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e-Book Readers Now Available at Driftwood

E-books (Electronic Books) have been around since 1971, when Project Gutenberg first began scanning books into digital format for the purposes of preservation and easier distribution. In recent years, especially since the advent of the Amazon Kindle in 2007, eBooks have captured the imaginations of readers worldwide.

Driftwood Public Library is pleased to announce that it has added 3 types of e-Readers to its collection that will be available to cardholders for use within the library. Patrons may check out an e-Reader using their library card and by leaving their ID (Driver's License, etc) and library card at the circulation desk as collateral. The purpose of the library stocking the readers is to allow patrons to compare readers by actually getting to use them and to allow readers access to e-Books while they're in the library.

The Readers that Driftwood has added to the collection are The Nook, from Barnes & Noble; The Kobo, from Borders; and two versions of Sony's PRS-series e-Readers. All of the library's e-Readers are compatible with Library2Go, the Oregon State Library-sponsored service that allows Oregon residents to checkout e-Books (as well as audiobooks and videos) over the Internet using their local library accounts (for more information see <http://library2go.lib.overdrive.com/>). For those interested in learning about e-Books and e-Readers, the library will be holding an open house to introduce its new devices to the public on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Smaller classes will be scheduled in the near future.

For further information about the new e-Book readers at Driftwood, please contact the Circulation Supervisor, Ken Hobson, at 541-996-1242 or via e-mail at kenh@lincolncity.org.

