

**Summary of New Hanover County Public Library Nook checkout program:**

*We began circulating 6 Nooks May 23, 2011 and added 6 more a month later. To the greatest extent possible we try to treat the Nooks like a book.*

Basically, we are circulating 12 Wi-Fi Nooks preloaded with 20 bestsellers (fiction & non-fiction) and a few classics. The Nooks are in a cover and a carrying case with the cords. The Nooks are engraved and the cases embroidered. They circulate for 1 week, no renewals. Only one may be checked out per library card. Patrons must be 18 or older and have a current card in good standing. They must also have their photo attached to their library record or show photo ID when checking out. The replacement cost if damaged or not returned is \$250.00

I created 2 G-mail email address for the library. I then used them to create 2 Barnes & Noble accounts. I registered 6 Nooks to each B&N account. I log in to each B&N account and purchase the books using the library credit card. They are then delivered wirelessly to all 6 Nooks. Then, I enable a password on each Nook to block purchases by patrons. Before circulating, I delete the credit card from the Barnes & Noble accounts.

The 12 Nooks are on one bibliographic record in the catalog. The catalog record shows all the titles & authors for each book on the Nook. Nooks are checked out and returned in person at the circulation desk. Each person gets an instruction sheet and a comment card. For detailed help they are directed to the reference desk. If time allows, Nooks are charged between checkouts. As time allows, reference staff inspect Nooks that are on hold.

As of September 7, 2011:

# Circs: 135

Avg # on hold request list: 130

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