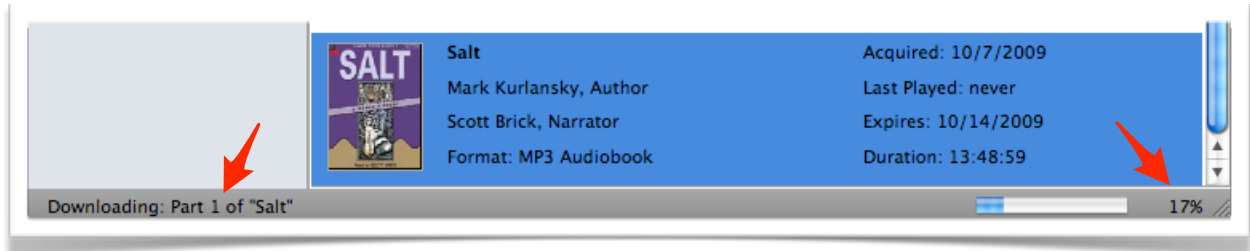
5. Allow the audiobook to download to the default location. The first time you download an MP3 audiobook, you will be prompted to create new folders for “My Media” and “MP3 Audiobooks.” Allow the new folders to be created.



6. Download all of the audiobook parts at once, unless you only need specific parts or if you are using dial-up Internet access.



7. Watch the progress of the download...



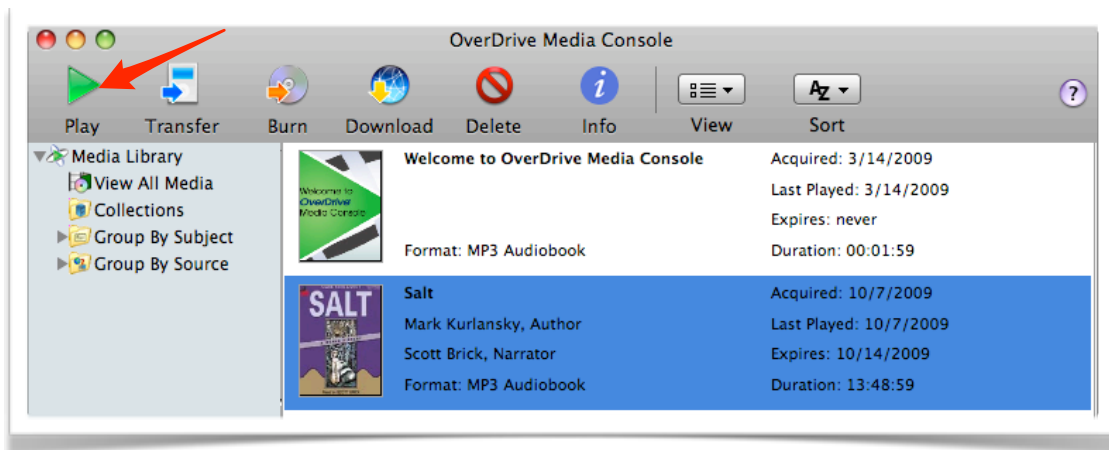
Note: MP3 files are about twice the size as WMA files. This means that it will take twice the length of time to download them and twice the amount of room to store them on your computer and player.

## ENJOYING YOUR MP3 AUDIOBOOK

MP3 audiobooks can be listened to on your computer, transferred to an iPod (or compatible MP3 player), or burned to CD.

### Listening On Your Computer

The OverDrive Media Console has a built in audiobook player. Simply select the audiobook and click the “Play” button to get started.



A small player will open and begin to play the audiobook. Notice the various controls and features (including bookmarking) available at the bottom of the player.



