NEW PRODUCT NEWS

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OverDrive Releases Audiobook Applications for Windows Mobile and Android Phones

www.overdrive.com

OverDrive announced the release of the OverDrive Media Console for Windows Mobile, as well as the beta release of OverDrive Media Console for Android. These new smartphone apps will enable users to wirelessly download audiobooks to their devices and play the titles with the same navigation features of OverDrive’s desktop software.

OverDrive Media Console users can navigate downloaded audiobooks using MediaMarkers, create bookmarks, and resume from the last point played. In addition, audiobooks downloaded from public libraries in the OverDrive network will automatically expire in the app so there is never a late fee.

Mobile Version of the EBSCOhost Platform Puts Database Content in Users’ Hands

www.ebsco.com

EBSCO is bringing its EBSCOhost databases to users—even if users are on their smartphones. EBSCO has released EBSCOhost Mobile allowing users to access their EBSCOhost databases from smartphones and other handheld devices. All databases and services currently available on the EBSCOhost platform will be available through EBSCOhost Mobile.

The main EBSCOhost Mobile screen offers a number of options including choosing which EBSCOhost database(s) to search plus setting search options, accessing field codes, and specifying preferences. The interface has been simplified by removing folders and some other more advanced features for increased speed and user convenience.

Alexander Street Streaming Music and Video Content to go Mobile in 2010

http://alexanderstreet.com

Alexander Street Press announced that they will release a free iPhone application in early 2010 that will make their complete line of online streaming music collections—including Classical Music Library, Jazz Music Library, and Smithsonian Global Sound for Libraries—fully accessible on iPhone and iPod Touch handheld devices. With subsequent releases, patrons of subscribing libraries will also be able to access all Alexander Street video collections, such as American History in Video, Theatre in Video, and the forthcom-