

# Tech Talks: Overdrive eBooks and Audiobooks (Apple/Android)

Use your SCPL library card to access digital books, audiobooks, magazines

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## Why

### Cons

- Several steps (initial setup)
- Internet and electricity required
- Screen fatigue
- Nostalgia/preference for physical books (smell)
- Tactile sense/memory/point of physical reference

### Pros

- Can't damage or lose
- Don't worry about returning
- Many items on one device
- Audio - for hands-free
- Quotes and notes
- Search feature
- Dictionary

## Resources

- Santa Cruz Public Library website > Download/Stream  
<https://www.santacruzpl.org/ematerials>
- Niche Academy Videos and Tutorials  
<https://my.nicheacademy.com/santacruzpl/course/1451>

## Terms

- **Overdrive** - Company specializing in lendable digital content for libraries
- **Libby** - Overdrive's mobile app for digital content
- **Kindle** - Amazon's ebook system includes device hardware, mobile app, browser
- **Whispersync** - Link between Kindle ebooks and Audible audiobooks designed to keep your place while reading and listening
- **X-Ray** - Enhanced research function for Kindle

## Demos

- Catalog Search
- Account Settings
- Borrowing & Requests
- Reading/Listening Features
- Using Kindle