

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 who attended Tuesday night's webinar on the topic of **eReader Device Comparison**. An email will be going out to everyone who registered with a link to the archived presentation and chat transcript, with links to resources. Jeremy will also be posting these links under the **Resources** tab at the top of the page. Congratulations to **Andy Plemmons** (GA) and **Peg Dryden** (NY) who were the winners of the door prizes provided by M-Edge Accessories!

The next webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 pm EST**. The topic will be announced later this month. Other details to follow!

Groups are here! Jeremy has been hard at work creating groups so that users of specific devices or working at specific age levels can get together and address questions and ideas from a more focused perspective. (Hint: one of the door prize requirements for the February door prize will be that the winner must be the member of at least one group! Of course, it is always a requirement to win that you have a profile photo uploaded to the site...)

Member **Laura Sheneman** posted a link to the results of a survey from 165 librarians across America. You can see the results right here: <http://bit.ly/eHpfVB> (Interesting snippet from the survey: when asked the question "Would you recommend the purchase of ereaders for students in the library?" over 80% of the respondents said "No.") Lots of good stuff here--check it out!

Question of the Week: To Loan or Not to Loan?

A lot of discussion has been taking place about the loaning of ereaders. Several libraries and college universities have implemented ereader loan programs. See information about Duke University's Library Kindle program [here](#). Sue Polanka has blogged extensively on this subject at her blog. Click [here](#) for a link to a presentation Polanka conducted on the Challenges and Opportunities to ebooks in Public Libraries. Edukindle Ning member **Anne Weaver** posted some great information about the Terms of Service on Amazon's Kindle. See the discussion [here](#). Also, check out a response directly from Amazon on the subject found [here](#) in a discussion started by member **Maureen Plourd**.

An article about Kindle, Nook, and Sony borrowing in Broward County (FL) can be found here: <http://bit.ly/gEUMCw>

At this time, I am not sure there is a "clear-cut" answer to the loaning question. Amazon has assisted school districts in setting up loan programs, yet their terms of service are clear that loaning is prohibited by the Kindle Terms of Service. As news on lending develops, I will continue with updates. **Please keep the dialogue on the Ning going**. Our community is very valuable as we continue to learn the best practices from one another.

News from the Members:

1) eReader ownership is on the rise. A September 2010 poll suggests that 12% of people plan to purchase an ereader in the next six months, according to a new Harris Interactive [poll](#). Ning member **Matt Arnold** blogged about the importance of reading with young children digitally. See the post on his profile [here](#).

2) Different ereaders offer different options for the reader. Ning member **Judy Hauser** posted the question "Which ereader would you recommend for a second grade student?" See the question and the responses [here](#).

eReaders in the News:

1) Barnes and noble reported selling 1 million ebooks on Christmas Day. Check out the USA Today [article](#) discussing how ebooks outsold print books the week after the holidays.

2) Is the iPad a Kindle Killer? According to a recent survey, people are saying no. Check out this [article](#) by Erick Schonfeld of TechCrunch.

3) In case you missed it...The Edukindle Ning was featured in the Tech & Learning publication. You can read the article [here](#).

Quote of the Week:

"No matter how the trend toward e-books pans out, "it's good for readers, and reading is good for publishing,". --Scott Lubeck of the Book Industry Study Group

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