Patron Driven Acquisitions through Circulating Kindles: A Caltech Library Initiative
http://libguides.caltech.edu/kindle

Recognizing the increasing popularity of eReaders and electronic access to books, Caltech Library has decided to introduce a pilot program to lend Kindles to its students and faculty. The library's goal is to provide a service which increases quick access to titles and to investigate a more patron-initiated acquisition service.

By the Numbers

- 1/10/11 First day Kindles were available
- 2175 (967 U/1208 G) Total Caltech Enrollment
- 6 Circulating Kindles
- 3 days Circulation period of a Kindle
- 4 Incidents a Kindle has been overdue
- 128 Total checkouts (1/10-3/11/2011)
- 91 Titles acquired by patrons (3/11/2011)
- 20 minutes Staff time per title to review and add to catalog
- $769.83 Total Expenditures on Kindle titles
- $8.46 Average cost per Kindle title

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