

AUDIOBOOKS AND PODCASTS

Audiobooks are all the rage! Thanks for the great response to our workshop on audio-publishing and here are the links we discussed. Those with an * are also open for submissions.

Free Stories for Readers:

Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine and Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine.* - These magazines are now owned by one company, so both are located at www.themysteryplace.com. Click on the magazine images and follow the links, looking for tabs labeled "Mystery podcasts." These are stories from older issues, by established authors.

Sword and Scale - True crime and bizarre murders. - swordandscale.com

True Murder - Host discusses books with true crime authors. blogtalkradio.com/dan-zupansky1

Decoder Ring Theatre - Canadian-produced radio-style plays, featuring shows like Black Jack Justice, Private Detective. - decoderringtheatre.com

PodcastOne - dozens of talk-show podcasts, news and pop culture. - podcastone.com

EscapePod* - all-audio science fiction and otherworldly stories. - escapepod.org

Clarkesworld* - literary and thought-provoking speculative fiction, offered as an e-magazine and several stories available in audio. - clarkesworldmagazine.com

Drabblecast* - Fiction "on the far side of weird." - drabblecast.org

Pima County Public Library - If you haven't discovered their website yet, do so. You can request CD audiobooks from any of the 26 Pima Co. Library branches and have it delivered to the branch closest to you. More audiobooks can be downloaded through partnering programs between Pima County and digital providers. As always, librarians are there to help with the technical aspects of all this. Just ask. - library.pima.gov

Librivox - Classics that are in the public domain, read by volunteers. - librivox.org

Podiobooks - Free audiobooks, broken up into chapter-sized chunks for downloading. They also provide publishing services, but books must be offered for free. - podioobooks.com

Audible - They offer both individual audiobooks for sale, and a monthly subscription service, in which you can select and download a certain number of audiobooks every month, depending on the level you want to pay for. - audible.com

For Writers:

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