



E-books & E-readers & Libraries, Oh My!

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E-books in Libraries?!

- E-book checkouts nearly tripled, **already up 200 percent, versus all of 2010** to more than 12 million and on pace to exceed 16 million;
- Nearly **2 million new users** signed up with libraries in the OverDrive network (on pace to nearly double in 2011 vs. 2010);
 - By Michael Kelley, Digital Shift, *Library Journal*, October 12, 2011

Words, words, words...

- E-book -- a book composed in or converted to digital format for display on a computer screen or handheld device (Merriam-Webster)
- E-reader – handheld device predominantly used for reading e-books (AKA e-book reader)
- Device – smartphone, tablet computer, personal computer, netbook

What's in there?

- E-books provide
 - Fiction, non-fiction, textbooks, picture books, interactive medical books, reference
- B&W, graphics, bookmarks, dictionary, links, color, charts & graphs, highlight, make notes
- Sharing, team reading, text-to-speech

E-book Sources

- **Commercial**
 - Amazon, Barnes & Noble, iBooks...
- **Less Commercial or free**
 - Project Gutenberg, Internet Archive, ...
 - Lending/sharing sites
 - Independent book sellers
- **Libraries**
 - Overdrive

E-book Formats

- Comparison chart (Wikipedia)
 - <http://bit.ly/Uo8co>
- EPUB – open format, supported by most except Kindle
- Adobe PDF
- Kindle – proprietary format, recently added to Overdrive

E-readers – devices unlimited

- Computers – PC, Mac, and their friends
- Mobiles – Smartphones, tablets, iPad, tablet, netbook
- Dedicated e-readers
 - Kindle
 - Nook
 - SONY Reader
 - Kobo
 - And many, many more

E-Books - Own or Lease or....?

- Pricing models galore
 - Personal
 - Own, sort of
 - Can you lend it? How many times?
 - Libraries
 - Pay for the platform separately?
 - How many simultaneous users?
 - How many times?

E-Readers – Lots of options

- Downloading
 - USB, Wi-Fi, and/or 3G
- E-ink or color
- Backlighting (like computers)
- Browser capability
- Library compatible
- Personally loan - once

Behind the Library Desk

- Try out your library's e-books as a borrower
- Test drive an e-reader
- When the site is down, post it
- Apps & applications vary – try theirs!

Sites to See

- **Useful sites/cites**
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_e-book_readers
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_e-book_formats
- [http://scrlc.org/Education/Recent Presentations](http://scrlc.org/Education/Recent_Presentations)
- <http://www.overdrive.com/>
- <http://www.howtodecide.com/ereader/>

People to follow

**Website, Twitter, Facebook, Google+,
LinkedIn,**

- **No Shelf Required - Sue Polanka**
- <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/noshelfrequired/>

- **Stephen's Lighthouse -Stephen
Abram**
- <http://stephenslighthouse.com/>



Thank you!

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Questions?

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