

e-Book Lending and Borrowing, Kindle Tax exempt issue, Groups, and more!

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. The ning is nearing 900 members!

News from the Groups:

Groups are continuing to grow. The Library Group remains the largest with 48 members. As research is conducted, links and news articles will be added to the **news and information** section of each group. **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.

Question of the week: What do I need to know about E-book lending and borrowing?

The concept of borrowing and lending ebooks can be a confusing issue for teachers and librarians. We held a webinar on Tuesday evening that focused on E-book Lending and Borrowing for Beginners. **Will Delamater**, founder of eReadia and the Kindle, Nook (and more!) Educators Ning, discussed the three ways you can share/borrow/lend and stay in-line with copyright laws. First, you can share the book. Sharing the book means you can buy one book on one account and share it with six devices. Next, you may lend your book to another person on a different account. Lastly, libraries may lend books to patrons. You can watch the replay of the webinar by clicking [here](#), and read the transcript of the text chat [here](#). Borrowing and lending has been a relatively hot topic on the ning. Click here to see a discussion comparing the B & N Nook and Amazon Kindle. Another possible source for getting answers is the Kindle Review Blog. Click [here](#) to see a post related to Library lending on the Kindle.

Member News:

Nan Andrews started an interesting discussion in the **Kindle Users Group** about certain purchases not being tax exempt from Amazon. Her [post](#) indicates that when ebooks are purchased from “alternate publishers” you must request a refund via email or fax your tax exempt certificate. See the list of “alternate publishers” from Amazon [here](#).



Joanne Hammond shared a great article from Education World about Ereaders bringing an excitement and ease to reading. See the article [here](#). Other Ning members featured in addition to Joanne were **Will Delamater** and **Kathy Parker**. Patrick Mish, CEO of [M-Edge](#), was also featured. M-Edge is a co-sponsor of our webinars.

eReaders in the News:

A [survey](#) conducted by Digital Book World and Verso Digital focused on a lending gap, which means e-book lending “has a way to go”. One interesting statistic to note from the survey is that 7.9% of the respondents own an ereader, which was up from 2.9% in a previous survey.

When asked where the respondents usually borrow or purchase ebooks:

- 14.7% of respondents said local libraries.
- 15.2% of respondents said Barnes and Noble
- 27.6% of respondents said Amazon



Pew Research released a breakdown of gadget usage by generation. An article by Steven Jordan indicates a key age group was left out of the study. See the article [here](#). Click [here](#) to see a breakdown of gadget by age group.

Google unveiled its [Android Market Webstore](#) on February 2nd. Google also improved its payment system. See the article from Wired [here](#).

Quote of the Week:

“Never before in history has innovation offered promise of so much to so many in so short a time.” ---Bill Gates

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