

## Library eBooks & Audiobooks: OverDrive & Adobe Digital Editions for USB Devices

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**Overview:** Learn how to borrow library eBooks and audiobooks from OverDrive and enjoy them on USB devices such as **eReaders** (*Nook GlowLight, older Kindle eReaders*), **MP3 players** (*iPods*), and **older tablets** (*Nook Color, Nook HD*).

\*\*\*Pair this handout with **OverDrive for Web Browsers**\*\*\*

**Student Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Requirements:** the **OverDrive for Web Browsers** handout (or prior experience), valid B&ECPL card, email address, basic computer skills, personal computer

**Objectives:**

- Install OverDrive & Adobe Digital Editions
- Setup OverDrive & Adobe Digital Editions
- Download, Transfer & Return Items

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[www.buffalolib.org/content/computer-training](http://www.buffalolib.org/content/computer-training) or call (716) 858-8900.

## Install OverDrive & Adobe Digital Editions

\*\*\*Follow the directions on the handout titled **OverDrive for Web Browsers** but do not click to read or listen in browser.\*\*\*

Instead, select the option to download the eBook or audiobook to your computer. For **eBooks**, select **EPUB eBook** from the drop down menu. For **audiobooks**, you will download the **MP3 audiobook**.

The first time you try to download each item type from OverDrive, a popup will appear (shown below) confirming that you have the **OverDrive app** (in this case, **OverDrive for Windows Desktop or Mac**) and **Adobe Digital Editions**. Clicking on the links in this popup will take you to the website for downloading this software. Follow the directions there to download and install.

If you do not get this popup, **OverDrive** can be downloaded from <http://app.overdrive.com> and **Adobe Digital Editions** from [http://www.adobe.com/gr\\_en/solutions/eBook/digital-editions/download.html](http://www.adobe.com/gr_en/solutions/eBook/digital-editions/download.html).

The screenshot shows the 'Loans' page on the OverDrive website. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Loans, Holds, Wish list, Rated titles, History, and Settings. The main content area shows two book items, each with a 14-day expiration period.

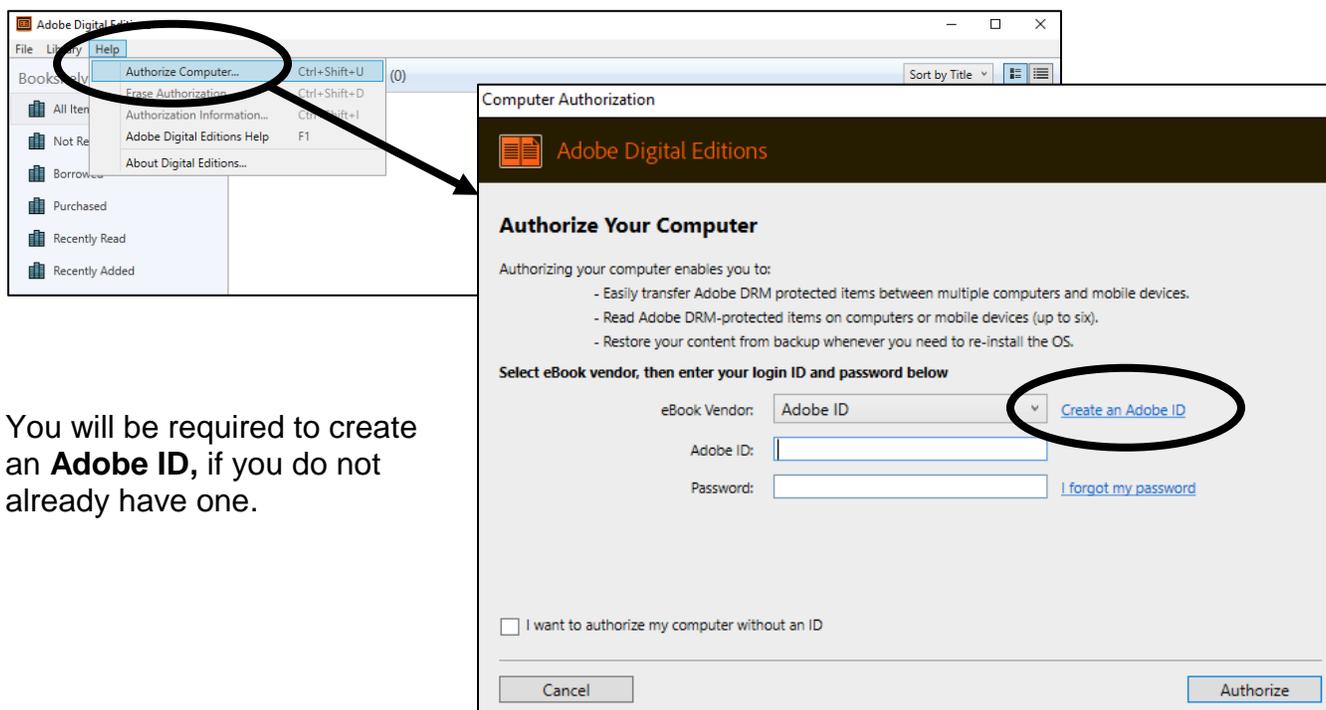
- Item 1:** 'The Amulet of Samarkand' by Jonathan Stroud, Audiobook format. It has a 5-star rating. The 'Download MP3 audiobook' button is circled in black, with an arrow pointing to a 'DEVICE COMPATIBILITY NOTICE' popup. The popup text reads: 'The OverDrive app is required for this format on your current device.' The 'CONFIRM' button is circled in black.
- Item 2:** 'Top Secret Twenty-One' by Janet Evanovich, EPUB eBook format. It has a 5-star rating. The 'Download EPUB eBook' button is circled in black, with an arrow pointing to a 'DEVICE COMPATIBILITY NOTICE' popup. The popup text reads: 'The OverDrive app or Adobe Digital Editions is required for this format on your current device.' The 'CONFIRM' button is circled in black.

