

Impact of eBooks and eReaders

Over the last eight weeks, I have been...

- **Managing** an AHRC proposal that is being prepared by staff in the department of information science, based on a pilot study that has been carried out into eBooks and reluctant readers.

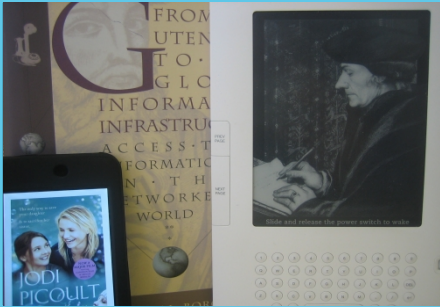
- **Writing and preparing** documents for the proposal, such as the research questions and methodology...

Research Questions

- Can children identified as reluctant readers be encouraged by structured and sustained parental support?
- Can eBooks and eReaders facilitate development of reluctant child readers?

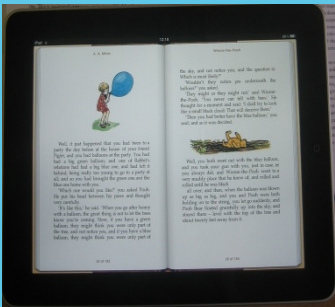
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- Multi-function device.
- LCD screen
- Can use Kindle Store or ibookstore.
- More expensive than Kindle

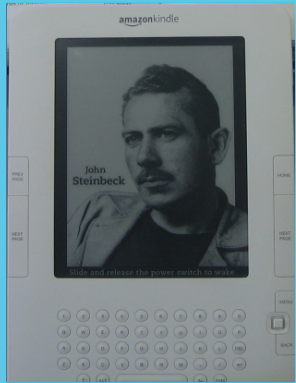


Kindle

- Dedicated eReader.
- Only compatible with Kindle Store.
- Much cheaper than iPad .



I have been writing the background for a journal article that is being put together based on the pilot study. This involves finding articles for use from a range of sources. ...



Library Study

- I have also helped with a library study looking into ways the library can use eBooks and eReaders. For example lending eReader devices and offering support for students with their own eReaders. This has involved me learning about various e-readers and how to use them.

eBook/eReader news

“Amazon’s ebook milestone: digital sales outstrip hardbacks for first time in US.”
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2010/jul/20/amazon-ebook-digital-sales-hardbacks-us>

“Kindle E-Reader Motivates Less Enthusiastic Readers, K-State Professor Finds.”
http://www.lexisnexis.com/uk/nexis/results/docview/docview.do?docLink=true&risb=21_T9749324521&format=GNBEI&sort=BOOLEAN&startDocNo=1&resultsUrlKey=29_T974932454&cisb=22

“Is it time to embrace the e-book?”
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/today/news/7545000/7545598.stm>

Outcomes of my work

- A background for a journal article based on the pilot study.
- An AHRC proposal to be submitted October 2010.
- Knowledge for the library about how to integrate eReaders in to the library.

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