

Technology Tip Tuesdays

AudioOwl



<http://www.audioowl.com/>

Have a long commute to work? Need a book to listen to on that next long road trip? What about needing the audio of a specific book for a class you teach? AudioOwl gives you access to all of the world's public domain audio books. Because these books are in the public domain, nobody holds a copyright on these books and they can be distributed by anyone to anyone!

Here are some of the great aspects of AudioOwl:

- These audio books can be downloaded in iTunes or MP3 formats to provide you the convenience of downloading them in the format that best suits your needs!
- Before you download them, you can listen to a preview right on the screen of the book you found!
- There are genres for all ages and interests...so everyone will be able to find something they like here!
- The goal of this site is to provide a mostly visual browsing experience for the user. Whenever you select a title, you get a visually appealing display of the book cover!
- You can browse by genre, title, author, or keyword!
- Whenever you select a title,
- These books are FREE!!!

The screenshot shows the AudioOwl.com homepage. At the top left is the owl logo. The main header features the site name and a search bar with the text "Search by: Title, Author or Keyword" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar is a "Fiction Books" section with a pagination bar showing "Page 1 of 10" and buttons for pages 1 through 10, plus a "View all" link. A callout box points to the search bar with the text "Search for a particular book or author of interest!". Below the "Fiction Books" section is a "Featured free audio books — Fiction" section displaying book covers for "THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON", "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte, and "ANNIE OF GREENGATE" by L.M. Montgomery. A callout box points to the "View all" link in the pagination bar with the text "Click View All to get a list of all books for a particular genre". On the left side, there are two vertical lists of genre buttons: "Popular Genres" (Children, Fiction, Fantasy, Mystery) and "More Genres" (Adventure, Children, Comedy). A callout box points to the "More Genres" list with the text "Select from a long list of genres!".