**NOTE:** For Windows, you will need **OverDrive for Windows Desktop** if you want to transfer books to your device. The Windows 8 & 10 version is for enjoying books on your computer.

## Setup OverDrive & Adobe Digital Editions

**Adobe Digital Editions** is the software you will use to download and open eBooks on your computer, transfer to your USB device, and return them.

Once you've installed **Adobe Digital Editions**, click on **Help** then on **Authorize Computer**.



You will be required to create an **Adobe ID**, if you do not already have one.

If you created an **OverDrive account**, instead of using your library card, select OverDrive from eBook Vendor dropdown and use that instead of an Adobe ID.

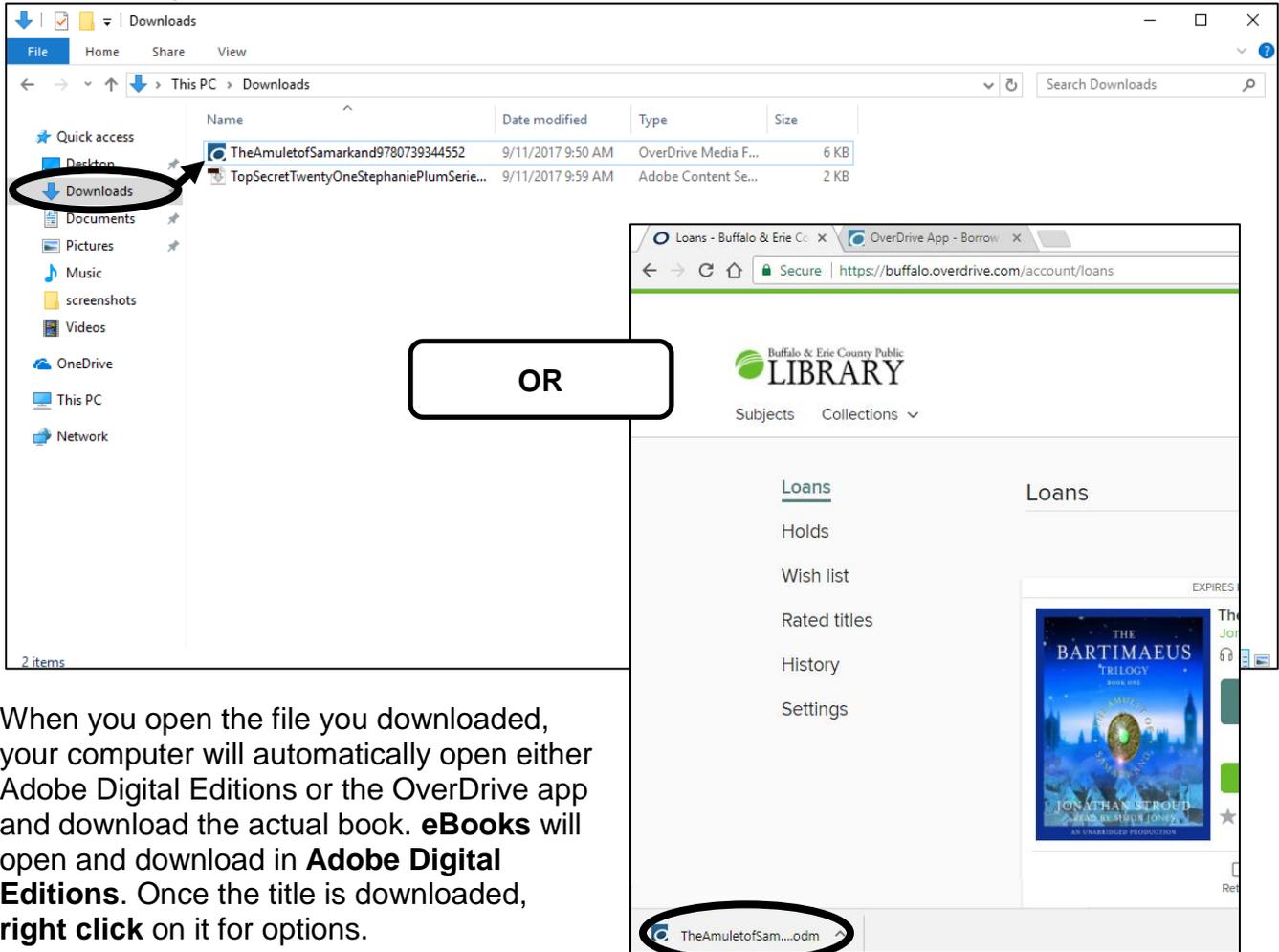
There is no special setup for the **OverDrive app** once it is installed. The OverDrive app will be used for downloading audiobooks and transferring them to your USB device.

