Resources for E-books and E-readers

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Resources for learning more about E-Books and E-Readers

The following resources discuss various aspects of e-books and e-readers in the school library.

No Shelf Required (http://www.libraries.wright.edu/noshelfrequired/): is a blog about eBooks, audio books, and other digital content found in libraries as well as the technology needed to read and listen to this digital content. The blog is designed to inform librarians and publishers of the happenings in the industry, from a variety of perspectives, and give them an opportunity to discuss eBook issues.

Hooked on e-books (http://prezi.com/qalshrcsb86w/hooked-on-ebooks/): The Prezi, created by Jennifer Lagarde, outlines how to best incorporate e-readers into classroom instruction.

E-Book Educators Groups (http://edukindle.ning.com/)**:** This comprehensive resource and discussion area features a variety of ebook related topics.

The Unquiet Librarian (http://theunquietlibrarian.wordpress.com/): Buffy Hamilton is a secondary teacher-librarian exploring with e-readers in the school library.

The Pixelated Librarian (http://www.pixelatedlibrarian.blogspot.com/): F. Casida's blog details resources for starting an eReader library program, eReaders and their use with reluctant readers, and first experiences with using a Kindle in the library.

Free E-Books for School Libraries

Free online book collections are easy to access and require little to no additional software. Most of these collections are made available through universities and philanthropic organizations that promote reading and literacy. Some of the most popular free online e-book collections are listed below.

Free E-Books for Elementary Level Students

- **Children's Books Online**
- **E-books for young readers**
- **International Children's Digital Library:** A research project with the goal of making more than ten thousand books in at least one hundred languages freely available on the internet. The website itself can be

viewed in many different languages, and has numerous features such as thematic titles, search criteria, audio files.

- **Internet Public Library Kidspace**

- **Storyline Online**

- **Storyplace**

Free E-Books for Middle to Secondary Level Students

- **Bibliomania**

- **Digital Book Index**

- **EText Center/Scholars' Lab**

- **Google Books**

- **Gutenberg Project**

- **Internet Public Library**

- **Librivox**

- **Manybooks.net**

- **Online Books Page**

- **Page by Page Books**

- **Read Print Library**

- **World Public Library**

- **Free Kindle Books**

- **Internet Shakespeare Editions**

- **Universal Digital Library**

E-book subscription Providers and Resources for K-12 School Libraries

Listed below are some of the companies that provide subscription e-book content. Each of the companies has e-books that can be accessed from a computer, but only a few, such as Follett, currently provide access of e-books through handheld devices.

- **Facts on File**
- **Gale Cengage**
- **Follett**
- **EBSCO**
- **ABC-CLIO**

- **Big Universe:** An online reading and writing community in which students can create and publish their own books.
- **Bookflix**: Resource for building children's background knowledge and helping them become fluent independent readers. School or library subscriptions come with off-site access.
- **TumbleBooks:** An online collection of read-along titles that includes a wide variety of picture books with animation, sound, music, and narration. Tumble Book Library and Tumble Readables may be available through your **Public library.**
- **Capstone Interactive**
- **NetLibrary**
- **OverDrive**: Also available through your public library
- **Rosen**

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