

# **Sun City Summerlin Computer Club**

## **Seminar**

### **E-Books and E-Readers**

**Everything You Wanted Know  
(and probably more)**

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# Agenda

- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/E-book>
- E-Book Document Formats
- Stand-Alone E-Book Readers
- Software E-Book Readers
- *Bio-Break*
- A Few Places to Get E-Books
  - Amazon
  - Barnes & Noble
  - Google Books
  - Kobo
  - Clark County Library
- Open Q&A / Help

# E-Book Document Formats

- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison\\_of\\_e-book\\_formats](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_e-book_formats)
- **E-Pub: Very widely supported**
  - Many tools that can create or convert to/from E-Pub books
  - Internal representation is XML
- **PDF: (Adobe) Widely Supported**
  - Many tools that can create PDF documents
  - Internal representation is encapsulated Postscript
  - Doesn't always reformat well to fit small screens
- **MOBIPocket: "Open E-book" standard for mobile devices**
- **HTML: All web browsers can display HTML**
  - Many tools can create HTML documents
  - HTML documents usually reformat well
- **AZW, AZW3, KF8, KFX, MOBI: Amazon Kindle formats**
  - <https://www.lifewire.com/load-non-amazon-books-kindle-1616647>
- **iBooks: Apple's variation of E-Pub**

# Stand-Alone E-Book Readers

- [http://bestreviews.com/5-best-ereaders?qclid=CPD85\\_qRxcQCFYVhfgodDFYARw](http://bestreviews.com/5-best-ereaders?qclid=CPD85_qRxcQCFYVhfgodDFYARw)
- Many use e-Ink (front-lit, black and white, high contrast)
- Stand-alone readers often take you only to vendor's store
- Prices coming down due to competition from tablets
- Amazon Kindle
  - Kindle White
  - Kindle Fire
- Barnes & Noble Nook
  - Simple Touch
  - Nook Tablet
- Kobo Reader
  - Kobo Touch
  - Kobo Arc
- Sony Reader
  - Sony 6" e-Reader tablet
- Best to search for the *latest* models from each vendor
  - Search / shopping demo (using Google)

# Software E-Book Readers

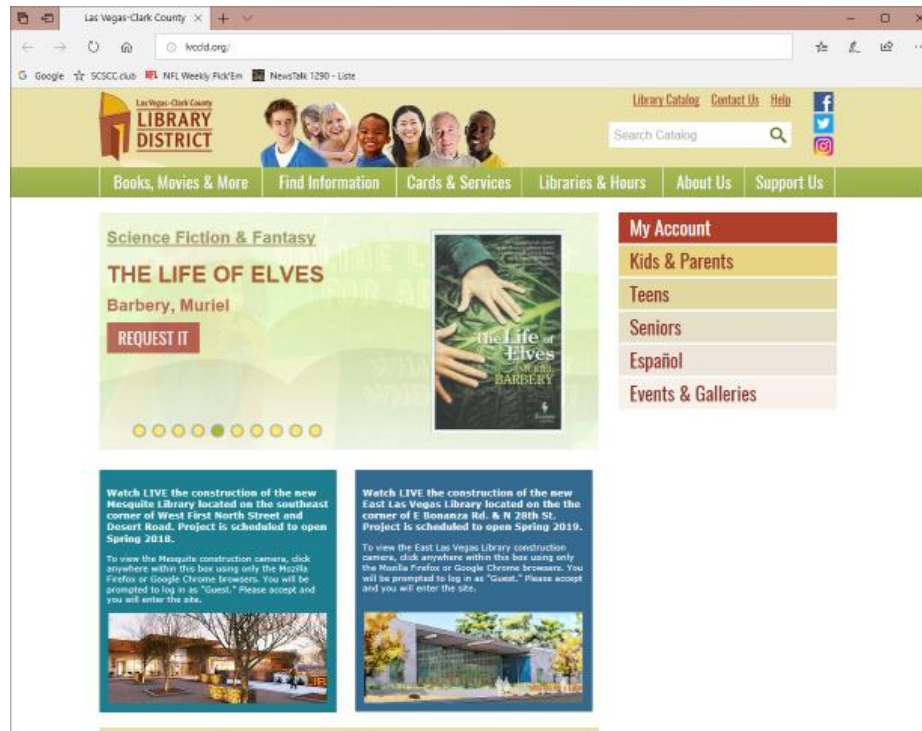
- <http://www.the-ebook-reader.com/free-ebook-reader.html>
- **For PCs (Demos)**
  - Calibre
  - Kindle e-Reader; Kobo e-Reader
  - Adobe Digital Editions
- **For Macs**
  - Calibre
  - Ebook Reader; Kindle e-Reader
  - iBooks (on MAC OS Mavericks)
- **For iPads, iPhones (IOS)**
  - B&N Nook reader app
  - iBooks
  - Kindle Reader app; Kobo Reader app
- **For Android Tablets**
  - Aldiko Book Reader app
  - B&N Nook reader app
  - Kindle e-Reader app; Kobo Reader app

# Where to Get E-Books

- **Amazon**
  - [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)
- **Barnes & Noble**
  - <http://www.barnesandnoble.com>
- **Google Play Store - Books**
  - <https://play.google.com/store/books>
- **Kobo**
  - [www.kobo.com](http://www.kobo.com)
- **Las Vegas / Clark County Library**
  - <http://lvccld.org>

# Clark County Library (1)

- Go to: <http://lvccld.org>



- Click the “My Account” button to log in.

# Clark County Library (2)

- Enter your library card number and pin number
- Once logged in you can browse and search the collection based on various filters:
  - Author name, title, subject , ....
  - E-book format
  - Type of reader
  - Availability
- If an e-book is available, you can download it.
- If unavailable, you can place a Hold.
  - When the book is available, you will be notified by e-mail
  - Also possible to buy the E-book (library gets a commission)
- See also Edith Einhorn's seminar presentation:
  - [http://http://www.scscclib.org/smnr/eBooks\\_Library\\_Seminar.pdf](http://http://www.scscclib.org/smnr/eBooks_Library_Seminar.pdf)



# Clark County Library (3)

- **Online Media**
  - OverDrive - Songs & Videos to play online (still in use?)
  - Music (Freegal) free songs you can download, up to 6 per week
  - Videos and Music (Hoopla) - Movies and videos you can check out
- **Online Magazines**
  - Zinio – Access from the library website
  - Need to set up a separate Zinio account login
- **Online databases – many available**
  - MedLine
  - Morningstar
  - ValueLine

# Questions and Answers