

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. We are nearing the 700 member mark!

Upcoming Webinar:

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:

Be sure to join a **group**. Additional information will be added in the information and news section of each group soon. If you have an idea for a group that has not been created, message Jeremy. (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...)

Question of the week: What are Android tablets and what can they do?



Many Android [tablets](#) have hit the market or plan to hit the market soon. They run on Google's open source code for mobile devices (until now mostly cell phones) called Android. These tablets have ereader capability and more. Several companies have released tablets that have the potential to compete with Apple's iPad. Other companies have released some great devices for half the price of the iPad, or less. See a tablet comparison chart [here](#). One thing to consider is whether the tablet you purchase will have the availability to the apps you want. For example, some Android powered devices are not supported by the [Android marketplace](#), which means apps cannot be purchased from them. This [article](#) at Android Tablet US discusses the specification for several tablets available. Be sure to join the Android Tablet group if you have information to share or are planning to buy a tablet soon. I will be updating the group with articles and suggestions in the coming weeks. Android tablets that have been used by members of the Ning include the **Pandigital Novel**, the **Velocity Micro Cruz Reader**, and, of course, the **Nook Color**.

News from the Members:

1) eReaders provide opportunities for students to have access to material quickly. Without ereaders, students will usually have to wait a week or more to get their book depending on shipping and other factors. See **Kris Morahan's** great story in her post "[Kindle to the Rescue](#)".

2) Ning member **Sharyn Merrigan** posted her success with implementing a Kindle pilot program in her library. See her post in the Middle School Group [here](#). She also posted a [check out form](#) used at her school. This form is also available in the [resource](#) area on the ning.

3) New member **Bonnie Kelley** from the Pinellas County Public Schools, where Clearwater High School has provided Kindles to each of its students, was profiled along with Ning stalwarts **Kathy Parker, Kathy Burnette, and Paula Epker** in the recent **Tech and Learning** [article](#) by **Ellen Ullman**. (Members: add a comment to Ellen's article if you get a chance...)

eReaders in the News:

1) Google acquired a new company that focuses on software and hardware distribution of ebooks and ereaders. What does this mean for the ebook market? See the article [here](#).

2) Apple, Amazon, and Google are all attempting to get the "market" on the digital newsstand. See the article from [TechCrunch.com](#) [here](#).

3) eReader sales are currently increasing according to Gartner [research](#). Due to this increase in ereader use, how are libraries working to meet the digital demand? See this [article](#) to see how librarian Mark Swenson is adapting to the surge in digital demand.

Quote of the Week:

"The iPad... I think there are going to be a bunch of tablet-like devices. It's really a different product category. The Kindle is for readers."--[Jeff Bezos](#), CEO [Amazon.com](#)

Thanks again for your contributions to the EduKindleNing this week. Feel free to message me anytime with any questions that you have. Message me with any topics you would like to see in the newsletter as well. Have a great week!

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