**LibraryLinkNJ Webinar Chat Transcript**

**eBooks: What’s Happening NOW and What You Need to Know**

**November 14, 2012**

**Presenter:** [**Carolyn Foote**](http://librarylinknj.org/content/carolyn-foote)

Joanne Roukens: (15:00) Good afternoon everyone! Welcome to our ebook webinar. Unfortunately, Sophie Brookover is ill today and cannot join us. Unfortunately, this means we have no tech assistance for today’s webinar. If you have any problems with your audio/video during the program, we find that exiting and re-entering the meeting room fixes most things.

Maureen Smyth: (15:00) I might need to leave early...sory!

Carolyn Foote: (15:00) that's okay Maureen. Glad to have you!

Maureen Smyth: (15:00) :-)

Carolyn Foote: (15:01) If you are tweeting, please use LLNJ\_ebooks

Carolyn Foote: (15:01) as your hashtag. I am @technolibrary on Twitter.

Carolyn Foote: (15:03) my library twitter acct is @whslibraryrocks

Joanne Roukens: (15:06) For anyone who plans to tweet this session, please use the following hashtag: #LLNJ\_ebooks.And Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/librarylinknj/](http://www.facebook.com/librarylinknj/)

Liz B: (15:07) anchorman?

Liz B: (15:10) holiday gift bump!

Jalyn Warren: (15:10) Kindle?

Janice P: (15:11) Speaking of that bump- is anyone planning sessions on how to use your new e-reader after the holidays?

Rochelle Levin: (15:12) I held programs on Kindle and Nook after Mother's Day and Father's Day. Well received!

Carolyn Foote: (15:12) survey link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VWWLVBD>

Joanne Roukens: (15:13) This resource and the others in this presentation will be available in a handout posted the page for this webinar on our website.

Joanne Roukens: (15:14) The recording of this webinar, chat transcript and handouut will be available sometime tomorrow at <http://librarylinknj.org/content/ebooks-what%E2%80%99s-happening-now-and-what-you-need-know>

Joanne Roukens: (15:16) This powepoint will also be available.

Joanne Roukens: (15:16) Makes me nostalgic for school! Those bells.

brooke jacob: (15:19) yes

Maureen Smyth: (15:19) yes

Janice P: (15:19) yes

Barbara Bardi: (15:19) Yes

Janice Cooper: (15:19) yes, GVRL

Kathy Mulholland: (15:19) no

Deborah Riether: (15:19) yes

Gabriella Radujko: (15:19) yes

Lina Crowell: (15:19) yes

Melissa Lamp: (15:19) few

Laurie Cranston: (15:19) We have an Overdrive membership

Carolyn Senyk: (15:19) yes

april kane: (15:19) yes

Martha Oxley: (15:19) yes

Laurie Bowden: (15:19) yes

Sheila Kirven: (15:19) no NJCU

Lillian Keating: (15:19) no

Barbara Bardi: (15:19) GVRL Infobase

Mary Donne: (15:19) yes

Jalyn Warren: (15:19) Yes

Maria Deptula: (15:20) yes

Maureen Smyth: (15:20) GVRL Infobase

Barbara Bardi: (15:20) Through Follett

Rochelle Levin: (15:20) Overdrive

Melissa Lamp: (15:20) Follett

Maria Deptula: (15:20) ebrary

brooke jacob: (15:20) overdrive

Deborah Riether: (15:20) Overdrive

Martha Oxley: (15:20) Overdrive

Jalyn Warren: (15:20) Overdrive

Laurie Bowden: (15:20) Overdrive

april kane: (15:20) overdrive

Barbara Bardi: (15:20) Gale, Facts on File, Follett

Lina Crowell: (15:20) overdrive

Carolyn Senyk: (15:20) various vendors

Stephanie Bakos: (15:20) overdrive and axis360

Mary Donne: (15:20) Overdrive & Gale & Learning Express

christine hill: (15:20) overdrive and circulating kindles

Janice P: (15:20) axis360 and overdrive

Deborah Riether: (15:20) yes

Gabriella Radujko: (15:20) yes

Janice Cooper: (15:20) yes

Maureen Smyth: (15:20) yes, now

Joanne Roukens: (15:20) yes there was a short interruption

Liz B: (15:20) yes can hear you

Lorraine Hodges: (15:20) trialing now

Joanne Roukens: (15:21) You may experience an occasional lag in hearing the audio. This is normal and due to bandwidth issues.

Joanne Roukens: (15:22) Many public libraries in NJ have been an OverDrive project for quite a few years

Gabriella Radujko: (15:22) also, in Westchester County, where I work

Joanne Roukens: (15:26) This is only for schools?

Laurie Cranston: (15:27) My question exactly.

Joanne Roukens: (15:27) public too!

Liz B: (15:27) do any of these have textbooks?

Joanne Roukens: (15:29) <http://www.mackin.com/eServices/MACKIN-VIA.aspx>

Joanne Roukens: (15:29) Liz - I believe Gale does and this is coming up soon.

Joanne Roukens: (15:30) Gale does not? My mistake.

