

Vero Beach Computer Group

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Topic: Comparing Digital Book e-Readers



Review:

Apple iPad (\$499-\$839) – showing \$499 version
Amazon Kindle (\$259-489) – showing \$489 version
Sony e-Reader (\$149-299) – showing \$199 version

Other e-Readers out there from Barnes & Noble, etc.

Why an e-Reader?

- Instant gratification – can buy an e-book and start reading it instantly
- Easier on the Eyes – can change the size of the text and the background
- Less to Carry – each one can hold hundreds of books
- Large Screens – some models available in larger screens than the original book
- Better Selection – read books, magazines, blogs, web sites, comics, Netflix, YouTube
- Greener – digital version means less trees cut down
- Discounts – many books sell for less than their physical version when new
- Free Books – public domain books available for free, selection varies

What's not so Great?

- Something else to remember to keep charged
- Used physical books sell for less than the digital version
- Most are heavier than a paperback book, weigh less than a hardcover book

Comparison of models shown at meeting:

	Amazon Kindle DX	Apple iPad Wifi 16Gb	Sony Touch eReader
Price	\$489	\$499	\$199
Free Wireless Downloads	Yes, from anywhere with 3G service	Only via Wifi, 3G version \$15-25/month	No, but more expensive models can
Screen Size	9.7" Diagonal	9.7" Diagonal Touch	6" Diagonal Touch
Color?	No	Yes	No
Supports Video?	No	Yes	No
View Websites?	Some	Yes	No
Text to Speech?	Yes	No	No
Autorotation of Screen?	Yes	Yes	No, Manual
Battery Life	1 week	10 hours	~7,000 page turns