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Dear iPod Users:

The *Audio Books, Music and More* project launched this month features digital audio for the Windows platform. The State Library of Kansas would love to provide digital audio for both Mac and Windows platforms and it is not our intent to exclude iPod users. We look forward to the day when Apple and Microsoft can come to an agreement which allow downloads to both types of systems.

For those who would like to determine if their portable audio devices can be used to play digital books and music from the collection, the following site lists WMA (Windows Media Audio) portable devices which will allow the downloading of digital audio files from *Audio Books, Music and More*:

<http://www.overdrive.com/deviceresourcecenter/compatible.asp> .

The following article provides some useful background about the incompatibility issues:

Norman Oder, "Will Audiobooks fit on iPods?", *Library Journal*, June 1, 2005.

<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA602667.html&>

We remain hopeful that there will be a technical solution that will allow us to provide digital audio for a greater range of devices in the future.

Sincerely,

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