Joanne Roukens: (15:30) I guess it's reference books at Gale

Liz B: (15:30) thanks!!

Maureen Smyth: (15:32) no

christine hill: (15:33) how does B & T compare to Overdrive?

Joanne Roukens: (15:35) LibraryLinkNJ had a discount purchase for this product last spring. It is finished now.

Joanne Roukens: (15:36) But we do have an ebook discount not with EBSCO - see the it listed on our discount page - <http://librarylinknj.org/content/discounts>

Joanne Roukens: (15:36) now with EBSCO. Offer good through Dec. 7th.

Barbara Bardi: (15:43) Yes Nooks

Maria Deptula: (15:43) NO

Laurie Cranston: (15:43) No

Lorraine Hodges: (15:43) no

Deborah Riether: (15:43) No

Patricia Gordon: (15:43) no

Lina Crowell: (15:43) yes

Joanne Roukens: (15:43) Yes, some are. Sparta was one of the first to lend kindles

brooke jacob: (15:43) no

Martha Oxley: (15:43) No

Barbara Bardi: (15:43) With parent approval

christine hill: (15:43) yes kindles, nooks in 2013

Stephanie Bakos: (15:43) no

Melissa Lamp: (15:43) no

Maureen Smyth: (15:43) no

april kane: (15:43) no

Sheila Kirven: (15:43) no

Lina Crowell: (15:43) nook, ipad

Deepti Dutta: (15:43) no

Beth Halliday: (15:44) yes, nooks and kindle and sony reader

Joanne Roukens: (15:48) labor intensive!

Maureen Smyth: (15:49) we use Prog Gutenberg

Joanne Roukens: (15:50) Maureen - how do you promote it?

Maureen Smyth: (15:50) on our library home page, under "eBooks"

Maureen Smyth: (15:51) LINK is on Home page, other eBook collections are in catalog & Home page

Joanne Roukens: (15:51) Great!

Joanne Roukens: (15:55) That's a problem with the OverDrive projects in NJ.

Joanne Roukens: (16:01) <http://unglue.it>

Joanne Roukens: (16:03) oh, yes. Have read about this alot.

Joanne Roukens: (16:03) <http://douglascountylibraries.org/content/ebooks-and-DCL>

Maureen Smyth: (16:10) think Buffy's link no longer active

Maureen Smyth: (16:11) thanks!

Maureen Smyth: (16:12) bye all...thanks!

Joanne Roukens: (16:12) <http://buffyjhamilton.wordpress.com/2012/08/15/choosing-an-ebook-platform-for-your-k-12-school-library-an-ala-techsource-webinar/>

Carolyn Foote: (16:14) please post your questions in the chat :)

christine hill: (16:15) how about selection and ease of use?

christine hill: (16:18) thanks

Carolyn Foote: (16:18) you're welcome :)

Sheila Kirven: (16:18) As smartphones have had developed larger screens and lots of students have them, has anyone had experience using smartphones as readers?

Kathy Mulholland: (16:19) Any specific advice for an "entry-level" exploration/approach for a small, tight-budgeted public library?

Sheila Kirven: (16:20) also are schools using e-books as textbooks?

Kathy Mulholland: (16:21) [yes; that's why we balked]

Sheila Kirven: (16:22) e-book textbooks

Laurie Cranston: (16:22) For small libraries, it seems that the only realistic way to offer patrons a collection of any size is through a group or consortium. For us, it's the South Jersey Audiobook and eBook Download Center (powered by OverDrive), supplemented by titles acquired by our library through Overdrive Advantage program. I would be very interested in moving to an ownership model such as B&T's, but realistically we'd probably need a group to do it with....

Liz B: (16:26) is there a good source for reviews of ebooks in their ebook format, discussing possible errors etc?

Liz B: (16:27) it's just I've read of format errors /misspellings in ebok versions,not print, so wondered if there were sources to find that out

Janice P: (16:28) How desirable is browser-based ebook reading relative to device or app-based reading? It seems like some vendors are pushing this direction as an alternative to device-fromat-specific recently.

Liz B: (16:28) thanks1

Carolyn Foote: (16:29) [cfoote@eanesisd.net](mailto:cfoote@eanesisd.net)

Carolyn Foote: (16:29) @technolibrary @whslibraryrocks

Laurie Cranston: (16:32) Thank you.

Carolyn Foote: (16:32) Thank you all for your comments and questions!

Melissa Lamp: (16:32) thank you!

Barbara Bardi: (16:32) Thank you for this information.

Jalyn Warren: (16:32) Thank you very much.

Martha Oxley: (16:32) Thank you!

Kathy Mulholland: (16:32) Thanks!

Laurie Bowden: (16:32) Thank you

Fifi Germano: (16:32) Thank you. It was great--very informative. Much appreciation.

Lillian Keating: (16:32) Thank you. This was a good foundation.

april kane: (16:32) thank you!

Joanne Roukens: (16:32) <http://librarylinknj.org/content/technology-speed-dating-programs>

Carolyn Foote: (16:32) Thanks everyone :)

Janice Cooper: (16:33) Thank you!

Carolyn Foote: (16:34) Nice to have all of you here! Thank you :