

Kindle, Nook (and more!) Educators

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

Hi everybody, and Happy New Year!

There is lots to tell you, so let me start with a reminder of the next webinar, a **Comparison of eReader Device Options, that will be held next Tuesday, January 11, at 7:00 pm EST**. Once again, there will be door prizes for any member of this Ning who has uploaded a profile photo or avatar image, so get in the game and join in the fun! Sign up for this session at the [Ning](#).

We are also going to a new look for the site in the new year. Keep your eyes open for the changes, which should improve readability and keep things fresh. I am also debating if we shouldn't rename once and for all as **eBook Educators Group**, as there is a lot more to what is going on than Kindles and Nooks. What do you think?

As many of you know, I have my own eBook publishing company called **eReadia** (see logo and link in sidebar). One of the most fun publishing projects we have been involved with is publishing a new children's book by popular YA novelist **Alan Sitomer**. Well, Alan just got a new Kindle and really likes it. You can read his thoughts [here](#), and you can learn more about his kids book (title: *Cinder-Smella, A Timeless Tale of Stinky Feet*) [here](#), and you can "like" the book on Facebook [here](#).



I also want to introduce to many of you a new member of the eReadia team, **Jeremy Rinkel**, who is helping me manage the site and keep it up to date. We are just about to go over 600 members (woot!) and I thought we could use some extra elbow grease. Jeremy is a teacher in Effingham IL and a self-published author. I am sure you will get to know him in the weeks and months ahead. Jeremy has prepared the following contribution to this week's letter, regarding password protection on ereaders:

Question: Can I password protect my ereader so students cannot download ebooks?

The [password](#) question is a very common question on the Ning regarding our students use of ereaders.

With the Kindle and most other ereaders, it is not possible to password protect purchases. The only ereader that has this option is the [Barnes and Noble Nook](#). Below are the steps to password protect purchases on your nook.

In four easy steps you can password protect your nook from unauthorized purchases.

Step 1 click Settings on the touchpad at the bottom of the device

Step 2 click on "device"

Step 3 select "Enable purchase password protection"

Step 4 enter the password for your B&N account

You may also password protect access to your nook following these simple steps.

Step 1 and Step 2 same as above

Step 3 select "Enable pass code"

Step 4 create and confirm password

In fact, Will just wrote a post on this at his blog, which you can view [here](#).

Getting Nooks Ready for Students

One of our members **Marianna DeMott** posted some great information on getting ereaders, specifically Nooks, into the hands of students. You can access the post [here](#). This post focuses on steps of getting downloading books and things to think about the implementation of an ereader program at your school.

When implementing an ereader program in a library or school, proper checkout policies need to be developed. I want to draw your attention to a check out form that was posted by **Kathy Burnette**. This permission/checkout [form](#) was designed for the Nook, but could be applied to other ereaders as well.

eReaders in the News

The Sydney Morning Herald published an [article](#) discussing the possibility of ebooks taking the place of paper books. Ereaders have the potential to transform the publishing industry as well as publication education. What impact will ereaders have on the future of publishing and education?

On December 6th, Google launched [Google eBooks](#), Google's digital bookselling enterprise. An [article](#) in The Wall Street Journal reports that Google now has ground to compete with Apple and Amazon in the attempt to get the strong hold on the digital book business. I really like the concept of having a book accessible via my Google account on multiple devices anytime and anywhere. From what I understand, I will be able to begin reading where I left off, even if I change my reading device. Will content be limited? The answer is no according to Scott Dougall, Google Product Management Director. "The Google e-book store will have a full complement of competitively priced best sellers and contain a wide array of scholarly, scientific, and professional titles making it the largest e-book store on the planet".

See you Tuesday!

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