

eReader Protection, iPad and eReader implementation, Upcoming Webinar, 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.

Groups:

The response to the new **groups** has been fantastic! 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. Also, we just started a **Grant Support** group, so if you have received a grant or are looking for one, please join and share your experiences!

Upcoming Webinar:

The **February 8th Webinar** is right around the corner. This time, it is up to **you** to help select the topic! Please respond to the poll on the front page to let us know your preferences!

Question of the week: How can I protect my ereaders from damage? Where can I purchase protective cases?

Damage is always a consideration when loaning materials out to students. Now that so much material is being distributed digitally, some kind of “player” is often involved. Such is the case with e-books and ereaders. Putting ereaders in the hands of students can be a scary thought, but buying a good protective case can help calm that fear. **Marianna DeMott** in her post [Broken e-Readers](#) states that you should consider the case you purchase for your ereader your “insurance policy.” The most common type of damage made to an ereader is “screen compression” or screen failure. Screen compression occurs when too much pressure is put on portions of the screen. See Marianna’s post on [screen failures](#), where she notes that carrying the recharging plug in the pocket of the case facing the screen is the likely cause of the failures she experienced. Ning member **Jean Craycraft** began a [discussion](#) on finding the best case to protect the Nooks her school checks out to students. Several places to check for covers are: [M-Edge Store](#), [Barnes and Noble](#), and [Amazon](#). Some members have also commented that they got the best prices for covers on **eBay**, so that is worth a look as well. And please, be sure to comment on the [“Broken e-Readers”](#) post if you have had particular luck with a specific case, or if you find another solution to this challenging problem..

Member News:

Elizabeth Roberts joined the Kindle, Nook and More Educators Ning last week. She works at the American School of Bombay, a pre-K-12 school. The school has a one-to-one laptop program in grades 6-12 and is beginning to research the using of ereaders. Currently, each laptop has Kindle for PC downloaded for students to read various ebooks. The American School of Bombay recently purchased six Kindles and is beginning to research the best practices of implementing the ereaders. “We aren’t really sure what our implementation plan is. The kindles were purchased by our tech office and a group of teachers and staff who are part of the ereading team are deciding how to implement them. We are thinking of loaning them out with popular titles to our 6-10

grade students on a trial basis through the library,” Roberts said. As many schools implement ereader programs around the world, obstacles will need to be overcome. As an online community, we can work and overcome those obstacles together. Please take time to welcome Elizabeth and the 50 + other members who joined the Kindle, Nook and More Educators Ning this past week.

Ning member **Edward MacLean** recently posted a link to a great resource for implementing iPads and iPods to the iPad Group discussion board. Click [here](#) to visit the iPod & iPad User Group Wiki that Edward set up at his school. Also, be sure to visit the **Resources** Section of our Ning for useful forms, past newsletters, webinar information, and links. Just click on the Resources tab at the top of the page.

eReaders in the News:

[Virginia Kinman](#), Associate Professor at Longwood University, presented at the Virginia Library Association Annual Conference. Kinman, along with her co-presenters, discussed **how to implement ereaders in an academic library**. See the slides from the presentation [here](#). Lessons that she learned from her ereader implementation are as follows:

- Test, test, test!
- Include staff from all areas on the planning committee
- Get buy-in at all levels of the library
- Be very flexible - expect glitches in spite of all your planning

In a blog [post](#), Sue Polanka summarized the findings of the report, *Turning the Page: The Future of eBooks*. The report found that 32% said that a library lending service was important to them. The report also focused on a survey that asked what features of ereaders are the most important to them. See the chart [here](#).

Barnes and Noble announced on January 24th that their digital newsstand, [Nooknewsstand](#) has sold over a 500,000 subscriptions in two months. Nooknewsstand offers over 120 digital periodicals. See the article [here](#).

Quote of the Week:

“I’m sure there will always be dedicated devices, and they may have a few advantages in doing just one thing”.
“But I think the general-purpose devices will win the day. Because I think people just probably aren’t willing to pay for a dedicated device.” ---Steve Jobs (Apple CEO)

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