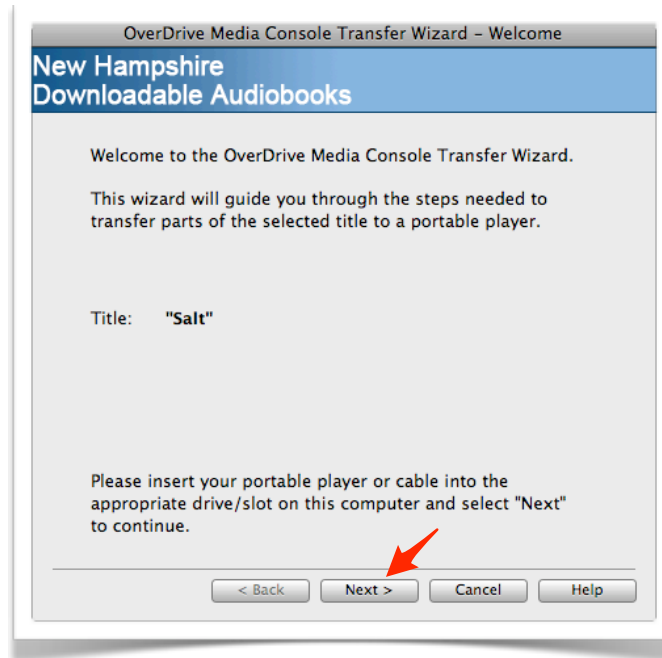
## Transferring Your MP3 Audiobook to an iPod

With the help of iTunes (running in the background) an MP3 audiobook can be transferred to your iPod.

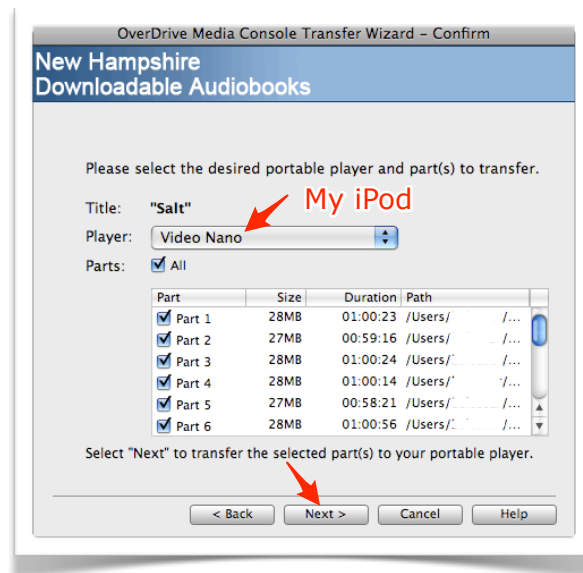
1. Connect your iPod to your Mac.
2. From the OverDrive Media Console, select the desired MP3 audiobook and click "Transfer."



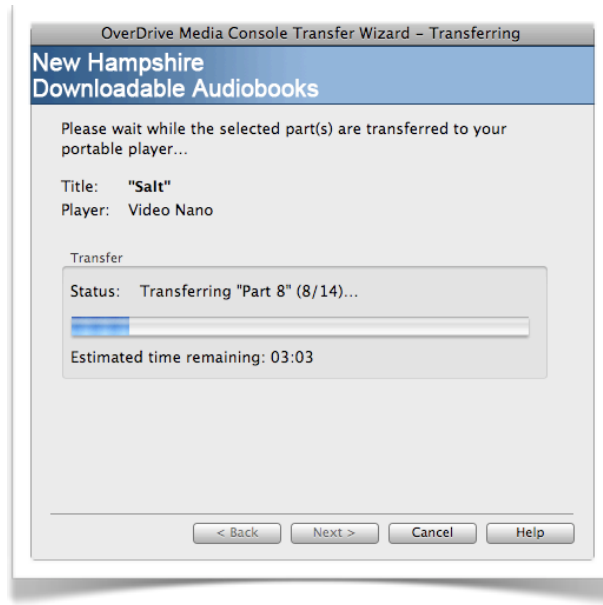
3. The "Transfer Wizard" will open...



