

Librarian's Shelf by Karen Stuart

### E-Reader Lending

Have you ever wanted to read a book on a Kindle, Nook, or other type of e-reader? Now you can at Columbus Public Library! We offer an E-Reader Lending program, which means you can check out an e-reader device just like a print book. We currently have two Nooks, one Kindle, and one Sony Reader that are pre-loaded with lots of titles: for a complete list stop by the library.

Each e-reader comes in a carrying case with a charging cord and basic instructions for use, such as increasing the font size and navigating screens. Staff will be happy to assist you in using the device if you have any questions!

To check out an e-reader, visit the Information Desk and start by reviewing our E-Reader Lending Policy. You can also view this on our website at <http://www.columbusne.us/library>. In the policy you will learn that you can check out e-readers for three weeks with one renewal, and you can reserve an e-reader if the one you want to use is checked out.

If you do not currently have a library card with Columbus Public Library, we will help you fill out the necessary paperwork so that you can start borrowing our e-readers and other material. Just bring proof of address, employment, or school attendance in Columbus or Platte County to get your free library card!

Once you have your card and know which e-reader you want to check out, staff will review the guidelines for checkout, such as returning the item on time to a staff person and not damaging the device or accessories. You will then need to complete a Borrower's Agreement agreeing to those guidelines, which we will keep on file. Lastly, we will require a security deposit for the cost of the device and accessories. This can be given in the form of a check or we can make a copy of your credit card. This will be kept in a secure location until the e-reader is returned, at which time it will be returned to you.

If all that sounds like a lot of effort to check out an e-reader, don't let it deter you- the whole process takes less than 10 minutes and then you will have three weeks with a device containing over 30 titles! We can also keep your information on file so you don't have to complete the process the next time you check out one of our e-readers.

Stop by Columbus Public Library to check out an e-reader today or call us with any questions at 402-564-7116.

After the success of our first Tech Tuesday event on February 19 to launch E-Reader Lending, we will be offering this program monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday from 6-8pm. Stop by the library on our next Tech Tuesday, March 11, to ask Karen or Rachelle questions about your electronic devices and any of the library's online resources. We will assist you on a first come, first serve basis and be sure to bring all your account logins and passwords so we can better serve you!