Objectives

By the end of the class, you will be able to answer the following:

• Should I get an e-reader?
• What are e-readers?
• What type of e-readers are there?
• What I should know if I plan on buying an e-reader?
E-Book Basics

Definition

- An e-reader is a device for reading content, such as e-books, newspapers and documents.
- An e-reader typically has wireless connectivity for downloading content and conducting other web-based tasks.
- Popular e-readers include Amazon's Kindle and Sony Reader (WhatIs.com).
What can e-readers do?

- E-readers are devices designed specifically for presenting text.
- Most e-readers offer black-and-white re-sizeable text presented on so-called e-ink instead of LCD screen.
- E-readers allow users to store a library of titles in one device, make annotations and highlight text.
Types of e-readers

- Kindle
- Kobo
- Nook
- Sony Reader

Which is the one for me?
What to look for in e-readers

- Design (screen size, button or touch screen navigation, resolution)
- Types of files supported (PDF, ePub, Kindle)
- Battery and Memory (eBook Readers: What to Look For)
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Challenge Questions

• What are some of the e-book readers available?
• What are some of the things I need to think about regarding buying an e-reader?
• What is e-ink?
• Where can I download or read e-books?
Questions?