

# Mobile Library2Go: downloading direct to handheld devices

What to say when someone says  
“can I get *that* 📖 on *this* 📱?”

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More options, more to explain :-)

[Overdrive / Library2go](#) has new options for downloading audiobooks directly to smartphones and related devices, including apps for:

- Windows Mobile devices (September 2009)
- Android phones (December 2009)
- Blackberry devices (February 2010)  
and now....
- iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch (April 2010)



So you want to download a book  
to your handheld device?

**YES** you can...

- download MP3 audio books to various devices
- do it “direct” and cut a couple steps out of the process
- do it without learning a lot of new stuff (software works the same)

# But...things are not as cool as we'd like. For right now:

- No e-books for direct download
- No WMA/WMV formats  
(except on Windows Mobile devices)
- Process still involves a lot of steps

## What this means to most users:

- Less content available
- Some unexpected app behavior  
i.e.  
WMA downloads can crash  
application without explanation



But things will improve.....



**These limitations will fade over time**  
– all apps are due for updates this year for better access to content including e-books, plus library2go title mix should shift to more non-DRM items as the collection matures

# “OK, so how does this work?”

## Tip #1: It's just like the desktop version...

1. You must start with the library2go website first by using your browser
2. Search, find, add to wish lists, place holds, put things in your 2go cart, and checkout all using the browser
3. When you click Download, the device will switch to the Overdrive app and load the book information and allow you to start the actual file downloads.
4. To access another title, return to the browser and click Download.



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“OK, so what ya got right now?”

## Tip #2: Do some setup before downloading

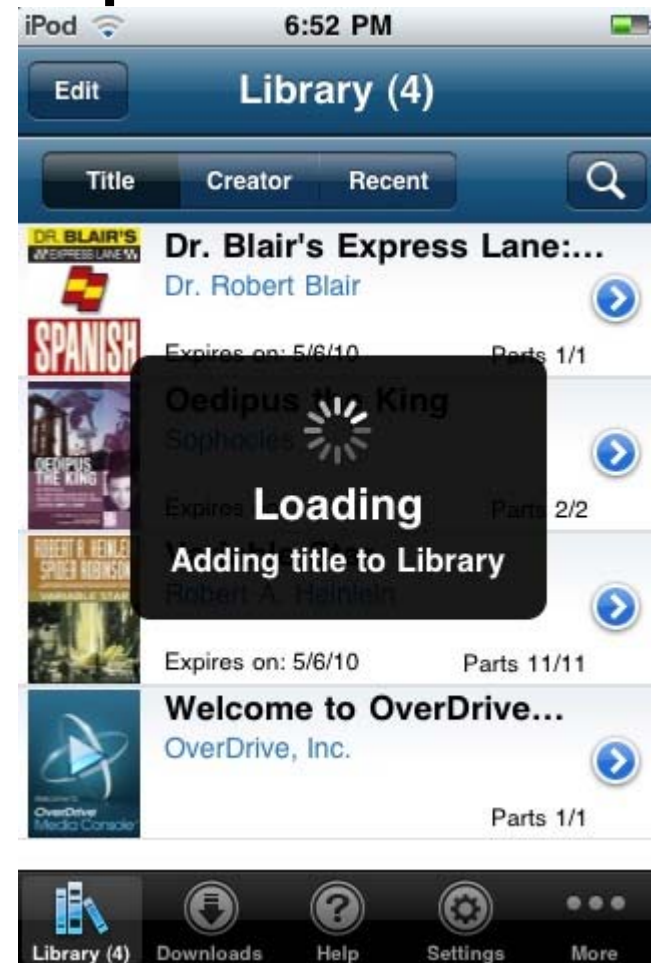
1. **Make a bookmark** in the browser or shortcut on your Home page to library2go
2. **Log into your account** in library2go website before “shopping”
3. **Use Advanced Search** and Narrow by Format: *Overdrive MP3 Audiobook*
4. **Change results per page** to “25”
5. **Use the Wish List function** for faster bookmarking and browsing
6. If you want to download right now, **limit search to “Only show titles with copies available”**



# “Why use the Mobile App?”

## Pros and Cons of mobile app vs. desktop transfer

- **PRO: Two less steps to do;** no syncing to iTunes or Windows Media Player
- **PRO: you can do it wirelessly** from anywhere that has wi-fi access
- **PRO/CON: Files stay on your player until you delete them.** If the book expires and you check it out again, no extra download needed. Expired books must be manually deleted from app to save space.
- **CON: For most users, less content is available for use on mobile device**
- **CON: No ebooks at this time**  
(For more information on requirements for mobile devices and e-books, read more at the Overdrive site for details)



# The bottom line



- Some content is available via direct download without a desktop or sync
- Options vary depending on devices and operating systems
- Options WILL change with ongoing updates
- For the most up-to-date information?

Software:

<http://www.overdrive.com/software/omc/>

Hardware:

<http://www.overdrive.com/resources/drc/>