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Library Now Offers MP3 eAudiobooks Compatible with iPods and other MP3 Players

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library has expanded its collection of downloadable eAudiobooks by adding approximately 400 titles in MPEG Layer 3 (MP3) format that can be played on Apple iPods and iPhones, as well as on hundreds of other MP3 players and many cell phones. In addition, SDPL offers approximately 900 digital eAudiobooks in Windows Media Audio (WMA) format, which can be played on many MP3 players, but not on iPods and iPhones. Library card holders can check out the eAudiobooks anytime, anywhere by visiting <http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>.

“We are proud and excited to offer this cutting-edge service,” said Library Deputy Director Bruce Johnson. “Our customers can download a wide range of eAudiobooks — from language-learning courses to current best-selling novels and nonfiction — at no charge and in the convenience of their own homes.”

The digital collection will grow constantly with new titles in a variety of genres and subject areas. The Library has digital eAudiobooks by such literary greats as Jane Austen and Leo Tolstoy, and such contemporary writers as Stephen King and Joyce Carol Oates. The library also plans to offer downloadable videos in the future.

The Library uses software from OverDrive, Inc., a leader in providing digital media. Users can install the free OverDrive Media Console on a computer running Windows 98SE or above, including Microsoft Vista. (A Macintosh version of the software is in development.) They can check out up to five eAudiobooks at a time and play them on their computer, transfer them to a portable player, or burn them to CD. Digital titles automatically expire after three weeks, so there are no overdue notices or late fees.

Learn about events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library’s catalog online at <http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>.

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