Kindle, Nook (and more!) Educators

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A message to all members of Kindle, Nook (and more!) Educators

Hi everybody! Thanks to everyone for their contributions this past week. Also, welcome to those of you who joined this week.

News from the Groups:

A lot of discussion is taking place in the <u>Library Group</u> regarding the cataloging ebooks. **Patty McClune** posted how her school is cataloging their Kindles and Nooks. See her post and join in the discussion here.

Interesting facts: There are more members of the **Nook Group** (20) than the **Kindle Group** (14). The **Library Group** is the largest overall (34 members), and the **High School Group** is the largest level-related group (20 members). Does this tell us that Nooks for high school **libraries** represents the wave of the future?

Please find a group to join--that way we can focus in on specific needs within a group, while sharing ideas and breakthroughs with everyone.

Upcoming Webinar: E-book lending and borrowing for beginners

The **February 8th Webinar** is right around the corner. The votes on the poll to select the topic tied between e-book lending and classroom strategies, so we're going to do them both! On February 8th we will tackle the lending/borrowing issue, and then later in the month we will discuss classroom strategies for ereaders. Please register for the February 8 webinar on the Ning today!

Question of the week: Where can I find content for my ereader?

Now that you have received your ereaders at school, registered them, labeled and catalogued them, and slipped them into protective covers, the time has come to fill them up with great content. Virtually every ereader out there is associated with a bookstore, and that is the easiest and most seamless way to get content onto your devices. Of course, Amazon and the Kindle pretty much invented the system of wireless downloads of books from its store to its reader, and Barnes and Noble wasn't far behind. Kobo does it, as does Borders, and Sony even has its own bookstore. The bookstore your reader was designed to connect to is the first place to look for materials. All of these bookstores offer free public domain classics, as well as their pricier front list titles and other still-in-copyright books.



Outside the connected bookstore, though, there are a number of places to find an expanded list of free books. Google Books has long been a resource for public domain and out-of-print books as part of their book scanning project, and many of these are now available for download as PDF or ePub files. (See

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Member News:

- 1) As more and more ereaders are implemented into schools, organizing and loading ebooks onto multiple readers can be a confusing task.. Ning member **Kathy Parker** shared how to order books for multiple Kindles in response to a question posed by **Laura Gardner**. See the question and response here.
- 2) In response to the Screen Failure and Broken ereader posts, Ning member **Nate Hoffelder** shared information about the **Ectaco Jetbook**. The Jetbook has an LCD screen and seems to more durable. See Nate's post <u>here</u>.

eReaders in the News:

- 1) A recent study at the University of Notre Dame found that students preferred the iPad as an ereader and learned more in the class. See the article here.
- 2) Libraries are looking for ways to adapt to the technological reading habits of their patrons. This library in Utica, NY is currently renting 800+ titles. See the story <u>here</u>.
- 3) In September a Harris Interactive Poll focused on ereaders and reading patterns. The survey found that readers with ereaders read more. The survey also indicated that more people plan to purchase ereaders in the next year. A summary of the poll can be found in an article from the <u>School Library</u> Journal.

Quote of the Week:

"Amazon.com is now selling more Kindle books than paperback books. Since the beginning of the year, for every 100 paperback books Amazon has sold, the Company has sold 115 Kindle books. Additionally, during this same time period the company has sold three times as many Kindle books as hardcover books."---Amazon.com Website

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