



## MLS partners with Global Leader in eBooks

At the opening of the BETT Show 2012 ([www.bettshow.com](http://www.bettshow.com)), MLS proudly announces their partnership with OverDrive ([www.overdrive.com](http://www.overdrive.com)) the global leader in eBook distribution. MLS, the UK's leading provider of library management software to education who already support over 14,000 schools with their engaging and innovative software, is leading the way once again with an integrated eBook solution for UK schools and colleges.

*Daniel Tennent (MLS, Business Development Director) said "there is a rapidly growing interest in ebooks and MLS has a responsibility to deliver a best of breed solution to support our schools and learners. Overdrive are committed to helping us deliver the very best content through a simple easy to use integrated solution."*

*"OverDrive is excited to help UK schools motivate young readers with a proven eBook solution," said Claudia Weissman, OverDrive's International Business Director. "With our title selection, user experience and deep integration with the MLS platform, schools will be able to supplement their school libraries effectively and efficiently."*

OverDrive, the leading global supplier to libraries and schools worldwide, is compatible with all major desktop and mobile platforms, including Windows, iOS and Android. With a growing catalogue of 300,000 popular, classic and educational titles in eBook and audiobook formats, OverDrive's School Download Library helps teachers by complementing the existing curriculum and increasing student engagement. Publishers in OverDrive's extensive catalogue include Raintree UK, A&C Black, Bloomsbury, Dorling Kindersley, Oakhill Publishing, BBC Audiobooks (AudioGO), Walker Books, McArthur & Company Publishing Limited, Skyhorse, ABDO Publishing, Advance Publishing, Albert Whitman & Company, Oxford University Press, plus many more providing a wide range of eBooks, Audiobooks and other educational tools.

Each participating school can access their own custom "School Download Library," and select from OverDrive's vast catalogue to build their collection to support the reading curriculum, research and learning as well as encourage reading for pleasure. All titles are housed on a secure, custom-branded website available to students and staff anytime, anywhere. Key benefits for schools include the engagement of students of all reading levels, and in particular reluctant readers through the use of technology, leading to good reading habits. Other benefits are the ability to self issue resources from home as well as school and there are no more returns or overdue notices as the borrowed title simply expires at the end of a lending period.

These eBooks and audiobooks are now easily accessible on the computers and devices students already own including Windows® PC, Mac®, iPad®, iPhone®, Android™ phone or tablet, Sony® Reader, NOOK™, BlackBerry®, Windows® Phone and other devices.

## **About MLS**

Established since 1981, MLS have been working at the forefront of library automation. Leading the way on a number of successful advancements, being the first to incorporate biometric technology into their systems, developing hand held mobile solutions, integrating library resource centre management with learning platforms and VLE's, and most recently the development of mobile app's (iPad®, iPhone®, Android™, Mobile 7) to extend the reach of the library. Over the years MLS has made it a priority to listen carefully to their customers, constantly evolving the systems to keep pace with ongoing developments in the educational industry. MLS have a strong understanding of the unique requirements within the market, already providing ongoing support to thousands of schools and colleges and the popularity of the systems now extends to over 14,000 educational clients.

The growing MLS community of new and existing users continues to develop, securing a leading position in the UK and generating further success throughout Europe and the rest of the globe.

## **About OverDrive**

OverDrive is a leading multichannel digital distributor of eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video. OverDrive delivers secure management, DRM protection, and download fulfilment services for hundreds of publishers and thousands of libraries, schools, and retailers, serving millions of end users. OverDrive has been named to the EContent 100 as a company that matters most in the digital content industry. Founded in 1986, OverDrive is based in Cleveland, OH.

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