

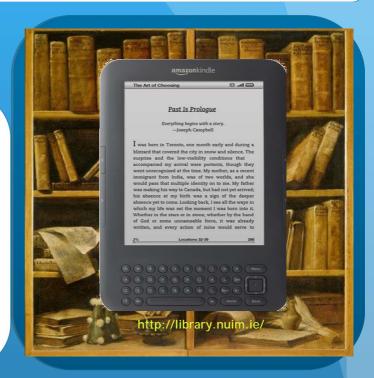
NUI Maynooth Teaching and Learning Showcase 2011/12

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.



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.

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

Great to read, very pleased, would use again or buy owndept textbooks great idea

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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