## Download, Transfer & Return Items

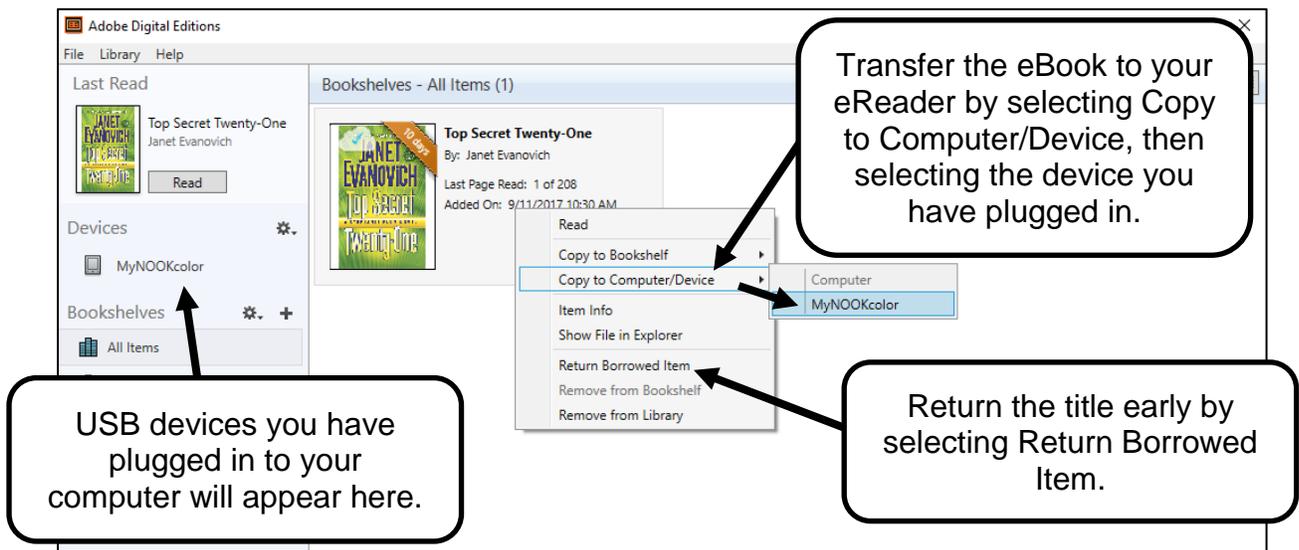
Return to your web browser and click **CONFIRM** on the popup telling you to download the OverDrive app and Adobe Digital Editions.

