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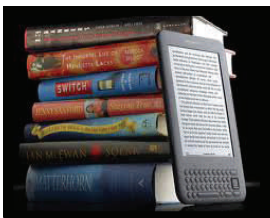
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As we get closer to the launch date we will also prepare detailed instructions on how to locate and check out materials, installing, downloading and transferring titles.



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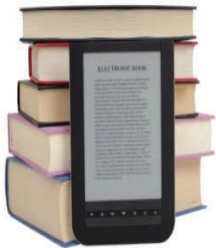
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what do I need to know?



We're excited to let our library customers know that we are gearing up to add eBooks to our downloadable services. The Library will offer eBooks that will appeal to all different reading tastes.

The eBook program will launch in late spring/early summer 2012.

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What is an eBook reader?

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Important Notes

eBook vendors and system requirements—it's more complicated for libraries

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As you can see, it's complicated. That's why Branigan Library must make sure that the vendor we choose can work within our budget, offer titles that appeal to Library customers, offer a service that is user friendly and also coincide with the library's collection development policy.



Various types of e-readers.

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