E-BOOKS – LIBRARIES AND MORE

DEVICES AND APPS

THINGS TO TALK ABOUT

- What are E-Books
- How do you read them
- Where can you get them
- Do you need to manage them?

WHAT ARE E-BOOKS

- E-books and Audiobooks are digital files stored on your device or in the Cloud.
- The most common type are .epub, although .pdf and .azw3 (Amazon) are also found. Audiobooks are often .mp3
- Are they subject to Copyright? YES!
- The Berne Convention bases the term of protection for works by natural persons on the life of the author, and usually for 50 years after the author's death.
- US copyright is somewhat different and has expanded terms.

- **US Copyright Law**

- All works published in the United States before 1924 are in the public domain. Works published after 1923, but before 1978 are protected for 95 years from the date of publication.
- For most works created after 1978, protection lasts for the life of the author plus 70 years. For anonymous works, pseudonymous works, or works made for hire, the copyright term is 95 years from the year of first publication or 120 years from creation, whichever comes first.

PUBLISHERS ACTIVELY ENFORCE THIS

- Digital Rights Management (DRM)
- When you buy an e-book, you do not own a defined object to do with what you wish.
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- Generally, the license terms forbid you to sell, lend, or give this item to someone else. Digital inheritance is still being debated.
- The author may elect to sell without DRM enforcement.

READING DEVICES

- Probably the most popular device is Amazon's Kindle e-Reader; either the Paperwhite or the Fire.
- Also common are the Nook (B&N), Kobo (Rakuten), and the Ipad (Apple).
- Apps are available for any of these to use on PC's, Tablets, or Phones.
- Kindles cost $100 to $200; are sometimes on sale.
- Popular Android Tablets from Samsung or Lenovo can be bought for less the $150. Also, lots of others as cheap as $50. Most of the devices will also play audiobooks.

WHAT IS THE BEST READING TABLET?

The best reading tablet is the Kindle Paperwhite with reading-specific features like adjustable warm light, as well as a great battery life and screen that's easy on the eyes. Below is an overview of how the best reading tablets compare based on price, display size, and battery life:

Reading tablet	Price	Display	Battery life
Kindle Paperwhite	$140	6.8-inch 300 ppi e-ink screen	Up to 10 weeks
Kindle Scribe	$340	10.2-inch 300 ppi Paperwhite display	Up to 12 weeks
iPad Mini	$469	8.3-inch Liquid Retina display (326 ppi)	10 hours
Amazon Fire HD 8 Kids	$75	8-inch HD display, 1280 x 800 (189 ppi)	Up to 13 hours
Samsung Galaxy Tab A8.4	$180	8.4-inch WUXGA Display TFT (270 ppi)	10 hours

FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- Whether you want to jot notes while reading, have a tablet with water resistance for poolside browsing, or invest in a kid-friendly option, we have you covered. ZDNET considered price, size, and special features when making our final picks.
- **Price:** A decent e-reader can range from $100 to $500. You can easily find an e-reader or tablet within your desired price range that serves your reading purposes and offers large memory, long lasting battery life, and a lightweight feel for ultimate portability.
- **Size:** If you are opting for an e-reader instead of physical books, you want that device to be lighter than those novels you're lugging around. We considered how much these e-readers and tablets would weigh in that book bag of yours.
- **Special features:** Some e-readers are water-resistant for those beach day or bathtime reads, while other tablets boast matte screens that are designed for easy reading on a sunny day.

EPUB SOFTWARE

- **Kindle Reader available for all platforms – requires format conversion**

Comparison Of Top 5 EPUB Viewers

Name	Best For	Operating System	Ratings	Fees
Calibre	Open Source and Free epub reader	Windows, MAC, Android	5/5	Free
EPubor Reader	Comprehensive Ebook Reader for Mac and Windows	Windows, Mac	4.5/5	Free trial with limited features, $4.99 onetime fee
Sumatra PDF Reader	Lightweight PDF and epub reader	Windows	3.5/5	Free version
Freda	Free e-books reader for Windows and Android	Windows Android	5/5	Free
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