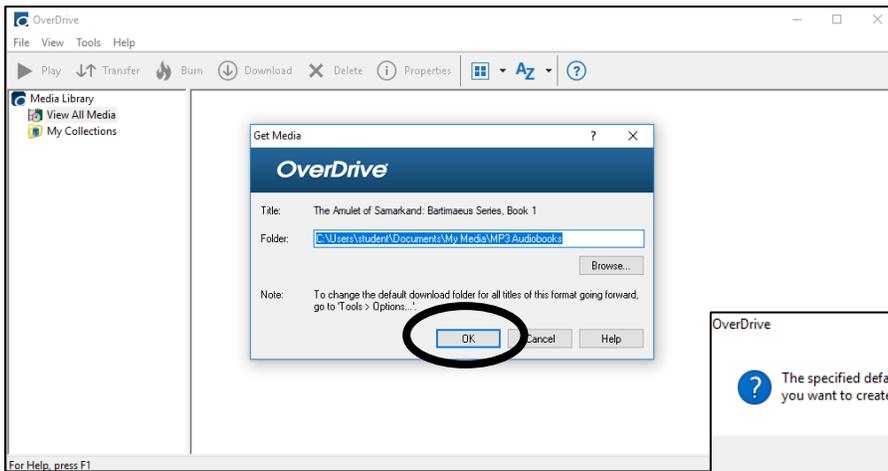
The files you download from the OverDrive website will not be in readable form. Instead, they will be files you open in either Adobe Digital Editions (if an eBook) or the OverDrive app (if an audiobook).

Once they have finished downloading, click on the files as they appear at the bottom of your web browser or locate them in your computer files and folders. By default, they should download to your **Downloads folder**.

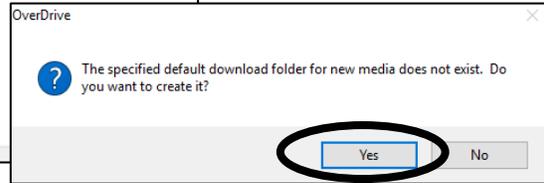


When you open the file you downloaded, your computer will automatically open either Adobe Digital Editions or the OverDrive app and download the actual book. **eBooks** will open and download in **Adobe Digital Editions**. Once the title is downloaded, **right click** on it for options.

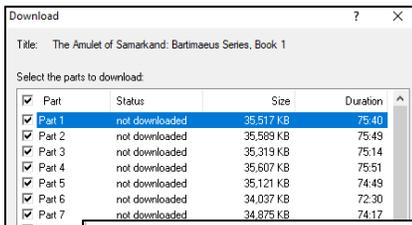




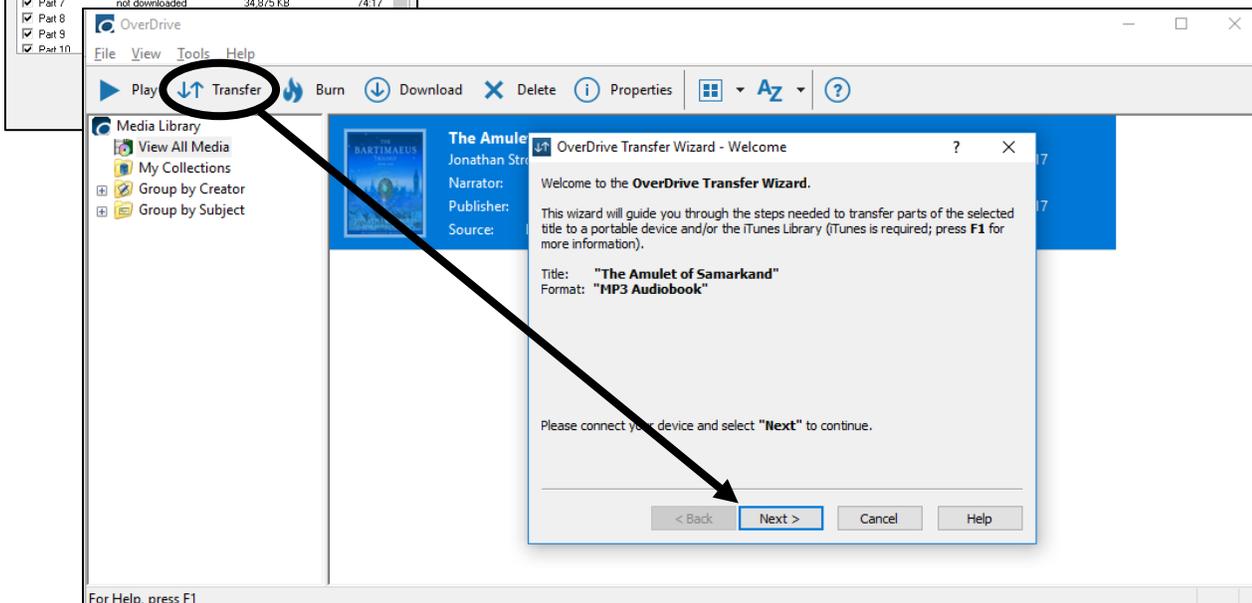
**Audiobooks** will open and download in the **OverDrive** app.

