

Gadgets Personal Electronics for your Library webinar

WebJunction webinar on Gadgets: Personal Electronics for your Library by Jason Griffey (author of April Library Technology Report on same)

- Container vs. content-now separate in a way they weren't in print world
- Can get digital content on a number of different ways-how to deliver, manage, preserve?
- Content holding but also content creation (haven't even gotten to the latter in libraries yet, much less the former)

Tablet computing (iPad, etc): instead of device input for user interfaces, (multi)touch input (how does that affect library interfaces?); very user-friendly

Competitors to iPad (all running Windows or Android)

HP Slate: 8.9" screen; runs full Windows 7 (he's not convinced because it hasn't worked in medical field; clunkier interface but more open platform (no Apple Store approval process); NY Times reports 6" Slate running Android coming as well; can run Kindle app on it

Dell Mini5/Streak: launching in summer; Android-based with 5" screen (larger than iPod and iPhone); no Kindle or Nook app for Android but other ebook apps for non-DRM books (Overdrive possibly available)

Google Chrome OS next soonest competitor/holiday season

Ereaders: Kindle etc. Bets iPad etc will push price down on b/w readers (\$139 ereader); very cheap almost disposable devices then become "interesting value proposition" for libraries to circulate public domain books
; Kindle will be in trouble

Flip video camera: Flip SlideHD (can slide up side and

Blue Yeti: podcasting or audio work; tabletop USB mic

Farther off/not anywhere near ready

NotionINK Adam spinoff of OLPC; screen (Pixel Qi) can be both B/W reflective and color depending on sunlight; full computer running Android; so best of e-ink and color LCD; touchpad on the back of device; rotatable camera for picture taking and videoconferencing; still in design stage

<http://delicious.com/griffey/gadgets>

In chat:

My Media Mall for content licensing and download;

issues of proprietary Apple content;

different audio, ebook formats;

how can we figure these things out if libraries can't buy them-allocate funding for Gadget Zoos, Gadget Toolbox);

Kindle readers available for desktop; text-to-speech available for public domain or copyrighted books that publishers haven't gutted;

David Woodbury from NCSU: someone said they have used "ebrary, net library, safari books, and my ilibrary on ipad" and "CourseSmart publishes textbooks on to the iPhone platform (it is a consortium of several publishers)"; We loan iPads here (NCSU Libraries) and our patrons are not yet using these to read books. I see a greater potential for these to be great PDF readers for e-reserves." and he has helped patron from stacks with iPad and "from David Woodbury to All Participants: Penny: We've circulated our iPads over 1400 times in less than 2 weeks. We have lots of content we have spent more on that has had less use. from Tim Spalding to All Attendees: Michael Porter and I are a mutual admiration society. :) from Suzanne Reymer to All Participants: I think that for now, it's going to be very difficult for libraries to get too involved with the containers due to price and diversity, I think we need to focus on keeping the content widely available." and "from David Woodbury to All Participants: 30 iPads for 4 hour circulation" and NCSU will move a portion of our iPads to overnight (24hour). from David Woodbury to All Participants: No issues with damage." from David Woodbury to All Participants: @Elizabeth A lot of our tech lending gets used for video, gmail, etc. I imagine iPads are similar. from David Woodbury to All Participants: @Judy we have pages, keynote, numbers and a bunch of free apps (bloomberg, weather, etc.)

Issue of needing iPhone and iPad apps for Overdrive (only mp3, not wma);

Can load non-protected epub books so can circulate Feedbooks.com or Project Gutenberg

Feedbooks: <http://www.feedbooks.com/>

Smashbooks: <http://www.smashwords.com/>

Manybooks <http://manybooks.net/>

No OpenOffice for iPad

SonyReader available for Overdrive

Issue regarding buying vs. licensing and taking stand financially against DR; very complicated questions of licensing and copyright

Library mp3 players with audiobooks?

Some libraries have had patrons asking if they can borrow books for their own e-readers (e.g. what content do you have that I can put on my own device)

Stanza

WordPlayer

Calibre for conversion

Bring in your device and play party/tech roadshow

Everybody had questions about circulation, theft, downloading individually vs multiply

from Bonnie Barnes to All Participants:some libraries download books, then deregister their Kindles before circulating, then re-register them when they return

Does Nook run on Android?

Kobo ereader

chamberfour.com/ereader-comparison

rom Janelle Galbreath to All Participants:We hosted an event with a local retail where they can come and demo some of the technology gadgets. This allow patrons look at different products at the same time and compare them while asking questions to the retailer.

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