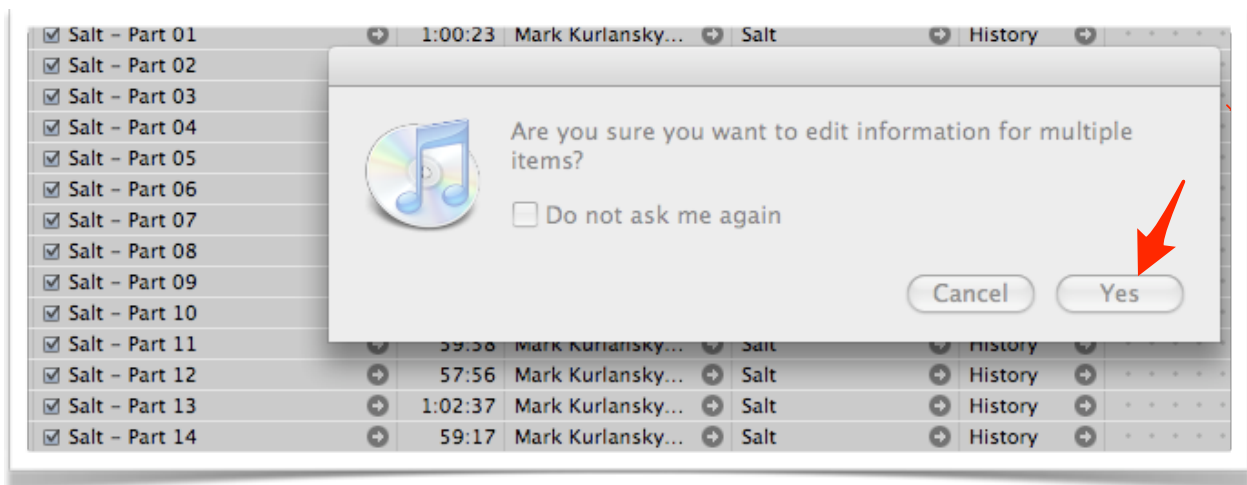
4. You should see the name of your specific player or iPod listed in the wizard.



5. Click "Next."
6. Watch the status of the transfer...

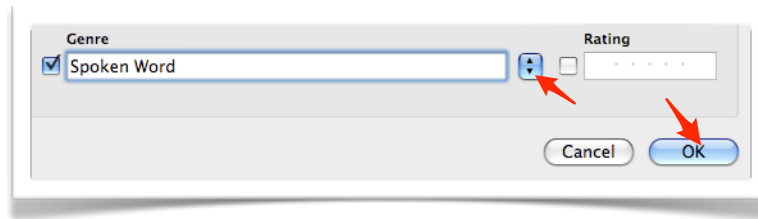


7. The MP3 files are now on your iPod, but they are not actually classified as “audiobook” files. Your iPod will manage the files better if you classify these files as an audiobook.
8. Open iTunes.
9. File the files on your iPod >> Music.
10. Select all of the files at once. (It’s easier than changing them one by one!)

