Title: eBooks in Your Learning and Teaching : The Library Kindle Project

Subject: eBooks via Mobile Technology

Overview of Best Practice/Innovation:

- Library collaborating with two departments - History and Business & Law.
- Making core textbooks available to students via Kindle readers.
- Providing increased access to core textbooks.
- Allowing students borrow multiple electronic text in one transaction.
- Providing other functionality via Kindle e.g. internet access, Library catalogue searching, electronic downloads in PDF.

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How it Worked:

Pilot started in October 2011.
10 Kindles purchased.
28 titles initially uploaded for the pilot, now there are 98 titles on the kindles
Each Kindle could be borrowed for 1 week.
Feedback forms – very positive, out of 34 students, 32 said they would borrow kindle again.

Great to read, very pleased, would use again or buy own - dept textbooks great idea

Very easily transportable - cuts down on the need to carry around heavy books

I'd be really interested in my course, (politics) offering their reading lists on a kindle - useful tool

Lessons Learned:

• Potential of mobile technology and eBooks to change the way people learn and teach
• Need for collaboration between the Library and lecturers in developing mobile technologies
• Initial knowledge of functionality of the kindle required to help students with its use
• Significant time needed to purchase and upload material, so planning is vital
• There is increasing demand for eBooks

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