



Getting Started with eReaders



eReaders are electronic devices designed primarily for the purpose of reading the digital format of printed material (both books and periodicals). Some eReaders use E-Ink technology on screens to mimic the look of ink on paper. The newest eReaders (Nook Color and Kindle Fire) use full color LCD screens similar to smart phones, not eInk. eReaders are lightweight, portable, and have a long battery life.

The various brands of eReaders share many common features:

- Delivery of an entire eBook almost instantly through a 3G or WiFi connection.
- Can hold between 200 and 1200 eBooks depending on their internal memory.
- Display screen sizes vary from 5 to 9 inches depending on the brand.
- Capability to change the font size and some allow the change of font type
- Automatic page number marking to re-open to that page on the next usage.
- Integrated dictionary so that word definitions are easy to find.

Names to know in eReaders include **Kindle** (Amazon), **Nook** (Barnes & Noble), **Kobo** (Borders), and the **Sony Reader** (Sony Store).

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