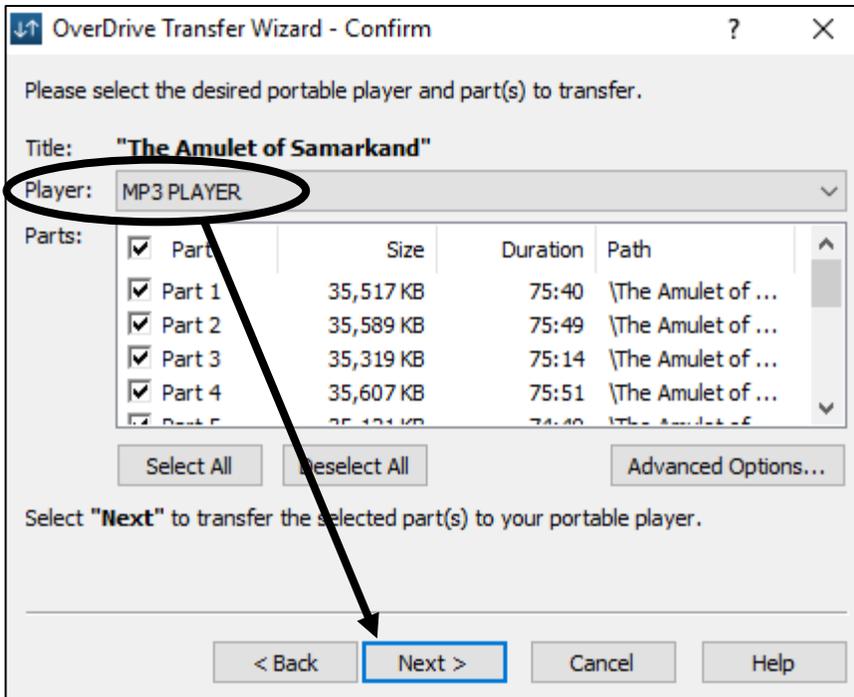


Click **OK**, then **YES** on the next popup to allow the OverDrive app to download the audiobook to the default folder.



Because the size of an audio file is much larger than the text file, audiobooks will download in parts. Go ahead and click **OK** to download all of the parts (it is unlikely that your computer does not have enough space for the entire book.)





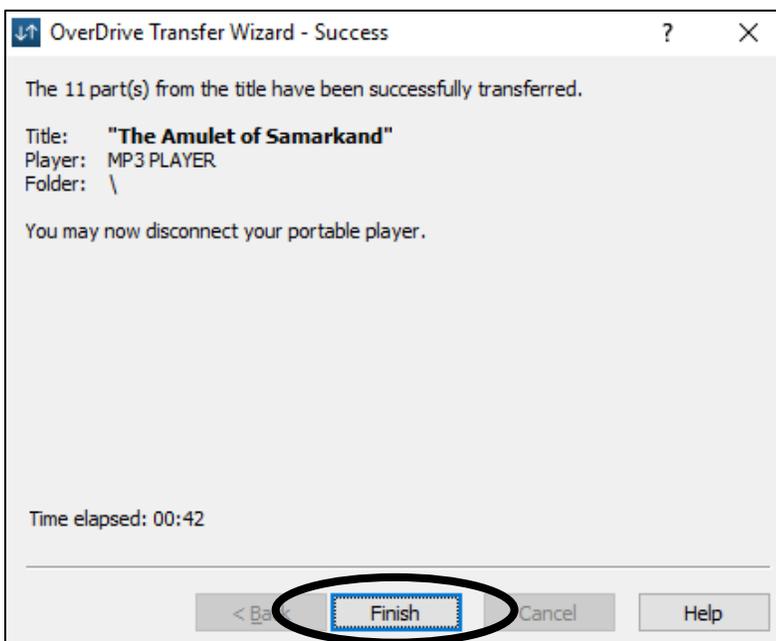
Plug in your USB device if you haven't already.