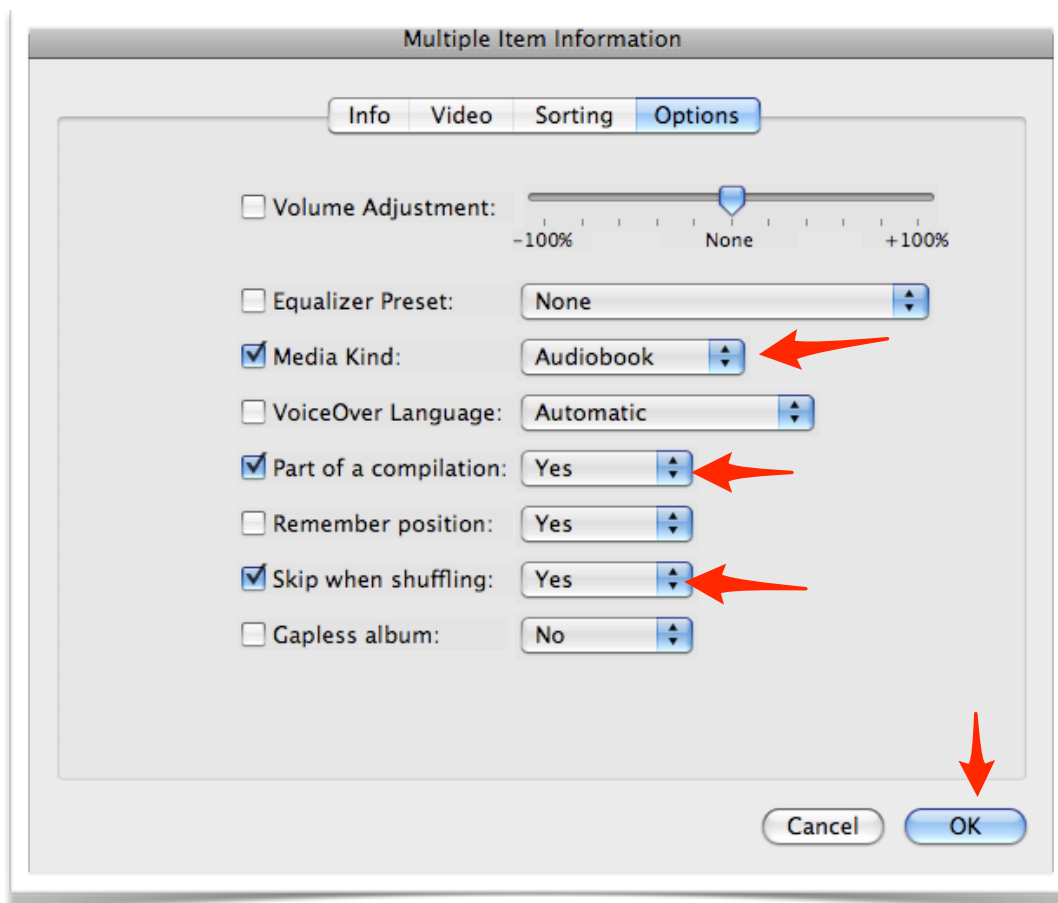


11. From the iTunes menu items >> *File menu* >> *Get Info*.
12. A new dialog box opens to the “Info” tab.

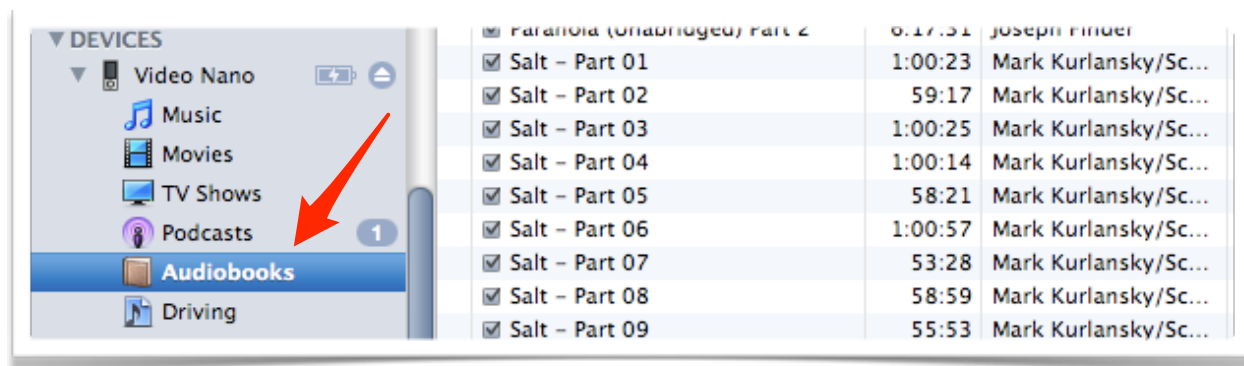
13. From the expandable list of genres, select “Spoken Word.”
14. Click “OK” to save your changes.



15. Keeping the same dialog box open, switch to the “Options” tab.
16. Make the following changes:
  - Media Kind: Audiobook
  - Part of a compilation: Yes
  - Skip when shuffling: Yes
17. Click “OK” to save your changes.



18. Your iPod will sync again with iTunes and the MP3 audiobook will move to an audiobooks folder on your iPod.



19. Safely eject your iPod from the computer and enjoy the MP3 audiobook!

## Burning an MP3 Audiobook to CDs

- You will use the OverDrive Media Console's "Burn Wizard" to burn CD of the MP3 audiobooks. Select the desired audiobook and click the "Burn" button. The Burn Wizard will open and prompt you to add and remove CDs as necessary.
- Only use CD-Rs when burning CDs. Oftentimes CD-RWs will not play in car stereos.
- Each part of an audiobook will need one CD.

## SUPPORT

*Please contact your local library for more assistance.*