Next click on **Transfer** to move it to a USB device. Then, click **Next**.

Select your USB device next to **Player** and click next to transfer the files.

The name of the USB device as it appears on your computer will vary depending on what it is.

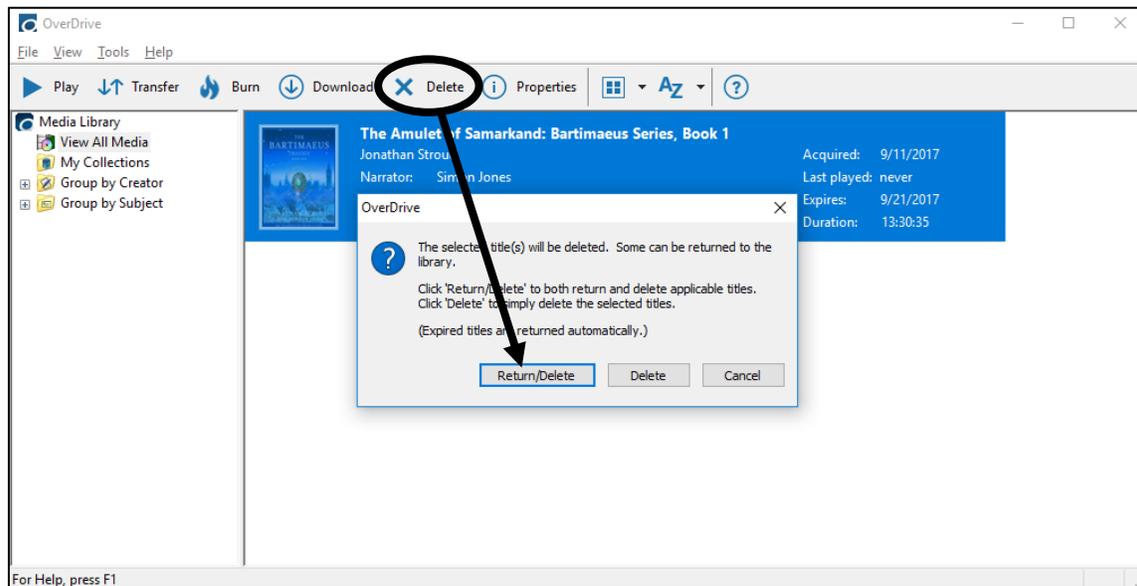
Notice that there is also a **Burn** option next to Transfer, for creating CDs.



When the audiobook has finished transferring, you will see a **Success** notification. Click **Finish**, then eject and remove your USB device.

In Windows, you eject by right clicking the device in File Explorer and selecting Eject or selecting to eject it from the System Tray. In Mac, you eject by selecting it on the desktop and pressing Command + E or by clicking the eject icon in Finder.

When you are finished with the audiobook and wish to return it early, highlight the title by clicking on it, then click on **Delete**. Confirm your deletion by clicking **Return/Delete** on the popup.



**NOTE:** Even if you forget to return a title, Adobe Digital Editions and OverDrive will expire the titles automatically. There are never any late fees!

## Troubleshooting

Every device is different. Some require your titles to be in a specific folder on the device.

Be sure the device is actually compatible with the format you are using.

Check that the date and time are set correctly on your computer and device (if applicable.)

If the files downloaded from the OverDrive website do not automatically open in Adobe Digital Editions or in the OverDrive app first make sure the apps are installed. If they are and it isn't working, open the app first, then open the downloaded file from within the app itself.

Files from the OverDrive website expire after a short time, resulting in a licensing error message, so if you do not open them immediately you will need to download them again.

If you need further assistance, please feel free to call the number listed on the front page of this handout.